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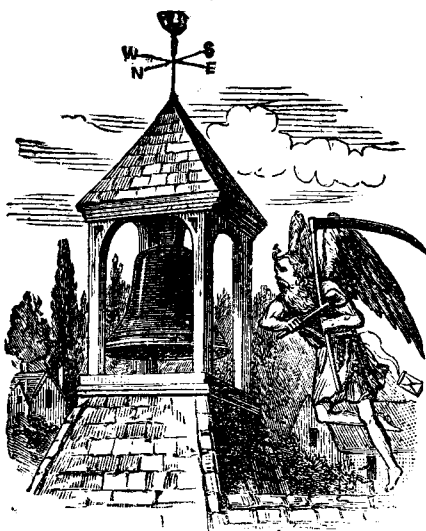
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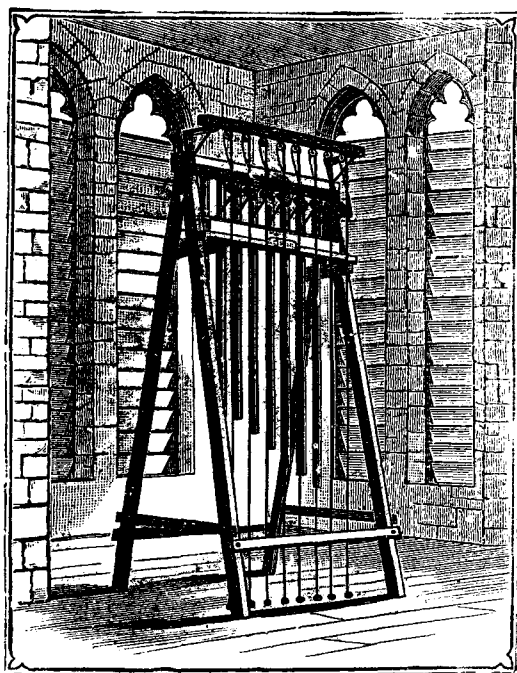
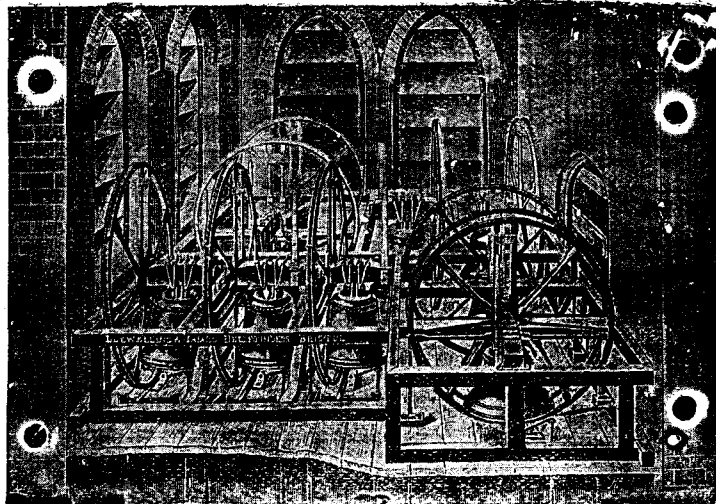
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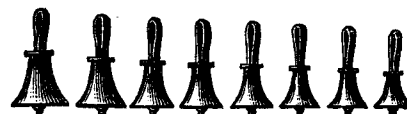
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Committee of the above Association, who were appointed last year to arrange for the twenty-first anniversary, have the pleasure of looking back upon one of the most successful gatherings of the Association. Undoubtedly whatever may have been the result of the gathering itself, the Association has made itself known far and wide throughout the county, bills and circulars having been sent to every clergyman in Essex having charge of a ring of bells, setting forth the proceedings of the day, and further expressing a hope that those who did attend the anniversary would be present at the service, which was the first order of the day. At 11.15 a.m. a choral service was held at St. Mary's church, where there was a larger attendance of ringers than usual. The Rev. Canon Wigram (Hertford), gave an address, and those assisting in the service included the Rev. H. A. Lake, Rector of Chelmsford, the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Assistant-Secretary. The Bishop of Colchester, who occupied a seat in the sanctuary, pronounced the Benediction.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Corn Exchange, the Rev. H. A. Lake presiding. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee were again appointed, and a number of new members were elected. Letters regretting inability to be present were received from the Mayor of Chelmsford (Councillor A. G. Maskell), Mr. T. Osborne, M.P., Major Rasch, M.P., and several members.

The question of booking a peal rung at Lavenham was brought before the meeting. It appeared that Mr. C. Sillitoe who was formerly a ringing member, but ceased to be so, rang in a peal between that period and that in which he became a non-resident member; and the booking of two other peals in which Mr. Andrews, whose name appears connected with the Barking tower, one of which was rung at Writtle, the other at Barking. It appeared that Mr. Sillitoe was not aware of the fact that through arrears he was not a member of the Association when he rang in the Lavenham peal, and in the case of Mr. Andrews he was under the impression that his subscriptions had been paid. The meeting decided to book each of the peals.

Mr. Howard called attention to conductors not sending in peals for some months after peals were rung.

After some discussion notice was given of a new rule that unless the booking fee was sent in within one month of the ringing of the peal, that the whole fee be paid by the band instead of half as at present. A further notice was also given that if a peal appear under any other name but that of the Association, the whole booking fee should be paid.

Mr. F. Pitstow called attention to the absence of any foot-note to peals rang, such as "first upon the bells."

In the discussion which followed, Mr. Faulkner pointed out that the handbell peal of Treble Bob at Barking (8896), was the longest in the method, but had no foot-note.

The Hon. Secretary read an extract from a district

meeting held at Loughton deciding that foot-notes should not appear in future.

Mr. S. Hayes, as the mover of that resolution, said the object was to keep out all reference to other societies, such as: the band are all members of the College Youths or Cumberlands. His aim was to make it merely an Essex Association record and nothing more. It was not intended to debar such foot-notes as had been referred to.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey (Oldlands, Bristol), a former Secretary of the Association, in proposing the adoption of the report, said the growth and prosperity of the Association were very praiseworthy.

Mr. S. Hayes seconded the motion, and the report was agreed to.

The Secretary read a motion of which Mr. J. H. Beams, who was not present, had given notice. In effect, this was that the area covered by the Association, being of such extent, the Association could be more advantageously worked if it were divided into three districts—the Eastern, Western, and Northern—each with its own Secretary and quarterly meetings.

Some considerable discussion followed. Ultimately the Rev. H. A. Cockey moved the adoption of the proposal, and that a committee consisting of Messrs. F. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), W. Alps (Waltham Abbey), J. Beams (Leytonstone), T. Faulkner (Barking), W. Chalk (Maldon), C. Beckwith (Coggeshall), C. Ellis (Harwich), H. Judd (Rayleigh), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), with the Hon. Secretaries and Auditors, were appointed a committee to deal with the matter and report to the next Annual Meeting.

The business of the meeting having been concluded, Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, read a short paper, "Ringers as Church Workers; their duty to the Church." (This will appear next week).

Dinner was afterwards served by Mr. J. Hicks, the Rector taking the chair. About 150 enjoyed a capital repast. At the conclusion the opening verse of the National Anthem was heartily sung.

On the proposition of the Secretary thanks were accorded to Canon Wigram for his visit and address, to the Rector for presiding, and to the authorities of the various towers which had been placed at the disposal of the Association.

A cutting from the *Essex County Chronicle* of the first meeting of the Association twenty-one years ago having been read, the company dispersed, some to enjoy a stroll in the grounds of Guy Harlings, by invitation of the Rector, and others to visit the following towers which were open for ringing: Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Widford, Writtle, Boreham, Broomfield, and Springfield.

