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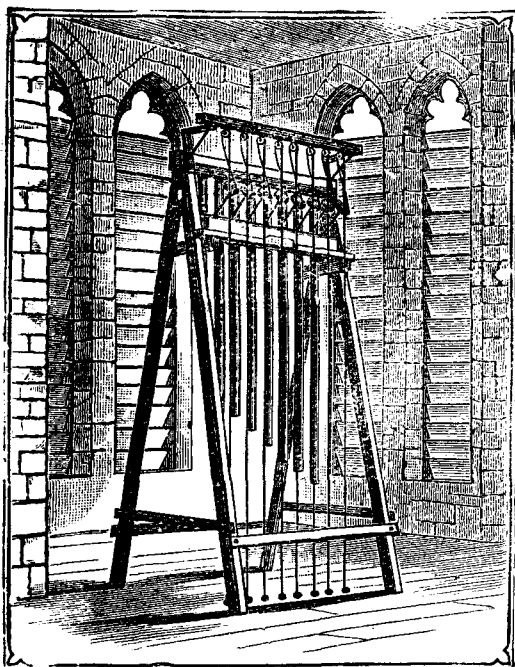
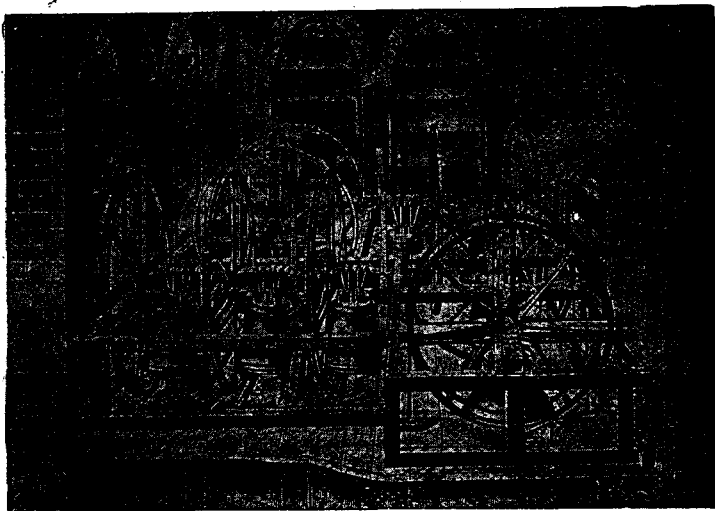
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REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS.

Some twelve years since the third bell in the Redgrave peal fell, and it was thought wise at the time to remove the ropes from two other bells, so that out of a peal of six only three have been available for chiming for some years past, and although (owing to the fact that young men frequently leave our country parishes now-a-days and render it difficult to maintain a company of ringers) there was not a company in Redgrave, many parishioners desired to restore the bells and have them sounding again. The 1897 Jubilee gave the first impetus to the movement, and side by side with subscriptions for a parish feast, a Bell Fund was started, of which Mr. Pursehouse was secretary and treasurer. This Jubilee collection amounted to about £8, and Mrs. Horsfall, then resident at the Hall, permitted the exhibition of her famous prize-winning Great Danes at the annual Flower Show. This exhibition raised £9 more, so that when a further effort was made this spring there was a fund of some £17 to start with. The Rector then issued an appeal to friends of Redgrave, who were resident or non-resident, and the response to the appeal has been most satisfactory, so that, with £10 from Jumble Sale, more than enough money to cover the expense of the bell-hanging has been raised, and some will be left over to meet the expense of fitting a pinnacle on the tower and repairing the lattice windows, which the Rector and churchwardens thought should be made good at this time before the opening day. The Redgrave bells have not such a good name amongst ringers for sound as Hinderclay or Tibenham, or as some others found in village belfries, but, such as they are, the sound is one familiar to several old inhabitants, and there was a desire amongst them to hear them once more. In old days there were various bell foundries in the Eastern Counties. We learn of one at Lynn in 1299, of one at Norwich in the fourteenth century until the eighteenth, at Thetford, 1577—1644 East Dereham, 1756 Downham Market, 1799 Bury St. Edmunds in the sixteenth century, Ipswich in the seventeenth, Sudbury 1694-1759, and also a small one at Redgrave itself from 1708 till probably the middle of the century. Two of the Redgrave foundry bells are to be found in the neighbourhood, one at Pulham St. Mary and one at Hoxne. We may therefore presume that at the time Goldsmith, the Redgrave bell-founder, lived, there were many merry peals in the Redgrave tower. Be that as it may, there are only one or two old ringers left, but a young and consequently ardent team of young men were busily practising all last winter on the handbells, preparatory to being initiated into the further mysteries of bellringing in the tower, so that there is some hope that a parish company may be formed once more. On the strength of the £17 raised in 1897 and the promise of more, Mr. Wilson, the owner of Redgrave Hall, and at the time the only churchwarden legally qualified, gave an order to restore the bells.

The Rector and churchwardens determined to celebrate

the opening at the same time as the Harvest Thanksgiving, and selected Tuesday week, St. Luke's Day, as the day upon which to mark this great village event. The Rector issued invitations to all the chage-ringers in the Hartismere Hundred to be present if so minded, though in the case of Eye, Mr. Day offered to bring a company over. It was found that there were some eighteen parish churches in the Deanery possessing five bells or more, and that there might be a large company present. But in some cases bell-ringing has not been kept up, and only about forty change-ringers accepted the invitation to be present. The Rector's wife also issued invitations to all the committee, who worked so well at the recent jumble sale, to be present at tea at the Mission Room, near the rectory, after service, and also to some others in the parishes or district interested in church work. To this invitation many responded. The jumble sale held in July had been partly for the Redgrave bells and partly for the Botesdale Chapel-of-Ease, and as there had been much unanimity amongst the two committees, the Rector's wife wished to take this opportunity of welcoming them. For a small parish of some five hundred people much money, and except in one case, without much cost to anyone, has been spent since 1896 in furthering school and church work. Miss Anna Wilson built a new residence, especially for the schoolmaster, in 1896; the infant school and another room had much money spent on them in the same year; in 1897 the Mission Room was built and furnished, and now, in 1898, the bells are restored, the expense thus incurred amounting to more than £650, which for a village in these days means a considerable amount, and by far the greater bulk of it emanated from residents. In addition to this, restoration work of the Chapel-of-Ease is proceeding in the companion parish of Botesdale, which will probably bring the total for the two parishes to over £700.

The peal of six bells have been taken up and entirely re-hung with all new fittings, viz., new stocks, wheels (fitted with improved sallies), stays, sliders, and pulley boxes (these work upon steel pivots), etc. The bells are turned on the new stocks, so that the clappers will strike on a fresh place. Six best wrought iron clappers have been fitted, and also new iron staylaths and bolts for bell wheels, and cast iron bell carriages with gun metal bearings. The new gudgeons are on an improved plan, and the hanging irons, caps, straps, and cramps are all new. To keep the ropes steady and from wearing, six new deal troughs, each fifteen feet long, for the bell ropes to work in, have been supplied.

Tuesday last, the looked-for day, opened most inauspiciously for the occasion, a blustering night, heavy rain, and barometer as low as it had been for months, cheered the hearts of farmers and thousands of others with the thought that at last the longed for rain was coming. But for the parish event of the re-opening of the bells and harvest thanksgiving, a day of more cheerful promise had been desired. Still it is no use grieving over that outside our power, and the parishioners met the day with the patient fortitude which is one of the most marked

characteristics of those who live in agricultural districts. Busy hands, under the direction of the Rector's wife, were at work all the morning decorating the church, to which Mrs. Godfrey Walter, of the Hall, and many others sent contributions.

