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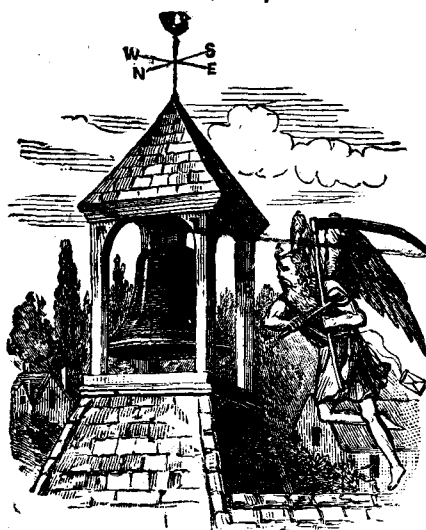
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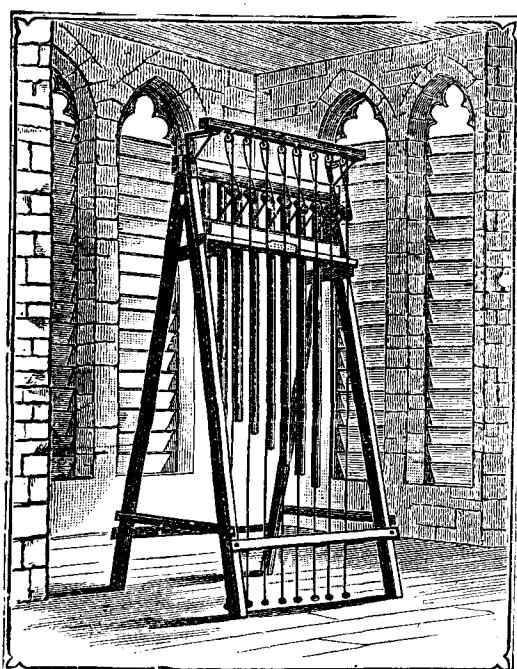
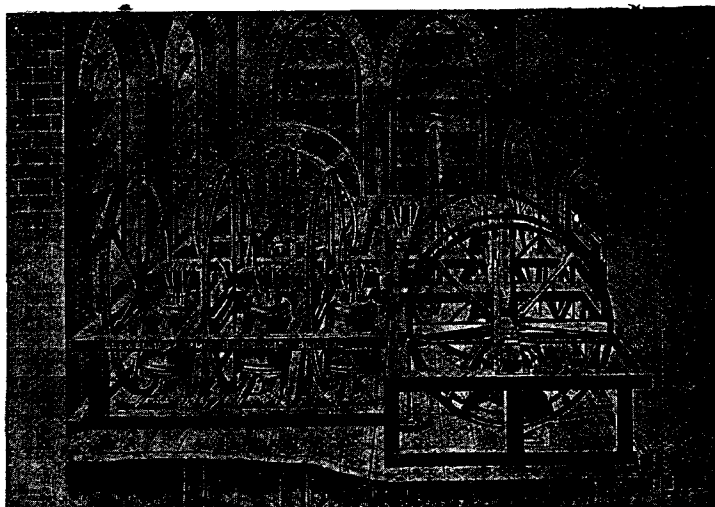
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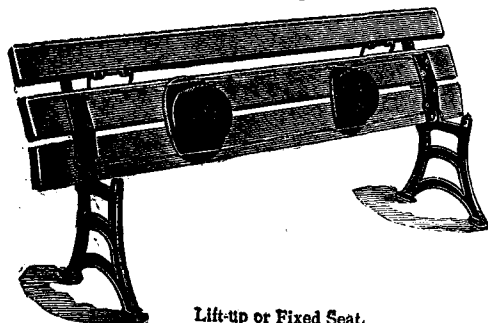
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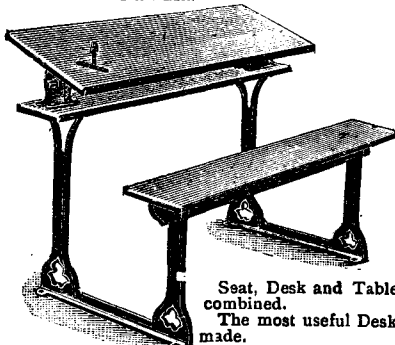
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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—FEBRUARY MEETING.

Since the change of date for this meeting from the Monday preceding Ash Wednesday to the Saturday there has seldom been a more successful gathering than that held at Winlaton on the 11th instant, nor has the wisdom of that change been better exemplified. Members began to assemble as early as mid-day, and the bells of the two towers at their disposal, Winlaton and Blaydon, were made good use of, some very good striking being heard during the afternoon and evening. The Winlaton peal went well, as might be expected where a good band of change-ringers has existed for many years, the only fault being the poor circle in which the ropes hang and the thickness of some new ropes which have recently been provided. These, however, are very minor details, and did not stand in the way of good ringing. At Blaydon, while the bells went fairly, there were ample signs of the "stoney" ringer, a board with a few changes written out being hung in the loft. It is understood that there is a good supply of ringers at this church, and it is to be hoped that they will see their way to take up scientific ringing, which they would find to be so much more interesting than the stuff they are now busy with.

A committee meeting was held at The Smiths' Arms at 4 p.m., when a few routine matters of business were attended to. Tea was partaken of at 5 p.m., when an excellent spread was done justice to by forty-one ringers, which included the Rev. A. Jones, Vicar of Winlaton, who is learning change-ringing. After tea the usual meeting was held, the President, Mr. R. S. Story, occupying the chair, supported by the Rev. A. Jones and Mr. Holmes, the latter of whom kindly took the place of Mr. C. L. Routledge, Hon. Secretary, who had duties in Edinburgh as lecturer, the result of his successful career at college in that city. The President informed the members that the committee had elected Mr. S. O. Ferry to fill the place on the sub-committee caused by Mr. Harrison being made a Vice-President, and Mr. J. Baxter, of Darlington, in the place of Mr. Alcock, who wrote that he found it too inconvenient to attend. It was unfortunately necessary to refer again to the Stockton affair, as the series of annoyance continued to come from that quarter. As shortly as possible, the President informed the members that the Secretary had in November last received a post-card from Mr. Clarkson, stating that his (Mr. Clarkson's) answer to one of the letters in "THE BELL NEWS" was that the Stockton belfry was closed to members of this Association. Under the instruction of the sub-committee, the Secretary wrote to the Vicar of Stockton asking if Mr. Clarkson had his authority for his post-card, and a reply had recently been received stating that it was without his authority, that he had no part in the dispute, and that if any members of this Association wished to ring at Stockton he would be glad to endeavour to make suitable arrangements. The President had unfortunately further to report that a few days since he had received his subscription to the Stockton bell fund back from Mr. Clarkson, without

reference to any reason or authority, and therefore in a similar manner to his unwarranted action as to closing the belfry. This insult was now being dealt with by the sub-committee, but it was regrettable, as showing how one man continued his endeavours to cause and aggravate dissension. The Association, he continued, were only too anxious to have their conduct in the whole of this matter made as public as possible, as they had throughout acted constitutionally, and in the true spirit of ringers. To put themselves properly before the Exercise, he thought it right to mention that he had written the Secretary of the new Association for Cleveland, wishing that Association every success, and in every way approving of such an Association being formed for that district, and he was sure that it was the wish of every member of the Durham and Newcastle Association that they should flourish. On the occasion of their first peal, of which he had particulars voluntarily sent him from, presumably, one of the band at Middlesbrough, he had at once written to Mr. Blakiston, one of the Vice-Presidents of the new Association, congratulating the band and the Association on their first performance. He thought it hardly fair to this Association, in the eyes of the ringing world, that these good wishes from what might fairly be termed their parent Society should not have been reported, and he mentioned it now so that every one might know that they wished nothing but good to the new Association. He was pleased to recall that they had several loyal members also members of that Association.