The kindness of the Rector of Chelmsford in opening the grounds of Guy Harlings, was highly appreciated. Here the handbells were brought into use, while others of the company delighted themselves in testing their skill at bowls, etc. A feature of the day's proceedings took place after the dinner, when the brothers Pye with Mr. Wightman attempted to ring double-handed a course of Superlative Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-first Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Tonbridge, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Favoured by weather of the loveliest June type, bright and warm, yet not too warm, and with the country in its freshest summer garb, those who came by train had a pleasant journey in spite of the delays inseparable from Bank Holiday traffic, while some favoured few, like our friends from Gravesend and Swanscombe, who came by road, must have found the drive one of the most enjoyable parts of the day's proceedings. The towers open for ringing besides Tonbridge were St. Peter's Tunbridge Wells (8), Speldhurst (8), Hadlow (8), Penshurst (8), and Brenchley (6). Some of these, however, were not visited at all.

A meeting of the central committee was held in the parish room, Tunbridge, shortly after eleven. A few new members were admitted, and Messrs. E. Barnett (Crayford), W. Martin (Swanscombe), J. W. Lennard (West Malling), J. Preston (Edenbridge), and W. Spice (Charing) were added to the committee.

At noon the annual service was held in the church, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, reading the prayers. Psalm xix. was sung, and the *Jubilate* after the Lesson (1 Cor. xii. 1-14) a small choir of boys being present, as well as the organist. After the well-known hymn, "The Church's one Foundation," the address was given by the Rev. D. D. Mackinnon, Rector of Speldhurst, from Zechariah xiv. 20—"In that day shall there be upon the bells Holiness unto the Lord," the two points emphasised by the preacher being the importance of (a) attendance at church, and (b) discipline in the belfry. The hymn "Hark on high the joyful music" was sung during the collection, which, as for several years past, was for the Association's Belfry Repairs Fund, and amounted to £1 3s. 6d. The Blessing brought a very hearty and well-attended service to a close, though it would be better perhaps, if on occasions of this sort ringers would overcome their natural modesty, and venture to take the front seats, instead of sticking religiously to those at the bottom of the church.

At 1.30 an excellent dinner was ready in the public hall (Mr. W. Austin, Tunbridge, caterer), and no doubt the members were ready for it. The Vicar of Tonbridge, the Rev. C. G. Baskerville, presided, being supported by G. D. Warner, Esq. (churchwarden), B. Wadmore, Esq., the Hon. Secretary, Messrs. A. Palmer, W. Latter, A. Osborne, P. E. Bex (District Secretaries), W. Haigh and F. W. Thornton (Central Council Representatives), T. Groombridge, F. Hayes, W. Martin and other members of the central committee, Miss Macalpine Leny, well-known and beloved for her constant interest in the members and the doings of College Youths and Kent County Association, and her sister Mrs. Mackinnon were also present, while the vice-chair was occupied by the Rev. C. E. Escreet, Rector of Woolwich, an old Tunbridgian, with whom sat the preacher of the day, the Rev. D. D. Mackinnon. At the conclusion of dinner the toast of "The Queen" was given by the Chairman, and of course was received with acclamation, the whole company, who numbered 117, rising and singing the first verse of the National Anthem. Mr. G. D. Warner then proposed "The health of the Archbishop and Clergy," to which the Rev. D. D. Mackinnon replied. Pipes and other smokables were then produced, in order, it was suggested

that greater attention might be given to the Hon. Secretary's report. The Association had experienced a shrinkage, the report stated, the total membership being now 758, as compared with 819 at the last annual meeting. Seven towers had to be struck off, viz.: Aylesford, Leeds, Harrietsham, Sundridge, Brenchley, Bobbing and St. Margaret's, Lee, and only three fresh bands had joined—Dartford, Wrotham, and Tunstall. Reference was made to the death of Archdeacon Smith, W. F. Browell, Esq. (Tunbridge Wells), E. Martin, Esq. (Sevenoaks), Rev. W. Wodehouse, Vicar of Elham, and of George M. Sayer (aged only 25) a most efficient member of the Canterbury Cathedral band. The operations of bellhangers in the county during the past year were noticed, and great satisfaction was expressed at the statement that the fine ring of eight at Margate were in the hands of Messrs. Taylor. Financially the Association was prospering, the balance in hand being £35 10s. 3d. as compared with £19 17s. 7d. at the close of the previous year. A grant of £2 2s. had been made towards the rehanging of the Maidstone ten from the Belfry Repairs Fund, which amounted to £32 1s. 9d. compared with £27 10s. 3d. Sixty-nine peals had been rung in 1899, including the Association's first peal of London Surprise, of Duffield Major, and of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, as well as what was at the time the "record" peal of Double Norwich. The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. B. Wadman, seconded by Mr. W. Latter, and carried. A small addition to one of the rules insisting upon the figures of peals being sent in before a peal can be inserted in the peal-book, proposed by the Hon. Sec. and seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, was approved. The Vice-presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, and Committee were re-elected. A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by the Rev. C. E. Escreet, and suitably responded to by the Vicar, concluded the proceedings.

A party had been made up to go for a peal of Stedman at Edenbridge, but success did not crown their efforts. The Rev. D. D. Mackinnon kindly invited to tea any of the company who liked to walk over to Speldhurst, no trap being available. Ringers' teas on the lawn at Speldhurst rectory are agreeable and now well-established institutions; and therefore it is not surprising that as many as seventeen readily accepted the invitation. After a walk through some of the prettiest part of the county, a few touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the bells before tea. Great interest was shown at the exhibition during tea of an empty cartridge case specially kept for Mr. Mackinnon. It was the case of the first shot fired from the twelve-pounder gun by the Naval Brigade from H.M.S. Powerful at Ladysmith. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Leny for their very kind hospitality was given, to which Miss Leny replied, and cordially invited all present to pay them another visit. Though the Tonbridge meeting of 1900 was not a large one, it was certainly one of the most enjoyable of the twenty-one annual gatherings since the foundation of the Association. The Association will celebrate its "coming of age" next year, and it is hoped that the event will be marked by a great accession of strength in the matter of numbers, a general advance in change-ringing throughout the county, and a "record" gathering at the Annual Meeting.

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THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its second annual meeting on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at Middlesbrough, when a large and representative gathering assembled at St. Hilda's parish church, and afterwards at the Corporation hotel for dinner.

Ringling began at an early hour in the morning, and was continued up till service time, which was 12.15.

A Committee Meeting was held previous to the service, at which the business to be afterwards brought before the General Meeting was discussed.

A goodly number of members were present at the service. The prayers and lessons were read by the curate of the church (Rev. R. Scott), who afterwards joined the Association as an hon. member, and a most appropriate discourse was given by the Rev. F. L. Perkins, Vicar of Thirsk, also an hon. member, from the two texts: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," and "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Dinner was served at the Corporation hotel in a most satisfactory manner, and forty members sat down.

The President occupied the chair, and both the Vice-Presidents were also present. Before proceeding to the general business the usual toasts of "The Queen," and "The Bishops and Clergy" were given and received with that fervour which enthusiastic ringers know how to put into things.

The Rev. F. L. Perkins in a very humorous speech replied on behalf of the cloth.

The President next called upon the Hon. Secretary for the Report. This showed the Association to be in a most flourishing condition. It has grown to a membership of 146; has rung ten peals in the year, including three of Surprise Major, three of Kent Treble Bob Major, one of Plain Bob, one of Double Norwich, and possesses a balance of £6. The Report was considered to be highly satisfactory.

The places for next year's meetings were arranged as follows, October, Bedale; February, Stokesley; Whit-Monday, Ripon and Sharow.

