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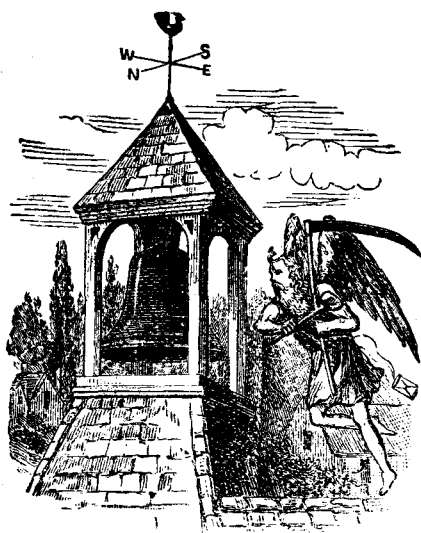
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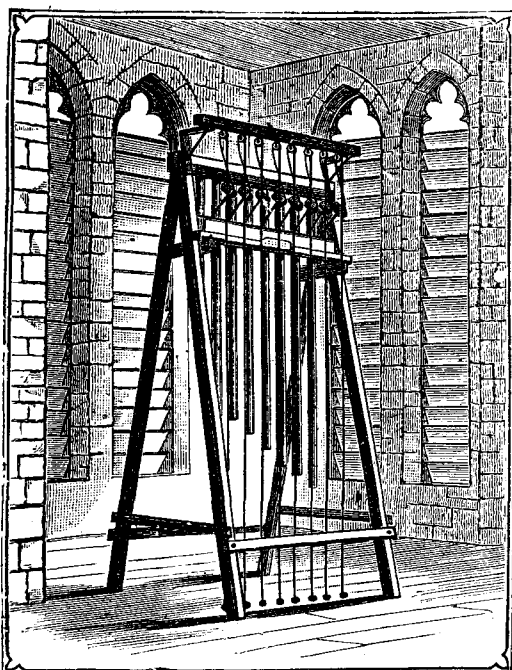
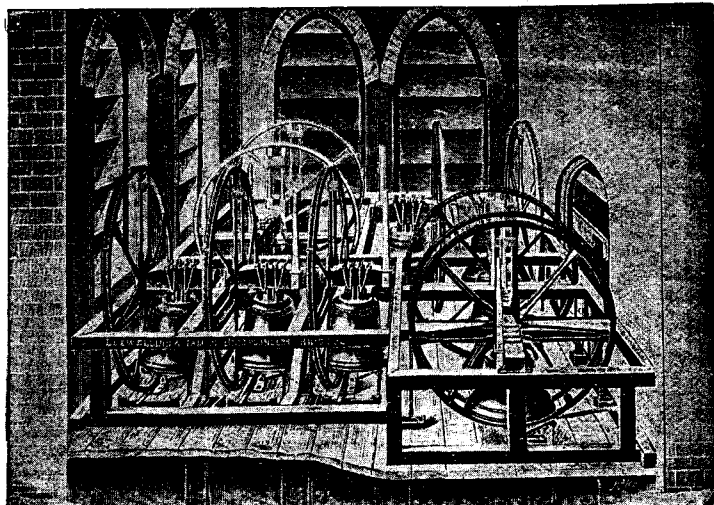
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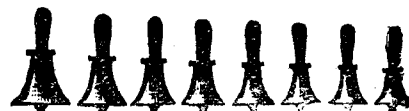
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THORNABY PARISH CHURCH, DURHAM.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW TOWER.

The new tower of Thornaby parish church has just been dedicated by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Hull. The completion of the tower has cost £1,400, and about £600 is yet to be raised to defray the cost. The Bishop was received by the Rev. H. Mellowes, vicar of Thornaby, the Rev. Percy L. A. Bell and the Rev. Mr. Arthur, curates of Thornaby, and by Mr. J. Usher, churchwarden. Amongst others present were Mr. and Mrs. Wrightson and Miss Wrightson, of Neaseham Hall; the Rev. F. A. Borton, vicar of St. Paul's, Stockton; the Rev. H. Woodman, Vicar of St. Peter's, Stockton; the Rev. R. J. Featherstone, Vicar of St. Luke's, Thornaby; the Rev. M. King and M. S. Ware, curates of Stockton parish; Mrs. John Trotter and Miss Trotter, Mrs. Mark Robinson, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. Smith (St. Paul's Vicarage, Stockton), Mrs. J. R. Crosthwaite, Mrs. McLeod, Councillor W. Horner, and others, there being a good attendance. The dedication ceremony took place outside, and in front of the east wall of the tower. The Bishop was accompanied by the Vicar of Thornaby and the other clergymen, and all the clergymen were robed in surplices. The Bishop read special prayers, and formerly dedicated the tower as part of a building which had been consecrated to the service of God. The surpliced choir, under the conductorship of Mr. J. W. Willis, organist, very sweetly sang appropriate hymns.

Subsequently Divine service was held in the church. There was a large congregation. Prayers were read by the Vicar of Thornaby. Hymns were sung by the choir.

The Bishop of Hull preached the sermon. He said that before he commenced his sermon he would like to say a few words with regard to that very important occasion. That church, which was a very beautiful building, was consecrated forty years ago by the then Archbishop of York. Then it was in an incomplete state, and so had it remained till this time, but now it was completed by the erection of the tower. He thought the local church workers had acted wisely in the matter. They deferred the completion of the tower until they could make provision for the spiritual needs of the people in other parts of that populous and important parish. God's house in any parish ought to be a beautiful place of worship. Whilst we lavished a good deal of money on our domestic homes, we sometimes forgot the house of God. But this could not be said of Thornaby. Subscriptions had been received from all classes for the completion of the tower, and he was pleased to know that when the masonry was set a peal of bells would be placed in the tower by the generosity of one whose name was familiar to them all, and honoured by them all. That was Mr. Wrightson, who, with Mrs. Wrightson, were present that day at the dedication service. The peal of bells would probably be ready by Christmas, and they would ring the people to the glad tidings of great joy. The people of Thornaby had a right to rejoice in the beatification of their church, and the proposed addition of a peal of bells. The rev. gentleman then preached a sermon from the 84th Psalm, "How amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of Hosts."

A collection was taken in aid of the tower building fund, and which amounted to £8.

Mr. Wrightson, with his characteristic generosity, has offered, to give a peal of eight bells for Thornaby Church tower. It need scarcely be said that this generous offer has been readily accepted. The order has been placed in the hands of the Bristol firm—Messrs. Llewellyns and James—who cast the Diamond Jubilee memorial bells for Stockton Parish Church, and it is expected that the bells will be ready for the new tower by Christmas. Mr. Wrightson has been ably assisted in the details with regard to the bells by Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton, who takes great interest in bell making and bell-ringing.

The peal is designed to weigh 2 tons 8 cwt., with a tenor of 11 cwt. in F₁, and as in the case of the new bells at Stockton the exact pattern of the Stockton old bells will again be followed. The tower is a strikingly beautiful object in a town almost devoid of buildings of architectural pretension.

DECEASE OF A VENERABLE CLERGYMAN.

Essex has lost one of her most distinguished clergy by the death on Tuesday of the Rev. Robert Bickersteth Mayor, Rector of Frating and Thorington, and Canon of St. Albans. He was formerly scholar and Naden Divinity student of St. John's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1842, coming out as Third Wrangler. He was a Fellow of St. John's, and he was an assistant master at Rugby under Dr. Arnold and Dr. Tait, the present first Lord of the Admiralty being one of his pupils. He was ordained deacon in 1845, and priest in 1850, by the Bishop of Worcester, and became Rector of Frating in 1863. The late Bishop of St. Albans had an immense regard for him, and liked to say that there was no better man of business in the diocese. He restored mainly at his own expense both his churches, entirely supported the schools, and it was a common saying that no pig, cow, or horse was lost that he did not more or less replace it. He took a large share in local affairs and in all branches of diocesan work, and when Matthew Arnold stayed with him and recalled Rugby days when he was inspecting schools in Essex, he spoke of him as a man who was everyone's friend and no one's enemy, whose munificence, great as it was, was always discriminating. He was for long Diocesan Inspector of Schools.

