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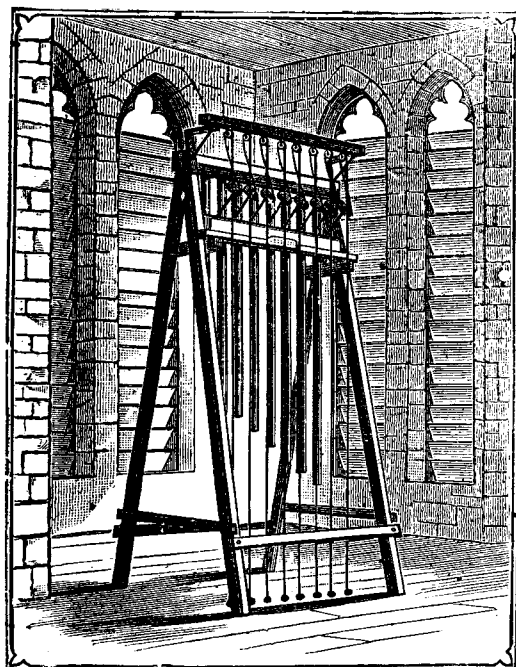
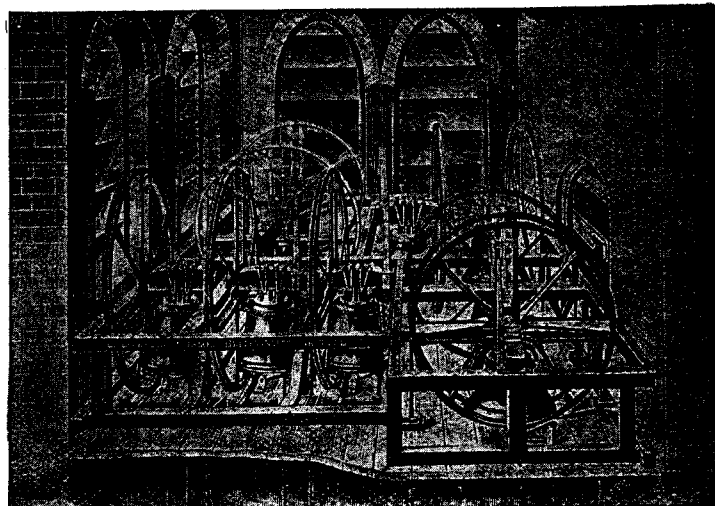
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT RINGWOOD.

A rather sparsely-attended Quarterly Meeting of this Guild was held at Ringwood, Hants., on Saturday, October 22nd, and the result was a very short record of touches brought round for combined practice. Members attended from Christchurch, Wickham, Fareham, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Winchester Cathedral, Hursley, Oakley and Portsea. The bells were raised at 1 p.m., but a start could not be made much before 2.30 p.m. The steeple-keeper had kindly got everything in order, but perhaps it may be remarked here that the clapping of these bells wants attention. The clappers have worn smooth and want to be re-forged; the reason for this is perhaps that the chiming apparatus, which is fixed in the middle of the belfry floor, operates above by means of "clocking," and there are no independent chiming hammers, except the clock hammers.

The business meeting was held in the belfry at 4.45 p.m. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Master, presided.

The Minutes of the last annual meeting at York Town were read and passed, after Mr. W. H. George had given an explanation of certain performances being inserted in "THE BELL NEWS."

The following new members were then elected:—W. W. Portal, Esq., Overton, Hants, life member; The Venerable Archdeacon Haigh, Winchester, Rev. W. J. Rudge Bassett, and Rev. G. A. Johnston, Micheldever, honorary members. Seven names were added to the performing list.

The Secretary read a letter from Canon Grant, the Rector of Guildford, in which he stated that the Holy Trinity Bells were to be overhauled and re-hung at once, the work having been entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Mr. Jones had also written to say that the Guildford band were receiving instruction, and that they would soon be competent to join the Guild.

The attention of the meeting was called to the list of technical terms which the Committee, appointed by the Central Council, had just issued in proof-sheet form. The Central Council Committee were anxious to know if any useful additions could be annexed.

The next Quarterly Meeting was fixed to take place on Monday, January 23rd, 1899, at Guildford. A move was then made for Merritt's Restaurant, where some fourteen members sat down to an excellent tea, served and "brought round" in capital style. Amidst a downpour of rain a final move was made for the station.

By an oversight, a vote of thanks was not accorded to the Vicar and others for the use of the bells, before the meeting broke up. In the name of all present the Hon. Secretary takes this opportunity of tendering sincere thanks.

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.

FORMATION OF THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22nd, an interesting little meeting took place in St. Patrick's Schools, Dublin.

Invitations had been sent out to all known bands in Ireland, inviting them to attend for the purpose of founding, if possible, an Association of Change-Ringers. Six bands responded to the call, principally from the Dublin district, others signifying their intention of joining, but distance preventing their presence at the meeting.

The Rev. C. W. O'H. Mease, on being voted to the chair, spoke of the great necessity of such a society, and called upon R. R. Cherry, Esq., to explain its objects, etc. That gentleman in a very able manner laid the idea of the founders before the meeting, which may be summed up as follows:—That the society shall be a bond of unity between all ringers in Ireland for the promotion and study of scientific change-ringing.

Although regardless of creed, the religious aspect of the society to be maintained. On the proposition being put to the meeting that such a society should be formed, and that its name should be "The Irish Association of Change-Ringers," it is almost unnecessary to state that it was carried unanimously. The following officers were then elected:—Mr. R. R. Cherry, *President*; Mr. William McCullagh, *Treasurer*; and Mr. G. Lindoff, *Secretary*.

Each band represented were requested to elect their Committeemen within the next fortnight, and the proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, and a course of Grandsire Triples in hand.

ST. SEPULCHRE'S, NORTHAMPTON.

DEDICATION OF THE TWO NEW BELLS.

The Vicar of this church, preaching on Sunday morning, September 25th, took for his text an inscription on one of the old bells—"I to the Church the living call And to the grave do summon all." Having spoken of church bells in a general way, he proceeded to speak of the bells of St. Sepulchre's, taking for the basis of his remarks the account given in the valuable work lately edited by Dr. Cox and Mr. Serjeantson. From this it appears that from the date of the earliest parish accounts the tower of St. Sepulchre's was supplied with a ring of five bells, and that since then various details with respect to their maintenance and re-casting had been gleaned from the parochial books. He then went on to speak of the two new bells just added to the peal, and the work done in the belfry as the first instalment of the restoration of the tower, showing from the statements of the first circular issued by the Committee, the urgent need of the re-hanging of the six, and their determination to obtain two smaller bells to complete the octave, "and thus have a ring worthy of the tower and church." This had all been well and thoroughly done, one of the new bells having been generously given by one of the parishioners, Mr. Kilburn. Finally, referring to the text he had chosen, the Vicar begged his hearers to listen to the bells whether rung or chimed, singly or altogether, as God's voice, say-

ing "Come," "Come nearer to me." By taking part in the services, if not able to be present in body to be present in spirit; by loving and sympathising thoughts with those in trouble when the bell tolls, or with those rejoicing when the bells ring merrily, thus drawing nearer to one another as fellow members of Christ's Body, the Church, they would also be drawing nearer to Him, The Head.

After the sermon the Vicar, preceded by cross bearer and the churchwardens and sidesmen, and followed by the choir, went down to the door just underneath the belfry, and used a form of dedication, praying God to accept the new bells and the work already done in the inside of the tower, and to grant special blessings (1) to all who should be called together by them to worship Him in His house; (2) to all for whose marriage union they should ring; (3) for those who, hindered by sickness from attending church, should yet *hear* them and join in the services in spirit; (4) for all those for whose passing away from this world the bells shall sound; (5) for all who shall join in ringing or chiming the bells.

The firm of Mears and Stainbank, who have carried out the work at St. Sepulchre's so satisfactorily, cast the eight bells at All Saints' church, Northampton, in 1782. St. Sepulchre's is the only church in Northampton that has retained any of its 17th century bells.

A VISIT TO ELSTREE, HERTS.

