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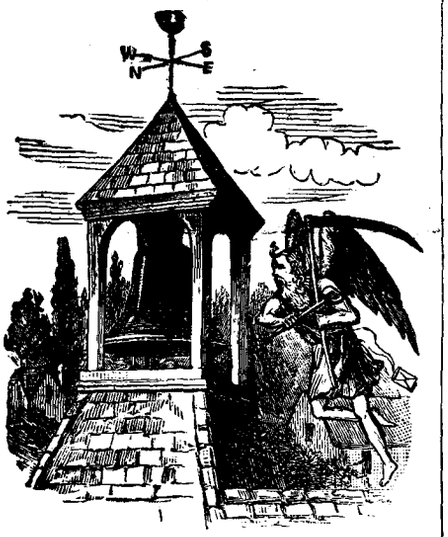

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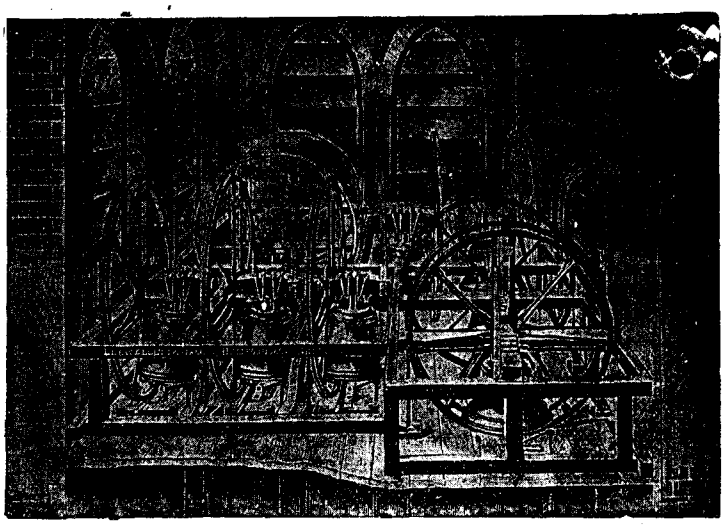

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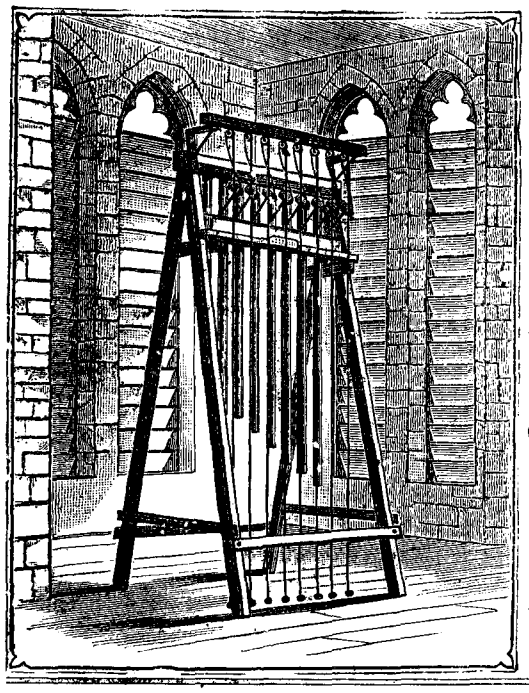

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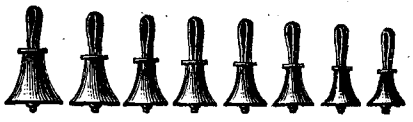

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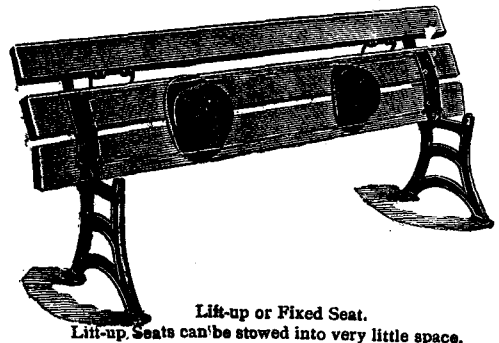

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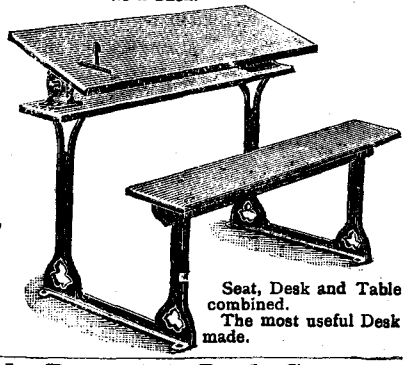

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, the 28th ult., this Association held its twenty-second Annual Meeting in the old City of Durham, and it proved a success in every way.

Ringers began to arrive as early as 9 a.m., and the bells of St. Nicholas, in the market place, were kept going nearly all day, with the exception of the service time and the all-important dinner and meeting time. Ringing was also done at St. Oswald's, a church for which all members of the Association must have warm feelings, as in it the Association was received when, for various reasons, the other belfries of the city were practically closed to any but their own bands. A Committee meeting was held at The Three Tuns Hotel, at which there was a fair muster, and several matters of business connected with the Association were disposed of, tuition receiving a share of attention. At one o'clock the members attended a special service in the Cathedral Choir. The clergy were represented by Archdeacon Hamilton, Dean Kitchin, Canon Firth, and the Rev. Dr. Randell, of Sunderland. Canon Firth read the special service of the Association, and Dr. Randell delivered an excellent and eloquent sermon, pointing out how ringing should be practised in relation to the Spirit and the understanding. Dr. Kitchin pronounced the Benediction, and Dr. Armes kindly officiated at the organ. At 2 p.m. an excellent dinner was partaken of at The Three Tuns, after which the Annual Meeting of the Association was held. The President, Mr. R. S. Story, occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. Dr. Randell, and the Secretary, Mr. C. L. Routledge, while Mr. Hudson, vice-President, filled the vice-chair. The toast of "The Queen" was drunk with musical honours, followed by that of "The Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses." The Rev. Dr. Randell responded, and greatly interested his hearers by telling them of the success that was attending his efforts to restore the bells of Sunderland Parish Church, of which he is Rector. There appears every prospect of this being carried out in a thoroughly efficient manner.

The Annual Report was next read, and while it deplored the low position of the Association in the matter of peal ringing, it gave evidence of great vitality throughout the organisation. It the eight-bell towers have been behindhand in peal ringing, the six-bell towers have made great strides, especially in bringing on new members, and it is notable that in connection with one tower three brothers have been ringing a number of Minor methods double-handed, and it had been intended to attempt a 5000 on handbells this winter, but the band is disturbed through one having to go out to South Africa in the Coldstream Guards. The regret of the Association was expressed at the decease of the Rev. Canon Barker of Hexham, and at the removal of the Rev. E. Boddington from St. Ignatius, Sunderland, to which church he had given a treble bell, to make up a peal of six. The balance-sheet showed an amount in hand of £8 1s. 6d., being an increase on the year of about £4. The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Before leaving the chair at the year's termination of office, the President wished on behalf of the general body of members of the Association to present Mr. Hudson with a roll-top writing secretaire, as some token of their appreciation of his exertions for the advancement of the Association while filling the post of Secretary. He expressed at the same time his personal experience of all Mr. Hudson's painstaking care, and of the high pitch of excellence into which he had brought the affairs of the Society. Mr. Ferry, who had kindly acted as Secretary in this matter, wrote, in his unavoidable absence, testifying to the ready response he had received from the members, many of whom had written most eulogistic letters with regard to Mr. Hudson's work. It was expected that Mr. Hudson would find the desk at home on his return to Sunderland that evening, and the President wished him many happy years to use it. A most hearty acclamation endorsed these remarks, every member of the Association who has had the privilege of coming in contact with Mr. Hudson having the warmest feelings towards him.

Mr. Hudson replied in very feeling terms, and regretted very much that failing health prevented him from giving the attention to the affairs of the Association which he considered they merited. He assured his hearers that the sight of their present would ever remind him of them, and of the happy hours he had spent amongst ringers, and the warm friendships it had brought to him. Mr. Hudson's remarks were most impressive, and the members showed their appreciation by prolonged applause. The Rev. Dr. Randell then took the chair, while the officers for the incoming year were elected, when the old staff was replaced in its entirety, each officer returning thanks in suitable terms. The old representatives on the Central Council were re-appointed.