Mr. Hudson, Vice-President, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of Winlaton and Blaydon for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar of Winlaton for his presence at the meeting, which was carried by acclamation. The Vicar, in replying, congratulated the Association on the excellent meeting, and the spirit that pervaded it, and referring to his own ringers, was glad to state that three or four, including Mr. J. Pattison, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Zach. Scott, had been ringers at his church since he came to the parish some fourteen years since. The visitors were glad to learn that the Vicar and his son were learning the art, under the instruction of these energetic ringers.

The 720s which were rung upon this occasion will appear in their proper place in a following number of this paper.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Southwold on Tuesday, February 7th, at which there was a good attendance of members from the surrounding district. Unfortunately, owing to the inconvenient nature of the train service, and the unfavourable weather during the morning, the majority of the visitors found themselves unable to arrive before two o'clock. There were sufficient, however, during the early part of the day to keep the light ring of eight at the parish church going, with the assistance of one or two of the home company. Those present met at dinner at The King's Head inn at two o'clock, when as many as fifty sat down, comprising representatives from

Beccles, Haddiscoe, Halesworth, Westhall, Wrentham, Bampton, Leiston, Wenhamston, Covehithe, Kelsale, Huntingfield, Wisselt, Cratfield, and Chediston. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the Hon. Secretary took the chair, the Vicar of Southwold being unfortunately absent from home. Those present, however, included the Rev. E. S. Finch, Vicar of Laxfield, the Rev. G. H. D. Davies, Rector of Kelsale, the Rev. J. B. Clare, Vicar of Wenhamston, the Rev. F. G. M. Norris, curate of Covehithe, Mr. W. Taylor, of Leiston, Mr. H. Hopson, Mr. Fred Day, Mr. Fred Lambert, and Mr. A. J. Naunton, District Secretaries. Having given the usual loyal toast, which was loyally received, the Hon. Secretary proceeded to make some remarks upon the position and progress of the Society. Although unable to state the actual numerical strength of the Association at that moment, owing to the revision of the list not being complete, he thought it would be found about the same as last year at the same date, the number of recruits during the past year not having been more than enough to counter-balance the losses entailed by removals and other causes of withdrawal. The financial position, however, had improved, and they were able to show a favourable balance of nearly sixty pounds. He desired to mention a matter to them which would require their careful attention and co-operation, viz.: the memorial to the railway companies from the ringers of England, which was being promoted by the Central Council. They were seeking to obtain the same travelling facilities at reduced fares for ringers attending meetings as were accorded to members of angling and golf clubs; so that any ringer showing his card of membership might obtain at any booking office a fare and a quarter return ticket. He did not think that the Norwich Association had much to complain of in the treatment they received from the Great Eastern Company; but undoubtedly the condition exacted that there should be at least ten travelling from all stations on any occasion was a drawback, and often entailed an extra expense upon the Association, because whenever there were not ten the Association had to refund the difference to the few members who did happen to come by train. And therefore he was of opinion that they ought to join in the general movement in the hope of obtaining some relaxation of this restriction. Copies of the memorial would soon be sent to all masters of companies, and he trusted they would obtain the signatures of all members in their several parishes. He had to offer to them the President's apologies for his absence, and read a letter he had received from him explaining it.

The Rev. E. S. Finch proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary, who briefly responded. Thirty-nine new members and probationers were elected, comprising one non-resident life member, two honorary, twenty-two performing members, and fifteen probationers. The afternoon turned out beautifully fine, and after dinner the tower was again resorted to by some, while others proceeded to the sea front to gaze upon the waters of Solebay.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Stamford on Saturday, January 28th, members attending from all parts of the district. A few touches were rung during the morning, and at noon a short service was held at St. Martin's church, when an address appropriate to the occasion was delivered by the Rev. H. Law James.

The members then adjourned to The Boat inn, where

dinner was served, which, as on previous occasions, gave entire satisfaction. The Dean of Stamford presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Association), and there were also present representatives from the following places: Stamford (St. Martin's Scholars), Crowland, Peterborough, Edenham, Market Deeping, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Witham-on-the-Hill, and Grantham.

At the conclusion of the repast the Dean proposed the toast of "Church and Queen."

The business was then proceeded with, the Secretary reading the minutes of the last meeting, which was duly confirmed and signed. The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £2.

The following new skilled members were duly elected: Messrs. W. Bennett (Deeping St. James), G. Sentence (Edenham), T. Beeken (Crowland), A. Ambrose (Crowland), T. Woolley (Bourne), H. Hills (Bourne). R. Wyche, Esq., was elected a vice-president. The Master complimented the Association on the increase of members.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Dean for so kindly presiding at this meeting, and for so many times at previous meetings, which showed the great interest he took in the welfare of the Association.

In responding the Dean commented on the way in which the late Lord Winchelsea had provided for the ringers at Ewerby, and only hoped others would follow so good an example of kindness and thoughtfulness.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Incumbents of Stamford for the use of the bells.

It was unanimously carried that the next meeting be held at Lincoln at the time of Lincoln Fair, so that owing to the excursions which would be run from all parts members would be better enabled to attend, but in case anything unforeseen prevented it, then to be at Barrowby, near Grantham. Various touches were rung during the rest of the day.

ST. ANDREW'S, RUGBY.

The annual meeting of the members of this society was held at the Campbell Coffee tavern on a recent Monday evening. The Rector, the Rev. Albert V. Baillie, as President of the Association, took the chair. Mr. James George was re-elected ringing-master, and Messrs. Watson, Dubber, and Coleman were appointed the ringing members of the committee. After some suggested alterations of the rules had been considered, various matters connected with the ringing were discussed with the Rector and Mr. Brooke (churchwarden), who was also present; and in order to minimise still further the possible annoyance to residents in Church Street, it was arranged that the windows on the north and east sides of the tower should be boarded up more completely than at present. A cordial vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and for the interest he takes in the society, terminated a very pleasant meeting.

BIGGIN, DERBYSHIRE.

The parish church here has just received an addition in the shape of a tower clock, which has been erected at the cost of Mrs. Wraith, in memory of her father. It has two dials facing north and south, and strikes the hours. Messrs. Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, January 21st, members attending from Market Drayton, Wrenbury, Lawton, Alsager, Tarporley, Bunbury, Acton, and Crewe. At 4.45 p.m. thirty members sat down to a bountiful tea in the parish room, kindly provided by the President of the branch, the Rev. G. J. Howson, and which all thoroughly enjoyed. After tea the meeting was held, the President in the chair. He said he was very pleased to give the members a hearty welcome to Crewe, and he was only sorry that there was not more present, but considering the state of the weather there was a fair representation of the branch. The first item on the agenda was the reading and passing of the minutes of the previous meeting. Next came the statement of accounts, which was read and passed, showing a fair balance in hand. Then came the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the Rev. G. J. Howson was re-elected President; R. Langford, Secretary; R. T. Holding, Treasurer; Messrs. Dentith and Hartshorn, Auditors; Mr. J. Richardson with the Secretary representatives on the General Committee. Mr. Holding was again re-elected instructor to the branch. Two new ringing members were elected.

After the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (Rev. G. J. Howson), for the use of the bells, and his kind hospitality to the ringers that day, and also a vote of thanks to the ladies and verger for kindly waiting at tea.

At 6.30 p.m. a short service was held in Christ Church, when a beautiful and appropriate address was given by the Vicar. Service being over, the bells were again set in motion, and some well-struck touches of Bob Major, Bob Triples, and Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed bands.

About 9 p.m. the last of the visitors departed homewards, and the bells were lowered, thus ending another very pleasant meeting in the history of the Crewe branch.

NORTHWICH BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the above branch was held at The Cocoa Rooms, Northwich, on Saturday, the 4th instant.