As was fitting, the President of the Norwich Diocesan Association was the preacher on the occasion. Canon Raven, besides being interested in the bells and bell-ringing of the diocese, had also strong connection with the parish of Botesdale, having taken his wife therefrom many years since, so that many who remembered his wife with affection were pleased to think that he had promised to fill the post of preacher.

Besides Canon Raven, the following clergy were present: Revs. G. Hales and N. L. Bicknell (Rickingham), E. Farrer (Hinderclay), J. S. Sawbridge (Theltham), E. A. Milne (Wyverstone), Gordon Roe, F. T. White (Cotton), A. C. Harlock (Westhorpe), B. H. Grigson (East Harling), C. L. Kennaway, Rural Dean (Garboldisham), whilst others were prevented by illness or previous engagements.

The first ringer to arrive on the scene was James Driver, the senior member of the old Redgrave company, and whose son is now an expert ringer in London. Just about eleven o'clock the bells were started after a silence of about twelve years, the first company to start them being G. Day (Eye), 1; J. Tyler (Thorndon), 2; H. Garnham (Redgrave), 3; F. Alderton (Thorndon), 4; J. Driver (Redgrave), 5; F. Day (Eye), 6. Fortunately the wind permitted the hearing of the bells in the village a mile distant. Ringers then generally began to gather from Eye, Brome, Palgrave, Burgate, Westhorpe, Thornham, Wickham Skeith, Cotton, and Gislingham; from some parishes the whole company came, and from others only a portion, anyhow some forty ringers mustered from the Hartismere Deanery, and ringing was kept up all the day, James Chenery, a man nearly seventy-six, an old old Blo' Norton ringer, though now of Redgrave, having a turn at the ropes.

In the morning many hands were engaged in decorating the church, Mr. Johnson, the Hall gardener, rendering much assistance, in addition to the usual willing staff of helpers. The fine church presented a very handsome appearance, but looked still grander at 3 o'clock with a congregation completely filling it. As it was week-day afternoon and not an evening service, the congregation was a very gratifying one. The Rector said the prayers and the responses, and singing generally was extremely good, the anthem especially coming in for commendation. The first lesson was read by the Rev. B. H. Grigson, and the second by the Rev. G. Hales. The President of the Association then delivered an admirable and practical sermon from 1 Thess. v. 18. In the course of his sermon he mentioned the fact that in 1553 Redgrave had three bells, in 1691 two more were added by Lord Chief Justice Holt, and in 1736 probably the present peal of six was placed in the tower. The sermon was listened to with wrapt attention, and the offertory amounted to between £9 and £10, partly for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund, and partly for church expenses.

After service the ringers and choir were entertained at the Hall Farm, under the presidency of Mr. Leonard Wilson, while Mrs. Holt Wilson held a reception at the Mission Room for friends and parishioners, many of whom had been excellent workers in the late Sale Committee. The weather after all favoured the event, and ringing was kept up to a late hour.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

The above usually quiet place has been rather lively lately, especially regarded from a ringer's point of view. On Saturday, October 29th, to welcome home Major Finn, of the 21st Lancers, from the Soudan war, a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung by F. Edwards, 1; W. Cliff, 2; A. Hinds, 3; G. Cramp, 4; C. Tribe, 5; R. Edwards (conductor), 6; G. Neve, 7; H. Holdstock, 8. On Sunday, November 6th, being the anniversary of the restoration of the church, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for both morning and evening service, and on Wednesday, November 9th, on the occasion of Mr. O. Edwards being elected Mayor, several 504s and other touches were rung during the day by F. and R. Edwards (the Mayor's sons), G. Neve, W. Cliff, A. Hinds, G. Cramp, E. and F. Burden from Rolvenden, C. Tribe and W. Spice from Charing, and H. Holdstock. The bells are a grand ring of eight, tenor 30 cwt., and go like tops. They are waiting for a band to come along and tap off some Double Norwich or Superlative on them. Brighton ringers please take note.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.

The bells at the parish church of St. Michael have recently been put in thorough good order; the fourth, fifth, and tenor bells have been recast, and the whole peal provided with new fittings and hung in a new iron frame, the work being well done by Messrs. Warner in September last. Immediately after the completion of the work, 2520 Stedman Triples was rung. O. W. Layng, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; H. Roberts, 4; E. Bishop, 5; J. H. Shepherd, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; C. Gardner, 8. It was intended to ring a peal, but one of the band requested the conductor to call the bells round at the half-way. It should be mentioned that the Rev. F. E. Robinson's grandfather was Vicar of Highworth for sixty years, and the band who took part in the peal of Bob Major recorded this week, regretted that through a previous engagement Mr. Robinson was prevented from taking part in the first peal on the bells.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

On Saturday, November 19th, the Rye ringers paid another visit to this place to have a practice on the bells. They came by road, and their Jehu deposited them safely at the church at 6.45, where they found Mr. E. Burden, captain of the local band, Mr. F. Burden (his son), Mr. C. Tribe, from Tenterden, and Mr. G. Johnson, from Appledore. With the bells up ready, a start was soon made, and the first touch, 168 Grandsire Triples by four of the band was an accomplished fact. E. Burden, 1; H. Thorpe, 2; E. Reed, 3; C. Price, 4; F. Burden, 5; J. Durrant, 6; C. Tribe, 7; G. Johnson, 8. Messrs. W. Henley and W. Billenness also took part in the ringing during the evening. Before parting they promised to pay another visit before long, when it is hoped some of them will score their first quarter-peal. They are jolly good fellows, from their excellent captain (Rev. F. E. Berry) down to the last recruit, and deserve to be rewarded for their perseverance and patience. More power to their elbows; and so say all of us.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

The North Lincolnshire Association had a very helpful meeting at Gainsborough on the 5th instant. The remarks made by the rev. chairman at the business meeting—Canon Moor—were, it may be presumed, very welcome to the assembled company. He understood that the tower of Gainsborough parish church "was quite capable of carrying a ring of ten, and as a ring of ten gave more scope to the science of change-ringing he hoped the peal would be augmented to that number."

I can well imagine some of those present doing their best to prevent themselves ejaculating "Bravo!" and other interjections. Whatever must the Gainsborough men have felt at the bare mention of the idea that their bells might be made into a ring of ten? Every one will hope that the Canon will not let the matter rest. The church of Gainsborough I know not, I am sorry to say; but whatever the dimensions of the steeple, there will be no difficulty in placing the additional bells required. I noticed that one of the rev. gentlemen present at the meeting promised a subscription as soon as the appeal for such an excellent object was formally opened. Hear, hear; and bravo! vociferous applause! Waltham Abbey newspapers, please copy.

Reading the report of the Durham and Newcastle meeting makes one think there is a screw loose somewhere. It is rumoured that the tower of Stockton-on-Tees parish church is closed to the members of the Association. That must be a mistake surely. How can a tower be closed to an entire Association? The thing is impossible; and I'll stake my reputation (which is saying a great deal) that it's a mere *canard*. The recent unfortunate misunderstanding between the executive of the Association and Mr. Clarkson and others of the Stockton company may effect a temporary estrangement I dare say, but it won't reach so far as closing a tower to ringers. May the difference of opinion, etc.