The President made a few remarks with regard to the arrears of subscriptions, pointing out that a little consideration for the Secretary in this matter very materially lightened his work, while carelessness gave him treble and and quadruple labour, beside involving the officers in the unpleasant task of going over a list of those in arrears with a view to their exclusion, which the rules automatically provide for. He also referred to the exceptionally low position of the Association in Mr. Attree's list. As he had mentioned at previous meetings he had been this year unable to devote as much time to actual ringing as as usual, and he feared that the engagements which made a prior call on him for a period would continue for a few months longer, after which he hoped to give more assistance in peal ringing. Marrying and giving in marriage had also interfered, Mr. F. J. Harrison having recently entered the bonds of wedlock, and Mr. Routledge, their valued Secretary, having been in strict training for a similar event for some months past. Unfortunately his system of training did not permit of many attendances to

the belfry, to say nothing of such a long performance as a peal. However, it is pleasing to know that he is going to reside at Wylam, where he will have the opportunity of instructing a good band of learners, and the Association will forgive his recent absences in anticipation of his services in this direction.

A number of new members were elected, including the Rev. F. C. Ayerst, Curate at Hexham, and Mr. Passman of Middlesbrough, who became an honorary member. Very hearty votes of thanks were returned to the Very Rev. Dean Kitchin, D.D., for his kindness in allowing the service to be held in the Cathedral, and for his presence, as well as to Archdeacon Hamilton and Canon Firth, to the Rev. Dr. Randell for his excellent sermon, to Dr. Armes for his assistance at the organ, and to the Vicars of St. Nicholas and St. Oswald's churches, for the use of their bells. The chairman announced that the next place of meeting would be Heighington, in February, that is the last Saturday before Ash-Wednesday, and the Whit-Monday meeting would be held at Consett. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

The members then adjourned to the different churches, a large body visiting the Cathedral. It was gratifying to note that there were two or three bands equal to handle these bells, now that they have been put in order through the intervention of Dean Kitchin, this being so different to the conditions of a year or two ago, when the bells were in a bad state and the number of capable ringers less. One or two good touches of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung, the bells sounding very fine outside, and the striking proving good, and much better than to those in the belfry. Details of the ringing will be found later in the proper column.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

(Bristol Branch.)

A meeting of this branch was held at Stapleton, on Saturday, October 28th, 1899. About sixteen members were present. Service was held in the parish church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. —. Shaw. After service a short business meeting was held in the belfry. The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read. It was proposed by the Rev. H. E. T. Bassett, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cane, and resolved: "that the next meeting take place at Colne, on the last Saturday in November." It was proposed by Mr. E. Grey, seconded by Mr. C. H. Gordon and resolved: "That Mr. J. Long, of Stapleton, and Mr. F. Cullen, of St. Nicholas, Bristol, be elected members of the Association." Ringing was indulged in before and after service, also at St. Werburgh's, where a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by the following: Thomas, 1; C. H. Gordon, 2; H. B. Howell, 3; Thomas, 4; W. A. Cave, (conductor) 5; F. Burford, 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

Unveiling of a Peal Tablet.

A ceremony of rare occurrence in Australia took place on Saturday, September 9th, when a tablet erected to commemorate a peal of Grandsire Triples rang on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on the 10th of September, 1898, was unveiled.

A good number of ringers and friends assembled in the tower, and the Cathedral was represented by Mr. F. R. Godfrey, a gentleman who has always taken great interest in the bells. After a touch of 168 Grandsire Triples had been rung by the men who took part in the peal, the President of the Association (Mr. J. C. Nolan) requested Mr. Godfrey to accept the tablet as a gift from the Victorian Association to the Cathedral. The tablet recorded a peal which would be historical in the annals of bellringing in Australia. It was not only the first on the heavy bells of this Cathedral, which are the heaviest peal in this country, and on that account alone was worthy of record, but it was also the first by the Association, and the first peal composed in Australia. The members had subscribed amongst themselves to place the tablet in the tower, and although they were not all of one denomination he was sure that the tablet would be valued for the event it commemorated.

Mr. Godfrey in reply said it gave him great pleasure to attend that evening and take part in such an unique ceremony. He could quite understand the difficulty of the feat, and was proud to know that such a good peal had been rung on those bells, and he congratulated the ringers on such a splendid performance. He was sorry that ringing was not appreciated here as it was in the old country, where every town had its peal of bells, but he hoped that the future of bellringing in Australia would be brighter. He was pleased to know of the existence of the Association in Melbourne, and to learn that some of the young generation were taking kindly to ringing, and he also noticed with satisfaction that the members were not all of one creed, but visited one another freely. Such a feeling should always be encouraged, and he was sure that no matter at which church they were ringing, they would all be ringing to the honour and glory of God. He was rather surprised to find that the Association had contributed the whole cost of the tablet, and had not asked for outside help, but he thought that it would be all the more valued on that account. He would promise that the Cathedral would take great care of the tablet. Mr. Godfrey then unveiled the tablet amidst applause.

The conductor of the peal then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Godfrey for his kindness in attending that evening, and assured him that his presence was greatly appreciated by the members, and he hoped that before long other influential gentlemen connected with the church would show the interest that Mr. Godfrey had always shown. The vote was carried with acclamation.

After further remarks by other speakers, the meeting adjourned for a social evening.

Before leaving the belfry Mr. Godfrey gave a very handsome donation to the funds of the Association.

The tablet is of Italian marble, 3 ft. by 2 ft. and 1½ in.

thick, and was made to the design of a member of the Association. It bears the following inscription :—

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THE STANSTED SOCIETY, ESSEX.

On Saturday, September 23rd, the members of this society paid a visit to Matching, Essex, where there is a handy and musical little ring of six bells in good going order, with a tenor of about 9 cwt. Arriving at the church at 3.30 p.m., the bells were raised, and were soon in Cambridge Surprise, of which a 720 was rung, and then a 720 of Oxford Bob. After this the visitors repaired to the church room, where the Vicar (Rev. J. B. Andrewes) had kindly provided an excellent tea for the ringers, to which the usual justice was done. A course of Grandsire Triples having been rung and a few tunes played on the handbells, some of the visitors took a walk round the garden, while others went to the church and rung 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, an attempt for a 720 failing through the breaking of the treble rope. These are the first 720s in the methods yet rung upon the bells. The back five bells were lowered in peal, and the company thanking the Vicar for his kindness, undertook the homeward journey through a storm of thunder and rain, reaching their destination at 10.30.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

On Sunday, October 22, Mr. D. Tarling, the respected steeplekeeper at Waltham Abbey, completed his 55th year, when four of the local company met at the Abbey church for the purpose of chiming a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, thus : G. Peace, 1-2; D. Tarling, 3-4; W. A. Alps, 5-6; F. Carter, 7-8. Two attempts were made, but owing to the bad condition of the ropes, the band did not succeed, and had to be content with a 1008. In the evening another attempt was successfully made by the same band with the exception of 7-8, which were taken by T. Colverd, the quarter-peal (composed and conducted by W. A. Alps) being chimed in 44 mins.

On each occasion the chiming took place immediately before Divine Service, ringing being quite out of the question owing to the woful condition of the bells and ropes. Although apparently the complete restoration of the bells had many weeks ago been decided on, nothing has been done towards it up to the present moment. It is hoped that progress may be made without delay.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(North and East District.)

The annual district meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, October 28th, at Southgate. The bells were raised about four o'clock and kept going til six o'clock, when an adjournment was made by some to the service which is held daily, and others to the village hall direct, where tea was served in excellent style at 6.30. By this time those who had attended the service joined. After tea the Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, and made statements as to finance, etc. At the conclusion of the meeting votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to the curate and churchwarden for their presence; the former took the chair in the absence of the Vicar, who is away. A return visit was made to the tower, and touches of Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Major; and two courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells in the village hall before tea. The time as usual went by rapidly, and the dispersing hour came too soon. There was a good attendance of members from all the towers in this district, although some were elsewhere attempting peals for the Association.

