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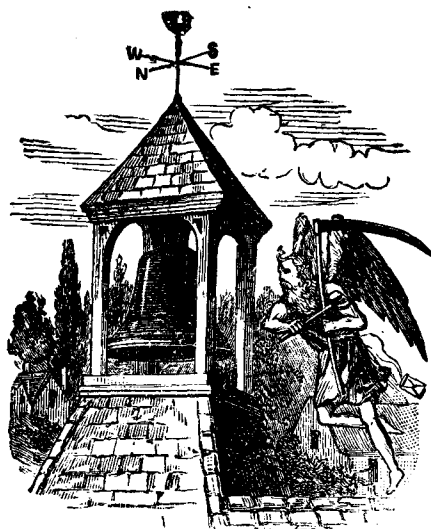
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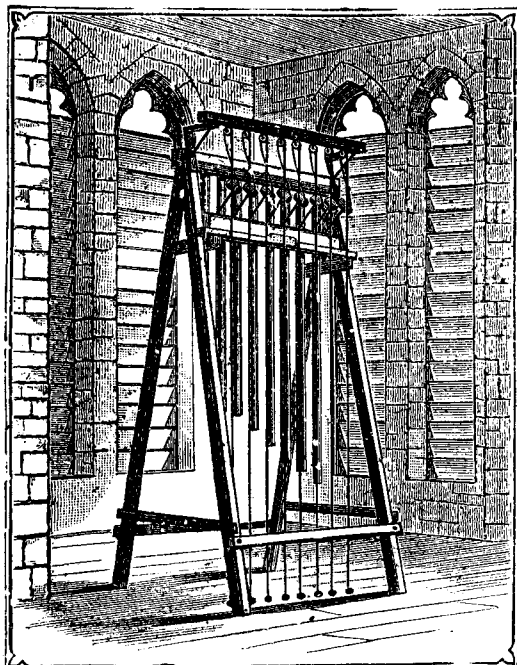
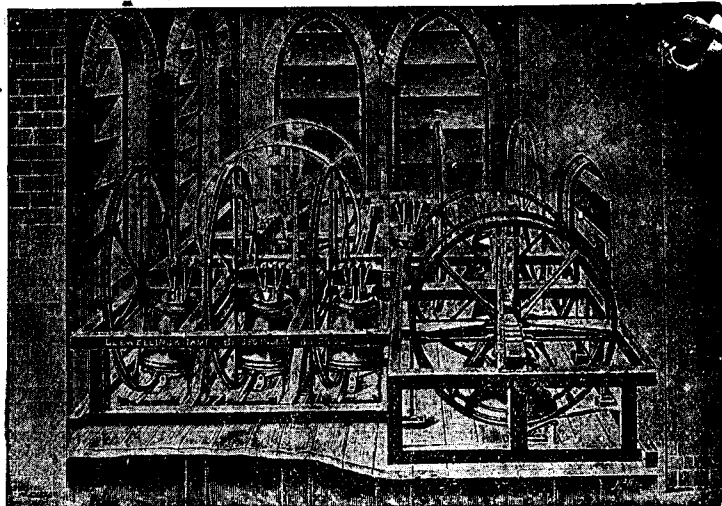
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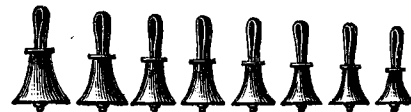
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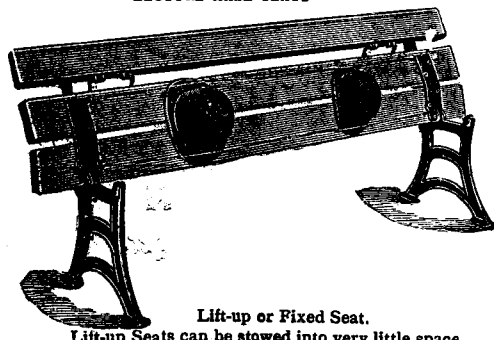
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THE KING'S NORTON (WORCESTERSHIRE) GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild for the election of officers and other business was held at the Old School room, King's Norton, on Wednesday, the 10th of January, the retiring Master, Mr. W. S. Pritchett, in the chair.

There were also present the Rev. C. W. Barnard, M.A., (Vicar of King's Norton), the Rev. E. C. Lane (assistant-curate), Mr. H. Bloomer (churchwarden), Dr. Wareing, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., Theodore Pritchett, William Short, W. H. Sumner, W. H. Barber, A. E. Pegler, W. Palmer, J. Betterton, J. Withers, and other members.

On the motion of the Vicar, Mr. W. S. Pritchett was re-elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing year, and Messrs. W. H. Sumner and Theodore Pritchett were respectfully re-elected senior and junior wardens.

The company afterwards adjourned to The Bull's Head inn, where they sat down to a substantial supper.

The toast of "The Queen" having been given by the Master, the Vicar proposed "Success to the King's Norton Guild," coupling with it the name of Mr. W. S. Pritchett. In the course of his remarks, the Vicar congratulated the Guild on the success they had already achieved in the science of change-ringing, and expressed the great satisfaction it afforded him to be present on the occasion, and the pride he, as Vicar of the parish, always took in the excellent ringing rendered by the Guild, both on Sunday mornings and on all important occasions.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and the Master, in reply, thanked those present for their cordial good wishes. He reminded them that while there were eight degrees in the ladder of change-ringing, the King's Norton Guild had during the six years of its existence surmounted seven of them. The Guild had now recorded twenty-three peals, including two Surprise peals, both of which were rung in the past year, viz.: Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. The blue ribbon of ringing circles, viz.: London Surprise, has yet to be achieved, but he was satisfied that if the Guild pulled together in the future as they had done in the past, they would arrive at the metropolis in a short space of time.

The toast of "The Vicar and assistant-clergy" was given by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, and responded to by Mr. Barnard and Mr. Lane, the rest of the evening being devoted to a touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells and tune-ringing.

The company was reinforced at supper by the Revs. Roland Haseler and W. H. Pattinson, and Messrs. G. D. Welding and John Carter; a hearty welcome being given to the latter, who unexpectedly arrived. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE LORD BISHOP OF ROCHESTER AT BEDDINGTON.

On Monday, January 8th, the Lord Bishop of Rochester visited Beddington for the purpose of consecrating the new cemetery, which has been acquired by the local

authority for Beddington and Wallington. The local ringers at St. Mary's rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1008 changes, with which the Bishop was apparently much pleased, as on leaving the vestry of the church his lordship left a letter for the ringers in which he conveyed his thanks to them for their welcome to him, and expressed his regret that he was unable to mount the steps for the purpose of giving himself an opportunity to thank them personally.

His lordship is President of the Surrey Association, of which the Beddington ringers are members.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the Sonning Deanery branch of this Guild took place at Wokingham on Saturday, January 13th. Between forty and fifty members assembled at St. Paul's church at 5.30 p.m., where a short service was held, the Rev. H. Barter, Vicar of Sonning, giving a stirring practical address on the words of St. Paul from 1 Cor. xii. 15.

An adjournment was then made to St. Paul's parish room, where seventy ringers, with eight clergy, among whom was the Master of the Guild, sat down to tea.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis took the chair at the business meeting, when the Secretary, having read the minutes of the last general meeting, presented his report and statement of account, the latter showing a favourable balance of £9 15s. 4d.

The Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson) congratulated the members upon their numbers, the state of their finances, and the successful completion of two peals, rung by members of the branch at Sandhurst, the first which had been rung by them for some years past. He also welcomed the advent of the Rev. H. Barter to Sonning, hoping that he would be able to give a fresh stimulus to the ringers in the deanery.

The Chairman also added a few words of congratulation, and spoke hopefully of the condition of the parent society, stating that two new branches had joined it during the year, and eighty peals had been successfully accomplished.

The officers for the year were then elected, and the meeting terminated with the usual votes of thanks.

WALKDEN, MANCHESTER.

The Bridgwater trustees are about to have a large clock erected over their offices at Walkden, near Manchester. It will have four 7-feet dials, which will be illuminated by electricity and strike the hours. The clock will be generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe, and is being made by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. The same firm made a similar clock for the Linotype Company a short time since.

