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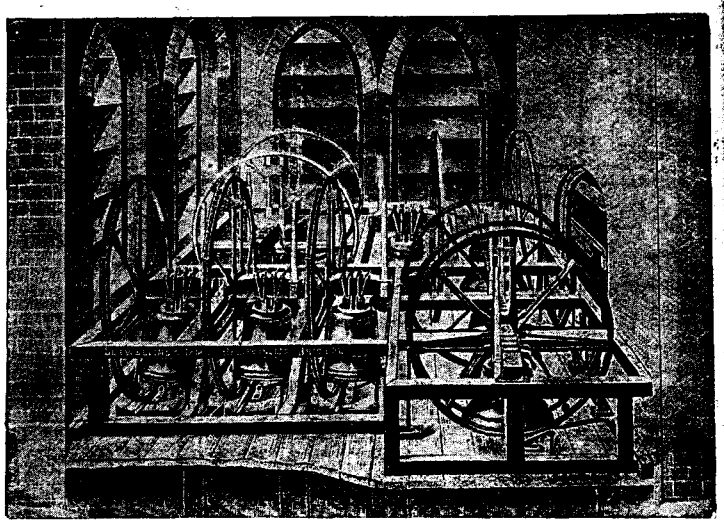

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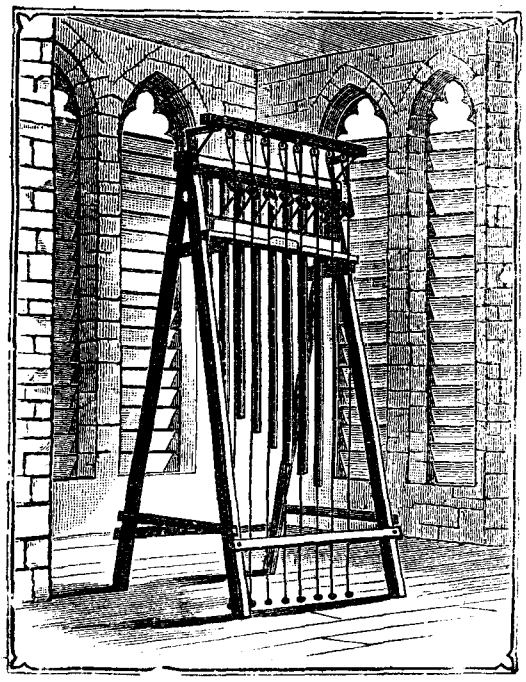

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THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Tuesday evening, September 20th, the members of this Company met at "Garrett's Dining Rooms," Westgate Street, in response to an invitation sent out by Mr. F. G. May, the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and also a leading member of the above company. The idea of the meeting was to celebrate the first peal rang on the newly-augmented ring of ten in St. Michael's tower. The party was augmented by the presence of one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association in the person of the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward; and Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham; while a letter of apology was received from Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol), who owing to business engagements was prevented being present. Advantage was taken of the Archdeacon's presence in asking him to perform a very pleasing and interesting ceremony, viz.: to present Mr. Ward with a small token, on behalf the Juniors, on the occasion of his marriage. The present took the form of an address, with a mahogany table inlaid with a plain lead and also with a bob lead of Gloucester Surprise, in eight different kinds of wood, the work of a very valued member, Mr. J. Austin, and which was suitably inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Mr. F. E. Ward by the St. Michael's Juniors Society of Ringers, on the occasion of his marriage, July 16th, 1898." The address was: "To Mr. F. E. Ward.—"We, the undersigned members of the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, ask your acceptance of this address, together with an inlaid table, as a slight token of the respect and the esteem in which you are held by the members, and as a mark of high appreciation of your services to the Juniors. We very cordially wish you every happiness in your wedded life." Then follows the names of the subscribers. It may be added that the St. John's Company, Cardiff, handsomely subscribed to this testimonial.

The Ven. Archdeacon, on making the presentation, spoke of Mr. F. E. Ward in glowing terms. As he had had the pleasure of making him a present on some former occasion he was afraid he could hardly find words to express the feelings of the members present towards him, but he did hope, now that he had taken unto himself a wife, he would still pay the same attention to the manipulation of the bell-ropes, and go on ringing the great number of changes he had heard so much about. He was sorry to say he knew nothing of the subject, but was always pleased to do what he could for ringers and ringing. In conclusion, he wished both Mrs. Ward and himself every happiness, and asked him to accept the presents he saw before him, on behalf of the St. Michael's Juniors.

Mr. Ward, who was loudly cheered on rising, said it was a very agreeable surprise to him on entering the room to find the Ven. Archdeacon among the company. Regarding the object for which he was there, he said he could hardly find words to express his feelings to one and all connected with the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol for their kind wishes, and especially the St. Michael's Juniors (a company he was proud to belong to), for their kindness in getting for him so unique a present. As a ringer he was always too pleased to be able to assist when business allowed, and that though married he should always have pleasant recollections of his single days while with the St. Michael's Juniors. He hoped the day was a long way off when he should have to part company with them. He concluded by again thanking all subscribers for their handsome present, and also their good wishes to Mrs. Ward and himself.

As the Ven. Archdeacon had another engagement to keep, the presentation was made before dinner, so as to allow of his getting away in time to keep it. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the ven. gentleman by Mr. F. G. May, on behalf of those present, for his kindness in coming to make the presentation. The proposition was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Ven. Archdeacon suitably responded, and hoped the company would spend a very pleasant evening.

Mr. Ward was then asked to fill the vacant chair, which he most kindly consented to do, being supported on his right and left respectively by Messrs. F. G. May, W. T. Bennett, E. E. Davis and J. Austin. Dinner over, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony. songs, tunes on the handbells and touches of Grandsire and Stedman. As the time for closing was drawing near, Mr. W. T. Bennett rose to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. F. G. May for his generous hospitality in inviting them that evening to dinner, to celebrate the opening peal on St. Michael's bells. He was also pleased to congratulate him on being appointed Master of the Association, an honour he well deserved, as he had shown by the interest he had taken in ringing, and the way he had come to the front during the last year or two.

Mr. Ward seconded, and in doing so, said that he fully endorsed all that had been said by Mr. Bennett. He then proposed "The Health of the Donor of the Feast," which was musically and enthusiastically honoured.

Mr. May, in responding, said he was very pleased to see them all that evening, and hoped to see them all together again on some future occasion to spend an enjoyable evening. What he had done that evening he did for the good of ringing, at the same time wishing he could do more to further the cause. He thanked them most heartily for the kind way they had drunk his health.

The following contributed to the evening's enjoyment on the handbells: Messrs. F. E. Ward, F. G. May, F. E. Hart, J. Austin, W. T. Pegler, R. A. Barrett and R. Brunsdon. Songs were sung by Messrs. A. Franklin, J. Gillett, W. R. Wright, W. T. Pegler and J. Stephens. Mr. R. Brunsdon kindly officiated at the piano.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CLOCK.

The dials of the great clock at St. Paul's are having new skeleton iron centres put in. When the clock was erected some five years ago, the centres were filled with white glass for illumination at night, but the lights were never set behind, and it is now thought better to revert to the old design.

The work is being carried out by the makers of the clock, Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, WHITCHURCH, HANTS.

Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have quite recently re-hung the bells of this church. A new iron frame has been supplied, with entirely new fittings, wheels, beadstocks, etc.; and the work is in every way admirably carried out. It was noticed that all the cannons of the bells had been removed, and the new stocks consequently rested upon the crowns of the bells. Sir A. P. Heywood's improved grease-boxes have been put in, perhaps the most perfect form of assisting the lubrication of the gudgeons which has yet been invented. A very clever stay and slider, invented by the Rev. E. H. Horne, curate of St. Stephen, Walbrook, has been supplied to all the bells, and Messrs. Taylor always use this on their iron frames. The whole peal has been quarter-turned.

The reopening of the bells took place on Wednesday, September 21st, and with it was combined the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

Ringing by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild commenced shortly after 3 p.m. with the following results. 120 Stedman Doubles. Alice White, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; J. Ballard, 3; F. Hopgood, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; H. White, 6. 360 Bob Minor. Dora White, 1; Alice White, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; H. Lawes, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; H. White, 6. An attempt for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob came to grief in the last course, owing to the opening of a door and the sun striking full in the face of one of the ringers. Dora White, 1; W. Horne, 2; J. Ballard, 3; H. White. 4; F. Hopgood, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. The next item, Bob Minor, was lost after ringing just over 600 changes.