HORBURY PARISH CHURCH, WAKEFIELD.

Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of Guildford Street, Leeds, and Town Hall Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, are just completing a fine Cambridge quarter-clock, showing the time upon three large external dials at the above church for the Rev. Canon Sharp, M.A., who has been curate and Vicar of Horbury for sixty-five years, and is now in his ninetieth year. The same firm are also making new clocks for Stickney church, Lincolnshire, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancashire, Thornbridge Hall, Derbyshire, Upsall Castle, Yorkshire, Carlisle Cathedral and Town Hall.

The Guardian informs its readers that the Vicar of Eccleshall, Staffordshire, will be much obliged to any one kindly sending him a copy of belfry rules and a form of admission to the office of a ringer.

Mr. John Hart, Maltravers House, Arundel Street, Strand, writes to thank those who kindly contributed to the loan collection at the Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition, and to say that every loan has now been despatched, and he has not heard of a single article being lost or damaged. Should any contributor not have received his loans safely, Mr. Hart would be glad to hear at once.

The Guardian says that the dedication of a new organ took place at All Saints', Sapcote, on Thursday week. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m., and in the afternoon the organ was dedicated by Archdeacon Stocks (Leicester). At the close of the service a selection of music was rendered by Mr. C. Hancock, Mus. Bac., organist of St. Martin's, Leicester. The dedication services were continued in the evening, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Rodwell, R.D., Rector of Kimcote. At this service Mr. Smith, F.R.C.O., organist of the Martyrs', Leicester, was at the organ. It may be added that during the rectorship of the Rev. A. G. Lound this church was restored in 1886, and the four old bells were rehung and cast, and two new ones added in 1895.

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

"METHOD" OR "PRINCIPLE."

SIR,—Mr. James is wrong in supposing either that I make no difference between "principles" and "methods," or that I misunderstood his meaning. I had considered both sufficiently well to have sketched out my present reply before I published my first article. Mr. James's definition is a very clever one, and would be scientifically accurate only that it is founded on two false premises—an incorrect view of the difference between methods and principles, and a false estimate of the value of lead-ends above all other rows. The result is that instead of framing the definition to include all methods he would narrow the number of methods to the scope of the definition. We must bear in mind that the term "method" is one in common use on the practical side of ringing to a far greater extent than on the theoretic. To the ordinary ringer any allowable method of producing rows is a "method," and if you narrow this you not only create a schism between theory and practice, but you try to deprive us of a term we cannot do without. It seems to me that a "principle" is the general rules that govern the nature of the formation of a method, the skeleton, so to speak, while the "method" is the flesh and blood. Thus the Plain Bob principle is that one bell shall have a plain hunting course, and that the others shall work about it. The method of Bob Major is the making of 2nds; the method of Double Norwich is the making of certain 4ths and 3rds, and 6ths and 5ths. Again the principle of Treble Bob is that one bell shall have a continuous dodging course; the method of Kent is the making of certain 2nds and 3rds and 4ths. The principle of Stedman is that the course of the bells should be altered by alternate slow and quick sixes, the method is the making of certain 3rds.

To Mr. James's view I object on the threefold ground of history, utility, and scientific accuracy.

Of history, because there is absolutely nothing to warrant the assumption that any one considered a principle to be what Mr. James would have us believe it is. Stedman certainly did not have this view, as a cursory review of his book will show. All those who have at various times brought out systems which are not treble-dominated, with the possible exception of Shipway, who copied the term "principle" from Stedman, have called those systems "methods." And Mr. Snowdon, no mean authority on such matters, classes Stedman among the standard methods. Not only so, but you can scarcely go into any tower but you will hear the term "method" applied to Stedman, Forward, Duffield, etc. Again, suppose you accept Mr. James's view, what term have you to designate the various systems, treble-dominated, and non-treble-denominated, when speaking of them collectively. I foresee the day not far distant when what Mr. James calls principles will be as numerous as what he calls methods. What will you call them then? Mr. James's invitation to us, when constructed a method, to take our choice of the various "principles" sounds plausible, but of them only two are at all suitable for treble-dominated methods. One of these is the plain hunting course, the other is Treble Bob. But will Mr. James or anyone else shew us *how* you can possibly get a principle such as he mentions on the plan of having every bell a dodging hunt. He admits it is hopelessly false; it is not that, it is impossible.

But to pass to the other side of his definition. It amounts to this, you can do what you please with the interior of your leads if only you have the lead-end correct. You can have any amount of corruption in your tomb if only the sepulchre is well whitened outside.

Now I thought that if one fact had been established it was that all successions of rows were formed in round blocks, that these round blocks have theoretically no start nor finish, the round being merely an incidental row, and that every row is of equal value. In accordance with custom and general utility we always use the treble as the fixed bell, but this is surely arbitrary (Mr. James's definition admits it), and therefore the division of the leads between the hand and backstroke of the treble or after the latter is arbitrary also. Mr. Davies says of at least one method that the division is at neither place. Now all Mr. James's arguments are based on the assumption that the lead-end is a row of more value than any other row, but if this be not so, as it certainly is not, then his definition is not scientifically accurate. He objects, and rightly, to the alteration of the course of rows at the lead-end. Can be be blind to the logical conclusion that the alteration of the course of any row is equally objectionable? Yet when I venture to point this out I was told of "restrictions grievous to be borne." I have had "scientific accuracy" cast in my teeth a good deal lately, but surely those that do so cannot expect to be allowed to maintain it as far as they will, and then shirk the logical consequences. My position is this—every row is of equal value; what you cannot insist on at the interior of the lead, you cannot insist on at the lead-end, which by a necessary but still arbitrary arrangement is made the signature of the lead, and I am sure I stand on ground far more scientifically accurate than any of my opponents.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

AN ADMISSION.

SIR,—I find that the Rev. E. B. James has the prior claim (by some years) to the No. 2 plain method published by him in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 21st, and I therefore relinquish my claim to same.

GEORGE BAKER.

ROBERT CALLER'S SARCASM.

SIR,—In answer to a letter which appeared in your issue of October 21st, I feel I cannot let it pass without a few words in justice to the St. Alphege band of ringers. I have had several chances of hearing them ring, and can truthfully say that I never heard them ring stoney. I can remember them ringing Grandsire Triples in Thanet five years ago, and I have known them to ring Caters at Quex Park, Birchington, and as late as last Whit-Monday they rang Stedman Triples at St. John's church, Margate, a ring which has since been condemned as unringable by a better band. I can truthfully say that they do the best change-ringing in Canterbury, and they ring in more methods than the Cathedral company, who a matter of three months ago were ringing stoney and Grandsire Doubles on a Sunday afternoon; I happened to be in Canterbury for the day and heard it myself. Perhaps Robert Caller was one of the ringers on that occasion. Personally, I do not know the conductor of St. Alphege, but I am sure he must be very energetic to have such a good band.

AN OLD THANET RINGER.

SIR,—I was more than surprised to see Mr. Robert Caller's letter in your issue of October 21st, but I am afraid the "Caller" is much prejudiced against the two brothers he mementions. How he or any of the Cathedral band can glory in calling themselves change-ringers is a query. I have known all the band for years, or at least ten years, and what are the achievements of the band during that time? For the whole time I state, though they have a Stedman Caters band, I think I am right in stating that more than half the band have never rung a peal of Stedman Triples, Caters being out of the question. It is the old story of £ *s. d.*, not change-ringing, but my friend Mr. Caller, sen. is not correct, as he knows fully well no two or one either of the above company have spent the time or done anything for the advancement of change-ringing, as the two brothers he would condemn, either of whom would conduct a peal to-morrow. Talk about Association! you don't have to look to Canterbury for Kent County points, or we should be one lower than the bottom of the list. With a President of the ability of our Association Hon. Sec., the records of the Cathedral company read *nil*, and I sincerely trust our friend who professes to be in earnest, will improve the standard, and let us see some result of his energy without a pen. I should most certainly name him Bob Caller, jun., not sen., as his powers have been too limited in that direction.