The Ely brethren are waking up: no less than forty-four members having enjoyed recently a famous repast at "The Bell" (ominous sign) at Sudbury. The "pangs of hunger"—as the report says—having been satisfied, business was proceeded with, and nine new members were elected. See the benefit of having a "substantial repast" previous to the transaction of business. It works wonders, always.

The reproof upon Bristol affairs was rather hard. At the same time it is deplorable that in a place where change-ringing might flourish, a place wherein is a great many bells, there should exist in all its fulness the great humbug of unfriendliness and discord. It is an unfortunate fact that much of the disagreements of ringers arise from the most petty means and contemptible sources. Local squabbles are getting beautifully less, and whoever tries his best to prevent them is as big a man as the hero of a thousand peals.

Imagine the Sirdar—Lord Kitchener—having an ancestor who interested himself in the bells of his parish church. Would it not be well if some one called the attention of his lordship to the important fact? Perhaps

we could get him to join one of our ringing societies. He would not be the first of his kind, for I think Sir Bartle Frere was a "smoking member" of one of the London companies. Would it be out of the question asking him to get up an interest in church bells in Egypt, do you think? Should there be any enterprising individual, say in the Soudan, who would like an "instructor" sent out, application may be made to the office of this paper for terms. Mutual references.

The Central Northamptonshire Association have recently had a quarterly meeting at "the pretty and interesting village of Rushton." We are told the local men are being "instructed" in the Art, and the Rector co-operates in the movement. Very good. When we are inclined to grumble at drawbacks and disappointments, these little bits of news ought to refresh us, and stimulate us to press forward in the good fight without fainting. For there is a lot of good work going on that we hear little of. Teachers are about in many places, doing their work quietly, sowing the good seed, which some day or other is bound to mature. The paragraph at the close of the report of this meeting is very well worthy of repetition: "These occasional meetings in outlying places are a great source of the Association's strength and success. They are a means of obtaining recruits, of pointing out defects in bells and belfries, also of enabling members to see how much clergy, churchwardens and parishioners in the villages are doing to put their bells in order, and add to the comfort and convenience of those who ring them." Every word of this is real. PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE MILDENHALL SOCIETY, SUFFOLK.

On October 31st, the Mildenhall ringers visited Chippenham to try what is practically a new ring of six, tenor 15 cwt., cast by Warners. A start was made at a quarter to seven and the destination reached at half-past seven. After various trials about 1000 changes of Bob Minor were rung by Herbert Turner, 1; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 2; Henry Turner (conductor), 3; Alfred Turner, 4; George Turner, 5; Charles Carpenter, 6. The "go" of the bells, which have lately been hung in a new frame gave general satisfaction. A pleasant moonlight drive brought the band home at half-past ten, very pleased with their outing and grateful to the Vicar of Chippenham, Mr. Smedley and others, for the welcome and hospitality they received.

NORTHAMPTON.—Recently at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Hensman, 1; W. Knightall, 2; H. Knightall, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; A. Arnold (conductor), 4; A. Moore, 5; H. Blundell, 6; W. Farey, 7; C. Fennell, 8. At the church of St. Giles a quarter-peal in the same method. W. Harris, 1; T. Harris, 2; H. Key, 3; E. Haxley, 4; A. Moore, 5; A. Arnold, 6; A. Stewart (conductor), 7; J. Freeman, 8. At the church of St. Sepulchre, a quarter-peal in the same method. W. Knightall, 1; A. Moore, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; W. Farey, 4; A. Arnold, 5; A. Stewart, 6; H. Blundell (conductor), 7; C. Fennell, 8. This is the first quarter-peal on these bells, which have been rehung and two trebles added by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of them being excellent.

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5129.

23456789	I	2	3	4
436275	-	-	-	-
6234 98	-	-	-	-
3426 89	-	-	-	-
542376	-	-	-	-
2345 98	-	-	-	-
3542	-	-	-	-
5243	-	-	-	-
4325 89	-	-	-	-
2534 98	-	-	-	-
5432	-	-	-	-
4235	-	-	-	-
3524 89	-	-	-	-
2453 98	-	-	-	-
4352 98	-	-	-	-
5234 89	-	-	-	-

The last twelve courses three times repeated, calling the first course the same as the second, and single for bob at 4 in the eleventh course in the second and fourth parts. The above peal contains the twenty-four 7689s and 7698s.

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23456789

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342	7 8
423	7 8

2534	8th in three
532	7 8
325	7 8

4253	87+
254	8 7
542	8 7

4325	7th in three
324	7 8
243	7 8

*7th in and out at 3 with a double.
†8th in and out at 2 with a double.

The above twelve courses three times repeated, calling the first course 7th in and out at 2 with a double, and single for bob at the second and fourth part-ends produces 53426987. Calling bobs at 1 2 1 1 brings up the first lead of the plain course. This peal contains the twenty-four 6987s and 6978s.

A PEAL OF UNION CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

5111.

23456	I	2	3	6
42563				I 3 4 2
54263				
25463				
45623	-	-	-	
53624				
65324				
35264	-	-	-	
23564				
52364				
32654	-	-	-	
24653				
62453				
46253				
26543	-	-	-	
63542				
53462	-	-	-	
43652	-	-	-	
64352				
36452				
46532	-	-	-	
56342	-	-	-	
35642	-	-	-	
65432	-	-	-	
45362	-	-	-	
34562				
54632	-	-	-	

The last twelve courses twice repeated, produces 42356. Round by 9th in and out at two.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES PAGETT, Kidderminster.

5120.

23456	I	5	6
43652	-	-	
64235	-	-	
42635	-	-	
26435	-	-	
34625	-	-	
46325	-	-	
23645	-	-	
36245	-	-	
62345	-	-	
43265	-	-	
32465	-	-	
24365	-	-	

Three times repeated; single instead of bob mid-way and end. This peal has the 5th and 6th each twenty-two times in 6th's place. First rung at Kidderminster, September 3rd, 1898, conducted by Albert E. Parsons.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES S. WILDE, Hyde, Cheshire.

5056.

23456	w	5th	4th	B	M	H
23564				-	-	
34562	-	-	-	-	-	
53462						-
32465	-	-	-			-
43265						-
24365						-
53246	-			-	-	
25346						-
32546						-
24536	-	-	-	-	-	
52436						-
45236						-

Three times repeated.. Single mid-way and end. This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right. First rung at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, November 12th, 1898, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

5364.

23456	M	B	4ths	w	H
34256	-	-		2	
52436			2	2	
54326			I	2	
53246			I	2	
26435	I		I	2	
24365			I	2	
45362	I			2	
52364	I			2	
25463	2			2	
24653			I	2	
43652	I			2	
32654	I			2	
23456	2 in			2	

The 5th and 6th their extent in 5th place, and the 6th her extent right.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JAMES PAGETT, Kidderminster.

1248.

23456	M	IN	5ths	w	H
65432	-			-	
34256	-			-	
53246				-	
32546	-	-		-	
42356	-	-		-	
23456	-	-		-	

Look out for the EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS OF HANDBELLS.

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."

EXPLANATION.

SIR,—With reference to the account of the Annual Meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association in your last week's issue, I notice Mr. Passman, of Middlesbrough, is reported to have accorded his support to a motion by Mr. Harrison; and as such is likely to convey to your readers a wrong impression, I shall be pleased of you stating that the Middlesbrough ringers were not officially represented at the meeting, therefore any support given by Mr. Passman was on his own behalf.

JNO. H. BLAKISTON.

Middlesbrough, November 21, 1898.

THE HEIGHT OF TOWERS.