There was an excellent attendance, ringers being present from the following towers: Mitton, Great Budworth, Davenham, Hartford, and Middlewich. Tea was partaken of at 6.45 p.m., to which ample justice was done. The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Binney) presided over the meeting.

The Secretary read a report of the work done during the year. Although no long peals had been attempted by the members of the branch, yet good work was being done. For the first time the branch had undertaken to give lessons with a view to improve the art of change-ringing in the district. The membership was very satisfactory, there being one life member, six honorary members, and thirty-eight ringing members. The report and financial statement were passed unanimously.

The following officials were re-elected:—Chairman—H. Hatt Cook, Esq.; Secretary—H. Parkes; Instructor—Jos. Ashmole; Committee—Mr. Cragg, Mr. G. Mann, Mr. Ashmole, and Mr. Gregory. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

As the time for ringing was limited only 336 of Grandsire Triples was rung.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the above branch was held at Prestbury on Saturday, January 21st, there being twenty-five members present from the

various towns, which was very good considering the state of the weather and the roads. An excellent tea was provided at The Black Boy inn, to which ample justice was done. Afterwards the meeting was held, the President (Rev. S. A. Boyd) in the chair. He caused much laughter by his description of the journey he had come that day, having come a short cut across the fields for the first and last time, and assuring the meeting that he should stick to the road in the future. Unfortunately, there could be no ringing on the tower bells, as a member of the choir lay at the point of death just close to the church. The Rev. S. A. Boyd was re-elected President, and J. Norbury Secretary and Treasurer. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and ringers of Prestbury for making all the arrangements. The rest of the evening was spent with the handbells, singing, and conversation.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above Society took place on February 4th at Doncaster parish church. A good attendance of ringers from Sheffield, Treeton, Rotherham, etc., in addition to the local company, resulted in touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob being rung. Ringing in the tower took place until after 8 o'clock, the "go" of the bells being all that could be desired, reflecting great credit on Mr. Mallaby, who rehung them two years ago, and Mr. C. Armitage, the steeple-keeper. The remainder of the evening was spent at The Market inn, the President (Mr. W. Lambert) in the chair. Enrolling new members, courses on the handbells, and a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Tebbutt and the local company for their kind welcome, brought a most successful and enjoyable meeting to train time.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

DEATH OF THE PARISH CLERK.—Mr. John Reecks, who had been parish clerk at Benhilton since the church of All Saints has been built (which was about the year 1886), died on Tuesday, January 31st, at the age of seventy-four. Thirty odd years of official life brought him many friends, amongst them being the local ringers, who on Tuesday, February 7th, the day of his burial, rang a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Most of those taking part in this quarter-peal attended the Benhilton National School, and have therefore long been attached to the church. The ringers were S. Smithers, W. Wood, G. Heather, C. Dean (conductor), E. Walker, H. Bryant, L. Ferrige, and W. Gray. Mr. George Turner, who was at one time sexton at the church, tolled on the tenor a whole pull for each year of Mr. Reecks's age.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual dinner to the bell-ringers of Oldbury parish church was given on Wednesday evening at The Talbot hotel, Oldbury, through the generosity of Mr. J. W. Parish, and there was a good attendance of bell-ringers and friends. After an excellent repast had been disposed of, Mr. E. Hollins took the chair, there being among those present Councillor W. G. Jones, Messrs. J. W. Parish, W. Clark, J. Forrest, I. Grigg, S. Robinson, etc.

The chairman proposed the toast of "The Donor," Mr. J. W. Parish, and expressed his appreciation of the melody produced by the bell-ringers. The toast was heartily honoured, and Mr. Parish made a suitable reply.

The evening was spent in harmony, songs, etc., whiling away the time of a most pleasant gathering.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

On Saturday, February 11th, six ringers from Swindon, with two of the local men, started for Holt's 10-part on the fine ring at the parish church, but after ringing just beyond the half-way single one of the company failed to hear a call made, and as the ringing-chamber is exceptionally near the bells, and very noisy, the least trip, unless speedily rectified, means disaster. The ringers were W. Lawrence (conductor), A. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, C. Gardiner, T. Robinson, A. Breakspear, T. Ricketts, and J. Durham. It was the latter's first attempt at ringing the tenor to change-ringing, and although the time was slow he may be congratulated on his performance.

On Saturday, February 4th, the above peal was completed on handbells by "lapping" them, as a practice in calling; and although the system may be deemed unscientific, the local band—who are doing their best to master change-ringing—are deriving much benefit from it by seeing how the bells dodge and work to and fro. The bells used were cast by Rob. Wells of Aldbourne, in 1788, and the peal was rang in 2 hrs. 31 mins. by H. Osman, 1-2; W. Lawrence, 3-4; W. Hickman, 5-6; J. Durham, 7-8. T. Mace kindly marked off the bells before at each bob lead and checked the part-ends.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A very important meeting of this Association took place on Saturday, February 4th, at The Wakefield Arms, Dewsbury. There was a very good attendance of members, sixteen towers being represented. The most important business was the purchase of a new cup for the eight-bell contest. There was some keen competition for the supplying of this cup, the order being eventually given to a Bradford firm. The new cup, which will cost nearly £15., is to be in George III. style, and will weigh about fifty-three ounces. The judges were also chosen for the eight-bell contest, which takes place on Easter Monday, at Dewsbury; also the length to be rung at the same, viz.: 1344 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by A. Sykes, of Lindley.

THE ST. MARY'S GUILD, BATTERSEA.

On Tuesday, January 31st, the above Guild, and a number of other ringing friends met at Stanley's restaurant, Clapham Junction, when they were admirably entertained by Mr. H. S. Thomas and his son, Mr. H. G. Thomas, to a substantial repast, the latter occupying the chair.

Ample justice having been done to the several courses, and the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" having been loyally responded to, one of the company, Mr. C. Smith, handed to each person one of his capital smokes, which were greatly enjoyed.

The musical proceedings opened with a pianoforte duet entitled, "Sleigh Bells," by Messrs. H. C. and H. G. Thomas, and songs were capitally rendered by Messrs. Wm. Kelly, H. A. Hopkins, S. E. Marsh, H. R. Newton, and W. D. Roe, the Revs. D. T. Craig and K. Stallard, and H. S. Thomas.

During the evening a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Messrs. Newton, Hopkins, Winney, Passmore, and Oxborrow. Also a course of Grandsire Cinques by Messrs. Baron, Newton, Winney, Brighton, Hopkins and Oxborrow.

The toast of "The Visitors" was received with great enthusiasm, and suitably acknowledged by Messrs. Marsh, Spice and W. Baron. A hearty vote thanks having been accorded to Mr. Thomas and his son for their hospitality, the proceedings terminated with "Auld Lang Syne." Mr. H. Sydenham presided at the piano.

THE CROYDON RINGERS.

This company of ringers had their annual dinner at The Rose and Crown, Croydon, Surrey, on Tuesday evening, January 17th. Some thirty members and friends sat down to an excellent repast, under the presidency of Mr. Edward Holder, supported by the Rev. T. G. Hill (in the vice-chair), and later by Sir F. T. Eldridge.

The toast of "The Queen" being proposed by the Chairman,

and "The Ancient Society of Croydon Bellringers" by the vice-chairman,

Mr. States, the indefatigable Secretary of the society, responded to the last-named. Unlike Mr. Hill, he said, he knew something about bellringing, but nothing whatever about speech making. But nevertheless, he managed to make it very plain that something was radically wrong with the tenor at the parish church. He regretted the smallness of the total number of peals they had been able to ring during the year, but hoped to do better in the ensuing one.

Sir Frederick Eldridge gave "The Visitors," which comprised ringers from Beddington and Carshalton bellfries, to which Messrs. Bance and Booker responded. Other toasts followed.