AN OUTSIDER INTERESTED.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Could you help me in a little matter of belfry improvement? We have a tower with eight bells. Some years ago there was was a proper ringing-stage, but for some reason or other, some said it was unsafe; others said it was removed to improve the appearance of the structure. Whatever the reason it was removed, it does not matter; the result is that we have now for a good number of years been pushed up into the clock-

chamber. Last year the bells were rehung, and two trebles added, completing the eight. The rope-sight is bad, and it is also very noisy. We did our best to get the Vicar to have the floor replaced, but to no purpose. He also refused to put guides in, and allow us to ring on the floor. He seemed inclined to listen to a floor that could be raised and lowered, so that when not ringing the floor would not cut across the tower arch. The question is could such an arrangement be fixed at a not exorbitant figure. Have you ever heard of such a thing? Could you put it in your valuable paper, so that if possible we might be able to hear of a case as a precedent, if there is such a one. I am afraid I have put it very clumsily to you, but perhaps you can make out what I mean. A. R. L.

Sir,—Will any reader of your paper tell me where I can get a reliable history of change-ringing, and the price; also if is is possible to get an illustration or diagram of a bell hung for ringing that would be suitable for illustrating an essay on ringing? J. W. Kneeshaw.

Obituary.

JOHN SMITH.

Norwich Association members will learn with regret of the death of John Smith—or as he was universally known, "Peter." Deceased had been in failing health for some time, and had therefore done comparatively little ringing for the last three years. Norwich youngsters had much to thank Peter for—always willing to attend meetings, get the bells ready, and then offering to ring the worst-going bell in the tower. His prowess in the latter direction was well known, taking a keen delight in ringing a bell that had been declared by others to be unringable. Of an odd disposition he was, however, universally liked, and many will regret his comparatively early death.

ROBERT PALGRAVE.

The above-named member of the St. Peter Mancroft society, Norwich, passed peacefully away on October 21st, aged 82 years. He had done little ringing for the past ten years, although he retained his position as senior member of the company. He was in his day a very fine heavy bell-ringer, and was the last of the men who took part in the 7126 of Stedman Cinques in 1844. Very few peals can be traced to his credit, almost the last being one of Stedman Caters, conducted by the late John Cox. A muffled peal, consisting of the whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Grandsire Cinques, was rung on the day of the funeral. The ringers were C. E. Borrett (conductor), H. W. Stanley, F. Knights, W. Bales, P. Sadler, F. J. Howchin, G. Howchin, E. Francis, F. H. Knights, A. G. Warnes, G. Smith, and S. Smith.

RENOVATION OF PODINGTON CHURCH.

The offer of Mrs. Orr, a London lady, who occupies The Cottage, Podington, to contribute £100 towards the renovation of the church, was brought before the parish by the Vicar, and it was then decided that the work should be carried out. It was unanimously decided that the work should be given to the tradesmen of the village. The work was proceeding with despatch, and several of the seats had been transformed, when Mr, Orlebar, the patron, intervened, and said he should apply for an injunction against the Vicar and churchwardens if they did not desist, as he maintained that the character of the woodwork was not being retained, and that before they could proceed it would be necessary to have a faculty, and consult an architect. The attention of Archdeacon Bathurst, of Bedford, having been called to the matter, the Archdeacon held a consultation at the Vicarage, Podington, and he decided that the work should be carried out under his superintendence, a decision agreed to by both parties. It is hoped that the renovation of the church will not give rise to any further unpleasantness.

BY MOOR AND FELL.

A West Yorkshire Sketch.

[From *The Bradford Observer*.]

We are still in the old garden behind Bingley Church, and still old stories lead us on. But time is jogging, and the moon is up above the hazel trees already; and midnight will surprise us if we tarry longer with the maiden ladies, the pedagogues and doctors and country gentlemen, of a generation past and done with. Yet the church-tower keeps us dreaming still, for it, too, has its memories. It held a famous peal of six bells—there are eight now—this square old tower with its grated belfry windows; and in its day it has seen as staunch a succession of ringers as any in the country. Good bells they were, and their tones gathered sweetness from the ranging hills and wooded slopes that caught the music, and mellowed it, and sent it back and forth in soft, re-echoing waves. Whatever they did in Bingley, they did it with a whole heart; and if you ask the last-remaining of the old ringers to step into the garden here—he lives just behind—you will listen to such praise of campanology as makes you sure that hunting the fox is light and unenthusiastic work compared with that intricate maze of uprising and down-descending bell-ropes which taxes muscle and brain to the top-most of their strength. There are few enthusiasms so deepseated as the older-fashioned bellringer's; he can talk by the hour, and never weary, of Crown Bobs and Royal Bobs, Snappers and Taking Peals—and if we fail to grasp the details of technique, we realise that in its broader aspect ringing is not only an art, but a sport that calls out every sporting trait of nerve and hard endurance.

This Bingley peal has a history unique in the annals of its brethren; for a hundred years it was rung by a company of earnest fellows—son following father—who worked with persistent courage to master every difficulty that was presented by their art; they composed arrangements of their own; and once—on the Shrove-Tuesday of 1826, it was—they rang upwards of 8,000 changes, on thirty-five methods, without a mistake of any sort. The feat occupied more than five hours, and it stands alone as an exhibition of faultless and sustained change-ringing. Old Henry Dickinson, a prime Bingley character, rang on that occasion; he was young Henry Dickinson then, and six-and-forty years later we find him ringing second in a round of nearly two thousand changes by way of celebrating his eightieth birthday. The youngsters tire long before two thousand in our own day; and few will credit that a greybeard of eighty could have an arm so full of sap, and a head so clear, as to perform the feat—a feat which is handed down, not by hearsay, but by history. Nay, more; he had not had enough when they stopped; and so, by way of a little further exercise, he and his five comrades rang nine-score changes of Bob Minor—and then they went to feast, carrying wet brows and appetites outrageous.

As far back as 1793 they rang an historic peal to commemorate the coming of age of a local magnate, and again in 1849 there was a noteworthy performance, rendered singular by the fact that three pairs of fathers and sons took part in it. And yet again—but the story of Bingley bells is long, and in their time they were as well-known to ringers as the Rune-stone underneath is known to antiquaries.

What is the use, ask the scoffers, of these record performances that have no more than empty sound to show for themselves when all is done? Nay, but they have more to show, and the endurance which the ringers learned from such-like enterprises stood them in good stead at many an awkward corner of their life-journey.

The older generation is always pessimistic about the young—and usually with good cause. What does our ringer say of the new race of bellringers? What is sadly true of nearly every town and village in the West Riding.

"There are no such ringers now," he says, as we go down the garden-steps together and in at the house door. "They haven't the brains, and they haven't the muscle, and they'd rather have it done by machinery."

Here and there the old spirit lingers, but it has grown old-fashioned, like enthusiasm, and the parochial spirit, and all the other cleanly things of yesterday. Progress has crushed out bell-ringing; and progress, when it takes, is apt to give so little in return.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1899.

THAT the treatises on the words "method" and "principle" show a great deal of cleverness and ingenuity, we do not dispute or call in question for one moment. It is thought, however, that those concerned are riding their horse to death, without any commensurable advantages to the Exercise at large. We may venture to say, with the utmost deference of course, that whichever word is used is of no practical importance. The historical term is the shortest one, and no ingenuity, or cleverness, or even pedantry, will ever substitute the general use of "principle" for "method." In this number Mr. TROLLOPE deals with the matter very lucidly. SHIPWAY copied "principle" from STEDMAN without a doubt; but are we certain that STEDMAN ever used the word himself?

We do not object in the least to the space occupied in

our columns by the ventilation of these opinions; not in the least. They show that no small amount of thought is being given to such questions, though they may not be of any practical use. For whatever dictum may be laid down after the discussion is at an end, we feel sure that hardly a dozen ringers will be found to disregard the old word and take up the other. "Method" is as correct as "principle," and usage recommends its universal retention.

The Durham and Newcastle Association have performed a most graceful act in acknowledging by a testimonial the services of their late Honorary Secretary. Mr. HUDSON is a gentleman whom to know is to greatly esteem; an excellent pattern of a courteous Englishman. One good thing is that though he has left office he has not left the Exercise, and we hope to hear of him during many years. The Association does not appear to have retrograded in any way through the establishment of the Cleveland Association: in fact both bodies appear to progress with uncommon rapidity. The executive of each are of course full of energy.