SIR,—The height of towers and spires is a vexed question. Most authorities are agreed that the highest "tower" in England attached to a church or cathedral is the famous "Boston Stump" in Lincolnshire, estimated at from 284 to 300 ft. Then comes the Rood Tower at Lincoln, about 264 ft. The western tower at Ely is only 212 ft., being lower than the beautiful "Bell Harry" tower at Canterbury, 235 ft., and the towers at Gloucester and Westminster Abbey each 225 ft. With regard to spires, that at Wakefield Cathedral, 247 ft., is the highest spire in Yorkshire, but this is perhaps a few feet lower than the elegant spire at Newark, in Nottinghamshire, while the height of Louth Steeple (Lincs.) is generally given as 294 ft. I cannot help thinking that the figures quoted by your correspondent for the Coventry spires are too high, particularly with regard to Holy Trinity. But it would take a good deal of enquiry and research to get the exact measurements for a list of the six highest church steeples. With cathedrals the task is easier, the field being more limited and the dimensions better known.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

St. Andrew's, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

THE GREAT MARLOW RINGERS.

SIR,—The unlucky notoriety into which our usually unobtrusive belfry suddenly sprung, through one of our members, with more zeal than discretion, giving us away in the papers, has now I hope ceased to be in active being; and we trust we are now in a fair way towards returning to the more honourable, if more humble position, of a back seat. A month's absence from home (trying to get rid of sciatica and lumbago, at Bath) prevented my discussing the situation with my fellow-members of this tower until Thursday last; and at the risk of interrupting the process of such gradual sinking into oblivion, I write at the unanimous wish of our members to ask you to allow me to correct the various misapprehensions into which people have fallen, by a statement of the simple different facts concerning our member whose recent wedding was the unfortunate origin of some commotion.

I would especially take as my text the words of the President of the Central Council, as any words of his carry a special weight. At the Quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association, as reported in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 12th instant, Sir Arthur Heywood alluded to "a nonconformist ringer" who wished "to have the church bells rung on the occasion of his wedding." Our member, whose marriage is there referred to, is not a nonconformist ringer (we have none), but a communicant member of the Church of England, as is also his young wife. Her parents, however, who live at Bristol, are strong nonconformists, and they made a very special point of the wedding being celebrated at the chapel with which they are connected. While carefully abstaining from expressing any controversial opinion on the question, I think it will be allowed that our member's position can be very easily understood.

The proposed ringing on the occasion was not the outcome of a wish expressed by him, but was the desire of all the rest of us to pay this customary tribute to a valued and respected colleague. Unfortunately, it was unsuspectingly offered by me to him, before I made the usual application for permission to head-quarters.

I must add that our member has taken all the annoyance to which this publicity has subjected him in the best possible spirit; complaining of nothing except the ill-natured letter over the anonymous signature "No Hypocrite," re-produced in your columns on the 5th inst., and expresses himself as very grateful for the unanimous and strong sympathy shown him by his fellow-ringers.

ALFRED H. COCKS,
Foreman Great Marlow Belfry.

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Obituary.

JOHN WILLIAM DAWSON.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of the above ringer, who was one of the oldest members of St. Matthew's church, Newcastle-on-Tyne. He was called to his rest on Friday, November 18th, at the age of twenty-three. He had gained the highest respect of the above and the neighbouring bands who were associated with him, by his ever being ready and willing to help in any way, and by his good ringing. On Sunday morning, November 20th, for Divine Service, 420 Bob Triples was rung by his sorrowful comrades who are mourning his loss, with the bells muffled, Mr. W. Holmes, who has instructed the band for two years and upwards, kindly assisting. G. G. Rawson, 1; J. E. Hughes, 2; R. M. Duke, 3; R. O. Hall, 4; H. B. Salkield, 5; W. Holmes, 6; E. E. Ferry (conductor), 7; S. O. Ferry, 8. In the evening 840 Bob Triples. J. E. Hughes, 1; R. M. Duke, 2; R. O. Hall, 3; A. Lamb, 4; H. B. Salkield, 5; W. Holmes, 6; E. E. Ferry (conductor), 7; S. O. Ferry, 8. The ringers of the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and tenor, of the evening band, together with the deceased, rang the first 720 of Minor on the back six of the above bells. Tenor 3½ cwt. in D.

JOHN PRESCOTT.

On Saturday, November 12th, the remains of the above were laid to rest. For twenty-five years he was the esteemed superintendent of Ormskirk parish church belfry, and also sexton. He commenced his career as a ringer at the Queen's Accession in 1837, and had rung on every notable occasion since then, including the rejoicing for the victory of the battle of the Alma, the sorrowful news of the Prince Consort's death, and of other notables, including clergy and laity. It was under his tuition the present band of ringers at the parish church received their knowledge of the art of change-ringing. He was a member of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, and took very great interest in the working of the Guild, and regularly attended its meetings, his presence being greatly appreciated by the members of the Guild, who regarded him as the father of the ringers of the diocese. He was borne to and laid in his last resting-place by four members of the Guild, viz.: J. Sholicar, W. Taylor, J. Pilkington, and W. Bentham, the bells ringing muffled touches as the cortege arrived at the church. The Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Woodrow, read the funeral service in a most impressive manner. Deceased was one of the old band of ringers, and by his death the last link has been broken, the last bob has been called, and now laid to rest the last of the old band of ringers of Ormskirk parish church.

JOHN AVIS.

The death of the above-named ringer took place at his residence, Great Glemham, Suffolk, after a long and protracted illness, in his seventy-fifth year. Although he was not advanced in the more intricate methods, he was a splendid striker, and will be greatly missed by the Rendham company to which he belonged. He was carried to his last resting-place by four of his late comrades, and immediately after the funeral the bells were rung deeply muffled at Benhall church, where he was buried. In the evening the bells at Rendham were also muffled, and his age tolled at the finish.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday, November 1st, 720 York Surprise. *J. W. Passman, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; J. Brown, 3; *J. H. Blakiston, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; *T. Metcalf (first 720 in the method), 6. *Belong to the Middlesbrough company. Also on handbells a course of Grandsire Cinques. J. W. Passman, 1-2; T. Metcalf, 3-4; T. Stephenson, 5-6; G. J. Clarkson, 7-8; J. H. Blakiston, 9-10; W. Newton, 11-12.

TURVEY (Beds).—On Saturday, November 19th, ringers from Olney and Emberton visited this village and rang 720 Bob Minor. T. Wright, 1; F. Hopper, 2; J. Lovell, 3; W. Jones, 4; W. Freeman, 5; H. Lett, 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with some of the local men taking part. T. Wright, 1; F. Hopper, 2; G. Allan, 3; H. Lett, 4; J. Lovell (conductor), 5; T. Hinds, 6. Two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Hopper, 1; E. Savage, 2; G. Allan (conductor), 3; J. Barker, 4; W. Sargent, 5; G. Lancaster, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. F. Hopper, 1; W. Jones, 2; H. Lett, 3; T. Wright (conductor), 4; J. Lovell, 5; W. Freeman, 6.

WILLENHALL (Staffs).—On Tuesday, November 8th, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Atkins, 3; S. Dace, 4; J. A. Adams, 5; J. A. Brown (conductor), 6; J. Appleby, 7; J. Hamilton, 8.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1898.

