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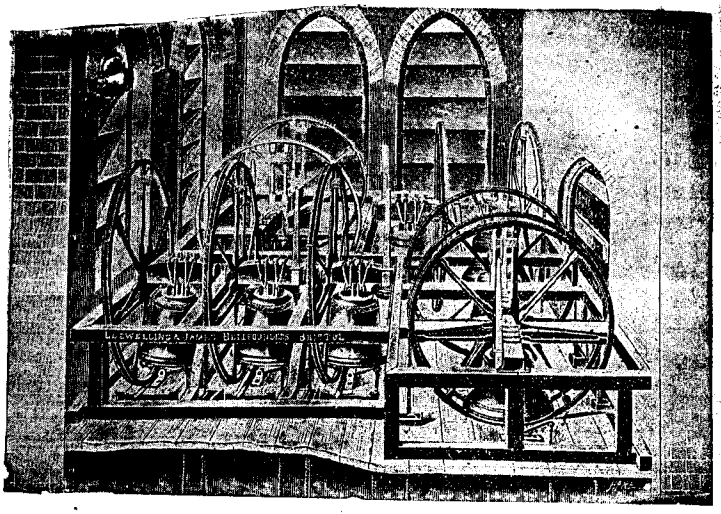

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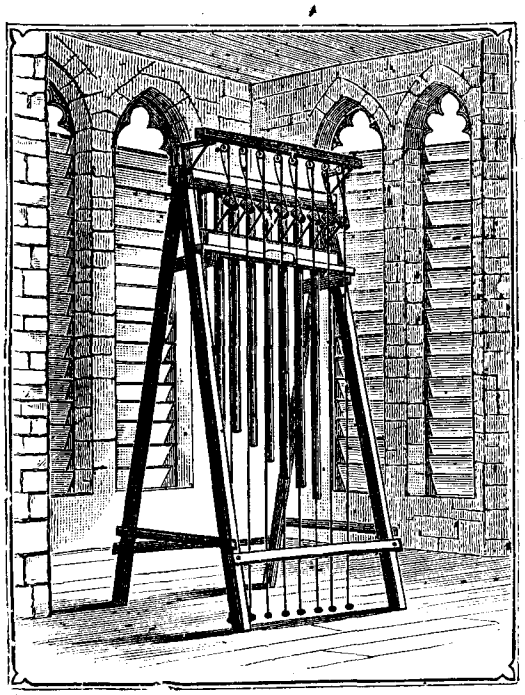

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DEDICATION OF JUBILEE BELLS AT MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.

Friday evening, the 1st instant, witnessed the consummation of an object which the people of Middlewich, churchmen and dissenters alike, have looked forward to with eagerness for the last few months. When first the inhabitants began to discuss the question of celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee it soon became apparent that there was a strong feeling that the bells in the parish church tower of St. Michael's, which had been silent for nearly two years on account of the dangerous condition of the bearings, should be put in order. It doubtless occurred to many that the Jubilee celebrations would not be complete without the merry bells ringing forth their melodious and gladsome sounds, and, in accordance with the general desire the Vicar, the Rev. F. Minton, M.A., called a meeting of the parishioners to consider the question. This meeting was held in the vestry on the 6th April, 1897, and was well attended. Prior to this the Vicar and churchwardens had interviewed Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and had ascertained the cost of putting the bells in order, and of completing the peal by the addition of two extra ones. At the meeting, which was, of course, presided over by the Vicar, the Chairman announced what the cost of the work would probably be. The estimates read were: re-hanging the existing bells with new fittings, £150; retuning bells and recasting one, £200; retuning bells, recasting the small one, and adding two new smaller bells, with a new steel girder framework, £400.

Considerable discussion ensued, and it was plainly apparent that there was a strong determination to celebrate the auspicious event by completing the octave. At the meeting it was decided to add the two smaller bells, to take out the old framework, and substitute for it a steel girder framework, to have the first bell re-cast, and the other five re-tuned. The cost of this was to be, as stated, £400. Mr. Robert Brown, who has warmly associated himself with the movement, expressed his strong conviction that the whole of the money required would be forthcoming within fourteen days. A letter was read from the Lord of the Manor, Colonel C. H. France-Hayhurst, D.L., of Bostock Hall, who and whose family have for many years been ardent and generous supporters of the church, offering to subscribe the sum of £100 if the parishioners resolved to entertain the scheme. This offer was received with warm expressions of thanks, and such was the zeal with which the loyal inhabitants entered into the project that before the meeting dispersed the further sum of £110 8s. 6d. had been promised by those present, thus in a few minutes bringing the worthy object within the range of feasibleness. A committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, was appointed, with the curate, the Rev. George Mathias, B.A., as honorary secretary: The Vicar, churchwardens, sidesmen, and Messrs. R. Brown, G. Garfit, J.P., R. Barker, H. Hall, F. A. Lidbury, W. Joule, Whittingham, W. Lees, H. White, and J. Bettley-Cooke, and Mesdames Hancock, Crest, Morris, Minton, and Royle. Mr. E. Platt (Union Bank), was appointed treasurer. A collecting committee was also formed from this committee. Directly afterwards Mr. W. Roylance-Court, J.P., promised £40. The committee quickly canvassed the town, with the result that more than the amount required for the work then decided upon was speedily subscribed. In consequence of this fortunate state of things, and of the opinion expressed by the bell-founders, it was decided to have a larger and a smaller bell than those in the old peal of six, and instead of making the peal into what might be termed a second-rate one thus putting themselves in the proud position of possessing one of the finest peals in the North of England. This entailed an additional expenditure, but the amount of the contract for the whole of the work, £445, was soon obtained. On taking down the old bells it was found necessary to put a new roof in the tower, the old one having got completely rotten, in fact it is a marvel how it bore up under the weight of the number who were on the steeple on the night of June 22nd, witnessing the Jubilee bonfires all round the county. The vane was regilded, and a new staff erected, and other necessary work was accomplished in the interior of the tower, at a total cost of about £50. For this work and the consequent increased expenditure no allowance was made in the estimate, and there is, therefore, a deficit of something like this amount, which is still required. The work in the tower was entrusted to Messrs. S. Clarke and Son, builders, Middlewich, and they stregthened the whole framework so as to minimise the danger of ringing on Jubilee day. The removal of the old bells from the tower was effected through the floors, in which apertures were specially cut. The font was boarded up, and some of the pews being removed in the north-west corner of the church rendered it a fairly easy matter to convey them away. They were, together with the new bells, hoisted up in the tower in the same manner. The old bells were exceedingly deep-toned and sonorous, and it is evident they were considered superior to most around, although they lost much of their effect in consequence of the peal not being a full one. The largest of the original ones weighed about 18cwt., the new tenor bell purchased drawing the scale at 25 cwt. The others range down to 6 cwt., which is the weight of the smallest, or treble. This is now called the first bell, the original first being now second, and the others following as in their former order. To those accustomed to seeing the old framework and arrangement of the bells the present one must strike them as a decided improvement. The bells are in patent bearings, thus enabling them to be rung with greater ease, and the steel framework which has superseded the clumsy one of wood not only allows more room for the bells but has a tendency to strengthen and holds the sides of the tower together. The small new bell bears the name and address of the founders, and the date, "1897," whilst the large new one, in addition to to bearing that, bears the following inscription:—"Six bells were retuned and two new ones added in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. June 1897." The old bells are now better pitched, and the peal is said by good authorities to be the heaviest one in Cheshire, and certainly one of the finest in the North of England. They are exceedingly musical, reflecting the highest credit upon the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, and the parishioners are indeed to be congratulated on being the possessors of such an excellent peal. The committee, and particularly the curate, as honorary secretary, deserve the warm thanks of everyone concerned for the successful manner in which they have fulfilled the trust reposed in them. As the clock will require overhauling, the chimes have not yet been set, but it is hoped to have the Westminster chimes ere long. Very many, too, are desirous of having the chimes arranged to play melodies every three hours as they did up to 1887. Very few churches can boast of these, and those at Middlewich might almost be regarded as unique. To arrange these again will, it is understood, entail a rather large outlay. The service, which was fully choral, commenced at 6.30. There was a large congregation, and the church which had been decorated for the harvest thanksgiving, looked exceedingly pretty and effective. The Vicar (Rev. F. Minton, M.A.) and the curate (Rev. George Mathias, B.A.) assisted Canon Blackburne, and Mr. Consterdine ably presided at the organ. The choir entered the stalls singing the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The special psalms which were selected were the xcviii. and cl. The curate read the lesson (Numbers x. 1-11), and this was followed by the hymn "The Church's one foundation." Canon Blackburne, in his address, said that they were met together that evening on a very interesting occasion, to do that which, perhaps, had never occurred in the history of any-one of them in that parish, and which might not happen again

for perhaps fifty, sixty or a hundred years or more, to dedicate their bells. The bells of a church were very interesting to all who thought about them. They had been employed by the church, they were told, for nearly fourteen centuries, and by ancient nations perhaps as many more centuries. The rev. gentleman then proceeded to give a brief history of bells, and spoke of the great art required to ring the thousands of changes on them, and exhorted the ringers to attend church. He expressed the hope that the day might be a happy and a bright one in the history of the old parish of Middlewich. It had been a happy year, taking England through, in many ways. He then spoke of the thankful and loyal feelings of the Queen's subjects that Jubilee year, and remarked that the very fact of having those bells to dedicate that day had proceeded from the fact that the parish wished as one proof of such feelings that a complete octave of bells should sound from the old parish church. He was thankful to be told that the ringing of those bells was free from the simplest shadow of debt, but they must not expect on an occasion like that not to be asked for some thankoffering. The bells were paid for, and established safely through a happy discovery that was made in good time. He expressed the wish that the tower should be free, and appealed to them to make one more steady, united effort to raise the balance that was required to defray the cost of the work in the tower, which was something like £50. If they would make one little effort he did not think it impossible in a week or a month that the bells and the tower of the church would be free, and they would then show what they could do for the honour of God, and the welfare of the church they loved. The rev. gentleman made an allusion to the old church, and to the interesting associations connected with it, and, in concluding, expressed a fervent hope that the church might be to them a place in which they would love to worship and to which they hoped to be drawn more and more. Might they who should hear the bells, whether as tokens of sorrow or tokens of joy, by the good grace of God and His blessing, so live that when the bells tolled for each of them they would be tolling, not over loss, but the saved soul resting in peace, and anticipating a joyful resurrection, through Jesus Christ their Lord.