It has been brought to our notice that a ridiculous joke was perpetrated the other week by a ringer who sent a peal report. This may appear very satisfactory to the person concerned, but to all right-thinking people it is the height of folly. Further madness of this sort will place the individual concerned in a somewhat awkward position.

The Provinces.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BRIGHTON PARISH CHURCH BRANCH)

On Monday, October 23, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

GEORGE F. ATTREE .. ..*Treble.*	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
GEORGE BAKER .. .. .. 2.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE SMART .. .. .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Lieutenant Wm. Hannah, second son of the Vicar of Brighton, who was killed in action in Natal on Friday, October 27th, the sad news only being known in Brighton about two hours before the peal commenced.

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On Tuesday, October 24, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
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Tenor 7¼ cwt.

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On Wednesday, October 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

ERNEST C. HUNT .. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM H. SMITH.. .. 5.
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RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.	*JAMES BENNETT.. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

*First peal.

WROTHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
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ARTHUR C. WEST .. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM G. GRANGER .. 5.
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HERBERT J. FORD .. .. 4.	RICHARD GOODBOURN ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

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HARRY MILES .. .. ..*Treble.*	SAMUEL COOMBES .. .. 5.
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Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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On Saturday, October 28, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

EDMUND J. HYLAND ..*Treble.*	ALBERT J. DAY .. .. .. 4.
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Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

*First peal with a bob bell.

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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEEL..	..*Treble.*	JOHN THACKRAY	4.
JOS. C. ABBISHAW	2.	WALTER CHAPMAN	5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN	3.	JNO. W. T. HOLGATE	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, October 28, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS	..*Treble.*	SAMUEL SPITTLE	5.
SAMUEL J. HUGHES	2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT	6.
ARTHUR SPITTLE	3.	JOHN SMITH	7.
JOHN GOODMAN	4.	JOSEPH FAULKNER ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

A. WINDSOR	..*Treble.*	G. TAYLOR	5.
J. GARFORTH*	2.	G. H. HARDY	6.
S. PEACOCK..	3.	F. WOODHEAD	7.
C. SENIOR	4.	R. BINNS	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by G. H. HARDY.

Rung in honour of the thirty-sixth birthday of F. Woodhead, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. *First Association peal.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM CRANE† ..	..*Treble.*	JAMES H. MIDWINTER ..	5.
SAMUEL TAYLOR	2.	*ROBERT WATSON	6.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES ..	3.	†RICHARD NICHOLS	7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER ..	4.	THOMAS G. MILLER..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, of Brighton, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. This composition contains the full combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JAMES CULLWICK ..	..*Treble.*	JAMES HALL	5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN ..	2.	ARTHUR GRIFFITHS	6
THOMAS R. HORTON.. ..	3.	SAMUEL REEVES	7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL	4.	GEORGE GRIFFITHS ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

These bells have been rehung with new fittings, etc., by Messrs. James Barwell, and the work has given general satisfaction to the church authorities and the ringers, the "go" of them being all that can be desired. This is the first peal on them since the restoration.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, October 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT ..	..*Treble.*	JOHN P. TARLTON	5.
THOMAS BETTISON	2.	SOLOMON ROBINSON, JUN	6.
WILLIAM PRICE..	3.	WILLIAM H. TURTON ..	7.
THOMAS WHITWORTH ..	4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong and the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, the 4th at four, the 5th at five, and the 6th at six course-ends in the minimum number of courses, and is the first peal rung containing these combined properties.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE HOYLE.. ..	..*Treble.*	SAMUEL STOTT	5.
ISAAC SCHOFIELD	2.	JAMES PRIESTLEY	6.
JOHN MILLETT	3.	JOHN HARRISON..	7.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN	4.	BENJAMIN THORPE..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by WM. JAKEMAN.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 29, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES TAYLOR ..	..*Treble.*	GEORGE T. HOAD	5.
JOHN AKEHURST..	2.	ALBERT ELLIS	6.
GEORGE THOMPSON	3.	JAMES WORSFOLD	7.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. ..	4.	FREDERICK WICKENS	..*Tenor.*

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Thursday, October 12th, for practice at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Double Court on the back six in 24 mins. W. Durrant, 1; G. Thompson, 2; G. Moss, 3; F. Watling, 4; C. Ramplin (conductor), 5; A. Morris, 6. On Sunday evening, October 15th, for Divine Service, 910 Grandsire Triples. W. Durrant, 1; J. Brewster, 2; C. Ellis, 3; G. Knock, 4; G. Moss, 5; G. Thompson, 6; C. Ramplin (conductor), 7; A. Morris, 8.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On September 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 College Single. E. Tugwood, 1; W. Keeble, 2; T. Beams (conductor), 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Moule, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On Sunday evening, September 24th, after Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Withers, 1; W. Keeble, 2; J. Mardell, 3; W. Miller (conductor), 4; W. Doran, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On Wednesday, October 11th, 720 Double Oxford and 240 London Surprise. C. Hopkins, 1; W. Miller (conductor), 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Keeble, 4; J. Moule, 6; E. Wightman, 6.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On September 26th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Carter, 1; W. Doran, 2; E. Bacon, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Rann, 5; W. Keeble, 6; W. Clark, 7; E. Wightman (conductor), 8. Also 224 Double Norwich. H. Gowers, 1; E. Wightman, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6; E. Carter, 8. On Sunday, October 8th, 1680 Double Norwich. W. Keeble, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. Bacon, 3; W. Doran, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; E. Wightman (conductor), 8. It was intended to have started for a half-peal, but as time would not permit, the above was resorted to.

WOODFORD (Essex). — On Sunday evening, August 20th, 720 Coventry Surprise. H. Gowers, 1; W. Keeble, 2; E. Wightman, 3

T. Beams, 4; J. Moule, 5; J. Mardell (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs), and 360 Bob Minor. G. Hayden, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 2; J. Moule, 3; J. Kimberly, 4; J. Mardell, 5; E. Wightman, 6. On Monday, October 9th, for practice, 720 Woodbine. W. Keeble, 1; H. Gowers, 2; T. H. Beams, 3; J. Kimberly, 4; J. Mardell, 5; E. Wightman (conductor), 6.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 10th, 336 Grandire Triples. E. Wightman (conductor), 1; W. Keeble, 2; H. Bottrell, 3; C. Hopkins, 4; J. Rann, 5; J. Moule, 6; G. Carter, 7; G. Hayden, 8. And 270 Grandsire Caters. H. Bottrell, 1; C. Hopkins, 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Keeble, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 5; E. Wightman (conductor), 7; J. Moule, 8; H. Torble, 9: G. Hayden, 10. Also a course of Stedman Caters. T. Taffender, 1; C. Hopkins, 2; J. P. Bradley, 3; W. Keeble, 4; J. Rann, 5; C. Carter, 7; W. Doran, 7; E. Wightman, 8; H. Torble, 9; J. Moule, 10.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, October 15th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Smart, 1; S. Smithers, 2; W. Wood, 3; C. Dean (conductor), 4; C. Barltrop, 5; H. Bryant, 6; F. Trendell, 7; L. C. Ferrigo, 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. B. Wadmore, who has left Sutton.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOY (Herefordshire).—On Tuesday, October 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Phillips, 1; C. Kings, 2; J. Cartwright, 3; J. Clark, 4; A. Llewellyn, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also several 120s of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 9 cwt.

UPTON BISHOP.—On September 29th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. E. Groves, 1; F. Oakley, 2; H. Oakley, 3; W. Oakley, 4; H. Booth (conductor), 5; A. James, 6. On Sunday morning, October 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. A. James, 1; T. Morgan, 2; J. E. Groves, 3; W. Oakley, 4; H. Booth (conductor), 5; F. Oakley, 6. For evening service 1260 Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins. J. E. Groves, (conductor), 1; T. Morgan, 2; H. Oakley, 3; W. Oakley, 4; H. Booth, 5; F. Oakley, 6. Also several 120s, conducted by G. Wilks. Tenor 11 cwt.