THORPE MANDEVILLE, OXON.

An urgent appeal has been issued by the Rev. Algernon G. Humfrey, the Rector of Thorpe Mandeville, near Banbury, on behalf of the church of that parish, which he is making an effort to restore. The tower, he says, is in a very dilapidated and dangerous state, and needs immediate repair. The amount required is estimated at £300, of which £100 has been subscribed. Thorpe Mandeville is an agricultural parish, with a small population, and the manor house is unoccupied. As the parishioners are unable to bear the whole burden of the work required to be done, he is obliged to appeal for public assistance.

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A VISIT TO DUBLIN.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., Mr. and Mrs. Holman and Mr. A. Brearley, of Sheffield, accompanied by Mr. R. Dawson, of St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln, left Sheffield at 2.45 a.m. for Dublin. Mr. and Mrs. D. Brearley joined the party at Deepcar. Arriving at Manchester, refreshments were partaken of before departing for Holyhead. The passage across the channel was a most pleasant one, and we alighted at North Wall, Dublin, about 9.45 p.m. Here we found our genial friend Mr. Lindoff awaiting us with words of welcome. After supper and a pleasant chat we retired for the night. On Sunday morning we were conducted to St. Patrick's Cathedral. After a look round the body of this fine structure, the belfry was our next move, and here we were cordially received by the local ringers, and a touch of 458 Grandsire Caters was rung for Divine Service by the following: J. Holman, 1; R. Dawson, 2; A. Brearley, 3; G. Lindoff (conductor), 4; H. Greene, 5; D. Brearley, 6; C. Murry, 7; R. T. Greene, 8; R. R. Cherry, 9; R. Greene, 10. This was the first touch of Caters by the local ringers, which certainly reflects the highest credit upon themselves and their instructor. Afterwards we took a pleasant walk through St. Stephen's Green, and noticed most of the places of interest in the city. After dinner we rang a 440 of Grandsire Caters, the band standing as before. Christ Church Cathedral was next visited, and Grandsire Doubles was rung on the front five of the peal, with 6, 9, 7, 8, 10 covering, by the Christ Church ringers. We then took train for Bray, a lovely seaside resort, about fifteen miles from Dublin, where a pleasant hour was spent. Time did not permit us trying the beautiful peal of eight the parish church is said to possess. On returning we were met at Sandymount Station by Mr. Chamney (Secretary to the St. Patrick's Society), who conducted us to his residence, where we accepted his kind hospitality. The remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant conversation, mixed with a little "good old Irish." Monday morning being bright with sunshine we took the boat to Wicklow and from the cliffs we witnessed the regatta, which contributed materially to the spending of a most enjoyable day, and at 7 p.m. we re-embarked for North Wall. On Tuesday morning jaunting cars were hired, and a very interesting drive round Phoenix Park occupied our time till noon, where by appointment we arrived at Messrs. Guinness and Sons, St. James Gate Brewery, having obtained permission to look over these gigantic premises. This sight alone would have justified our visit to Dublin. On nearing the end the sample room was not overlooked, where a course of tasting the firm's four compositions brought us into rounds. In the evening an attempt for a Minor peal in four methods was made upon the front six of St. Patrick's noble peal, but this unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 16 mins. The ringers stood as follows: R. R. Cherry, 1; R. Dawson, 2; J. Holman, 3; A. Brearley, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; D. Brearley (conductor), 6. Wednesday morning, the departure of five of the visitors came, who left for Old England at 10.15., which was duly reached after showing kindly consideration for the fishes on the way. The visitors wish through this medium to thank their many friends, Mr. Lindoff in particular, for their efforts to make this excursion a most enjoyable one.

R. D.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

Saturday, July 30th, was the day fixed for the members of this Guild for their annual trip, the place selected being Douglas, Isle of Man. At 9.55 they started on their journey, and at 2.45 were deposited at Birkenhead, when a rush for the ferry was made, and Liverpool was soon reached. They soon embarked on board the steamer Prince of Wales, which landed them safely in Douglas about 9.30, after a pleasant voyage, the time being spent in ringing a few touches on the handbells, much to the enjoyment of their fellow-passengers. Depositing their luggage at Castleford House, the day was spent in looking round the town, giving instructions to the *Father* about breakfast next day. Sunday morning found them out at six o'clock, having arranged to meet Mr. Pratt from Calverley, at 6.30, who was there by the clock with "BELL NEWS" in hand. The next move was to Port Skillion for a bathe, and then back to breakfast. The members tried to obtain information where they could have a pull at some tower bells, but to their disappoint-

ment they found that the bells at S. Thomas's church, Douglas, had been made fixtures since the Jubilee year, 1887, and the bells at Peel were not allowed to be rung, so that both Mr. Pratt and the members had to give up all hopes of having a ring. After breakfast a walk was taken through the Nunnery Grounds to the church of Kirk Braddon, where a service is held in the open air, and right well do the visitors appreciate it, for there were about five or six thousand present. After service a walk along the road back to dinner, which was partaken of in right good earnest. The next move was to go by the electric railway to Growdle, and through the gleas, supposed to be the prettiest part of the island; then on the miniature railway which runs round the rocks to the aperture where the sea lions are kept. After watching their performance for some time, a stroll brought the party to the refreshment rooms, and as it had just started to rain they lined up for tea, which which was forthcoming. The rain having given over, down to the shore they went, when a great noise was heard, and every one rushed to see what was the matter, which was soon explained by watching *Father* try to catch an eel, the eel being too quick for him, was at last captured by Mr. W. Page. The journey was then resumed, and once more the visitors found themselves on their way back to Douglas by the electric car. Finding there was no chance of getting in the Palace to hear Madame Albani sing at the sacred concert, an hour or so was spent in boating, and visiting the tower of Refuge, which is out in the sea. Monday morning found them out at 5.30, having arranged to meet Mr. Swinfield, from Hinkley, as he came off the six o'clock boat, but the band either missed him or he missed the boat. Not wasting time, another briny dip was had, then to breakfast, after which across the ferry up to Douglas Head, watched the minstrels, and then by the electric car to Port Soderick, through the smuggler's cave, and dinner at the refreshment rooms, then to the railway station and back to Douglas by train. Upon arriving there we went straight to the pier and booked to Ramsey by the steamer *Fairy Queen*; an hour in Ramsey, and tea, then back to the boat, arriving in Douglas about 7 o'clock, an hour's boating, and off to the palace, where there was amusement for all; reaching home about 11.30, and finishing up on Monday with a concert at home, and a rare good pillow fight, Mr. Master getting fairly done over. Tuesday morning they were up again, but only the water spaniel went for his morning dip. Arrangements were made to meet on the pier, thence by that splendid steamer *Empress Queen* to Dublin, when a ride round the Phoenix Park and other places soon passed the time away; back to the boat, and a start made at 5 o'clock, a rough passage found them in Douglas again about 10 o'clock, and all were glad to get back to their lodgings, ready for a feed. A good night's rest would have been a treat, but the *Night Hawk* was about, and he informed them that as that was the last night in Douglas, the Worcester knockabouts could not expect any rest, and right little did he let them have. Next morning found them preparing for their journey home (with the exception of Mr. Longney, who stayed the week), and after a rough journey (which made some of the members rush for the side of the boat), and a long train ride, Worcester was again reached at 9.20, the members all expressing themselves satisfied with such an enjoyable excursion. Mr. W. Brown, of Manchester, also intended accompanying the Worcester strings, but was disappointed at the last minute and found he could not go. Better luck next time, Mr. B.

