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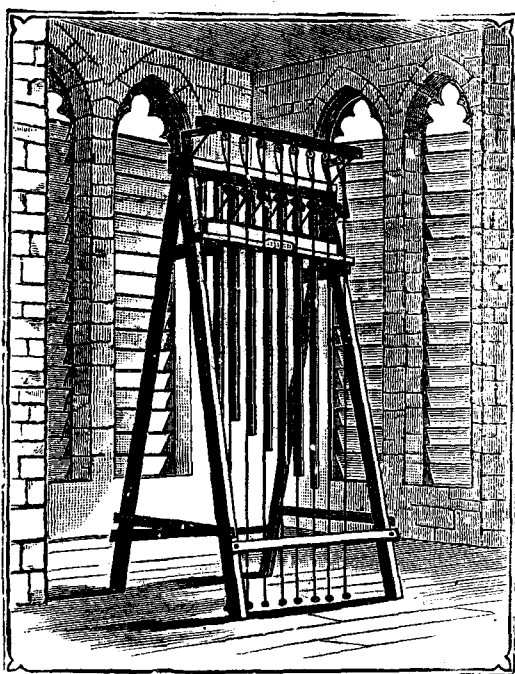
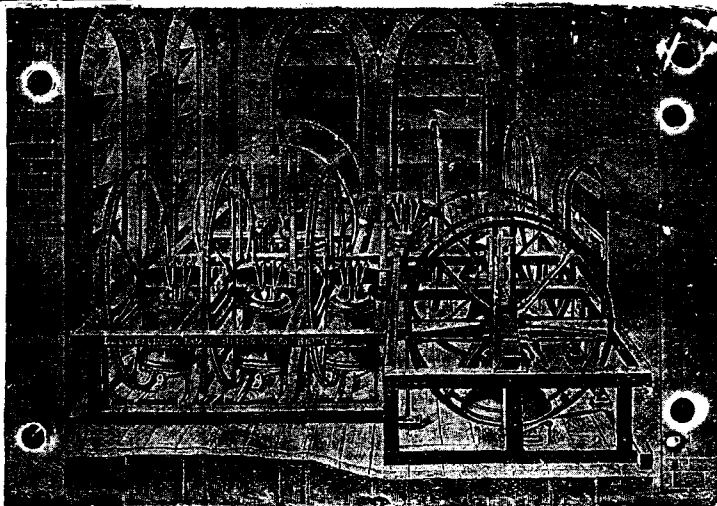
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

The spring meeting of this district of the above-named Association was held at Speldhurst on Saturday, May 12th, and was attended by twenty-five members. These were welcomed on their arrival by Miss Macalpine Leny, and conducted by her through the gardens and grounds of the Rectory. The belfry was next visited, and touches in various methods rung.

At six o'clock the members adjourned to partake of an excellent tea, kindly provided by Miss Leny. The Rector presided, and entertained the company during tea with an interesting account of his recent visit to Gibraltar; and also exhibited an interesting relic of the siege of Ladysmith in the shape of the cartridge-case of the first 12-pounder shell that was fired by the naval brigade on their arrival at Ladysmith. This had been specially brought home and presented to him by the officers of H.M.S. *Powerful*.

At the conclusion of tea, Miss Leny thoughtfully suggested that as the room was rather crowded it would be much more comfortable to adjourn to the Rectory lawn for the business meeting. This was done, and the usual business was transacted.

The District Secretary, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed that votes of thanks should be returned to the Rector for the use of the bells and the rectory grounds, and to Miss Leny for the kind manner in which the members had been entertained, and also to express their regret at the serious illness of Mrs. Mackinnon, with their hopes for her speedy recovery.

Miss Leny, in replying, said that she was very pleased to meet them, and hoped that they would all be spared to pay another visit next year. She was sure Mrs. Mackinnon would be very glad that they had enjoyed themselves, and would feel gratified at their vote of condolence with her in her illness.