At the invitation of the Rev. A. R. T. Eales, the St. Edward's Guild, of Romford, visited Elstree on Sunday. Leaving Romford at twelve o'clock, Elstree was reached at 2.30, and a start was at once made for the church, which is about a mile from the station. The band were met by the rev. gentleman, who gave one and all a hearty welcome, and on the way to the rectory pointed out St. Alban's Cathedral, seven miles distant, and other places of interest. Elstree church is most pleasantly situated upon the summit of a hill, from which can be seen large tracks of wooded country stretching far away into both Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, and from which, upon a clear day, can be seen High Wycombe (18 miles). Immediately after the service the sweet-toned light peal of bells were rung till 4.33, when the band were entertained at tea at the rectory by Mrs. Eales. Ringing was again commenced at 5.30, and for the evening service several well-struck peals were rung. Evensong was of a hearty character, and there was a large congregation. The beauty of the church is enriched by a handsome chancel screen, and there are magnificent stained-glass windows. Before returning the band were entertained at supper at the rectory, and left with many expressions of thanks for the kind invitation and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Eales. The following, who comprise the whole of the band now connected with Romford tower, were the party:—Messrs. S. Jones, G. Roughton, B. Keeble, H. Dawkins, H. E. and R. Vyse, and Arthur Perkins, jun.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

In 1897 Mr. and Mrs. Tharp decided to erect some permanent memorial of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The bells of the church were in a deplorable state, and the re-casting and re-hanging of these were considered most desirable. Through their generous liberality and the kindness of Mr. W. W. De la Rue this has been accomplished. Friday, September 30th, was the day for

the re-opening of these bells. During the afternoon the bells were rung by ringers from Fordham, Freckenham, Bury and Newmarket. The harvest thanksgiving was held in connection with the re-opening in the evening. The service was fully choral, and well rendered by the choir, Mrs. Tilbrook ably presiding at the organ. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Wickham, the Rev. E. Powles and the Rev. H. Henman took part in the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Raven, D.D., Rector of Fressingfield, and President of the Norwich Diocesan Association, from Psalm cl. 5.

The Knights of St. John re-built Chippenham church after the fire in 1447, and placed two bells in the tower. One was dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and the other to St. Margaret (4th and 5th bells). The 3rd bell was added in 1601; the tenor (6th) was added in 1621; Jarrold and Tetsall (churchwardens) gave the 2nd in 1703 (old treble); Mr. W. W. De la Rue gave the 1st in 1898 (new treble).

The tenor is 17 cwt. The 3rd, 4th and tenor have now been re-cast by Mr. W. W. Tharp, and inscriptions to that effect are engraved on them. The collection amounted to £9 10s. 9d., and will be devoted to incidental expenses in connection with the bells. The choir and ringers were entertained in the schoolroom after service, Mr. Smedley presiding.

THE BELLS OF PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The old wooden framework and most of the fittings of this celebrated ring of twelve bells are in a very shaky and dilapidated condition. The bells have never got over the shock they received when the spire was struck by lightning in 1883, when the bells and framework were buried in the masonry. Nine of them are worn very badly at the sound bow, as the clappers have beaten in the same place for 177 years. They certainly have had some wear in their day, as the records of old will show. "Thanks to our Gloucester friends, the St. Michael's Juniors," says our correspondent, Mr. W. Hale, "shaky as they were, we got three good peals out of them last year, viz., Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, but the Brothers Pegler had all their work cut out. The bells were then stopped from ringing for some weeks, and the framework has been temporarily strengthened with strong iron clamps and red deal planks. The Vicar and churchwardens, with myself, have thoroughly inspected the bells and framework. They stood upon the framework whilst each bell was pulled up, and they have unanimously decided that no money shall be spent upon them except what is necessary to just keep them going in their present state. A new clock is to be placed in the tower, in the chamber now occupied by the ringers, and the new belfry will be 12 ft. from the ground floor, or about 5 ft. lower than the good old original belfry, where old William Estcourt used to manipulate the bells to so many long peals. The Vicar has promised a good sum towards the re-hanging of the bells, and is going to do his level best next year to get the twelve bells re-hung in a new iron frame, and quarter-turned. Till then the back bells are not to be used in peals, as the Vicar and churchwardens think it is not fair to ringers, however enthusiastic, to pull them through as they are. With the belfry back again to its original position, and the bells in good order, some of the long peals of Cinques now lost, would, I am sure, be brought back by some of our Gloucester and Bristol enthusiasts."

CURRENT TOPICS.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Surrey Association on the 22nd ult., the Hon. Secretary reported that *one* peal had been rung since the last meeting. Only one! Well peal-ringing is thought by many to be a secondary consideration. Yet it is a fair sign of progress. If the members of an Association are firmly united—like the proverbial bundle of sticks—and carry out with vigour the principles and objects of change-ringing, peal-ringing may be looked upon as only a luxury. It may be argued that the work of teaching young ringers, obtaining new members, establishing frequent practices, and amid all closely adhering to Church principles, are objects more worthy of consideration and respect than anything else. Yes! no doubt they are. But a peal about once a quarter is certainly a small effort.

Attention is directed, in the report of the meeting, to the want of sufficient light in the ringing-chamber of the church of All Saints, Kingston-on-Thames. One gathers from the brief description of the church that it is an edifice of some importance, architecturally speaking. We should expect to hear that such a church had everything necessary; everything. The requirements of the belfry are in too many instances the last consideration, but you would hardly expect to find that in such an important parish church as this that the primitive candle was in use. In some remote village we may perhaps expect to find such antiquarian appliances, but in a town so close to London it seems strange. Perhaps the attention the matter has received may bring about an improvement.

The Ely Association has received another fillip, this time from the Rev. K. H. Smith, who must always be considered as its founder. At a meeting he urged, we are told, the necessity of increasing the membership, and amending the present lethargic condition of ringers and ringing in the county of Huntingdon. It is reassuring to find that the present active Hon. Secretary—the Rev. W. W. Crump—recognises the present state of affairs, and is taking steps to find out why this lethargy among the men of Huntingdon exists.

Our Huntingdon friends should remember that from their county proceeded one of the most active of Englishmen—to wit, Oliver Cromwell. There certainly was no lethargy about him. Whatever his political deeds were, he was essentially a man of action. Will not the ringers of this county try and imitate his energy and determination. We don't exactly want a second Oliver Cromwell, at any rate in the ringing world, because he would want his own way too much, and would soon become a nuisance. But it would be agreeable to see a few Huntingdon ringers with an activity something after the Protector's fashion. Mind the "after."

In my last I casually mentioned that a correspondent wished to know who found the funds to liquidate the expenses of the Hampshire tourists. The following letter has been sent to the Editor concerning it:—

"DEAR SIR,—In Current Topics this week 'Plain Speaker,' adverting to the recent Winchester Guild ringing excursion in Hampshire, remarks that an inquisitive correspondent wishes to know from what source the fund for this annual excursion

comes. I concur with 'P.S.' when he says such a question shows an amount of front. Personally I think it is sheer impudence. 'Such inquisitiveness as this cannot be satisfied . . . and the question will not be answered by me' is 'Plain Speaker's' curt, but thoroughly deserved reply to his correspondent. But as one of the excursionists perhaps I might be allowed to state that the funds for the tour came from the pockets of those who took part in it. If, however, I have misunderstood the import of 'Plain Speaker's' correspondent's question and instead of 'pumping' to find out if some kind friend 'pays the piper,' he wishes, if the ex's. are defrayed by the individual members of the party, to next year contribute largely to a common fund established for the purpose of paying expenses, will he kindly communicate, through the Editor, with yours truly,

ONE OF THE PARTY."

You will all admire this answer, I have no doubt. And so may all inquisitors meet with such rebuffs.

The Sussex Association has just held a meeting at a place called "Hurstpierpoint." A very successful meeting indeed. The new Vicar of the place was in the chair, and got on capitally. He was much interested in bells and ringing, but he knew nothing about the latter. Now see the fruits of having a Master who knows a thing or two. Mr. Attree suggested that the Vicar could be taught. Agreed. So the Vicar is to become a real working member as well as an honorary one. Bravo Master George.

What's the matter with the great city of the West? The "note to peal" I can't understand, and I expect many more are like me. Surely the Bristol people have by this time abolished the euphonious distinction of "rats and mice." The day has ceased for such buffoonery. Why should the old city have more than one company? For the matter of that why should many other places? If one section of ringers can't have everything what they consider would be the best, it is best for the sake of peace to compromise, and thus meet their opponents half-way. The world is ruled by compromise.