It is not with any pleasant feelings that we insert the letter at the top of the following page. It is thought by those who have some regard for the social amenities of life, that a second appeal of this kind would not have been required. The Honorary Secretary of the Central Council, it should not be forgotten, has other work to do besides that of this special office. The clergy—especially those who have the ministrations of an important parish relegated to them—have their time fully occupied in their pastoral and parochial duties. We do not of course know what Mr. BULWER's thoughts are with respect to the gross inattention by which his invitations have been met; some people less affable and courteous than he would be inclined to denote such treatment by a very forcible and incisive expression. We would ask, how can the praiseworthy objects of any organization be carried out if those concerned neglect their duties? Success is not gained by insensibility or indifference to the end in view. It is humiliating to think that there is more apathy shown by ringers than by people following any other pursuit under the sun.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS.

SIR,—May I again implore those who have received the Glossary lists to return them to me, with or without additions, at once? Nearly one half of the number distributed have not yet come back, though a stamped addressed envelope for return was sent with each copy; and but little trouble is involved in putting the copy in the envelope, sealing it down, and posting it. From some districts no copy has yet been returned at all, though three were sent out to each Association Secretary for distribution.

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

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN ROSE Treble.	JOHN HACK 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	ARTHUR J. NEALE 7.
ERNEST H. NIXON 4.	WILLIAM BEDWELL Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. BEDWELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Bedwell and Nixon; their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

JOHN W. GOLDING Treble.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE 2.	FREDERICK DENCH 6.
HARRY R. PASMORE 3.	FRANK BUCK 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells; and now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, November 10, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTON'S THIRTY-COURSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ..Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
JOHN BENSTEAD 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY 6.
HARRY WAKLEY 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE ..Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
JAMES HUNT 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

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

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(ASHBY PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 16, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE HATTON, JUN.* ..Treble.	JOSEPH CURTIS 5.
J. H. DUNMORE 2.	E. W. BEADSMORE 6.
HERBERT HATTON† 3.	GEORGE HATTON 7.
ARTHUR HITCHCOCK 4.	HARRY SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. DUNMORE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the birthday of the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

T. KING Treble.	W. LANHAM 5.
G. TEMPLE 2.	H. W. BROWN 6.
W. DAVIS 3.	J. FUSSELL 7.
J. S. FLOWER 4.	F. SKUSE Tenor.

Conducted by F. SKUSE.

This is the first peal of Bob Major by all the band; the first by the Association in the Bath district; the first on the bells; and the first peal in any method by T. King.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN W. BRIGGS* Treble.	JOHN H. SWINFIELD 5.
JOHN NOBLE 2.	†HENRY BRIGGS 6.
THOMAS WRIGHT* 3.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 7.
WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM 4.	WILLIAM JONES Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. This is the first peal upon the bells since they have been augmented to eight.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANCIS T. HOAD Treble.	†CHARLES WEBBER 5.
GEORGE HUGGETT 2.	JOHN ANSELL 6.
GEORGE HOAD 3.	†WILLIAM H. STREET .. 7.
WILLIAM H. JUDD* 4.	*WILLIAM FULLER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGGETT.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal on the bells. Rung on F. T. Hoad's 50th birthday, all wishing him many happy returns.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and one of Grandsire Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWIN MAPP* Treble.	†JAMES REYNOLDS 4.
WILLIAM MARTIN* 2.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 5.
JOHN EARP* 3.	CHARLES BEAMAN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES BEAMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor.

THORNDON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, and one of College Single.

EDWARD BUCKINGHAM* .. Treble.	FRED. POTTER 4.
JOHN BUCKINGHAM 2.	FRED. ALDERTON 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLE.

*First peal of Minor.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE 2.	*THOMAS CARD 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. . 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal of Superlative. This peal was arranged for Mr. Card, who hails from Tonbridge.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 of College Single, and three 720s each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HARRY MERRILLS* Treble.	*HARRY LAMBERT 4.
MATTHEW PHILLIPSON* .. 2.	*HARRY BLAGG 5.
GEORGE R. WINTER† .. . 3.	*JOSEPH WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY LAMBERT.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. This is the first peal on the bells.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns.

HASTINGS.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES CARTER Treble.	JAMES LIVERMORE 5.
WALTER FRANKS 2.	SYDNEY SAKER 6.
LEONARD STAPLEY* .. . 3.	WILLIAM D. THOMAS .. . 7.
FREDERICK LOCK 4.	WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FRANKS.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung upon the eve of the twentieth anniversary services. Six of the bells were hung in 1890, and two new trebles were added last year in commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	GEORGE LMLLEY* 5.
ARTHUR H. OSBORNE .. . 2.	SAMUEL FORD 6.
THOMAS CADGE 3.	CHARLES G. BIXBY 7.
GEORGE DEBENHAM .. . 4.	HARRY TURNER Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by C. G. BIXBY.

*First peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also Mr. W. E. Land, of The Dog and Partridge inn, who hospitably entertained the band after the completion of the peal.

PENARTH, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent, Oxford, and Violet Treble Bob, Grand-sire, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, and Plain Bob.

THOMAS NORTHEY Treble.	WILLIAM B. BISS 4.
FRANK BARTLETT 2.	PHILIP W. DAVIES 5.
DAVID THOMAS 3.	JOHN VINNICOMBE Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID THOMAS.

First in seven methods by all the band; first by the Association; and first peal of Minor in seven methods rung in Wales.

HAWLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MAURICE STEER Treble.	ALFRED E. COUSINS 5.
WILLIAM HORNE 2.	CHARLES GILES 6.
HENRY WHITE 3.	†ALFRED E. REEVES 7.
HENRY TUCKER 4.	JOHN TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

†First peal of Major as conductor. A. E. Cousins was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY WHITE Treble.	WILLIAM HORNE 5.
HENRY TUCKER 2.	*MAURICE STEER 6.
CHARLES GILES† 3.	JOHN TUCKER 7.
ALFRED E. COUSINS .. . 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Triples as conductor. Between the above two peals the ringers were entertained at tea by Maurice Steer.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE THORNTON Treble.	WILSON ILLINGWORTH .. . 5.
JOHN CLAYTON 2.	SIDNEY C. CLARK 6.
GEORGE HUNT 3.	EDWIN WHEATER 7.
WILLIAM RHODES 4.	DAVID STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by OBADIAH LANG, of Liversedge, and Conducted by E. WHEATER.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE S. BROWN Treble.	THOMAS RICKETTS 5.
CHARLES GARDNER 2.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	ERNEST BISHOP 7.
THOMAS ROBINSON 4.	HENRY ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by HENRY ROBERTS.

This is the first peal on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR J. MAYO* Treble.	ARTHUR W. HIGGS 5.
WILLIAM J. WILKINS 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	ERNEST BRUCE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

On Monday, November 21, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN KING Treble.	JAMES NEWMAN 5.
WARDEN WALDER 2.	HENRY CHAPMAN 6.
GEORGE W. WALDER* 3.	GEORGE WALDER, JUN. 7.
JOHN OSBORNE, JUN.* 4.	JOHN OSBORNE, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WALDER, JUN.

*First peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT M. PICK Treble.	*THOMAS H. NAISBY 5.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON 2.	*JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6.
WILLIAM SMALLWOOD* 3.	†JOHN NAISBY 7.
THOMAS W. DITCHBURN* 4.	*THOMAS BRASS Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by JOHN NAISBY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

Date Touches.