The belfry was again visited, and the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock. This ended the most pleasant and best attended meeting (except annual meetings) that the district has ever held.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

The Quarterly Meeting of this branch was held at Hagworthingham on Whit-Monday, ringers attending from Boston, Skirbeck, Freiston, Friskney, and Spilsby, the Boston contingent driving by way of Revesby, and returning by way of West Keal and Stickney. The bells were set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor, and several touches in both methods were rung by mixed bands until 2 p.m., when the members adjourned to The George and Dragon inn, where dinner was provided, the chair being taken by the worthy President, the Rev. J. P. Cheales, Vicar of Friskney, Mr. A. Barber, of Freiston, occupying the vice-chair. The business meeting,

which was of a routine character, was held immediately, after which an adjournment was made to the church for more ringing, followed by evensong, after which the ringers began to disperse, having enjoyed the day's outing in this, one of the most picturesque districts of Lincolnshire.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A muster of forty-five members turned up at the Whit-Monday meeting. The weather was good, and ringing was kept up throughout the day at Shotley Bridge, Consett, and Blackhill churches. The dinner was held at The Cross Swords hotel, Shotley Bridge, at one o'clock, Mr. R. Story (president) in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin (Vicar), Messrs. E. E. Ferry, W. Story, the Hon. Secretary, etc. The loyal toast was received with musical honours. The president next proposed the toast of "Bishops and Clergy of the two dioceses," coupled with the name of the Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin. The latter, in replying, was glad to see so many present who took an interest in this branch of Church work. A course on handbells and election of members followed. The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Consett parish church and of Benfieldside church for the use of their bells during the day. This was carried with acclamation. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Wednesday, the 20th June, was a red-letter day in the annals of the old borough of Newcastle-on-Tyne, now the city of the diocese of the same name. The Prince of Wales and the Princess, accompanied by Princess Victoria, visited the city, the Prince laying the foundation-stone of the new infirmary, to the cost of which every class on Tyneside and throughout Northumberland and the greater part of Durham had subscribed, headed by the princely gift of £100,000 from the late John Hall, a Quayside merchant (given during his lifetime). Never has such an expression of welcome and loyalty been exceeded as issued from the people of this district, and the town was in gala costume throughout. The immense crowds which assembled were in the best of humours, and no accident, nor objectionable feature of any kind, occurred to mar the happiness of the day. Naturally the ringers contributed to the general festivities, and at the Cathedral several touches of Stedman Caters, as well as Grandsire, were rung in excellent style. In addition to the regular band many ringers from other towers turned up, and there was no lack of willing performers. Among those who took part were J. Simm, R. Richards, R. S. Story, E. E. Ferry, S. Power, H. Dall, A. Hillier, R. Simm, R. Simm, jun., F. J. Harrison, W. Holmes, J. Foreman, G. R. Holmes, J. W. Robinson, J. Cliff, etc.

On the preceding evening a peal of Bob Major was rung in honour of the event at St. Stephen's, particulars of which appear in the proper column.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Annual Meeting of this Association took place at Standish on Whit-Saturday, June 9th. Representatives were present from Blackrod, Chorley, Leyland parish, Leyland (St. James), Penwortham, Standish, and Stand. After ringing had been done during the afternoon, thirty-one sat down to a bountiful tea at The Black Horse hotel. Full justice having been done to the repast, the President (Mr. J. Banister) expressed the great pleasure it gave both himself and the Standish ringers to welcome the Association to their tower. The Secretary next read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed. The chairman then called on one of the auditors (Mr. D. Sanderson), to read over the accounts of the past year, which was satisfactorily done and confirmed. Next came the election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of all of them. A few new members were then admitted into the Association. Votes of thanks to all the officers for their past services, and to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close. The tower was again visited, and some touches of Plain Bob, College Single, and London Single Bob were rung.

CHRIST CHURCH, EASTBOURNE.