MADELEY.—On Thursday, October 5th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Whiting, 1; R. Trehearn, 2; J. E. Groves (conductor), 3; J. W. Taylor, 4; J. Morgan, 5; T. Morgan, 6. Also three 120s. J. E. Groves, 1; Rev. G. W. Turner, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; Rev. J. P. Cranstoun, 4; J. Morgan, 5; T. Morgan, 6. On Tuesday, October 10th, 720 Grandsire Doublee. J. E. Groves (conductor), 1; Rev. G. W. Turner, 2; R. Trehearn, 3; J. Morgan, 4; J. W. Turner, 5; T. Ricketts, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

WITHINGTON.—On Friday, October 6th, on the occasion of the dedication of a new organ, and also the Harvest Festival, 360 Grandsire Minor. G. Cole, 1; W. Davies, 2; A. Brace, 3; C. Clifford, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; A. Bowers, 6. Also several 120s of Doubles. Tenor 16 cwt.

CODDINGTON.—On Sunday, October 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. W. Allen, 1; J. Thomas, 2; C. Thomas, 3; C. Layton, 4; F. Smith, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. C. Layton, 1; H, W. Allen, 2; J. Thomas, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. Greening, 5; C. Thomas (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. H. W. Allen, 1; C. Thomas, 2; J. Thomas, 3; J. E. Groves, 4; F. Smith, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 0. Also three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, October 11th, at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, the last 742 of Holt's Original; T. Bernardin, 1; W. Truss, 2; H. Alford, 3; J. Scholes, 4; E. Wallage, 5; E. Hall, 6; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 7, G. Barrell, 8. On Sunday evening, October 22nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 48 mins. T. H. Taffender (conductor), 1; H, Springall, 2; J. Scholes, 3; W. Truss, 4; H. Torble, 5; E. Wallage, 6; H. Alford, 7; G. Burrell, 8.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Saturday, October 21st, 720 London Surprise. C. Crawford, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; W. Lambert, 3; W. Allwood, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise. J. White, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; W. Lambert, 3; W. Allwood, 4; C. Severn, 5; H. Turton, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, October 19th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Faithfull, 1; S. Perkins, jun., 2; W. Smith, 3; H. Martin, 4; P. Stapley, 5; W. Latter, 6; F. Harrington (conductor), 7; G. Kember, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, jun., 1; A. Welsh, 2; P. Stapley, 3; G. Smithers, 4; S. Perkins, sen., 5; F. Harrington, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. On Sunday, October 22nd, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Smithers, 1; S. Perkins, jun., 2; J. Heathorn, 3; H. Martin, 4; E. J. Heathorn, 5, J. Muggridge, 6; W. Latter (conducto), 7; W. Smith, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, jun., 1; W. Pollard, 2; H. Porter, 3; W. Latter, 4; E. J. Heathorn, 5; H. Ford, 6; S. Perkins, sen., 7; W. Smith, 8.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 8th, at St. John's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1164 Bob Major. J. Law, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. G Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; A. C. Bedwell, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; G. H. Daynes, 7; W. J. Jeffries, 8. After evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Law, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; E. H. Nixon, 5; G. H. Daynes, 6; W. J. Jeffries (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. On Wednesday, October 11th, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Jeffries, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; W. J. Jeffries, 5; J. Law, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, October 22nd, at St. Mildred's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung for morning service. W. Clift, 1; R. Edwards (conductor), 2; F. Edwards, 3; G. Cramp, 4; C. Tribe, 5; A. Hinds, 6; G. Neve, 7; H. Holdstock, 1. Another 504 in the same method by the same band. On Monday, October 23rd, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Burden, 1; R. Edwards (conductor), 2; F. Burden, 3; G. Cramp, 4; A. Hinds, 5; C. Tribe, 6; F. Edwards, 7; H. Holdstock, 8.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, October 14th, at St Mary's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Paddock, 1; J. W. Davis (Lydney), 2; G. Hobson, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Prickett, 5; J. Morley, 6; R. Thompson (conductor), 7; G. Daniell, 8. Also a 97 in the same method. A. Paddock, 1; G. Hobson, 2; R. Thompson, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. W. Davis, 5; J. Prickett (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; G. Daniels, 8.

BRIDGEND.—On Sunday, September 3rd, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. Evans, 3; R. Bunston, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox, 6. On Saturday, September 30th, 720 College Single. D. J. Hurford, 1; J. Evans, 2; W. Hardwick, 3; R. Bunston, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox, 6. On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; R. Evans, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Bunston, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox, 6. On Saturday, October 7th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. R. Evans, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Bunston, 3; D. J. Hurford, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. South, 3; D. J. Hurford, 4; R. Bunston, 5; J. Cox, 6. On Saturday, October 14th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Evans, 4; R. Bunston, 5; J. Cox, 6. On Sunday, October 15th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans, 2; R. Bunston, 3; J. South, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for Divine Service at the church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Denteth, 1; J. W. Parker, 2; G. R. Taylor, 3; R. Manning, 4; J. Butler, 5; R. Patterson (conductor), 6. First 720 by Messrs. Denteth and Butler. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). W. Denteth, 1; J. W. Parker (conductor), 2; G. R. Taylor, 3; R. H. Blakey, 4; R. Manning, 5; R. Patterson, 6. On Thursday, October 5th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). R. Manning, 1; G. S. Taylor, 2; G. R. Taylor, 3; R. H. Blakey, 4; J. W. Parker, 5; R. Patterson (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, October 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). J. W. Parker (conductor), 1; G. S. Taylor, 2; R. H. Blakey, 3; R. Manning, 4; J. Butler, 5; R. Patterson, 6. On Sunday evening, October 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). W. Denteth, 1; G. S. Taylor, 2; G. R. Taylor, 3; R. H. Blakey, 4; J. W. Parker, 5; R. Patterson (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). J. W. Parker (conductor), 1; G. S. Taylor, 2; G. R. Taylor, 3; R. Manning, 4; J. Butler, 5; R. Patterson, 6.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, August 31st, at St.

Thomas' church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. A. Pugh, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; F. Brace, 3; W. Fryer, 4; A. Roberts, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 26th, for a special service on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Worcestershire in connection of the Jubilee of the Lodge "Stability," 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. A. Pugh, 1; R. James, 2; F. Brace, 3; A. Roberts, 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. A. Roberts, 1; R. James, 2; W. Fryer, 3; F. Brace, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. R. James, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; W. Fryer, 4; A. Roberts (conductor), 5; F. Brace, 6. On Thursday, September 28th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. R. James, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; W. Fryer, 4; R. Mathews, 5; A. Roberts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 1st, several ten-scores of Doubles with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late W. O. Foster, Esq., of Apley, a generous supporter to this church and neighbourhood. For evening service 720 Bob Minor, J. Pagett (conductor), 1; R. James, 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; W. Fryer, 4; R. Matthews, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6. On Thursday, October 5th, on the day of the funeral at Stockton, being one of the seven churches on his estate, another 720 Bob Minor. W. Fryer, 1; A. Roberts (conductor), 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; R. James, 4; R. Mathews, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH.—On Saturday, October 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus which came to grief after ringing 3900 changes in 2 hrs. 50 mins. owing to a change-course. S. Cook, 1; J. Motts, 2; A. E. Durrant, 3; C. H. Gillingham, 4; R. Hawes. 5; W. Motts, 6; W. L. Catchpole, 7; J. T. Howard, 8; E. Pye, 9; W. Woods, 10; R. H. Brundle. 11; W. Pye, 12. Tenor 30 cwt.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Monday, October 16th, an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, which came to grief after ringing 1 hr., owing to a change-course. R. Whiting, 1; J. Betts, 2; E. Pye, 3; F. R. Borrett, 4; E. F. Poppy, 5; J. Souter, 6; F. Smith, 7; W Pye (conductor), 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

FRAMSDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, October 22nd, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. G. Crickmer, 1; W. Pye, 2; E. Hicks. 3; G. Thurlow, 4; E. Pye, 5; J. Creasey, 6; G. Wightman (conductor), 7; W. Sawyer, 8. Also 480 Oxford Treble Bob Major, and a course of Double Norwich. E. Hicks, 1; W. Pye, 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; W. Wighiman, 5; W. E. Bullock, 6; W. G. Crickmer, 7; G. Wightman (conductor), 8.