After the address, Mr. George Garfit, J.P., as the representative of the subscribers, approached the chancel step, and addressing the Vicar, asked his acceptance, as the representative of the church of the parish, of the peal of bells which has been placed in the sacred building, and requested that they might be solemnly dedicated to the service of God.

The Vicar then thankfully accepted the bells, but before asking Canon Blackburne, in accordance with their desire, to dedicate them, he formally placed them under the care and guardianship of the churchwardens of the parish, and their successors for ever, and solmenly charged them, in the presence of the congregation, to see that they were carefully and zealously preserved for the holy purpose for which they had been given.

The churchwardens, Messrs. William Boosey, Thomas Haddon, and George Moreton, then approached the chancel step, and Mr. Boosey, as senior churchwarden, accepted the charges on their behalf. The Vicar then called upon Canon Blackburne to dedicate the bells. The latter then performed the service of dedication, and proceeded with the clergy and choir to the tower, singing the hymn.

> Lifted up into the steeple
> Our bells are now set on high,
> To fulfil their holy mission,
> Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

The Canon then read several prayers, and they then returned to the chancel, whilst a short peal was magnificently rung on the bells by the Witton church change-ringers. Another special hymn preceded the Benediction, and this was followed by the recessional hymn "O praise ye the Lord," which was sung in a hearty manner, and concluded the service. Whilst the congregation was leaving the church, the organist played the National Anthem. The collection realized £9. After the service the bells rang out merry peals until nine o'clock, the streets being thronged with people who had come from far and wide to hear them. The Witton church ringers, who had been engaged for the occasion, rang them in fine style, and to the best advantage, the Middlewich ringers subsequently relieving them, in a creditable manner.—From the *Northwich Guardian.*

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Society was held at Ordsall, near Retford, on Saturday, October 18th, when there was a pretty good attendance, members from the Ordsall, East and West Retford, Everton, Harthill, Shireoaks, Markham, and Worksop towers being present. Ordsall tower contains a very nice light ring of six bells, the tenor being about 10 cwt., they are in good order and go well. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., when a 720 of Violet was brought round by some of the early arrivals. Then a funeral caused a rather long stand, but when that was over another company brought round a well-struck 720 of Kent before the tea, which was served in the club room of "The Plough inn at 5 o'clock, the head of the table being taken by the Rev. Dr. Stott, rector of Ordsall, who was supported by the Rev. H. F. de Lisle, of Whitwell, and the Rev. B. Darley, hon. sec., the Rev. Canon Gray, rector of West Retford, having also been present during the afternoon. For, whereas we sometimes see in "THE BELL NEWS" complaints as to the lack of encouragement of church ringers on the part of the clergy, we are happy to say that no meeting of the North Notts. has ever taken place without the presence and co-operation of some of the clergy within its area. The Host of The Plough had provided a capital repast to which full justice was done by thirty-three members and friends, amongst whom we were pleased to welcome Mr. G. Holmes, of Snaith, a member of the Yorkshire Association. After tea some members proceeded to Retford, to have a pull in the tower of the parish church, which has a fine ring of ten bells. The rest of the party adjourned to the school-room, placed at their disposal by the Rector, for the usual business meeting, at which he also presided. It was then arranged that the next Quarterly Meeting should be held at Worksop, in January, 1868. The Rev. H. F. de Lisle was elected an unattached performing member, and a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Stott for the use of the bells and for so courteously presiding over the Meeting brought the business to a conclusion, and the day ended with some more ringing, a report of which will be found in the usual place.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting of this society was held at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, October 16th. Between forty and fifty ringers attended. The gathering was in every way a pleasant and successful one. For this thanks are due to the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. Milligan, who gave the ringers a very kind reception, and to Mr. Dawkes, the tower-keeper, who had done all in his power to make the meeting a success. The bells in the tower are a new Jubilee peal by Barwell, of Birmingham, and there can be only one verdict as to their arrangement, "go," and excellent tone. The tenor is just under 10 cwt., but like the rest of the bells sounds heavier than its real weight, whilst the tone of the whole peal is even and melodious. After ringing during the afternoon the members present gathered in the church at 5 o'clock, when the form of service recently drawn up with the sanction of the Bishop of Lichfield, patron of the society for use at meetings was for the first time used. The address was given by the Vicar, who extended a cordial welcome to all present. The same rev. gentleman afterwards presided at theCommittee meeting and also at the tea which followed, when upwards of forty members did justice to the good things provided. After tea a very agreeable social evening was spent, thus pleasantly bringing a most successful meeting to a close. It is needless to say that hearty votes of thanks were passed, both to the Vicar and also to Mr. Dawkes for their kind help, the former gentleman being elected an hon. member of the society. If possible the next meeting will be held at the old church, Smethwick, on January 15th, 1898.

GREAT TEY (Essex). — On Sunday, September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1008 Bob Major. W. Dyer, 1; O. Dyer, 2; G. Galley, 3; F. Percival, 4; W. Ladhams, 5; W. Galley 6; G. Rashbrook, 7; W. Ladhams (conductor), 8.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. G. LINDOFF.

On Friday evening, the 9th inst., the members of the above society met to do honour to their worthy Master, Mr. G. Lindoff, who was leaving England on the morrow to take up the duties of Instructor to the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, and to spend a few hours together in a social manner before bidding him farewell. Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, the oldest member of the company, presented Mr. Lindoff, on their behalf, with three handbells, to augment the peal of ten presented to him by the Gillingham ringers in 1893, to a peal of twelve, and to form a light peal of eight in the key of C, size 11; a Gladstone bag, and a pipe. Mr. Clifton asked Mr. Lindoff to accept the present as a token of the society's esteem and regard for him, and referred in grateful terms to the great benefit he had been to the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, and the progress made under his instruction, and concluded by wishing him every success in his new sphere of duty.

This was received with musical honours, and Mr. Lindoff thanked the society for their kindness, and assured them that the four years spent with them in Lincoln was one of the happiest periods of his life, and he expressed a desire to be elected as an honorary member. Farewells and good wishes were expressed at the conclusion of the meeting.

The St. Peter-at-Arches company feel that this notice would be incomplete without congratulating the St. Patrick's Society, Dublin, upon securing the services of such a talented and capable instructor, and wish them every success in the Art of change-ringing which they are taking up in such a thorough manner.

RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT SILSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon last, October 16th, the ring of six bells at the above place were re-opened, after having been repaired by Messrs. Shaw and Co.. of Bradford. The bells are only a new peal, and were first opened in November last year. Shortly after three o'clock six members of the Skipton company commenced the ringing, and after a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, they struck for a 720 in the same method. This was followed by one of Violet, and another of Oxford. The positions of the ringers were: Walter Bailey, F. Metcalf, E. Metcalf, H. Horner, W. Billows (conductor), W. D. Hillary. Tenor about 12 cwt. After nearly two hours' ringing, the ringers adjourned to the church schoolroom, where tea was awaiting them. In the evening, a social was held in the same place, the receipts being to defray the expense of a new set of handbells (eight in number), also purchased from Messrs. Shaw and Co. During a short interval Messrs. F. Metcalfe, W. Billows, H. Horner and W. D. Hillary rang a course of Kent Treble Bob Major (two in hand), and the social came to a conclusion at 11 o'clock. The members of the Kildwick company also manipulated the steeple bells during the evening.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM SHARDLOW.

Poor Shardlow's left this world of pain,
Gone to return no more;
We ne'er shall see his face again,
His earthly toil is o'er.

Gone to that far-off distant land,
Where sickness is not known:
To join amongst the angelic band,
That dwell around the Throne.

His name was known both near and far,
And honoured with respect;
But now alas! he is no more,
Death in our midst has crept.

May comfort reach the widow's heart,
That is with anguish torn;
And help her cheerfully to part
With him whom now we mourn.

Ringers' Outings.