It was also decided to take steps to have a representative on the Central Council, that representative to be the president, Mr. G. J. Clarkson.

After dinner the towers of Stockton and Thornaby were thrown open to members, and ringing was continued until nine o'clock at night. Ringers were present from Darlington, Northallerton, Thirsk, Sharow, Stokesley, Middlesbrough and Stockton, and among the touches rang were 516 of Treble Bob Major and 504 Grandsire Triples, by G. J. Clarkson, W. J. Kitchen, J. Carter, J. Waller, T. Burdon, F. P. Howcroft, T. Stephenson, R. Borrowes, J. Wrighton, J. Neesam, G. Lungley, G. Park and T. Metcalfe.

It was considered by all present that a most useful and enjoyable meeting had been held.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Whit-Monday, June 4th, five members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, paid a visit to Blakenhall near Bloxwich, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. T. J. Elton of Bloxwich. Ten 6-scores (each called differently) and 50 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung in 43 mins., by J. C. Adams (conductor) 1; E. J. Stafford, 2; A. Painter, 3; A. Tarley, 4; F. Edwards, 5. The company were afterwards entertained at the house of Mr. Elton, where the Bloxwich band made him a present of a dinner service.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, on Whit-Tuesday, June 5th. The following representatives were present: Messrs. M. A. Wood, E. P. O'Meara, W. T. Cockerill, and T. Taffender, Ancient Society of College Youths; H. Dains, A. Jacob, and R. A. Daniell, Royal Cumberland Youths; R. Cartwright, and S. Reeves, Archdeaconry of Stafford; F. T. Spencer, and W. Godden, Chester Diocesan Guild; Rev. Maitland Kelly, Devonshire Guild; R. S. Story, Durham and Newcastle Association; C. Sillitoe, Ely Diocesan Association; Rev. T. L. Papillon, N. J. Pitstow, W. J. Nevard, and B. Keeble, Essex Association; Rev. H. A. Cockey, and F. G. May, Gloucester and Bristol Association; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, and F. W. Thornton, Kent County Association; Rev. H. L. James, and G. Chester, Lincolnshire Association; Rev. H. J. Elsee, R. Ridyard, and C. A. Clements, Lancashire Association; J. W. F. Holgate, Leeds and District Association; Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., J. Griffin, S. Cooper, and W. Wakley, Midland Counties Association; Messrs. J. Waghorn and J. Basden, Middlesex Association; Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and J. Motts, Norwich Diocesan Association; Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and F. W. Hopgood, Oxford Diocesan Guild; A. Smith, Salisbury Diocesan Association; G. F. Attree, G. Williams, and S. Saker, Sussex Association; C. Dean, Surrey Association; C. F. Winney and W. Weatherstone, St. James' Society; W. H. Godden, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, and J. W. Whiting, Winchester Diocesan Guild; R. E. Grove and J. Smith, Worcestershire and Districts Association; W. Snowdon, Yorkshire Association; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Messrs. F. W. J. Rees, J. W. Taylor, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, J. W. Mitchell, and J. Pettit, Hon. Members.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer having been voted to the chair *pro tem*, called upon the Council to proceed to the election of President, of which there had been but one nomination received, viz., Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said it gave him great pleasure to move the election of Sir Arthur. This was the tenth year of the existence of the Council. Sir Arthur had hitherto presided over the meetings of the Council in a very able manner, and the Council were much indebted to him for the manner in which he had conducted the business. The Council could not therefore do better than to re-elect him to the presidency, the duties of which he had hitherto so ably discharged. It might be said that Sir Arthur had presided over its infancy, its childhood, and its youth. He was sure the Council could not do better than to ask him to preside over its manhood (applause).

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge in seconding, said he could join most heartily in all that the proposer had said.

Sir Arthur Heywood who on taking the chair to which he was unanimously elected, said he wished to thank his old friend Mr. Robinson for the very kind words that he had used in proposing his re-election, and to express his gratitude to the Council for the manner in which those words had been received. If he might lay claim to anything that he had done, it was to endeavour to get through with all dispatch the lengthy business of the Council. In the days of its childhood it had at all times been necessary for him as President to guide the discussions, and so to somewhat exceed his duties as chairman, but he felt no cause to regret the line he had taken. As his friend Mr. Robinson had pointed out, the Council was now entering upon its manhood. It had established itself before the Exercise and the country, and it might not, he hoped, be necessary for him to take so much part in the discussions in the future as he had in the past. As one who had to attend many meetings, he was entirely alive to the importance of avoiding waste of time, and he was glad to say this had not been a fault of the Council (hear, hear). The Council had now become to be regarded as of importance, and if the same spirit of earnestness continued to pervade its work, it would become a body of great influence. It would be his aim in the future to do all he could, as he had in the past, for the welfare of the Council (bear, hear). He regretted that the large amount of business he had to attend to

prevented him from travelling about as formerly and meeting friends in all parts of the country. He trusted that although he was not able now to do this, that it would be remembered that he had equally as much at heart the welfare of the Exercise, for there was not a week went by without his considering matters connected with ringers or ringing (hear, hear).

ELECTION OF HON. SEC.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said however efficient a chairman a body like that of the Council had—and he was one of those who considered the Council had as they all knew an efficient chairman—yet it was necessary for him to have a right hand. In their esteemed friend Mr. Bulwer, Sir Arthur had got an efficient coadjutor. He did not know anyone who could, or would be at all disposed, to devote so much time to the work as Mr. Bulwer did. Of one thing he was sure, that there were few if any who could devote so much time to the complicated work of the Council as Mr. Bulwer had done in the past, and he had therefore great pleasure in proposing his re-election as Hon. Secretary.

Mr. W. Snowdon, in seconding the resolution, said he did so with pleasure, for Mr. Bulwer had done a large amount of work for the Council in the past, for which the Council were much indebted to him.

The President said before submitting the resolution to the meeting, he should like to say how thoroughly he endorsed every word that had been spoken. Mr. Robinson had said it was necessary for the chairman of such a body to have a right hand. He had no hesitation in saying that Mr. Bulwer had proved an invaluable right hand, and a great deal of the credit for the work of the Council was due to Mr. Bulwer.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer said he desired to thank the mover and seconder and the President for the very complimentary remarks that each had made as to his work in connection with the Council. He was pleased to find that the Council gave him credit for what he had done in the past. So long as God gave him the strength, and the Council choose to elect him to the post he should be happy to discharge the duties to the best of his ability. If at any time there appeared to be any hasty action or words on his part, he trusted that they would bear in mind that it was only for the moment, and no sooner done or said it was gone. He desired to take that opportunity to thank the members of the Council for the assistance they had given him in the discharge of his duties, and also to thank the various Secretaries of the different Associations who had rendered him assistance.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, and having been approved were signed by the President.

HON. MEMBERS.

On the proposition of Mr. F. W. Thornton, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the following were elected Hon. Members for the ensuing three years: Rev. H. J. Pilkington, Messrs. J. Carter, F. W. J. Rees, J. S. Pritchett, J. Trollope, J. W. Taylor, F. E. Ward, and J. Pettit.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the following were appointed as a Standing Committee: Revs. F. E. Robinson, C. D. P. Davies, G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, E. W. Carpenter, H. J. Elsee, Messrs. H. Dains, W. Snowdon, F. W. J. Rees, C. H. Hattersley, T. Lockwood, G. F. Attree, and R. S. Story.

ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Secretary submitted the accounts which showed that the year commenced with a balance in hand of £60 15s. 2d., Subscriptions for the year were £10 14s. 0d., the expenditure was £4 11s. 0d., leaving £66 18s. 2d. in hand.