THE BATTLE SOCIETY.

The annual supper of the Battle branch of the Sussex County Association took place on Monday, January 23rd, when a company numbering about thirty-five met under the presidency of the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., Dean of Battle.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had had justice rendered them,

Mr. S. Saker (Hon. Secretary for the Eastern Division of the county), proposed "The Battle Society." He did not know what they would do without the Battle Society and the Abbey tower. They were a great help to the Association in that division in more ways than one. For instance, he believed the first peal scored by local men in that part of the division was by Battle, and that the Battle men had scored the first peal of Stedman in that part, although they had to have outside help, but half of them were local men. If a few more young men would make a start in change-ringing they would be taken with the same fascination that some of the rest of them had. The Battle society had brought on a good number of recruits, and had assisted ringers from Hastings, including himself, for if it had not been for the opportunity he had had of ringing at Battle he certainly would not have made the progress he had. He would like to see their churchwarden, Mr. Holt, taking part in a peal composed by his great namesake. Mr. Franks responded to the toast.

During the evening songs were given by several of the party, and others gave selections on the handbells.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The local band of ringers at Halesowen were invited to supper at the rectory on Monday, January 30th, when the members were kindly entertained by the Rector-in-charge (Rev M. Macdonald). There were also present the Revs. T. J. Cartwright and G. L. Gosling, and Mr. Nutt. After supper the evening was spent in ringing touches on the handbells, songs, and readings from Longfellow. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. M. Macdonald for his kind invitation, the company emphasising the fact that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE MORPETH SOCIETY.

The Morpeth bellringers had supper on Thursday, the 9th instant, at The New Phoenix hotel. They were honoured by the company of his worship the Mayor (Councillor W. Anson Grey), who presided, County Councillor R. Nicholson, Councillors Jardin and Dobson, Mr. Jones Jobling, Mr. T. Dick, Mr. W. Allan (Gosforth), and other representative gentlemen. The loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, and the toast of the evening, that of "The Bellringers," was proposed by Mr. Councillor Jardin. It was received with great enthusiasm, and Mr. John Lawson, who has been a ringer for over fifty years, suitably replied. One or two other important toasts followed, and songs were admirably rendered by various members of the company. Mr. C. E. Proctor presided at the piano, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld lang syne" and the National Anthem. The Master of the ringing company—Mr. W. P. Brown—was congratulated upon having carried out the arrangements to a successful issue.

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."

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—In reference to the enquiry which the Central Council is making into the condition of church bells and ringing-chambers throughout the country, with a view to obtain increased consideration for the claims of both bells and ringers, I shall be greatly assisted and obliged by receiving at once the names of any Guilds or Associations which are not in the appended list, together with the names and addresses of their respective Secretaries, in order that I may communicate with them.

A. P. HEYWOOD.

Duffield, Derby, February 11th, 1899.

PRESENT LIST.

Ancient Society of College Youths.
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Bath and Wells Association.
Lancashire Association.
Sussex Association.
Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.
Liverpool Association.
Yorkshire Association.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.
Ely Association.
Northamptonshire Association.

"RECTIFICATIONS."

SIR,—I beg to thank Mr. T. J. Bratton for his information respecting the two peals rang at Dolgelley, viz., Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob Major, on September 25th and 26th, 1899. I had made enquiries years ago of the oldest ringer in Dolgelley who had rung at the coronation of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and also at the last jubilee, and he said he never heard of a peal being rung, neither had his father, who also was a ringer. I suppose the old folks at Dolgelley in those days did not know what a peal really meant.

Bridge Street, Dolgelley.

D. ROBERTS.

Obituary.

JOSEPH B. IRELAND.

We regret to announce the death of the above member of the St. Mary's church, Harrogate, band, at the age of fifty-two, which took place at his residence on Sunday, February 5th, after an illness of seventeen weeks. He had been a member of the St. Mary's band for twenty-seven years, and was No. 1 of the Harrogate Corporation Fire Brigade, and had been a member for about nineteen years. He was also a member of the Yorkshire Association, and had the previous month paid his last subscription entitling him to a life membership. He was interred on Thursday afternoon with the full honours of a fireman's funeral, the coffin being covered with the Union Jack, deceased's helmet, and floral tributes. The mournful procession consisted of the following; Free Gardener's, "Peaceful Dove" Lodge of Oddfellows, Ancient Order of Foresters, and the M.U.O.F. representatives of the Friendly Societies; officers and members of the Harrogate Corporation Fire Brigade; officers and members of the Harrogate

Volunteer Salvage Corps, and representatives of the following Fire Brigades: Leeds City Corporation, Bradford City Corporation, Guiseley, Halifax, Shipley, and five other towns, and the St. Mary's ringers. His comrades of the brigade acted as bearers. After the conclusion of the service the ringers went to St. Mary's church and rang 360 Bob Minor and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to their late brother-ringer. F. Durdy, jun., 1; J. Benson, 2; H. Dickinson, 3; F. Durdy, sen., 4; J. Mann, 5; W. Turner (conductor), 6; J. Fozard 8 (covering).

JAMES RAMSDEN.

We regret to announce the death of the above, which took place somewhat suddenly on Monday, February 6th. Deceased had been connected with the ringers of the parish church, Middleton, for twenty-seven years, and was much respected. He had also been a gravedigger for twenty-three years, and it was whilst following this employment that he complained of a chill, so he left his work to go home. On arriving there he took to his bed, and the doctor was called in, who declared that he had had a stroke of paralysis. He gradually got worse and lost his speech; finally he was called away to his last long sleep about nine o'clock the same evening. On Saturday last he was interred in the cemetery of the parish church of St. Leonard. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside, and a short touch of Bob Major on the tower bells, whilst in the evening it was intended to ring a peal, but after ringing 2 hrs. it came to grief owing to a change-course. Deceased was sixty-one years of age. "May he rest in peace."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—This company's summary for the first seven months of the year 1898 consists of 108 complete 720s, viz.: 17 Kent Treble Bob, 12 Oxford Treble Bob, 8 each of Superlative Surprise and Woodbine Treble Bob, 5 each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor, 4 of Double Court Bob, 3 each of York Surprise, Duke of York, and Double Oxford Bob, 2 each of London Surprise, Bristol Surprise, Rochester Surprise, Lincoln Surprise, Lichfield Surprise, Huddersfield Surprise, Worcester Surprise, Durham Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Canterbury Pleasure, 1 each of Coventry Surprise, Wells Surprise, Chichester Surprise, Ringers Surprise, Ely Surprise, Bocking Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Violet Treble Bob, City Delight, London Treble Bob, Killamarsh Treble Bob, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Victoria Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob Minor, Double Bob Minor, and Grandsire Minor. Of the foregoing, 67 were conducted by W. Watts, 21 by J. Luckey, 17 by T. J. Watts, and 3 by Isaac Cavill of Roydon, Essex. Total number rung by members of the band: W. Watts rang 102; Isaac Hammond, 94; G. Gray, 88; T. J. Watts, 82; J. Luckey, 79; H. Little, 59; G. Jordan, 53; T. Jordan, 40; J. Cavill, 30. It will be seen that the above 108 720s, have been rung in thirty-nine different methods. Total number of changes successfully brought round the seven months, 89,034.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, January 23rd, at St. Andrew's church, a touch of Stedman Triples. H. Argyle, 1; L. Longney, 2; W. Stone, 3; G. J. Winter, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; J. F. Clarke, 6; J. George, 7; F. Adams, 8. Another touch in the same method. A. Dubber, 1; W. Stone, 2; J. W. Chandler, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; J. F. Clarke, 6; J. George, 7; L. Longney, 8. Both touches conducted by J. George. Also 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Dubber, 1; L. Longney, 2; W. Stone, 3; G. J. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 6; J. T. Clarke, 7; J. George, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, January 17th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 720 Double Court Bob with 7 and 8 covering. J. Worthington, 1; J. Denner, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; T. Barlow, 6; M. Berry, 7; R. Denner, 8. The ringers stood the same for both.