THE BAGSHOT SOCIETY.—On Monday, October 11th, the members of this society paid a visit to the villages of Ewhurst and Cranleigh, Surrey, to have a ring on their bells. Starting from Bagshot at 7 a.m by brake to Blackwater, S.E.R. to Guildford, where we had to change, to the Brighton and South Coast line to Cranleigh, where we arrived at 9.30 a.m. After a look round the old church, and a little refreshment. we started for a walk to Ewhurst (three miles), arriving there at 12 noon, where we were met by Mr. Francis, of Ewhurst, who conducted us to the tower. Here a 720 Oxford Treble Bob was brought home. A start was then made for a 720 Kent Treble Bob, but failed when nearly home. The ringers were J. Corbett, T. Gould, H. Stapleton, F. Francis, E. Collins, and E. Spooner (conductor). The bells were then lowered. It may be mentioned that these bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Strinbank, and the "go" of them is all that can be desired. An adjournment was then made to The Bull inn, where dinner was waiting for us, and to which ample justice was done. We then drove back to Cranleigh, and were met by W. Streeter and others, who conducted us to the tower. where another 720 of Oxford was brought home after very hard work by J. Corbett, T. Gould, E. Spooner, F. Francis, H. Stapleton, and E. Collins (conductor). We should have attempted a 720 Kent, but the "go" of these bells are so bad, they go so heavy, and strike false. We have had the pleasure of visiting this tower on several occasions, but find each time the bells go worse; but we trust should we have the pleasure of another visit, to find that they have been thoroughly overhauled by being quarter-turned and rehung. We think we are right in saying that they have not been touched for about sixty years, as one of our company was born in this village, and first learned to pull a bell about forty-five years ago, and was very pleased to meet one old friend who learnt with him; but we should be more pleased to hear that some kind friend had given two new trebles to complete the octave, for it seems a pity that such a fine old tower, about twenty-four feet square, should only contain six bells, there being plenty of room for twelve. After a little refreshment and a big chat, we made our way to the train. Blackwater was reached at 7.30, and Bagshot at 9.30, all being well pleased with their day's outing. We wish to thank both vicars, churchwardens, and ringers for their kindness, and hope we shall soon see them in Bagshot belfry again.
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CHRIST CHURCH, FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE. — On Saturday, October 9th, the ringers of this church had an outing to Prestwich, Lancashire, and, judging by its success, we hope to go again before long. We were accompanied by a few friends from our parish, and their company was much appreciated. Arriving at Prestwich we went to the old church tower, which contains a nice ring of six, and the bells were kept going for a long time. We had accepted an invitation from our friend Mr. Gratrix to dine with him at The Ring of Bells inn, and full justice was done to an excellent repast. After tendering our thanks to our friend, we again went to the tower and rang 720 Oxford Bob, Mr. Gratrix ringing the treble. We left Prestwich about nine o'clock, after a very enjoyable day. F. R.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GORING (Oxon).—Any ringer visiting this belfry of an evening and not being at the church when the ringers go up to the belfry, will find on entering the door at the bottom of the steps leading to the belfry, placed on the left hand side, a switch, which if turned towards the steps will put the electric light on, thus preventing turning anyone away, It is rather an awkward belfry to find out. We most heartily invite any band who wish for an outing to pay us a visit. The writer would like to know if there is another tower where the electric light is up the staircase. This improvement is due to the Vicar, who on visiting the belfry found it very awkward in the dark. Mr. G. Ellis has done the work in a thorough manner.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Joseph Pearson, Dublin.—Next week.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this association was held at Market Deeping, on Saturday, October 9th, when a large number of members from Stamford, Crowland, Grantham, Wytham-on-the-Hill, and Peterborough were present. The bells are a rather fine peal of six, and are in very good ringing order, a new set of ropes have recently been adjusted, and as permission for the members to use the bells had been kindly granted by the Rector, the Rev. W. W. Howard, Dean of Stamford, the bells were raised about 11.30, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 25 mins. as follows: E. Gale, C. Harper, R. S. Cox, R. Wyche, F. Dennison, Rev. H. Law James, conducted by Mr. R. Wyche. After this Divine service was held, when an interesting and suitable address was given by the Dean, stating the history of the bells of this church and the many different occasions on which they were rung. After the service a substantial dinner was held at The White Horse hotel, which was heartily enjoyed by all, and for which great credit is due to the host, Mr. James Winch, who evidently knows how to please and satisfy the members in every way. The meeting then followed, the Dean presiding supported by the Rev. H. Law James, when the Rev. F. E. Lowe, of St. John's, Stamford, and Messrs. Dolby Bros., of the same place, were elected honorary members. Messrs. J. Thorpe, jun. (Market Deeping), R. Brightman (Market Deeping), W. Mowbray (Grantham), E. G. Baker (Peterborough) were elected skilled members, and Messrs. H. T. Benson, B. T. Shillaker, J. Needham, all of Market Deeping, were elected probationers. It was announced that the Rev. H. Law James would bring forward at the next meeting that "any person desirous of becoming a skilled member of this association, must be competent enough to ring the treble through a 6-score of Doubles, or the tenor behind a 5000 of Triples." It was then proposed by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. C. Harper, that a small committee be formed to revise the rules and present them at the next meeting for discussion. Proposed by Mr. H. Parker and seconded by Mr. T. Allam, that the committee for the above shall be the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. R. Wyche, and the secretary (Mr. E. Gale), they all living in Stamford could better arrange the matter. Proposed by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. E. Popple, that the next meeting be held at Grantham, on the Saturday nearest the full moon in January. Carried. The Dean then expressed his thanks to the members for visiting Market Deeping, where they would always be welcome. The Rev. H. Law James then proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding at the meeting and also for the kind way in which he had welcomed them. Carried with acclamation. Various 720s were rung during the remainder of the day.

DINTON, BUCKS.

The Annual Harvest Festival Service was held on Thursday, October 7th. The service in the parish church commenced at 6.30 with the dedication of the new treble bell by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Buckingham. This bell has been added to the peal as a memorial of the Jubilee. The Dinton bells are well-known in the neighbourhood as a particularly pleasing ring, being very full and mellow in tone, but up to the present year were only five in number. The new bell fully sustains the character of the peal, being well in tune, and possessing the rarer merit of going well with the old ones in respect of quality of tone. The new bell bears the following words: "Victoria Jubilee bell, many years may I tell, Victoria reigned well; H. Bond and Sons, founders, Burford, Oxon." The work has given every satisfaction. The tenor is 20 cwt. in E flat.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

There will be a Quarterly Meeting at Andover on Monday, October 25th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Meeting at 4.0. Tea at 5.0 in the parish room for those informing me before October 22nd.

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AMONG THE COTSWOLDS.

Since the bells at the church of SS. Peter and Paul of Northleach has been increased from six to eight, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham, had been asked to raise a band to try and ring a peal on that most musical ring, the two new ones which complete the octave being all that could be wished for, and with the assistance of the St. Michael Juniors of Gloucester, under the guidance of Mr. J. Austin, they made their way on "bikes" to attempt a peal a Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which will be found recorded in its proper place. On arriving in Northleach, the first thing thought of was where to get tea, which was much needed after a ride of twenty miles, but on enquiry it was ascertained that Mr. T. W. Tayler (the master of the local ringers), had provided a capital spread at The Union, where a good tea was prepared by the Host, at very short notice. After attending to the wants of the inner man, tracks were made for the tower, where the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Browne, M.A.), and Mr. T. W. Tayler, who gave them a very hearty welcome to their tower, and hoped they would be successful with the peal. A start was made as soon as possible, but proved to be a false one; a second start was made, and after some excellent striking the first peal on the bells was an accomplished fact. The Vicar was the first to congratulate them on their success, who was closely followed by Mr. Taylor and other local ringers. After leaving the tower, The Union was again visited, where the spread so kindly provided by Mr. Tayler was done full justice to. If time had allowed, the Vicar and churchwardens with some of their friends would have sat down with them, but owing to the hour of closing being so near, the visitors were very disappointed in not having the pleasure of their company, especially that of the Vicar and Mr. T. W. Tayler.

On Sunday morning the tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were rung before service, two of the local company taking part, Mr. Tayler ringing his longest touch on eight bells. As there was another item on the card, "good-bye" was said all too soon, every one feeling satisfied at the kind way in which they had been received by the Northleach band, and hope to make another journey at some future date. Mounting the "bikes" again, a very pleasant but hilly ride of nine miles brought them to Stow-on-the-Wold, where Messrs. Taylor and Co. have just added two new trebles to complete the octave in the church of St. Edward. Permission was given by the Rector for the use of the bells, which are a grand musical ring, tenor 30 cwt. A start was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but owing to the bad "go" of the tenor, and the new ropes on the bells, it was abandoned. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Double Norwich were afterwards rung under the conductorship of John Austin. The next order was for tea at The Unicorn, where ample justice was done to all the good things provided by the hostess. A start was then made for home, which was reached after three hours' hard riding, it being a very hilly country, and a strong wind blowing, every one feeling quite pleased with himself at so enjoyable an outing. The band take this opportunity of thanking the vicar of Northleach, and Mr. T. W. Tayler for their kindness to them, and also for allowing them the use of the bells; and the vicar of Stow for so readily placing his tower at their disposal.

SULLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 9th, some of the Penarth ringers spent a pleasant afternoon in the quiet little village of Sully, with the double object of pleasure and to induce the newly-formed band there, who have commenced "call-changes," to go in for scientific ringing and join the Diocesan Association. Four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the pretty ring of five by J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; T. Northey, 4; G. Watkins, 5. After a little coaching of some of the local band a start was then made for home.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 260th anniversary dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate street, E.C., on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Burkin, W.H.L. Buckingham, Butler, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, T. Mash, McLaughlin, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Springall, Weatherstone, Winney, or
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37, *Tradescant road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of this branch will take place to-day, Saturday, October 23rd, at Bury. Ringing to commence at 3.0 o'clock. Tea in the School-room at 5.30.
Helmshore. J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

Hertfordshire Association. — A district meeting will be held at Knebworth to-day, Saturday, October 23rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m.; tea at 5.30; business meeting to follow.
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*
St. Albans, 6th October, 1897.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held at Slough, to-day, Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing from 2 p.m. Evensong at 5; preacher, Rev. H. C. Wilder. Tea, 9d. per head, at 5.30, in Church Room. Apply to T. P. FIELD, Esq., *Hon. Sec.*
17, *Upton Park, Slough.*

The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Bartholomew's church, Westhoughton, to-day, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7, All ringers invited to attend.
HENRY MOSS, *Branch Sec.*
149, *Clarence Street, Bolton.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The twentieth annual meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 25th. The Committee will meet at the Three Tuns Hotel at 12.0 noon. Divine service in the Cathedral with sermon by the Very Rev. Dr. Kitchin at 1.30 Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 2.30. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' churches will be available for ringing during the day.
THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*
314, *High Street, Sunderland.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A complimentary branch meeting will be held at Burnley parish church on Saturday, October 30th, in honour of Mr. J. Pollard. A tea will be provided in the school-room for all who give notice to Mr. H. Tomlinson, 3, Alnwick Court, Westgate, Burnley, before Wednesday, October 27th. Tickets ninepence each. A hearty invitation to all ringers. T. REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society. — The next quarterly meeting of the above society will be held at Oldham Parish church, on Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready at 4; meeting at 5. S. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*
57, *Alexandra Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.*

Central Northamptonshire Association. Quarterly meeting at Ecton, near Northampton, on Saturday afternoon, October 30th. The bells are a ring of six, tenor about 14 cwt. Usual arrangements.
Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chailey, on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open from 4 to 9 p.m. A kind invitation to tea at the rectory has been given to the members by the Rector of Chailey. It is hoped as many as possible will attend so as to encourage our six-bell bands.
GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
2, *Grove Street, Brighton.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, October 30th. A conveyance will leave Radstock station at 1.30 p.m for Leigh. Short service in parish church at 3 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the vicar. Members who purpose attending must kindly inform the Hon. Sec. at once, so that the necessary arrangements for the tea and conveyance may be made
HY. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.*

The Kent County Association—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe, on Saturday afternoon the 30th October. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30 at The Wilberforce. Members intending to be present must send their names to me through the secretaries of their bands before the previous Thursday. Half-railway fares but not exceeding 2s. will be allowed to all members present at 5.30.
C. WILFRID BLAXLAND,
Hythe, Kent. *Dis. Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, October 30th. The peal of eight at the parish church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea followed by general meeting at 4.45 p.m, both at the Gate hotel and restaurant. Tickets for tea, one shilling, as usual. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to forward their names to Mr. H. Argyle, Trent Road, Nuneaton, not later than Wednesday, the 27th inst. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare-and-a-quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station.
J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*
22, *St. Peter's Road, Leicester.*

The Leeds and District Amalgated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at St. Francis church, (R.C.) eight bells, Holbeck, Leeds. on Saturday, October 30th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, The Bellmount inn, David Street. Any ringers or friends are heartily welcome. The church is situated five minutes' walk from the Leeds Joint Station along Victoria Road and Monor Road. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Irwin Street, Hoggs Field, Holbeck.*

Ely Diocesan Association. — Sudbury Archidiaconal Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at All Saints, Sudbury, on Monday, November 1st. Meat tea at The Bull hotel at 4 p.m, Tower open all day.
CHAS. SILLITOE, *Branch Sec.*
East Street, Sudbury.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, November 6th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. A tea will be provided for those who send in their names to the secretary not later than Wednesday, November 3rd. Railway allowances, half-fares up to 2s. will be allowed and paid out at 5.30 p.m., in the church room adjoining the church. Tea at 6 p.m. sharp, to be followed by a business meeting. A short service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m., and an address will be given by the Rev. R. W. Atkinson, Vicar of St. John's. W. BEDWELL, *Hon Dis. Sec.*
13, *Ladywell Road, Lewisham, S.E.*

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Birchington on Saturday, November 6th. Tower will be open at 3 p.m for ringing. A. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dis, Sec.*

Lancashire Association, — Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, on Saturday, November 6th, to celebrate the unveiling of new peal tablets by the vicar, and the president of the Lancashire Association. The vicar is kindly providing tea in the schoolroom at 6 p.m on that date, to all members sending in their names to Mr. John Smith, 25, Hope Street, Pendleton, Manchester, not later than Wednesday, November 3rd. Members please attend strictly to this notice. Bells ready at 3.30 p m. Business meeting after tea.
WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*
54 *Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT GRAVESEND.—It was originally intended to make an attempt for Treble Bob, but it was found to be useless to attempt a peal in that method on account of the bad "go" of the bells. Many of the party expressed a wish to ring on these bells, on which so many excellent performances have been accomplished, and are recorded in the tower. This tower still holds the record for the longest peal of Double Norwich in the county, and was at that time the longest peal rang in the method. After a consultation as to what was to be done it was decided to make an attempt for Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in 2 hrs. and 50 mins. The peal was listened to by many ringers of the neighbourhood, including that veteran ringer, Mr. William Loft, of Gravesend, and who heartily congratulated the ringers on their success in ringing such a well-struck peal. We wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for granting permission, and to thank all brother-strings for their cordial welcome.

THE PEALS AT CHOBHAM AND GUILDFORD.—These peals were rang for Mr. D. Hayward, who hails from Great Yarmouth, who has been to Guildford on business for some time, and had expressed a wish to ring Holt's Original and a peal of Caters before leaving. The peal at Chobham was a lucky one, as the tenor-man missed the train and had to cycle over; then a rope broke and had to be put right and still another start before a first-class peal was rung.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1897.

REPORTS of those affairs known by the term of "Ringers' Outings," frequently demonstrate that there are rings of bells yet to be found in a deplorable and most unsatisfactory condition. We read too often that when a company is taking a short rural tour, that at the majority of churches they visit, the bells are uncared for and neglected. A case in point appears this week. The Bagshot company visited a village in the same county of Surrey, Cranleigh by name, where, at the parish church, they found a fine old tower about twenty-four feet square. For what purpose was such a tower built? To contain a good ring of bells, of course, which could be maintained in proper repair. What are the facts? Six bells in a most unringable condition. Our correspondent hazards the conjecture that no repairs of any kind have been done to them for sixty years! If this is so, it is a wonder they could be rung at all. What, we may ask, have the Church authorities in Cranleigh been thinking of all this

time? Perhaps some of them may not be conscious of the existence of any bells in their parish!. Then we need not sing about "ringers' apathy" after this.

Most of us, unfortunately, know that when any church restoration is being considered, the bells are in many cases entirely ignored, or attention to them is postponed to an indefinite period. We can read of plenty of alterations in the interior economy of churches; alterations, by the way, which future generations will look upon as absurd, to use a very mild term. What revolutions have some of us seen in church arrangement, to give way by-and-by to other fads? The money can be got for the satisfaction of these whimsicalities, but restore the bells? Faugh!

This is how the interests of church bells are shelved, frequently. True it is that the obverse side of the picture is seen occasionally, but such instances cannot compare with those of the former description. To wait patiently for better things is all we can do.

The Metropolis.

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(THE RANMOOR SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 13, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES R. SAWYER	*Treble.*	SAM THOMAS	5.
WILLIAM GOODWIN	2.	RICHARD W. COLLIER	6.
FRANCIS ALLEN	3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT	7.
THOMAS SAWYER	4.	RICHARD C. COLLIER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 14, 1897, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE READING*	*Treble.*	JOHN J. JONES	6.
CHARLES W. EADES	2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE	7.
ERNEST C. BONIFACE*	3.	FRANK BLONDELL	8.
DENISON HAYWARD	4.	†WILLIAM W. THORNE	9.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD	5.	FREDERICK WOOD	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters as conductor, and the quickest peal o Caters on the bells. The striking being first class.

BINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWIN GREENWOOD	*Treble.*	FREDERICK W. DIXON	5.
CHARLES PRATT	2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY	6.
TOM LAWSON	3.	THOMAS B. KENDALL	7.
THOMAS BANCROFT	4.	GEORGE A. NETTLETON	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths, and the 2nd never there. Greenwood and Bancroft hail from Keighley; Pratt from Calverley; Dixon from Guiseley; Broadley from Bradford; Kendall and Nettleton from Shipley; Lawson belongs to the local company.