The band were now entertained at the rectory, where a capital tea had been provided by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Hodgson, who although busy with other guests and friends arriving for the service later on, found some time to devote to the ringers. Tea being over the party were invited by Mrs. Hodgson to take a stroll round the Rectory grounds, and while two or three availed themselves of this privilege, the remainder made their way to the tower, where 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by H. Lawes, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; J. Ballard, 3; W. Horne, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Messrs. Hopgood and Horne now bade good-bye to the company, and mounting their bikes turned their face Readingward. The members of the local band having now put in an appearance, were pleased to be able to take a turn at the ropes, it being five years since a like privilege had been theirs, the bells not having been in ringing condition during that period. (It may here be added that the bells go remarkably well, and reflect great credit on the firm entrusted to carry out the work, the cost of which has been about £180). The visitors then rung 720 Bob Minor. Dora White, 1; Alice White, 2; H. Lawes, 3; J. W. Whiting, 4; J. Ballard, 5; H. White, 6. A few more rounds by the local band and then Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung for service, at the commencement of which the Vicar read three prayers relating to to the rehanging and rededication of the bells. The church presented a very charming appearance, being exquisitely decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, the work of which was undertaken by several ladies of the congregation, eliciting the admiration of all.

The service, which was fully choral, was taken by the Vicar, the lessons being read by the Rev. F. G. Hume, the Rector of Oakley, and the Rev. Canon Carpenter, Precentor of Salisbury Cathedral. A capital sermon was preached by the latter, who took for his text the words "What mean ye by this service," Exodus xii. 26. The speaker remarked that it was very appropriate that the bells should have been re-opened and as it were dedicated afresh to the service of Almighty God on such an occasion as this, when their joyful music might be heard calling the people together to give thanks to the Great Giver of all things for the fruits of the earth. He dwelt on the different ways in which the bells expressed the feelings of the people, sometimes ringing out merrily and rejoicing with those who rejoice, as at the festivals of the church, local, public and national rejoicings. At other times tolling sadly, telling of a soul departed, or perhaps as the remains of some friend were being carried to their last resting-place, ringing out slowly and mournfully in a muffled peal, voicing the feelings of the people in sorrow and sympathy with those bereft of the company of one now taken home. The influence of the bells was also shewn in a marked degree in the character of a people, as the general principle of life gradually declined as one got farther and farther from the sound of the church bells.

After service the ringers were again invited to the Rectory to partake of supper, but though unable to accept this kind invite, train time being so close, they much appreciated the offer, and their hearty thanks are hereby tendered to the Vicar and Mrs. Hodgson for their kindness, and their endeavours to make the visit in every way a very pleasant one.

The six bells deserve to be noticed; two of these, the 2nd and 4th, date from the Reformation period, and were probably cast before A.D. 1570. The 2nd bell bears this inscription in what is known as black lettering: "Virgo Parens Patum Fac Nobis Propitetur;" while the 4th bell is inscribed with similar lettering, "Sancta Margareta Ora Pro Nobis." The capital letters in each case have a crown pattern above them, and there is also the "Lion's Head," a well-known foundry stamp, which may be seen in Stahlschmidt's "Bells of Surrey," page 84.

The treble measures 2 feet 5 inches across, and weighs about 5 cwt., 1-2 qrs. On it is the following inscription: "R + CATLIN FECIT + + + THE GIFT OF COLONEL SHRIMPTON 1700 NEW CAST 1748."

3rd bell:—(cross) "ELIZABETH WARREN GAVE THIS BELL ANO 1612 H.K."

5th bell:—(cross) HENRI KNIGHT MADE THIS BELL ANO 1611.

Tenor:—Measuring 3 feet 6 inches across; and 2⅝ in. thick at sound bow:—RALPHE ETWALL +OHN BENHAM CVRCH WARDENS (bell) W+LL+AM TOS+ER CAST ME (bell). On a second line beneath above:—WHEN + DOO TOLL YE LORD RES YE SOVL (bell) +N THE YEAR OF OVR LORD 1724 (bell).

We may add that Messrs. Taylor have left ample space for a couple more trebles, and if these should be added some day, the interesting old Church of All Hallows, Whitchurch, will have a very handy ring of eight. The bells are rung from the ground floor of the tower, which also has to serve as a vestry.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, September 17th, at Stoke Prior. Evensong was said in the church, at which members were present from Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Clent, Dudley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Stoke Prior, Tipton, Wollaston, Worcester, etc.

The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. C. Stockdale, Vicar. Letters of apology were read from the Revs. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, and the Rev. W. C. Gibbs (Clerical Secretary), Rector of Hagley. The rev. gentleman gave a hearty welcome to the members of the Association, hoping it would not be the last time he should have the pleasure of meeting them at Stoke Prior.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Rev. Maitland Kerry and John Clarke (Ross-on-Wye) were elected life members, and nine performing members were admitted from Kidderminster, Pershore, and Sedgley. The auditors, Messrs. A. E. Parsons and W. Micklewright, were re-elected. Hagley was selected for the next quarterly meeting to be held in January 1899. A vote of thanks was given to the rev. chairman for presiding, for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells, and for the service in the church, which was suitably responded to.

During the evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung on the tower bells; also courses of Grandsire Cinques and Caters on the handbells on the vicarage lawn.

The ancient parish church at Ockbrook, Derbyshire, was re-opened on Sunday week by the Bishop of Southwell, after repairs. The fabric has not been touched, but in the interior there has been a renovation, including reseating, reflooring with concrete over the vaults, a new pulpit, and the whole of the chancel has been refurnished, new candelabra have been provided, and there is a general renewal, the organ having been also enlarged by four additional stops.

THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES BELLS.

The Committee who have this scheme in hand have issued another statement and list of subscriptions received and promised. In asking for further funds to complete the work they say:—

"The appeal in aid of the scheme for adding four larger bells to the existing peal of six in the Parish Church as a Permanent Memorial of the Queen's sixty years' reign, has been very generally responded to, over twelve hundred subscriptions, amounting to £569, having been received from all classes and creeds in the town. But for the prolonged dispute in the Engineering Trade, which compelled the Committee to desist for a time from soliciting further subscriptions, the greater part of the £750 required would have already been raised. As it is, the bells have been cast, and brought to the town to await the necessary funds to provide the additional framework and the requisite fittings. For this the Committee now appeal to the generosity of those who have not subscribed. It may be mentioned that two firms were approached before the order for the bells was given, the Committee being particularly anxious to have the new bells assimilated to the old ones, rather than that any of the old bells should have to be recast to suit the new ones. They eventually succeeded in making arrangements with Messrs. Llewellins and James, of Bristol, who have undertaken, under a stringent guarantee, to follow the exact pattern of the old bells, and to supply the new ones to suit them, at a cost of £363, delivered in Stockton. The peal will be the only one of ten bells between York and Ripon to the south, and Newcastle to the north; and if the requisite alterations are made in the striking arrangements of the clock, a splendid addition of the Westminster chimes can be obtained on the fourth, fifth, sixth, and ninth bells; leaving the hour to be struck on the largest or tenor bell, which is five notes deeper than the existing hour bell, and three times its weight.

"In accordance with the terms of the original offer of £63 for the first new bell, the officials of the Parish Church have subscribed £89 17s. 6d. for the second new bell. The third new bell is the gift of the Freemasons, whose subscriptions amount to £164 9s.; leaving the largest or tenor bell to be regarded as the special gift of the town at large, and each of the new bells has been suitably inscribed accordingly.

"In addition to the cost of the bells, viz.:—£363, delivered in Stockton—the estimate for the new framework and fittings, including the re-hanging of the old bells at a higher level, flooring, and other requisites, is £365, or a total of £726; to meet which the Committee have in hand, after paying £300 on account of the bells, sundry accounts and expenses for printing, postage, &c., £247, leaving a sum of £180 still to be raised."

The catholicity (as it may be termed) of the list of subscribers to this movement is worthy of note. Among them there are: 1 Presbyterian; 2 Roman Catholics; 3 Wesleyans; 4 Unitarians; 5 of the Society of Friends; 9 Congregationalists; 7 Primitive Methodists; 8 Jews.

Certainly the enterprise of its chief mover—Mr. J. G. Clarkson—is most worthy of imitation.

On Tuesday night, September 13, a meeting of the committee was held, at which further subscriptions to the amount of £28 6s. was paid in, bringing up a balance in hand after paying £300 on account of the bells and sundry accounts to £224 12s. Altogether a total of £570 has now been received, leaving a balance of £180 still to be raised to complete the work. It was decided to give the order to proceed with the fittings as well as the frame. Everything will be ready for erection at an early date, and funds are still flowing steadily in. The committee meet again on the 13th October.

A HOLIDAY AT BRIGHTON.