WEST DERBY.—On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. R. Taylor, 1; J. Hudson, 2; G. Woodhall, 3; W. H. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; H. Winstanley, 5; R. Davies, 6. First 720 of Bob Minor by all with the exception of Messrs. Woodhall and Hargreaves. First as conductor.

WILBY (Northants).—On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. H. Robinson, churchwarden. A. Fairey, 1; C. Fairey, 2; T. Fowler (conductor), 3; W. Drage, 4; W. Smith, 5. Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat. Mr. Robinson previous going to reside at Wilby was for many years an active churchworker in connection with the parish church, Wellingborough.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1899.

In the report of the meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association, which will be found on our first news page, the relation of matters, to the thinking part of the Exercise, will be very painful reading. The fact that some sort of schism has been created with reference to questions connected with the Stockton augmentation is by this time common property. But though this is true, we should be inclined to refrain from any comment, or even bare remark, while any tension existed, or questions at issue between the parties were *sub judice*, as it were. Those directly concerned have been our own particular friends for many years, and we are happy in being able to pay a profound testimony to the value, in our eyes, of such friendship and intercourse. The information, however, conveyed in the report alluded to is of such a character that, if accurate, we should fail in our duty did we allow it to be published without entering a strong protest against the position which it is alleged has been taken up by our old friend MR. CLARKSON. This gentleman's services to the cause of ringing is so well known that one can hardly believe but what there is an error some-

where or other, and that he has been sadly misreported. The "difference" upon the Stockton job it is unnecessary at this late stage to refer to. So far as we and our readers are concerned it is done with, and we were not singular in hoping that it had been forgotten by all. Whether the Durham and Newcastle Association did the wisest thing in refraining from officially asking for subscriptions it is now too late to consider. They had precedents for the course they took, no doubt, though it occurred to us that no harm would have been done in stretching a point in favour of such a grand augmentation as that which was proposed for Stockton. This, however, *en passant*.

We are very greatly interested and much concerned in the statement in the report above alluded to that the edict has gone forth that the Stockton belfry is closed to members of that Association which Mr. CLARKSON so greatly assisted to found. We cannot yet give credence to such a statement. If he or any one else has formulated such a ukase, it is positively astounding. Our friend is a gentleman; surely he has not let himself down to the level of the proverbial ignorant sexton of twenty or thirty years ago, who tried to rule ringers, churchwardens, and Vicar, and fondly imagined the church was his, and he was the major-domo of all. We are unable to swallow the allegation, and we trust that Mr. CLARKSON will repudiate it, which, if correct, would greatly depreciate him in the respect in which he is held. A tower closed to members of a prominent Association at the behest of one man! The day for such things is gone and past, and only to be met with now in unenlightened neighbourhoods, or among benighted people. The North of England, at any rate, is not suitable soil for such fantastic tricks.

The Metropolis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES HOPKINS Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 8.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 9.
STAFF-SGT. ALFRED PYE.. 5.	FREDERICK A. NUNN Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5241 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES PETTITT Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 8.
WALTER S. WISE 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
THOMAS F. TAFFENDER .. 5.	WILLIAM FOX Tenor.

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains the extent of 2, 3, 4, 5 behind the 9th. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Edwin Horrex, an esteemed member of this Society, whose wedding took place on the above day

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

ALBERT C. HARDY Treble.	CALEB FENN 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	ROWLAND FENN 6.
CHARLES HOPKINS 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Tuesday, January 31, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

JESSE GILLET Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD 5.
FRED G. MAY 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 6.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This peal is J. W. Washbrook's variation of Middleton's.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire, and two 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY LINGHAM Treble.	*WILLIAM MARTIN 4.
GEORGE HAYES 2.	FREDERICK HAYES 5.
FREDERICK RING* 3.	LEWIS SILVER 6.

Conducted by LEWIS SILVER.

*First peal of Minor.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Wednesday, February 8, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 6.
FRED G. MAY 2.	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 7.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 3.	JOHN AUSTIN 8.
FRANCIS E. HART 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 9.
FRANCIS E. WARD 5.	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The above peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Pegler.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER BROMLEY* Treble.	JAMES WIGNELL 5.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 2.	ALFRED CLAYTON 6.
ALFRED BOXALL 3.	CHARLES BANCE 7.
HENRY BROOKER 4.	ARTHUR BUNDLE Tenor.

Conducted by H. BROOKER.

*First peal.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, February 9, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES.
 Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOORHOUSE Treble.	JOHN E. HARTLEY 6.
GEORGE CHEESBROUGH* .. 2.	*GEORGE HINSLEY 7.
F. MOORHOUSE 3.	J. W. MOORHOUSE 8.
THOMAS MARS 4.	*GEORGE BUCKLEY 9.
ALBERT SCOTT 5.	*J. T. EASON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

*First peal of Caters, and was rung at the first attempt. This peal is now rung for the first time, the calling of which will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 26, 1898.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE SOCIETY OF COPLEY SCHOLARS.
On Thursday, February 9, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

HERBERT SUGDEN Treble.	HARRY GOOD 5.
JOHN PALFRAMAN 2.	BERNAL E. HOWE 6.
ARTHUR GILL 3.	WM. JOYCE 7.
ARTHUR BENSON 4.	JOHN JOYCE Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY GOOD.

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

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, February 10, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.
 Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CONYARD Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by J. PAGETT, and Conducted by JOHN CHEESMAN.

Rang as a birthday compliment to A. Brighton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, February 10, 1899, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR PAPWORTH Treble.	GEORGE SMITH 4.
SAMUEL SLATER 2.	ROBERT GOWERS 5.
ROBERT BRETT 3.	ALBERT JOHN CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT JOHN CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday peal to George Smith, who celebrated his 36th birthday that day, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day; it was also rung as a farewell peal to Robert Brett, who is about removing to Chislehurst, Kent, his brother ringers wishing him the best wishes in his new home.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, February 10, 1899, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 JOHNSON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JAMES BUMBLE Treble.	*WILLIAM BULPITT 5.
HENRY BROOKER 2.	*CHARLES KITCHING 6.
FREDERICK LARBY* 3.	GEORGE BURT 7.
HENRY LOVER* 4.	†HENRY SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by H. BROOKER.

*First peal in the method. †First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

WILLIAM LEBBON Treble.	GORDON CHECKETTS 5.
ALBERT HILL 2.	OLIVER JAMES 6.
LIONEL LONGNEY 3.	ALBERT JACKSON 7.
ALFRED FLOWERS 4.	GEORGE BOURNE Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

ASHFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDK. J. HARRINGTON .. Treble.	JAMES WALLIS 5.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK 2.	THOMAS WALLIS 6.
WILLIAM STEED 3.	GEORGE HEAD 7.
JOHN W. STEDDY 4.	JACK PRESTON Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JACK PRESTON.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rebung by Messrs. Taylor, and is the first peal of Treble Bob rung for over fifty years. The ringers wish to express their thanks to the Rev. Canon Tindall for kindly giving permission for the peal.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.
 Tenor 27 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM* .. Treble.	WILLIAM WILLSON 5.
SAMUEL COTTON† 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLRR .. 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell and first attempt. It was intended to ring Superlative, but two were unable to come. Messrs. Perkins and Houghton hail from Irthlingborough; Clarke and Chasty from Bedford, and were elected members of the above Association previous to starting for the peal, which is the first in the method, and longest length on the bells.