J.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, August 11th, at St. Martin's church, Haverstock Hill, the usual whole pull and stand was rung; also 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins., and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. This with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late William Williams, aged sixty years, one of the oldest members of the above society. The following members took part: H. Ellis, R. Bevan, N. Alderman, J. Nixon, G. Smith, T. Titchener, I. Attwater, E. Bonfield, H. Watson.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

The Chester Diocesan Guild has not occurred to me as being what might be called "an aggressive body." I do not know that it has created excitement or *furor* at any time in connection with ringing matters. It appears to have plodded along from its birth until now, without any striking event. But if slow its progress has been sure—very sure. The report of its eleventh Annual Meeting was somewhat interesting, and a little out of the beaten track. First, the rev. gentleman who was the preacher at Witton parish church on the occasion is one I should like to hear of oftener in such a capacity. I felt a little disappointed that a *résumé* of his sermon did not appear in print. Mr. Pilkington is an ardent ringer, and an expert composer, and at home he is thought of very highly, at least that was my opinion when I visited Framlingham.

The Master of the Chester Guild is the Venerable the Archdeacon of Chester. This important fact is a fine handle to lay hold of when concerned in an argument about the connection between ringers and the Church. Now I have never yet heard that the Master was a half-pull ringer. Under all the known circumstances it is not to be expected. But the venerable gentleman will not be angry if I make a suggestion. That is, that he could easily and quickly learn to manage a bell—say a light one. Then if he got only as far as rounds, he would find the practice most infatuating—enchanting. May be he is so far proficient; if so "no offence" I hope.

Four clergymen were at this meeting elected honorary members of the Guild. May I be permitted to point out to these gentlemen that if they will make themselves acquainted with the elements of change-ringing, it will afford them many hours of pleasant, healthful, and innocent recreation. This is only one advantage a ringing clergyman possesses. There are many others, which go a great way to strengthen the work of his ministry, and add to its pleasant side. My clerical ringing brethren will bear me out in these statements.

The Hon. Secretary of this Guild is the Rector of Grappenhall. The local company at this place are a most energetic body, and they have done almost everything possible on the six bells in the church tower. There is a strong attempt being made to augment these bells to eight, towards which it is comfortable reading that the Guild has given £5; supplemented by a donation of £1 from the Archdeacon. It any of my readers would like to "snap" with the Grappenhall company in this matter they will feel honoured.

Following this report in last week's paper was a brief account of a meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association. This body appears to be getting on. Well, after the various "rousings" it has had it deserves to become an important part of the body campanological. In this report the names of two clergymen appear whose initials are "W. W. W." and "W. W. C.," while those of another gentleman not far off are "W. W. C. B." The capital W is popular in these parfs.

The Rev. C. H. Joberns, who was for some time Hon. Secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has retired from the Rectorship of St. Stephen's in the latter city. The St. Stephen's Guild could not let him depart from amongst them without showing in a practical manner the esteem in which they regarded him. They presented him at the same

time with a smoking cabinet. A very appropriate present, and I compliment both givers and recipient. Mr. Joberns, I have reason to know, always looked upon my lucubrations with a kindly eye, and I take this opportunity of wishing him in his new sphere a long life and plenty of happiness and comfort. Should I be rambling his way I shall have the pleasure of paying him my respects, and we may have "a blow" together from the cabinet.

This allusion to smoking brings to my mind a story about the late Edward Miall, M.P. (for Bradford, I think). This gentleman was an exceedingly militant dissenter. He was editor of a newspaper called *The Nonconformist*. Previous to his entering upon his literary labours in the editor's room, three long churchwarden pipes were always filled for him with bird's-eye, and carefully laid in symmetrical order upon his writing table. His first action was to light one of the pipes, then take up his pen to write. When the three pipes had been "discussed," his literary work was concluded for the day. I had this related to me by an old friend of mine, who was the very one who filled these pipes for Mr. Miall. Perhaps if Mr. Joberns adopted the idea, he could write for our paper an interesting account of St. Stephen's, embodying a clear history of the merchant venturers.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Hon. Secretary of the Winchester Guild, has kindly explained the paragraph in the report of the meeting which appeared to me to possess some ambiguity. It is now all made clear; the meaning conveyed being quite proper in every way. Members of the Guild should take a little more care in the compiling of their reports.

That excursion which was made by the Edinburgh society to Inverness ought to be productive of much good. The reception the visitors met with leads one to hope that the bells of Inverness Cathedral may be restored without delay. Of course in this, as in all other cases of a like nature, the great question is one of funds. I think the Duke of Argyle is a local magnate; his principal seat being Inverary Castle. Could His Grace be induced to head such a movement?

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.—A meeting of the above was held at Hampton-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 13th. Representatives were present from Burnham, Isleworth, Heston, and Ealing, and Mr. A. King and several members of the north and east district. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Stedman, Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung. Practice nights at Isleworth for the future will be on Tuesdays at 8 p.m., and at St. Mary's, Ealing.

WYE, KENT.

On Saturday, August 6th, seven members of the Kent County Association paid a visit to the parish church, to meet the old veteran, Mr. T. Post, the only survivor of the long peal of Bob Major at Hythe, Kent. The old gentleman is quite well, and he told the ringers that as they stood in the peal so they had died, 1 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and old Tom was left last, and though about 80 years of age, thinks he could manage a 5040 on the treble now. He took part in two touches of Bob Major, a 212 and 336. T. Post, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; W. Hobbs, 6; G. Sharp, 7; T. Tabrett, 8. The other ringers also rang 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Hills, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; W. Spice, 3; G. Sharp, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; W. Hobbs, 6; T. Tabrett, 7; T. Pemble, 8; 6 and 8 were covering; W. Hobbs conducting from the cover. The ringers wish through this paper to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 30th, a pleasant circular tour, promoted by the Tong company for ringing purposes, was commenced. The party was in charge of Mr. G. B. Bolland (one of the vice-presidents of the Yorkshire Association), and comprised Messrs. John Cordingley, Haley, H. Oddy, Hargreave, E. Oddy, and C. Sallaway, of Tong; J. W. Moorhouse, of the Wakefield Cathedral society; and T. Latimer, P. Cordingley, and T. Maude, of Pudsey.

Leaving Holbeck at 10.45, they made their way to their first call at Thirsk, where they were overtaken and joined by the Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, and his brother, Mr. R. P. Farrow, who had cycled over. Mr. Wrightson, of the local company, was at the station, and piloted the visitors first to The Three Tuns hotel for luncheon, and afterwards to the church, where the bells were found already raised (tenor 19 cwt.). Time being limited, only short touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Oxford Minor were rung here. A wedding being in progress meanwhile, at the close some of the party were welcomed by the Vicar.

Leaving here, they were soon on their way for the next calling place on the programme—Northallerton—and were met by Mr. Barnett, who accompanied them to the tower of the parish church, the bells being in readiness. Here a short touch of Treble Bob Major, and 240 of Oxford and Violet were rung. This peal has recently been overhauled, and now go very well.

Returning once more to the station, the tourists were soon away again on the next stage of the journey, but having to wait nearly an hour at Croft Spa, and finding the station-master a most genial fellow, they responded to his request and rung on handbells on the platform courses of Grandsire Royal and Major. Richmond, the terminus alike of the railway and their day's journey, was reached about 8.30 p.m., and on the platform we found Mr. and Mrs. C. Denton Smith (of Bradford), to greet us, and they accompanied us as far as Hawes. Immediate steps were wended towards The Bishop Blaize inn, where a most welcome and substantial tea awaited us, and no time was lost in getting to work upon knife and fork surprise—conductors: Mesdames Kilburn and Plews (proprietresses). The remainder of the evening was devoted by some to handbell ringing along with one of the local ringers, whilst others of the party had a stroll.