The peal of Superlative at Buxted, Sussex, was arranged for Messrs. Matthews and Inglesant, who were spending their holiday in Brighton, the visitors staying at Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams' residence, 2, Grove Street, Brighton, who made them so comfortable that they almost thought they were at home, and can confidently recommend any other ringing friends who spend their holidays in the south to visit Brighton, and above all to put up with our friend, and to enjoy a ring on Mrs. Williams' grand peal of handbells, and to have the honour to ring a touch or two with this well-known lady change-ringer. The visitors wish to take this opportunity to most sincerely thank all friends whom they met, (especially Mr. and Mrs. Williams), during their stay in the Brighton district, for their kindness and courtesy.

W. H. I.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Committee on Railway Fares.

Dear Sir,—In accordance with a request made at the last Central Council Meeting, I now send you for publication in the next issue of "The Bell News," a draft of the petition which it is proposed that the Secretary of each Association or Guild throughout the country should forward, on a given date, after having obtained the signatures of (if possible) all the members of the Association, to the General Managers of the various Railways in his district. I shall be obliged if any suggestions as to alterations in the wording of the Petition, or additions thereto, which may seem desirable to any of your readers, may be sent to me with as little delay as possible.

The form of petition, when finally amended by our sub-committee, will be printed and sent to the Secretary of every Association with full instructions as to procedure. I may add that the delay in the publication of this scheme is due to our having been advised that our petition is more likely to meet with favourable consideration at this time of the year, than it would be during the busy summer months.

Believe me, yours etc.,

Herbert A. Cockey.

Oldland Vicarage, near Bristol, September 28th, 1898.

[draft.]

To the General Manager of the.....Railway.

Sir,—We, the undersigned members of the Association (Guild of Society) of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese (or County) or ....., beg to ask your kind consideration of the facts hereinafter set forth, with a view to the concession of greater facilities in Railway travelling to the members of our Association. We are aware that return tickets are now issued at a single fare and a quarter to parties of eight ringers travelling from the same station; but we desire to point out that it is very seldom that so many as eight of our members start from the same station when attending meetings of the Association, or other meetings for the purpose of ringing; the chief object of such meetings being to bring together ringers from all parts of our district, they come from different places by twos or threes or even singly to the centre arranged.

Under these circumstances we venture to ask that some such concession as now obtains in the case of Fishing Clubs may be made to our Association, viz.: that our members on presenting their cards of membership for the current year at any booking office on your railway, may be allowed a return ticket to the place of meeting, at a single fare and a quarter.

If such a concession were granted, our officers would use every endeavour to prevent any abuse of the privilege, and if any such abuse should be brought to their notice, would deprive the offender of his member's card, and would refuse to grant him one for the following year.

The object of our Association is to encourage intercourse amongst Church Bell Ringers, and to further the art of change-ringing, by bringing our members together at quarterly (or otherwise) meetings held at some convenient centre, and by arranging frequent meetings for practice in all parts of our district. And there can be no doubt that not only would the attendances at these meetings be largely increased if the concession we ask for were granted, but that many more ringers would join our Association with a view to sharing this privilege. We have at present (number) members; a large number of whom belong to the artizan class, and would find this reduction in fares a very great boon, as they are frequently prevented from attending our meetings on account of expense.

We venture therefore to hope that you will give the matter your favourable consideration, and that you will use your influence at the next meeting at the Railway Clearing House to obtain the concession, which we understand is being petitioned for at this time by all the ringers' Associations and Guilds throughout the country.

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ACCOUNT OF PEALS, RUNG IN DIFFERENT METHODS, BY JAMES BARHAM, OF LEEDS, IN KENT, IN THAT AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTY, FROM 1744 TO 1813.

No.	Date.	No. of Changes.	Denomination of the Peal.	Place where rung.	Time in Performance. H. M.
1	1744.	...	5040 ... Plain Bob Tripples	... Harrietsham	
2	1745.	June 24	5040 ... Ditto	... Ditto ...	
3	1746.	Dec. 8	10080 ... Bob Major Double	... Ditto ...	... 7 0
4	1747.	May 30	5040 ... Bob Major	... Wingham ...	
5	1748.	Dec. 1	5040 ... Ditto	... New Romney	
6	1749.	Jan. 25	5040 ... Ditto	... Harrietsham	
7	,,	May 12	5040 ... Ditto	... Faversham...	
8	,,	Oct. 16	5040 ... Bob Major Tripples	... Ditto ...	
9	1750.	Easter ...	6720 ... Bob Major	... Harrietsham	... 4 18
10	,,	May 24	10080 ... Bob Major Double	... Ditto ...	... 6 50
11	,,	July 6	5040 ... Bob Major... ...	... Ditto ...	
12	,,	Nov. 24	5040 ... Bob Major Tripples	... Maidstone ...	
13	,,	Dec. 19	5040 ... Bob Major... ...	... Ditto ...	... 3 30
14	1751.	Mar. 23	5040 ... Bob Major Double	... Harrietsham	... 3 20
15	,,	May 17	5040 ... Bob Major	... Lenham* ...	... 3 14
16	,,	,, 27	5040 ... Bob Major Tripples	... Ditto ...	... 3 5
17	,,	Nov. 2	6480 ... Bob Major Caters	... Leeds ...	... 4 13
18	,,	,, 30	8100 ... Plain Ten In ...	... Ditto ...	... 5 26
19	,,	Dec. 12	6480 ... Bob Major Caters ...	... Ditto ...	... 4 11
20	1752.	Jan. 25	7200 ... Plain Ten In ...	... Ditto ...	... 4 40
21	,,	Dec. 30	14500 ... Bob Major	... Ditto ...	... 9 30
22	1753.	Jan. 13	20160 ... Ditto	... Ditto ...	... 13 34
23	,,	Dec. 25	5040 ... Ditto	... Ditto ...	... 3 12
24	1754.	Feb. 9	5040 ... Ditto	... Faversham ...	... 3 16
25	,,	Nov. 22	5040 ... Ditto	... Wrotham ...	... 3 16
26	,,	,, 26	5040 ... Ditto	... Leeds ...	... 3 12
27	1755.	Feb. 10	5040 ... Ditto	... Ditto ...	... 3 14
28	,,	,, 22	5040 ... Ditto	... Ditto ...	... 3 15
29	,,	,, 24	5040 ... Ditto	... Wye	... 3 10
30	,,	Mar. 31	— ... —	Leeds ...	... 16 0
31	,,	May 26	5040 ... Ditto	... Wye ...	... 3 22
32	1756.	Jan. 13	6720 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Leeds ...	... 4 27
33	,,	,, 20	5040 ... Bob Major Double	... Maidstone ...	... 3 20
34	,,	Feb. 7	5040 ... London Court Bob	... Leeds ...	... 3 17
35	1757.	Feb. 10	6720 ... Morning Pleasure ...	... Leeds ...	... 4 21
36	1758.	Aug. 6	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Harrietsham	... 3 16
37	1759.	June 3	5040 ... Bob Major	... Leeds ...	... 3 10
38	,,	Dec. 25	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Ditto ...	... 3 16
39	1760.	April 12	5400 ... Oxford Treble Bob Royal...	... Ditto ...	... 3 45
40	,,	May 25	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... St. Mary Dover	... 3 20
41	,,	Dec. 25	5184 ... Ditto	... Leeds ...	... 3 17
42	1761.	Mar. 23	5040 ... Bob Major	... Leeds ...	
43	,,	Apl. 7&8	40320 ... Ditto	... Ditto ...	... 27 0
44	,,	Oct. 21	5040 ... Ditto	... Lenham ...	... 3 16
45	,,	,, 26	5040 ... Ditto	... Leeds ...	... 2 54
46	,,	Dec. —	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Chiddingstone	... 3 20
47	1762.	May 31	5184 ... Ditto	... New Romney	... 3 22
48	,,	Dec. 1	5040 ... Oxford Treble Bob Royal...	... Leeds ...	... 3 16
49	,,	,, 25	6220 ... Court Bob	... Ditto ...	... 4 34
50	1763.	Jan. 1	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Maidstone ...	... 3 34
51	,,	,, 8	6720 ... London Court Bob	... Harrietsham	... 4 27
57	,,	May 22	6000 ... Treble Ten In ...	... Leeds ...	... 4 3
58	1766.	Mar. 2	5056 ... Morning Exercise ...	... Ditto ...	... 3 17
59	,,	Dec. 26	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Headcorn* ...	... 3 26
60	1769.	April 30	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Headcorn ...	... 3 22
61	1770.	Mar. 14	5184 ... Ditto	... Sevenoaks* ...	... 3 24
62	,,	Nov. 17	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Leeds ...	... 3 20
63	,,	,, 29	5040 ... Bob Major	... Maidstone ...	... 3 24
64	,,	Dec. 26	5376 ... Treble Place Bob ...	... Leeds ...	... 3 27
65	1771.	Mar. 25	5040 ... Bob Major	... Leeds ...	... 3 17
66	,,	April 28	5376 ... Treble Place Bob Double	... Ditto ...	... 3 27
67	,,	,, 30	5040 ... Bob Major	... Ditto ...	... 3 10
68	,,	May 20	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Tenterden ...	... 3 27
69	,,	June 15	5184 ... Ditto...	... Leeds ...	... 3 17
70	,,	,, 23	5040 ... Ditto Ten In ...	... Ditto ...	... 3 16
71	,,	Aug. 4	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Ditto ...	... 3 20
72	,,	Dec. 26	5184 ... Ditto	... Salehurst, Sussex*	... 3 15
73	1772.	June 9	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Elham ...	... 3 16
74	1773.	Feb. 11	5760 ... Bob Major	... Leeds ...	... 3 34
75	,,	,, 28	5040 ... Court Bob	... Ditto ...	... 3 10
76	,,	May 27	13440 ... Bob Major	... Ditto ...	... —
77	,,	,, 29	5760 ... Court Bob	... Ditto ...	... 3 42
78	,,	June 19	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Bromley ...	... 3 10
79	1774.	,, 4	5088 ... Ditto	... Leeds ...	... 3 9
80	,,	Aug. 7	5184 ... Ditto	... Rye, Sussex*	... 3 7
81	1775.	Dec. 23	5184 ... New Morning Exercise	... Leeds ...	... 3 16
82	1776.	May 27	5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob	... Goudhurst ...	... 3 14
83	,,	Dec. 26	5184 ... Ditto	... Wye ...	... 3 13
84	1778.	Jan. 1	5040 ... Treble Bob Ten In	... Leeds ...	... 3 10
85	,,	,, 10	5184 ... New Place Treble Bob	... Ditto ...	... 3 12
86	1780.	Nov. 17	5088 ... Treble Bob	... Leeds ...	... 3 18
87	1781.	Jan. 1	5040 ... Bob Major	... Ditto ...	... 3 13
88	1783.	Nov. 1	5088 ... Treble Bob	... Ditto ...	... 3 11
89	,,	,, 24	5088 ... Ditto	... Cranbrook* ...	... 3 16
90	1784.	May 25	5760 ... Treble Bob Ten In	... Leeds ...	... 3 59
91	,,	,, 30	5120 ... Ditto	... Maidstone ...	... 4 6
92	,,	Nov. 8	5088 ... Treble Bob	... Ditto ...	... 3 34
93	1785.	Mar. 25	5120 ... Ditto	... Biddenden* ...	... 3 35
94	,,	Nov. 17	5040 ... Bob Major	... Leeds ...	... 3 14
95	1786.	Dec. 30	6480 ... Bob Major Caters...	... Maidstone ...	... 4 22
96	1791.	Mar. 21	5000 ... Treble Bob Ten In	... Leeds ...	... 3 12
97	1792.	April 4	5040 ... Bob Major	... Ditto ...	... 3 14
98	,,	Dec. 25	5088 ... Treble Bob	... Ditto ...	... 3 17
99	,,	,, 26	5088 ... Ditto	... Lenham ...	... 3 14
100	1793.	Jan. 15	5040 ... Bob Major	... Leeds ...	... 3 10
101	,,	Mar. 20	5088 ... Treble Bob	... Faversham ...	... 3 11
102	1795.	April 16	5040 ... Bob Major	... Leeds ...	... 3 10
103	1796.	,, 6	5040 ... Ditto	... Ditto ...	... 3 13
104	,,	June 3	10080 ... Treble Bob	... Ditto ...	... 6 26
105	1798.	May 19	5088 ... Ditto	... Ditto ...	... 3 13
106	1799.	,, 28	5760 ... Bob Major	... Harrietsham	... 3 29
107	,,	Dec. 20	5760 ... Ditto	... Leeds ...	... 3 31