EARLS COLNE (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, for practice at St Andrew's church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Newman, 1; D. C. Claydon, 2; J. Fluety, 3; W. Rogers, 4; W. Scillitoe, 5; E. Ridgwell, (conductor), 6.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Twenty peals recorded last week—just ten less than the week previous. A goodly list, not exhausting one in its perusal, and showing that the Art is in progress. My commentary on the peal of Cinques at Bristol has evoked a rejoinder, which I here give:—

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.—Dear Sir,—With regard to "Plain Speaker's" questions in this week's "BELL NEWS" to the ringers of the peal of Stedman Cinques at the above church, I, as one of the band beg to answer "No" to each and all of them; the reason of my answer being so, is because the tenor of the peal is in good going order, and no one who has rung her can say otherwise. The reason the peal was not a single-handed one must, I think, be set down to the recent illhealth of the steeple-keeper (Mr. P. W. H. Came, not "Carne," as printed in the record) who recently had an attack of influenza, and also underwent an operation about a month previous to the peal being rung. Mr. Came rung the tenor single-handed to within twelve courses of the end, when Mr. F. Gooding took the rope and rung her to the finish, the former meanwhile leaving the tower to return when the peal was round, bearing refreshments in the shape of a cake and decanter of water, which was much appreciated by all. I may say that Mr. Came did not appear in the least fatigued, and said he could have rung her to the finish, but in view of his recent illness thought it advisable not to do so.—Yours truly,

WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Now I fully agree that it shows a deal of pluck on the part of Mr. Came to tackle Redcliffe tenor under the circumstances above related. All the four honours I grant him. But the fact remains that the peal was rung with two men at the tenor; and this would not unreasonably lead to the supposition—on reading the record—that the tenor did not go well enough for one pair of hands through a peal. My correspondent's explanation is of course satisfactory so far. But with all respect to the Bristol gentlemen, and any who may be concerned, I say that it is not often that a ringer is allowed by his companions to undertake such a job as this only one month after undergoing "an operation," and I know many who would have wished to postpone the attempt till a longer period had elapsed. In fact ringers generally would have demurred to the company of one who was in delicate health for such a job. It is pleasing to read that the company enjoyed the cake and decanter of water after the performance.

I have a letter from another Bristol correspondent upon the same subject, who signs himself "J. B." He does not take the trouble to send his name or address. This is most uncourteous, and it would serve him right to entirely disregard his communication. However here it is:—

In reference to the peal of Stedman Cinques, 5007 changes, rung on Sunday, December 31st, 1899, at St. Mary Redcliffe, there was stated in your issue of January 6th, 1900, "No doubt there have been difficulties in the way." I cannot see where the difficulties are, as the band can practice at least once a month, also the whole of the bells were re-hung about ten years ago by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough. Three years after the re-hanging a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, was rung in three hours and thirty-nine minutes; the tenor was rung single-handed by Francis Price, of 42, Harford Street, Cathay, Bristol, his weight being 8 st. 8 lbs., weight of tenor bell 50 cwt. He states no bell could possibly go better. The weight of the man who gave out on New Year's morning ringing singlehanded would be about from 12 to 13 st. The above Francis Price is quite willing to ring the tenor again single-handed, Trebles or Cinques, if allowed to do so.

No more need be said on this subject; though this letter is a capital advertisement for the "above Francis Price."

Yet another correspondent: this time Mr. Gale of Melton Mowbray:—

May I thank P. S. for kindly criticising the report on the opening of the Melton Mowbray peal board. Being somewhat responsible for the wording of the board, I at once knew my mistake when reading his remarks. Mr. Willson does spell his name with two l's, and it will no doubt be comforting to "his reverence" to know that the name is correctly spelt on the board, but owing to an oversight of mine, that gentleman to whom he refers has not been allotted his proper apportionate of l's in the report. It is explained, in a few words; instead of writing the report myself I sent a cutting out of one of the local papers, which are so murderous on ringing matters. Now Mr. Plain Speaker (this is the first time I have had the pleasure of addressing you, as my experience in these matters is still very young) I hope that my explanation will be satisfactory, and I will promise to be more precise in the future, and about the l's you joke about, I trust that neither yourself, nor my friend Mr. Willson, nor myself, nor any members of the Exercise will ever be fixed to realise that one "l" is sufficient for any man. Wishing you a happy new year, I am, yours sincerely,

E. J. GALE.

I can't get over the feeling that my friend Gale has dealt with this subject in an irreverent manner.

The allusions I made last week to "that particular peal" has brought the following note to the Editor: "You might inform Plain Speaker that the cat is out of the bag as regards the peal in question, in the region of Birmingham having been talked about this three months." I hope one or more of those concerned will make some sign before I pen next week's comments, else—

Respecting this question I have since writing the last paragraph had one or two strong hints that my recent allusions refer to something different to what is intended. Therefore, though these "strong hints" are from persons whose standing in the Exercise is not of very great value I think it necessary to clear up any doubt. The following sentence, which I have placed between inverted commas, is part of the actual information received. "The first peal of Treble Ten in Ireland has yet to be rung." Now it is for those concerned to prove that this quotation is not in accordance with fact.

The war in South Africa at the time I am writing seems to be rather quiet. Before these lines are read some battle may have been fought, resulting in awful loss of life. The letters from some of the soldiers are amusing, and show that our poor fellows are, Tapley-like, jolly under all circumstances, adverse or otherwise. I suppose some of you have read the military novels of Charles Lever. If not get that one called "Charles O'Malley" without delay. It is nothing but continuous rollicking fun throughout, with of course the inevitable love episodes. Charles O'Malley's manservant is as good as Sam Weller in point of originality. The author was not a bad poet, and puts curious rhymes into the mouths of some of his characters. Thus:—

We talked of pipe-clay, regulation caps,
Long twenty-fours, short culverins and mortars,
Condemned the Horse Guards for a set of raps,
And cursed our fate at being in such quarters.
Some smoked, some slept, and some were heard to snore,
Some wished themselves five fathoms 'neath the Solway,
And some there prayed—who never prayed before—
That they might get the route for Cork or Galway,

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS COLLINS.

The following interesting notice of the late Mr. Collins, of Tewkesbury, the celebrated church builder and restorer, appears in this week's *Guardian* :—

On Saturday, the Feast of the Epiphany, the ancient borough of Tewkesbury was the scene of a very remarkable funeral. Every house and shop bore the sign of mourning; the abbey bell was tolling; the vast abbey itself was full to overflowing; and when the procession was finally formed and moving on its way to the cemetery it was little short of a quarter of a mile long. A very marked personality had been removed by death. Thomas Collins, the builder, the restorer of the abbey, a Wesleyan, and a man who in his youth had been a working mason; always simple, humble, homely in manner, but rich in a great brain, a warm heart, and a large and generous mind. He made his way by sheer force of intelligence and moral goodness; and though he prepared to show, by his manner and dress, that he remained in the station in which he had been brought up, yet he was possessed of wide information, and a correct taste, and earnest love of beauty, which raised his life to a level of much refinement.

Born in 1818, he worked as a young man at the mason's trade, and was oftentimes employed in building churches near Tewkesbury, including that of St. Nicholas, Kemerton, re-built by Archdeacon Thorpe in the years 1847-51, under the architect, Richard Carpenter. The first order that brought him into public note was one from the authorities of the Crystal Palace to furnish castings of the beautiful tomb ascribed to Abbot Wakeman (though undoubtedly prior to Wakeman's time), which stands in front of St. Edmund's Chapel, at the east end of Tewkesbury Abbey. This being successfully done, he received an order for castings of some of the most admired figures and bosses in the ceiling of the abbey. This was in 1853, and thenceforth his business grew apace. The chief of his works was the restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey, begun in conjunction with Canon Davies, vicar, and carried on under Canon Robeson, now Archdeacon of Bristol, who returned to Tewkesbury to assist in the funeral of his old friend and colleague. The work was nearly carried to completion under the late vicar, the Rev. H. A. Sheringham. To quote from the *Tewkesbury Register* :—

"Thomas Collins loved the abbey church, grieved to see it so fast going to decay, and anxiously desired to do his share in preserving and re-beautifying the fabric, and so handing it down to those who have to follow as a heritage worthy of their continued and anxious care. Happily, he has been spared long enough to see his fond desire nearly met. The greatness of heart by which he assisted towards the work can only be known to those who laboured with him."