Sunday morning found the visitors early astir exploring this pretty neighbourhood, and as there were two companies of six, it was arranged for one of them to drive to Grinton, a village situated ten miles higher up the dale, and ring for morning service there. This entailed an early breakfast and start; Mr. Borrowes (of Richmond) kindly accompanied, and went on in advance to announce our coming, and gain the necessary permission, which was readily granted. We found the bells here a nice handy peal, tenor 12 cwt., but sorry to find that only call-changes were practised. Several local ringers were present during the time a 720 of Oxford was rung, and a short touch of Violet; while the brethren who stayed at Richmond rang the same methods. For the evening services we exchanged places, and both parties were equally pleased with their drive and the receptions they received.

Monday morning we had to resume our tour and whilst breakfasting at 6 a.m. we listened to the note of the bell which is rung here every day at this hour and 8 p.m.—curfew bell. Having an 11-miles' drive to Leyburn to catch the 8.29 train caused us to be away early, and saying adieu to our cyclist friends we journeyed forward to Aysgarth, where we soon met with Mr. Johnson and another local, who escorted us to the church, very prettily situated on the bank of the river Yore. The six bells are a light handy ring, tenor 13 cwt., and a 720 of Oxford was soon accomplished, followed by touches of Violet and Oxford by another band. A course of Grandsire Major was rung in the churchyard here for a gentleman passing through, and next a stroll to view the falls in the river, which owing to the dry season were not seen to the best advantage.

Leaving Aysgarth at noon for Askrigg we met Mr. James Preston awaiting us, and after lunch the diamond jubilee peal in the tower of St. Oswald were quickly in motion, and amongst the ringing done here was a 12-score of Bob Minor, conducted by Mr. R. Borrowes, who had kindly accompanied us thus far. At the conclusion some of the party, accompanied by Mr. Preston

and another local man, paid a visit to a waterfall, "Mill Ghyll Force," which showed to better advantage than the Aysgarth falls. The Vicar kindly welcomed the party here. Resuming our journey, several of the ringers were noticed carrying away 6lb. samples of the famed "Wensleydale" cheeses.

Our next stopping-place for the night was Hawes, and immediately in front of our hostelry (The White Hart) is the parish church, possessing a peal of tubular bells, and if the striking of the clock be any evidence, the sound of the peal will only be moderate. Our number was now reduced to nine, and rising betimes and taking handbells with us, we went to view Hardrow Scar Waterfall, which has a reputed fall of 100 feet. Here a course of Oxford, and Bob Minor were rung to try the effect with the water going over us. Leaving here by first train we next visited St. Ascension, Settle, where permission had first to be obtained. Through the kindness of Mr. Bygrave the bells were soon going in Kent Treble Bob Major. From this gentleman we learned of a nice ring of six at Giggleswick, a mile away, so walked across, and soon gained the necessary permit—the bells were quickly going in Duke of York with Oxford and Violet following.

From here it was proposed to call next at Gargrave, but we regretfully had to telegraph back word—and our next and last call was at Silsden, where having announced our intention, we met with Mr. Winstanley, who kindly invited all of us to his house to tea, which came as a welcome refresher after ringing a 720 of Violet and 600 of Oxford.

Our tour was now over, and taking train for Bradford, where we landed about 9.40 p.m., each man sought the quickest way homewards, one and all having had a most enjoyable excursion; the weather having been magnificent throughout. One result of our trip is to secure a few additional members to the ranks of the Yorkshire Association, and we shall feel repaid if our visit has served in the least degree to stimulate the art of change-ringing where now it is not practised.

The travellers hereby tender their grateful thanks to the various Rectors and Vicars for permission to ring, and the local ringers for meeting them and giving up their ropes so readily, and to all who helped in any way to make the trip such a success.

M.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER-SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Monday, August 1st, twelve members of this Society visited Great Yarmouth. On arriving at the parish Church of St. Nicholas they were met by Mr. Matthews, the steeple-keeper, and after attending to the grease-boxes, attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, but in about 20 minutes they were obliged to stop owing to the tenor bell going very badly. The party stood thus: S. Cook, 1; J. Motts (conductor), 2; A. E. Durrant, 3; H. C. Gillingham, 4; R. Hawes, 5; W. Motts, 6; W. L. Catchpole, 7; H. Bowell, 8; E. Pemberton, 9; W. Wood, 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; F. G. Tillett, 12. Weight of tenor 30 cwt. A course each of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques were then rung. The visitors were very pleased to meet the members of the St. Nicholas Society, viz.: Mr. R. Christian, Mr. D. Hayward, Mr. Tooley, &c. and Mr. S. Tillett, formerly a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. They beg to thank Canon Rogers for granting permission to attempt the peal upon the twelve bells.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.—The Duke of Westminster has presented two stained glass windows to St. Paul's Cathedral. They are designed by Sir W. B. Richmond. One, placed in the South transept, represents the kings of the Saxon Heptarchy, in whose time, as we read, Christianity was introduced or restored after a lapse. In the north transept the other window is not quite complete. It will represent the archbishops or bishops under whom the new faith was introduced or restored.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Monday, August 1st, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the places selected being Ware and Hertford. A start was made from Bishops Stortford by brake at 9.15 a.m., and a pleasant drive of two hours brought us to the Parish Church, Ware, where we repaired to the belfry at once and raising the bells, a nice peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) they were soon set going to the tune of Oxford Bob Triples, but not going well only a few short touches were indulged in. Here we were met by our old friend Samuel Hayes, who had journeyed from London for the occasion, and also Mr. W. H. Dallimore put in an appearance. At 12.20 the brake was again called upon and another half-hour's ride brought us to Hertford, where we were met by Mr. S. Knight of that place; then of course we were installed into the belfry of St. Andrews, where we found a nice handy peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) After a couple of touches here, we returned to The Blackbirds inn, where host Hope had a first-rate course upon the table awaiting us, and when go was called, everybody to the number of eighteen rang an excellent peal without a "bob" of any description being called. Dinner over, and the cloth being cleared, our host Mr. Hope entertained us for about forty-five minutes with his gramophone, which delighted all present. This being concluded, another move was made for St. Andrew's, and a few more touches rang, and then came the usual good-bye. A start for the return journey was made at 8.20, and a very pleasant ride of two hours and a-half, enlivened by a few tunes upon the handbells, with a few songs, brought us safely home, everyone expressing himself thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing. We wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank all those that met us, and also the clergy for kindly granting the use of the bells at the different churches. T.

ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, July 30th, the members and friends of this society had their annual outing, the places selected being Kegworth, Shepshed and Belton. A start was made at 9 a.m. in a two-horse brake, and after an enjoyable drive, being favoured with splendid weather, Kegworth was reached by 10.30. After taking refreshments at The Horse and Groom, the handbells were brought out and set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Tomlin, Earle, F. Hollingworth, and Malins, which was successfully brought round. Time being called, a start was made for Shepshed, which was reached in the course of an hour, where we were met by Mr. Whitworth, of The Vine inn, which we made our headquarters. After sampling a glass of his beer, a course on the handbells brought round dinner time. After doing ample justice to the good things provided, and thanking our worthy host and hostess for the able manner in which they had provided for us, a move was then made for the church, where we found all in good going order, and soon the bells were going to the tune of Oxford Bob Triples. After ringing several touches, the bells were lowered, when we visited our headquarters, and the handbells were brought into use, and after a shake hands with our Shepshed friends, we made the return journey to the village of Belton, where we spent the remainder of the day, putting the horses up at one of the hotels, where a substantial supper awaited us. When the cloth was drawn, songs were rendered by Messrs. T. Hollingworth, G. Tomlin, and W. Wallace; and recitations were given by Mr. W. Walker, which brought down the house. A course of Triples on the handbells was given, and time for commencing the journey came only too soon, when good-byes were said, and hands warmly shaken, starting for home about nine o'clock, and reaching Melbourne about 10.30, all being unanimous in declaring that it was one of the best outings the society had ever had. The company wish to thank the Rev. W. H. F. Hepworth, of Shepshed, for the use of the bells; also all those who took interest in helping to make our outing a success.