So the first Surprise peal within the City of London has only just been rung, and at the church of All Hallows Barking, too; not a very handsome place from any point of view. I notice a name among the band that was prominent forty or fifty years ago. The elders of the St. Martin's Guild will remember old John Robinson Sharman very well, and so will some among the London veterans. I have some idea that Mr. John Day alluded to him in his reminiscences. He was a wonderful old chap rather, as I recollect him; a good heavy-bell and handbell ringer. I suppose the present holder of the name claims no relationship.

A very nice little affair at Waltham Abbey the other evening. If they are wise the Waltham gentlemen will make it an annual concern. Perhaps if they manage to remove the Abbey a little nearer to the railway station it may be the means of inducing some of the septuagenarians to visit them on such occasions. They haven't got their peal of twelve bells yet, I suppose. Nor have I heard anything further about the Cathedral scheme.

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SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.

For some weeks, a local paper informs us, the peculiarly sweet-toned ring of bells at this place has been silent. The bellhanger has had full possession of the tower, but at last the bells have been reopened by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, and their mellow tones were heard once more echoing far up the lovely Selworthy combe and away down the rich vale towards Dunkery. The Selworthy bells have long enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most musical ring of six in the neighbourhood, but for many years their condition made it apparent that repairs were absolutely necessary. A thorough examination by Mr. John Sully, bellhanger, of Stogumber, revealed the fact that they were in a very dangerous condition, and he advised a total clearance of the old timber. This recommendation was adopted, and everything new has been provided in the re-hanging of the bells, the timber of the massive oak frame being kindly given by Sir C. T. D. Acland, Bart., of Holnicote. Every fitting and adjunct of the bells are entirely new, and under the frame a new deadening-floor has been placed, which allows free access to the bells when necessary. The bells have all been quarter-turned, and their accessories are of up-to-date character. They were cast by Evans of Chepstow, and it is worthy of note that they were cast just four years previous to the ring of five at Cutcombe, which are from the same foundry.

The rededication-service was well attended. The choir walked in procession from the west end singing the "Old Hundredth," the clergy following being the Revs. J. Utten Todd (Minehead), H. D. Acland (Lucombe), E. P. Stanley (Wootton Courtenay), C. H. Heale (St. Decuman's), and the rector (the Rev. F. Hancock), who acted as Bishop's chaplain, and bore the pastoral staff in front of his lordship. The Rector read the first part of the morning service to the first lesson, which was read by Mr. W. H. Phillips, lay-reader. The Bishop then, with the Rector, churchwardens (Mr. Isaac Clarke and Mr. Christopher Birmingham), and the choir, proceeded to the belfry, chanting Psalm cxxii. Here a special form of service of re-dedication was impressively carried out by his lordship, after which the bells were rung in rounds by the Selworthy ringers, whilst the choir and clergy returned to the chancel. A special hymn, "O thanks to Thee, our gracious Lord," was then sung, and the concluding prayers of the special service were said by the Bishop. Morning prayer was continued to the end of the third collect, when hymn 242 (A. & M.) was sung.

The Bishop then gave a short but singularly appropriate address, in the course of which he expressed the great pleasure he felt in coming amongst them again. There that day and also on his previous visits he had been much impressed with the hearty and reverent manner in which all, from the youngest to the oldest, joined in the services. This was just as it should be, and particularly so with regard to their children, whom it was their duty to look after and train as belonging to God, for the manner in which they grew up into men and women depended much on the way in which they were trained in their early years. That day they had met together to re-dedicate their bells after re-hanging them. The church bells rang out to them many messages. They invited them to God's service in His church, to the Holy Communion, sometimes to a marriage service, or tolled solemnly for the passing away of some soul. Then again they rang out joyously to celebrate some national event, the passing away of the old and the ushering in of the new year, and on the Church's great festivals, Christmas, Easter, and Ascension, their tones seemed to send out a special message to them all, and thus in various ways the bells preached to them; but they must never forget that these services to which the bells invited them must be real and earnest. The ringing of bells required health and strength, and the exercise of thoughtfulness, obedience, and a due observance of all that was orderly. Those who knew anything about bell-ringing would tell them how essential in the production of changes was that spirit of obedience, and as in bell-ringing so also in their lives should they, clergy and laity alike, endeavour to cultivate that same spirit of obedience to those in authority. Ringers should also endeavour to faithfully discharge their duties as bell-ringers of the church, and might the sound of the bells teach them all to lift up their hearts in thankfulness to Almighty God, and stir them up to a realisation of how important in life was this sense of faithfulness to duty. A story was

told of how, during a war between the French and Austrians, a town was saved by the ringing of the bells. The French army lay encamped on the heights overlooking an Austrian town, and threatened it with destruction. It was Easter morning, and the Bishop called the clergy of the town around him, and although fully alive to the danger that threatened them, they determined to do their duty to God and summon the people together to keep the great Christian festival, when they might be able to unite in prayer to God for deliverance from their enemy. The bells of the churches in the town were rung, and the French army, on hearing them, concluded that they signalled the arrival of the Austrian army, and they retreated, and thus the town was saved through this determination to be faithful in their duty to God. They should at all times endeavour to do their duty. Might God's richest blessings ever rest on them, and might He bless them, because in that parish they were striving to do their duty.

At the conclusion of the Bishop's address, the special hymn, "Hark, on high the joyful music," was sung. The benediction was pronounced by the Bishop, and the service concluded with hymn 215, sung as a recessional.

After service, the Rev. J. U. Todd, together with the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Master of the Diocesan Association), and other ringers from Minehead, rang several 120s of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and later in the day a 720 of Bob Minor. The parish ringers also had a turn at the ropes, and on all sides complete satisfaction was expressed with the manner in which Mr. Sully had carried out the work of restoration. The parish ringers, choir, and visiting ringers were most hospitably entertained by the Rector in the parish room.

ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH.

An interesting incident occurred at the close of the usual practice on Thursday, October 27th. For several years past Mr. Hill has occupied the position of steeplekeeper, and has always striven to make the ringing-chamber as neat and as attractive as possible. He has also endeavoured to make ringers of some who were willing to learn, and to this end lately has devoted some of his spare time in teaching a few the preliminaries of church bellringing, and it reflects much credit upon Mr. Hill that each of his five pupils are able now to take part with the local band. Mr. Masters, on behalf of the beginners, thanked Mr. Hill for his willing exertions to them, but said they were not only indebted to him but also the whole band for any further advances they had made, but the pupils themselves thought they would like to recognise the services of their instructor by asking his acceptance of a little present in the shape of a nicely bound volume, entitled "Sixty Years a Queen;" not that the gift itself would compensate Mr. Hill for his trouble, but it was hoped it would interest him, his family and friends.

Mr. Hill evidently was taken by surprise, and said he was amply repaid for any trouble on his part in seeing his pupils making progress. He however thanked them for the book and appreciated their kindness.

The inscription inside the cover is as follows: "Presented to Mr. H. G. Hill, steeplekeeper of St. Mary's, the parish church of Woolwich, in appreciation of his untiring efforts in teaching us to use the ropes in the art of church bellringing. Signed, T. Ames, H. Beckford, H. G. King, E. O. Masters and E. Medhurst; 27th October, 1898."

HUNSTON, SUFFOLK.

By the great kindness of the late Rev. H. Ray, the church bells, three in number, were rehung two years ago. The same benefactor before his death requested a tenor bell to be added; this was done a few weeks ago. Now Major Heigham has given the order for a fifth, and this is expected to be hung by Christmas Day. Great interest has been taken by the ringers, of whom William Clarke is the captain, and is ably assisted by Walter Clarke, Albert Huffee, and Fred. Clarke.

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THE GREAT BERKHAMSTED SOCIETY, HERTS.

On Monday, October 17th, at the invitation of the ringers of St. Mary's Northchurch, the ringers of Great Berkhamsted met there. The church is noted as being the burial place of "Peter, the Wild Boy," whose grave is opposite the entrance of the church, and there is a brass tablet concerning him in the interior. The church has a ring of six in good going order. The visitors rang 720 of Grandsire Doubles, also some short touches, and afterwards adjourned to The Old Grey Mare, where they found a supper provided, which was thoroughly appreciated. After the changes had been rung with knives and forks, ringing was indulged in by Messrs. T. Garner, G. Farnham, B. Garner, F. Meyer and host W. Lawby, Northchurch; J. Morsley, F. Saltmarsb, G. Hull, Berkhamstead.