RAMSBOTTOM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. R. FRITCHARD'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT LEACH	*Treble.*	WALTER TAYLOR	5.
JOHN H. HAYDOCK	2.	*ARNOLD S. ROSTRON	6.
JONATHAN WOLSTENHOLME	3.	JAMES B. TAYLOR	7.
JAMES S. TAYLOR	4.	JOHN BOOTH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

*First peal and first attempt. James B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot, Walter Taylor from Newchurch, the rest are local men.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRED WATLING	*Treble.*	GEORGE MOY	5.
ROBERT WELLS	2.	FENTON THOMPSON	6.
JOHN LARTER	3.	WILLIAM DREW	7.
GEORGE THOMPSON	4.	GEORGE HARDY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by WILLIAM DREW.

This peal was arranged for George Moy, who has just returned from America after an absence of seven years, never having touched a bell rope in that time; and for John Larter, who hails from Wenhaston.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, HALLIWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

WILLIAM THORNBY	*Treble.*	JOHN MAKINSON	5.
JOSEPH PENNINGTON	2.	PETER NUTTALL	6.
WILLIAM FARNWORTH	3.	HENRY MOSS	7.
ALBERT E. RUSHTON	4.	*ROBERT BARTON	*Tenor.*

(Conductor not mentioned).

*First peal. It is twenty years since a peal was rung on the bells. They were re-hung by Mears and Stainbank in December, 1896.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALFRED TARBUN	*Treble.*	WILLIAM HAWKES	5.
WILLIAM ROWLAND	2.	HARRY HARPER	6.
WILLIAM J. PIPER	3.	ALFRED WHIGHT	7.
THOMAS FAULKNER	4.	ARTHUR EDWARDS	*Tenor.*

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

Messrs. Rowland, Harper and Whight hail from Chelmsford, Hawkes from Springfield, Tarbun, Piper and Edwards belong to the local band, and the conductor to Barking.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART,

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE	*Treble.*	WILLIAM LATTER	5.
JACK PRESTON	2.	THOMAS WALLIS	6.
JAMES WALLIS	3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE	7.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK	4.	JOHN MALYAN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. J. George hails from Rugby; J. Preston, Wallis (2) and J. Malyan from Edenbridge; E. R. J. Dunk from Westerham; W. Latter from Tunbridge Wells; Groombridge from Sevenoaks.

NORTHLEACH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

JESSE GILLETT	*Treble.*	ERNEST E. DAVIS	5.
FRED G. MAY	2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER	6.
JOHN AUSTIN	3.	ROBERT A. BARRETT	7.
FRANCIS E. WARD	4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD, ESQ. and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. WOOD*	*Treble.*	CHARLES WILLSHIRE	5.
WILLIAM FREAKS	2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	6.
DENISON HAYWARD	3.	FRANK BLUNDELL	7.
JOHN J. JONES	4.	WILLIAM W. THORNE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First Peal of Triples. Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

BURNLEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

RENNIE HARTLEY	*Treble.*	NOAH TOWNEND	5.
FREDERICK TOWNS	2.	RICHARD ASHWORTH	6.
DAVID CAMPBELL	3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY	7.
JOHN ROWE WERRING	4.	TOM REDMAN	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. PATRICK and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Miss Tunstall, a lady who was a good friend to the ringers.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Three Hours and Seventeen-and-½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER GILLARD*	*Treble.*	FRANK MILLARD	5.
HENRY J. POOLE	2.	†EDGAR E. BURGESS	6.
HENRY PEARCE	3.	JOSEPH MADDOCK	7
ARTHUR DOBLE	4.	GEORGE H. YENDALL	*Tenor.*

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

First peal of Major by the Association; first by all the band; first on the bells. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE	*Treble.*	WILLIAM MARTIN	5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	6.
WILLIAM BEDWELL	3.	WALTER INGHAM	7.
GEORGE CONYARD	4.	WILLIAM HARPER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES	*Treble.*	CHARLES GILES	5.
JOHN TUCKER	2.	*ARTHUR W. HIGGS	6.
HENRY TUCKER	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
FRANK HOPGOOD	4.	ALFRED WATMORE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. *First peal of Stedman.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 18, 1897, in Three Hours and Six-and-½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WALLACE DAVIS*	*Treble.*	*CHARLES DAVIS	5.
PERCY LANE*	2.	*FRANCIS VOICE	6.
JAMES E. GROVES	3.	JOHN CLARK	7.
CHARLES SADLER*	4.	*JAMES WATTS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*These members commenced ringing in February, 1896, under the leadership of Mr. J. Clark, and this is their first peal. It is several years since a peal was rung on these bells.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, October 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK SUMNER	*Treble.*	HARRY MASON	5.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT	2.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT	6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER	3.	*THOMAS WAKEMAN	7.
WILLIAM SHORT	4.	FREDERICK CLAYTON	*Tenor.*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, and first in the method as conductor. This composition contains the full combination of 4,5,6 in 5,6. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the tower keeper, Mr. Grosvenor, for having everything in readiness. H. Mason hails from Old Hill.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. NEWELL	*Treble.*	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	5.
HERBERT MARTIN	2.	WILLIAM J. S. THORN	6.
GEORGE N. PRICE	3.	FREDERICK EDWARDS	7.
FRANK A. SMITH	4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

W. H. Newell, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Berkhampsted. It was intended to ring at Bushey, but was prevented, owing to evening service. The band tender their best thanks to the Rev. N. Price for kindly granting the use of the bells at the last minute.

Date Touches.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Tuesday, October 5th, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a date touch of Oxford Bob Triples in 1 hr. 16 mins. W. Rickett, 1; G. Prior, 2; T. Newman, 3; A. Tucker (composer), 4; W. Prior, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8. All the above are members of the Essex Association, with the exception of Messrs. Rickett and A. Tucker.

Miscellaneous.

THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Thursday, September 23rd, at St. Alkmond's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 337 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Aspley, 2; G. Taylor, 3; C. Greenall, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Lewis, 1; W. Copley, 2; W. Taylor, 3; G. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Also several touches of Darlaston Bob Triples. W. Espley, 1; G. Taylor, 2; W. Taylor, 3; C. R. Greenall, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. On Sunday afternoon, September 26th, for Divine Service, several touches of Grandsire Triples. J. Lewis, 1; W. Stockdale, 2; W. Espley, 3; G. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; R. Chant, 8. For evening service 168 and 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; T. Burd, 3; W. Taylor, 4; G. Taylor, 5; F. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Lewis, 8. On Friday, October 1st, for practice, 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Dolman, 1; W. Espley, 2; F. Taylor, 3; W. Taylor, 4; G. Byolin (conductor), 5; A. Fullick, 6; Rev. J. Mackay, 7. G. Taylor, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; W. Taylor, 3; F. Taylor, 4; G. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; R. Chant, 8. And 420 Grandsire Triples. W. Espley, 1; G. Taylor, 2; W. Taylor, 3; F. Taylor, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Dolman, 8. On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; W. Owen, 3; F. Taylor, 4; G. Taylor, 5; W. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Lewis, 8. On Sunday evening, October 3rd, after Divine Service at St. Chad's church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Espley, 1; G. Taylor, 2; T. Burd, 3; F. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Perkins, 1; W. Espley, 2; G. Scarratt, 3; W. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Rung on the back eight. Tenor 43 cwt. On Monday, October 4th, in the tower of St. Alkmond, on handbells, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; G. Taylor, 3-4; G. Byolin (conductor), 5-6; A. Fullick, 7-8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Monday, August 2nd, at St. Leonard's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. D. Smith (conductor), 1; A. Manning, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; A. Petts, 4; A. Coles, 5; F. Harvey, 6; S. Binfield, 7; S. Gower, 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 29th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Alice Andrews, of Bromley, and Mr. W. T. Lowe, of Reigate, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; R. Humphrey, 4; J. Hack, 5; T. Harford, 6; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service, being the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Simpson, 1; T. Durling, 2; R. Hims, 3; H. Salvan, 4; G. French, 5; E. Dunn, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Composed by H. P. Harman. For evening service 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; T. P. Richards, 4; R. Humphrey, 5; W. James, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; J. Reid (Ewell), 8.

CANTERBURY.—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Alfege church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Fox, 1; E. Beney, 2; M. Pierce, 3; W. Spice (Charing), 4; P. H. Pierce, 5; T. Tabrett (Ashford), 6.