The President said the accounts had been examined by the Standing Committee and found correct. If the Council desired it auditors could be appointed, but he did not think it necessary.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the accounts were passed.

RAILWAY FARES.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said the Committee had carried out

to the best of their ability this matter. All the petitions that had been received from the various Associations had been sent in to the respective railway companies. He had hoped to have been able to make a report as to the result that day, but he found that the Clearing House did not meet for almost another fortnight; it would be necessary, therefore, to make known the result through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." One satisfactory feature was that the petitions would be backed up by the manager of the Great Western, and he trusted that if there were any members of the Council who could approach the Manager or Director of any railway company that they would do so, and secure their assistance. He was sorry the petitions had not been so numerous as they might have been, while some had taken a long time in getting the signatures. Three companies had already replied. One—the Great Eastern—said that if the Company went on granting reduced fares the time would come when no traveller would pay his full fare (laughter) for travelling. Unfortunately the petitions had gone in at rather a bad time, for not only had coals gone up considerably, but the companies were raising some of the cheap excursion fares, and also looking after excess of luggage. If it had been possible to have sent in the petitions twelve months ago, they might have looked forward with better hopes of success than they could do now. The cost to the Council had been a little over £4, and he was one of those that would have preferred seeing the matter taken up in a better spirit among the Exercise at large. He was aware that some of the local Secretaries had experienced some difficulty in getting in the petitions from the various towers. If anything of the kind should be done again he did hope that ringers in general would take it up more keenly. The number of signatures was as follows: Bath and Wells Association, 337; Chester Diocesan Guild, 266; College Youths, 115; Cumberlands, 40; Devonshire Guild, 150; Durham and Newcastle Association, 273; Essex Association, 266; Gloucester and Bristol Association, 172; Kent County Association, 581; Lancashire Association, 514; Lincolnshire Association East, 60; North, 197; South, 20; Liverpool Diocesan Guild, 20; Middlesex Association, 236; Midland Counties Association, 378; Norwich Diocesan Association, 697; Oxford Guild, 750; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, 30; Salisbury Guild, 17; Surrey Association, 178; Sussex Association, 402; Winchester Diocesan Guild, 315; Worcester and Districts Association, 212; Yorkshire Association, 624; total 6817. The petitions have been sent in—Great Western, ten with 2285 signatures; London and North Western, ten with 3057 signatures; Midland Railway, twelve with 2929 signatures; Great Northern Railway, eight with 2347 signatures; London and South Western, seven with 1761 signatures; Great Eastern five, with 1511 signatures; Great Central five, with 1949 signatures; South Eastern three, with 1161 signatures; London, Brighton and South Coast three with 747 signatures. Some of the petitions were very long, that sent in to the Great Western was about nine yards.

Mr. A. Smith said no petition had come under his notice, and asked if Mr. Cockey could say how long ago it was sent. Possibly an explanation would be that the Secretary of the Salisbury Guild had gone to South Africa.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey replied that the petitions were sent out about eighteen months ago.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said the St. James' Society had not taken the matter up, as the members belonged to other societies, and therefore to have signed would have been in duplicate.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said it would only be right for him to mention that the low number of signatures by the Cumberlands was no doubt due to the fact that most of the members also belonged to some other society.

On the proposition of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by the Rev. M. Kelly, the Committee were re-appointed.

The President in submitting the same to the Council, said he was sure the very best thanks of all would be recorded to Mr. Cockey and the Committee which had worked so hard with him. He trusted that some good result would come in return for the large amount of the labor that had been given.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE RE CONDITION OF RINGS.

The President said he had taken the principal part in the work of this Committee. As soon as the Council had approved

of the circular, these were sent out to forty-four Associations asking them to fill in the name of the representative ringer of each tower containing eight or more bells. There were still four returns which had not been received, which meant that the Committee had not yet been able in these cases to send out to the representative ringers the forms to fill in. This delay was of course a serious one. From the forty circulars returned there had been sent out 914 forms to representative ringers of which 663 had been received back. He hardly knew how to emphasise the importance of having these returns made as soon as possible. Mr. Cockey had called attention to the lack of interest in making returns in connection with the rail fare question. Some of the returns made were already eleven months old, consequently they might be out of date before the report could be issued, simply because of the delay of those who had not sent in the returns asked for. He would ask the Council to give the Committee the power to publish the list of the names of those who had not complied with the request in "THE BELL NEWS," and in doing so to be permitted to use forcible language in connection therewith (hear, hear). He had drafted the form in which he proposed to recommend that the information should be published, and he thought from what he had already seen of the returns, that the information would be of great value and interest to the Exercise.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon moved the re-appointment of the Committee, and that the Committee have authority to publish in "THE BELL NEWS" the list of those who had not made their returns. The mover further suggested that the Committee should send to the secretaries of Associations the list of towers from whom no returns had been furnished in their districts, remarking that it might be possible for the secretaries of Associations to bring some pressure to bear to obtain the returns.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

The President said he desired to thank those secretaries of Associations who had given the Committee all the information they could as to representative ringers, and to the representative ringers who had sent in the returns. It was a pity that those who had not sent in the returns did not see that by their action they were increasing what was already a large amount of labour.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFINITION OF A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

The Rev. H. Law James said he prepared a draft which was sent to the Hon. Secretary, and he understood that it had gone on to the other members of the Committee, but it had not come back to him; until it was returned he was not in a position to make any report.

The Hon. Secretary said he received the draft, and according to the usual practice sent it to one member of the Committee for him to pass on, but it had stuck somewhere. It might be that their friend Mr. Carter who had been ill for three weeks had it. It was a subject which required a great deal more consideration than had as yet been given to it, and he would therefore move the re-appointment of the Committee.

Mr. Story seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

THE GLOSSARY.

The Hon. Secretary said he had obtained an estimate from "THE BELL NEWS" office for printing the Glossary, which it was estimated would make 96 pages. He had also sent out circulars asking what support he might expect, and it was gratifying to find that some 6000 copies would be purchased; this, however, was upon the condition that it was sold at one penny per copy. As he had already stated it was likely to make 96 pages, those who purchased it for a penny would find they had got a good pennyworth. He did not however see how it could be published at a penny, in fact it would be worth a little more. The definitions of Tittums he considered worth 2½d. of itself (laughter), while the appendix, which occupied thirty-four pages of ms., he thought would be considered an important part of the work, and should be worth 6d. He had estimated that by increasing the price to 2d., the purchases would diminish by one half, and upon this supposition he thought it would be best to proceed. To procure it for 2d. it would go through the Asso-

ciations, but if any one sent for it privately, he thought that the price should be 4d. Whatever was done the Council should repay itself the cost of the printing. There would be a great deal of work, and he could not see how it could be done for less than the estimate he had received.

The President said even that price would be ridiculously low for the value of the work. The man who would not pay the price of a cheap drink for such a work was not fit to be a ringer (laughter).

(To be continued.)

Obituary.

SIMEON LANGSTAFFE.