HADLEIGH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, October 12th, 720 Plain Bob in 27 mins. A. Thorp, 1; H. J. Mee, 2; T. Reed, 3; F. Scowen, 4; E. Willis, 5; F. Mee (conductor), 6. Tenor 28 cwt.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, October 14th, at St. Mary's church, three courses of Bob Major. W. Willson, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Swinfield, 3; A. R. Aldham, 4; C. R. Lilley, 5; W. Dickinson, 6; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 7; W. R. Hensher, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. C. R. Lilley (conductor), 1; J. Barrow, 2; J. Swinfield, 3; C. Fowler, 4; J. Houghton, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; W. Lowe, 8.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffordshire). —On September 22nd, 720 Duke of York in 27 mins. *F. Goldstraw, 1; J. F. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; *G. Goldstraw, 4; E. Wheeldon, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. On Sunday, October 15th, 720 Woodbine in 28 mins. W. Goldstraw, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Johnson, 3; G. Goldstraw, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; A. Ryles, 6.

NORWICH.— On Sunday, October 15th, at the church of St Lawrence, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 29 mins G. Howchin, 1; H. Howlett, 2; H. J. Borrett, 3; G. Smith, 4; E Francis (conductor), 5; J. Bunn, 6.

WOOTTON BASSETT (Wilts).—On Sunday afternoon, October 1st for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. T. Lawrence 1; O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence (conductor), 3; C. Gardiner, 4: L. A. Wilson, 5; A. Breakspear, 6; T. Robinson, 7; T. Ricketts, 8. For evening service 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 30 mins. T. Lawrence, 1; O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; C. Gardiner, 4; L. A. Wilson, 5; T. Ricketts (conductor), 6; T. Robinson, 7; A. Breakspear, 8. A short touch of Stedman Triples started for unfortunately came to grief on account of a rope breaking,

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WHIP DOG DAY.

[From *The Midland Counties Herald.*]

St. Luke's Day, October 18th, was also Whip Dog Day, though at the end of the nineteenth century the name, it may be suspected, conveys to most persons very little meaning. The story of its origin, however, is curious and interesting. At a time long prior to the Reformation tradition tells us, a priest, while celebrating mass during some festival at York, dropped the pyx after consecration, and the wafer was snatched up and devoured by a dog which had been lying concealed under the altar. The solemnity of the occasion, it is added, did not save the offending animal from instant death; while public reprobation of the deed led to a general persecution of the dogs, which was afterwards continued on St. Luke's Day. This is the account of the matter given in Drake's History of York. Other antiquaries, however, declare that the custom of whipping dogs out of church dates back from the time of the Romans; and in any case it is certain that not even in the less decorous middle ages was St. Luke's Day the only one of the year which was made unpleasant for canine intruders in the churches. As early as the middle of the 16th century the dog whipper was a recognised official, while as late as 1868 or 1870 the church of Youlgrave, in Derbyshire, possessed its dog whippers' pew. In the churchwardens' accounts for the parish of Worksop appears an entry that the sum of ninepence was "paid to old Verde for whipping dogs," while in 1616 "for whipping dogges out of ye church for whole year" 12d. was paid, and at Reading and Louth still earlier entries are to be found. In the parish of Trysull, Staffordshire, John Rudge gave by his will, dated so late as April 17th, 1725, five shillings a quarter to pay a poor man to go about the parish church of Trysull during the sermon to keep people awake and to keep dogs out of church. In the neighbouring county of Shropshire, however, Mr. John Rudge had been anticipated, as at Cloverley Richard Dovey, of Farmcote, granted in August, 1659, certain premises to John Sanders on certain conditions, one being that he would pay yearly the sum of 8s. to a poor man of that parish who would undertake to awaken sleepers and to whip out dogs from the church of Cloverley during divine service.

Here and there lands have been devised for the endowment of the dog-whipper's office, one instance being near Chislet in Kent. If not at the present time, it was at all events the custom until comparatively recently for the tenants of a certain place called Dog-Whipper's Marsh to pay 5s. a year to a person for keeping order in church, while from time immemorial there had been an acre of land in the parish of Peterchurch, Herefordshire, which had been appropriated to the use of a person for keeping dogs out of church, the person being appointed by the minister and churchwardens.

York Minister had its official, but Canterbury Cathedral had not, in 1644; or, if there was one, he must have performed his office with negligence, as Richard Culmer, "Minister of God's Word, dwelling in Canterbury," relates, in his "Cathedrall Newes from Canterbury," that "one of the great canons or prebends," while genuflecting devoutly on his passage to the altar, was "resoluted" by a big mastiff, which leaped upon him again and again, until he was forced to cry out: "Take away the dog!—take away the dog!" There would also appear to have been a sort of qualified dog-whipper attached to St. Paul's Cathedral, but it would seem that he was merely required to turn all dogs out of the cathedral on Saturday night, in readiness for the Sunday services.

The custom of taking dogs to church is a very old one: some of the Dutch artists in representing the interior of a church invariably introduced a dog, while in Landseer's picture "The Free Church" dogs are in evidence. In Peterborough Cathedral there is or was a life-size likeness of Scarlett, who was sexton, and in his waistbelt is thrust bis dog whip, while in a church near Bakewell a dog whip is preserved.

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Notices.

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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Audley, to-day, Saturday, November 4.
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths. The 262nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 11th, at 6 30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each), may be bought of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Cockerill, E. A. Davies, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, Hughes, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Rowbotham, Sharman, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, and Winney. The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open to members and friends at 4 o'clock. As there will be no ringing at St. Paul's cathedral on November 14th, it has been decided to commence the business meeting that evening at 9 o'clock. The chief item on the Agenda will be the election of officers and it is hoped that all members who can possibly do so, will attend. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

The Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting at St Peter's Woolton, on Saturday, November 11th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.
G. WOODHALL, *Branch Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tetbury, on Saturday, the 11th of November. There will be short evensong in the parish church at 5 p.m., which it is hoped all will endeavour to attend. The bells (8) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Meeting for the election of members, etc., after the service. REV. CHARLES GOTT,
Latton Vicarage, Cricklade. *Hon Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The peal board recording the muffled peal of Cinques to the memory of the late Henry Bastable will be unveiled by the Rector of St. Martin's, the Rev. Canon A. J. Robinson, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 25th. The tower will be open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Members and subscribers are invited. The Rector will afterwards entertain the members of the Guild at tea in the Dean Street School Rooms at 5 p.m. Tickets for the tea (free) must be applied for before the 18th inst., to
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THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO BRISTOL ON NOVEMBER 15TH, 1899.

If any ringers who contemplate paying Bristol a visit on the above date, and would like to take part in any ringing—peals or otherwise—will kindly communicate with Mr. F. G. May, St. George's, Bristol, he will give them a hearty welcome and arrange for ringing, etc. Nearly all the towers in the City are open, including St. Mary Redcliffe. St. Nicholas and St. Stephen's, and a number of eight-bell towers.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The present address of Mr. T. J. Salter is 73, Baxter Street, Kidderminster.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. J. HENRY, AT WELLINGBOROUGH.

Amid many signs of regret and sympathy, the mortal remains of the late Mr. W. J. Henry, solictor, were placed in their last resting-place in the Wellingborough Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, a large company witnessing the ceremony. The tradesmen of the town drew their blinds as the funeral cortege proceeded from the deceased's residence to All Saints. The mournful cortege was met at the church gates by the Rev. A. S. Altham, Vicar of All Saints, the Rev. R. W. Wynter, Vicar of St. Luke's, and the Rev. F. L. Ewens, curate of All Saints. At the conclusion of the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Altham, the hymn, "Abide with me," was sung. The cemetery having been reached, the concluding portion of the funeral service was read by the Rev. R. W. Wynter. The coffin, which was of polished oak, with massive brass fittings, was inscribed on the breast plate: "William James Henry, died October 3rd, 1899, aged 67 years."

At All Saints church on Sunday morning, the Rev. A. S. Altham referred to the loss the Church had sustained by the death of Mr Henry. He said Mr. Henry helped to lay the foundation stone of All Saints' church, and the rev. gentleman spoke of his courtesy to everyone and the humility with which he would tender his advice. Deceased was a christian man and kind friend, and steadfastness and immovability were special features of his character.