Mr. F. Norris then proposed "The Health of the Northchurch Ringers," and said how pleased the Berkhamsted company were to be invited to ring with their Northchurch friends. Meetings like that bound ringers together, and helped members to take an interest in ringing. With the toast he would couple the name of Mr. Matthew Brooks, who had been a ringing member in their steeple fifty-four years. He had seen his jubilee, and he (the speaker) hoped he would live to see his Diamond Jubilee. Also that they might all be there then as they were that night. The toast was received with musical honours.

Mr. Brooks, in responding on behalf of the Northchurch ringers, said they were pleased to meet all their friends once again, and hoped they would meet on many more occasions. If he was spared to see his Diamond Jubilee he hoped they would all be able to meet and enjoy themselves as they had done that evening. He wished the Berkhamsted ringers good health and happiness. After toasting the host, the company sang "Auld lang syne" and "God Save the Queen," and then dispersed for home.

THORNABY, DURHAM.

The Vicar of Thornaby has communicated with Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton, with reference to training a set of ringers for the eight bells to put into the new tower there. The rev. gentleman was assured by Mr. Clarkson that he would see to this matter, with the assistance of the ringers of Stockton and Middlesbrough.

NORFOLK TRADITIONS.—"Hedge Priest," writing in the *Church Times* on the fancy displayed in local tradition, tells a story of an old house in Norfolk belonging to the Fleetwood family, which was related by marriage to Oliver Cromwell. Having explained that the house narrowly escaped destruction by fire, he proceeds: I explored the house shortly after, from the cellar to the top storey, and duly admired the old fireplaces, the oak panelling, some good ironwork in the windows, the nail-studded doors, and the quaint contrivances in the way of hutches and and cupboards, and afterwards discovered the cocking pit outside, where, doubtless, many a main has been lost and won. I was patiently the while biding my time for traditions, for I knew they were bound to come, and I had not long to wait. The inevitable subterranean passage was the first, but that goes for nothing. "What is that trap door in the top-ceiling for?" I asked the bailiff's wife, whose face grew grave at the question. "Ah!" she said, "there's a rum tale about that. Lawk! that fare to make one right creepy-like, that that deu th' old house standing so lonely." Another question and out it came. "They tell me that Oliver Cromwell was buried up there, and his father an' all, and sometimes I wish I'd never a'come; that make one feel so bad." Well, I tried to reassure her, and reminded her that, according to history, Oliver's body (I didn't know about his father) had been disinterred and burnt. But it was of no use; she knew all about it. "Yes, and folks say that's why the soot of that chimney smelt so awful when the fire broke out the other day." After this I hurriedly took my leave, and if the hills (for there are hills) did not resound, it was no fault of mine.

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

AFFAIRS AT BRISTOL.

SIR,—I observe in your last number reference to a peal of Stedman Caters at Bristol, on which I heartily congratulate the Redcliffe society. I was sorry however to read the latter part of the note to same, which I wish had been omitted, as much more likely to hinder than help forward that goodwill among ringers, which the writer, in common I am sure with all true ringers, professes to be anxious to bring about. Bristol possesses as good ringing materials in men and bells as most towns; why then should she not take her proper place in the ringing world? I am convinced this may be, if all ringers will heartily co-operate both in word and action. Both are necessary if we are to succeed. I shall have the greatest pleasure in doing anything in my power to help forward such a work. May I suggest as a step in the right direction, that all should join our Diocesan Association, and thus form a strong local branch in connection therewith, and try if we cannot achieve even greater success than our brothers in Gloucester. Would the writer of the note kindly communicate with me?
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER.

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your account of the "coming to grief" of the attempted peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church Cathedral on October 6th, the words "owing to the breaking of the tenor clapper" should have been inserted.

F. E. ROBINSON,
Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

EXPLANATIONS.

SIR,—Your account of my action with regard to a refusal of the bells on the occasion of a bellringer's wedding, is insufficient. I subjoin a letter from the local newspaper, which puts the matter in its true light. You have suppressed the fact that these two persons after being confirmed, and communicants, on the most important day of their life deserted their Church in order to be married according to the rites of a community opposed to her. I have always understood that bells were to be rung for holy purposes, and not to honour weak inconsistencies. If I am wrong and fossilized in holding this opinion, it seems to me better to be fossilized and represent a higher order of principle than to be alive and the exponent of those who belong to a lower order. Accept this as my first and last contribution to your columns on this subject. Kindly print the subjoined letter from the local newspaper.

H. D. F. WHITTINGSTALL.

The Vicarage, Marlow.

The following is the letter referred to, from *The South Bucks Standard* :—

"SIR,—I have been surprised to read, and occasionally to hear, remarks condemnatory of the action of the Vicar of Marlow in forbidding the church bells to be rung in celebration of a recent marriage at, I believe, Bristol. Before condemning let us examine the facts of the case. The bridegroom was a Churchman and a church bell-ringer. The bride had been a domestic servant at Marlow for a considerable time past, and a church goer. I have nothing to do or say as to the consistency of such people going to a Baptist chapel to be married, but I blush at the impertinence of they or their friends, whether church bell-ringers or churchwardens, venturing to ask the Vicar to allow the bells to be rung under such circumstances. What could the Vicar do but put his foot down and veto so absurd and inconsistent a demand? Imagine, if you can, what a Nonconformist minister would have done under like circumstances. I do not think the chapel bells would have rung very merrily on such an occasion. I think the Vicar did quite right by saying that 'the bells of my church shall not be rung on the marriage of two persons who, for long past have been regular attendants at my church, leading me to look upon them as honest church people, and then, on the solemnity of their marriage, go to a Nonconformist chapel and minister a hundred miles away.' One does not very often hear of such a strange thing, but I think that all who value consistency and honesty of religious opinion will say with me 'Bravo, Vicar!'—Yours truly,

Marlow, October 22nd, 1898.

NO HYPOCRITE."

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SIR,—We would be pleased if you would through your valuable paper give us the height in feet of the four highest churches with steeples in England.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1898.

It is with much pleasure that we announce, on another page, the formation of a ringing Association for Ireland. We have no doubt whatever that Mr. GABRIEL LINDOFF, whose departure to take upon himself the duties of an Instructor of ringing to the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society of Dublin was hailed as a very good omen, is at the bottom of this movement, and he is to be congratulated upon the energy he has shown in securing the co-operation of several distinguished inhabitants.

The whole of the Ringing Exercise of England will receive with joy the intelligence that their fellow-subjects of the Emerald Isle are about to establish an organisation having similar objects in view to those in their own country. There is no reason why ringing should not in the course of time become firmly established in Ireland. Many of the temples of public worship belonging to both Churches are in a condition to have bells if they can be obtained: and this movement may bring influential Irishmen to wonder why, in many instances, their churches have not possessed bells before now. We shall probably hear shortly of inquiries being made relative to the question of erecting bells in different parts of the island;

and we may hope that such enquiries may lead to tangible results in the near future.

Meanwhile it is not beyond our duty to impress upon those who are interested in this movement the great necessity for energetic action. The work must not lag in the slightest degree. In and out of season, morning, noon, and evening, day and night almost, the matter must be kept in view and moved onward. - Disappointments may come, offences perhaps, but they must be overcome by wisdom and tact. The President of the newly-formed association is a practical change-ringer, and a gentleman of influence; under his ægis there soon ought to be some apparent results.

What might have been looked upon as the religious difficulty has been met in a business-like manner. It would have been a sad thing if the members of two Christian churches could not have met on common ground for the practice of change-ringing. The time may arrive sooner than we think when all Christians will be united, and the variations of Creed be at an end—"One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all."

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

At the annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild, held at Northwich on Monday, August 1st, 1898, it was decided that the next meeting of the Guild should be held at Grappenhall, and that the Rector (the Rev. Richard Greenall) should make an attempt to have a ring of eight bells in his tower by the next annual meeting. The Ven. Archdeacon Barber spoke very encouragingly about it, and also started the subscription list with a guinea. Since then the Rector and the ringers have been quietly canvassing, with the result that they have got about £165 towards the £173 required to complete the work. After one or two meetings, the work has been placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are to have it completed by January 31st, 1899.