On Whit-Monday the death took place of the above ringer at his residence, St. Laurence's Terrace, Pudsey, aged seventy years. The deceased when seventeen years of age, joined the 33rd regiment (Duke of Wellington's), and went through the Crimean War, being wounded three times at the battle of the Alma through the right hand, and again through the right leg and the hand. He served eight years in the army, and was discharged in 1856, his certificate stating "in consequence of being found unfit for further service from wounds received in action," and was granted a pension of 9d. per day. At the close of the Crimean campaign he received two medals, one from the hands of the Queen at Chatham, and the other from the Sultan of Turkey. Two episodes in his military career he used to recall with pride and pleasure: first—when laid up with his wounds he was tended by Miss Florence Nightingale; and the second, his attendance at the funeral of the Duke of Wellington. Since the outbreak of the Transvaal War the deceased warrior has several times expressed his regret that he could not take part therein. Deceased was an enthusiastic ringer, either in the tower or out—and has been engaged at several local churches during the last forty years, but the infirmities of age have prevented him of late years from taking an active part. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association, and has a record of fourteen peals with that society. The funeral took place on Thursday, June 7th, in the Pudsey Cemetery, and the following ringers were present as representatives of the various towers: Messrs. Benson, Pratt, Page (Calverley); Broadbent and Walker (Armley); G. Bolland and S. Oddy (Tong); J. Smith, F. Birks, and W. Bateman (Pudsey). The handbells were rung at the graveside, and muffled touches upon the bells of St. Laurence's church after the interment. T. M.

AN APPEAL.

The ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the Exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41, Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21, Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55, Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3, St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70, Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35, Huddlestons Road, Forest Gate, E. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W. M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1900.

For an old-established body like the Devonshire Guild it must be considered strange that the Report just adopted at the Annual Meeting contains no record of a peal during the year. We are willing to believe in the observations of the excellent president that such omission must not be taken as a test of the work done, though most people will think that the publication of a peal or two would have made the Report more in harmony with the usual order of things. The county of Devon is of great area, and in consequence there is some difficulty in working up the necessary practical enthusiasm. Ringers in Devon must be taught, the same as anywhere else; teachers must be found for the purpose, and expense is thereby incurred. Some people say that a brigade of instructors is a luxury—a thing to be dispensed with as unnecessary. Really competent men possessing the

desired attainments are not very plentiful. The employment of a ringing instructor needs discernment, but if ringing is to make the headway desired, such instrumentality should be secured without delay. Difficulties of all sorts arise, the most important perhaps being those of finance. We should think a travelling instructor who could journey from place to place throughout the county by means of a bicycle would be the best to employ. We cannot in such a matter pay by results, but the efficiency or otherwise of the teacher would soon become apparent. One really good competent person would do great things, but he should receive a fair emolument. We commend the hint to the Executive of the Devon Guild, and greater and happier results would doubtless figure in the next year's report.

On another page will be seen an advertisement appealing for funds to erect a new ring of eight bells at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, Essex. Such a movement is most worthy the attention of and cordial reception by all good Churchmen, especially of the County. The erection of such a worthy addition to the fabric is intended to adequately mark the completion of the twenty-fifth year of the ministry of the beloved Vicar. Could not the County Association help forward this grand work?

We are very sorry to hear of the serious indisposition of our valued friend Mr. JOHN CARTER. He has sustained a heavy attack of the dreaded influenza and has been obliged to take to his bed. Other complications seem to have arisen, necessitating an operation. The Exercise will be glad to hear that at the time we write he is just able to get up a little, but it is feared that his recovery will be prolonged. This illness hindered him from attendance at the Council. We hope to give a better account of our friend in our next number.

THE LATE JOHN MURRAY HAYES.—Next week will be published a brief memoir of this distinguished ringer, with a list of his peals. Unfortunately we have not been able to secure a trustworthy portrait for reproduction.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	MATTHEW A. WOOD.. .. 6.
EDWIN GIBBS 2.	SAMUEL HAYES.. .. 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.. 8.
CALEB FENN 4.	CHALLIS F. WINNY.. .. 9.
ROLAND FENN 5.	EDWARD A. DAVIES.. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOHN W. WHITING Treble.	GEORGE CHAPPELL 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
GEORGE GRAHAM 3.	CHARLES GILES.. .. 7.
JOSIAH HARRIS 4.	HENRY WHITE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sunday, June 3, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor about 14 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 6.
FREDERICK G. MAY 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7.
FRANCIS E. HART 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

FREDERICK WEBB Treble	WILLIAM BENNETT 6.
NOBLE SPINDLOW 2.	EDWIN HIMS 7.
FRANK TUBB 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD.. .. 8.
FRANK BARRETT 4.	R CHARD WHITE 9.
WILLIAM ADKINS 5.	STEDMAN WHITE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 4, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES.

WALTER G. BROCKHURST* Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 4.	JAMES HUNT. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Major.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, June 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN .. Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
JESSE GILLETT 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. Tenor.

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Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 7, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT EDWARD SMITH* .. Treble.	JAMES HAWKES 5.
ALFRED JOHN LE CLERCQ .. 2.	CHARLES FRY 6.
FREDERICK A. BARNETT .. 3.	ALFRED WHITE 7.
HENRY LEWIS GARFATH .. 4.	*THOMAS UPSHALL .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal. Rung to commemorate the entry of the British Army into Pretoria.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, June 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lbs. in E Flat.

F. W. WADE Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	WILLIAM DYER 7.
RICHARD A. JUDD 3.	A. W. HUMPHRIS 8.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 9.
WILLIAM T. PATES 5.	JOHN BALLINGER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES—SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 5.
GEORGE A. KING 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 6.
JOHN JAY, SEN. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
ALBERT D. STONE 4.	JOHN F. STEADMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. F. Steadman, who received the usual congratulations after the peal.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES DRAPER Treble.	HENRY FOUND 5.
SAMUEL MASKREY 2.	CHARLES E. HART 6.
GEORGE MOTTASHAW .. 3.	EDMUND WILLIS 7.
JAMES W. DENT 4.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

Rung in commemoration of Her Majesty's troops entering Pretoria.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Two and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD RADDON† Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5.
ERNEST ALLEN 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	*GEORGE READING .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal in the method away from the tenor. Also the first peal of Stedman on the bells. This was intended to have been a local peal with the exception of the conductor, but unfortunately Mr. Thorne could not come so the ringers wish to thank Mr. Reeves, of Reading, for taking the spare rope.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JOHN SMART Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
CHARLES SMART 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. W. Thorne, who hails from Oakham, Surrey, was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWENS Treble.	GEORGE THOMPSON 6.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 7.
HENRY REEVES 3.	THOMAS SPARKS 8.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. 4.	GEORGE F. HOAD 9.
WILLIAM ARGENT 5.	ARTHUR MOSELEY .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.

STANSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Violet Treble Bob, College Exercise, Kent Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble.	GEORGE GRAY 4.
THOMAS JORDAN* 2.	GEORGE JORDAN 5.
JOHN LUCKEY 3.	WILLIAM WATTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung to celebrate the entry of Lord Roberts into Pretoria.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD BRUNSDON .. Treble.	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 5.
WILLIAM T. PATES 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIS 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 7.
JESSE GILLET 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIE WALKER* .. Treble.	PRATT CORDINGLEY .. 4.
TOM LATIMER 2.	MATTHEW BROADBENT .. 5.
J. W. T. HOLGATE .. 3.	JOHN THACKRAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the occupation of Pretoria by the British troops.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES,

Being 720 each of Double Court, Violet, Woodbine, New London, Oxford, Kent and Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	THOMAS LEVITT 4.
ROBERT WILDING 2.	ARTHUR KEEBLE 5.
HUGH GLADWELL 3.	WILLIAM KINSEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. KINSEY.