In the evening, at the parish church, the Rev. R. Wynter alluded to the sad event, and held Mr. Henry up as one of the bright examples which contributed so much to the great honour and pious dignity of their list of Churchmen. The rev. gentlemen spoke of him with a sense of the deepest reverence and highest respect. He was a man who recognised his duty as a citizen, and one who feared God and did his duty. They should all cherish his memory. The rev. gentleman also expressed great sympathy with the widow. The Dead March was played at both churches.

Mr. Henry was a much-valued honorary member of the Central Northamptonshire Association, having joined it at its formation in 1883. When Wellingborough parish church bells were increased to eight in the year 1884 Mr. and Mrs. Henry most kindly came forward and paid for the recasting of the 5th bell. Mr. Henry was always a liberal contributor to belfry improvements. Each day from his death until the funeral the fifth bell was rung for one o'clock, and Curfew instead of the bells generally used. On Sunday, October 8th, the parish church bells were rung half-muffled for each of the services, a fitting tribute of respect to the memory of a staunch churchman and an ex-churchwarden.

SUNDERLAND PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

A circular has been issued "To the past and present inhabitants of Sunderland, especially to those associated with the parish church, whose fore-elders have been baptised and married there; whose kith and kin have lived near it and worshipped in it; whose surnames are found on the tombstones in the churchyard; whose families have been honourably connected with the history, trade, and commerce of the port; and have held office in the Church." This is for help in preserving and restoring the beautiful peal of bells that hang in the parish church tower. An excellent example has been set by the eight ringers themselves. Although they are all working men, they have volunteered to give a whole year's ringing-pay—twenty-four pounds in all—towards the fund. This generous act of self-denial is the most conclusive proof of the need of the proposed work, as well as a clear indication of the men's enthusiasm and affection for their belfry. And it cannot be doubted that this large contribution of three pounds apiece (on the average) from eight working men will stimulate others to give, and be the means of evoking still larger donations from such as are able to afford them. Contributions or promises will be gratefully received from any of our readers. They may be sent to Ralph B. Annison, 11, Park Terrace, Sunderland, Chairman of the belfry fund committee.

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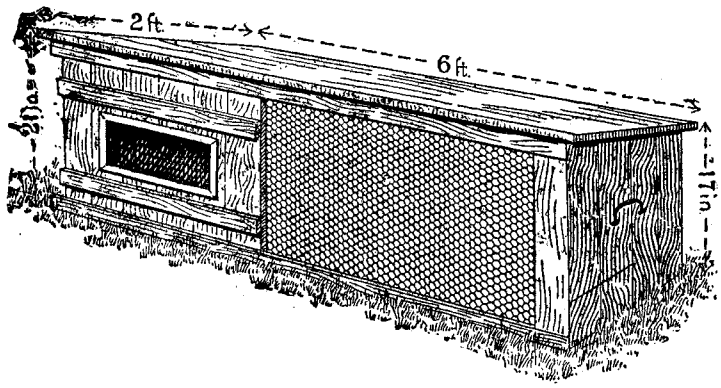

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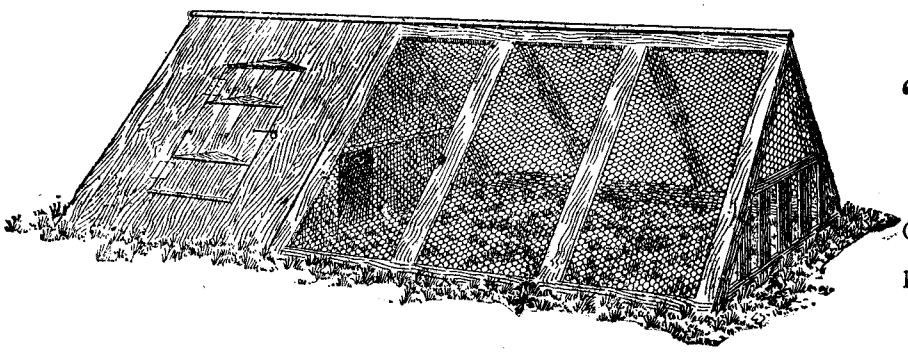

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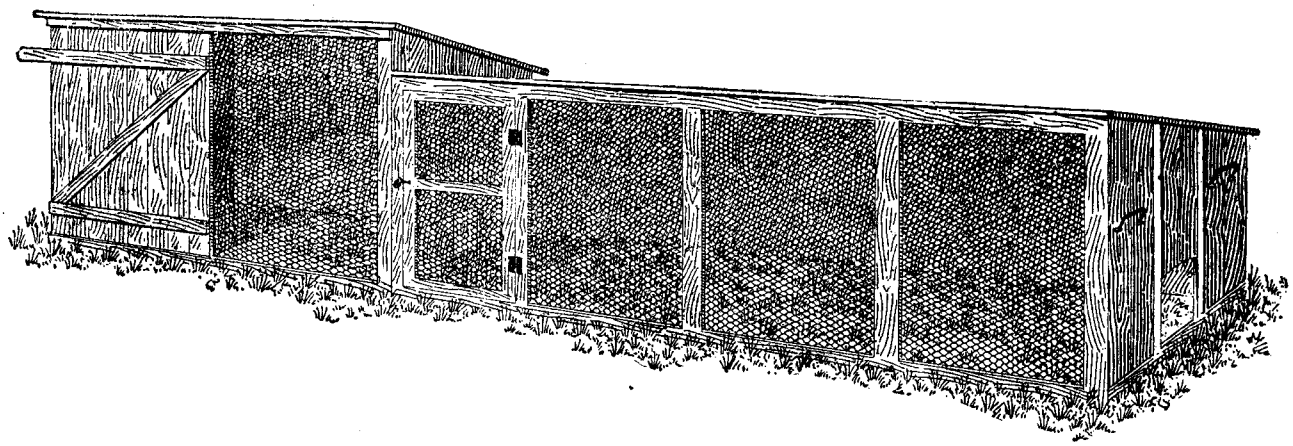

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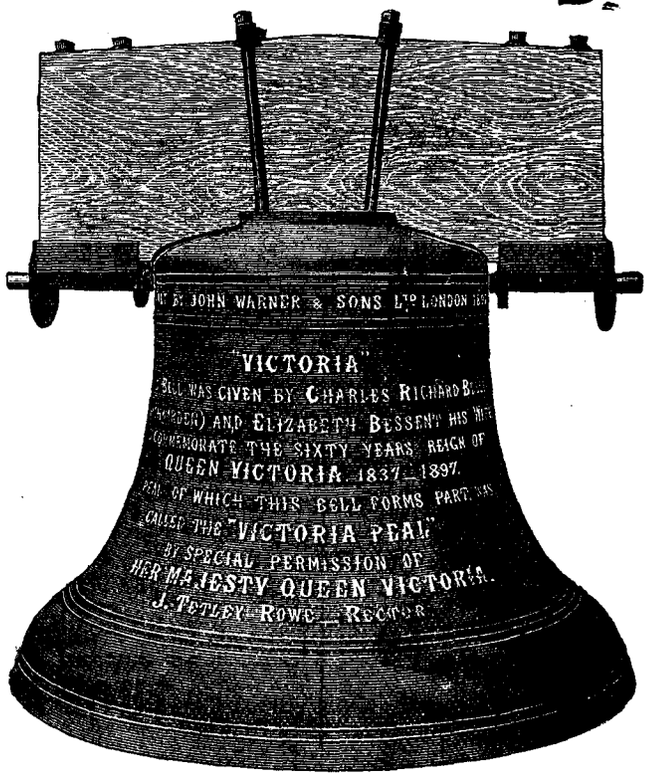

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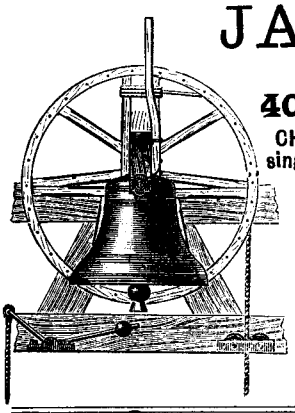

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