Many parts of this important work were freely done by him as specific gifts, and so were various tasks of restoration of the beautiful old houses with which Tewkesbury abounds. His own house, exquisitely restored, is one of the best specimens of black-and-white half-timbered work. Scarcely a church or a mansion in the neighbourhood but Thomas Collins was called on to restore or build it.

The keynote of his life was absolute honesty. Nothing hurt him so much as any failure in this respect in matters with which he was connected :—

"His word was his bond. On one occasion, when he had simply stated in a conversation the sum he proposed to charge for repairing a school, the present writer was commissioned by the clergyman, then abroad, to ask Mr.

Collins to put the estimate in writing. 'Certainly, if you wish it,' he replied, 'but it is quite unnecessary: I told Mr. ——— I would do it for so much, and of course my charge would not exceed that sum, even if it would cost me more.'"

Though a conscientious Methodist to the end, Thomas Collins loved the Church, and on several occasions came forward with large advances of money to save some cherished piece of ancient architecture. He received such honours as his fellow townsmen could give him with gratitude and a sense of deep responsibility; as a Justice of the Peace and five times Mayor of Tewkesbury, he fulfilled his duties well; and he has left behind him the name of a man absolutely upright, beloved and honoured by all who knew him.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE DISTRICT.)

The first of the monthly meetings of this district was held at Stinchcombe. Wotton-under-Edge, Dursley, Nibley, Stinchcombe, and Frocester towers were represented. A capital practice was the result. Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, and Kent Treble Bob Minor were all attempted.

The visitors and locals were afterwards entertained to a capital tea by the Vicar, Rev. R. C. Lynch Blossie, who was most enthusiastic in his efforts to promote the success of the meeting.

A very cordial vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his great kindness in so thoughtfully preparing such a substantial welcome.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, January 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band, being conducted by J. Brettell, who has volunteered for active service in South Africa. Mr. Brettell is a member of the local company of Volunteers (F company 1st Volunteer Battalion Worcestershire Regiment) and started on the following morning with three other members of the company to join the Worcestershire Company of Volunteers for active service in South Africa. Time 48 mins., tenor 28 cwt. A. Cockin, 1; W. Colly, 2; J. Brettell, 3; H. Lea, 4; H. Williams, 5; G. Cockin, 6; W. Motteram, 7; N. Hackett, 8.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, January 11th, the members of the local company held their annual dinner at The Norfolk Arms, where a good company, including the Rev. A. Pridgeon, Vicar (in the chair), Mr. Cherryman, Mr. Jocelyn, and Mr. Tucker, sat down to a capital spread, provided by Hostess Bateman. After dinner the usual toast list having been gone through, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony; those contributing songs were Messrs. Tucker, Jocelyn, Cherryman, T. Searle, J. Matthews, A. Woolgar, A. Searle, G. Searle, A. Allfrey, E. Turrell, G. Gatland, C. Smart, and J. Smart, and at 11 p.m. the singing of "Auld lang syne," and the National Anthem, brought to a close one of the pleasantest evenings possible.

A BRIEF CONSIDERATION OF A FEW POINTS CONNECTED WITH THE HISTORY OF RINGING.

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Continued from page 400.)

In my notice last week of the College Youths I said they rang no peal from 1829 to 1836. It has since occurred to me that I may as well explain this statement, because anyone who looks at Mr. Banister's or any other list of College Youths' peals will find some recorded within this period. The explanation is that after the members of the Junior Society had got merged in the older one, as I related, the peal-book of the latter was stolen, and when recovered was in a mutilated state. Accordingly the peals were re-written (the earlier of them by Osborn), and the peals rung by the Junior Society, established in 1820, were inserted among the rest.

At this point I turn to an examination of a manuscript in the Guildhall Library, London, reference number 254; entitled "Remarks on a Rambling Club of Ringers and their performances, giving an account of all their meetings from first to last." It is written by William Laughton who was elected to the College Youths in 1724, and was Steward of that Society in 1731. He rang in the second recorded peal by the Society and in all subsequent ones (except six) down to the 17th May 1735, one of which he called. He was therefore evidently a first-rate ringer. In Annable's Note Book in the British Museum, to which Mr. J. W. Snowdon refers in his book on Grandsire, is some pricking headed "Laughton's Pleasure." His name is in one place at least in the College Youths' records spelled "Lawton," which gives us the correct pronunciation. Mr. Ellacombe refers to this manuscript, but gives a wrong date to it, and does not tell us about its contents. It does not add to our scientific knowledge, but a perusal of it furnishes some interesting pictures of the social habits of some ringers of the time, belonging to the College Youths, Eastern Scholars, and Union Scholars. I find this from finding members' names in the lists or peal records of these Societies, but I cannot find Societies for all the members of the Club. Some may very likely have been London Scholars, of which Society no records have survived. At all events the Club consisted of members of various London Ringing Societies of the day. It was established "to ring at all peals of 3, 4, 5 and 6 bells within the City of London and bills of mortality which we should find ringable, and to ring at a different place every time of meeting, if we should think proper; likewise to ring a peal sometimes upon eight bells, or take a walk into the country and divert ourselves with a peal if our fancies should lead that way."

Laughton wrote both in prose and verse. As to the latter it cannot be said that either in rhyme or scansion he has much claim to be considered a poet. However, as the Library Committee of the Corporation kindly gave me leave to copy as much of the manuscript as I wished, I shall let Laughton speak for himself, adding such comments as may occur to me. Laughton lived in Leather Lane, Holborn, where there still remain houses which he must have seen, and in one of which he may perhaps have dwelt. In the following extracts I have not thought it necessary to adhere to Laughton's spelling.

He writes twenty-eight lines on Ringing in General, commencing—

"As ringing is a branch of Music,
Let none despise those men that use it."

Then he deals with fault finders, and proceeds—

"But let such poor unthinking Souls
Carouse themselves o'er flowing bowls,
Which will surely pay them home at length,
Whilst ringers retain their health and strength."

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Though I cannot say, but now and then
Ringers tippie as much as other men,
But their exercise throws off those dregs
Which would bring others off their legs,

That use no exercise at all,
But sit in a house and drink and call,
As many thousands there are in town."

After some more prefatory matter he gives us in verse an introduction to his accounts of the doings of the Club, from which it appears that it was a social as well as a ringing institution.

"Each night we'd mirth as well as ringing,
Tales told by some, by others singing,
And noble living, by the by."

One object of the Club was to cultivate pleasant relations among its members.

"We had no swearing nor no grining
At any time when we were ringing,
For there's nothing that can be more rude
Or on good nature more intrude,
For whoever rings as well as he can
Ought ne'er to be blamed by any man."

He then proceeds to tell us about what was done at the meetings of the Club, and each meeting he records both in verse and prose. The first meeting took place on Thursday, the 29th, November, 1733 at St. Benet Fink, a church now pulled down, which formerly stood behind the Royal Exchange, where the statue of George Peabody now sits. Here they rang 720 of Bob Minor. They then went to Will Coster's, The Bell tavern in Angel Alley, Little Moorfields, a site now included in that of the Moorgate Station of the Metropolitan Railway. Will Coster was a member of the Club, and a somewhat distinguished one. He joined the Union Scholars in 1714, and was Steward in 1716 and Master the following year, and with that Society he rang the tenor at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East in the first recorded peal of Treble Bob Major on the 27th of December, 1718. In 1731 he joined the College Youths, with whom he also rang some peals, and was one of the three who rang the tenor at St. Michael's, Cornhill, in the same year in a peal of 7018 Grandsire Cinques. At Coster's, Laughton stood a supper of whiteings.

