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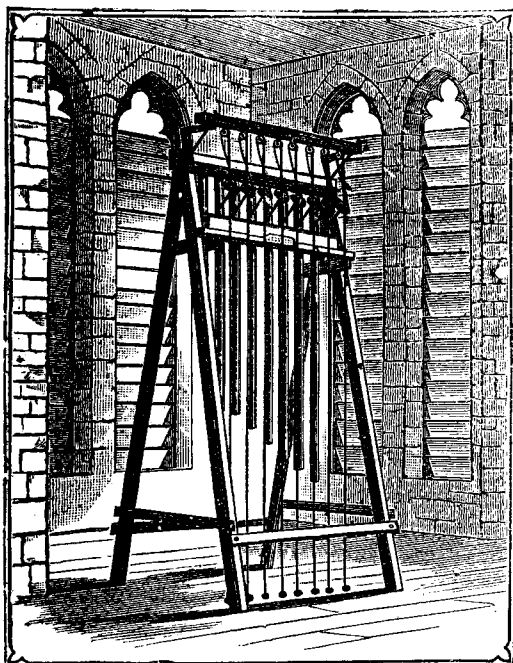
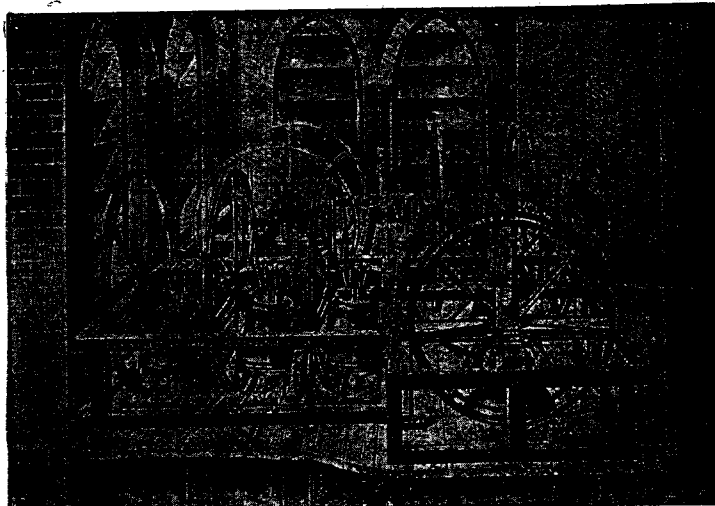
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The second Quarterly Meeting of the year was held at Duffield on Saturday, October 29th. Early in the afternoon, a goodly muster assembled from several centres, determined to make the most of the various attractions, viz., a stroll round the President's grounds, a run on the light railway, and finally, when opportunity offered, a pull on the handy ring of ten at All Saints' Church.

At 4.30 a capital meat tea was served in the parish room, to which some eighty-five members and friends sat down. After tea the meeting was held, the President in the chair, supported by the Rev. J. C. Aldous, Vicar of Duffield, the Rev. A. Gamble, Vicar of Bradbourne, the Rev. R. E. Ellershaw, of Beeston, and one of the clergy from Ripley. Lady Heywood and the Misses Heywood also honoured the society by their presence.

To commence the business the Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were signed, as also the names of five new ringing members, who were admitted. The President proposed the Rev. J. C. Aldous, Vicar of Duffield, and the Rev. R. E. Ellershaw, of Beeston, as honorary members of the association. Mr. W. Wakley seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

In addressing the meeting the President stated that only six peals had been rung during the past quarter, viz., a peal of Stedman Caters by the Birmingham Amalgamated Society, a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Derby branch, a peal of Treble Bob Royal by the Loughborough branch, and by the Burton branch two peals of Superlative Surprise and one peal of Stedman Triples. It was a small record, but the Burton branch had redeemed it from obscurity. The President then alluded to some unfortunate differences which had lately arisen between the clergy and ringers. One case in particular he mentioned, viz., "a nonconformist ringer wished to have the church bells rung on the occasion of his wedding, when requested to grant permission the Vicar refused." He, the President, did not think that the action of the Vicar was wise, but still, as the Vicar had sole control of the bells, it was no use kicking. If the request had been made at Duffield the benedict would have been treated very differently, for he remembered when the Duffield bells were re-hung some of the nonconformists were among the largest subscribers. There was one word of advice he should like to offer to ringers visiting strange towers, viz., approach the Vicar through his own ringers, and they would in most cases explain matters to him, and then generally there would be no difficulty, but never write to the Vicar direct, when you are antagonistic to his ringers. A great deal of the unpleasantness that occasionally arose between clergy and visiting ringers was due to the ignorance of the former, who failed to understand that the ringer of the present day was, in most cases, a highly respectable and intelligent man.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Duffield for the use of the bells, and said he was pleased to see so many of the clergy present. Mr.

W. Wakley seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

The Rev. J. C. Aldous, Vicar of Duffield, in responding, made some interesting statements about Continental bells and the way they were used. In conclusion he said he was pleased to welcome the Association at Duffield, and he was glad to be able to speak to them as an hon. member.

Stanford was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting on the proposition of Mr. W. Purvin, seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun.

On the proposition of Mr. Joseph Griffin, seconded by Mr. W. Wakley, the Committee of the Central Council's Draft Petition on Railway Fares was approved, as far as it applied to the Midland Counties Association.

Mr. Hickman then proposed a vote of thanks to the President, which was seconded by Mr. A. Wakley and carried unanimously.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

By kind permission of the Rector, the Quarterly Meeting of this Guild took place at Henley on Saturday afternoon, October 29th. Prior to the meeting, which took place at five o'clock, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) had selected a band from various towers of the diocese to ring a peal. The party arrived at mid-day, and the task was successfully completed, the record of the same having already appeared in our columns. The Master expressed himself well satisfied, not only with the peal, but with the excellence of the bells themselves.

At the conclusion of the peal, all the members assembled in the Church Institute, where tea was provided by Mr. S. Hales. The Master presided and was supported by the Rector (Rev. J. F. Maul), Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (Dunsden, Hon. Sec. of the Guild), Rev. A. H. Drummond, and Rev. R. P. Newhouse (Boyne Hill, Maidenhead), and upwards of forty members of the Guild from the following towers:—Henley, Shiplake, Reading, Caversham, Marlow, Bray, Blackwater, Hughenden, Sandhurst, Oxford, Hurst and Hawley.

After tea, the business of the meeting took place. The Rector accorded everybody a hearty welcome, and gave an interesting account of the Henley bells, which he said dated back to 1420. In 1474 it was said there were five bells, weighing respectively 20 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.; 16 cwt. 6 lbs.; 13 cwt. 4 lbs.; 13 cwt. 5 lbs.; and 9 cwt. 6 lbs. In 1690 it appears there was a rate made to repair some of the cracked bells. In 1813 *The Globe*, the paper of that date, said that from Messrs. Mears' at Whitechapel there had been a peal of bells dug out for Henley-on-Thames, and they were so beautifully-toned that they could honestly be called a maiden peal, and undoubtedly one of the finest-toned in the country. It was these same bells that they had enjoyed ringing that afternoon, and the music of which had been enjoyed by many of those present, and by a large number of the inhabitants.