This is the first peal in seven methods in the Sudbury District, if not in the whole Diocese. Messrs. Gladwell and Kinsey from Felsbam, Levitt from Hitcham, Symonds from Lavenham, Wilding and Keeble from Monks Eleigh.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH PATTISON Treble	JAMES LEIGHTON 5
JOHN W. ROBINSON* 2.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6.
THOMAS F. GOFTON 3.	WILLIAM C. BENNETT 7.
FREDERICK SHERATON 4.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

JOSEPH MELLOR Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD 5.
SAMUEL BOOTH 2.	BENJAMIN THORP 6.
JAMES BOOTH 3.	ALBERT ADAMS 7.
BENJAMIN GILL* 4.	WILLIAM BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the fall of Pretoria. This peal was rung on the front eight.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1900, in Three Hours

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER KNOTT Treble.	LUKE ILLINGWORTH 5.
SIDNEY GOODALL 2.	J. W. LANG 6.
GEORGE BROOK 3.	WILLIAM WALKER 7.
WILLIE THOMAS 4.	WILLIAM COLLINS Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM GOODALL, and
Conducted by LUKE ILLINGWORTH.

It was the first peal and the first attempt by the treble, 4th and 7th men, and also the Silver Wedding day of J. W. Lang.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above was rung for Divine Service in the evening.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 24th, 1008 of Bob Major, in commemoration of the 81st birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. G. Rumsey, 1; A. Grimes, 2; W. Grimes (conductor), 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Groom, 5; G. Rowe, 6; G. Brunning, 7; W. Rumsey, 8. At the conclusion the bells were fired eighty-one times. A peal was to have been attempted, but it being Ascension Day the bells were not available. On Sunday, May 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Major was rung. G. Rumsey, 1; W. Rumsey (conductor), 2; J. Rumsey, 3; E. Diaper, 4; W. Groom, 5; W. Tydeman, 6; C. Brunning, 7; A. Grimes, 8. In the evening, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Rumsey, 1; W. Grimes (conductor), 2; W. Groom, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Bullock, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; A. Grimes, 7; C. Brunning, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. Diaper and Tydeman hail from Stowmarket.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLETSOE (Beds).—On Saturday, May 26th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. J. Bird (first 720 in the method), 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; J. Church (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; G. Valentine, 5; W. J. Barker, 6. This was the first 720 on the bells. Also 720 Bob Minor. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; J. Church, 2; F. G. Crouch, 3; G. Valentine, 4; H. Munday, 5; F. J. Bird, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. G. Crouch, 1; F. J. Bird, 2; G. Valentine, 3; J. Church, 4; H. Munday, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, May 22nd, 720 Double Court. D. Thompson, 1; I. Hills, 2; B. Jealous, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. J. Barker, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.)

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Thursday, May 3rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; A. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; J. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday, May 5th, seven 720s, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Plain Bob, and 720 College Single. J. Dean, 1; J. Fernley, 2; S. Rutter, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; S. Fernley, 4; A. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Wednesday evening, May 16th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. J. Kellett, 1; S. Fernley, 2; J. Fernley, 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; A. Fernley, 5; H. Lee, 6. On Sunday morning, May 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday, May 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; W. Lowry, 2; T. Ramsay, 3; J. Dean, 4; A. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Thursday evening, May 31st, 720 Violet. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, June 5th, at the parish church, on receipt of the official report of the entry of Lord Roberts into Pretoria, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Wallis, 1; W. E. Pitman, 2; R. S. Garner, 3; A. Biggs, sen., 4; A. Biggs, jun., 5; F. Hunt, 6; H. Baker (conductor), 7; G. Wood, 8.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Whit-Sunday, 630 Grandsire Triples. S. Croucher, 1; H. Charlton, 2; W. E. Pitman, 3; W. J. Willis, 4; R. S. Garner, 5; H. Baker (conductor), 6; W. Holdstock, 7; G. Pearson, 8.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Rayner, 1; A. Osborne, 2; T. Chantler, 3; J. Kidd, 4; O. Sullivan, 5; W. Baker, 6; J. Tulett (conductor), 7; W. Ashbee, 8. On Thursday, May 31st, 720 Grandsire Triples. G. Lock, 1; E. Rayner, 2; G. Chantler, 3; J. Kidd, 4; O. Sullivan, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6; J. Tulett, 7; W. Ashbee, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. Lock, 1; W. Baker (conductor), 2; G. Chantler, 3; E. Rayner, 4; O. Sullivan, 5; W. Ashbee, 6; J. Tulett, 7; J. Kidd, 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Wednesday, May 23rd, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Perkins, 1; E. Mankelov, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; H. Martin (first quarter-peal), 4; J. Smith, 5; S. Perkins, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; G. Smithers, 8. On May 31st, for practice, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Perkins, 1; A. Welsh, 2; J. Smith, 3; B. Wadmore,

4; W. Latter, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; H. Porter, 7; S. Perkins, 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, 224 Bob Major. J. Perkins, 1; S. Perkins, 2; J. Smith, 3; H. Porter, 4; A. Welsh, 5; G. Smithers, 6; J. Mugg-ridge, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, June, 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. S. Faithfull (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Perkins, 2; W. Smith (first quarter-peal), 3; H. Martin, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Latter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Latter, 8. Composed by A. N. Wood, of Middleton, Yorks.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDRINGTON (Sussex).—On Saturday, May 19th, at St. Leonard's church, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. M. Cherryman, 1; A. J. Cherryman, 2; M. Broomfield, 3; G. A. Steele, 4; R. Stredwick, 5; F. W. Steele (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Tuesday, June 5th, in honour of Lord Roberts entering Pretoria, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Jakeman, 1; J. W. Holme, 2; J. Donald, 3; R. Wimpenny, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; H. Palmer, 6; W. Wolstencroft (conductor), 7; H. Ashton, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, May 23rd, 1298 Bob Major in 43 mins. F. G. May (conductor), 1; J. Thomas, 2; — Isaac, 3; A. Knight, 4; W. Landsdown, 5; H. Howell, 6; R. Clark, 7; G. T. Daltry, 8. Longest length in the method by all except the treble and tenor men. On Monday, May 28th, 864 Stedman Triples. R. J. Wilkins, 1; W. Gist, 2; J. Thomas, 3; S. Thomas, 4; A. Harvey, 5; J. Burford, 6; R. Clark (conductor), 7; J. Luke, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday morning, May 20th, for Divine Service, and to celebrate the relief of Mafeking, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 30 mins. R. Vest, 1; J. Bean, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; A. Pigg, 4; R. S. Story, 5; E. Weightman, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs add two singles). C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; J. Bean, 2; A. Dodds, 3; the rest as before. On Monday, May 28th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 29 mins. R. Vest, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; A. Dodds, 3; A. Pigg, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; E. Weightman, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ISLIP (Northants). On Sunday, April 15th, for early service, 720 Plain Bob. A. Allen, 1; J. Allen, 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Bob. F. Knight, 1; L. Chapman, 2; G. Hewitt, 3; J. Nickerson, 4; F. Tiney, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. For evening service, 360 and 180 Oxford Bob. A. Hudson, 1; J. Hudson, 2; J. Allen, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; F. Knight, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 30th, 720 London Single, in 23 mins. G. Hewitt, 1; J. Hudson, 2; D. Redhead, 3; J. Nickerson, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. J. Hudson, 1; G. Hewitt, 2; D. Redhead, 3; F. Knight, 4; R. Loveday, 5; J. Nickerson (conductor), 6. Rung as a farewell touch to J. Hudson, who is leaving. On Saturday, May 5th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Shaw, 1; F. Willford, 2; L. Chapman, 3; A. Stewart, 4; J. Nickerson, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6.