The Provinces.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY J. FEWELL* .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT 5.
E. PERCY DEBENHAM 2.	WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. 6.
FRANCIS J. SHARPE* 3.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 4.	HARRY MANSFIELD Tenor.

*First peal.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S PEAL.

THOMAS WAKEMAN Treble.	RICHARD E. GROVE 5.
JOHN O. BENNETT 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER 6.
WILLIAM H. SMITH 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
NOAH DAVIS 4.	ERNEST C. HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

Rang on the birthday of J. O. Bennett.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

EDWARD LUCAS Treble.	ROWLAND FENN 5.
THOMAS FAULKNER 2.	EBENEZER ANDREWS 6.
SAMUEL HAYES 3.	ALBERT C. HARDY 7.
CALEB FENN 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

First peal of Oxford by all except Mr. Brighton. It is believed to be the first peal on the bells in that variation since 1761, when the above society rung a 5120, composed and conducted by John Reeves, the composer of the present peal.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble.	WALTER E. YATES 5.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 2.	ARTHUR W. HIGGS 6.
ALFRED THOMAS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRANK BOREHAM 4.	WILLIAM ROBINS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Guild.

HALLIWELL, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY .. Treble.	HENRY MOSS 5.
JAMES FLEETWOOD† 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
ROBERT SEDDON 3.	*WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 7.
JOHN MAKINSON 4.	JOHN PARTINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, and Double Court Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS HEATHCOCK .. Treble.	WILLIAM NEWMAN 4.
JOHN GEO. ORFORD 2.	WILLIAM T. WHITEHOUSE .. 5.
FREDERICK BRACE 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

This is the first 5040 by all except the conductor and his first as conductor. First on the bells by a local band, and J. Orford's first 720 of Double Court, and also rung at the first attempt.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER .. Treble.	HARRY MASON 5.
JOHN W. SMITH 2.	*RICHARD ROUND 6.
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3.	†WILLIAM TALBOT 7.
HARRY PRICE 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by W. TALBOT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

JAMES T. GARSIDE* Treble.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN 5.
CHARLES PLATT* 2.	*FRANK CHAPMAN 6.
JOSEPH TAYLOR* 3.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 7.
HERBERT BARLOW* 4.	*THOMAS SCHOFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

*First peal. Rung to commemorate the twenty-first birthday of H. Barlow. After the peal the band were invited to supper by his parents, to which full justice was done. The local ringers wish to thank Mr. Jakeman (of Ashton) for conducting the peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 30, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Treble.	*JOSEPH LAST 5.
WILLIAM LAST* 2.	STEPHEN W. MARTIN 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
FREDERICK CLARKE* 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

For calling see "Snowdon," part II. page 16. *First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN HILL* Treble.	EDWARD E. SMITH 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 2.	JOSIAH MORRIS 6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3.	JOHN BUTTERY 7.
GEORGE BURROWS† 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal. †First in the method. This peal, which is the first in the method on the bells, has the 5th and 6th twelve times wrong and fifteen times right; 2 and 3 never being in 6th's nor the 3rd ever in 5th's; with all the combinations of 4, 5, 6.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 30, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS* Treble.	*JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	*EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6.
GEORGE R. PYE* 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. This composition has the 6th her extent home, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths, and is now rung for the first time.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 31, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR BARRATT Treble.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD 5.
PHILIP JACKSON 2.	ERNEST JACKSON 6.
THOMAS GRATTAN 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
JOHN JACKSON 4.	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

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

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLIXTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, October 20th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Massey, 1; J. M. Ridehalgh (conductor), 2; J. Hunter, 3; J. Eachus, 4; S. Collier, 5; J. H. Collier, 6; J. Nuttall, 7; T. Harper, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Massey, J. Collier, and Nuttall. J. Eachus hails from Manchester; the rest are of the local band. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Tuesday, October 18th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 4 mins. F. Voice, 1; G. Staplehurst, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; J. Kenward, 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; S. Kenward (conductor), 7; E. Taylor, 8. Composed by G. R. Newton, of Oxtou, Cheshire.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

WOOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, September 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1898 changes), 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Thomas, 1; J. Edwards, 2; P. Ball, 3; T. Jennions, 4; G. Hislop, 5; J. Roberts, 6; H. Fyles, 7; J. Boustead, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Composed by James Heasman, Edenbridge, and Conducted by H. Fyles.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

STONEY STANTON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, October 16th, at the parish church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Biggs, 1; J. Noble, 2; T. Wright, 3; J. Tansey, 4; R. Christian, 5; A. R. Aldham, 6; H. Briggs (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; C. Briggs, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Christian, who hails from Great Yarmouth.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 11th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 4900 changes it unfortunately came to grief. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; W. Aldridge, 2; W. Foreman, 3; E. Wells, 4; H. Hill, 5; H. Flanders, 6; A. Pye, 7; A. R. Sandiford, 8. On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 288 Stedman Triples. H. Hill, 1; J. Beavan, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; E. Wells, 4; R. Carter, 5; A. Phillips, 6; W. Aldridge (conductor), 7; A. R. Sandiford, 8. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. W. Aldridge, 1; H. Hill, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; E. Wells, 4; R. Carter, 5; A. Phillips, 6; A. Pye (conductor), 7; A. R. Sandiford, 8.

SWANSCOMBE.—October 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. Alf. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; M. Digby, 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. October 10th, 720 London Surprise. W. Martin, 1; G. Hayes, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; F. Hayes, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. October 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 18th, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples. G. H. Howse, 1; C. Harffey, 2; A. Gowen, 3; H. W. Fayers, 4; T. Price, 5; B. Hobbs, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. G. H. Howse, 1; G. H. Head (conductor), 2; T. Price, 3; A. Gower, 4; B. Hobbs, 5; H. Hookham, 6; J. Osborne, 7; H. W. Fayers, 8. On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, 710 Bob Minor with the 7th covering. *A. Miles, 1; *J. Osborne, 2; C. Harffey, 3; G. H. Head, 4; *H. W. Fayers, 5; G. H. Howse (conductor), 6; H. Hookham, 7. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Osborne, 1; C. Harffey, 2; A. Miles, 3; H. W. Fayers, 4; G. H. Head (conductor), 5; G. H. Howse, 6; J. Goldsmith, 7; H. Hookham, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Goldsmith (conductor), 1; G. Howse, 2; A. Miles, 3; H. W. Fayers, 4; C. Harffey, 5; J. Osborne, 6; G. H. Head, 7; H. Hookham, 8.

HORLEY (Sussex).—On Wednesday, October 12th, 168, 1260, and 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; S. Kenward (conductor), 6; F. Voice, 7; T. Post, 8. On Tuesday, October 18th, 336 and 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Voice, 1; G. Staplehurst, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; J. Kenward, 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; S. Kenward, 7; E.

Taylor, 8. On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Taylor, 1; G. Staplehurst, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; J. Kenward, 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; S. Kenward, 7; T. Post, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Voice, 1; G. Staplehurst, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; J. Kenward, 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; S. Kenward (conductor), 7; T. Post, 8.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On October 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Best, 1; W. Marshall, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; T. Stroud, 5; J. Lee, 6. On October 18th, 720 Woodbine. G. Boswell, 1; C. Best, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; T. Stroud, 5; J. Lee, 6.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

BLVTH (Notts).—On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. C. E. Beeston, 1; J. H. Swinburn, 2; R. Beeston (conductor), 3; G. Clayton, 4; T. Bows, 5; T. Sewell, 6.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORSLEY.—On Thursday, October 13th, 720 Doubles, in 27 mins. being 120 of Manchester, 120 of North's No. 9, and four 6-scores of Grandsire. T. Whilton, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. Aldread, 3; B. Fletcher, 4; J. Aldread (conductor), 5. On Wednesday, October 19th, on the occasion of a wedding, 960 Grandsire Doubles. T. Whilton, 1; W. Smith (conductor), 2; W. Aldread, 3; W. Peat, 4; J. Aldread, 5. Longest length ever rung on the bells and by the local company. Also 120 of Manchester and 120 of North, standing as before, conducted by W. Smith.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, June 5th, after Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. H. S. Ellis, 1; C. Crompton, 2; E. Bonfield, 3; J. Barrett, 4; R. Bevan, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Carroway, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crompton, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. Also 360 College Single, in which Messrs. E. and W. Tubb took part. On Wednesday, May 11th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Turvey, 1; C. Crompton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 19th, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-four bobs and two singles). F. Turvey, 1; E. J. Webb (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; C. Crompton, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Margaret's church, eight members of the above attempted a peal of Treble Bob Major, which collapsed after ringing 994 changes. W. R. Brewis, 1; F. J. Harrison, 2; H. Tyson, 3; W. Hunt, 4; C. Waugh, 5; E. Fenny, 6; A. Meyers, 7; R. Richards, 8. Also 672 in the same method, J. Patterson ringing the 6th. And 392 Bob Triples.