The Master of the Guild said it was for the express

purpose of starting a Henley Deanery branch of the Guild that they had met, and he was glad to propose that such be formed, consisting of Henley, Caversham, Goring, and Shiplake. He thought that would be a good start, as two of the towers had good peals of eight bells and the other two peals of six, each having competent bodies of ringers.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis seconded the proposal, and it was unanimously adopted.

The Master then said that they would proceed to elect the officers of the branch, and he had the greatest pleasure in proposing that the Rector of Henley (the Rev. J. F. Maul) be elected President, for in him they had a man particularly keen in the interest of the Guild, and had it not been for his help this meeting would not have been so successful.

The Rev. A. H. Drummond seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

The Rector said it was to him a great pleasure to accept the position of President. The Guild had only honoured Henley with its presence once before, but he sincerely hoped they would meet there on many more occasions.

Mr. S. Goodall (Henley) was unanimously elected Branch Secretary, on the proposition of the Rector, seconded by Mr. Porter (Shiplake).

The Rector proposed that the Rev. J. C. H. Brook be Hon. Treasurer, which was seconded by Mr. E. H. Fox (Henley), and unanimously adopted.

The Master, in proposing that Mr. Newman, of Caversham, should be branch instructor, said that the Caversham company was undoubtedly the best band of ringers in the Guild. Their excellence in striking was well known throughout the ringing world.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis seconded the proposal, and it was agreed to.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness and help was adopted, and the members adjourned to the church, where a service was held, the Master preaching an excellent sermon from the text Zechariah xii., 20 and 21. After service a large number went to the belfry and rang touches in several methods.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—A quarterly meeting of the members attached to the Saxmundham District was held at Saxmundham on Saturday, November 5th, when members attended from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Kelsale, Benhall, and Henham, in addition to the local company. The bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods. The business meeting was held in the Church House, under the presidency of Mr. John Button, of Leiston. The secretarial duties were undertaken by Mr. W. Taylor, on this occasion, the Hon. District Secretary, Mr. H. J. Button, being unavoidably absent, owing to a business engagement. A letter was received from the much-esteemed Rector of Saxmundham, the Rev. G. F. Richardson, stating that he was confined to his bed through illness, and much regretting that in consequence he was unable to preside at this meeting, as on all former occasions, and wishing a successful meeting. After the usual matters of business had been disposed of, a proposition was made by Mr. C. Samson that the next meeting should be held at Kelsale in February. This was seconded by Mr. J. Flegg and carried unanimously. The proceedings were brought to a close by a vote of thanks

being passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and the Church house in which the meeting was held, on the proposition of Mr. G. Thompson; after which the tower was again visited and ringing resumed.

A SILVER WEDDING.

The old town of Waltham in Essex not only rejoices in the possession of an ancient Abbey, containing the bones of the last of the Saxon kings, but also in a notable townsman who has a *penchant* for making comfortable those around him. This gentleman—Mr. J. Parnell—among other good deeds gave to the Abbey its present illuminated clock, and he is always very willing to assist any movement which has for its object the public good. He identifies himself with all local matters nearly, especially those which are calculated to enhance the comfort and pleasure of his fellow townsmen, of all grades.

The 15th of October of the present year was the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell, a period commonly known as "the Silver Wedding," and in celebration thereof they entertained the Town Band, the bellringers, and the fire brigade, with a few friends, to dinner at The Green Dragon hotel. Fifty-two sat down, with Mr. W. C. Dymock in the chair, and Mr. W. A. Alps in the vice-chair.

The chairman having proposed "The Queen and Royal Family," proposed "The Health of our Host and Hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parnell." The band and the ringers had met together for several years as the guests of Mr. Parnell, but that year they had an addition, and a very fitting one too, of the Waltham Fire Brigade. He was sure they would all drink the toast with great pleasure, as they had met to celebrate the Silver Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell. He had received a telegram from Mr. Parnell, who said "Our best wishes for a very pleasant evening." The toast was heartily drunk.

In the course of the evening the Chairman proposed "The health and prosperity to the Waltham Abbey Society of Change-ringers," coupled with the name of Mr. Alps.

Mr. Alps said it was well-known in Waltham Abbey and district that the ringers were in a successful financial position—which they might call sound. The funds were only kept up by their own assistance, and there were very few honorary members. The honorary members of an organisation, whether ringers or band, were most useful, and he believed the ringers deserved the support of more people in the district than they received. He thanked them for the kind way in which the toast had been received. They had too few John Parnells in Waltham Abbey, men who cater for the convenience not only of the band, the ringers, and the fire brigade, but for the children as well. Those acts of kindness were things he never forgot. He admired Mr. Parnell more as a man because he tried to do good.

Captain George said he was very pleased they had had the pleasure of meeting the ringers and band. It was the first time, but he hoped it would not be the last. He was very much obliged to the vice-chairman for the way he had spoken of the fire brigade. Recently Mr. Parnell came to the assistance of the brigade and bought an engine, in addition to which he gave £5 towards the fund.

A vote of thanks to W. C. Dymock, proposed by Mr. Campbell, and seconded by Mr. Alps, and the singing of "Auld lang syne," brought the proceedings to a close.

HERE AND THERE.

During the temporary absence of that illustrious contributor who heads his paragraphs—"Current Topics," I, an entirely new member of the literary staff, throw off the following lines for this week's number of "our" journal. I place first the following paragraph which has been sent for "Plain Speaker" to examine, though its clearness, or want of it, does not appear to be much recommendation:—

"Still another. There are rumours of still another Association being formed. This time it is up North. Cleveland and North Yorkshire. A District totally without anything of the kind, and where several prominent exponents of the Art have made up their minds to bring the state of things up to date. We wish them every success.—Aitch."

This writer takes the trouble to tell us that his signature is a nice way of spelling the letter "H." Would that fact have occurred to us, think you, if the correspondent had not been kind enough to make it plain? He is a cryptogramist.

The spread of change-ringing in Ireland, though its fortunes appear to be a little rosy at the present moment, will I fear be of slow growth, at any rate, for some time. I would fain look upon the attempt being made to popularise the Art in Ireland with a strong belief in its rapid progress there. The difficulties to be encountered are acute and chronic. More honour to those concerned if they are successfully encountered. Talk of energetic action being required and the like is merely commonplace. If we can see weekly or monthly accounts of progress, then hope will be near.

A knowledge of the town of Painswick and the doings of its ringers in the past is not known to many ringers of latter days. The historical record of the place has only been conveyed in fragments through the columns of this paper, or by the works of Jasper Snowdon. The place was at one time evidently a famed ringing centre. That the present steeple-keeper's hopes of a revival of ringing at his church will be realised, every one wishes.

The account of the visit of the ringers of Great Berkhamsted to Northchurch would have been more complete if the writer had told us something about "Peter, the Wild Boy," who has a grave in the churchyard. What is the value of mentioning such items as these unless they can be fully treated? If the compilers of these reports would sometimes exercise a little thought, some ingenuity and research, their literary efforts would show some sign of completeness.