HAWLEY, HANTS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. MAYO 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES 2.	*WILLIAM HORNE 6.
ARTHUR W. HIGGS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN TUCKER 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 in each of the following 14 methods:—

Tulip, Primrose, Ebor, Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, College New Treble, College Treble, College Exercise, London Scholars, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Duke of York.

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lbs.

W. J. NICHOLSON Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 4.
THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 2.	HENRY TURTON 5.
J. H. BROTHWELL 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD 6.

Conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.

H. Turton belongs to Killamarsh company. This is the first 14-method peal rung at Treeton, and was given as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. John Chanter Blackmore, who, previous to his induction to the living of Treeton, was for fourteen years Rector of Morchard Bishop.

KIRKHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ROBT. COOKSON Treble.	*THOMAS COOKSON 5.
WILLIAM BILLINGTON* .. 2.	*NICHOLAS STANHOPE .. 6.
RICH'D. REDMAN 3.	*JOSEPH KIRBY 7.
HENRY KIRBY* 4.	*BEN HERRINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLINGTON.

*First peal.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON, MANCHESTER AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On [Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

JAMES GRATRICK Treble.	CHARLES OLLIER 6.
JOSEPH POTTER 2.	JOHN FEARNEHEAD 7.
C. H. BLAKELEY 3.	TITUS BARLOW 8.
JOHN POTTER 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 9.
JAMES B. TAYLOR 5.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

First peal in the method by ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor. This peal has the 6th her extent right in the tittum position, and her extent wrong in the inverted home position, and is now rung for the first time.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE L. GOODWIN .. Treble.	EDWIN TIMBRELL 5.
ROBERT PARKINSON 2.	JOHN BROWN 6.
JAMES MATHER 3.	JAMES SMITH, SEN. 7.
WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

MERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK PAINE* Treble.	*ALFRED E. GOWER 5.
RICKS PAINE* 2.	EDWARD S. RUCK 6.
SIDNEY PAINE* 3.	DANIEL PAINE 7.
RICHARD PAINE* 4.	†GEORGE PAINE Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by GEORGE PAINE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SMITH .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
NOAH DAVIS 2.	ERNEST C. HUNT 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER* .. 3.	THOMAS WAKEMAN 7.
ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition has the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, with the 6th her extent right. *First in the method as conductor.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—THE WALDRON SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

T. DURRANT* Treble.	T. J. ADES 5.
A. E. MIDMORE 2.	A. REID 6.
T. PRICE 3.	B. HOBBS 7.
H. RANN 4.	*W. JENNER Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. G. ADES to Miss E. F. HIBBERD, of Broughton, Hants., also as a birthday peal to Messrs. A. Reid and H. Rann, who received the usual congratulations after the peal.

*First peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN CREASEY* Treble.	WILLIAM H. BULLOCK .. 5.
SEDDLEY COLLINS† 2.	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7.
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a compliment to Sedley Collins, he having attained his 16th birthday a few days previous, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CAPEL, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, February 14, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

Superlative Surprise, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Violet, and Oxford.

ALFRED WALES* .. Treble.	CHARLIE TAYLOR 4.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	THOMAS M. STEDMAN .. 5.
EDWARD HOLLOWAY .. 3.	EDWIN JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by E. JORDAN.

*First peal.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. Treble.	WALTER FRANKS 5.
FREDERICK LOCK 2.	CHARLES RICHARD CARTER 6.
FRANK MATHIS* 3.	WILLIAM JAMES THOMAS 7.
CHARLES JAMES HYLAND 4.	JOHN SINDEN Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

*First peal with a bob bell, for whom it was arranged.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURNLEY.—On Tuesday, January 24th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1899 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 9 mins. N. Townend, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Redman, 3; D. Campbell, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Hartley, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHICHESTER.—On Tuesday evening, January 31st, at the Cathedral, a date touch of 1899 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Hiscock, 1; J. Beams (composer and conductor), 2; D. H. Falconer, 3; F. B. Tompkins, 4; D. Falconer, 5; J. H. Blake, 6; R. Walters, 7; W. Spudlock, 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of J. H. Blake, and as a farewell compliment to J. Beams, who is leaving for Redhill.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, January 25th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Rhodes, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Price, 4; T. Bettison, 5; S. Robinson, sen., 6; C. Severn (composer and conductor), 7; S. Robinson, jun., 8. Tenor 17 cwt. Longest length by Messrs. Rhodes and S. Robinson, sen.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, January 26th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 9 mins., taken from the "unknown" peal. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; J. C. Adams, 3; T. Lowe, 4; E. Unitt, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, January 15th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 16 mins. C. Darwin, 1; W. Gordon, 2; A. Gordon, 3; T. Sale, 4; J. Barlow, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6; J. A. Gordon, 7; A. S. Gordon, 8; W. Gordon, sen., 9; A. Birch, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—At the parish church for Christmas and the New Year. several touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure Minor were rung, assisted by H. Franks, of London, and H. Elliott, of Caterham. On Tuesday, January 17th, for practice on the back seven, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; C. R. Carter, 5; W. Eastland, 6; W. J. Thomas, 7; W. Franks (conductor), 8. The bells were later ceased in peal.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA. — On Sunday, January 24th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; S. Watson, 2; S. Saker, 3; C. Hill, 4; T. Waterhouse, 5; G. Watson, 6; F. Locke, 7; H. Denman, 8.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Christmas Day for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Kirk, 1; F. Kirk, 2; R. Pendered, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; W. J. Gilbert, 6; F. Stubbs, 7; F. Gilbert (conductor), 8. On Monday, December 26th, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Gilbert (conductor), 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; H. Sharman, 4; F. Kirk, 5; W. Gilbert, 6; F. Stubbs, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. On Sunday evening, January 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 50 mins. H. Stubbs, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; F. Stubbs, 4; F. Kirk, 5; W. Gilbert, 6; H. Sharman, 7; F. Gilbert (conductor), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On a recent Sunday, before morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Sherman, 1; T. Buckland, 2; J. Batting, 3; W. F. Bagley, 4; A. S. Bagley, 5; J. W. Bagley, 6; R. Buckland (conductor), 7; F. Child, 8. In the evening a quarter-peal in the same method, in 45 mins. W. Sherman, 1; T. Buckland, 2; J. Batting, 3; W. F. Bagley, 4; A. S. Bagley, 5; R. Buckland, 6; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 7; J. W. Bagley, 8.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, December 22nd, 1024 Treble Bob Major in 42 mins. F. Hancock, 2; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Worthington, 4; A. Worthington, 5; S. Robinson, sen., 6; G. Marsden, 7; S. Robinson, jun., 8. Rung in honour of the seventieth birthday of G. Marsden, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Wednesday, January 11th, for practice, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, 1; W. Rhodes, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Price, 4; G. Norman, 5; S. Robinson, sen., 6; G. Marsden (first touch as conductor), 7; S. Robinson, jun., 8. First length of Major by the local band.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, January 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Bettison (conductor), 1; T. Milnor, 2; E. James, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Marsden, 5; A. Worthington, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEVER (Kent).—On Sunday, January 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. H. Harrington, 1; E. Harrington, 2; J. Eastman, 3; E. Seal, 4; D. Webb, 5; F. J. Harrington (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. H. Harrington, 1; J. Eastman, 2; E. Harrington, 3; E. Seal, 4; D. Webb, 5; F. J. Harrington (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire

Minor. H. Harrington, 1; J. Eastman, sen., 2; E. Harrington, 3; J. Eastman, jun., 4; C. Eastman, 5; F. J. Harrington (conductor), 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Thursday, January 12th, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Welsh, 1; H. Porter, 2; F. Harrington, 3; S. Perkins, sen., 4; W. Pollard, 5; G. Smithers, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. And 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; W. Pollard, 2; G. Smithers, 3; A. Welsh, 4; W. Latter, 5; H. Porter, 6; F. Harrington, 7; S. Perkins, sen. (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 15th, 168 Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, jun., 1; W. Latter, 2; A. Welsh, 3; H. Ford, 4; W. Pollard, 5; G. Smithers, 6; S. Perkins, sen., 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