WHITLEY (Northumberland).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for morning service at St. Paul's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. S. Story, 1; W. Hunt (conductor), 2; J. Barber, 3; H. Ross, 4; T. J. Gofton, 5; W. Thompson, 6.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday, October 16th, for evening service at the parish church, 592 Bob Major. R. W. Langton, 1; J. W. Parker, 2; R. E. Chichester, 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; T. Hudson, jun., 5; J. Field, 6; W. T. Robson, 7; R. W. Lowe, 8. First touch of Major by Parker. On Thursday, October 20th, for practice at St. Ignatius' church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Dentith, 1; J. W. Parker, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; R. L. Patterson, 5. This is Patterson's first 6-score of Grandsire. And several 6-scores of Bob Doubles, in which Messrs. G. T. Taylor, R. Manning and H. Blakey took part.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, October 25th, for practice, 960 Bob Major. W. Reed, 1; A. Tully, 2; J. Binwell, 3; T. Teasdale (conductor), 4; H. Ross, 5; R. Morrison, 6; W. Hunt, 7; J. Hern, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

FYLDE (Lancashire).—On April 24th, at St. John's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. J. Bamber, 1; R. Cookson, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. May 1st, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). R. Seddon, 1; J. Tipping, 2; J. Fell, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On June 19th, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles and sixteen bobs). W. J. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; J. Moore, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On July 31st, 720 Plain Bob. R. Cookson, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; C. H. Kerr, 4; R. Seddon, 5; E. Tipping

(conductor), 6. On August 28th, 720 College Single. R. Seddon, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 25th, after Divine Service, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Grandsire Grandsire Minor. W. J. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; G. Maries, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 College Single standing as above. On Sunday, October 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. R. Cookson, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 23rd, 720 Plain Bob (thirty singles). W. J. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; E. A. Wilson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

RAMSBOTTOM.—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service at the Church of St. Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 37 mins., tenor 9½ cwt. R. H. Wolstenholme (first quarter-peal), 1; J. S. Taylor, 2; J. Wolstenholme, 3; R. Leach, 4; J. H. Haydock, 5; A. S. Rostron, 6; J. B. Taylor (conductor), 7; J. Booth, 8. J. B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for service, 360 Grandsire Minor, in 12 mins. A. Wilkinson, 1; W. Patter, 2; J. Wilde, 3; J. Witter, 4; J. T. Lowe, 5; R. Johnson (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor, for evening service, the ringers as before.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WISSET (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, October 18th, 360 Stedman Doubles. T. L. Wilson, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; A. Lee, 3; R. Tracy, 4; C. Kerrison, 5. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. C. Kerrison, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; T. L. Wilson, 3; W. Durrant, 4; S. Kerrison, 5.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Saturday, October 22nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but it was abandoned after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins., owing to the heavy going of the tenor. W. H. L. Buckingham, 1; F. Edwards, 2; W. E. Oakley, 3; W. G. Whitehead, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; F. A. Smith, 7; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RINGWOOD (Hants).—At the church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Saturday, October 22nd, at a quarterly meeting of the Guild for combined practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 2; W. J. Tucker, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; H. White, 5; W. H. George, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hewett, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; G. Preston, 3; J. Gould, 4; H. White, 5; W. H. George, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; C. W. Goodecough, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at the parish church, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe (conductor), 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole, 6; T. Russen, 7; W. Fowler, 8. Also 504 in the same method. A. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe (conductor), 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; R. White, 5; F. Russen, 6; T. Cole, 7; J. Walker, 8. On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Gifford, 1; J. Elcombe (conductor), 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole, 6; F. Russen, 7; W. Fowler, 8. On Tuesday, October 25th, 1038 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. A. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe (conductor), 3; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; R. White, 5; T. Cole, 6; F. Russen, 7; W. Fowler, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Saturday, October 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Sturges, eight members from Reading rang at All Saints' church 720 Woodbine. J. Tucker, 1; H. White, 2; C. Giles, 3; W. Horn, 4; H. Tucker, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. R. Sawyer, 1; H. White, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; H. Tucker, 4; W. Horne, 5; A. M. Higgs (conductor), 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles, with F. Mower, one of the local ringers, ringing the 3rd. And 360 College Single, conducted by A. E. Reeves. The visitors wish to thank the Rev. Canon Sturges for granting permission to ring, also for kindly providing tea at such a short notice.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT TAY (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, October 18th for practice at the church of St. Barnabas, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. O. Dyer, 1; D. Elliott, 2; W. Dyer, 3; G. Galley, 4; J. Sadler, 5;

E. W. Beckwith, 6; W. Ladham, 7; E. Ladham, 8. Also a course of Double London Court Bob Major. On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service, in the afternoon, 400 Double Norwich Court. O. Dyer, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Dyer, 3; W. Ladham, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, 8. After service 576 Oxford Treble Bob. O. Dyer, 1; W. Ladham, 2; W. Dyer, 3; G. Galley, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; D. Elliott, 7; J. Newman, 8. Conducted by D. Elliott.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 11th, for practice at the church of St. John the Baptist, 1,008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Freeman, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; W. H. Doran, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; E. Wightman (conductor), 8. And on Tuesday, October 18th, 576 in the same method. W. Pye, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; E. Wightman (conductor), 6.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWAINSWICK (near Bath).—On Wednesday, October 12th, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins., each called differently. E. Holder, 1; J. Taylor, 2; W. C. Ricketts, 3; H. C. Hallett, 4; J. Fussell (conductor), 5; C. Cambridge, 6. First by Messrs. Ricketts and Hallett, and first attempt.

BATHWICK.—On Tuesday, October 18th, at St. Mary's church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins., each called differently. W. F. Flowers, 1; C. Densley, 2; J. Whale, 3; A. Richardson, 4; J. Fussell (conductor), 5; R. Whatley, 6. First by Messrs. Densley, Richardson and Whatley, and first attempt.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—At Christ Church, on Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, 240 Tulip. Joe. Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. Also 360 City Delight. J. Hey, 1; others as before, and conducted by Jno. Thackray. Also for evening service, touches of Primrose, College Treble, New College Treble, Symphony, College Exercise, Tanner's Pleasure, College Pleasure and Violet. J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 1; Joe. Thackray, 2; others as before.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, October 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Mark, 1; E. Unitt, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Adams, 4; N. Kibble, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. Messrs. Adams and Kibble belong to Willenhall; Brown to Bilston.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Griffiths, 1; T. Tutte, 2; T. Goff, 3; W. Sutton, 4; J. Crawford, 5; T. Miles, 6; A. Gower (conductor), 7; E. Fisher (first quarter-peal), 8. On Tuesday, October 18th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Edward Murray to Miss E. R. Rumford, a quarter-peal in the same method in 45 mins. H. Griffiths, 1; T. Tutte, 2; T. Goff, 3; A. Bassett, 4; J. Crawford, 5; T. Miles, 6; A. Gower (conductor), 7; E. Fisher, 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. P. Newman (conductor), 1; A. Perkins, 2; J. Garratt, 3; J. J. Mawby, 4; J. Houghton, sen., 5; W. Pettitt, 6. On Monday, 336 Grandsire Triples, on handbells. A. Perkins, 1-2; W. P. Newman, 3-4; A. Y. Tyler, 5-6; J. J. Mawby, 7-8. Also 1264 and 1008 Bob Major, standing as before. Wednesday, 720 Minor. A. Perkins, 1-2; W. P. Newman (conductor), 3-4; J. J. Mawby, 5-6. Also 336 Minor. W. Pettitt, 1-2; W. P. Newman, 3-4; J. J. Mawby (conductor), 5-6.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, October 4th, at St. Mary's church, 350 Grandsire Triples, on handbells, retained in hand. J. Pagett (conductor), 1-2; T. J. Salter, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; T. Wakeman, 7-8. On Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 1344 Plain Bob Major. J. Pagett, 1; J. Bennett, 2; N. Davies, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. Crane, 6; E. C. Hunt, 7; T. Wakeman (longest length as conductor), 8. For evening service, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, 1; T. Wakeman (conductor), 2; N. Davies, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; T. Bennett, 5; E. C. Hunt, 6; W. H. Smith, 7; J. Pagett, 8.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, October 22nd, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 19 mins. A. R. Hird, 1; A. Miller, 2; T. Lewis, 3; A. Saker, 4; W. Saker, 5; G. Pedwell (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. A. R. Hird, 1; A. Miller, 2; T. Lewis, 3; A. Saker, 4; W. Saker, 5; G. Pedwell (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. A. R. Hird hails from Hornsey, Middlesex.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 16th, at St. Mark's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Dyson, 1; W. Clegg, 2; J. Taylor, 3; A. Stansfield, 4; E. Geary, 5; A. Clegg, 6; J. W. Taylor, 7; W. Rhodes, 8. Longest length by W. Clegg, who is only fifteen years of