Stress has been laid upon the disadvantage of officers of Associations resigning their positions, just as they are becoming not only in touch with their duties, but also with the members. That there is a drawback in the resignation of a valuable officer is true. Can it be expected that they will go on for ever? The offices are honorary, and human nature teaches that gratitude for unpaid work is seldom met with.

The Vicar of Great Marlow is a gentleman of firmness. The account given of his action in this paper is, so he

says, "insufficient." It is indeed, according to the letter he published. But the kernel of the contention is that he might have let things take their course, and shut his eyes to the fact which troubled him. The pity is that some feeling has arisen, which is not always readily allayed.

Strongly of opinion as I am that this paper should deal principally with the questions for the treatment of which it exists, I nevertheless see no objection whatever to other matters being introduced at times. The practice lately adopted by "Plain Speaker," of referring in his last paragraph to some public topic is very proper. In the space at my disposal there is no room for me to do so. Some other day the opportunity may occur. Having made my bow, and gone through the ordeal of a formal introduction, for the present I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen, yours most obediently—

OXFORD BOB.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

Most of our readers are aware of the abilities of the six-bell company at this Essex village. They have nearly exhausted every Minor method, both of a complex or simple nature, and are now yearning for an extension of their ring of six to eight. In connection with this movement, we are asked to insert the following from a local newspaper:—

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Two Hundred and Sixty-First Anniversary Dinner of this society took place at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, on Saturday last. Mr. Walter Prime, the Master, presided over a large company. Among those present were Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny, the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, the Rev. L. J. Percival (chaplain to the Bishop of London), the Rev. P. M. Wathern (Vicar of Barking), R. A. Daniell, Esq., Arthur T. King, Esq., G. H. Phillott, Esq.; Messrs. J. R. Haworth, M. A. Wood, J. Pettit, E. Horrex, S. Hayes, F. E. Dawe, C. F. Winney, and many others, with Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the energetic secretary of the society. The arrangements for the dinner, which were of a most satisfactory character, were carried out by a strong committee. Mr. A. E. Davies (of Barking) was vice-chairman.

Grace before and after dinner was said by the Archdeacon.

The Master then proposed the toast of "The Church and Queen and Royal Family." He said they were pleased at all times to have the privilege of visiting churches and very often admiring the nobleness of such structures. It was a further pleasure to them as ringers to find a grand ring of bells with all the necessary appliances for change-ringing in perfect order. As to the Queen, her empire was one upon which the sun never set, while her example upon the throne was worthy of admiration. Before calling upon the Archdeacon to respond he would ask them to sing a verse of the National Anthem, which was now sung in twenty different languages.

The Ven. the Archdeacon of London expressed the pleasure afforded him to be again present at such a gathering. With respect to the first part of the toast, that of the Church, if there had not been a Church there would not have been brought into existence that art of which so many present that evening were so proficient in. The Bishop of London had set apart the following day for sermons explanatory of what was a lay worker in the Church. The parochial clergyman would be but a poor worker if he had not the assistance of the lay worker, who in many parishes was a great help to the clergy. The parochial clergyman had his churchwardens and his sidesmen, to whom he could appeal for assistance, choirmen, Sunday school teachers, district visitors, temperance workers, committeemen for guilds and other organizations, and last there were his stalwart bellringers. These were all workers for the Church, each in his own particular way. Bellringing required calculation, self-restraint, order, discipline, and loyalty, and above all the sound of bells must be pure. If the tenor-bell commenced to ring just its own way and in its own time, and the treble did the same, there would be no harmony in the peal or loyalty to the conductor. Just as the true peal depended upon these conditions, so the Church stood in need of them, that she might pass through the danger which now appeared to surround her. True harmony had to exist among them as ringers in the accomplishment of the art, and he trusted that as ringers they would endeavour to promote harmony within the Church.

The Master next proposed "Success to the College Youths." He was pleased to see so many old faces, and to give to all of them a hearty welcome. Among those present were some who were never tired of teaching young ringers. The Society, which was established upon College Hill 261 years ago, about 40 years before the building of St. Paul's Cathedral, numbered among its members in the present day men who were shining lights in the Exercise. Need he mention the names of Wood, Pettit, and Haworth, and others who were with them that evening? At the present day there were he was glad to know many young men coming forward and making good progress in the art. He desired to give a word of praise to their hard-working secretary, Mr. Cockerill, who so efficiently did the work in connection with that large society. Their worthy treasurer, Mr. Pettit, was also deserving of their hearty thanks not only for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, but for his kindness to young ringers. He had himself received many lessons from Mr. Pettit, sometimes while going home in the train, which had proved most useful to him afterwards, for all of which he was like many others very grateful. During the past year the society had made 60 new members. It had rang 64 peals, viz.: seven 720s, 1 Oxford Bob Triples, 9 Grandsire Triples, 2 Grandsire Caters, 10 Stedman Triples, 1 Stedman Caters, 14 Treble Bob Major,

3 Treble Bob Royal, 6 Double Norwich Major, 7 Superlative Surprise Major, 4 Cambridge Surprise Major, and 4 London Surprise Major.

The vice-Chairman, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded. After referring to the College Youths and other ringing organizations Mr. Davies said there was one matter connected with a provincial ringer's visit to London which he would refer to. He often found towers in far from satisfactory condition in the richest city of the world. It might be all very well for a peal to be rung in some towers, but when one heard that the ropes were brought from another tower, they could form some idea of the state of things which should not exist in London or elsewhere. Church officials should remember that they had a great trust. Many of our bells had been provided by our forefathers, and it was their duty to hand them down in a state of efficiency. He had the pleasure to attend the Central Council meeting at Bristol, where ringers met with a warm reception, but there was a want of organization which was afterwards explained as having arisen through the absence of the Secretary from home. As an old Bristol boy who knew its streets better than he did the streets of London, he was sorry to find that some of its belfries were in a far different state than they ought to be, for they were a part of the House of God. He would suggest to their Bristol friends that they should form one good society for the city, with the Bishop and Clergy at the head, and see if they could not bring about a better state of things in some of the belfries. Last year he brought forward the idea of a great meeting of ringers in the metropolis. He had thought the matter over, and considered that August Bank Holiday would be a very suitable time, for their provincial friends would be able to get up at cheap fares. If they arrived on the Saturday their London friends could arrange for some ringing on the Sunday, and again on the Monday, after which there could be a lunch, followed by a business meeting. He had no doubt but that their friend would arrange for a service in some church for them. He believed there were many that would attend such a meeting. Resolutions should be passed and sent to the Church Congress (which next year would hold its meetings in the Albert Hall), in order to secure papers and discussion upon belfries and ringers in general. He attended a meeting that was held in connection with the Church Congress some years ago, when papers were read upon belfry matters, but he was not aware that anything had been done since. He had no doubt but that good would result from such a meeting. Let them endeavour to bring about a better state of things by having their belfries made more Church like; let the clergy and also the churchwardens go into the belfry and see for themselves that their belfries were taken proper care of. Ringers would be better if the clergy and churchwardens would interest themselves in them and their work. Ringers had to a great degree helped to build up the national life of the nation; first and foremost among them should be the clergy and churchwardens.