W. E.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE IPSWICH TOWER AND DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. Catchpole, fails to realize that in the bricking up of belfry windows is to be found the salvation of change-ringing. It is an exploded conceit that the outside public is desirous of hearing the details of a peal. The softening effected by reducing the openings in the lower exits of sound from a church tower is so appreciated by all listeners with whom I have come in contact, that I am well assured that ringers will do well to encourage rather than to oppose this valuable means of promoting their interests at the expense of a little personal discomfort. In regard to the Double Norwich Maximus, what Mr. Catchpole advances is not evidence but merely opinion; nor does he say whose. I believe that the communication I made to your columns some years ago comprised all the information of a reliable character which, up to the present, has been forthcoming, and that it fairly conclusively establishes that a peal of Double Norwich Maximus was rung at Norwich.

ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

THE STOCKTON TEN BELL SCHEME.

SIR,—There is little to answer in Mr. Clarkson's letter, but it is a pity he attempts to reflect on our Association, when he has not made himself acquainted with what passed at our Annual Meeting at Durham. I was surprised he was absent from our most important meeting of the year, which was such a suitable opportunity for him to put the matter before our members, but representatives of his belfry were present, and will remember the spirit of support which was manifested, but of which, in his absence, they seemed unable to avail themselves. I have so fully gone over the ground, and Mr. Clarkson has so little combatted my remarks, that I would only confirm the opinion I expressed that we should not identify ourselves officially with parochial efforts to procure peals, etc. The reflections in Mr. Clarkson's letters as to subscriptions, etc., simply go on endorse my view, that such action on the part of the Association would only lead to jealousies and envy, and is a course the more to be avoided now. Mr. Clarkson has dealt with the matter in such a fantastic way, that many members may not understand whether they are at liberty to subscribe to it or not, though I did my utmost to recommend it at Gainford. Mr. Clarkson says we have no funds. I do not admit that, but while we are not rich, I fail to see his object in jeering at us on that account. Does it not suggest a possible reason for subscriptions coming slowly to his fund? At the same time as a set-off against his suggestion of poverty, I must take this opportunity to do honour to several of our members to whom it is due. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, we have few wealthy supporters, and a few years since a number of our ordinary members, who were only working men, voluntarily became honorary members, paying the higher subscription so as to assist the Association. If we are poor in cash, we are rich in the right spirit, and in any case it is an open question whether it is wise for such Associations as ours to accumulate large balances. It is not a practice of the Association to send out such appeals as that for which Mr. Clarkson asks. The only two official appeals I can remember were entirely connected with internal affairs; one when a presentation was made to our first Secretary, and the other on the occasion of the tragic death of one of our members at Jarrow. Mr. Clarkson's scheme has been more frequently and more strongly recommended to the members than the Newcastle Cathedral fund was, and I may say that Mr. Clarkson has already received from members a better response than that fund received, only one member, I believe, subscribing to it. North Shields, our first ten-bell tower, which did so much to establish the Association, made no appeal, and several other churches have carried out augmentations, etc., without turning to the Association. A few years since such a course would not have been thought of, and it is only recently that the Associations have been asked to contribute, either directly or indirectly to parochial funds. Our Association funds are not for that purpose, and our members are not generally of a class that can readily respond to such calls. As to the attitude of myself and the Committee, Mr. Clarkson must understand that the Association is not a "one man Association," as it used to be. The Committee is representative of the members, and is not likely to abandon the precedents and order which we have established of recent years. Its attitude has all along been clearly and warmly in support of Mr. Clarkson's scheme, but I must say it seems a pity that he attempts to take us by the throat.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1898.

THE weather still preserves its character for intense heat, though since our last number cooling showers at intervals, and in some places thunderstorms of most uncommon violence, in various parts of the country, causing no small amount of destruction of property, have occurred. The prominent features of the ringing world are for the nonce pretty well confined to excursions, outings, and so forth, though no less than ten peals are this week recorded. Such peregrinations as that made by the Tong Company must have a very good effect in extending a knowledge of the Art. We cannot refrain from again pointing out the advantages of such visits as this. Last week we read of journeys to Inverness, and Castleton, Derbyshire, both of which places require the presence of the belfry-reformer and teacher. In a manner devoid of assumption or arrogance the spread of ringing practice is much to be desired. And we hope therefore that while what we may call the non-ringing season lasts our brethren will look about them and see where they may with advantage effect changes for the better.

The Provinces.**BIRMINGHAM.****THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.***On Wednesday, August 10, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS MILLER Treble.	RICHARD HACKLEY 5.
JOSEPH PORTER 2.	HARRY MIDDLETON 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	ALBERT HACKLEY 7.
CHAS. H. WATTS 4.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, August 10, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

BENJAMIN BASSETT* .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
JOHN O. BENNETT 2.	*JOHN STEDDY 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
WILLIAM HILMAN 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

WORTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, August 11, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. MCKEGG Treble.	JOHN PARKIN 5.
GEO. PARKIN 2.	THOS. ROBBINS 6.
ED. ROBBINS 3.	WILLIAM DRONFIELD 7.
ARTHUR SAXBY 4.	JOHN DRONFIELD Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, of Brighton, and
Conducted by JOHN DRONFIELD.

This peal is supposed to be now rung for the first time. Rung to commemorate the opening of the bells on August 1st, 1893, by the Archbishop of York.

GLOUCESTER.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Thursday, August 11, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS .. Treble.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 6.
FRED G. MAY 2.	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 9.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 5.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*This is the first peal on the bells since the addition of the two trebles, and it is W. T. Pegler's 50th peal.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 13, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5310 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JABEZ EADES Treble.	GEORGE HAYWARD 6.
ALBERT WALKER 2.	ALBERT JACKSON 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	ALFRED MOORE 8.
JAMES GEORGE 4.	GEORGE BOURNE 9.
OLIVER JAMES 5.	JAMES PARRY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, and the 6th twelve courses at home. Rung on the conductor's birthday. The figures of this peal will be found on another page.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 13, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN SMART Treble.	GEORGE A. KING 5.
KEITH HART 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of Major on the bells.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, August 13, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER EVANS .. Treble.	HENRY W. ALLEN 5.
THOMAS WILLIAMS .. 2.	JAMES FEILD 6.
REV. G. M. CUSTANCE* .. 3.	CHARLES LAYTON 7.
STEPHEN HOPE 4.	WILLIAM SMART Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

*First peal on eight bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, August 14, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK A. NUNN .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
GEORGE ROBERT PYE .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, of Lincoln, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells, and by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Pye, on the completion of his 28th year.

READING, BERKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, August 16, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES .. Treble.	*WILLIAM T. HORNE .. 6.
CHARLES GILES 2.	*CHARLES STONE 7.
WILLIAM J. THOMAS* .. 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL 8.
FRANK TUBB 4.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 9.
FRANK HOPGOOD 5.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal of Caters. W. J. Thomas was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Guilding.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.***On Wednesday, August 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 30 cwt.

RICHARD E. GROVE .. Treble.	ERNEST D. HUNT 5.
NOAH DAVIS 2.	JAMES PAGETT 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 7.
REV. MAITLAND KELLY .. 4.	THOMAS WAKEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

Date Touches.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, August 10th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 14 mins. *F. Hancock, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; *J. Morton, 3; W. Price, 4; W. Worthington, 5; S. Robinson, 6; *G. Marsden, 7; *G. Norman, 8. Composed by C. Severn. Rung on the fiftieth birthday of F. Hancock, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. *Longest length on eight bells.