52 ...	„	Mar. 15	... 5184	... Oxford Treble Bob	... Ashford	...	... 3 23	108...	1800.	Jan. 11	... 5040	... Bob Major ...	...	... Ditto	...	... 3 13
53 ...	„	Nov. 17	... 5184	... Morning Pleasure ...	... Leeds	...	... 3 16	109...	1803.	Mar. 9	... 5088	... Treble Bob Double		... Ditto	...	... 3 10
54 ...	1764.	Nov. 10	... 5040	... Bob Major	... Ditto	...	... 3 10	110...	1809.	Dec. 18	... 5184	... Old Oxford Bob	...	... Ditto	...	... 3 16
55 ...	1765.	Jan. 25	... 6720	... Court Bob Ten In...	... Leeds	...	... 4 42	111...	1813.	Oct. 25	... 5040	... Bob Major ...	...	... Ditto	...	... 3 12
56 ...	„	Feb. 2	... 5400	... Morning Pleasure Ten In...	Ditto	...	... 3 35									

The above is nearly a correct copy from the Manuscript of James Barham,* which is in the possession of W. Lover, North End, Fulham, Middlesex. Some trifling emendations being necessary, in a few instances, it is hoped the Author (who is living) will see was from no motive but to transmit his performances with more precision to his living friends and to posterity, he having rung peals for the space of 69 years.

No. 30. This number cannot be clearly ascertained, nor can it be deemed a Peal, in consequence of the breaking of a clapper, when the said James Barham stood 14 hours 44 minutes under the 7th bell, drank two glasses of wine, and called all the Bobs, which the Proprietor of this Work has a Certificate signed by a respectable person who is willing to satisfy upon oath the truth of it.

No. 43. The whole Peal of Changes on 8 bells having never been performed before or since.

No. 110 was rung by James Barham, aged 84 years; Thomas Bigg, 45 years; W. Tilby, 73 years; James Bolden, 41 years; W. Sweetlove, 49 years; Benjamin Bottle, 41 years; Thomas Austen, 74 years; George Tilbv, 62 years: all these ages added together make 509 years.

No. 111 was rung by James Barham, aged 88 years, with two other men and five young hands who never rung a peal of 5000 before.

NOTE.—Those marked thus * were first Peals at the respective places.

THE WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17th, the members of this Guild celebrated their fifth annual outing in London. Leaving the ancient capital at 8.20 and reaching Waterloo at 10, thence by the Waterloo and City Electric Railway to the Mansion House, running under the Thames. From there on the top of a 'bus a fine view of the busy thoroughfare was much appreciated to Trafalgar Square, and at 12 o'clock arrangements had been made for a pull on the melodious peal of ten bells at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Time having arrived to supply the inner man, a pleasant stroll across St. James' park brought us to Ye Olde Bell hotel, Pall Mall, where a most excellent dinner was provided by host Harrington, comprising five courses, the course-ends rolling up in splendid style, in a chamber said to be 400 years old, and situated in the shortest street in London according to a report and picture in the *Daily Mail* of August 24th.

After the removal of the cloth the Master, Mr. W. H. George, gave the toast of "Queen and Church," including the Dean and Chapter of Winchester.

Mr. D. Froome, the Deputy Master, then said he had great pleasure in asking the members to drink the health of their worthy Master, and in the course of his remarks spoke of the very excellent way in which he had carried out his duties, and that they ought to be pleased to think they possessed a man with such ability to rule and govern a large body in such a practical manner. He also alluded in praiseworthy terms to the assistance rendered by Mr. G. Smith, who is also leader of the Twyford band; W. J. Sevier, a well-known ringer, formerly of Gloucester; C. J. Chooet, and A. E. Macey, of Eastleigh, and W. C. Lampard, of Winchester.

The Master, Mr. W. H. George, thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and said that they could now boast of having the best band of ringers that Winchester ever possessed, not altogether from a scientific point of view, but as regards character, and that was a great thing in a place like theirs, being the chief church of the diocese. He was pleased to see they were steadily progressing in that intricate method of Stedman, in which he hoped before very long to pilot them through a peal, and also another peal of Grandsire Caters, as there had only been one peal rung in the county, and that he conducted on the cathedral bells. In conclusion, he stated that there bad been a few changes in the band during the past year, but those had been conducive to more harmony and unity, and hoped that this outing would bind them still further in friendly feeling, which should exist in all societies to make them a success.

Mr. W. C. Lampard then proposed the health of absent members, after which a move was made to Westminster Abbey, where special permission had been obtained to look through the principal places of interest, until it was time to proceed to St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung, conducted by W. H. George.