Mr. Dawe proposed "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies," and expressed a hope that the day was coming when ringers would be able to go into any tower on the Sunday in a decent suit of clothes. If the clergy would only go among their ringers and elevate the belfries, the ringers would elevate themselves.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, as a member of the next oldest society, expressed his wishes for the continued prosperity of the College Youths.

Mr. G. H. Phillott said that it gave him great pleasure to be again among so many old friends. These visits to the metropolis did good to those who came, for they found a hearty welcome wherever they went.

Mr. J. W. Taylor (whose name was also coupled with the toast), said that many provincial ringers looked with pride upon the achievements of their London friends. From his experience he was convinced that a great change had come about for the better in many towers, but there was in many a great deal more to be done.

As has been the custom for some years at these anniversaries, the members of the St. George's Glee Union, under the able conductorship of Mr. J. Monday, contributed various selections. Their fine rendering of "Strike the Lyre" and "Comrades in Arms" were both warmly applauded. Several songs were given by individual members. Mr. C. Sillitoe presided at the piano.

BELLRINGERS' DINNER AT LEWES.

A dinner in celebration of the 59th anniversary of the opening of the bells of Southover Church, Lewes, Sussex, took place at The King's Head, Southover, on Friday, October 28th, under the auspices of the newly-formed ringers' Guild, which was inaugurated on that day. The bells were rung in the early part of the evening, and at 6.30 a company numbering nearly thirty sat down to a capital repast prepared by Mrs. Goldsmith. Mr. G. F. Attree, Master of the Sussex County Association, occupied the chair, and was faced by Mr. J. R. Lusted in the vice. The party also included Mr. G. Williams and Mr. K. Hart (Brighton), Mr. W. H. Paris (organist of Southover Church), Mr. J. Goldsmith (Secretary of the Guild), Mr. A. J. Turner (captain), Mr. W. Pelling (deputy-captain), Mr. A. S. Langridge, Mr. J. F. Steadman, Mr. S. W. Shoesmith, Mr. E. B. Field, Mr. A. Steadman, Mr. T. Mopett, Mr. W. Baker, Mr. G. Richardson, Mr. E. Parker, Mr. H. Mockett, Mr. J. Hillman, jun., Mr. G. Woodcock, Mr. J. Carley, Mr. R. Bonner, Mr. T. Steadman, Mr. J. Hillman, sen., Mr. H. Earl, Mr. G. Hunt, etc.

At the conclusion of the repast the chairman submitted the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically honoured, and the secretary then read letters of apology from the Rector (Rev. W. E. Richardson), Rev. F. Gmelin, Mr. W. Hillman and Mr. J. Hambrook (churchwardens), Mr. S. Saker (Hastings), and others.

The chairman then submitted the toast of "Success to Southover Church Bell Ringers' Guild." He said he had been informed that that was the 59th anniversary of the opening of the bells, and it was also to be kept as the anniversary of the new Guild. He was not aware until that evening that that new and strong Guild had been formed, but nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear that fact. After addressing some words of encouragement to the younger members the chairman spoke highly of the services of the secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, whose name he coupled with the toast. He asked them to drink most heartily to the success of the Southover Church Bell-ringers' Guild, which he hoped would continue to prosper for many years.

Mr. Goldsmith briefly replied. He remarked that at present the Guild only consisted of raw recruits, in a more or less state of advancement, but they hoped with practice to become proficient. He hoped the time was not far distant when they would be able to ring a peal with an entirely local band, a performance which had not yet been accomplished at Southover.

Mr. A. J. Turner next submitted, in a neat speech, "The Health of the Presidents and vice-Presidents," the sentiment being received with musical honours.

The vice-Chairman said in the absence of the presidents and and vice-presidents he did not like to let the toast pass without a response. He had been connected with the Rev. W. E. Richardson for over twenty years, and not only was the Rector of their parish a good man, but he was a kind friend and neighbour to them all. Anything that he could do for the benefit of the ringers or bell-ringing he was sure to do.

Mr. Pelling then proposed "Success to the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers." The Association, he said, occupied a very high position among the Associations of England, and they had among them that night some of the ringers through whose efforts the position of the Association had been attained.

The Chairman, whose name was coupled with the toast, expressed the pleasure it gave him to respond. He said he had something to do with the formation of the Association, and he was still very much interested in it. It was a great pleasure for him to be able to tell them that the Sussex Association was at the head of all Associations in the matter of peal-ringing. Up to the end of September they had rung 65 peals, the value of which was 1,156 points. The society which stood next to them in number of peals was the Lancashire Association, which had rung 62 peals, worth 638 points, while the Oxford Diocesan Guild came next to Sussex for number of points, having rung 56 peals, worth 793 points. The Sussex Association had occupied the premier position among the Associations more times than any three other counties put together.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by Mr. Langridge and acknowledged by Mr. Hart; "The Chairman and vice-Chairman," submitted by Mr. J. Steadman and responded to by Mr. Attree and Mr. Lusted; and "The Hostess," proposed by Mr. G. Williams and replied to by Mrs. Goldsmith.

During the evening an excellent musical programme was sustained, Mr. W. N. Barnard (tenor) and Mr. P. R. Meux (bass) delighting the company with their songs and duets. Songs were also rendered by Mr. Turner, Mr. Lusted, Mr. Richardson, Mr. T. Steadman, Mr. Baker, Mr. J. Hillman, jun., Mr. Woodcock, Mr. Bedford, etc., Mr. W. H. Paris playing the accompaniments. A course of Grandsire Triples was also rung on handbells by Messrs. Attree, 1-2; Hart, 3-4; Williams, 5-6; and Goldsmith, 7-8.

PRESENTATION AT BATHEASTON.

On Tuesday, October 25th, at the weekly practice of the Batheaston Junior Society, Mr. J. Taylor, the Master and teacher of the band, was presented with a cheque, as a token of respect by his pupils. Mr. E. G. Snell, deputy master, in making the presentation on their behalf, said Mr. Taylor had been master and teacher of the Batheaston band for two years, and he thought the band would have a hard task to find a better one.

In acknowledging the presentation, Mr. Taylor thanked them all heartily for the same, and hoped they would all stick together, and do even better in the future than they had done in the past. It gave him the greatest pleasure to do all he could for the Society, and as long as he was able he should take the same interest in the ringing as he had done hitherto.

CLUNBURY, SALOP.

On Tuesday, September 27th, a company of ringers from Ludlow, with the Guild Instructor, paid a visit to this place, and during the afternoon and evening rang a number of 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles, some of which were conducted by R. Marston, Esq. Touches of Grandsire Triples were also rung on the handbells, including 42 and 168. Mr. Marston very kindly entertained the company at "Oaken," Aston-upon-Clun, and also provided a brake to convey the ringers from and to the station, a distance of several miles.

AYMSTREY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, October 2nd, the ringers of Leominster, accompanied by the Guild Instructor, paid a visit to the above church. They were accorded a hearty welcome by Mr. Hammond, churchwarden and parish clerk. The most notable performance during the day was a 720 of Grandsire Minor, by T. J. Bannister, J. E. Groves (conductor), T. Enoch, W. Jain, C. Jain, and E. Eastment. Others who took part in the ringing were T. Harper and several others of the local band.