THE CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, January 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, an attempt for 1008 Grandsire Triples was lost in the last lead owing to the tucking of the second rope coming out. G. Hobson, 1; G. Vick, 2; S. Hopton, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Prickett (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; G. Daniells (longest length), 8. Tenor 21 cwt. On Monday, January 23rd, 210 Darlaston Bob Triples. A. Paddock, 1; G. Hobson, 2; J. Prickett, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley, 6; R. Thompson (conductor), 7; G. Daniells, 8. First touch in the method by all except J. Prickett.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 21st, 720 Duke of York. T. Levitt, 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Symonds, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all and on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON.—On Tuesday, December 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. W. H. Doran, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; E. Wightman (conductor), 7; W. Clark, 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Sunday, December 18th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 London Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Moule, 1; E. Wightman (conductor), 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Mardell, 5; W. Pye, 6. After service 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Miller, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; the rest as before.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—Recently at St. Peter's church 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. R. Smith (first 720), 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager (first with a bob bell), 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Seager (first 720), 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor; also first in the method on the bells.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.—On Monday, January 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. A. W. Coady, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; H. Greene, 3; R. Greene, 4; C. Murray, 5; R. T. Greene, 6; R. R. Cherry (conductor), 7; E. Lister, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Wednesday, January 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. A. Castle (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; B. Bidnell, 4; T. Webb, 5; C. Castle (first quarter-peal), 6; G. T. Spicer (conductor), 7; C. Gentle, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR (Notts).—On Sunday, January 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Wilson, 1; A. Trigg, 2; W. Pervin, 3; J. Yates, 4; G. Doughty, 5; H. Whittle (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Wilson, 1; A. Trigg, 2; W. Pervin, 3; G. Doughty, 4; H. Whittle, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 13rd, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Pervin (aged 13), 1; A. Trigg, 2; H. Whittle (conductor), 3; J. Yates, 4; W. Pervin, 5; J. Wilson, 6; G. Doughty, 7; F. Wilson (aged 13), 8. On Sunday, January 29th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Wilson, 1; A. Trigg, 2; J. Yates, 3; G. Doughty, 4; W. Pervin, 5; H. Whittle (conductor), 6. And a 360 in the same method. J. Wilson, 1; A. Trigg, 2; W. Pervin, 3; G. Doughty, 4; H. Whittle (conductor), 5; W. E. Cartwright, 6.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, January 22nd, at St. Lawrence church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; C. P.

Smith, 2; J. E. Hexter, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. R. Ward, 5; W. R. Hexter, 6; J. Bailey (conductor), 7; A. Spencer, 8. In the evening a quarter peal of Stedman Triples in 45 minutes, conducted by J. Bailey; T. C. Wicks taking the place of J. R. Ward, the rest as above. On Sunday morning, January 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Spencer, 1; C. P. Smith, 2; J. Harrison, 3; J. R. Ward, 4; W. R. Hexter, 5; W. Hexter, 6; J. E. Hexter (conductor), 7; B. Clark, 8. In the evening 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; C. P. Smith, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; S. Simpkin, 6; W. Hexter (conductor), 7; B. Clark, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples; J. N. Ward conducting.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD.—The following touches were rung at the quarterly meeting on January 23rd; At Holy Trinity church, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Boniface, 1; J. Harper, 2; T. Attwell, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; E. E. Dodd, 5; H. White, 6; J. Whiting, 7; E. J. Pulling, 8. 168 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; A. J. Boniface, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; H. White, 6; J. Whiting, 7; A. Pulling, 8. At St. Nicolas' church, several courses of Grandsire Caters, Bob Minor, and 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Hewett, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; E. J. Heathorn, 4; G. Manfield, 5; M. Steer, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; H. White (conductor), 8. 464 Bob Major. A. J. Boniface, 1; G. Hawkins, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; E. E. Dodd, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; E. J. Heathorn, 6; J. E. Hern, 7; H. White (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 22nd, for Divine Service, 252 Stedman Triples. G. Foster, 1; S. Radford, 2; J. Hunt, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; E. Allen, 5; F. Blondell, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; E. Radden, 8. Also 308 Grandsire Triples. E. Radden, 1; G. Foster, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; S. Radford, 4; E. Allen, 5; J. Hunt, 6; F. Blondell (conductor), 7; J. J. Jones, 8.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

NEW MILL (Yorks).—At Christ Church, for practice on Saturday, January 28th, a touch of 2,880 changes in 1 hour and 44 mins., being 720 each of the following: Merchants' Return, Violet, Oxford, and New London. G. Gill, 1; J. Tinker, 2; H. Biltcliffe, 3; A. Gill, 4; H. Haigh, 5; H. W. Barrow, 6. Also on Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford; for afternoon service, 720 Kent; and for evening service, 720 Violet. It is exactly sixteen months since this band commenced learning.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 31st, for practice, the above company rang for practice 576 Superlative Surprise Major, two courses of London Surprise, and two courses of Cambridge Surprise. After which 336 Grandsire Triples was rung with two probationers. They then adjourned to their club-house, where courses of London Surprise and Duffield were rung on the handbells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, January 28th, at St. Bridget's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; J. Meador, 2; W. Briscoe, 3; W. Williams, 4; J. Hammond, 5; J. Rutter, 6; J. Pownall (conductor), 7; E. Hampson, 8.

ASHTREAD (Surrey).—On New Year's Eve a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Stedman, 1; J. Wyatt, 2; G. Wyatt, 3; A. Dean, 4; H. Corbett, 5; J. Hoyle, 6; W. Cook (conductor), 7; D. Anscombe, 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. And 1036 in the same method. H. Stedman, 1; J. Wyatt, 2; G. Wyatt, 3; H. Corbett, 4; J. Hoyle, 5; W. Cook, 6; A. Dean (conductor), 7; D. Anscomb, 8.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Thursday, January 26th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, but it came to grief after ringing 400. R. Meager, 1; A. Crane, 2; F. Hedges (conductor), 3; A. Crane, 4; A. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. James, 7; F. Sear, 8.

EVERTON (Notts).—On Monday, January 23rd, after a lapse of nearly six years, the old members of the parish church was at their places at the ropes, when they rang 720 Oxford. On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Violet. On Sunday evening, January 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Duke of York. C. Lindley, 1; J. Swindon, 2; J. Holgate, 3; John Swindon, 4; G. W. Stevenson, 5; G. Brown (conductor), 6.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Wednesday, January 25th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Double Bob Minor. G. Hodge, 1; E. Lambert, 2; W. Lambert, 3; J. Beach, 4; F. Butchers, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 27th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of

Bob Major, 1264 changes, and 224 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in honor of E. Lambert's birthday. F. Lambert, Fanny Lambert, W. Lambert, and T. Lambert, sen.

LAVERNHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 23rd, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Bobby, 1; H. Parker, 2; W. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Rung to celebrate the birthday of A. Symonds, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 8th, for Divine Service, 955 Grandsire Caters. C. Otway, 1; E. Hull, 2; T. Newnham, 3; H. Woods, 4; H. Newnham, 5; J. Wyatt, 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; W. Messam, 8; A. Dean, 9; H. Cropley (longest length), 10.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 24th, at the parish church, 720 New London Pleasure in 29 mins. F. Fosker, 1; R. Keeble, 2; C. Green, 3; R. Wilding, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; A. Symonds, 6.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 29th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. F. Rolfe, 1; G. Mee, 2; E. Rivers, 3; B. Francis, 4; G. Moss, 5; A. Fuller (conductor), 6.