RYE (Sussex).—On Thursday, May 24th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. H. Henley, 1; G. Billenness, 2; E. Reed, 3; C. Price, 4; J. H. Durrant, 5; W. Billenness, jun. (conductor), 6; E. Curd, 8. This was rung to celebrate the Queen's birthday. On Sunday evening, May 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. L. T. H. Seers (first 720), 1; G. Billenness, 2; E. Reed, 3; C. Price, 4; J. H. Durrant, 5; W. Billenness, jun. (conductor), 6; W. Tomsett, 8.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Thursday, May 24th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. C. Darwin, 1; T. Sale, 2; A. Gordon, 3; J. Barlow, 4; J. A. Gordon, 5; A. S. Gordon, 6; W. Gordon (conductor), 7; H. Leigh, 8. Composed by T. Brook. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

THRAPSTON (Northants).—On Monday, April 16th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six. L. Chapman, 1; J. Nickerson, 2; J. Hudson, 3; R. Loveday, 4; F. Tiney, 5; H. Chapman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 22nd, 720 Plain Bob. A. Kingsford, 1; W. Yates, 2; W. Shaw, 3; D. Redhead, 4; J. Hudson, 5; J. Nickerson (conductor), 6.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The time of the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, on May 29th, should read "three hours and thirty minutes," not "three hours and three minutes," as published.

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."

CAMPANOLOGY V. CAMPANALOGY.

SIR,—I am still unconvinced by Mr. Bulwer. In his last letter he gives a good reason why he is not to be regarded as committed to anology, but I do not see that he shews that under any circumstances it is an imperative law of word formation to replace an *a* by an *o* at the end of a first root word. Granted that the practice has grown to be general, it is not thereby shown to be essentially right, and it is not apparent to me that the inventor of the word Ecclesiology, for example, would have deviated from anything except custom if he had formed ecclesiology. I certainly should have thought that the very fact of a word having been formed in the Greek language would afford a good precedent for forming modern compounds; but I should like to hear the voice of a greater authority than mine. Mr. Papillon in his recent letter said that he should say Campanalogy was etymologically right. Will he kindly tell us why he took that view? And whether he has since changed his mind? And, if so, why so?

Now you, Sir, in your comment last week, appear to make an onslaught on the word in any shape and for any purpose. I am not prepared to go your length, though of course I am entirely with you in your strictures on the use of the word for ringing performers or performances. It is simply absurd for a man to call ringing or tune-playing Campanology; he might as well call dung-spreading stercolology. If you break your leg, which Heaven forbid, you will send for a competent person to set it. The person you summon may be a great authority on the science of bones, and their behaviour when broken or otherwise, but he will not call the setting of your leg osteology; he will call it surgery. His knowledge of the science of bones—osteology—will be one of the things which will put him in a position to do the practical operation of surgery; but the operation is not osteology. The distinction between terms meaning knowledge or science on the one hand and practice on the other, is generally observed in the ordinary conduct of life. If our butcher were to replace the name of his trade over his shopfront by the word carnologist, we should think him a fool; a navy does not call driving a tunnel geology, nor does a singer call himself a vocologist. Was ever anybody ass enough to call organ playing organology, or to announce a pianofortological recital?

The use of the word Campanology to signify any performance is, therefore, preposterous; but it does not follow that the word is to be altogether got rid of. Passing by the question of spelling, what better term could you have to express the investigations of those learned gentlemen who have written and are writing about the history and incidents of our bells and bell foundries? No doubt it is somewhat of a bastard word, but that cannot be helped, because bells, as we now have them, have come into existence since classic Greek ceased to be a living language. But if the science of these gentlemen is to have any name at all, this word is useful and appropriate for the purpose.

The word, however, came into existence in another connection, namely, as the title of a book about the science of change-ringing. It was not very happily chosen, for the science the book describes is not so much of bells themselves as of the methods of producing changes when ringing them; and this I suppose, is why the word has been disused by the learned of later times. But the word can never be dissociated from the classical literature of change-ringing, and therefore I hope it is not altogether futile to attempt to arrive at the correctness of its form and its meaning.

R. A. DANIELL.

PEAL-RINGING.

SIR,—During the last few years the bells of Worcester churches have been unpealable, and the ringers of that place had rung on in the hope that an existing six would be increased to eight, or that an octave would be erected at St. Mary's or Hallow, that they might have a chance of ringing a peal. This latter has been accomplished, and eight bells now hang in Hallow tower. The hopes of the ringers accordingly rose, and

several peals or attempts talked of; but vain hope! almost ere the bells are hung it is said "the Rev. So-and-So will bring a band for a peal at an early date; Mr. — will also do the same." Bands from a distance will leave their own district where they have plenty of chances for peals, and deprive local ringers of their one and only chance. I believe in the old saying—"All is fair in love and war;" but do not think it applies to ringing, but rather "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you."

L. LONGNEY.

Croome, Worcester.

THE ST. MARY'S (WOOLWICH) SOCIETY, KENT.

In sympathy with the general rejoicings which have recently taken place all over the country consequent upon the success of the campaign in South Africa, the St. Mary's ringers (in common with many others), have been taking their part. The relief of Ladysmith was the first incident, but in honour of Lord Roberts' entry into Bloemfontein, and when the relief of Mafeking was accomplished, special requests were made in these two instances that the parish church bells might be rung, whilst for the day when Lord Roberts entered Pretoria, the ringers had permission to set the bells going all day long on and off, but they were to wait until the news was authentic. As soon as the news was received in Woolwich on June 5th, the ringers employed in the Royal Arsenal obtained the requisite leave, and mustered at the tower just at the time when the newspapers were being rapidly brought up announcing the news officially. Soon after 4 o'clock the bells pealed forth, and were kept going until nearly 11 o'clock, except for an interval which had been pre-arranged for by the Rector and Mrs. Escreet, who had invited the ringers, together with the honorary members, to supper. After doing justice to the spread, the Rector said that on this memorable occasion "The Health of the Queen" must be drunk, which was loyally done. The next toast was "The Army and the Reserve Forces," to which Mr. W. J. Aldridge responded, and remarked that at the meeting of the Kent County Association held the preceding day (which he and others from Woolwich attended, including the Rector, who is on the Central Committee), it was said that there was a growing tendency amongst ringers to bind themselves in cliques to ring certain methods to the exclusion of others who might wish to learn. This he regretted, but thought possibly there was some truth in the statement.

Mr. H. G. Hill then proposed "The Church and its Officers," when Mr. Churchwarden Rahtz responded, and said it gave him much pleasure to be among them, and promised to aid the ringers in their work as far as he was able.

The next toast was the Ringing Community at large, to which Mr. E. O. Masters replied, and said he was proud of the Woolwich band. They had lived in harmony during the past twelve months, and had no dissensions. He was grateful to them for their patience to him in trying to get him to handle his rope proficiently. Whether he should succeed remained to be seen. Referring to the meeting at Tonbridge, Secretaries were reminded there that they must look after the contributions, but he was pleased to say there was no difficulty in getting the Woolwich band to pay up. The balance-sheet for the year ending Whit-Sunday now to be submitted showed a most healthy state. Beside the ten members of the band they had twelve honorary members who were not at all exactly probationers, for some could ring.

Mr. Bex, Secretary of the Lewisham District, and who was present at the Rector's invite, had said Woolwich men were the first to pay the Kent County Association contribution, and numbered the strongest band in his district, having fifteen members. Besides meeting this and other incidental expenses, there remained a substantial balance which would be devoted to the annual outing. Mr. Masters said he attributed this flourishing state to the set of rules which he believed were second to none in any other tower. In support of this he had had several applications from ringers in various places for a copy.

The following were then re-elected for the ensuing year. Mr. H. G. Hill, steeplekeeper, Mr. W. J. Aldridge, master, Mr. H. G. Carter, assistant master, and Mr. E. O. Masters, hon. sec. Mr. J. E. Beaven was appointed auditor. The annual ex-

cursion was fixed for Saturday, the 30th June, and the place chosen was Eastbourne. This concluded the business, and ringing was then resumed.