age. On Sunday, October 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. T. Dyson, 1; A. Stansfield, 2; J. Lees, 3; J. Taylor, 4; E. Geary, 5; A. Clegg, 6; J. W. Taylor, 7; W. Rhodes, 8. First quarter-peal by J. W. Taylor.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, October 11th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss May Burdock, eldest daughter of Mr. Walter Burdock, one of the Painswick ringers, to Mr. Frank Norris, of Nottingham, a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: G. Browning, 1; H. Scrivens, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; S. Bates, 5; J. Poole, 6; W. Bateman, 7; A. Hanks, 8. Also 168 and 350, in which W. Mills, T. Peters and R. Baker took part. On October 20th, 1008 Grandsire Triples were rung on the front eight bells by G. Browning, 1; S. Baker, 2; W. Mills, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; H. Grosvenor, 5; H. Scrivens, 6; W. Bateman, 7; A. Hanks, 8. And a 350 with R. Baker at the 4th. On October 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 336 Grandsire Triples with T. Peters at the 2nd. On Tuesday, October 25th, four six-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the front six, by the six-bell band. G. Browning, 1; H. Scrivens, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; S. Baker, 5; A. Hanks, 6. On October 27, 616 Grandsire Triples. G. Browning, 1; H. Scrivens, 2; W. Mills, 3; R. Baker, 4; S. Baker, 5; J. Poole, 6; W. Hale, 7; A. Hanks, 8. Also two courses of Grandsire Caters and a 168 with W. Burdock at the treble, conducted by S. Baker. And on Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service, two courses of Grandsire Caters.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, on handbells, 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Keeble, 1; A. Keeble, 2; J. B. F. Keeble, 3-4; Mrs. Keeble, 5-6. Rung on the ninth birthday of F. Keeble.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Side, 1; S. Wade (conductor), 2; A. Tennant, 3; H. Kilby, 4; B. Foskett, 5; A. Pittam, 6. And 288 Treble Bob. J. Jackman, 1; H. Kilby, 2; I. Attwater (conductor), 3; A. Pittam, 4; A. Tennant, 5; S. Wade, 6.

AN OMISSION RECTIFIED.—In a report last week of some ringing done at Armley, on October 9th, the name of J. Boddy appears along with other visitors. It should have been mentioned that this gentleman came from Kildwick.

Obituary.

HERBERT GADD.

On Tuesday, October 18th, Mr. Herbert Gadd, of Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, died at his residence, Church Street, at the somewhat early age of forty-eight years. The deceased gentleman was only confined to his bed for three weeks, and had up to that time regularly taken part in the ringing at St. Thomas's church. He joined the local company about twenty-four years ago and (like everything else he attempted) made himself most proficient in the art; he was most enthusiastic, and was one of the founders of the North Lincolnshire Association, the first meetings of which were held at Market Rasen; he was appointed Treasurer, which office he held at his death. During his ringing career he has with the local company visited many towers in the county, and has rung two or three 504s with scratch companies at Grimsby and elsewhere. He was made a life member of the Yorkshire Association previous to ringing a peal at Grimsby. He was a joint-conductor of the belfry with Mr. H. Burkitt. The funeral took place on Saturday, the 22nd, and was of a public character. The deceased was dispenser for Messrs. Barton and Trumper, and for the Cottage Hospital and Dispensary (of which he was also Secretary), Captain of the Quoit Club, on the committee of the Cycling Club, and officer of the M.I.O.O.F. and Court Shepherd Foresters and Hearts of Oak Friendly Societies. The coffin was borne to the grave by R. Tomlinson and I. E. Cocking (ringers), and Mr. R. Fletcher and R. Scuphan (of the Quoit Club). A number of splendid wreaths were sent. A muffled peal was rung on the bells at 4 o'clock on Saturday, and on Sunday morning, for service, by Messrs. W. Hackney, I. E. Cocking, T. Greenwood, R. Tomlinson, G. W. Blanchard and H. Burkitt (conductor), and on Sunday evening J. Hackney took the 4th and R. Tomlinson the 5th in place of Blanchard. A letter of condolence was sent by the ringers to his bereaved widow and daughter. It is intended to erect a memorial tablet in the belfry.

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For some years the five bells at this church have been in a very dilapidated condition. The services of an experienced bellhanger were imperative, and Mr. John Sully, of Stogumber, was consulted. Upon his recommendation the whole of the woodwork connected with the bells has been removed, and Mr. Sully has erected a substantial new oak bell-cage, which rests and is firmly bolted to massive new oak beams, which have been given by H. H. P. Bouverie, Esq., the lord of the manor. The bells have been quarter-turned, and fitted with new stocks, wheels, and bearings of the latest and most approved principles. Under the bells a deadening floor has been placed. The bells are a musical ring of five, with a tenor weighing about 15 cwt., and, like the Selworthy bells, are all from the foundry of Evans, of Chepstow, who had the reputation of casting a good many fine-toned bells in the 18th century. Mr. Sully has fixed the Ellacombe chiming apparatus and has allowed, in the erection of the new bell-cage for a sixth bell, which, it is hoped, will soon be placed in the tower. The addition of a bell, which would of course be a new treble, should make the ring one of the prettiest in the neighbourhood. On Wednesday week, the Rev. J. Utten Todd, of Minehead, together with the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Master of the Diocesan Association of Change-ringers) and other ringers from Minehead, drove to Cutcombe for the purpose of testing the "go" of the bells. A 120 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman Doubles were rung, and complete satisfaction was expressed with the manner in which Mr. Sully had done the work of restoration. Subsequently, the party, together with the local ringers and Mr. Sully, adjourned to the vicarage, at the invitation of the Rev. R. T. de Carteret, where all partook of a substantial tea. After tea, further ringing was engaged in, the Vicar with the local ringers having a turn at the ropes. Internal repairs to the stone-work of the church tower have been carried out, and now the outside walls are being attended to.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch was held at Pangbourne on Saturday last. Members put in an appearance from Aldermaston, Burghfield, Beenham, Englefield, Bradfield, Goring, Theale, Padworth, Reading and Streatley, the latter having recently joined the Guild. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., previous to the service held at 3 o'clock. Afterwards a capital meat tea was partaken of, to which fifty-five sat down, and at the conclusion the Secretary, the Rev. A. Standidge addressed the meeting. He was pleased to see so many present, although a wet afternoon had no doubt prevented some from coming. The balance-sheet for the past year shewed the accounts to be in a satisfactory condition, and he hoped soon (through the kindness of Dr. Watney in giving two trebles) to be able to invite them to Bradfield to ring on a peal of eight. It would not only benefit his own ringers, but also the whole of the Guild, and the Bradfield Deanery could then boast of a fine ring of eight. The Streatley men were accorded a hearty welcome, having added another tower to the Guild. The business meeting over, the tower was again visited, and touches of Bob Minor, Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor and Doubles were rung, the bells being lowered in peal about 8.30 bringing the meeting to a close.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday, October 20th, the bells of this Church were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Hereford, the occasion also being the Harvest Festival. A new 3rd bell has been cast by Messrs. Mears, which replaces the old one cast in 1624. The work in the tower has been carried out by Mr. Greenleaf in his usual efficient style, including the tuning.