On the 10th January, 1733-4, they rang at St. Peter's, Broad Street, "two Grandsires and one old Doubles." The church has been rebuilt since then: the former tower having apparently five bells. They afterwards went to Coster's, where he gave them a sea pie for supper.

"And some of us ne'er thought of parting
Till three in the morning, that's for certain,
But we were busy ringing of bells
Which caused us to forget ourselves.
Peals of Triples and College Double,
Oxford and Court gave us no trouble,
And add to these Cambridge Surprise."

Laughton explains in a note that the bells here mentioned are handbells, and this is the earliest notice I have yet found of change-ringing on handbells, except the touches by the College Youths in the previous year at Calais, and on the passage.

On February 14th, 1733-4, they rang some six-scores at Shoreditch. The old Church was then much dilapidated and inadequate, and was soon after rebuilt as we now see it. Before ringing they looked round the Church.

"But first of all we view'd the Church,
'Tis old and ruined very much,
Tho' when 'twas built does not appear,
But we guess about five hundred years.
There is an ancient tomb stands in it
Which is worth their seeing that ne'er has seen it.
'Tis Allyblaster much defac'd,
And the Lord knows who lies in the case,
For some sacrilegious son of a —
Has stole the brass of that and several more."

From Weever and other sources we are able to identify this sacrilegious person. He was Meredith Hanmer, Vicar of the parish in the latter part of the 16th century. He is stated to have converted the brass from several ancient monuments into coin

for his own use. We are also told that he was esteemed an exact disputant, a good preacher, Grecian, and excellent for ecclesiastical and civil histories, while the then Recorder of London, who had had Hammer before him as a witness in a trial, said he was a man who did not regard an oath. Thief, Coiner, Scholar, Preacher, Perjurer! a strange combination of qualities for a Parish Priest.

On the following Sunday they met at St. Mary's, Newington, and rang some Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

"At Newington Butts we met on a Sunday,
But what signifies when so long as 'twas one day,
We were not tied to any particular day,
But might ring when we pleased if it fell in our way."

These lines and those on some other occasions show us examples of Sunday ringing of the nature I have already described.

(To be continued.)

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."

*** We have taken the liberty of inserting this letter again, as the matter it deals with is of great importance.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—The Committee appointed to ascertain the present condition of peals of eight and upwards throughout the country have sent out forty-six circulars to Secretaries of Associations with forms to be filled in with the name and address of the representative ringer of each tower in their respective districts. Although these have been out some six months, eight are yet unreturned. Of circulars to representative ringers, according to the addresses given by the Secretaries, 651 have been sent out, of which 214, after the lapse of three months, are still unreturned. Very many of the addresses given by the Secretaries were so far insufficient that the circulars to representative ringers have been returned in considerable numbers. May I appeal both to the Secretaries of Associations and to the representative ringers who have received circulars, to forward to me at the earliest opportunity, if they have not already done so, these forms duly and carefully filled in. A work which may make for the welfare of the Exercise in no small degree deserves at least the contribution of a few hours' labour from each of those who have been placed in a position of responsibility as regards Church Bells. A publication which is incomplete can serve no useful purpose, and the Committee will not advocate it unless they can make it thorough. A. P. HEYWOOD.

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Grandsire Caters	...	...	...	...	5	—
Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	8	5
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	...	8	—
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	...	6	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	3	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	2	—
Forward Royal	...	...	...	...	2	—
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	6	3
Double Norwich C. B. Major	...	...	...	...	5	1
Superlative Surprise Major...	...	...	...	...	1	—
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Obituary.

BENJAMIN DAWSON.

We regret to record the death, which took place on the 12th of December last, at the age of thirty-three, of Mr. B. Dawson. The deceased had been connected with the parish church, Kendal, for about twenty-four years, first as choir-boy, and then as a member of the auxiliary choir and belfry as well, his connection with the latter up to the time of his death being of some sixteen years' duration. Mr. Dawson, who was a safe ringer and conductor, went from Kendal to Liverpool about four years ago, and almost immediately associated himself with the ringers at St. John the Baptist, Tue Brook, where he ultimately became a regular ringer. He was, however, compelled through ill-health to return to Kendal a few weeks before his decease, which was deeply regretted by his ringing friends at both places, as also by many of his fellow-townsmen, by whom he was greatly respected. The Kendal bells were rung full muffled during the interment on Sunday afternoon, 17th December, and half muffled after service in the evening. The Tue Brook bells were also rung muffled during the day, and the ringers sent a beautiful wreath. Deceased leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss. B. W.

SAMUEL JAMES.

It is with regret that we have this week to record the death of Mr. Samuel James of Romford. The deceased, who was a native of Suffolk, came early in life to Romford, where he learnt the trade of a blacksmith and farrier with his uncle, the late Mr. Elijah Underwood. His uncle was one of the old school of ringers at St. Edward's, and it was not long before the nephew also found his way to the belfry, his connection therewith at the time of his death extending over thirty years. When the science was introduced into the Romford tower, Mr. James first attempted the tenor, ringing the same to a birthday peal for Bros. Keeble on Easter Monday, 1888. He afterwards took to the treble, and became a capital striker, one that any conductor could rely upon in any peal in which there was a plain hunt. He was generally at his post when wanted and was in the belfry on New Year's Day. He was attacked with bronchitis the day following, and early on Sunday, January 7th, passed "to that bourne from whence no traveller returns." In or out of the tower he was an honest and genial companion, one whose friendship was worthy of acceptance, and did not hesitate to set the example to the younger members of the company after ringing for the early Eucharist on Christmas or Easter Sunday morning of turning his footsteps into the church, and there taking part in a service to which he had assisted to call others. Upon his uncle's death he managed the business for the widow, upon whose death, the business having to be sold, Mr. James commenced on his own account. Thirty years at his uncle's forge had made him well known as a thorough competent workman, and consequently he found many supporters, who, as the time went on, gradually increased. He was laid to rest amidst many tokens of sympathy and respect on Thursday. Having been a prominent worker in the Odd Fellows M. U., a number of members attended, and the beautiful service of the Order was read, at the grave side by the Rev. F. B. Feist, curate at St. Edwards, a provincial member of the Order. The ringers attended, and after the funeral rang the whole full muffled peal. K.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, December 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Lett, 1; F. Hopper, 2; T. Wright, 3; J. Lovell, 4; W. Freeman (conductor), 5; H. Lett, 6. Also 360 College Single. J. Lett, 1; F. Hopper, 2; H. Lett, 3; W. Mynard, 4; J. Lovell, 5; W. Freeman (conductor), 6. On Christmas Day, 720 Bob Minor. J. Robinson, 1; J. Lett, 2; W. Freeman (conductor), 3; W. Mynard, 4; T. Sharpe, 5; H. Lett, 6.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1900.

THE ringers of Kendal have raised the ire of one of the local papers by ringing a muffled peal as a tribute of respect to the memory of one of their deceased brethren. The observations published in the journal referred to are evidently the work of a writer whose field of operations is that of the "Notes and Comments" order. Great license is generally allowed these gentlemen—our own journal is a case in point—and generally no responsibility for what they write is ever brought home to them unless they indulge too freely. They are the free lances of journalism, prepared to furnish "copy" upon any conceivable subject under the sun, whether great or small.

One of these gentlemen has, as stated above, fell foul of the ringers of Kendal parish church for taking what he calls "a long spell of muffled ringing." In the usual style of his order he asserts that "many grave and ex-

travagant conjectures were started to account for the ringing—that a disaster had happened to our troops in Africa; that the Queen was dead; that the Bishop of the diocese had passed away suddenly; and so forth." The writer spoils the effect of these phrases by adding that "the doleful demonstration was *only* in honour of a bell-ringer." And then follows a ridiculous tirade which shows his complete ignorance. This is usual, as we know. We advise the local *flaneur* of the paper in question to adhere to subjects which he understands. No doubt Kendal is rich in local topics: electric light, baths, and sewage problems are quite sufficient to keep him going without troubling himself with subjects he does not understand.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Honorary Secretary of the Central Council begs to remind Association officials that the election of Representatives should be made before the next meeting of the Council, which will take place in London on Whit-Tuesday, June 5th. According to the Rules and constitution of the Council, Representatives are to hold office for *three* years after election, or until the termination of the current triennial period. *Annual* elections, or re-elections, are therefore unnecessary, except in the case of a vacancy occurring in the representation. Tuesday, the 8th of May, will be the last day on which notices of motion can be received.

Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1900 became due on the first of January, and should be remitted at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council without delay, together with the names and addresses of Representatives elected.

Stanhoe Rectory,
King's Lynn.

H. EARLE BULWER,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 11, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY MILLER* Treble.	†ERNEST W. MARSHALL .. 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	JOHN E. MILLER 6.
WILLIAM TEGG† 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal of Major. This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, January 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 4.	CHARLES WILKINS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

This composition was published in "THE BELL NEWS" for March 4th, 1899.

The Provinces.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, January 10, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. SMITH.

Rung on the birthday of E. C. Hunt.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

ALBERT WALKER* .. Treble.	*PHILIP W. DAVIES .. 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS* .. 2.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 8.
HENRY MIDDLETON* .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT

*First peal of Bob Royal. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th at home the last twenty-four courses.

TONG, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

E. J. SALLAWAY .. Treble.	PRATT CORDINGLEY .. 4.
TOM LATIMER 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. 5.
R. P. FARROW 3.	HENRY ODDY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	*LIONEL E. SEARS .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING 8.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 9.
ROBERT J. DAWE 5.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung as a birthday peal to J. S. Goldsmith, the band wishing him the usual compliments.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

G. D. WARBURTON .. Treble.	†F. T. SPENCE 6.
J. BOOTH 2.	J. HANKINSON 7.
T. JACKSON 3.	†E. READER 8.
H. MEAKIN 4.	J. W. BAYLEY 9.
L. MEAKIN* 5.	T. MARSHALL Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. W. BAYLEY.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. ‡Fiftieth peal. This peal has the 6th its extent wrong in the Tittums and inverted home positions, and is now rung for the first time. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble.	ERNEST BRUCE 6.
FRANK HOPGOOD 2.	*REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHNSON E. HERN 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL 8.
ALBERT E. REEVES† .. 4.	†ARTHUR W. HIGGS 9.
FRANK TUBB 5.	AMBROSE OSBOYNE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal of Bob Royal. †First peal on ten bells.

Date Touches.

GREAT DALBY (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, November 21st, at St. Swithun's church, a date touch of Doubles, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 480 Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, and 930 Grandsire Doubles. *A. V. Potter, 1; C. Dalby, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; W. James, 4; R. H. Bartram (conductor), 5. *Longest length.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 26th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples failed after 882 changes had been rung. Afterwards 503 in the same method. A. Dines, 1; W. Newman, 2; J. Tarbun, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; G. Piper, 5; H. Richell, 6; A. Richell, 7; F. Newman, 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Wednesday, December 13th, at St. Michael's church, for practice, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. Coote, 1; A. Shufflebotham, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; F. Slade, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; E. Chaplin, 6; W. Grimwade, 7; W. Webb, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Webb, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; A. Shufflebotham, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; F. Slade, 6. On Sunday, December 31st, for morning service, 640 Kent Treble Bob. H. Coote, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; P. Holmes, 6; W. Hammond, 7; F. Slade, 8. For evening service, 864 in the same method. H. Coote, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; P. Holmes, 6; A. Shufflebotham, 7; F. Slade, 8. At 11.30 p.m., with bells half-muffled, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, and to greet the new year 768 in the same method, with bells open. H. Coote, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; P. Holmes, 6; W. Hammond, 7; F. Slade, 8. On Wednesday, January 10th, on handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Webb, 1; P. Holmes, 2; A. Shufflebotham, 3; F. Slade, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5-6; F. Slade, 7-8. On Thursday, January 11th, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major failed after ringing 2 hrs. 18 mins. H. Coote, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; A. Shufflebotham, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; P. Holmes, 6; F. Slade, 7; W. Webb, 8. On Sunday morning, January 4th, for Divine Service 704 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; A. Shufflebotham, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; P. Holmes, 6; W. Hammond, 7; F. Slade, 8.

RAYNE (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 9th, at All Saints church, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. F. Webb, 1; *G. Williams, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; A. Shufflebotham, 4; P. Holmes, 5. And another 6-score. †E. Gentry, 1; G. Williams, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; A. Shufflebotham, 4; P. Holmes, 5. *First 6-score with a bob bell. †First 6-score and first attempt. Williams and Gentry are members of the local band.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On December 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Withers, 1; T. H. Beams, 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Miller (conductor), 4; J. Moule, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On December 14th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Hayden, 1; J. Moule, 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; W. Miller, 5; T. H. Beams, 6. On December 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Philpot, 1; T. H. Beams, 2; W. Miller, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; J. Mardell, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On December 21st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Hayden, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams (con-

ductor), 6. On December 28th, 720 Double Court Bob. J. Philpot, 1; T. H. Beams (conductor), 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Miller, 4; W. Keeble, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On December 31st, 720 Bob Minor. J. Philpot, 1; T. H. Beams, 2; H. Bottrell, 3; F. Withers, 4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5; W. Miller, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On November 30th, at St. John's church. 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. H. Porter, E. Todd, W. Patton, T. Clark, W. D. Lister, G. Park, G. F. Williams, J. Baxter (conductor). Also 504 Grandsire Triples. G. W. Park, T. Crawford, T. Clark, F. Naisbitt, G. Park, J. Baxter, W. H. Porter (conductor), G. F. Williams. On December 7th, 700 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, T. Crawford, W. Patton, F. Naisbitt, J. Baxter (conductor), T. Clark, G. F. Williams, W. H. Porter. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Baxter, J. Crawford, W. Patton, W. D. Lister, T. Clark, G. W. Park, G. F. Williams, W. H. Porter (conductor). On Sunday morning, December 10th, for Divine Service, 798 Grandsire Triples. F. Naisbitt, T. Clark, W. Patton, G. F. Williams, W. H. Porter, J. Baxter (conductor), W. D. Lister, J. Bolton. For evensong 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Scollick, T. Crawford, W. Patton, J. Baxter. T. Clark, W. D. Lister, G. F. Williams, W. H. Porter (conductor). On December 14th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Naisbitt, T. Crawford, W. Patton, T. Clark, W. D. Lister, J. Baxter, G. F. Williams, W. H. Porter (conductor). On Sunday evening, December 17th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. F. Naisbitt, W. Patton, T. Crawford, J. Baxter (conductor), T. Clark, W. D. Lister, G. F. Williams, J. W. Moscrop. On December 21st, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, T. Crawford, W. Patton, F. Naisbitt, T. Clark, W. H. Porter, J. Baxter (conductor), G. F. Williams. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Scollick, T. Crawford, W. Patton, G. F. Williams, T. Clark, J. Baxter, W. D. Lister, W. H. Porter (conductor). On Christmas Day for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. *T. Scollick, J. Baxter, W. Patton, *T. Naisbitt, T. Clark, W. H. Porter (conductor), G. F. Williams, *G. Tait. *First quarter-peal. On Sunday, December 31st, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Naisbitt, T. Crawford, W. Patton, J. Baxter (conductor), W. D. Lister, G. F. Williams, W. H. Porter, T. Scollick. For evening service 840 Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, T. Crawford, W. Patton, J. Baxter, T. Clark, G. F. Williams, W. H. Porter (conductor), G. Tait.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TETBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, December 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Plumb, 1; F. E. Webb, 2; A. Burcombe, 3; H. Jones, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; H. Howell, 6; J. J. Poole (conductor), 7; J. Parker, 8.

LONG NEWNTON (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, December 26th, 720 Bob Minor. F. E. Webb, 1; H. Howell, 2; H. Jones, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; A. Burcombe, 5; J. J. Poole (conductor), 6. And 120 each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

CLIFTON.—On December 31st, at the parish church, at midnight, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Horton, 1; W. S. Gist, 2; W. Thomas, 3; S. Thomas, 4; A. Harvey, 5; J. Burford, 6; J. Wilkins (conductor), 7; R. Clark, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDRINGTON (Sussex).—On December 26th, at the parish church, 720 Woodbine. C. Best, 1; T. Stroud, 2; T. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; F. Trussler, 5; J. Lee, 6.