WILLIAM MEADOWS

On Saturday, October 29th, a well-known and much-respected ringer, in the person of Mr. William Meadows, passed peacefully away at his residence in St. Helen's, Ipswich, at the ripe age of 85 years. The deceased was for thirty-eight years warden or hall-keeper at the county hall, Ipswich. As far back as 1845 he rang his first peal of Plain Bob Major at Hadleigh, Suffolk. He took part in the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus upon the twelve at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and several peals with the St. Mary-le-Tower Society since. He was a good striker. To show their appreciation of Mr. Meadows the following members of the above Society assembled on Tuesday evening, and rang with the bells half-muffled touches in various methods, concluding with a course of Plain Bob Major, a favourite method of the deceased: H. Howell, R. Hawes, I. S. Alexander, W. L. Catchpole, E. Pemberton, R. H. Brundle, J. Motts, W. Motts, W. Wood, S. Cook, H. C. Gillingham, J. Howard, H. Folkard, W. H. Symonds and R. Dowsing. The funeral took place on Thursday, November 3rd, when the bells of St. Margaret's church were rung half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the departed.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1898.

THE reception of a number of peal reports just before going to press, compels us to forego the pleasure of our usual comment. We cannot do better than call the attention of those concerned to the request of the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, below.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS.

SIR,—May I, through your columns, ask those who have received the list of terms recently issued to be so good as to return them to me, with or without additions, as soon as they can. My reason for the request is that I have a heavy task in front of me in preparing the draft of the Glossary in its final form. This will take all the time I am likely to have at my disposal during the winter; and it must then pass through the hands of the other members of the Committee before it can be presented to the Council at Whitsuntide. I take this opportunity of heartily thanking those who have already returned copies of the list. Several valuable additions have been collected in this way, leading me to expect that more may still be obtained.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec. C.C.

The Metropolis.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, November 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, LEE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN CROWDER Treble.	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 5.
HARRY HOSKINS 2.	HARRY WARNETT 6.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR 4.	*WILLIAM PREECE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

Rang to commemorate the completion by the Rector (Rev. Frederick Henry Law, M.A.), of twenty-five years' ministry at this church. Also as a birthday compliment to H. Hoskins, upon completing his twenty-fifth year.

The Provinces.**TONBRIDGE, KENT.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM STEED Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5.
WILLIAM BURKIN 2.	JACK PRESTON 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is the first peal of Superlative on the bells.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN TOWNSEND* Treble.	WILLIAM ATKINSON 5.
JOHN FISHER 2.	HENRY GREGSON 6.
WILLIAM GILLET† 3.	*THOMAS SINGLETON 7.
JOHN PRESTON† 4.	WILLIAM MILLER Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, November 1, 1898, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

THOMAS NEWNHAM* Treble.	WILLIAM MESSAM 6.
ARTHUR DEAN 2.	WILLIAM MARKS 7.
WILLIAM OTWAY* 3.	*JOHN HOYLE 8.
HENRY WOOD 4.	EDWARD HULL 9.
JOHN WYATT* 5.	†HENRY OVER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

†First peal. *First peal of Caters. First peal as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 2, 1898, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	*WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. 6.
HERBERT MARTIN .. 3.	FRANK A. SMITH .. 7.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HALEY, and Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, November 2, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5073 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

F. WADE* Treble.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT 2.	F. MUSTY 7.
F. TOWNSEND 3.	W. T. PATES 8.
F. E. WARD 4.	*T. PENDRY 9.
W. BRINKWORTH 5.	A. W. HUMPHRIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. T. PATES.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Also J. Pendry's first peal in any method. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the youngest son of G. H. Phillott, Esq., of Cheltenham; the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Godfather and officiating priest.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, November 2, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK GODDARD .. Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE 5.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	HARRY BROWNING 6.
ERNEST V. BEADLE* .. 3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM 7.
WILLIAM FOSTER 4.	†ALFRED SAUNDERS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

Rung to commemorate the 80th birthday of Mr. W. Nowell, an old and respected ringier of Isleworth. *First peal with a bob bell. †First peal.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Thursday, November 3, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 2. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HOLE* Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
THOMAS A. ELLIOTT .. 2.	JOHN TUDBALL 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
ARTHUR LONG* 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by J. GRABHAM.

*First peal.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Thursday, November 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN WILLIAMS* Treble.	WILLIAM COOPER, SEN. .. 5.
WILLIAM COOPER, JUN. .. 2.	†FREDERICK JONES 6.
GEORGE MITCHISON .. 3.	CHARLES WILLIAMS 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 4.	*FRANCIS WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAMS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 3, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED JAKEMAN Treble.	GEORGE H. DONALD 5.
JAMES BOOTH 2.	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT .. 6.
JOHN DONALD 3.	SAMUEL WOOD 7.
WALTER JAKEMAN 4.	JOHN HARRISON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal in the method by the Brothers Donald, and first peal of Major by J. Booth.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE BROADLEY Treble.	WILLIAM R. SANDIFORTH .. 5.
FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 2.	JAMES W. CUNDALL 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	JOHN WOOTTEN 7.
THOMAS THOMPSON 4.	CHARLES DRACUP Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the first stone laying of the church.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

T. STANSFIELD† Treble.	T. BUCKLEY 5.
J. T. LUCAS 2.	G. HOYLE 6.
R. HOLDEN 3.	W. SCHOFIELD 7.
J. CROSSLEY* 4.	W. PHILLIPS Tenor.

Conducted by T. BUCKLEY.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the birthday of the Ven. Archdeacon Wilson; also the fiftieth birthday of J. Crossley, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ALBERT WALKER Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.
HENRY BASTABLE 2.	WILLIAM KENT 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
JOHN BARBER 4.	BERNARD WITCHELL Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN TUCKER Treble.	BARZILLAI HAWKINS 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES 2.	ARTHUR W. HIGGS 6.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HENRY TUCKER 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK W. ELLES .. Treble.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 2.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 3.	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7.
ALBERT E. BAWN 4.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

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

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

SAMUEL J. HUGHES* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SMITH 5.
RICHARD ROUND† 2.	WILLIAM TALBOT 6.
HARRY PRICE* 3.	GEORGE PAGETT 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

DRIGHLINGTON.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD FARRAR* Treble.	*JOHN THACKRAY 5.
SIDNEY C. CLARK 2.	*FRANK BIRKS 6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY* 3.	*EDWIN WHEATER 7.
RICHARD NEWTON* 4.	FRED. W. HARGREAVES .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by E. WHEATER.

*First peal in the method.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford
and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Double Court.

ALBERT ROBINSON Treble.	JAMES A. SMITH 4.
ISAAC HILLS 2.	CHARLES CHASTY 5.
WILLIAM J. BARKER 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

JOHN O. BENNETT Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
THOMAS WAKEMAN 2.	WILLIAM H. SMITH 6.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
NOAH DAVIS 4.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

MERTHYR, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM LLOYD Treble.	ALLEN ROWLEY 5.
WILLIAM B. BISS 2.	WILLIAM COOMES 6.
JOHN HARRIS 3.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK 7.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 4.	HENRY G. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMES.