TERRINGTON (Norfolk).—On Thursday, November 10th, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Howling, 1; J. Edwards, 2; F. Easton, 3; H. Butters, 4; J. Wright, 5; A. Markwell (conductor), 6. This is the longest length ever rung on these bells, and the longest by all except A. Markwell.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, October 27th, a date touch (1898 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; F. Lowe, 3; J. Adams, 4; J. A. Brown (composer and conductor), 5; E. Unitt, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Hamilton, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 16th, for Divine Service, 560 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 2; J. Town, 3;

L. Attwater, 4; R. Hims, 5; I. Emery, 6; P. F. Harman, 7; G. Durling (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; E. Dunn, 2; R. Hims, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; I. Emery (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; G. Durling, 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. Composed by G. Daynes, of Lewisham, and contains eighteen 7-4s. J. Town, 1; E. Dunn, 2; T. Harford, 3; R. Hims, 4; P. F. Harman, 5; F. Sanders, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, November 15th, for practice on the back six, 720 Bob Minor. G. Huxley, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; G. Daynes, 3; F. Sanders, 4; E. Dunn, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Sunday afternoon, November 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Humphrey (first 720), 1; J. Town, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; T. Batterson, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, November 13th, before Divine Service, various touches of Grandsire, Stedman, etc., were rung by the local band, in which also F. Gooch, Esq., of Poplar, took part. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. I. G. Shade, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 3; W. Foreman, 4; T. Taylor, 5; H. Hoskins, 6; W. Berry, 7; C. Bird (Poplar, first quarter-peal), 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Berry and Thornton on the completion of their 40th and 36th years respectively.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Thursday, October 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. W. Jarrett, 1; H. J. Tidy, 2; G. H. Kite, 3; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 4; H. E. Simpson, 5; W. Tassell, 6; C. R. Millway, 7; A. Balchin, 8. Composed by J. H. Barrett and conducted by C. R. Millway. On Sunday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. J. Tidy, 1; C. R. Millway, 2; T. W. Jarrett, 3; E. J. Bottle, 4; H. E. Simpson, 5; R. Staines, 6; W. Tassell, 7; A. Balchin, 8. Composed by H. N. Davis and conducted by H. E. Simpson.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Norfolk).—On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 120 Stedman Doubles, 120 St. Simon's Doubles, and 120 New Doubles. E. Buckingham, 1; J. Buckingham, 2; E. H. Symonds, 3; A. W. Symonds, 4; W. H. Symonds, 5.

NORWICH.—On Monday, October 31st, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. E. Ward, 1; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 2; A. G. Warnes, 3; J. A. Trollope, 4; G. Howchin, 5; H. J. Tucker (Bishops Stortford), 6; H. J. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; G. Smith, 9; F. Knights, 10. On Wednesday, November 9th, in celebration of the election of Mayor and Sheriff, 462 and 638 Grandsire Cinques. H. W. Stanley, 1; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 2; E. Ward, 3; W. Bales, 4; P. Sadler, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; A. G. Warnes, 9; F. Knights, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12. Tenor 43 cwt. On Monday, November 7th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor in 20 mins. A. G. Warnes, 1; H. J. Borrett, 2; A. A. Hills, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 5-6. First 720 with a bob bell by Messrs. H. J. Borrett and Hills.

HETHERSETT (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, November 8th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. J. Borrett (first 720 on tower bells), 1; R. Blake, 2; W. Blake, 3; A. Curson, 4; W. H. Blake, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. *P. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. Symons, 4; W. J. Pickard, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6; †E. Newman (conductor), 7; *H. C. Ingram, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. †First quarter-peal in the method as conductor.

SHALFORD (Hants).—On Sunday morning, October 16th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Trewin, 1; G. Elston, 2; J. Hunt, 3; E. Lucas, 4; C. Willshire, 5; F. Blondell, 6. Also 260 in the same method. F. Blondell, 1; W. Trewin, 2; G. Elston, 3; C. Willshire (conductor), 4; E. Worsfold, 5; J. Smithers, 6. Also 180 Bob Minor. P. Worsfold, 1; W. Trewin, 2; C. Willshire, 3; F. Blondell, 4; E. Worsfold, 5; F. Hunt (conductor), 6. On Wednesday evening, October 19th, being the Harvest Festival, 360 Bob Minor. P. Worsfold, 1; W. Trewin, 2; G. Elston, 3; E. Lucas, 4; E. Worsfold (conductor), 5; J. Smithers, 6. Another 720 of Bob Minor was rung on the following Sunday evening by the local band.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Tuesday, November 15th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Emily Louisa, second daughter of Mr. J. Wheeler of Basingstoke, and Mr. W. W. Dip-

stale of Wandsworth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. Dora White, 1; Alice White, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; H. Lawes, 4; R. E. Sutton, 5; H. White, 6; J. E. Ballard (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; A. Knight, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, November 15th, for practice at the parish church, 672 Bob Major. S. Wharton, 1; C. Powell, 2; J. Hale, 3; J. Rowland, 4; J. Hammond, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. Rutter, 7; J. Pownall (conductor), 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WILLESSEN (Middlesex).—On Saturday, November 5th, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins., owing to a mis-call. G. Smith, 1; H. Kilby, 2; W. Burrows, 3; I. Attwater (conductor), 4; A. Tennant, 5; A. Pittam, 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (six singles and eight bobs). G. Jordan, 1; C. Watkins, 2; J. Hopkinson, 3; F. Smith, 4; R. Thomas, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—On Saturday, October 29th, an attempt for a peal of Darlaston Bob Triples came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 9 mins. C. Thomas, 1; W. Evans, 2; S. Hope, 3; J. Thomas, 4; H. Allen, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6; J. Field, 7; W. Smart, 8. On Saturday, November 5th, another attempt was made, but the bells ran home after ringing 2310 changes in 1 hr. 16 mins., standing as before. On Monday, November 7th, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. J. Thomas, 1; W. Evans, 2; H. Allen, 3; S. Hope, 4; C. Thomas, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

RUSPER (Sussex).—On Saturday, November 12th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 3424 changes in 2 hrs. 1 min., it came to grief owing to a change-course. T. Worsfold, 1; C. Taylor, 2; G. Thompson, 3; G. Hoad, 4; T. Fairs, 5; A. Ellis, 6; J. Worsfold, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, November 10th, at St. Mary's church, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Carter's twelve-part. J. Pagett (conductor), 1-2; T. J. Salter, 3-4; T. Wakeman, 5-6; J. O. Bennett, 7-8. On Sunday morning, November 13th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. C. Hunt, 1; J. O. Bennett, 2; N. Davies, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; T. Wakeman, 5; J. Crane, 6; J. Pagett (conductor), 7; J. Bennett, 8. For evening service 448 Superlative Surprise Major. T. J. Salter, 1; J. O. Bennett, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; N. Davis, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; T. Bennett, 6; J. Pagett (conductor), 7; T. Wakeman, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday morning, November 13th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 336 Stedman Triples. For Divine Service in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Gardiner, 1; G. T. Brown, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Robinson, 4; J. H. Shepherd, 5; E. Bishop, 6; T. Ricketts (conductor), 7; W. Ball, 8. On Monday, November 14th, 720 Treble Bob Minor. T. Robinson, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; C. Gardiner (conductor), 3; G. S. Brown, 4; O. W. Layng, 5; T. Ricketts, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service, 560 Bob Major. A. Newman, jun., 1; R. T. Hibbert, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. W. Smith, 5; E. J. Munday, 6; E. W. Munday, 7; H. Simmonds (conductor), 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Simmonds, the steeplekeeper's father, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. After service 504 Stedman Triples. R. T. Hibbert, 1; H. W. Smith, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. J. Munday, 4; J. Hands, 5; E. W. Munday, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROYDON (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 2nd, at St. Peter's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24 mins. G. Dent, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor in 25½ mins. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; E. J. Webb, 3; A. Pearman, 4; T. Jordan, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And 360 Stedman Doubles. I. Cavill (conductor), 1; G. Dent,

2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; W. Pearman, 6. This was rung on the opening of a peal-board to record the peal which was rung on Tuesday, March 29th, in seven Treble Bob methods. Tenor 9 cwt.