SHOREHAM.—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Duke of York. G. Boswell, 1; T. Stroud, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; F. Trussler, 5; J. Lee, 6; C. Best, 7.

MIDHURST.—On Sunday, December 31st, at the parish church, 720 Oxford. G. Boswell, 1; C. Best, 2; T. Stroud, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, June 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Hammond, 1; W. Hillman, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 7th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Hammond, 1; C. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; T. Parsons, 4; C. Blackman, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hillman, 1; J. Hills, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 7th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; T. Hammond, 2; T. Parsons, 3; C. Clear, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Finch, 1; H. Evans, 2; C. Hills, 3; E. Lindup, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob. H. Evans, 1; F. Finch, 2; E. Lindup, 3; C. Clear, 4; ———, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, December 19th, for practice, the last 700 of Holt's Original. J. Sinden, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2;

F. Mathis, 3; W. Eastland, 4; C. F. Hyland, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. J. J. Thomas, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, December 11th, 324 Stedman Caters. F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 1; F. Linter, 2; P. Knight, 3; G. F. Head, 4; W. Argent, 5; G. Thompson, 6; F. T. Hoad, jun., 7; E. Kenward, 8; H. Reeves, 9; W. Stanford, 10. On Wednesday, December 13th, 701 Grandsire Caters. J. Beams, 1; G. F. Hoad, 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 4; F. Linter, 5; W. Argent, 6; E. Kenward, 7; T. Sparks, 8; H. Reeves, 9; A. Moseley, 10. And 594 Grandsire Caters. J. Beams, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Hoad, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Kenward, 6; F. T. Hoad, jun., 7; T. Sparks, 8; H. Reeves (conductor), 9; A. Moseley, 10. And 350 Grandsire Triples. F. Linter, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; W. Argent, 3; J. Beams, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; E. Kenward, 6; H. Reeves (conductor), 7; T. Sparks, 8; G. F. Hoad, 9; A. Moseley 10.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, January 14th, at St. George's, Heaviley, on the occasion of a special service at which the local volunteers attended, and for which a collection was made on behalf of the war fund which realised £80, 420 Stedman Triples was rung on the back eight. T. Jackson, 1; J. Booth, 2; H. Meakin, 3; J. Mottershead, 4; J. W. Bayley, 5; E. Reader (conductor), 6; T. Marshall, 7; T. Gordon, 8. After service 423 Stedman Triples. C. Darwen, 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Barlow, 3; T. Marshall, 4; J. W. Bayley, 5; E. Reader, 6; W. Gordon (conductor), 7; T. Gordon, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FOLKESTONE (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 26th, 2520 Grandsire Triples. S. Barker, 1; S. Binfield (conductor), 2; J. Fisher, 3; A. Manning, 4; A. Petts, 5; F. Finn, 6; S. Gower, 7; T. Seeley, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BESTHORPE (Norfolk).—On Christmas Day for morning service, 720 of Doubles, comprising Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Canterbury. G. Stanley, 1; F. Stanley, 2; A. Howes, 3; J. G. Miles, 4; J. Stanley (conductor), 5. A peal of handbells having been purchased from Messrs. Shaz by J. Bertram for the use of this company, Messrs. Miles and Howes were asked to give them a trial, when two courses of Bob Minor and a course of Bob Major was rung. J. G. Miles, 1-2; G. Stanley, 3; W. Perfect, 4; J. Bertram, 5; J. Stanley, 6; A. Howes, 7-8. They are thirteen in number, in the key of C, and are very sweet-toned, reflecting credit on the makers.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—On December 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Ettridge, 1; A. Howes, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. G. Miles (conductor), 4; S. Daniells, 5; J. Lawrence, 6. A ringing floor has been made to this tower, which is an improvement. This is the first 720 since. On Christmas morning, at 6.30, the bells were fired and a 360 rung, conducted by J. Lawrence. G. Balls, 1; R. Davey, 2; the rest as before. On December 26th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. R. Davey, 1; A. Howes, 2; R. Ettridge, 3; J. E. Miles, 4; S. Daniels, 5; J. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

CAWSTON (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, December 27th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Moy, 1; G. Neale, 2; J. B. Pilch, 3; W. J. Rought, 4; G. Moy (conductor), 5; A. J. Neale, 6. The Rector (Rev. T. H. Marsh), kindly entertained the ringers at the rectory, where some Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells.

AYLSHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, December 24th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Major. G. Neale, 1; J. B. Pilch, 2; J. Moy, 3; J. M. Roberts, 4; W. J. Rought, 5; A. Rought, 6; G. Moy, 7; A. J. Neale, 8. On Christmas morning on handbells, 720 Bob Major. A. Rought, 1-2; A. J. Neale, 3-4; G. Moy (conductor), 5-6; W. J. Rought, 7-8. Also courses of Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters, with J. Moy, 7-8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Saturday, December 30th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thursdays'. A. E. Reeves, 1; H. White, 2; J. Hunt, 3; F. Blondell, 4; S. Radford, 5; H. Tucker, 6; C. Giles (conductor), 7; M. Steer, 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. T. P. Wyatt.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 17th, for Divine Service, 168, Grandsire Triples. G. Luff, 1; A. Ashdown, 2; W. Brockhurst, 3; T. Burdock, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; J. Gearing, 6; T. Attwell (conductor), 7; H. Rewmant, 8. Also for practice, on Wed-

nesday, December 20th, 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Luff, 1; T. Attwell (conductor), 2; W. Brockhurst, 3; J. Bartlett, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; J. Gearing, 6; T. Burdock, 7; W. Ayling, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. Luff, 1; W. Brockhurst, 2; A. E. Bartlett, 3; J. Bartlett, 4; T. Burdock, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Christmas Eve (midnight), at the church of St. Laurence, 1260 Grandsire Triples on the back eight in 48 mins. E. Batten (longest length in the method), 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; C. Stone, 3; H. Tucker, 4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5; W. Newell, 6; A. Osborne, 7; J. Tucker, 8. On Sunday, December 31st (midnight), 560 Bob Major. F. Hopgood, 1; V. Rowe, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; A. Watmore, 4; E. Bruce, 5; A. Osbourne, 6; W. Horne, 7; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CALDICOT (Monmouthshire).—On Tuesday, January 9th, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Baynham, 1; W. Margetts, 2; C. King, 3; G. King, 4; A. Lewis (conductor), 5; O. Jones, 6. First 120 by all, who only joined the Association in September last when the quarterly meeting was held here. First 120 on the bells by a local band. On Saturday, January 13th, several 120s, with J. W. Jones at the tenor.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—At midnight on Sunday, December 31st, to welcome the new year, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. J. Crombie, 1; J. W. Driver, 2; R. Charge, 3; J. Herbert (first quarter-peal of Caters, 4; W. Charge, 5; H. Adams, 6; C. Charge, 7; W. T. Elson (composer and conductor), 8; W. T. Maston, 9; J. Buckingham (first quarter-peal of Caters), 10.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Saturday, December 30th, at All Saints church, after an unsuccessful attempt for the late Henry Johnson's peal of 5016 Stenman Caters, a quarter-peal of 1280, taken therefrom. H. N. Davis, 1; H. Langdon, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; A. Hardy, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; H. Barton (conductor), 6; C. Charge, 7; J. W. Driver, 8; R. Charge, 9; S. How, 10.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, December 31st, at the church of the Holy Trinity, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 47 mins., the bells being half-muffled. F. Haydon, 1; B. Chorley, 2; W. W. Thorne, 3; G. Foster, 4; A. Pulling, 5; R. Wood, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; G. Gunner, 8.