On Wednesday, June 13th, the Rev. Alfred Allen, Vicar of the above church, invited the ringers of the parish church together with the adult choir members and sidesmen of the parish church, St. Andrew's and Whitley Road Mission Hall, to accompany him to London. The party, to the number of thirty-seven, assembled at the railway station at 8.30 a.m., and were soon speeding along northward. After a somewhat slower journey than usual, but which passed pleasantly enough with discussions on "How we could end the war," "on Ranji's cricket," and with an anecdote or two, Victoria station was safely reached. Here everybody was told to do as they liked, but to be back again at 12.50 for dinner. In all directions the party dispersed, although the crowd in the streets did not seem appreciably increased by the invasion from the country. Dinner-time however found the party together again, and a splendid spread was provided by the Vicar's kindness at the Continental Cafe. But the menu! Oh dear! how nearly some of them did break their jaws. It was dreadful to think what would have been the result if the ringers' captain had pronounced some of the items, his conducting days would have been ended. Courses! how they came up, all in perfect order, no blunders, and no change-courses, and even the thin members of the band were brought "round" by the abundance of food that disappeared.

At the conclusion of the meal a most cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kindness. Mr. G. Howse on behalf of the ringers also added his acknowledgments, as did the sidesmen of the various churches.

In reply the Vicar thanked all those who had spoken for the cordial way in which they had referred to him, and said that next year he hoped to see a larger party, as that would show that the work they were engaged in was progressing. In former excursions the members of the belfry and the choir specially connected with the parish church had been the only ones invited, but in future he (the Vicar) did not mean to differentiate between the parish church and the daughter churches of Whitley Road and St. Andrew's. Each was doing its part to spread Christ's kingdom, and all should work together, remembering St.

Paul's words—"If one member suffer, all the members suffer with it."

A move was then made to the underground railway to visit Earl's Court exhibition. Here, with the music provided entirely by the ladies, with the water chute and the great wheel, a pleasant time was spent, and when train time came, one and all returned to Eastbourne after having spent a most enjoyable day, with deep feelings of gratitude to the Vicar for the pleasure he had given to his lay-helpers. P.

THE OLDHAM SOCIETY, LANCASHIRE.

The ringers in connection with the above society had their annual trip on Whit-Friday night to Dublin, which place was safely reached on Saturday morning about 8 o'clock. After partaking of breakfast they had a drive around the principal places in and about the city, including Phoenix Park. After dinner they wended their way to St. Patrick's Cathedral, when they were kindly met by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, the conductor, to whom their thanks are due for getting them the required permission to ring for the 4 o'clock service. They afterwards rang a short touch on the bells of Christ Church, and after a walk around the principal streets in the city they had tea and then made preparations for going home, where they arrived safely on Sunday morning after having a fine day and a capital trip. They take this opportunity to thank their friend Mr. Lindoff on their behalf, and also for the few friends from Rochdale who accompanied them, and for his courtesy in shewing them through the tower, and also through the streets in the city.

THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

A very successful excursion was arranged by the members of the above society on Saturday, June 9th. The London and North Western station at St. Albans was the meeting place, and a good muster presented themselves at 3 o'clock. We took the train to Bricket Wood, from there we walked through the beautiful park of Munden, to the village of Aldenham, we were there met by Mr. D. H. L. Buckingham of Bushey, and the members of the local company. By the courtesy of the Vicar the fine ring of eight at St. John the Baptist were placed at our disposal, some excellent touches of Grandsire and Bob Triples having been rung, we adjourned to The Chequers, where an excellent meal was provided by host Jones. After tea the handbells were brought out to the village green, an excellent touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major was rung by Messrs. H. Lewis, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; T. Walter, 7-8. The remainder of the evening was spent in the belfry, where good ringing was the order. We started for St. Albans at 9 o'clock arriving there about 11, one and all agreeing that we had spent a pleasant afternoon, and hoping that this was the fore runner to many such pleasant Saturday afternoon's excursions during the summer. Hearty thanks are due to the Vicar for use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Hewett for having them ready for our use. H.L.W.

Mr. JOHN CARTER.—We hear there is no great improvement perceptible in the health of Mr. Carter. He manages to get up for an hour or two each day, but little or no advance towards convalescence is seen; in fact though the surgical operation he submitted to was successful, he makes no headway. Yet amid all this he manages to read his "BELL NEWS" regularly, and not only to write a letter, but also to compose peals for publication.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

We hear that these bells are now in position, and will be available for ringing after the opening ceremony. Messrs. Taylor have erected a frame for twelve bells, but only eight is at present therein. When the ring of twelve is complete it will be the only one of that number in the county. Perhaps we may be allowed a small share in the credit of this work, for we strenuously advocated that provision should be made for twelve bells in the tower of this historical edifice.