FEERING (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, November 8th, for practice at All Saints' church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. W. Willshire (first 720), 1; H. Evers, 2; G. Hume, 3; C. Rogers, 4; D. Elliott, 5; J. Newman, 6. Also two courses of Double Court Bob, conducted by D. Elliott. On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Willshire, 1; W. Hunwick, sen., 2; W. Hunwick, jun., 3; G. Hume, 4; C. Rogers, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. Willshire, 1; W. Hunwick, sen., 2; G. Hume, 3; C. Rogers, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5; J. Newman, 6.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, October 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, November 13th, 720 New London Pleasure. S. Sargent, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Tuesday, November 15th, 720 Double Court Bob. N. Smith, 1; H. Collins, 2; W. Moore, 3; S. Sargent, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, November 20th, at All Saints' church, 720 New London Pleasure. W. Farrow, 1; *A. Chaplin, 2; W. B. Pettit, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; *Ernest Chaplin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Dr. Pritchard, and also as a mark of condolence with the bereaved family. The deceased gentleman took a great interest in parochial matters connected with East Retford, and was also a great supporter of the 4th Notts. Volunteer movement. A. Winter, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 3; E. Collingburn, 4; F. W. Abbott, 5; H. Haigh, 6; G. Swannack, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes (composer and conductor), 9; G. Clayton, 10. Time occupied 52 mins.; tenor 24 cwt.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday, October 11th, 720 Merchants' Return in 25 mins. J. Gilbert, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; H. Haigh, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the 3rd ringer, and rung without practice. Also on Sunday, October 15, meeting one short for a 5040 in five different methods, a 720 of College Single was rung instead, in 24 mins. H. Merrills, 1; M. Phillipson, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6.

CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Hobson, 1; G. Vick, 2; S. Hopton, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Prickett, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; E. Williams, 8. On Monday, November 7th, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Hobson, 1; G. Vick, 2; R. Thompson, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Prickett (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; F. Bye, 8.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

KEMPSEY (Worcestershire).—Recently the members of the above Guild visited the parish church and rang 720 Bob Minor. B. Hill, 1; A. Hill, 2; C. W. Jones, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; W. Lebbon, 5; G. Checketts, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles in which G. Hinton took part.

WORCESTER.—On Wednesday, November 9th, in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 502 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, 1; A. Hill, 2; G. Hinton, 3; G. Checketts, 4; W. Powell, 5; C. W. Jones, 6; W. Bright, 7; W. Page, 8; L. Longney (conductor), 9; W. H. Johnson, 10; W. Lebbon, 11; T. Malin, 12. Tenor 50 cwt.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

HIGHER SUTTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, November 9th, for practice at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Wood, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; W. Walmsley (conductor), 3; J. M. Davenport, 4; W. Steele, 5; J. Minshall, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. T. Taylor, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; W. Walmsley (conductor), 3; J. Manifold, 4; W. Steele, 5; J. M. Davenport, 6. And a touch of Canterbury Pleasure

Minor. J. Williams, 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Minshall, 3; J. M. Davenport, 4; W. Walmsley, 5; W. Steele, 6.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Saturday, November 5th, being Gunpowder Plot Day, 720 College Single. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. H. Tubb, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And 240 College Single. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. H. Tubb, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway, 6. And 120 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb, 1; G. J. Miles, 4; the rest as before. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; J. Nicholls, 2; E. H. Adams, 3; S. Wade, 4; H. Adams, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; W. Elson (composer and conductor), 7; R. Charge, 8; C. Charge, 9; F. Parsons, 10.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 9th, 720 College Single. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Timbrell, 6. On Friday, October 21st, 720 College Exercise. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On Sunday, October 23rd, 720 Woodbine and 720 College Exercise. On Wednesday, October 26th, 720 Duke of York, and 720 Violet. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 College Pleasure, and 720 College Exercise. On handbells 720 Plain Bob, composed by C. E. Wilson.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, September 18th, for Divine Service, 462 Grandsire Triples. C. Stenner, 1; J. Clutterbuck, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; J. Harris, 4; P. W. Davies, 5; A. Rowley, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; C. Winfield, 8. On Thursday, September 22nd, for practice, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Lloyd, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; P. W. Davies, 5; D. Thomas, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes, 9; B. Tilley, 10. On Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Stenner, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Winfield, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; B. Tilley, 8. On Wednesday, September 28th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Lloyd, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; G. Watkins, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Winfield, 5; P. W. Davies, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 8; J. H. Aldridge, 9; H. G. White, 10. On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; P. W. Davies (conductor), 2; J. Harris, 3; A. Rowley, 4; C. Winfield, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; B. Tilley, 8. On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, 462 Grandsire Triples. C. Stenner, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; P. W. Davies, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; B. Tilley, 8. On Sunday, October 23rd, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Lloyd, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; P. W. Davies, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Winfield, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. H. Aldridge, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; H. G. White, 10. On Monday, November 7th, for practice, 1008 Bob Major. W. Lloyd, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; P. W. Davies, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes, 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, November 13th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; J. Prickett, 2; P. W. Davies (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Morley, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; G. Watkins, 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. B. Biss, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; H. V. Wilkins, 4; P. W. Davies (conductor), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. This is the first time the bells of the cathedral have been rung for several months owing to the serious illness of the Dean's wife, and it is hoped that she may soon be restored to health again.

BRIDGEND.—On Monday, September 12th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans (conductor), 2; J. South, 3; W. Hardwick, 4;

R. Runston, 5; D. J. Hurford, 6. On Thursday, October 6th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob. R. Evans, 1; J. Evans, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Runston, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 9th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans (conductor), 2; J. Evans, 3; J. South, 4; J. Cox, 5; J. D. Hurford, 6. And for afternoon service, 720 College Single. J. Evans, 1; J. South, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Evans, 4; R. Runston, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. South, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans, 3; R. Runston, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; J. South, 3; R. Runston, 4; R. Evans, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans (conductor), 3; J. Cox, 4; J. South, 5; R. Runston, 6. On Sunday, October 23, 720 College Single. J. Evans, 1; J. South, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Runston, 4; R. Evans, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 25, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; D. J. Hurford, 2; J. South, 3; R. Runston, 4; R. Evans, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the conductor. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. On Tuesday, November 1st, 720 College Single. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; J. South, 3; J. Cox, 4; R. Runston, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 9th, on the occasion of the Wedding of Mr. R. L. Knight of Tythegston Court, to Miss M. G. Pritchard of Bryntirion, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. Jones (Newport), 3; R. Runston, 4; J. South, 5; D. J. Hurford (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. D. J. Hurford, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans, 3; R. Runston, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6.

COTTY.—On Sunday, November 6th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; D. J. Hurford, 2; R. Evans (first in the method as conductor), 3; R. Runston, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox, 6. First in the method on the bells. And 720 College Single. E. Fowler, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Runston, 3; R. Evans, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox, 6.

BILSTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 13th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Harper, 1; S. Pitt, 2; E. Unitt, 3; J. Harper, 4; T. Lowe, 5; J. Adams, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; W. Eyre, 8. Messrs. Pitt and Adams belong to Willenhall, Unitt and Lowe to Darlaston.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, November 13th, at midnight, at St. Mary Redcliffe, 960 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 43 mins. P. Came, 1; A. Pearce, 2; G. Pearce, 3; W. Porch, 4; H. Tucker, 5; W. J. Hinton, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; G. T. Daltry, 8. This is believed to be the longest touch of Major on the bells.

CHIDDINGSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Whibley, 1; R. Chandler, 2; E. Budger, 3; S. Huntley (first quarter-peal), 4; H. Seal, 5; A. Longley (conductor), 6; F. Edwards, 7; F. Butcher, 8.

KILDWICK (Yorkshire).—On Sunday morning, November 13th, for Divine Service, three courses, being one each of Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, and City Delight. W. Feather, 1; F. Mosley, 2; S. Tillotson, 3; W. Mosley, 4; C. Law, 5; J. Hill, 6. In the afternoon 2500 changes were rung in four methods, being 720 each of Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, City Delight, and 360 Violet. C. Brown, 1; F. Mosley, 2; J. Boddy (conductor), 3; W. Morley, 4; C. Law, 5; J. Hill, 6. For evening service 240 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, and Duke of York. S. Tillotson, 1; J. Boddy, 2; W. Mosley, 3; C. Brown, 4; C. Holmes, 5; J. Hill, 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob. Visitors are made welcome at this tower at any time.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, Nov. 9th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on the front six, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. A. Daniell (first 720), 1; A. Jacob (conductor), 2; H. Stubbs, 3; W. Burrows, 4; A. Newman, 5; I. Attwater, 6. On Saturday, November 19th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, 720 Bob Minor. T. Withers, 1; J. Bradley, 2; T. Taffender, 3; W. Doran (conductor), 4; J. Mole, 5; W. Truss, 6.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 2nd, at the church of St. Giles, 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Spurr, 1; F. Moody, 2; W. Pearson (conductor), 3; S. Brook, 4; J. E. Keen, 5; J. Jackson, 6; C. Watts, 7; J. Carter, 8. On August 7th, 1008 Stedman Triples. J. E. Keen, 1; J. Carter, 2; W. Pearson, 3; S. Brook, 4; C. Watts, 5; J. Jackson, 6; F. Moody (conductor), 7; G. Booth, 8. On Sunday, November 13th, 1260 Stedman Triples. F. Moody, 1; W. Jackson, 2; W. Pearson, 3; C. Watts, 4; J. Carter, 5; J. Jackson, 6; J. E. Keen (conductor), 7; G. Booth, 8.

TOUCH CORRECTION.—The 720 rung at Preston, Suffolk, on Saturday, October 29th, was Oxford Treble Bob, not Oxford Bob, as stated in "THE BELL NEWS," November 29th.

Notices.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The last meeting during the present month will be at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 29th, at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wem to-day, Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 2.15 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 1.53 p.m. J. MACKEY, *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, to-day, Saturday, November 26. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30. A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, November 26, at St. Francis' church, (R.C.) Holbeck (8 bells). Ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. Meeting house, The Foundry inn, Marshall Street. A good attendance of members is particularly requested to consider the destiny of the Society. Handbells provided. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Hertfordshire Association.—A District Meeting for the purpose of visiting the six-bell towers of King's Langley, Abbot's Langley and Hunton Bridge, will be held to-day, Saturday, November 26. Members are requested to meet at King's Langley Station on the arrival of the train from Watford at 3.36 p.m. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

Dagenham, Essex.—Notice.—There will be a friendly gathering of ringers at Dagenham, this Saturday evening, November 26th. "LET 'EM ALL COME."

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Dorking District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Dorking on Monday, November 28th. Bells available from 6 to 9. EDWARD E. DODD, *Dis. Sec.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield, on Saturday, December 3rd. Six bells in good order, five minutes from Clay Cross Station. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this association will be held at Longton, on Saturday next, December 3rd. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Woods, 48, Clarence Street, Fenton, not later than Wednesday, November 30th.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at St. James' church, Accrington, on Saturday, December 3rd. It is expected that the annual report will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

R. PARKINSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, at St. Nicholas church, Liverpool. The tower will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and the meeting will be held at 6 o'clock in the belfry. It is hoped that members will endeavour to attend this meeting, as the last few meetings have been very poorly attended.

GEORGE WOODHALL, *Secretary.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Peter's church, Halliwell, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting and unveiling of peal-board at 7. All ringers invited.

HY. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Bowdon, Stockport, and Mottram Branches.—The next meeting will be held at Stockport parish church on Saturday, December 3rd. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be in the Wellington Road school at 5 o'clock.

H. LEIGH MALLORY, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 10th. Tower open at 4 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, with his usual kindness, will provide tea at 6 p.m. All members and ringing friends are cordially invited.

O. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Laughton, Hounslow.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all those who send their names to Mr. H. Jones, "The Yews," Ringmer, by Thursday, December 8th. All members who have not already paid their subscriptions for 1898, will kindly oblige by sending the same at once to S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. E. GROVES.—A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints, Hereford, in 1840.

THOS. WHEELER.—Put the question to Mr. M. A. Wood, Church Row, Bethnal Green.

TOWTON.—Glad to recognise an old acquaintance. Sir Ralph Abercromby was killed in Egypt. Sir John Moore was in the action. It is futile to pursue the enquiry; Buonaparte was foiled, that is enough.

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Mr. W. Idle ..	0	5	0

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Kirkgate, Birstall, Leeds.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT GUILDFORD.—This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of the Mayor of Guildford (Mr. C. Wrist) to Miss Catherine Mary Christmas, of Worplesdon, which took place at St. Mary's church, Islington, the previous day, but owing to services at St. Nicolas on that day, the bells were not available for a peal. The band are all members of the St. Nicolas' society with the exception of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, who is Vicar of Crowthorne, Berks.

PENGE (Surrey).—Recently at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. T. Battson, 1; —, Edwards and Son, 2; G. Conn, 3; J. Town, 4; T. P. Richards, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, November 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. —, Humphrey, 1; W. J. Battison, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Town, 4; E. Dunn, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 18th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Wickens, 1; J. Town, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. T. Battson (conductor), 5; T. Chandler, 6. Messrs. Durling, Dunn, and Humphrey hail from Bromley, Kent; Chandler from Lewisham.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Wednesday, November 16th, on the occasion of the wedding of Albert E. Edwards, one of the local band, who was married that day, the ringers wishing them both long life, happiness and prosperity, 720 Bob Minor and three courses of the same with the tenor covering. G. Fuggle, 1; R. Pelling, 2; J. Baker, 3; A. T. Godley, 4; J. Maynard, 5; G. Turley (conductor), 6; G. Izzard, tenor. This is the first 720 in the method by G. Fuggle, and the first 720 away from the treble by A. T. Godley.

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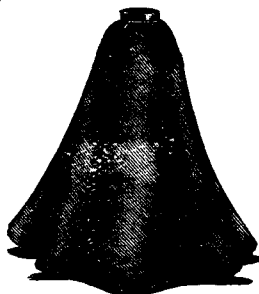
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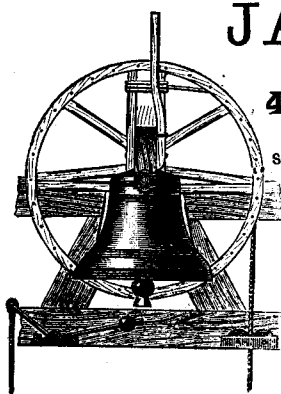
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