After the service the bells were raised in peal by the local band, when a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by J. Edwards, J. E. Groves (conductor), C. Watkins, H. Young, W. Greenleaf, and J. Edwards, sen. Later in the evening ringers from Withington rang Doubles and Minor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The annual meeting of the district was held at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, on Saturday, October 22nd. It was fairly well attended by members from all parts of the district, a few coming from other parts of the county.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m., practice in various methods being continued until 6 p.m., when tea was held in the school-rooms, full justice being done to an excellent repast.

After tea followed the usual business meeting, presided over by the Rev. C. E. Escreet, Vicar of Woolwich. The minutes of the last annual meeting were duly read and confirmed. The secretary then proceeded to read his report. He stated that on the whole the year's work had been satisfactory and the membership fully maintained to the standard of previous years. There were ten bands affiliated in the district against nine of the previous year, St. Margaret's, Lee, having rejoined. Two quarterly meetings had been held at Bromley and Erith respectively, a third one being dispensed with owing to inability to obtain the use of towers selected for that occasion. Eighteen peals had been rung since the last annual meeting as follows, viz.: Grandsire Triples, two; Oxford Bob Triples, one; Stedman Triples, two; Plain Bob Major, one; Kent Treble Bob Major, eight; Oxford Treble Bob Major, two; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, two. Total eighteen. Five were conducted by W. Bedwell, five by F. Thornton, three by W. Pye, two by I. G. Shade, one by F. S. Bayley, one by H. Warnett, one by E. Barnett.

It was then decided that Dartford was to be the place to hold the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, January 28th.

Messrs. W. J. Jeffries (St. John's) and Geo. Conyard (Crayford) were again unanimously elected to the respective posts of Honorary District Secretary and District Representative. The secretary was instructed to put forward and support Rochester as the place to hold the next annual general meeting of the county. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for his genial welcome and for the use of the bells, schoolrooms, etc., brought the meeting to a close.

A short service was held in the church, when a very interesting and instructive address was given by the Rev. James Hughes, Vicar of St. Mark's, Plumstead. After which a few more touches on the bells brought a most pleasant and successful meeting to a close.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The belfry of All Saints' Church, Sheffield, presented an animated spectacle on the occasion of the October meeting of the above society on the 15th ult., but was relieved of some pressure when Mr. F. Willey, the most obliging steeple-keeper, announced that the schoolroom and handbells were at the disposal of the ringers; no small relief considering that upwards of thirty ringers put in an appearance from Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Eckington, Killamarsh, Norton, Rammoor, Treeton and the local company, the whole of whom had a pull in the method of their choice, some Grandsire, others Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich: quite a plethora of touches being successfully brought round. After the tower-ringing, an adjournment was made to the meeting house, The Sportsman, where it was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Marie's (R.C.). The society's handbells came in for a fair share of attention, courses and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob, being rung during the evening.

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Notices.

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The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting of this District will be held (for ringing only) at St. Leonard's, Upper Deal, to-day, Saturday, November 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 26th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, 15, Aldersgate Street, to-day, Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be bought of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Albert Coles, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Horrex, Hoskins, T. Mash, McLaughlin, J. C. Mitchell, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, Winney and

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The towers of St. Michael's Cornhill (12 bells), and St. Clement Danes, Strand (10 bells), will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, St. Helen's to-day, Saturday, November 5th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Hawley, Hants. to-day, Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. HENRY WHITE, *Dis. Sec.*

North Lincolnshire Association.—The half-yearly general meeting will be held at Gainsborough to-day, Saturday, November 5. A short service will be arranged at the parish church at 5 p.m. Tea at the Coffee Palace at 5.30 p.m., after which the usual business meeting will take place.

GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*

142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Saturday, November 5th, at the parish church, Bolton. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited. H. V. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—There will be a meeting of the Archdeaconry of Sudbury district on Monday, November 7th, at Sudbury. The peals of eight at All Saints, St. Gregory's, and St. Peter's have been placed at the disposal of the members by the Rev. C. J. Stower and the Rev. B. S. Stower. A meat tea will be provided at 4 o'clock at The Bull inn. W. M. K. WARREN, *District Sec.*

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at St. Marie's (R.C.) church on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. J. MULLIGAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. It is expected that Oldham bells will be available. All ringers invited.

E. B. SHAW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorks.—The next meeting will be held at

Holmfirth, on Saturday, November 12th, at 5.30 p.m. G. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
King's Mills, Knottingley.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next district meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, November 12th, instead of Sevenoaks, as the bells at that tower are not available. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at The Red Lion hotel at 6 o'clock.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on November 12th. Bells ready at 3.30, business meeting at 6.30 p.m. The fourth annual dinner will also be held on November 19th, at The Hare and Hounds hotel, Bolton Street, Bury. Names must be sent of those intending to be present to W. R. Duckworth, 6, Byron Street, Buckley Wells, Bury, not later than the 15th. The charge for members or friends 2s. 6d. Dinner at 5.30 p.m. J. H. BANKS.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ECCLES.—This peal was arranged and rung as a farewell peal to the Hon. and Rev. Canon Lyttelton, Vicar of Eccles, who that day left the parish to enter on his duties as Suffragan-Bishop of Southampton, in the diocese of Winchester; also as a compliment to Mr. E. Jackson, the ringer of the 6th, who attained his 29th year of age on that day, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

Compositions.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

6120.

2 3 4 5 6	M	IN	5ths	W	H
3 2 6 5 4	2	B		2	
2 3 4 5 6	2			2	
5 2 3 6 4				2	
2 4 3 6 5	1			2	
2 3 6 4 5			I	2	
3 2 5 4 6	2			2	

Repeated—4ths and in in lieu of B in the first course.

This peal has the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6, in the tittums and plain course positions. The 2nd and 3rd are never in 5-6.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

5088.

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	H
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-
3 6 5 2 4	-	-	-
5 3 6 2 4	-	-	-
6 5 3 2 4	-	-	-
3 2 6 5 4	-	-	-
6 3 2 5 4	-	-	-
6 2 3 5 4	S		
3 6 2 5 4	-	-	-

Continued—

W B H

2 3 6 5 4	-		
2 6 3 5 4	S		
3 5 2 6 4	-		
3 2 5 6 4	S		
5 3 2 6 4	-		
2 5 3 6 4	-		
2 3 5 6 4	S		

Twice repeated.

First rung at St. Mary's Leicester, October 29th, 1898. If the course marked * is called single followed by 3H S, the peal will be extended to 6096, with the 6th twelve times wrong and eighteen times right, and the 5th vice versa.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

7023.

2 3 1 4 5 6	4	5	16
3 1 2 4 5 6*			
3 1 6 2 5 4	-		
3 1 4 6 5 2	-		
4 1 3 2 5 6	-		
4 1 6 3 5 2	-		
4 1 2 6 5 3	-		
2 1 4 3 5 6	-		
2 1 6 4 5 3	-		
6 1 2 3 5 4	-		
6 1 4 2 5 3	-		
6 1 3 4 5 2	-		

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5 1 2 4 6 3	-	-	-
2 1 5 3 6 4	-	-	-
2 1 4 5 6 3	-	-	-
2 1 3 4 6 5	-	-	-
3 1 2 5 6 4	-	-	-
3 1 4 2 6 5	-	-	-
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4 1 3 2 6 5	-	-	-
3 1 4 5 6 2	-	-	-
3 1 2 4 6 5	-	-	-
3 1 5 2 6 4	-	-	-
5 1 3 4 6 2	-	-	-
5 1 2 3 6 4	-	-	-
2 1 5 4 6 3	-	-	-
2 1 3 5 6 4	-	-	-
2 1 4 3 6 5	-	-	-

*Bobs at 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 14, 16.

Repeat the above except the first two courses; call 2, 7s, 8, 9, 13s, 15, 16 instead.

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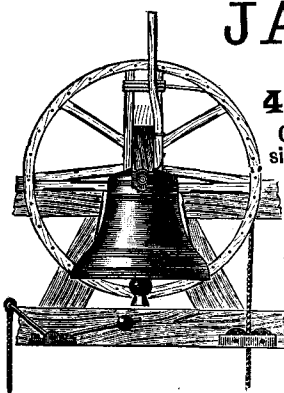
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