This is the first peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Lloyd, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rector and churchwardens for kindly granting them the use of the bells.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH)

On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

College Single, Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, two 720s of
Grandsire and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs.

A. INGLEFIELD Treble.	W. HUGHES 4.
G. R. NEWTON 2.	J. HUGHES 5.
G. TAYLOR 3.	W. BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by J. HUGHES.

This is the first peal on the bells, the first by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 7, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HUGH D. DALL Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4.	*WILLIAM HECKINGBOTTOM Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

*First peal.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN SHEPHERD Treble.	JOSEPH HOLLINGSWORTH .. 5.
JOSEPH J. POWERS 2.	RALPH SHEPHERD 6.
WILLIAM J. RUMNEY 3.	HENRY G. ROWE 7.
JOHN KENTISH, SEN. 4.	GEORGE SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who has been appointed gardener at Goldhanger Rectory, Essex.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

C. THOMAS* Treble.	H. W. ALLEN 5.
W. S. EVANS 2.	C. LAYTON 6.
S. HOPE 3.	J. FIELD 7.
J. THOMAS 4.	W. SMART Tenor.

Conducted by C. LAYTON.

*First peal in the method.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. Treble.	JAMES LIVERMORE 5.
FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 2.	CHARLES CARTER 6.
CHARLES J. HYLAND 3.	WILLIAM D. THOMAS .. 7.
WALTER FRANKS 4.	JOHN SINDEN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S COMPOSITION.

THOMAS MILES Treble.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 5.
HARRY KENTEN 2.	ARTHUR DEAN 6.
JOHN WYATT 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
CHARLES E. READ* 4.	JOHN HOYLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

*First peal of Stedman.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Oldswinford, the report of which appeared in our last issue, was conducted by Adolphus Roberts.

Date Touches.

WOBBURN (Beds).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Mary's old tower, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 7 mins. M. Matthews, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; D. Harris, 3; E. Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; Rev. W. Baker, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; M. Lane, 8. Composed by W. Holmes.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 30th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Harrington, 1; J. Preston (conductor), 2; T. E. Hart, 3; J. Heasman, 4; T. Wallis, 5; G. A. King, 6; J. Steddy, 7; G. Williams, 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Preston (conductor), 1; G. King, 2; F. Harrington, 3; J. Steddy, 4; T. Wallis, 5; K. Hart, 6; G. Williams, 7; J. Maylon, 8.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 11th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; G. Dennis, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; J. Champion, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Friday, October 14th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Kitchingham, 1; H. Lambkin, 2; J. Clout, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen bobs and four singles). H. Kitchingham, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; J. Clout (first 720 in the method), 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; G. Dennis, 5; H. Lambkin, 6. On Tuesday, October 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; J. Clout, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. T. Hyland, 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, October 16th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. N. Thompson, 1; W. Polard, 2; G. Smithers, 3; S. Perkins, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; J. Mugridge, 6; A. Welsh (conductor), 7; E. Turner, 8. And 504 in the same method. W. Smith, 1; W. Latter, 2; W. Wolfe, 3; J. Smith, 4; S. Perkins, 5; G. Kember, 6; G. Smithers (conductor), 7; F. Harrington, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; F. Harrington, 2; G. Smithers, 3; J. Smith, 4; H. Porter, 5; W. Latter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; W. Wolfe, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Monday, September 5th, to commemorate the British victory in the Soudan, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. E. Smith, 1; A. Smith, 2; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 3; A. Le Clercq, 4; H. Garfath, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8. On Thursday, September 8th, to welcome home Mr. Tompsett and his wife from their honeymoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Schofield, 1; A. E. Smith, 2; H. H. Chandler, 3; A. Le Clercq, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; E. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8. Mr. Tompsett kindly invited the ringers to his house after the ringing. On Thursday, October 20th, for the celebration of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. A. E. Smith, 1; A. Smith, 2; H. Garfath, 3; C. Fry, 4; A. Le Clercq, 5; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; A. Stone (first 504), 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harper, 5; E. Newman, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; F. S. Bayley, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENFIELD (Middlesex).—On Monday, October 24th, at St. Andrew's

church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 1 hr. Afterwards 252 Stedman Triples was rung. F. Bines, 1; A. W. Darlington, 2; P. J. Darlington, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. W. Newby, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; R. Johnson, 8. Also 408 Bob Major. F. Bines, 1; J. Miller, 2; P. J. Darlington, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; A. W. Darlington, 5; H. W. Newby, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; A. Miller, 8. The attempt for the peal was made as follows: A. W. Darlington, 1; J. Miller, 2; P. J. Darlington, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; H. W. Newby, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6; A. Miller, 7; R. Johnson, 8.

DENHAM (Bucks).—On Tuesday, November 1st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. J. Peddle, 1; Rev. H. G. Bird, 2; W. J. Odell, 3; G. H. Gutteridge, 4; H. Gosden, 5; H. S. Reeves, 6; J. J. Pratt, 7; W. Honor, 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" and conducted by J. J. Pratt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on the occasion of the farewell sermon of the Rector, the Rev. J. Draper, M.A., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Kennedy, 1; E. Wallage (conductor), 2; A. W. Barkus, 3; J. Scholes, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; H. Alford, 7; G. Barrall, 8. Composed by H. Hubbard. Tenor 20 cwt.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, October 30th, for Divine Service, 678 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Holme, 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Donald, 3; W. Jakeman, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft, 6; S. Wood (conductor), 7; J. Harrison, 8. For evening service 864 in the same method. W. Holme, 1; J. Booth, 2; S. Booth (conductor), 3; W. Jakeman, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft, 6; B. Thorpe, 7; J. Harrison, 8. Longest length in the method by W. Holme.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Monday, October 24th, for practice at the parish church, 1050 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Turnell, 1; W. H. Ette, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. Longest touch in the method by all.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Major. E. Hern, 1; R. Morrison, 2; J. Browell, 3; W. Hunt, 4; N. Brand, 5; H. Ross, 6; C. E. Waugh, 7; J. Hern (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, November 1st, 1264 Bob Major in 44 mins. E. Hern (first quarter-peal), 1; H. Ross, 2; C. Waugh, 3; J. Browell, 4; T. Teasdale (composer and conductor), 5; R. Morrison, 6; A. Tully, 7; J. Hern, 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to J. Hern, who has been connected with the association since its formation. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Wednesday, October 5th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Eden, 1; G. N. Price (conductor), 2; J. B. Bates, 3; C. George, 4; Walter Norris, 5; B. Prewett, 6; H. Martin, 7; ———, 8. On Sunday morning, October 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. B. Bates, 1; G. N. Price (conductor), 2; W. Norris, 3; Walter Norris, 4; B. Prewett, 5; C. George, 6; H. Martin, 7; ———, 8. On Sunday, October 23rd, on handbells, 630 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. C. George (conductor), 1-2; G. N. Price, 3-4; H. Martin, 5-6; J. B. Bates, 7-8. On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 288 Stedman Triples. H. Martin, 1; Walter Norris, 2; G. N. Price (conductor), 3; J. B. Bates, 4; C. George, 5; B. Prewett, 6; W. Norris, 7; F. Glennerster, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. W. Norris, 1; J. B. Bates, 2; G. N. Price (conductor), 3; B. Prewett, 4; Walter Norris, 5; H. Martin, 6; C. George, 7; J. Vernon, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 868 Bob Triples in 34 mins. J. Dentith, 1; R. T. Holding, jun., 2; R. Langford, 3; J. Gayton, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6; R. T. Holding, sen., 7; A. Crawley, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Holding, jun., and Crawley.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, October 25th, 1008 Bob Major, in 36 mins. J. Vickin, 1; J. Shone, 2; J. Woods, 3; H. Bird,

4; T. Hughes, 5; F. Jones, 6; C. Gittins, 7; J. Dillon (conductor), 8. Rang as a farewell touch to C. Gittins, who is leaving here.

KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).—On October 22nd the Witton ringers visited this place and rung 720 Plain Bob Minor. S. Johnson (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; W. Hammon, 4; A. Johnson, 5; W. Forster, 6. W. Hammon belongs to the local band. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Forster, 1; S. Forster, 2; S. Johnson, 3; G. Johnson (first 720 of Grandsire Minor), 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Sunday evening, September 4th, 720 Bob Minor. Z. Lord, 1; D. Briggs, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday evening, September 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor. D. Brigg, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; Z. Lord, 3; G. Shottin, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 11th, 720 College Single. A. L. Hardman, 1; D. Briggs, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Smith, 5; H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 25th, for morning service, 720 College Single. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. Z. Lord, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 3; G. Shottin, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. Brierley, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLOFIELD (Norfolk).—On Saturday, October 22nd, on handbells, at St. Andrew's church, 360 Bob Minor. H. J. Borrett, 1; A. A. Hill, 2; P. Artis, 3; W. Blyth, 4; A. G. Warnes (conductor), 5-6. On tower bells 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. A. Hills (first 720), 1; R. Ward, 2; W. Blyth, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; H. Trett, 5; A. G. Warnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (forty-singles) which came to grief after ringing two courses. H. J. Borrett, 1; H. W. Stanley, 2; P. Artis, 3; —. Osborn, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; H. Trett (conductor), 6.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

REDDITCH (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 16th, the members of the Bromsgrove Society paid a visit to this place, and rang for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. F. Alcock, 1; J. Eades, 2; O. James, 3; A. Jackson, 4; G. Hayward, 5; G. Bourne, 6; J. Mason (conductor), 7; A. Bishop, 8. Also 476 in the same method. F. Alcock, 1; J. Eades, 2; A. Jackson, 3; G. Hayward, 4; O. James, 5; G. Bourne, 6; J. Mason (conductor), 7; A. Bishop, 8. And 240 Bob Triples. F. Alcock, 1; T. Allbutt, 2; A. Jackson, 3; G. Hayward (conductor), 4; O. James, 5; C. Bourne, 6; A. Bishop, 7; ———, 8. First quarter-peal by A. Bishop.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On October 25th, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. T. Hewitt, 1; J. Smith, 2; C. Harfey, 3; A. Piper, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; G. H. Head (conductor), 6; B. Hobbs, 7; H. Hookham, 8. And 126 in the same method. G. T. Hewitt, 1; G. H. Head, 2; A. Miles, 3; A. Gower, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; B. Hobbs, 6; G. H. Howse (conductor), 7; A. Piper, 8. On November 1st, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Harfey, 1; A. Gower, 2; A. Miles, 3; E. Beal, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; E. Brant, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; G. H. Howse (composer), 8. Also 210 in the same method. R. Howse, 1; G. H. Howse, 2; E. Beal, 3; G. H. Head, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; E. Brant, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; C. Harfey, 8. And 360 Bob Minor. R. Hows, 1; E. Brant, 2; G. H. Head, 3; E. Beal, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; G. H. Howse (conductor), 6; A. Miles, 7; H. Kempsham, 8. 7-8 covering. Also 120 Stedman Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. E. Brant, 1; G. H. Howse, 2; E. Beal, 3; H. Fayers (first 120), 4; G. H. Head, 5; H. Kempshaw, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; C. Harfey, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, October 2nd, at the residence of Mr. F. Hopgood, on handbells retained in hand, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Tubb, 1-2; C. Giles, 3-4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5-6; W. Horne, 7-8. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins. W. Horne, 1-2; C. Giles (conductor), 3-4; F. Hopgood, 5-6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, November 1st, after Divine Service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Fuller, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; J. Ansell, 3; G. Huggett (conductor), 4; C. Webber, 5; G. Hoad, 6; W. H. Street, 7; F. T. Hoad, jun., 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to J. Ansell, all wishing him many happy returns.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, 720

Oxford. N. Townend, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Oxford. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; N. Townend, 4; F. Towns (conductor), 5; R. Ashworth, 6. On October 9th, for morning service, 720 Oxford. D. Campbell, 1; F. Towns, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Heys, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; T. Radman, 2; F. Towns, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. On Saturday, October 15th, 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Radman, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Oxford. T. Radman, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; D. Heys, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On October 25th, at the church of St. Mary, for practice, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Eastland (longest touch), 2; L. J. Stapley, 3; F. Mathis, 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; J. Sinden, 8. Also a 420 Oxford Bob Triples, with A. Sanders, 1; the others as above.

BEDMINSTER (Bristol).—On Tuesday, October 25th, at St. Luke's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Bevan, 1; S. Thomas (conductor), 2; E. Hauberg, 3; A. Parish, 4; A. Isaacs, 5; J. Burford, 6. First 720 of Grandsire Minor by the treble and tenor man, and first with a bob bell by the 3rd man.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, October 22nd, 720 and 360 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. W. Browne, 1; I. Folkard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate (conductor), 4; C. Woods, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; F. Baker, 7. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Hartcup, of Upland Hall, who was interred at Ditchington that day.

CHORLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Goodwin, 1; J. Brown, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; H. Hayes, 4; R. Sanderson, 5; I. Whalley (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by R. Sanderson, and was rung at the first attempt. An attempt should have been made for a peal of Bob Major, but owing to the bad state of the weather, two did not turn up.

DOVER (Kent).—On Saturday, October 22nd, two 720s of Grandsire Minor, each with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, in 56 mins. A. Denne, 1; E. Potter, 2; H. Denne, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; E. Newman, 5; H. Castle, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 27 mins. E. Potter, 1; A. Denne, 2; H. Denne, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; E. Newman, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. E. Potter belongs to Dover; the rest hail from Deal. On Thursday, November 3rd, 840 Grandsire Triples in 30 mins. G. Millen, 1; J. Fisher, 2; H. Betts, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Binfield, 5; S. Barker (conductor), 6; F. Fenn, 7; W. Seeley, 8. This is the first change-ringing on the eight bells since 1844, the tower not being safe. The tower has now been restored, and the bells rehung in a iron frame, and the treble recast by Messrs. Warner.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Gratton, 1; P. Jackson, 2; J. Barratt, 3; J. Jackson, 4; J. R. Pritchard (composer and conductor), 5; E. Jackson, 6; F. Hyde, 7; H. Trippier, 8. Rung on the occasion of the final sermon being preached by the Hon. and Rev. Canon Lyttelton as Vicar, he being appointed Suffragan-Bishop of Southampton.