CHARING (Kent).—On September 11th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Leeds, 1; E. Dixon, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; W. Spice, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. Messrs. Leeds, Dixon, Hobbs, and Tabret hail from Willesbrough. On September 21st, 360 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs). P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor rung on the bells by an entirely local band. First 720 with a bob bell by Messrs. Archer, Good, and Ward, and first 720 as conductor by W. Spice. Also 108 of Minor J. Willis, 2. And 120 of Doubles with W. Edmead on the treble.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On August 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Butler, 1; L. Silver, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spunner, 4; J. Avis, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. On September 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spunner, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On September 11th, 720 Kent. W. Lane, 1; B. Spunner, 2; L. Silver, 3; F. Hayes, 4; R. Munn, 5; G. Hayes, 6. On September 19th, 720 Grandsire. G. Butler, 1; F. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spunner, 4; F. Ring, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On September 21st, 720 Kent. G. Butler, 1; R Smith, 2; L. Silver, 3; F. Hayes, 4; R. Munn, 5; G. Morrad, 6. On September 26th, 720 Kent. C. Waterman, 1; F. Hayes, 2; G. Morrad, 3; B. Spunner, 4; R. Munn, 5; L. Silver, 6. And 720 Plain Bob. G. Butler, 1; G. Morrad, 2; F. Hayes, 3; L. Silver, 4; B. Spunner, 5; C. Waterman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford. B. Spunner, 1; F. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; C. Waterman, 4; G. Morrad, 5; L. Silver, 6. On September 28th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Morrad, 1; R. Smith, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spunner, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Warren, 1; S. Sargent, 2; W. Moore, 3; G. Melbourne, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; F. Radley (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 19th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 26th, 720 New London Pleasure. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman, (conductor), 6.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday, October 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Chaplin, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; W. Moore, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; S. Hayes, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. Messrs. Moore and Grimwade hail from Bocking; S. Hayes from London.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. C. Dempsey, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Wightman, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; T. Faulkner, 5; E. Andrews, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; J. Dale 8; W. Pye (conductor), 9; G. Haydon, 10. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 21st, for practice, 784 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Freeman, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; E. Wightman, 4; J. Rann, 5; J. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, October 5th, 560 in the same method. E. Wightman, 1; F. Freeman, 4; the rest as before.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday, August 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Basden (conductor), G. Allder, J. Elderfield, L. Read, C. Clarke, and A. Crook. On Sunday, August 22nd, 720 Court Bob, conducted by C. Clarke. And a 720 Plain Bob, conducted by J. J. Parker. On Sunday, August 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by J. J. Parker. On Sunday, September 5th, 720 College Single, conducted by J. J. Parker. On Sunday, September 12th, 720 Court Bob, conducted by C. Clarke. On Wednesday, October 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Clarke, J. Parker, J. Elderfield, J. J. Parker (conductor), G. Basden, and A. Crook. On Sunday, October 10th, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by C. Clarke. And 720 Canterbury, conducted by J. J. Parker.

BEENHAM (Berks).—On Tuesday, September 7th, for practice, 720

Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. V. Rowe, 1; W. Lucas, 2; E. Holloway, 3; J. Hatto, 4; W. Horne, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. V. Rowe and E. Holloway hail from Bradfield. On Saturday, September 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Lucas, 1; A. E. Reeves (Reading), 2; F. Richardson, 3; E. Holloway, 4; C. Giles (conductor, Reading), 5; W. Horne, 6. On Tuesday, September 21st, 360 Oxford Bob (nine bobs). F. Wigmore, 1; W. Horne, 2; E. Holloway, 3; R. George, 4; W. Lucas, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Hatto, who was 57 years of age on that day. On Sunday, October 3rd, for the afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles), conducted by F. Richardson. After service 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles), conducted by J. Hatto. This 720 was composed by Mr. E. Francis, of Norwich, and the figures appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 25th.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, September 26th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). W. Hollocks, 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; T. Levitt, 5; R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. Preston tenor has up to the present been reported in the key of F, but it is in the key of G.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On September 11th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hunt, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; S. Radford, 3; A. Evans, 4; E. Harbour, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. Radford (conductor), 7; W. Thomas, 8. On September 12th, 306 Grandsire Triples. A. Iles, 1; J. Fowler, 2; W. Thomas, 3; J. Hunt, 4; T. Radford, 5; S. Radford, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; A. Evans, 8. On September 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Iles, 1; H. Moggridge, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Garland, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6. First 720 by A. Iles. And 408 Stedman Triples. S. Wyatt, 1; W. Thomas, 2; S. Radford, 3; T. Radford (conductor), 4; E. Harbour, 5; J. Burge, 6; A. Evans, 7; E. Wright, 8. On September 25th. at St. James's church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Radford (conductor), 1; S. Wyatt, 2; H. Poole, 3; E. Harbour, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Burge, 6; A. Evans, 7; W. Thorn, 8. On September 26th, at St. Mary's church, 1259 Grandsire Caters. S. Wyatt, 1; H. Poole, 2; W. Thomas, 3; E. Harbour, 4; J. Hunt, 5; T. Radford, 6; J. Maddock, 7; A. Evans, 8; J. Burge (conductor), 9; E. Wyatt, 10. On October 2, 270 Caters. T. Radford (conductor), 1; J. Maddock, 2; W. Gillard, 3; H. Poole, 4; A. Doble, 5; J. Burge, 6; E. Harbour, 7; J. Fowler, 8; W. Thorn, 9; J. Hunt, 10. Also 504 Stedman Triples. E. Harbour, 1; J. Hunt, 2; J. Maddock, 3; A. Evans, 4; H. Poole, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. Radford (conductor), 7; W. Thorn, 8. On October 3, 574 Grandsire Triples. G. Collard, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Hunt, 3; T. Radford, 4; E. Harbour, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; E Wyatt, 8; this touch was rung for afternoon service for the Friendly Societies' church parade. And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Hunt, 1; H. Pearce, 2; A. Doble, 3; A. Evans, 4; G. Yandall, 5; T. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; E. Wyatt, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Friday, September 3rd, at the parish church, 420 Stedman Triples. F. Howcroft, 1; R. Fenwick, 2; C. Hall, 3; J. Jones, 4; W. Rudd, 4; A. McFarlane, 6; J. W. Blakiston (conductor), 7; W. Mead (Clun, Salop), 8. On Sunday, September 12th, 976 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Alcock, 1; J. Jones, 2; C. Hall, 2; F. Howcroft, 4; T. Metcalfe, 5; J. W. Passman, 6; J. Blakiston, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. In the afternoon an attempt was made by the same band for a peal in the same method, but "stand' was called after ringing twenty courses through a change-course taking place. F. J. Harrison belongs to Jarrow-on-Tyne. On Sunday, October 3rd, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Borrows, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; C. Hall, 3; W. Rudd, 4; R. Fenwick, 5; J. Carter, 6; J. Blakiston (conductor), 7; J. Passman, 8. For evening service 672 Superlative Surprise Major. R. Borrows, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; C. Hall, 3; J. Jones, 4; R. Fenwick, 5; J. Passman, 6; J. Blakiston (conductor), 7; T. Metcalfe, 8. R. Borrows hails from Richmond, Yorks, and was at one time a member of this band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL (Hereford).—On Monday, September 20th, for practice, a 742 Grandsire Triples, being the last 700 of of Holt's Original. C. Evans, 1; C. Layton, 2; W. Evans, 3; C. Greening, 4; G. Peacey, 5; H. Allen, 6; T. Williams, 7; W. Smart, 8. On Monday, September 27th, a 630 Grandsire Triples. C. Evans, 1; T. Williams, 2; W. Evans, 3; C. Layton, 4; G. Peacey, 5; H. Allen, 6; J. Field, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. On Sunday, October 3rd, on account of the Harvest Festival, for early morning service, a 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Peacey, 1; C. Layton, 2; C, Greening, 3; S. Hope, 4; W. Evans, 5; H. Allen, 6; J. Field, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. And another 210. W. Evans, 1; S. Hope, 2; G. Peacey, 3; C. Layton, 4; C. Greening, 5; H. Allen, 6; J. Field, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. And for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 43 mins. W. Evans, 1; S. Hope, 2; G. Peacey, 3; C. Layton, 4; A. Layton, 5; H. Allen, 6; J. Field, 7; C. Pedlingham (first quarter-peal in the method), 8. And 168 of the same. On Monday, October 4th. for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. C. Layton, 1; H. Allen, 2; G. Peacey, 3; W. Evans (first quarter-peal away from the treble), 4; C. Greening, 5; A. Layton, 6; J. Field, 7; W. Smart. 8. Also a 97 of the same. C. Layton, 1; J. Field, 2; H. Allen, 3; W. Evans, 4; S. Hope, 5; G. Peacey, 6; A. Layton, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. All conducted by C. Layton. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAERLEON (Mon.).—On Thursday, September 30th, at the parish church, after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. L. Stafford, 1; R. Le Vesconte, 2; E. Davies, 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. Butler, 5; J. Cox, 6; J. W. Jones (conductor), 7; J H. Russell, 8. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

CHEPSTOW.—On Saturday, October 2nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing over 2000 changes, 168 Stedman Triples. J. W. Jones (conductor), 1; J. Butler, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson, 4; F. Atwell, 5; J. Cox, 6; J. H. Shepherd, 7; J. Morley, 8. First touch of Stedman by R. Thompson. A plain course of Bob Major and 336 Bob Major. J. H. Russell, 1; J. Prickett, 2; J. W. Jones. 3; R. Thompson, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Atwell, 7; J. Cox (conductor), 8. Tenor 21 cwt. Jones, Cox, Atwell and Butler hail from Newport; Shepherd from Swindon.