It was then time to be thinking of getting homeward bound, most of them leaving at 8.5 train, arriving home soon after 10, all having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE LIVERPOOL BRANCH OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Eleven members of this branch of the Lancashire Association journeyed to Whitchurch, Salop, on September 5th. On arriving at the church they were met by the Churchwarden, who invited them to lunch at The Black Bear, when after justice had been done to the same, a move was made to the tower. When all the ringers and Churchwardens had got into the belfry, the Rector (Rev. W. H. Egerton) came all the way up the steps, although he is in his 87th year, and gave the ringers a most hearty welcome. Then a start was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing for 1 hour and 50 minutes, it came to grief through a change-course. The ringers stood as follows: R. S. Mann, 1; T. Aspinwall, 2; Geo. Woodhall, 3; W. James, 4; J. Martin, 5; T. Dillon, 6; T. Hammond (conductor), 7; H. Coley, 8. It was very doubtful if the peal would have been got if it had gone right, as the new ropes bad been made by a local man, and such hard thick ones that they blistered the ringers' hands so badly. It seemed a pity for the Rector and Churchwardens to be done like this, as it is seldom they are found so ready to do everything at the bells; and no one to tell them the proper place from where to get the ropes. After ringing a few touches an adjournment was made for dinner, and a pleasant hour was spent in The Black Bear, when an early start was made for home, all of the company expressing themselves well pleased with their day's outing. They wish to thank the Rector and Churchwardens for their kindness, trouble, and expense, in getting everything in readiness, and also Mr. Geo. Wright, the steeple-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A practice meeting of the above Society was held at Staveley, on Saturday, September 17th, ringers attending from Chesterfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, Ranmoor, and Staveley, when touches were rung in various methods by mixed bands, also a few plain courses of Double Norwich Court, by: J. H. Bell, 1; T. Bettison, 2: J. Emsen, 3; T. Sawyer, 4; S. Smedley, 5; A. Knights, 6; S. Thomas, 7; A. Worthington, 8. It was decided to hold the next meeting at All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 15th.

The alabaster pulpit which has been given to St. Peter's Church, Highgate-hill, was dedicated and used for the first time last Sunday.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1898.

THE CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17th, the second quarterly meeting of the above Association was held in the Church schoolroom, Magor, Monmouthshire, when members were present from Chepstow, Tidenham, Caldicot, etc. The Vicar, the Rev. B. Birkbeck, presided.

In making a few remarks at the opening of the meeting, the chairman said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to his parish, and he hoped that this their first visit to Magor would be a success. He was a thorough believer in unity, and he did not see why every parish in the Deanery should not become allied to the Association, as its objects were so good, and for his part he had great pleasure in proposing the whole of the members of his tower (eight in number), to become members of the Association. He hoped the success which had attended the Association hitherto would still continue, and that its influence would soon be felt throughout the whole of the adjacent parishes. He advised the members to rally round their respective captains and the Secretary, and give them all the help in their power, not become apathetic, and success would surely attend their efforts.

Matherne was the next place selected for the next meeting, which will take place on December 26th. Then followed the other business of the usual character, and at the close the mem-

bers passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, also for his kindly advice.

An adjournment was then made to the church tower, where hangs a very pretty ring of six bells, tenor in F sharp, which would go a lot better if proper attention were paid to the nuts and bolts, oiling, ropes, etc. An attempt was made for a 720 of Minor, but owing to the very bad "go" of the bells it had to be abandoned. Some six-scores were rung, and the bells were lowered, and after some refreshment the visitors left for their respective homes, one and all having enjoying their visit.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 23rd, at the society's headquarters, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The following were elected: *Master*—Mr. R. E. Daniell; *Senior Steward*—Mr. H. Barton; *Junior Steward*—Mr. H. Stubbs; *Treasurer*—Mr. W. Baron, sen. (re-elected); *Secretary*—Mr. A. Jacob (re-elected).

The Metropolis.

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

On Thursday, September 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE	*Treble.*	HARRY HOSKINS	5.
WILLIAM FOREMAN	2.	WILLIAM PYE	6.
WILLIAM BERRY	3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON	7.
JOHN JAMES LAMB	4.	HARRY FLANDERS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

The Provinces.

HEMEL HEMPSTED, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

CHARLES GOLDING*	*Treble.*	*HARRY GOLDING	5.
GEORGE HARDING*	2.	†WILLIAM H. NEWELL	6.
JAMES FLOYD*	3.	WILLIAM CHARGE, JUN.	7.
WILLIAM SHEPHARD	4.	WILLIAM CHARGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NRWELL.

This is the first peal on the bells. *First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by the local band. 7-8 covering.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN.	*Treble.*	JAMES N. FROSSELL	5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT	6.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS	3.	KEITH HART	7.
ROBERT J. DAWE	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Tenor.*

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On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM GROOM	*Treble.*	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN.	5.
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2.	JAMES DURRANT	6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7.
WILLIAM GRIMES	4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	*Tenor.*

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

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(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE	*Treble.*	JOHN D. MATTHEWS	6.
CHARLES H. GORDON	2.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS	7.
RICHARD CLARK	3.	FREDERIC W. ELLES	8.
CHARLES H. HORTON	4.	THOMAS W. RADFORD	9.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS	5.	JAMES R. JONES	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal by Messrs. Clark and Jones. First in the method by Matthews and Radford. *First peal as conductor in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER	*Treble.*	SAMUEL J. HUGHES	5.
FREDERICK BYWATER	2.	JOHN W. SMITH	6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT	3.	SAMUEL SPITTLE	7.
HARRY PRICE*	4.	CHARLES ROLINSON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Townsend, the leader of this society.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST JONES*	*Treble.*	HERBERT JONES	5.
WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE*	2.	*ALFRED CHESTER	6.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR	3.	JAMES E. GROVES	7.
PERCY LANE	4.	GEORGE J. TAYLOR	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRANK A. SMITH	*Treble.*	WILLIAM PICKWORTH	5.
CHARLES BROWN	2.	WILLIAM HEWITT	6.
WILLIAM JAY	3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7.
GEORGE GIBBARD	4.	WALTER CARPENTER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal by Messrs. Brown and Carpenter.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH MADDOCK	*Treble.*	REV. H. C. COURTNEY	5.
ALEXANDER EVANS	2.	JAMES GRABHAM	6.
HENRY PEARCE	3.	EDGAR E. BURGESS	7.
HENRY J. POOLE	4.	GEORGE H. YENDALL	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ERNEST C. HUNT	*Treble.*	THOMAS J. SALTER	5.
NOAH DAVIS	2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	6.
THOMAS WAKEMAN*	3.	JOHN CRANE	7.
ALBERT E. PARSONS	4.	RICHARD E. GROVE	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

*First peal of Cambridge. This is the first peal of Cambridge in the county of Salop.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt 1 qr 4 lbs.

WALTER PERKINS	*Treble.*	WILLIAM PETTITT	5.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.	2.	CHARLES CHASTY	6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN	3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE	7.
WILLIAM BARKER	4.	JAMES GARRATT	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This composition has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs.

CHARLES CARTER	*Treble.*	THOMAS MUDGE	5.
FRANK DAVEY	2.	FERRIS SHEPHERD	6.
WILLIAM DRAKE	3.	JAMES MOSS	7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD	4.	JOHN MARTIN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

This is the first peal on the bells.

DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, September 25, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Forty-two Six-scores of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

EDWARD TOLLEY	*Treble.*	*FREDERICK SALLIS	4.
EDWARD HOPKINS*	2.	FRANK COOK	5.
NORMAN GRINNELL*	3.	GEORGE LAMPITT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

*First peal, and are local men; the rest hail from St. Peter's Evesham. This is the first peal on the bells

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED BY THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

RICHARD S. MANN	*Treble.*	THOMAS HAMMOND	5.
JOHN ASPINWALL	2.	WILLIAM JAMES	6.
GEORGE WOODHALL	3.	JAMES MARTIN	7.
JAMES DILLON	4.	†RICHARD PHIPPS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM JAMES.

†First peal. J. Dillon hails from Bromborough, Cheshire, and this is his first peal in the method.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM HY. ELDRIDGE	*Treble.*	CHARLES J. HYLAND	5.
WALTER FRANKS	2.	CHARLES R. CARTER	6.
HAROLD THORPE†	3.	WILLIAM J. THOMAS	7.
WILLIAM EASTLAND	4.	JOHN SINDEN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

†First peal and first attempt. H. Thorpe, for whom this peal was arranged hails from Rye, Sussex.

Date Touches.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 74 of Kent, 384 Woodbine, and 720 each of Duke of York and London Scholars' Pleasure. W Marshall, 1; T. Stroud, 2; T. E. Eilis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; F. Trussler, 5; J. Lee, 6.