NEWDIGATE (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 29th, at the parish church, before the 3 o'clock service, 360 College Pleasure. A. Wales, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; F. Wickens, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. After the service 720 College Pleasure. A. Ellis, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; F. Wickens, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. 720 London Scholars Pleasure. A. Ellis, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; J. Cooper, 3; S. Ellis, 4; C. Taylor, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. 720 College Exercise. E. Holloway, 1; E. Jordan, 2; J. Cooper, 3; S. Ellis, 4; B. King, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. 720 Woodbine. C. Taylor, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; F. Wickens, 4; B. King, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Taylor, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; J. Cooper, 3; S. Ellis, 4; B. King, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. Messrs Ellis, Wickens, King, and Cooper hail from Charlwood, Surrey, the rest are from Capel.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, January 19th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. H. Argyle, 1; W. Stone, 2; W. H. Horwood, 3; G. Winter, 4; L. Longney, 5; J. George, 6; J. Clarke, 7; T. W. Chapman, 8. On Thursday, January 26th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, which was stopped on account of illness near the church. F. Adams, 1; J. George, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; W. H. Horwood, 6; J. Clarke, 7; T. W. Chapman, 8. On Tuesday, January 17th, on handbells, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Stone, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 7-8.

SNAITH (Yorks).—On Saturday, January 28th, at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Merrills, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Gilbert, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. D. Bullock, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. C. Holmes, 1; G. Holmes, 2; H. Lambert (conductor), 3; J. Gilbert, 4; R. Holmes, 5; J. D. Bullock, 6. This was a one-part 720.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR (Notts).—On a recent Sunday afternoon for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. T. Wilson, 1; A. Trigg, 2; W. Purvin, 3; G. Doughty, 4; H. Whittle, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, January 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 673 Grandsire Triples. A. Gordon, 1; T. Sale, 2; J. Barlow, 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; J. A. Gordon, 5; W. Gordon, jun., 6; W. Gordon (conductor), 7; C. Darwin, 8. Rung on the birthday of J. A. Gordon. On Tuesday, January 24th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Gordon, 1; T. Sale, 2; J. Barlow, 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; A. S. Gordon, 5; J. A. Gordon, 6; W. Gordon (conductor), 7; W. Gordon, jun., 8. Also touches of Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples by the same band.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday, January 8th, for Divine Service in the evening, 1008 Bob Major. T. Lawrence, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; J. H. Shepherd, 5; T. Robinson, 6; C. Gardiner, 7; E. Bishop (conductor), 8. Monday evening, January 9th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Ricketts (conductor), 1; G. S. Brown, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Robinson, 4; C. Gardiner, 5; E. Bishop, 6; O. W. Layng, 7; R. W. Hyner, 8. January 27th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, 1; T. Ricketts (conductor), 2; G. S. Brown, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; C. Gardiner, 5; A. Breakspear, 6; T. Robinson, 7; W. Ball, 8. On Sunday, January 29th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. F. S. Wilson, 1; G. S. Brown, 2; T. Robinson, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; T. Ricketts (conductor), 5; C. Gardiner, 6; E. Bishop, 7; W. Ball, 8.

Notices.

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Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, February 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to preside. All ringers welcome. **W. BROWN, Branch Sec.**

Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—Meeting for election of officers will be held in St. Peter's belfry, Nottingham, to-day, Saturday, February 18th, at 6 p.m. Ringing after business. **W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.**

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—An extra meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 18th, at Cheriton church. No allowances. **C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, District Hon. Sec.**

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—An extra meeting of the above Society will be held at The Dog and Gun, Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, February 18th, at six o'clock, to settle about the six-bell contest. All members wishing to compete at the contests must pay their contributions to me on or before March 1st. **WALTER IDLE, Sec.**
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

St. Michael's Junior Society, Gloucester. The above society intend holding their annual dinner on Thursday, February 23rd, at The Albion hotel, Southgate Street. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be had of any of the members, or of **JOHN AUSTIN, Hon. Sec.**
Bentham Villa, Conduit Street, Gloucester.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Notice.—On Friday, February 24th, at the Society's headquarters, a special meeting will be held. Several important matters will be brought before those present. It is hoped all members will endeavour to attend. **ARTHUR JACOB, Hon. Sec.**

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 25th, at Haslingden. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. **J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec.**
Helmshore.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. T. King, at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, February 25th, at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited. **C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dis. Sec.**
Lampton, Hounslow.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30 p.m. **S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.**
"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in school at 5.30 p.m. **JAMES MATHER, Branch Sec.**

The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield church, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting house White Bear inn. **R. HARRISON, Sec.**

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—A special meeting will be held at The White Hart inn, Eckington, on Saturday, February 25th, at 5 o'clock prompt. Members kindly attend. Business re Cup Contest. Bells open for ringing during afternoon.

EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.
18, Park View, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle parish church on Saturday, February 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock prompt.

R. PARKINSON, Branch Sec.
13, John Street, Oswaldtwistle.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary Johnson Commemoration will be held as usual on Saturday, March 4th. Ringing at St. Martin's from 3 to 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at "Ye Old Royal," Temple Row, at 6.0 p.m. J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., B.C.L., will preside. Dinner tickets free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application not later than Wednesday, March 1st, to the undersigned.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting is unavoidably postponed till Saturday, April 15.

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

Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

Will the following members or any friend whose eyes this may meet kindly send their present addresses to the Hon. Sec.: James W. Roper, late of 14, Ridley Villas, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Howard V. Wilkins, late of Sutton Coldfield; Harry D. Smith, late of 16, Vernon Street, Northampton; Arthur O. Stewart, late of 5, Adnith Road, Whitworth Estate, Northampton, and greatly oblige,

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BOLTON, BRADFORD.—After a lapse of some years, owing to various untoward causes, this band has scored a peal, which is a creditable performance on the part of Mr. Copley's scholars. It is the first peal by the ringers of the first four bells; the first in the method by all the company; and the first time as conductor by Mr. Harry Good. The striking throughout is reported as having been excellent.

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A most successful Jumble Sale took place in the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday, February 2nd., to raise funds to pay off the existing debt of £17 10s. 0d. for rehanging the bells of the parish church.

A strong committee of ladies and gentlemen, with Mr. C. H. Howard, Hon. Secretary, carried out the arrangements. Business commenced at 2.30 p.m.; about 500 buyers put in an appearance, and a brisk trade was done for about two hours.

At 4.30 p.m. a ladies' washing competition caused much amusement, each lady had to

wash a soiled tea cloth and hang it upon a line in three minutes. Needless to say, each one anxious not to be disqualified by being longer than the limited time, was done in about one-and-a-half minutes. Prizes were offered by Messrs. Lever Brothers, and consisted of—1st prize—one dozen electro-plated teaspoons and sugar tongs, value 15s.; 2nd prize—a chest of soap, value 7s. 6d.

At five o'clock every article that the committee had offered for sale was disposed of. The amount realised was £35 14s. 4d., after deducting expenses leaving a profit of £31 11s. 9d.

Now that this debt has been paid the question of adding two new trebles will be proceeded with at once. The amount required for same has nearly all been raised. A stipulation was made by the originator of the scheme that he would not ask for the order to be given for the new bells until all the money for the same was in hand; and if any that intend to assist and have not yet done so would forward their assistance, however small, at once, it will be greatly appreciated.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. Parker has removed to 1, Alfred Villas, Balham Road, Lower Edmonton, N.

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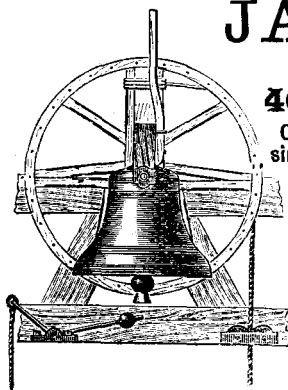
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