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Monday, August 8th, at St. James' church, a date touch, 1898 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 720 each of Oxford and Kent, 360 Killamarsh Treble Bob, and 98 Violet. J. Foulds, 1; R. Smith, 2; H. Stenton, 3; G. Marshall, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. First date touch and first attempt by G. Marshall. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Smith, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Tenor 12 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, June 26th, 720 Oxford Bob (ten bobs and two singles). E. Sedge, 1; S. Beach, 2; C. Millway, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, June 29th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-singles). E. Sedge, 1; S. Beach, 2; H. Coast, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Clift, 1; H. Coast, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. The above was rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Joseph John Nesbitt, M.A. On Sunday, July 3rd, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). C. Clift, 1; S. Beach, 2; W. Spice, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; W. Spice, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 31st, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Clift, 1; W. Hollands, 2; H. Coast, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; S. Beach, 6. On Sunday, August 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Beach, 1; C. Millway (conductor), 2; W. Spice, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. Spice hails from Charing; Walker from Upchurch.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, August 7th, at St. Peter's church, 768 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; A. Welsh, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Pollard, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Porter, 6; H. Porter, 7; S. Perkins (conductor), 8. On Thursday, August 11th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Pollard, 1; W. Porter (conductor), 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Latter, 5; S. Saker, 6; E. Mankelow, 7; A. Godley, 8. A. Godley hails from Speldhurst; S. Saker from Hastings; W. Porter from Darlington.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLIXTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, August 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Eachus, 1; J. M. Ridehalgh (conductor), 2; J. Hunter, 3; H. W. Kirton, 4; S. Collier, 5; J. H. Collier, 6; G. W. Shaw, 7; T. Harper, 8. Longest length by J. H. Collier. Messrs. Eachus and Kirton hail from Manchester; the rest are of the local band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Thursday, August 11th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 Treble Bob Minor. S. Wood, 1; W. Jakeman, 2; J. Donald, 3; J. Harrison, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft, 6. On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service, 490 Grandsire Triples. W. Holme, 1; W. Jakeman, 2; J. Donald, 3; S. Taylor, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft, 6; S. Wood, 7; J. Harrison, 8. For evening service 384 Bob Major. W. Holme, 1; F. Jakeman, 2; S. Taylor (Bangor), 3; W. Jakeman, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft, 6; S. Wood (conductor), 7; J. Harrison, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 42 mins. J. J. Parker, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 2; J. Parker, 3; G. Basden, 4; J. Elderfield, 5; A. Crook, 6; C. Clarke, 7; J. Bovington, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On March 9th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Churcher,

1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Cooper, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; W. Churcher, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On April 27th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Singleton, 1; W. Cooper, 2; S. Cummins, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Carpenter, 6. On May 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Singleton, 1; W. Cooper, 2; J. Harris, 3; W. Churcher, 4; S. Cummins, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On August 10th, 720 in the same method. A. Gale, 1; W. Singleton, 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Carpenter, 6.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday, July 21st, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Schofield, 1; A. E. Smith, 2; A. Honor, 3; C. Fry, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; A. LeClercq, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—Recently, for Divine Service on a Sunday morning, 504 Stedman Triples. E. J. Dennes, 1; F. J. Tompkins, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. H. Ette, jun., 5; F. Wood, 6; W. H. Ette (conductor), 7; G. Turrell, 8. Also a 504 with F. J. Tompkins ringing the tenor. For practice, on Monday, August 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. G. Turnell, 1; F. Underwood, 2; F. Wood, 3; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 4; W. H. Ette, 5; E. West, 6; W. Wood, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. On the occasion of the marriage of Mr. M. G. Parker to Mr. C. H. Davis, at the parish church, by the Rev. L. T. Jones, Vicar of Peterborough, on Thursday, August 11th, 574 Grandsire Triples, being a part of a quarter-peal composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. E. J. Dennes, 1; G. Turnell, 2; F. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. The father of the bridegroom was for many years a resident of Wellingborough, and held the office of churchwarden as far back as 1868, when the old six bells were rehung. M. J. T. Parker, father of the bride, was parish warden in the year 1884, when the peal was increased to eight.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, August 6th, at the monthly meeting of the Association, 720 Woodbine. W. Scragg, 1; A. Ryles, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Naylor, 4; W. H. Harratt, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, July 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Clarkson, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; J. Preston (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine. J. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 2; W. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. For evening service 720 College Pleasure. J. E. Wheeldon, 3; the rest as before. On Tuesday, July 19th, 720 College Pleasure. J. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 2; D. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. Also 720 College Exercise, and 720 Duke of York. On Sunday morning, July 23th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob, standing as above. For evening service 720 Duke of York. G. Hobbs, 5; the rest as before. On Tuesday, July 26th, 720 Westminster Surprise. J. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; D. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First in the method by all.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON.—On Sunday, July 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, 644 Grandsire Triples. H. Nash, 1; F. Hilton, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. Clark, 4; E. Houlder, 5; J. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; L. Pidd, 8. On Sunday, July 24th, for Divine Service in the evening, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Nash, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. Clark, 4; F. Hilton, 5; E. Houlder, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; L. Pidd, 8. On Tuesday, July 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Woods, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Hilton, 4; E. Houlder, 5; J. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; L. Pidd, 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

HIGHER SUTTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, August 10th, for practice at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Williams, 1; W. H. Ingham (conductor), 2; W. Steele, 3; J. Minshall, 4; M. Davenport, 5; W. Matthews, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Williams, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; W. Steele (conductor), 3; J. Minshall, 4; M. Davenport, 5; W. Matthews, 6. On handbells a course of Grandsire Triples. M. Davenport, 1-2; W. H. Ingham, 3; E. Davenport, 4; J. Manifold, 5; T. Wood, 6; J. Williams, 7; T. Taylor, 8. Also a 6-score of Bob

Doubles. T. Taylor, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; E. Davenport, 3; J. Manifold, 4; T. Wood, 5; C. Ingham, 6. First by all with the exception of W. H. Ingham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, August 6th, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins., owing to the excessive heat and heavy going of the bells. W. Truss, 1; C. F. Winney, 2; C. Horton, 3; J. Moss, 4; T. H. Taffender, 5; W. Garrard, 6; W. Weatherstone, 7; W. Wise, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; J. George, 10. On Sunday, August 7th, for Divine Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, and about 500 Stedman Triples on the back eight. J. Moss, 1; C. F. Winney, 2; C. Horton, 3; W. Truss, 4; G. Fardon, 5; T. H. Taffender, 6; A. W. Brighton, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8. The above were conducted by C. F. Winney. After service at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 120 Stedman Doubles. C. F. Winney, 1; G. Fardon, 2; J. Moss, 3; C. Horton, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6. C. Horton hails from Bristol; George from Rugby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, July 31st, at St. Stephen's church, 540 Bob Royal. J. Hinton, 1; W. A. Cave, 2; R. Clark, 3; J. Jones, 4; H. Howell, 5; T. Radford, 6; F. Elles, 7; W. Pickard, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Knight, 10. On Sunday morning, August 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Clark, 1; C. Millard, 2; H. Pring, 3; F. Elles, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5; W. A. Cave, 6; W. Knight (covering). In the evening 720 in the same method. R. Clarke, C. Tomkins, F. Elles, C. Gordon, W. Cave, W. Knight.

BEENHAM (Berks).—On Sunday, July 10th, for Divine Service in the evening, 480 Bob Minor. R. Hatto, 1; H. Richardson, 2; J. Hatto, 3; E. Bruce, 4; H. Keal, 5; W. Horne (conductor), 6. After service 720 Bob Minor. R. Hatto (first 720), 1; H. Keal, 2; W. Horne, 3; H. Richardson, 4; E. Bruce, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6.