HARTLIP (Kent).—On Friday, October 28th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Kitchingham, 1; J. Clout, 2; H. Lambkin, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; E. Clout (first 720), 5; W. J. Walker, 6.

HORNCURCH (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, 720 Double Court. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. Pye, 3; I. Dear, 4; W. Watson, 5; J. Dale, 6. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Plain Bob. A. J. Perkins, 1; G. Tusbridge (late of Broomfield), 2; G. Dear, 3; I. Dear, 4; W. Watson (first 720 as conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; A. Dubber, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; C. J. B. Cooke, 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. On Monday, October 31st, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; C. J. B. Cooke, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8.

RUDGWICK (Sussex).—On Monday, October 2nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. F. Headger, 1; J. Hunt, 2; G. Jenkins, 3; J. Pullen, 4; E. Headger, 5; W. Tate (conductor), 6.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Paul's, Wood Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.

A. Cooper, 1; C. Tyler, 2; J. E. Tyler, 3; H. Tinsley, 4; G. Newbould, 5; W. Johnson (conductor), 6; J. Malpass, 7; J. Jukes, 8. On Thursday, October 27th, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. A. Cooper, 1; J. Screen, 2; F. Bywater, 3; J. Farmer, 4; J. Newbould, 5; H. Tinsley, 6; W. Johnson (conductor), 7; T. Cooper, 8.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, October 31st, 336 Grandsire Triples. Cyril Herbert, 1; Rev. W. Baker, 2; S. Avis, 3; M. Matthews, 4; M. Lane, 5; E. Herbert, 6; D. Harris, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. Also a touch of Bob Major. W. Jones, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; Charliss Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris (conductor), 6; E. Herbert, 7; M. Lane, 8. Also three courses of Stedman Triples in which the Rev. W. Baker, M. Lane, C. Herbert, M. Matthews, W. Chibnall, S. Avis, D. Harris, Cyril Herbert, and E. Herbert took part.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

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

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

SIR,—In connection with your remarks in your issue of October 29th, concerning the above belfry, I shall be obliged if you will reproduce the two following letters, which I have written to the local paper which first concerned itself with our affairs. A. H. COCKS.

"THE GREAT MARLOW RINGERS.

"To the Editor of the 'South Bucks. Free Press.'"

"SIR,—In justice to the members of the above society, I must ask you to allow me to contradict the paragraph about us in your issue of the 21st inst., which, in consequence of absence from home, I did not see in time to notice in the following number. It is not a fact that half the members stayed away on the morning of Sunday, 16th, as a protest against the action of the Vicar. It is true we were short-handed that morning, and that such an event is of such extreme rarity as to cause a sensational paragraph in the next number of a local paper, speaks volumes for the wonderfully regular attendance of our members during the last fifteen and a half years. But it has occurred before, and must be expected in the nature of things to happen again, that by an unlucky accident once in a way, several members chance to be absent simultaneously; and on this occasion the fact that two members seem to have been absent for the reason alleged, appears to be the only foundation for your report that half of us were absent on this account. This should serve as a fresh warning against lessening the great utility of the public press by accepting idle rumours without proper authentication.

"I am, yours very faithfully,

"ALFRED H. COCKS, Foreman Great Marlow Belfry.

"Bath, Oct. 27th, 1898."

To this the Editor appended the following foot-note:

"We are sorry to hear on the authority of their foreman that only two members of the Marlow belfry, instead of 'half,' had the courage of their opinions. The protest of those two against an act of intolerance does them all the more honour.—ED. S.B.F.P."

I have sent the following letter for this week's number:

"THE GREAT MARLOW RINGERS.

"To the Editor of the 'South Bucks. Free Press.'"

"SIR,—The morality of your editorial foot-note to my letter in the *Free Press* of the 4th, is so surprising, that I must ask for space in this week's number, to comment very shortly on it. You blame us, the ringers of Great Marlow, because "only two members had the courage of their opinions" to strike against what you call "the intolerance" of the Vicar. Am I correct in understanding you to mean that we who have undertaken to carry on a public duty—one intimately connected moreover with Divine Service—should have been justified in suddenly leaving that duty unperformed, because the Vicar had decided against us on a point, about which his responsibility exceeded ours? Are Church Services, with their various accessories, merely performed for the sake of the Incumbent? Suppose a regiment in the Sudan had disapproved of some order of the Sirdar's, and had declined to proceed further towards Omdurman, should you have commended those men for having the courage of their opinions?

"Yours faithfully,

"ALFRED H. COCKS, Foreman Great Marlow Belfry.

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The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at St. Marie's (R.C.) church to-day, 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, to-day, 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, to-day, Saturday, November 12, at 5.30 p.m.

G. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
King's Mills, Knottingley.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, 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 Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—Unforeseen circumstances having arisen whereby the tower at Tonbridge is not available for to-day, Saturday, the 12th inst., the district meeting announced to be held there on that date is unavoidably postponed.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—After the ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, November 15th, a meeting will be held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, for

the election of officers for the ensuing year. Other meetings during the present month will be at St. Magnus, on Thursday, the 24th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 29th, at 8 p.m.

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

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.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West Districts.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar, at Iver, on Saturday, November 19th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Hampton, Hounslow.

The Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wem, on Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 2.15 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 1.53 p.m.

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

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, on Saturday, November 26th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

A Handbell Tune-Ringing Contest will take place in the Central Hall, Hemshaw Street, Oldham, on Saturday, December 17. Entries close positively December 3rd. For prospectus and entry forms apply to

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BRISTOL.—The St. Stephen's Guild take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. W. J. Pickard on his appointment to an Honorary Captaincy in the 1st Monmouthshire Volunteer Artillery. First peal of Sted-

man Triples by all except F. W. Elles, and is the quickest peal on the bells. It was a birth-day compliment to Mr. C. H. Tomkins.

THE PEAL AT HARROLD, BEDS.—This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented to a ring of six by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The visitors wish to thank Mr. Crouch and the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and for entertaining them to an excellent tea afterwards.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. K.—Write to the Rev. Dr. Raven, Fressingfield Vicarage, Norfolk.

J. W. COCKCROFT.—It is unnecessary to again refer to it. The action was perfectly correct, no doubt, but unusual, and no harm would have been done if the request of the petitioners had been acceded to. Nevertheless not an ounce of sympathy is due to the offender.

BATTLE (Sussex).—Recently, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Linden, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; L. J. Stapley, 3; W. Eastland, 4; W. H. Eldridge (longest length with a bob bell), 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; A. Saunders (longest length), 8.

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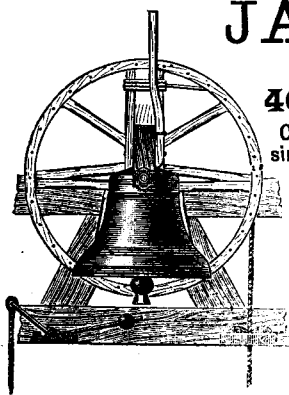
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