NEW SHOREHAM (Sussex).—On Wednesday evening, January 10th, for practice at St. Mary's church, the local ringers, assisted by the Aldington band, rung their first 720 of Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering, in 28 mins. B. Challen, 1; A. Cherryman, 2; W. Henson, 3; F. Tindall, 4; J. Boyd, 5; T. Burtenshaw, 6; F. Steele (conductor), 7; W. Brown, 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, December 27th, at St. Edmund's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Robinson, 1; J. White, 2; T. Wright, 3; E. Harris, 4; F. Hopper, 5; W. Freeman (conductor), 6. Another 720 of Bob Minor. J. Smithers, 1; F. Hopper (conductor), 2; W. Freeman, 3; E. Harris, 4; T. Wright, 5; J. White, 6.

OAKHAM (Rutlandshire).—On Friday, December 22nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles. G. Towell, 1; G. Welch, 2; W. Herbert, 3; F. Towell, 4; T. G. Briggs, 5; F. Needham, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

OLNEY (Bucks).—On Christmas Day for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. W. Wright, 1; T. Wright, 2; F. Hopper, 3; W. Jones, 4; R. Raban (conductor), 5; S. Smith, 6.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On Monday, December 11th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Butler, 1; Rev. C. Edwards, 2; A. Butler, 3; W. Wilkinson, 4; G. Barnes, 5; T. Cole, 6; J. Arthur (conductor), 7; W. Downs, 8.

THORNABY-ON-TEES (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 24th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. N. Job, 1; T. Beckwith, 2; J. H. Pinkney, 3; T. Kelley, 4; E. Usher, 5; N. Kidd, 6; *W. C. Hardy (conductor), 7; J. Williams, 8. *First 720 as conductor.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, December 31st, 720 Bob Minor. J. Dines, 1; W. Wellington, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. J. Piper, 5; G. W. Piper (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by 1 and 2, and the first as conductor.

Compositions.**GRANDSIRE CATERS.**By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

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35426 8th in 3

52436 8th in 3

45236 9th in 3

53246 8th in 3

25346 9th in 3

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24563 9th in 3

52463 8th in 3

45263 8th in 3

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52463 9th in 3

45263 9th in 3

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25463 8th in 3

42563 8th in 3

54263978 1-3-4s

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23564 9th in 3

52364879 1-3-4s

35264 8th in 3

23564 8th in 3

32564978 1-3-4

53264 9th in 3

25364 9th in 3

32564879 1-3-4s

53264 8th in 3

25364 8th in 3

*7th in and out at 3 with a double.
†9th in and out at 2.

The last twenty-four courses repeated, calling a 9-8 in the first course produces 34265879. Round the lead previous to the last course-end. Has the 6th her extent wroug in the tittums and inverted home positions. First rung at St. George's, Heaviley, Stockport, on January 13th, 1900, conducted by J. W. Bayley.

BOB ROYAL.By F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

5040.

23456 W M H

45236 - -

24536 - -

53246 - -

25346 - -

32546 - -

54326 - -

35426 - -

Continued—

W M H

43526 - -

52436 - -

42653 S -

62354 - -

43256 - -

24356 - -

32456 - -

Repeated.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

5056.

23456 I 6

34265*

46235 - -

63245 - -

42365 - -

26345 - -

43625 - -

32645 - -

24635 - -

36425 - -

64325 - -

23465 - -

* 1 2 3 4 5 8

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Three times repeated; single for bob at 1 in seventh course of 2nd and 4th parts.

This is believed to be the first four-part peal ever produced in the method with 5-6 only in 6th place.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.By G. LINDOFF, *Dublin.*

6144.

23456 B M W H

64352 - -

36452 - -

43652 - -

43526 - -

65324 - -

36524 - -

53624 - -

32546 - -

54326 - -

35426 - -

Twice repeated.

Contains thirty course-ends.

By missing two blocks of 3H, it is reduced to 5248.

TREBLE BOB ROYAL.By G. LINDOFF, *Dublin.*

5040.

23456 M W H

52364 2 2 2

32654 2 I

Continued—

M W H

56234 2 2

24365 I I 2

23645 I 2

63425 2 I

35426 I 2

24536 I 2

25346 I 2

23456 I 2

5000.

23456 M W H

52364 2 2 2

53624 I 2

56234 I 2

24365 I I 2

34625 2 I

43526 2 2

25346 2 2

34256 I I

52436 2 2

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24365 I I 2

23645 I 2

63425 2 I

35426 2 I

24536 2 2

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23456 I 2

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.By C. CHARGE, *Fulham.*

1259.

23456

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32465 s at 1 and 8-9

43265 9th in 3

24365 9th in 3

54362 8-9s

34265 8-9

23465 9th in 3

42365 9th in 3

52364 8-9s

35264 9th in 3

25463 8-9

42563 9th in 3

Round as usual.

*7th in and out at three with a single. This quaaeter-peal has the 6th eleven courses behind the 9th.

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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bristol to-day, Saturday, January 20. Service at St. Mary Redcliff at 3 o'clock, with address by the Vicar.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, to-day, Saturday, January 20. Service at 4 p.m., with sermon by the Rev. R. S. Davies, M.A., Vicar. Tea at 5 p.m., and business meeting immediately after. The local hon. sec. is Mr. Arthur Goodall, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, to whom communications respecting the day's arrangements should be addressed. Arrangements have been made to attempt an officers' peal, commencing at 10 a.m.

B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Manchester Cathedral to-day, Saturday, January 20th, when it is intended to unveil a new peal-board on that occasion. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, to-day, Saturday, January 20th. Bells available 3 to 5.30 and 7 till 9 p.m. Special service at 5.30.

Temporary address: S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Park Villas, Eastern Division.
New Malden, Surrey.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held to-day, Saturday, January 20, at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Cullin. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock, and members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 20th, at the parish church, Rugeley. Bells available during the afternoon. Service in church at 5 p.m. Committee Meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock at one shilling per head, number to be sent in not later than Tuesday, January 16th to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested for the consideration of important business. Particular attention is directed to clause 4 of Rule VI.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held on Thursday, January 25th. Ringing at 8 p.m. Members are requested to attend.

C. J. IRISH, *Hon. Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Selly Oak, near Birmingham, on Saturday, January 27th. Service in the church at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting in the schoolroom. The Vicar has kindly consented to preside. The tower will be open for ringing. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock in the church room. Half travelling expenses will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to inform District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 24th.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Farnham Royal on Saturday, January 27th. The bells will be available after mid-day. Service will be held at 4.45, and tea (9d. a head, free to members), and business meeting at 5.45. All members of the Guild and their friends will be welcome. Omnibus leaves Slough for Farnham at 2.35 and 5.35, and also at 3.35 if necessary. All who intend to be present should send their names to Mr. J. J. Parker, The Post Office, Farnham Royal.

H. C. BELL, *Branch Secretary.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Pudsey (eight bells), on Saturday, January 27th. Meeting-house, The Commercial hotel. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided. All ringers are cordially invited.

HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee Meeting at 6.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 27th. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4 p.m. Tea in church room at 6 p.m. Ringers intending to be present should signify the same not later than Thursday, January 25th, to

J. W. DRIVER.

387, New Kings Road, Fulham, S.W.

The Waterloo Society.—The annual meeting of this society will take place at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, January 31st. Ringing at 8.15 p.m. Business meeting at 9.45. It is hoped that as many members as possible will put in an appearance.

GEO. E. SYMONDS, *Hon. Sec.*

4, Dockley Road, S.E.

The Surrey Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at the Church House, St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Monday, January 29th, and will be preceded at 6 o'clock by tea at the Church House. The tea will be provided only for those whose representatives advise Mr. Henry Brooker, of 3, Upland Road, South Croydon, before Friday the 26th. The bells at St. Peter's (8) will be available

for ringing from 3.30 p.m. by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. White.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*

5, Manor Parade, Sutton, Surrey.

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey, at the church of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, February 3rd. Ringing to commence about 5 p.m., members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horley, on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Members intending being present will oblige by letting me know by January 29th.

G. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—Meeting at Whitby (8 bells, tenor 18 cwt.) Saturday, February 3rd. Tea 9d. each at Mr. Botham's, Skinner Street, West Cliff, at 5 p.m. Members are requested to inform the Secretary before January 31st, if intending to be present. Robin Hood's Bay bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) also kindly lent. The towers will be open all day. REV. W. P. WRIGHT.

Stokesley, R. S. O.

Hon. Sec.

The Sheffield and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster parish church, on February 3rd. Tower open 4 p.m. Meeting house, The Market inn.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Birmingham, on Saturday, February 3rd.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

Cotgrave, near Nottingham.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at East Harling, on Tuesday, February 6th. Dinner will be served at The Swan at 1.30, at 2s. 3d. for Hon. Members and friends, and 1s. 3d. for company members. Besides the bells of the parish church, the following rings will be open to the use of members during the day: Quidenham, 6; Garboldisham, 6. Notice of intention to be present must be sent to the Hon. Sec. without fail, before Wednesday, January 31st.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The 32nd Anniversary Dinner of the above Society will be held at The York Hotel, Waterloo Road, S.E., on Saturday, February 17th, at 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be had from Messrs. Barton, Webber, Fussell, Perrin, Hardy and

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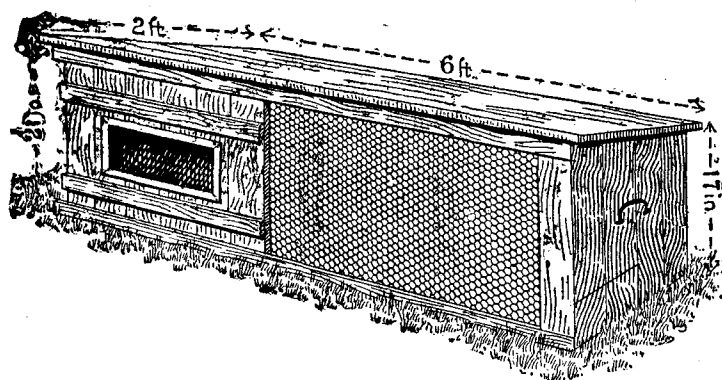
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—If those gentlemen who are "Life Members" of the above will kindly send address to Secretary (C. L. Routledge, Tyndale House, Wylam-on-Tyne) the annual report will be forwarded to them.

The 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 me without delay. Notice of alteration of practice nights and names of correspondents should also if necessary be sent at once; also obituary notices.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

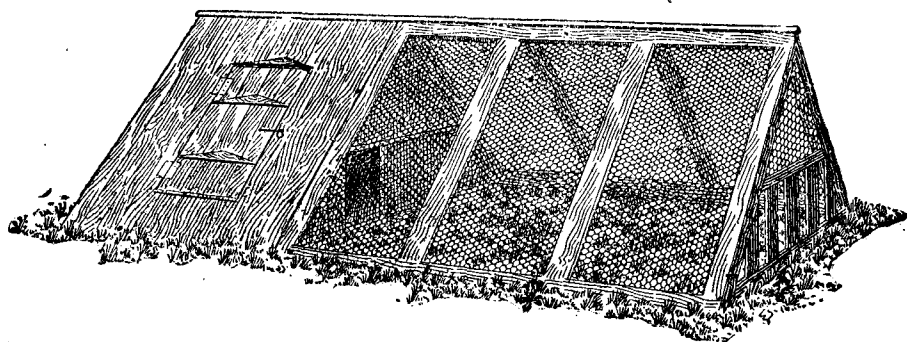
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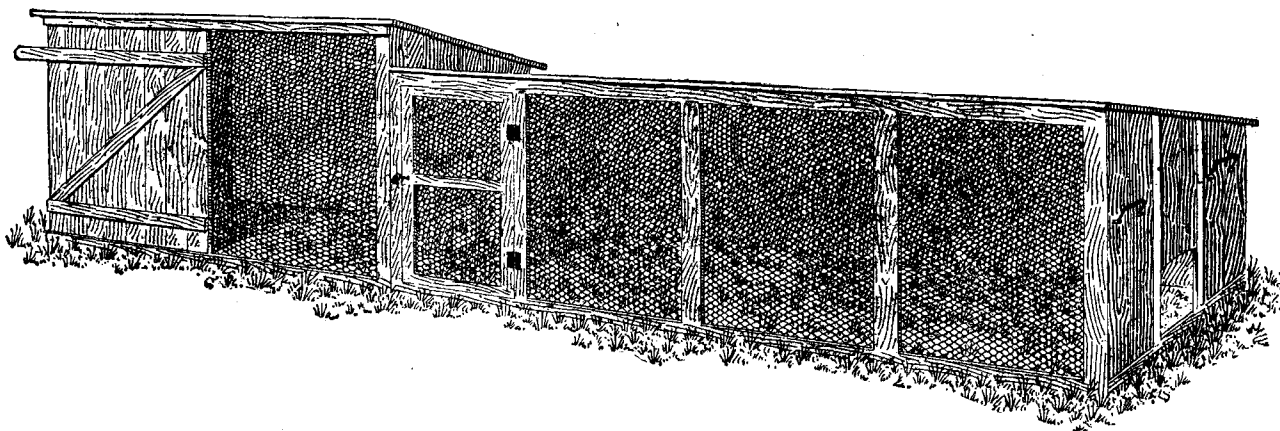
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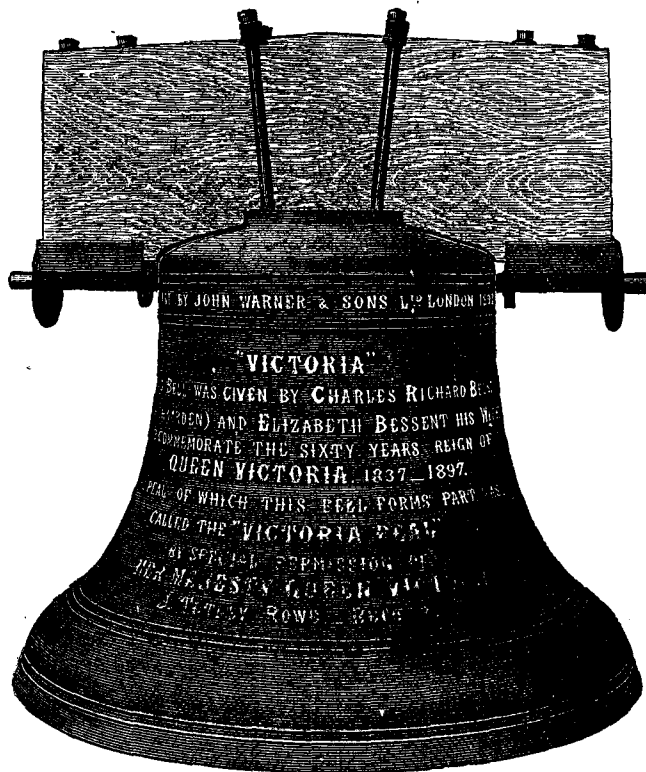
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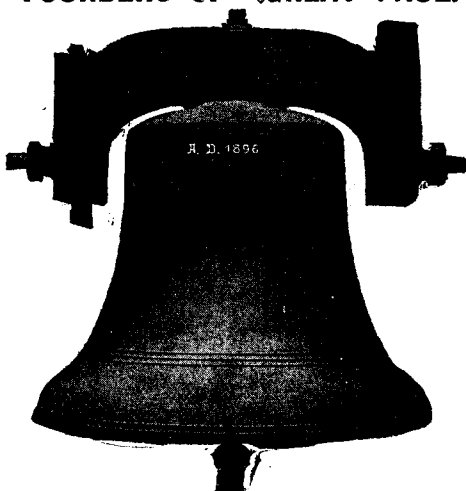
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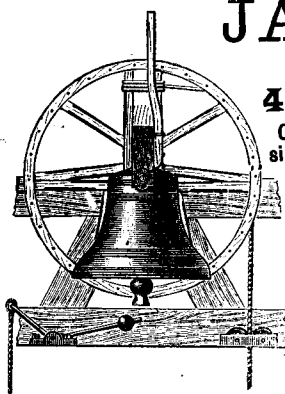
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