RIPON (Yorks).—On Saturday, September 24th, eight members of the Cathedral society, assisted by two members from Middlesbrough and Stockton-on-Tees, rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal. T. Ingleby, 1; J. Baines (aged 77), 2; W. Pick, 3; W. Gibson, 4; R. Watson, 5; J. Rumbold, 6; W. Newton, 7; F. Shepherd, 8; C. Swires, 9; T. Metcalf (conductor), 10. Composed by W. Holmes, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. W. Newton hails from Stockton, and this is his longest length in the method; T. Metcalfe from Middlesbrough.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—*Handbell Ringing.*—Recently for practice at the residence of J. Hunt 504 Grandsire Triples. Also two 168s in the same method and a course of Grandsire Major. J. Hunt, 1-2; J. J. Jones, 3-4; C. Willshire (conductor), 5-6; T. Radford, 7-8. For practice at the church of St. Nicolas, 560 Bob Major. W. Treevin (Shalford), 1; G. Foster, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; A. E. Barrow, 4; T. Radford, 5; C. Willshire, 6; J. Hunt, 7; F. Blondell (conductor), 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHARING (Kent).—Recently 720 Grandsire Minor. P. Edwards, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. And 720 of Doubles in the following methods: Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. E. Archer, 1; J. Willis, 2; W Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. P. Edwards, 1; J Willis, 2; W. Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; E. Archer, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. E. Archer, 2; J. Willis, 2; W Goode, 3; W. Hadlow (Lenham), 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6. On Saturday, September 10th 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hadlow, 1; W. Hills (Willesborough), 2; W. Spice, 3; H Ward, 4; E. Archer, 5; T. Tabrett (Ashford, conductor), 6. On Wednesday, September 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hadlow, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Goode, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; W. Spice, 5; T. Tabrett, 6. And two 120s

of Stedman (non-conducted). E. Archer, 1; J. Willis, 2; H. Goodwin, 3: W. Hobbs, 4; W. Spice, 5; J. Clifford, 6. First 720s of Bob Minor by Messrs. Archer, Goode, Willis, and Ward.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Saturday, September 17th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland (first 720), 1; G. Dennis, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; W. J. Walker, 4; J. Champion, 5; H. Shipp, 6. Rung in honour of the Rev. C. O. Trew, the newly-appointed Vicar of this parish. On Sunday, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; G. Dennis, 5; H. Shipp, 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, June 12th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 2; P. F. Harman, 3; R. Hims, 4; J. Hack, 5; E. Dunn, 6; T. Harford (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday morning, July 31st, for Divine Service, 672 Bob Major. E. Dunn, 1; T. Harford, 2; F. C. Newman, 3; R. Hims, 4; J. Hack, 5; R. Humphrey, 6; J. Emery, 7; G. Durling (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, September 14th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. R. Grindstead and Miss E. Lloyd, of Bromley, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling, 4; J. Hack, 5; F. Sanders, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMHAM (Wilts).—On Sunday, September 25th, for the Harvest Festival Service at the church of St. Nicholas, 960 Grandsire Doubles. A. Webb, 1; G. Minty, 2; A. Powney, 3; T. Jones, 4; J. Bush, 5; H. Hughes, 6. Conducted by A. Powney. Longest touch by A. Webb. All the above are local men.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, September 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford in 28 mins. W. Price, 1; †W. Rhodes, 2; G. Norman, 3: †S. Robinon, sen., 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; S Robinson, jun., 6. †First 720 and first attempt. On Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service. 720 Kent Treble Bob in 38 mins F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; S. Morton, 3; †S. Robinson, 4; G. Marsden, 5; G. Norman (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the method. Tenor 17 cwt.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Madin, 1; W. Worthington, 2; —. Mottershall, 3; —. Daffin, 4; J. Worthington, 5; S. Robinson, 6; S. Smedley, 7; A. Worthington (conductor), 8. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs. S. Robinson hails from Eckington.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, September 20th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6.

WEAVERINGHAM (Cheshire).—On Saturday, September 24th, the above ringers visited this place and rang 720 Bob Minor at St. Mary's church, standing in the same orderas above. It was intended to ring a 720 of Treble Bob Minor, but owing to the bells going so badly it was not attempted.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 25th, for the Harvest Festival at St. Wilfrid's church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Wilkinson, 1; J. Ashmole, 2; T. Bush (conductor), 3; A. Booth, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; T. Wilkinson, 6. After service three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Booth, 3; T. Wilkinson (conductor), 4; T. Bush, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob (thirty singles). Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich. W. Hine, 1; T. Bnsh, 2; A. Booth, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6. After service 360 Plain Bob. H. Yarwood (conductor), 6; the rest as before.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Saturday, August 27th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Bob Minor. T. Duxbury, 1; R. Sanderson. 2; T. Newhall, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; A. Heap, 5, T. Redman (conductor). 6. Messrs. Ashworth and Redman hail from Burnley; Sanderson from Preston; Newhall and Heap from Accrington; Duxbury from Padiham.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 4th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Redman, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Hartley, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. T. Mouncey, 1; D. Campbell, 2; D. Heys, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 11th, for Divine Serviee, 720 Bob Minor. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; D. Heys, 3; J. W. Taylor, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor). 6. On Sunday morning September 18th, for Divine Service 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; T. Redman, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Knowles, 1; D Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3. R. Ashworth, 5; R. Hartley, 5; T. Redman (conductor). 6. On Tuesday, September 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F Towns, 1; R. Hartley, 2; T. Knowles 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys (conductor), 6.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, STAMFORD.

STAMFORD.—The Harvest Festival was held at St. Martin's church, on Thursday evening, September 22nd, the sermon being preached by the Rev. H. L. James, Vicar of Surfleet. After service a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung in 23 mins. E. Gale, 1; R. Christian, 2; C. Harper, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; F. Dennison, 5: Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Sunday, August 28th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., taken from the *Clavis*. S W. Shoesmith, 1; A. Rooke, 2; A. S. Langridge, 3; J T. Rickman, 4; W. Pelling, 5; A J Turner, 6; J. S. Goldsmith (conductor). 7; J. F. Stedman, 8. On Monday, September 18th, for practice, 546 Union Triplee. H. S. Langridge, 1; J. S Goldsmith (conductor), 2; A. Rooke, 3; A. J. Turner. 4; W. Pelling 5; R J. Dawe, 6; C. Painter, 7; J. F. Steadman, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 1; A. S Langridge, 2; A. Rooke, 3; R. J. Dawe, 4; W. Pelling, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; C. Painter, 7; J. F. Stedman, 8.

RINGMER (Sussex).—On Sunday afternoon, September 25th, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of deep respect on the occasion of the death of Mrs. Gribbell, wife of the Vicar, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, in 29 mins. A. Cosham, 1; J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 2; C. Painter, 3; H. Jones, 4; A. J. Langridge, 5; T. Miller, 6; T. Taylor, 7; J. F. Stedman, 8.

CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire). — On Sunday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Vick, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Prickett 3; S. Hopton, 4; W. Freestone, 5; R. Thompson (conductor). 6; J. Morley, 7; F. Bye, 8. On Monday, September 26th, 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Hobson, 1; G. Vick. 2; J. Prickett, 3; J. Smith 4; W. Freestone (conductor), 5; R. Thompson, 6; J. Morley, 7; B. Tamplin, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering G. Hobson, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. Prickett, 4; W. Freestone, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; B. Tamplin, 8 Tenor 21 cwt. First 720 by Messrs. Smith and Hobson, and first touch of Triples by G. Vick. Messrs. Hobson, Smith, and G. Vick hail from Tidenham, Gloucestershire.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Essex).—On Saturday, September 24th, the Stansted company paid a visit to this place and rang at the parish church 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jordan. 1; T Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor H. Lear (first 720 and first attempt), 1; W. Watts, 2; G Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. J. Watts, 5, J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 120 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—Recently, for practice at the parish church, by the locals and a few friends, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26 mins. A. A Waite, G Miles, G. Smith, A. Pegler, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Sunday, May 22nd, prior to evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor), G Smith, R. A. Barrett, C. Browett, G. Condick. On Tuesday, May 24th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins. A. A Waite, H Mitchell (conductor), G. Smith, G. Condick. C. Browett, L. Robinson; finishing with rounds and firing to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday. On Sunday morning, May 29th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor (four bobs and two singles) E. Davies, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, R. A Barrett, C. Browett, G Condick (conductor). On Tuesday, June 21st 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins A. A. Waite, J. Austin, G. Smith, T. Newman, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Condick. On Tuesday, July 5th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. G. Miles, G. Price, G. Smith, A. A. Waite,

H. Mitchell, G Condick (conductor). On Sunday afternoon, July 3rd, for the children's Flower Service, 180 and 360 Bob Minor, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Miles, F. Pri e, G. Smith, W Perks, A. A Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor) On Tuesday, July 12th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. Waite (aged 14 years, first 720), A. A Waite, G. Smith, F. Price, H. Mitchell (conductor), W. T. Pegler. On Sunday evening, July 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. E. Davies, H. Mitchell, G. Smith, F Price, C. Browett, A. A. Waite (conductor). On Tuesday, July 26th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 27 mins. J Waite, A. A Waite, G. Smith, F. Price, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. Browett. This 720 is the composition of E. Gale, of Melton Mowbray. On Sunday evening, August 7th after a memorial service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 29 mins. E. Davies, W. Perks, G. Smith, F. Price H. Mitchell (conductor), C. Browett. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. B. Bonnor, churchwarden of this parish, who was interred the day previous. On Tuesday, August 9th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Waite, A. A. Waite, G. Smith, F. Price, H. Mitchell (conductor), C Browett. On Tuesday, September 6th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Waite, A. A. Waite, G. Smith, F Price, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. Browett. Also several 6-scores of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Dunstan's and Bob Doubles were rung at the various practices.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, July 14th, at the church of St. Mary de Crypt, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and twenty singles), in 27 mins. R. Judd, F. Brunsden, T. Newman, J. Gillett, H. Mitchell, W. T. Pegler (conductor).