During the time the following touches were noted, A 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Harman, 1; W. J. Aldridge, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; H. G. Hill (conductor), 4; A. Phillips, 5; R. G. Carter, 6; J. E. Beaven, 7; A. K. Sandiford, 8. And 518 of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Harman, 1; J. E. Beaven, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; H. G. Hill, 4; A. Phillips, 5; R. G. Carter (conductor), 6; W. J. Aldridge, 7; A. R. Sandiford, 8. Also 518 of Grandsire Triples. A. R. Sandiford, 1; J. E. Beaven, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; P. G. Bex, 4; H. G. Hill, 5; R. G. Carter, 6; W. J. Aldridge (conductor), 7; J. Hoare, 8. And 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. A. Phillips, 1; J. E. Beaven, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; H. G. Hill, 4; J. E. Sykes, 5; A. R. Sandiford, 6; W. Aldridge (conductor), 7; E. O. Masters, 8.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Mrs. Escreet, for their hospitality, and two honorary members were added to the roll, namely, Rev. F. Meyrick, and Mr. F. G. Bex, which now numbers twenty-five, including the regular band.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Devon Guild was held in Stoke Schoolroom, Devonport, on Whit-Monday. Bands of ringers journeyed down in the morning from different parts of the county, and the towers of St. Andrew's, Charles, St. George's, and Stoke having been placed at the disposal of the members of the Guild, the bells were soon pouring forth their melodious notes. At the tea, followed by the meeting at 4.30 p.m., there were present the Rev. Maitland Kelly (President), Messrs. W. Banister and J. E. Bone (vice-Presidents), the Rev. F. Molineux (Hon. Secretary), the Revs. S. W. E. Bird, S. G. Ponsonby, and J. M. Clarkson. The following bands, among others, were represented: The Three Towns, St. Edmunds (Exeter), Heavitree, Ottery, Harpford, Withycombe, Ilfracombe, and Sowton. The report of the Committee tended to show that the strength of the Guild was well maintained, three new bands having joined during the year (Woodbury, St. Thomas, and Totnes), while other bands in the diocese were desirous of becoming affiliated to the Guild, but the expense of instruction and the difficulty of procuring an instructor within reasonable distance was the chief hindrance to the extension of change-ringing. Several attempts to score peals had been made, but they had not proved successful. A generous gift of a set of twelve hand-bells had been made by the St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, Society of Ringers for the use of the members of the Devon Guild. The Guild deplored the loss of several of its oldest members, notably the late Sub-Dean Acland, Mr. S. Mardon, and Mr. J. Baxter. The President, commenting on the report, expressed his opinion that the progress of the Guild was very satisfactory. The fact that no peals had been scored must not be taken as a test of the work, but the addition of three new bands testified more forcibly to the progress of the Guild than the ringing of peals. The more experienced members were getting old and less inclined for the severe ordeal, and he suggested that younger ringers must learn to conduct a peal. The report was adopted. The accounts showed a balance carried forward of £24 11s. 5d. Mr. J. E. Bone proposed the re-election of the Rev. M. Kelly as President, and testified to the great help and advice which Mr. Kelly had given him when he and his family proposed to place the peal of bells in St. George's, Stonehouse. The Rev. F. Molineux was re-elected Hon. Secretary. The other officers and members of the Committee were re-elected. A proposition to allow lady associates to qualify for the certificate of the Guild when they can ring a touch of 120 changes on hand-bells was received with general approval, as tending to encourage ladies to learn change-ringing, and thus render assistance in the instruction of young ringers. A service in Stoke Church, with an address by the Rector, concluded the day's arrangements.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A RECORD of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 6d.; cloth do., 9d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading Berks.

Notices.

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The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wadhurst (six bells) to-day, Saturday, June 16. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at The Queen's Head at 5.30.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting 6.30. Unveiling of peal tablet.

W. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

83, Chesham Road, Bury.

Lancashire Association. — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Mytton church, to-day, Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.

WM. BRACEWELL, *Sec.*

10, Oak Street, Accrington.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, to-day, Saturday, June 16th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, June 23rd, not the 16th, as previously announced. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bath, on Saturday, June 30th. Full particulars later.

Hy. W. TOMKINS,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Williton, Somerset.

Notice.—Meeting at Lavenham on Thursday, June 21st. Ringing commences at 7 a.m. Bells placed at the disposal of any brother-ringer during the day.

A. SYMONDS.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday, June 23rd. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Moreton, Kingsley.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. The bells of the Cathedral (ten), St. Mary's (eight), and St. Michael's (six), will be available during the afternoon and evening for touches only. Subscriptions to be paid in the Cathedral beltry between 2 and 4 p.m. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 p.m. and an address by the Rev. Prebendary Southwell, a member of the society. Tea at the Coffee House at 5.30, to be followed by the general meeting. Tickets for tea will be sixpence each to those only who have paid their subscriptions, and who send in their names before the 19th inst. To others it will be one shilling.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Dronfield, on Saturday, June 23rd. This being the Feast, I hope there will be a good turn up. Meeting at The Green Dragon at five o'clock.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hughenden on Saturday, June 23rd. Ringing will begin at four o'clock.

H. C. BELL, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers invited.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

48, Church Street, Middleton.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Tong on Saturday, June 30th. Meeting-house—The Greyhound inn. A peal will be attempted at 2.15. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided. All ringers are cordially invited.

HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 30th. Further particulars next week.

W. W. C. BAKER, } *Hon. Secs.*
ISAAC HILLS,

BELLS ON PRETORIA.

Why are the bells a ringing?

I heard some people say;

For the fall of Pretoria,

So many miles away.

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How merrily they sound;

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The news to every Englishman,

And Englishwoman too;

Such joyful gladdening tidings,

That we've fought bravely through.

Bravely through many perils,

Our armies have been led;

Till they reached the goal, Pretoria,

With Roberts at their head.

Then ring ye bells still louder,

And tell to all around;

That in spite of every danger,

We, with success are crowned.

Abingdon.

KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD.

A DIRGE.

Lay him beneath the grassy mound

Below the church tower grey and old,

Among the gravestones calm and cold,

Where steals the cadence of the bells' sweet sound.

Last week he was our chief; we all

To him gave honour as his due;

Next week we chose a captain new;

Another then the bobs shall call.

So shall it be to you and me,

Who think none else our place can take;

The next of our mistakes shall make

His mark; and scorn our memory.

SEDBERGH, YORKS.

OUTING.—On Saturday, June 9th, the ringers of the above place had their annual outing. During the last few months the company has been reduced by three, two leaving the town and one going to fight Boers, and so only six were available. The place chosen was Kirkby Stephen. At 8.20 a.m. four set off to drive. Mr. Woodhouse followed later on a bicycle. Unfortunately, owing to rain,

Mr. Pile was unable to join them, and thus the members were reduced to five. After dinner at The Croglin Castle hotel, a move was made to the church. It is an old church with several interesting monuments. They were met by Mr. Parkinson, the parish clerk, who gave them a cordial welcome. Six-scores were then rung in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Simon's, New Doubles and College Single. J. W. Harrison, 1; E. Pennington, 2; W. Pennington, 3; J. Senogles, 4; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 5. They then walked back to the hotel for tea, and left Kirkby Stephen at 7 p.m., arriving home at 10 p.m.

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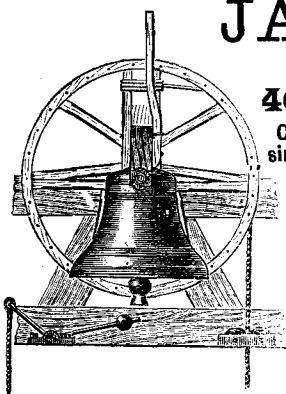
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