BENGEO (Herts).—On Sunday, July 31st, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. H. Abbey, 1; T. Barker, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; D. Bennett, 5; J. Pomfret, 6. On Sunday, August 7th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. H. Abbey, 1; T. Barker, 2; D. Bennett, 3; G. Smith, 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; J. Pomfret, 6. Before the evening service 360 Grandsire Minor. R. Duce, 1; J. Pomfret, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; G. Carter, 5; D. Bennett, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. H. Abbey, 1; T. Barker, 2; D. Bennett, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; J. Pomfret, 6. All conducted by J. Pomfret.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Wednesday, August 10th, at Bishop Ryder's church, muffled touches were rung to commemorate the eighteenth anniversary of the late John Bannister, for many years tower-keeper at this church. J. Hodson, 1; C. Mackenzie, 2; W. Ellis, 3; J. Evans, 4; J. Roberts, 5; G. Wylde, 6; R. Speakman, 7; E. Braine, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GODALMING (Surrey).—On Saturday, August 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Wheeler, 1; A. E. Barrow, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Willshire (conductor), 4; F. Blondell, 5; J. Hunt, 6; W. W. Thorne, 7; E. Allen, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. T. W. Radford (conductor), 1; T. Radford, 2; A. E. Barrow, 3; F. Blondell, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Willshire, 6; J. Hunt, 7; C. Wheeler, 8. Also 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. E. Barrow, 1; T. Radford, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Willshire, 4; F. Blondell, 5; J. Hunt, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; W. W. Thorne, 8. Messrs. Wheeler and Allen belong to the local band; T. W. Radford hails from Bristol; the rest belong to the St. Nicholas society, Guildford. It was intended to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples, but Mr. Radford's train being an hour late, the above was substituted.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, August 6th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Willshire, 1; F. Blondell, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; A. E. Barrow, 4; J. Hunt, 5; T. Radford, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; C. Heath, 8. This was arranged for T. W. Radford, who hails from Bristol.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Tuesday, August 9th, a few members of the St. Nicholas company, Guildford, with Mr. T. Radford, of Bristol, visited the parish church, it being the local practice night, and rang a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. J. Boniface, 1; E. Radden, 2; T. Radford, 3; S. Radford, 4; J. Hunt, 5; F. Gould, 6. Another 720 with E. Radden, 1; A. J. Boniface, 3; the rest as before. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was attempted, but came to grief through the treble rope breaking. A. J. Boniface, 1; T. Radford, 2; ———, 3; J.

Hunt, 4; S. Radford, 5; F. Blondell, 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. T. Radford, 1; J. Hunt, 2; ———, 3; S. Radford, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; F. Blondell, 6. Messrs. Boniface, Radden, and Gould belong to the local band.

TITCHFIELD (Hants).—On April 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Privett, 1; F. Hill, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; G. Grafham, 4; Rev. C. A. Clements, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. Rev. C. A. Clements, 1; C. Privett, 2; F. Hill, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. This was arranged for the Rev. C. A. Clements.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, August 13th, at St. Nicolas church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Singleton, 1; F. Hill, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Grafham, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; W. Cooper, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; S. Cummins, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. G. E. Chappell, 1; F. Hill, 2; G. Grafham, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; S. Cummins, 6. This ringing was arranged for Mr. Waghorn, who hails from Tottenham, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Grafham. All the above are members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild except Mr. Waghorn.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; S. W. West, 3; A. Whitmore, 4; J. A. Moul (conductor), 5; B. West, 6; L. Partridge, 7; F. Boam, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; J. A. Moul, 4; H. Partridge, 5; L. Partridge, 6; B. West (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8. This is the first quarter-peal since the re-opening of the church on July 30th. After evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Partridge, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; S. W. West, 4; B. West, 5; L. Partridge, 6; J. A. Moul (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8. The above touch was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. E. Dalby, who had been a life-long supporter of the church and benefactor to the poor in Whitwick and neighbouring parishes. On Monday, August 8th, 168 Stedman Triples. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; S. W. West, 3; A. Whitmore, 4; H. Partridge, 5; B. West, 6; J. A. Moul (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—Recently for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). R. Pain, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; W. Spice, 6. Also another 720 (nine bobs). R. Pain, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; W. Hills, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Roberts, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. Messrs. Spice and Goodwin hail from Charing; Pain from Mersham; the rest belong to the local band.

Obituary.

DAVID ELLIOTT, SEN., OF COGGESHALL.

On Sunday, August 7th, this well-known ringer passed away at the age of seventy-one, and was interred in Kelvedon churchyard on Thursday, August 11th, ringers attending from Coggeshall, Kelvedon, Witham, Great Tey, and Feering, the bells being muffled before and after the service, a well-struck 720 Oxford Treble Bob being rung. R. Potter, 1; H. Elliott, 2; W. Ladhams, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; W. Hunwick, 5; H. Evers, 6. Deceased was a good ringer and excellent striker, but rang in one peal only, that being a peal of Bob Major, which he rang when sixty-seven years of age, afterwards learning to ring Double Norwich. Deceased had rung in a good many towers in Essex, and was one of the first to join the Essex Association. He leaves a widow, four sons, and two daughters to mourn his loss. He will be greatly missed by a great many ringing friends. On Saturday, August 13th, at the parish church, Coggeshall, with the bells deeply muffled, 336 Bob Major. W. Sadler, 1; R. Potter, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; W. Keeble, 6; C. Norfolk, 7; E. Beckwith (conductor), 8. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. On Sunday, August 14th, with the bells half-muffled, 336 Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. Beckwith (conductor), 7; F. Buck (London), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A RECORD of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 6d.; cloth do., 9d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Berks.

Compositions.**DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES.**By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

In giving the above I think it would be wise to commence with the plain course in full, giving examples of a bob and a single, together with a few words about the ringing of the method and composing it. It will be seen that the compositions are similar to Union and other plain methods, although the course-ends are different and the bobs are at other leads.

PLAIN COURSE.

1234567

Continued—

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3564172

4215376

3651427

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6315247

5432617

6132574

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1623547

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1265374

3657412

6375142

2156347

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1273645

3657241

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7643521

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7465312

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5417263

4573612

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1524763

5341726

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Single.

4756321

4573612

5437162

5341726

3514762

3157426

1375462

1734562

Bob.

4756321

4573612

5437162 call bob.

5341726

3514762

3157426

1375462

1734562

5437162 call single.

To ring the method is very simple.

There are two guiding bells as in Union, and no place-making below fifths.

The bell which takes the treble off the lead, and those which meet one or two before meeting the treble, make 5th's place and go back to lead again. The bell which meets three before the treble makes a triple dodge in 6-7 up. The bell which meets four before the treble makes a triple dodge in 6-7 down.

Bobs are made on the three back bells as in Stedman. The bell which meets three before the treble makes 5th's place and goes into the hunt, and that which meets four before the treble makes a quadruple dodge in 6-7 up. The bell which was in the hunt comes out by making a quadruple dodge in 6-7 down.

A single is made as a bob excepting that the two back bells reverse themselves.

All calls are called when the treble is in 5th's place.

PRICKING OUT.

By the lead-ends.

234567

273645 Plain lead.

573624 Bob.

573642 Single.

By the bob leads.

234567

573624 at 1

657423 at 2

465327 at 3

346725 at 4

734526 at 5

Singles at the different leads are simply reversing the two last figures as at a bob.

By the course-end of three leads.

210.

234567 3

46532 I

52364 I

34625 I

65243 I

23456 I

210.

234567 I 2 3

26435 I I

25463 I I

45623 I I

65243 I I

23456 I

By the course-ends of five leads.

210.

234567 I

5324 I

4352 I

2345 I

210.

234567 4

3542 I

5243 I

2345 I

Having now shown four different ways of writing down, I will illustrate by the following touches and peals. First by the course-ends of three leads and then by the course-ends of five leads, and it will be seen that a bell comes home every third lead on the three-lead plan, and two bells can be kept at home every fifth lead on the five-lead plan.