NEWPORT.—On Tuesday, September 7th, for practice, 168 Stedman Triples. J. W. Jones (conductor), 1; J. Butler, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. Atwell, 4; F. Green, 5; J. Cox, 6; J. Trowbridge, 7; T. Longville, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. H. Millard, 1; J W. Jones, 2; J. Butler, 3; R. Thompson, 4; F. Atwell, 5; F. Green, 6; J. Cox, 7; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 8. R. Thompson hails from Chepstow. On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine Service, two 160s of Grandsire Triples. J. W. Jones, 1: R. C. Balcombe, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. Butler, 5; G. Watkins, 6; J. Cox, 7; J. Goddard, 8. Messrs. Biss and Balcombe hails from Cardiff; Watkins from Barry. On Tuesday, September 14th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. T. Butler, 1; H. Millard, 2; J. W. Jones (conductor), 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. Butler, 5; F. Green, 6; J. Cox, 7; T. Longville, 8. On Tuesday, September 21st, 210 Grandsire Triples. T. Butler, 1; R. Thompson, 2; J. W. Jones (conductor), 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. H. Russell, 5; F. Green, 6; J. Butler, 7; T. Longville, 8. Also a plain course of Bob Major. J. H. Russell, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; J. H. Shepherd, 3; — Lang, 4; R. Thompson. 5; J. Butler, 6; F. Atwell, 7; F. Green, 8. Messrs. Lang and Shepherd hail from Swindon. On Sunday, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 192 Bob Minor. T. Longville, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; F. Atwell, 3: F. Green, 4; J. Cox, 5; J. Trowbridge, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 12th, for the Harvest Festival, the bells were rung for each service during the day in touches of Bob Major and Triples. For evening service 756 Bob Triples. A. Lee, 1; W. Peirce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; J. Howard, 4; A. Took, 5; G. Tovell, 6; E. Easter, 7; W. Lee, 8. On Monday, September 13th, four courses of Grandsire Triples, on hand-bells. H. Clarke, 1; G. Seamans, 2; A. Took, 3-4; F. Lambert, 5-6; A. Lee, 7-8. Also three courses. R. Tracy, 1; Also 120 Bob Minor, 360 Grandsire Doubles and 360 Plain Doubles. A. Lee, 1-2; F. Lambert, 3-4; Mrs. F. Lambert, 5-6. On Sunday, September 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples. S. Kerrison, 1; W. Peirce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; A. Lee, 4; E. Easter, 5; J. Howard, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; W. Lee, 8. Also after evening service 504 in the same method. R. Howard, 5; rest as before.

WISSETT (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 19th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire, Plain Doubles and April Day. J. Howard, 1; A. Lee, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; A. Took, 4; C. Kerrison, 5. Also 360 Grandsire. C. Kerrison (conductor), 1; A. Lee, 2; W. Kemp, 3; W. Durrant, 4; S. Kerrison, 5.

HUNTINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 25th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells deeply-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of Lord Huntingfield, which took place at this church. T. Mower, 1; W. Bloomfield (conductor), 2; J. Nudd, 3; H. Barrell, 4; A. Ransby, 5.

BRAMFIELD (Suffolk).—On Monday September 27th, 720 Grand-

sire, Plain Bob and April Day, and 120 of St. Simon's Doubles. A. Lee, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; J. Walker, 3; E. Thain, 4; J. Punchard, 5.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY.—On Tuesday, September 7th, at Holy Trinity, 224 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; N. Townend, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Heys, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman, 8.

ACCRINGTON.—On Saturday, September 11th, at St. James's Church, 720 Kent. J. R. Werring, 1; R. Scholes, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; J. Brown, 4; R. Parkinson, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). E.Ecroyd, 1; W. Britcliff, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; Jas. Mather, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Bentley, 1; W. Slater, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; J. Smith, sen., 4; Isaac Whalley, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 14th, 640 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; N. Townend, 3; D. Heys, 4; D. Campbell, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; R. Hartley, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, 768 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; T. Redman (conductor), 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; J. Mather, 8. Also for evening service, 720 Oxford. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Saturday, September 25th, 720 Kent. L. Holt (Bacup), 1; F. Towns, 2; Z. Lord (Bacup), 3; J. H. Barnes (Bacup), 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor) 6. On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, 576 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; D. Heys, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; M. Wood, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8 Also for evening service, 768 in the same method. D. Heys, 1; R. Hartley, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; D. Campbell, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8 On Sunday, October 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service, 768 Kent. D Heys, 1; D. Campbell, 2; E. Timbrell, 3; W. Timbrell, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth (conductor), 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAZEL GROVE.—On Sunday, September 5th, at the church of St. Thomas, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24½ mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley, (conductor), 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Sunday, September 12th, 720 Plain Bob in 25½ mins. S. Fernley (conductor), 1; J. Dean, 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley, 4; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 5; A. Fernley, 6. J. Wilde hails from Bredbury. On Wednesday, September 15th, for practice, plain courses of New London Pleasure and Violet Treble Bob. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; S. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 5.

PRESTBURY.—On Saturday, September 11th, at the parish church, touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6.

GAWSWORTH.—On Saturday, September 11th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. Also touches of Kent and Plain Bob standing as above.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Friday, September 24th, at St. George's Heaviley, 792 Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; H. Meakin, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; T. Sale, 5; J. Bayley, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; A. Gordon, 8; A. Sidebottom (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. Messrs. Sale and Gordon are members of St. Mary's. On Saturday, October 2nd, 864 Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Bayley, 3; T. Jackson, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Pearson, 6 J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall, 8; A. Sidebottom (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Divine Service, on the occasion of the first Harvest Festival, 1043 Grandsire Caters. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Bayley, 3; T. Jackson, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Pearson, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall, 8; A. Sidebottom (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. For evening service 575 Grandsire Caters. G. Astbury, 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Bayley, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; H. Meakin, 5; T. Marshall, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; A. Sidebottom, 8; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. Astbury hails from Flixton; Lawrence from London; Wilde from Hyde. On Monday, October 4th, for practice, 971 Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; C. Barber, 3; T. Jackson, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Fernhead, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall, 8; A. Sidebottom (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. J. Fernhead hails from Garston. First touch by C. Barber with a bob bell.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER (Dorset).—On Tuesday, September 28th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Harwood, 1; T. G. Hodger, 2; C. B. Hurst, 3; E. S. Hodger, 4; G. T. White, 5; J. C. Hull, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Benger, 8. T. W. Radford hail from Taunton. Longest touch by the band.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 720 City Delight. E. Carr, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. The ringing is stopped from this date, owing to the unsafe condition of the steeple.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

UFFINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday evening, September 28th for the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. Rev. H' L. James (conductor), 1; E. Popple, 2; R. Wyche, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; C. Harper, 5; F. Dennison, 6.

STAMFORD (Lincolnshire).—On October 5th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 27½ mins. F. Dennison, 1; E. Popple, 2; R. Wyche, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; C. Harper, 5; F. Dennison, 6.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Whitworth, 1; W. Osborne (first in the method), 2; W. Allwood, 3; S. Walker, 4; W. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. For evening service 120 each of Oxford and Violet, and 720 Arnold's Victory. T. Whitworth, 1; W. Allwood (first in the method), 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; W. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 28th, for practice, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Woofenden, 1; W. Osborne, 2; W. Allwood, 3; W. Lambert, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Nicholson, 6. Touches of Violet and Cambridge were rung by the above, W. Osborne ringing the treble. W. Osborne hails from Beighton, Derbyshire. On Sunday, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 240 College Treble, 240 Primrose, and 120 Arnold's Victory. A. Wooffenden, 1; W. Allwood, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Arnold's Victory. T. Whitworth, 1; W. Nicholson, 5; the rest as before. On Thursday, October 7th, for practice, 360 Primrose. A. Wooffenden, 1; W. Allwood, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; W. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts.)—On Sunday, September 36th, for afternoon service at the parish church, 120 Stedman Triples. G. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady (conductor), 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; G. Phillips, 6. Also 120 Bob Doubles standing as above, A. Smith (conductor). On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service, a 360 College Single H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles with W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 1; and G. Phillips, 6; the rest as before. And for afternoon service 360 Grandsire Minor. J. Heady, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrance, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And a course of Stedman Doubles. G. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; A. Smith, 6. On Tuesday, October 5th, for practice, 720 of College Single. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrencc (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Wright, 1; W. H. Lawrence, 2; A. Laurence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; J. Heady, 5; H. Carter, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Phillip, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 4; A. Smith, 5; G. Phillips, 6.