MAISEMORE (Gloucestershire). — On Sunday evening, September 4th, after Divine Service, six members of the St. Michael's Juniors visited this place and rung 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. T. Pegler (conductor), J. Gillett, R. A. Barrett, T. Newman, H. Mitchell, J. Austin. Three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles were rung, conducted by W. T. Pegler, and then the bells were lowered.

ALDENHAM (Herts).—On Tuesday, September 6th, an attempt for a peal came to grief, after which 518 Grandsire Triples was rung G. Layzell, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 2; G. Gibbard, 3; W. Newell, 4; W Hewitt, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6; T. Smith, 7; W. Carpenter, 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. John's Deritend, after the Harvest Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. A. Flowers, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. G. Ellis, 3; C. Carmel, 4; T Collinson (composer and conductor), 5; J. T. Perry, 6; H. Middleton, 7; R Speakman, 8.

BERKHAMPSTEAD (Herts).—On Monday, September 12th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Smith, 1; G. Gibbard, 2; B. Prewett, 3; W. Newell, 4; C. R. Lilley, 5; E Humphry, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham 7; W. Carpenter, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

BRISTOL.—On Friday, September 16th, for practice at St. George's church, 360 Grandsire Minor in 12 mins. A. Knight, 1; F. Isaacs, 2; A. Liversedge, 3; W. Floock, 4; S. Thomas, 5; H. Howell (conductor), 6. First 360 by Messrs. Knight and Isaacs. *First as conductor. Also several six-scores with J. Thomas on the treble.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late W. S. Smith, ex churchwarden of the parish church. C. Faulkes, 1; H. Faulkes, 2; J. W. Smith, 3; W. Micklewright, 4; A. Spittle, 5; S. J. Hughes, 6; S. Spittle (conductor), 7; J. Smith, 8; J. Goodman, 9; H. Sheppard, 10. Smith (2) hail from Netherton; the rest are of the local band.

GRUNDISBURGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Last, 1; S Wightman, 2; W. Wightman, 3; F. Clarke, 4; J. Last, 5; S. W. Martin, 6; J. Durrant, 7; G. Wightman (conductor), 8 And 640 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Wightman (conductor) 1; T. Sadler, 2; J. Durrant, 3; F. Clarke, 4; J Last, 5; S. W. Martin, 6; W. Wightman, 7; S Wightman, 8 Also 508 Grandsire Triples. S. W. Martin, 1; T. Sadler, 2; W Wightman, 3; F. Clarke, 4; J. Last, 5; J. Durrant, 6; G. Wightman (conductor), 7; S. Wightman, 8.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, September 25th, after Divine Service, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Dye, 1; W Wightman, 2; J. Sadler, 3; A. Dowsing, 4; W. Whiting, 5, S. Smith, 6; G. Sharman, 7; G. Wightman (conductor), 8. And 240 Bob Major, with W. Weedon 1; the rest as before.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (Herts).—On Wednesday, September 14th, at St. Mary's church, 2540 Bob Minor in 1 hr. 35 mins. G. Golding, 1; G Harding, 2; J. Floyd, 3; W. Shephard, 4; H. Golding, 5; W. H Newell (conductor), 6; W. Charge, jun, 7; W. Charge, sen., 8. This is the first half-peal on the bells.

NORTHCHURCH (Herts).—On Tuesday, September 20th, at St. Mary's church 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Golding, 1; H Golding, 2 J. Floyd, 3; W. Shephard, 4; W. H. Newell, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 11th, 720 Bob Minor. H Gladwell, 1; C. Parker, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; R. Wilding, 4; H. Horrex (conductor), 5; W. E. Kinsey, 6 Also 720 Oxford (nine bobs). A. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Bigg, 4; H. Horrex, (first in the method), 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hollocks, 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; R. Wilding, 6 For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles) Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich A. Symonds (conductor), 1; J. Moore, 2; W. Hollocks, 3; H. Gladwell, 5; W. E. Kinsey, 5; H. Horrex, 6.

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, September 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Wall, 1; W. Verry, 2; G. A. Martineau, 3; R. Faux, 4; F. Rowley (conductor), 5; J A. Bragg, 6; S. Bragg, 7; W. H. Smith, 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service at St. Hilda's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) R. Hopper, sen., 1; F. Scrafton, jun., 2; R. Scrafton, sen., 3; J. Crawford, 4; J. Hopper, jun., 5; G. W. Dix (conductor), 6.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday evening, September 25th, for the Harvest Festival, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. L. Waddington, 1; F. S. Barnes, 2; A. Hallett, 3; R. Hammond, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; W. H. L Buckingham, 6; T. Waller, 7; H. Walker and G. W. Steabben, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

WOBURN (Beds).—On June 27th, at St. Mary's church, 800 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; M. Matthews, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; S. A. Avis, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; D. Harris, 7; E. Herbert, 8. On July 4th, 576 Treble Bob. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; M. Lane, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Chasty, 8 On July 11th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; E. Herbert, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; H. D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8. On Monday, July 25th, 288 Kent Treble Bob. M. Matthews, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; W Chibnall, 4; H. Toll, 5; H. D. Harris, 6; E Herbert, 7; M. Lane, 8. On Monday, September 12th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5. W. Chibnall, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8. Recently on handbells 900 Bob Royal. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; D. Harris, 3-4; E. Herbert, 5-6; Cyril Herbert, 7-8; S. Avis, 9-10. On Monday, September 26th, at St. Mary's church, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major. Cyril Herbert, 1; M. Lane, 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; E. Herbert, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall, 8.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM WOOLSTON
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He was the kind donor of "Carillons" to the parish church, Wellingborough, of two treble bells to his native place, Irthlingborough, and, as a much valued honorary member of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell Ringers, he was also a liberal helper to most of the belfry improvements in the district of late years.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

"Our own Correspondent" is always to the front, I have noticed, whenever a meeting of the Yorkshire Association takes place. Perhaps this fact has presented itself to the minds of most of you. Evidently "our own" is a prominent member of the above-named body. Be this as it may, the fact remains that his contributions have always a freshness about them which is charming in the highest degree; a kind of homeliness; at the same time without the least approach to what is known by that euphonious term, "snobbism." We have all heard the phrase "Go Yorkshire," many a time. This does not imply that any method is intended—Yorkshire Court, for instance, or anything else. "Go Yorkshire" is meant to indicate that those concerned will go Yorkshire, of course. Not "go to Yorkshire," understand, like we sometimes say "go to Jericho" or any other eastern spot. "Go Yorkshire!" I really am in a kind of fix how to accurately explain the phrase, and begin to wish I had not introduced it. We'll have a further endeavour in the following paragraph.

"Let's go Yorkshire." Ah! here is an addition making it a trifle more thick in the clear. Now my friends, take notice: "Let us go Yorkshire." We are getting to see it a bit plainer, are we not? Let us share and share alike in all our troubles and joys; rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep; bear one another's burdens; in other words, "Let's go Yorkshire!" We ought to think of this more and more, and feel gratified that in connection with the name of a County to which the art of change-ringing is so much indebted, we have a catching phrase so full of exquisite meaning.

"The shades of night were falling fast,"
The members had to run at last,
Right through the town to catch their train,
Saying, as they had their parting drain—
"Go Yorkshire."

I hope I have at last succeeded in making it clear. Excuse the poetic flight: one gets drawn by these subtle influences.

The paragraph following the report of the Yorkshire Association meeting headed "Belfry Reform at Horsley, Derbyshire," ought to be read more than once or twice. Be kind enough, my dear readers, to take up your copy and read it again. True the church has only five bells, and there are at present but the same number of ringers. But affairs may improve, and there may be more bells and ringers at Horsley. It is some time since I read a more encouraging paragraph than this one. Every one of these ringers, every one, mind you, read this paper every week. I should like to hear of other five-bell companies as hearty in the cause of ringing as that of Horsley.