THREE-LEAD PLAN.

126.

234567 2 3

4352 I I

Twice repeated.

126.

234567 I 3

26435 I I

Twice repeated.

252.

234567 I 3

46532 I

52364 I

54326 I I

Repeated.

252.

234567 2 3

46532 I

52364 I

32654 I I

Repeated.

378.

234567 I 3

46532 I

42563 I I

43526 I I

Twice repeated.

378.

234567 2 3

46532 I
56342 I I
36452 I I

Twice repeated.

420.

234567 I 3

46532 I
42563 I I

Four times repeated.

420.

234567 2 3

46532 I
56342 I I

Four times repeated.

630.

234567 I 3

26435 I I
45362 I
32654 I
64523 I
53246 I

Twice repeated.

630.

234567 2 3

4352 I I
5324 I I
2543 S I
4235 S I

Twice repeated.

1260

Is obtained by calling a single for bob at 1 in the first 630, or a single for bob at 2 in the second 630, of the third and sixth parts.

1260.

234567 2 3

635274 I
572346 S
2537 S I
3275 S I
7253 I I
5732 S I
3725 I I
2753 I I
5237 S I
3572 S I

Twice repeated.

J. T. PERRY.

Ten 4-6s, 7-4s, and 6-7s.

1260.

234567 2 3

625374 S
5632 S I
3625 I I
2356 S I
5362 I I

752346 S

2735 S I
3752 I I
5327 S I
2375 I I

Twice repeated.

J. T. PERRY.

Ten 4-6s, 7-4s, and 6-7s.

FIVE-LEAD PLAN.

140.

2345 I 4

3245 S I

Repeated.

210.

2345 I 4

3425 I I

Twice repeated.

280.

2345 I 4

5324 I
3254 I I

Repeated.

280.

2345 I 4

3542 I
5432 I I

Repeated.

630.

2345 I 4

3542 I
5432 I I
4352 I I

Twice repeated.

630.

2345 I 4

5324 I
3254 I I
4235 I

Twice repeated.

1260

Is obtained by calling the above six times with single for third bob in the third and sixth parts.

1260

Is obtained by calling the above six times with single for first bob in the third and sixth parts.

1680.

2345 I 4

3542 I
5432 I I
4235 I
2534 I
5324 I I
3425 I
4523 I
5243 I I
2453 I I
4352 I
3254 I
2354 S I

Repeated.

1680.

2345 3 4

3542 I
5243 I
2354 S I
3425 S I

4523 I
5324 I
3452 S I
4235 S I

2534 I
5432 I
4352 I I
3245 S I

Repeated.

(To be continued.)

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES.

By E. J. GALE, Melton Mowbray.

5040.

23456 M W H

64235 - - -
26435 - - -
43265 - - -
24365 - - -
53246 *- - -

Eleven times repeated; *s for bob M in 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th parts, and s for bob at middle and end.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting of the Rochester District will be held at Gravesend to-day, Saturday, August 20. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30. Business meeting after tea.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Salop Guild.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, August 27th. Service at 3 p.m., preacher the Hon. and Rev. G. H. F. Vane. Business meeting at 4 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Tea at 5 p.m. at St. Chad's parish room, price 6d. per head. The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive the names of those who intend to be present at tea. St. Chad's, St. Mary's and St. Alkmund's towers open to ringers.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open from 3 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.

TOM REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill, on Saturday, the 27th of August. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at The Bell inn at 5.30. A good muster desired.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*
"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly Meeting at Raunds on Saturday afternoon, August 27th. Usual arrangements. A good attendance particularly requested. Visitors from other Associations will be very welcome.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*
Wellingborough.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of six-bell ringers will be held at St. Mary's church, Hadley, Barnet, on Saturday, August 27th, when members and their friends are cordially invited to attend. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held on Saturday August 27th, at St. John's church, Tuebrook. Bells ready 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held on September 3rd at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, business meeting at 6.30. The election of Secretary and nominations for Committee will take place at this meeting.

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will take place at Dunster, on Saturday, September 10th. Full particulars on September 3rd.

HV. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 10th, at 3 p.m. at St. John's school-room, Queen Street, Cardiff. Election of officers, adoption of revised rules. The bells of St. John's will be available for ringing.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*
H. G. WHITE, *Assistant-Hon. Sec.*

Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tidenham, near Chepstow, on Saturday, September 10th. The towers of Chepstow and Caldecott will be open to members. Cheap fares from Bristol and Gloucester. Fuller particulars later.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch. Particulars of arrangements will be announced in due course.

Members are reminded that the official year terminates on September 30th, on which date all subscriptions for the current year must be paid, or membership ceases. Those members whose subscription is unpaid at the meeting on September 17th, and are notified by circular, forfeit their right to a copy of the annual report. It is especially requested that in future all subscriptions be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Stainthorpe, Pynate Terrace, Carlinghow Batley, who has kindly undertaken to forward receipts and reports.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—It has been decided by the committee that the place of annual meeting be held at Bolton, instead of Preston, owing to the unveiling of the tablet to the memory of their late Secretary, Mr. Joel Redford. Nominations for the following offices are respectfully requested to be forwarded to Mr. Wrecks not later than the first week in September, viz: President, corresponding secretary, ringing secretary (unexpired), assistant secretary, treasurer. Notices of alteration of rules should be forwarded by same date. Committeemen are required for the following branches; Liverpool, 1; Rossendale, 2; Preston, 1; Fylde, 1; Blackburn, 1; Manchester, 1. Present members are respectively R. S. Mann, J. B. Taylor, and Z. Lord; J. Mather, G. Maries, W. Slater, R. Ridyard, and who are eligible for re-election. All members owing subscriptions are urgently asked to pay the same by the end of this month to their respective branch secretaries, or forward the same to the General Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WRECKS, 41, Gibbon Street, Bolton.
J. WILSON, 232, Chorley Old Road, Bolton, *Secs.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The meetings of this Society are suspended until Thursday, September 1st.

C. J. IRISH, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTE TO PEAL AT GLOUCESTER.

MR. W. T. PEGLER'S FIFTIETH PEAL.—Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Gloucester Surprise Major, 3; Double Norwich Major, 6; Treble Bob Major, 4; Royal 2; Maximus, 1; Bob Major, 5; Royal, 1; Maximus, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 4; Caters, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Caters, 1; Cinques, 1; Minor methods, 5, conducted 4; Grandsire Doubles, 4, conducted 4; total—50.

Compositions.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By GEORGE HAYWARD, *Bromsgrove.*

5310.

2 3 4 5 6

2 3 6 5 4 7th in out at 3s and 7.8.

3 6 2 5 4 7.8

6 2 3 5 4 7.8

2 5 3 6 4 8th in three.

3 2 5 6 4 9th in three.

5 3 2 6 4 9th in three.

2 3 4 6 5 8 9

5 3 4 2 6 Single first lead and 8.9s

4 2 3 5 6 8th in three s

Five times repeated; bob for single the last call in the third and sixth parts, produces 23456. The 8th and 9th before completes the peal. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, and the 6th twelve courses at home.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.

Mr. J. Martin, of Liverpool, writes:—"In the peal of Double Norwich published last week in your paper under my name, the number of changes should be 5248, not 5284 as stated."

The peal of Grandsire Major, by E. J. Gale, of Melton Mowbray, published last week, is false.

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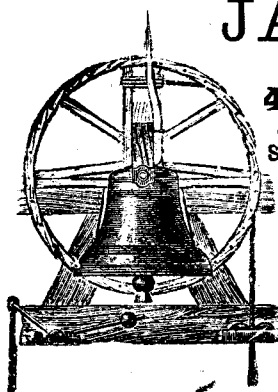
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