GREAT MUNDEN (Herts).—On Friday, October 8th, the above band paid a visit to the above tower, and rang a 720 Grandsire Minor. And 144 College Single. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And a 120 Stedman Doubles. W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 1; A. Wright, 6, the rest as before. On Sunday, 10th, for morning service, 120 Stedman. J. Heady, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; H. Warner (Bennington), 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 5, G. Phillips. 6. And 360 College Single. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6; the rest as before. And for afternoon service, a 360 Oxford Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

RIPPLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 26th, being the Harvest Festival at this church, the writer availed himself of the opportunity to get a few ringers to meet at his native parish church, for a ring on the peal of six bells (tenor 13 cwt. by Rudhall), which are much admired by all in the district. Leaving Worcester at 1.15 p m. a pleasant twelve miles' journey on the iron steeds brought three to the rendezvous, to be joined by H. Salisbury (Little Comberton), R. G. Knowles (Hanley), L. Longley (Croome), with other friends. After waiting a short time for the baptism of a double event, the bells were put in motion and a 720 of Plain Bob was rung in 25 mins. R. G. Knowles, 1; L. Longley, 2; H. Salisbury, 3; G. Checketts, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6. And 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 24 mins. H. Salisbury, 1; L. Longley (conductor), 2; G. Checketts, 3; W. Page, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; R. G. Knowles, 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob in 26 mins. W. H. Johnson, 1; G. Checketts, 2; L. Longney, 3; H. Salisbury, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; R. G. Knowles, 6. Next came several six-scores in which Godfrey (Pershore), C. Hayling (Ripple), and F. Smith (Hanley) took part. The afternoon's ringing finished up with a 6-score of Stedman Doubles.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon). On September 29th, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Godfrey, 1; W. H. Godfrey, 2; L. Wilson, 3; Rev. M. Kelly (conductor), 4; R. A. Daniell 5; J. Baker, 6; J. Godfrey, 7; A. Pike, 8. In the evening, at the Vicarage, on handbells, a course of Grandsire Triples. Miss A. M. Kelly, 1; Miss D. Kelly, 2; R. A. Daniel, 3-4; Rev. M. Kelly, 5-6; Miss M. C. Kelly, 7 8. And 120 Stedman Doubles. Rev. M. Kelly, 1; R. A. Daniell, 2; Miss A. M. Kelly, 3: Miss D. Kelly, 4; Miss M. C. Kelly, 5-6 Eight courses of Bob Minor (180 changes). R. A. Daniell, 1; Miss A. M. Kelly, 2; Miss D. Kelly, 3; Miss M. C. Kelly, 4; Rev. M. Kelly (conductor), 5-6. These touches were arranged for R. A. Daniell, Esq., who hails from St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On September 1st, 720 College Pleasure. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On September 8th, 720 each of Woodbine and College Pleasure, standing as above. On September 16th, 720 Duke of York. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5; T. Seed, 6. On September 27th, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; T. Seed, 3; J. Kenyon, 4; F. Timbrell, 5; W. Timbrell (conductor), 6. On September 30th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On September 20th, on handbells, 720 each of Plain Bob and Canterbury. F. Timbrell, 1-2; R. Timbrell, 3-4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5-6. Also 168 Bob Triples. J. Seed, 7; the rest as before.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On August 19th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-eight bobs and ten singles). T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 3; —. Woodhouse, 4; T. Jackson, 5; T. Suart, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-seven singles and three bobs). T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Suart, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Cushing, 4; —. Woodhouse, 5; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 6. On September 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Turner, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On September 26th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

DONCASTER (Yorks.)—On Sunday morning at the parish church, for Divine Service, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Dean of Llandaff, formerly Vicar of Doncaster, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's variation) in 51 mins. H. Brock, 1; C. Scott, 2; G. Halshworth, 3; H. Marwood, 4; R. Bayles, 5; C. Armitage, 6; H. Wilson, 7; S. Holmes. 8. Longest touch in the method by the looal band.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire). — On Sunday, September 19th, 1168 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Sumner, 1; W. S. Pritchett, 2; F. Clayton, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; J. S. Pritchett, 5; W. H. Smith, 6; W. Palmer, 7; W. H. Barber (composer and conductor), 8. On handbells, 582 Stedman Caters. W. S. Pritchett, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; W. H. Barber (conductor), 5-6; J. S. Pritchett, 7-8; W. H. Smith, 9-10.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Thursday, September 16th, at the church of St John the Baptist, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor in seven methods, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins., owing to some one being ill near the church. J. Moule, 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Mardell, 3; E. Wightman (conductor), 4; H. Gowers, 5; T. Beams, 6.

LLANDAFF.—On September 27th, for practice at the cathedral, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. R. Hopkins, 1: J. Aldridge, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; R. Brothwell, 8. On Monday, October 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Biss, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; O. Layng, 4: C. Lloyd, 5; J. Aldridge, 6; W. Coombes, 7; R. Brothwell, 8.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, September 23rd, 601 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Barber (conductor), 1; E. Byolin, 2; S. Saker, 3; F. Clayton, 4; T. Lewis, 5; E. Bryant, 6; J. Dowler, 7; H. Withers, 8. Also 336 in the same method. F. Clayton, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; S. Saker (conductor), 3; E. Byolin, 4; T. Lewis, 5; E. Bryant, 6; J. Dowler, 7; H. Withers, 8. S. Saker hails from Hastings. On handbells, at The Globe tavern, 480 Kent Treble Bob Royal R. J. Hunt, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; W. H. Barber (conductor), 5-6; W. A. Hancox, 7-8; W. Short, 9-10.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, September 23rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor in seven different methods, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 6 mins, owing to some one being ill near the church. J. Moule, 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; E. Wightman, 5; T. Beams. 6. On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service, 360 Kent Treble Bob. G. Cornell, 1; H. Gowers, 2; J. Mardell, 3: J. Kimberley, 4; J. Marks, 5; T. Beams (conductor), 6. After service 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. J. Moule, 1; K. C. Fox, Esq., 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley. 4; G. Cornell, 5; J. Marks (conductor), 6.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning. October 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. H. Gowers, 1; K. C. Fox, Esq. (first with a bob bell), 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; T. Beams, 6. For afternoon service 240 and 280 College Single. J. Shuttle, 1; K. C. Fox, Esq., 2; E. Wightman (conductor), 3; J. Kimberley, 4; H. Gowers. 5; J. Mardell, 6. For evening service 240 Oxford Treble Bob and 240 Kent. E. Wightman, 1; K. C. Fox, Esq., 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; H. Gowers, 5: T. Beams (conductor), 6 After service 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. H. Gowers, 1; K. C. Fox, Esq. (first in the method), 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; J. Marks, 6.

Obituary.

JOHN JONES.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of our parish clerk, John Jones, who died on October 1st after a short illness, and leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss. He was a ringer for twenty-one years up to the time the Bletchley St. Mary's ringers started learning change-ringing. The funeral took place on Tuesday, October 5th. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Bennett, assisted by the Rev. A. C. Webber. The members of the choir also attended to show their last token of respect to one who will be greatly missed amongst the choir, ringers, and friends of this parish, and the villages around. The choir sang two hymns, one in the church, and one by the graveside. The wreaths which covered the coffin, came from members of his family and friends about the parish. On Sunday morning, October 10th, with the bells muffled, an 120 was rung. And for evening service 360 Grandsire Doubles on the back six. V. Sear (conductor), 1; A. Crane, 2; R. Sear, 3; E. Marks, 4; A. Atkins, 5; F. James, 6. A. C.

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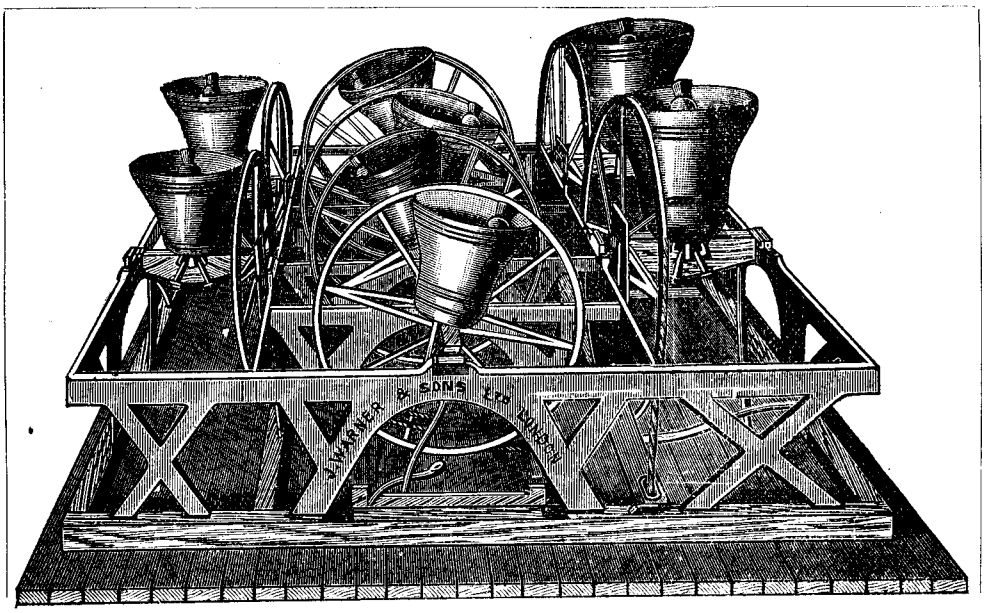

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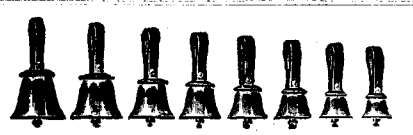

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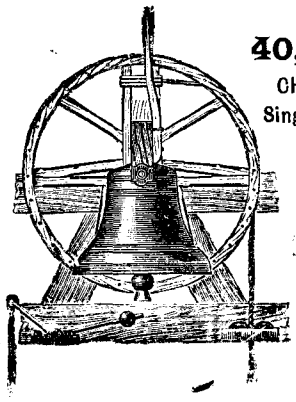

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