An allusion to five-bell towers brings to mind circumstances attending a ring of this number in a village in one of the large counties. At this place five bells had been just re-hung. While the work was going forward, the sexton scraped a close acquaintance with the bellhanger. When the latter had finished, he instructed Mr. Sexton how the bells should be treated: screwing-up, oiling, etc. The sexton took it all in, as well as the very liberal gratuity the hanger anointed his palm with. In a few months the parishioners began to feel nervous about their bells. They heard unearthly noises from the belfry when the bells were rung; and began to be afraid that the bells would take it into their minds to come down some night into the churchyard bolus bolus. Then of course the fault was laid upon the bellhangers, who were called upon to set things to rights without delay. The bellhanger who did the job goes to see what is the matter, and finds that the long period of dry weather has made every thing loose; the worthy sexton never having put his finger to one single nut or screw at all.

Had one of our esteemed ringing clerics been incumbent here, such a condition of things would not have arisen; or if it had, this chawbacon of a sexton would quickly have found his occupation gone. And serve him right.

My remarks last week about Monmouth has brought the follow ing lines from my old friend Bob Haworth:—"Plain Speaker gives a fairly correct account of the Monmouth disaster. It was under Mr. Green's management. It must be forty years ago. I can only remember five of the band—Haworth, Green, Nelms, Stockham and Booth. They are all gone, I think, except myself. Best wishes to yourself and Mr. Plain Speaker."

I may have been incorrect in saying that this was a College Youths' party, because I don't think J. Nelms ever belonged to that body. But there, it is of no consequence.

My poetical friend, or rather *our* poetical friend, who the other week so extensively dealt in metaphor, sends the following:

Speaker Plain, we've had a treat
This week's would be hard to beat.
Most amusing and instructive—
To the "poet" most destructive!
All the "poet's" ire has gone
Leaving "Speaker Plain" alone
In his glory: with a hope
He may still enjoy his rope.
Forgive a poet-ringer's pose
As a critic—now he knows
"Speaker Plain" *can* write on ringing,
Pleasure to the "poet" bringing.

Mr. Prickett, of Chepstow, I look towards you. Thanks for your kind line at the bottom of the report sent by you, and which has been just shown to me. I haven't a bottle of wine handy, else I would send you a toast by Atlantic cable, but I light my pipe of old Virginia, and blow the smoke Chepstowards. May your shadow become greater, and the Chepstow Company flourish more and more.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

STOKESLEY, DURHAM.

On Saturday, September 3rd, the Stockton ringers paid a visit to Stokesley as the guests of the Rev. W. P. Wright. The party drove over in a waggonette, reaching Stokesley about four o'clock. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung, and then an attempt was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, with some of the Stokesley band taking part. An adjournment was then made to Rectory Cottage, where the visitors and the local ringers were entertained to tea in the garden. After tea the handbells were brought out, and an attempt for a 720 of Bob Minor was made with four of the local band, the Rev. W. P. Wright taking part, this resulting in a break down soon after the midway single. On returning to the church, the Stockton ringers completed a 720 of York Surprise in good style, and then included the Rev. W. P. Wright in a touch of Kent Treble Bob, which concluded the proceedings of a very pleasant outing. The enthusiasm of the rev. gentleman for the art of change-ringing is evidently bearing fruit at Stokesley, where a little more patience and assistance will result in a 720 by the local band.

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The Essex Association.—A District Meeting of the above will be held at Newport, to-day, Saturday, October 1st. The towers following will be open: Newport, Littlebury Arkesden, and Rickling. Tea and meeting at 4.30 p.m. Certificates of membership are now ready, post free 9d

H. T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*
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The Bedfordshire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held this Saturday afternoon, October 1st, at St. Mary's church, Luton. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leek to-day, Saturday October 1st.

REV G. T. BIRCH, W. TWIGG, } *Hon. Secs.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The Quarterly Meeting of the above Society will be held to-day, Saturday, October 1st, at St. Martin's church, Tipton. Bells will be available from two o'clock. As this is the centenary of the opening of the bells the members are requested to muster up in full force.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, *Bull Street, West Bromwich.*

The Crayford Society.—On and after Monday next, October 3rd, the practice-night at Crayford church will be Monday, instead of Tuesday. Any visiting friends will be welcome. G. CONYARD, *Hon Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich on Wednesday, October 5th Special service at the church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Preacher: The Right Rev. the Bishop of Thetford. Dinner at 1 30 in Blackfriars Hall. Hon members and friends, 2s. 6d. Company members, 1s. 6d. Business meeting after dinner for election of officers, etc., when the annual report will be read.

H. EARLE BULWER. *Hon. Sec.*
Stanhoe Rectory King's Lynn, Sept, 12, 1898.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held on Saturday, October 8th at St. Bartholomew's church, West Houghton Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited. HY. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Godding, at Hayes, on Saturday, October 8th. All friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Didsbury, on Saturday, October 8th Wanted a good muster. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o p m

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Berkhamsted on Saturday, October 15th, when the tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at the coffee tavern, business meeting to follow. All members or visitors intending to be present are requested to so inform me by Wednesday, October 12. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association — North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, October 15th, at Christ Church, Southgate. Tea will be provided at 7 p.m. at the Cherry Tree hotel, and the subsequent business meeting will be presided over by the Vicar of Southgate, the Rev. J Beardall The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. It is requested that members will do their utmost to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.*

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 22nd. Further particulars later.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
5, *Manor Parade, Sutton, Surrey.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, on Saturday, October 22nd. Further particulars will follow.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 261st Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, 15, Aldersgate Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

The Yorkshire Association.—An invitation to hold the Annual Meeting has been received from St. James's, Bolton, Bradford.

B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ROTHERHITHE.—The first peal of Stedman upon these bells, which were placed in the tower 150 years ago, viz.: in 1748. The "go" of them is, to put it mildly, abominable, and one visit alone will suffice to verify this statement. Nevertheless, the band wish to convey through "THE BELL NEWS" their thanks to Canon Beck and the churchwardens for their permission accorded on this and previous occasions, as well as to the veteran ringer, Mr Pead, for his endeavours to make their task as easy as possible under disheartening conditions. The band (with the exception of W. Pye) all belong to St. Alfege, Greenwich.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NUX.—All these things have been done years ago.

EMBLEM.—In these practical times the suggestion would be laughed at.

NEPHEW.—There is a maze at Hampton Court.

ROB THE GRINDER.—We cannot tell the *exact* charity school referred to.

PUPIL.—We have no hesitation in advising you to get the whole of them, See advts. on the leader page.

FALSE PEALS.—Mr. F. Dench writes: "The 5088 of Double Norwich by C. W Clarke in the issue of the 24th ult., is false; also the 5152 by E. Wightman, Woodford, published September 3rd.

Look out for the EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS OF HANDBELLS.

CROWLAND ABBEY.

The Rev. T. H. Le Bœuf, Rector of Crowland, makes a fresh appeal for financial assistance in repairing and rendering secure the fragment of the magnificent abbey church of which he is the incumbent. On Wednesday in last week the whole north wall of the eastern chapel moved, he says, ½in to the north, and must be speedily taken down and rebuilt from the foundations, as in the case of the two bays next the tower The sum still required is about £1,100. During the present year not only have the two bays just named been rebuilt, but the north wall of the north aisle or present parish church has been underpinned on the outside face; a cross wall between two chapels rebuilt, and the east window in the tower repaired and cemented. The portion of the abbey which has caused so much work this year was built by Abbot Ulketyl in 1061. In 1091 this portion suffered from fire during the abbacy of Ingulphus the Historian. There are many reasons for this decay to the fabric beside age and the drainage of the Fens. The abbey has suffered from fire on three occasions, from earthquake (1114) and the walls were built on the peat bed, having no spreading footings. The foundations are perfectly rotten, and how the building has held together for so many centuries is, the rector remarks, a mystery. One relieving arch was imbedded only about 1-in., having a projection of 6-in. In the peat bed last week a cluster of oysters was found unopened. The underpinning of the abbey proves the statements by Ingulphus to be perfectly correct, and the oak piles may be seen by visitors which have been since 947 A.D. the stay of the foundations.

NOTICE OF PEALS.

On Saturday next, October 1st, several members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild intend starting on a four days' ringing tour in Hants. Saturday evening, Fareham; Monday morning, Soberton; Monday afternoon, Soberton; Tuesday morning, Westmeon; Tuesday afternoon, Privett; Wednesday morning, Petersfield; Wednesday afternoon, Havant or Portsea. The tower of All Saints, Eastmeon, will also be available if wanted.

G. W.

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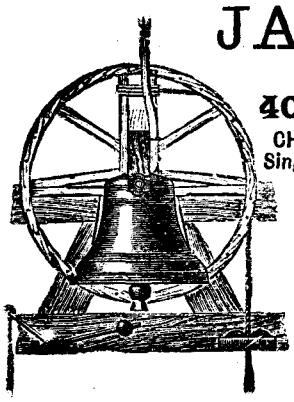

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