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,—In reply to Mr. Daniell's question in your last issue, I said that Campanalogy was etymologically right, because the word *campana* belongs to the class of words whose stems end in *a*, just as bio-logy is etymologically correct, because its first half (Greek *bios*) belongs to a class of words whose stems end in *o*. My point was that usage, resting upon the analogy of the majority of such forms, over-rides etymology, and treats all such compounds as if their correct form was ology; whence the phrase "all the ologies." Thus "horology" (from *hora*), "ecclesiology" (from *ecclesia*), "morphology" (from Greek *morphe*), though wrong in theory, are right in practice; while campanalogy, though theoretically correct, is practically wrong because it violates usage, which in the long run determines the accepted standards of language. To insist on campanalogy, ecclesiology, horology, etc., is not so much wrong, as pedantic and unpractical.

As to the meaning of the word, I agree that it is out of place "for ringing performers or performances." But as meaning the science of bells in general, I do not see why it should not include both scientific bell-founding and scientific bell-ringing, as well as the history of bells or bell-lore; the science, that is, of Messrs. Taylor or Mears, of Fabian Stedman and other composers, and of Mr. Haweis or Dr. Raven. T. L. PAPILLON.
Writtle, Chelmsford.

THE DRAFT OF THE LEGITIMATE METHODS.

SIR,—In last week's issue it is stated that the draft of the above had got stuck somewhere, and might be still in my hands through my illness. I beg leave to say that I sent it on to Mr. A. Craven more than five weeks ago, the third day after receiving it from Mr. Trollope. JOHN CARTER.

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, Huddlestone Road, Forest Gate, E. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W. M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

SUCKLEY (Worcestershire).—On June 4th, 720 College Single. E. Watkins, 1; F. Smith, 2; A. Hadley, 3; A. Hill, 4; C. Watkins, 5; W. Page, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. A. Hadley, 1; F. Smith, 2; A. Hill, 3; E. Watkins, 4; C. Watkins, 5; W. Page, 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 77.)

PEAL VALUES.

Mr. Attree said the question referred to the Committee last year was the points to be allowed for Double Norwich Maximus and Double Norwich Royal. No doubt those who had practised these knew more about the value of points that should be allowed than those who had not practised them. It was suggested that 32 points should be allowed for Double Norwich Maximus, and 28 for Double Norwich Royal. These it was thought would be but right. There had however appeared another method, viz., "Bristol Surprise." In this no peal had as yet been rung, although one or two bands had practised the method, and attempts had been made to bring off a peal, but without success at present. He considered the method more difficult to ring than London Surprise.

The Hon. Secretary having stated that Bristol Surprise had not come under his notice, said in the appendix to the Glossary he had ventured to suggest that "London" should no longer be reckoned as a "Surprise" method, but be known as "London Marvel." The reason of taking "London" out of the Surprise category was that the best test to decide what was a Surprise method was that a working bell should not exactly repeat its work in passing from the front to behind or *vice versa*, in any subsequent lead of the same course. "London" failed under this test, and he had therefore suggested that it should be known by a name which would still preserve its distinction as a difficult method, and he was glad to hear of another method which might possibly be classed with it as a member of the same family.

Mr. Attree moved that 32 points be allowed for Double Norwich Maximus, and twenty-eight for Royal, and added in reply to a question that the same number of points would be allowed for "Bristol" as for "London," viz., 50.

Mr. Trollope, in seconding, expressed his satisfaction at the result which had been arrived at. His object in bringing the matter forward was because he considered the Ipswich band suffered from an injustice. He considered he was justified in bringing the subject forward, and hoped the meeting would approve of the resolution.

The resolution having been approved,

Mr. Williams asked what distinguished "London" from other methods? Was it to be removed from the Surprise world for a theoretical or practical reason? There were methods easy in theory, but very tricky when one came to ring them.

The Hon. Secretary said it was impossible to allow practical considerations to have any influence in deciding the question, which was one of construction and form, and had nothing to do with difficulty and skill in ringing. He had heard it stated that when a ringer got thoroughly accustomed to "London" it was as easy to ring as any other method. He had not the slightest intention to depreciate "London" by removing it from the Surprise methods, but on the contrary he desired rather to exalt it to a higher grade than Surprise by giving it the name of "Marvel," and hoped that at some time other methods might appear of which "Bristol" seemed to promise to be one to constitute with "London" a family of eccentrics. In reply to a further question as to what distinguished "London" from other methods, he replied that "London" was distinguished for its eccentricities and irregularity (laughter).

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The President thought it would be well to consider the place of meeting for next year. It would be remembered that the Midlands was visited first, after which came visits to north and south and then to west and east. He thought they should again go to work on the same lines; if so, the Standing Committee recommended Derby should be the place selected for next year's meeting, which might possibly be followed by a visit to Worcester, although at present this would not be decided upon. If the same lines were followed by the next Council, possibly York might be selected as the northern town with some town in the south to follow.

On the proposition of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by

Mr. J. W. Taylor, it was agreed to hold the next Council meeting at Derby.

The President said everything that could be done to ensure a successful meeting at Derby would be done.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore remarked that although it might be looking far ahead, he hoped at some time a visit might be paid to Canterbury if the Standing Committee would bear it in mind.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said it was thought that the business of the Council would be facilitated if it had some official correspondent in each Association. It was considered that there should be some one official of each Association who could so far as desired be in constant touch with the Council. This it was thought would often enable the Council to obtain an answer in much less time than was at present sometimes the case. He was aware that there were in some Associations members willing to help the Council in every way they could. What was wanted was such men in every Association. He would move that the Council proceed to the appointment of official correspondents for each Association.

Mr. Williams seconded.

Mr. Snowden said there were some Secretaries of Associations who had an enormous amount of work to get through, and it might so happen that just as he was engaged in the business of his Association that some matter in connection with the Council would come before him, he was bound to put something on one side, and that might be the business of the Council. He thought that if the right man could be secured for such appointments it would be a relief to the local secretary, and the result a good one. He considered it desirable that if the Hon. Secretary knew of a good man in an Association he should be selected for the purpose, if not the Standing Committee should appoint.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett considered that each Association should be invited to make their own appointment, otherwise there might be some grievance by the Association's Secretary.

The President considered that the Council should select their own representative to act for them in each Association. If necessary, the person so appointed could put himself in communication with the Secretary of his Association.

Mr. Story did not think that the Secretaries of Associations would be aggrieved if the work of the Council was taken from them.

The Rev. M. Kelly was of opinion that confusion would often result if anyone but the Secretary of an Association was selected. They had heard complaints as to the getting in of the returns, but he thought the best man to do the work of the Council in each Association—let it be what it might—returns or otherwise—was the Secretary of the Association.

The Rev. H. Law James thought the Hon. Secretary of the Council should be empowered in case of failing to obtain what he wanted from an Association Secretary, to fall back upon some representative of the Association upon the Council to look up the Association Secretary and obtain the necessary information.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey thought there must be some misunderstanding. It did not appear to him to be any intention for any one to be appointed to interfere with the work of the Secretary of any Association. To leave it to the Association to select some one to do the work would not have so good a result as might be expected if the Hon. Secretary of the Council nominated some one to act for him.

Mr. Reeves pointed out that there were some cases in which the Secretary of an Association was not the representative upon the Council. He thought it desirable that there should be some one in each Association that the Hon. Secretary could apply to if he failed to obtain the information he desired from the Association Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary said when the Council was formed it was agreed that "THE BELL NEWS" should be the medium of communication. It was not intended that he should have to occupy his time in continual letter-writing. Sometimes when he had written he did not get much by it. In taking a general view of the whole question, he did not see that to adopt the resolution would be much advantage to him in his work unless

they got gentlemen who would reply when a letter was sent them. It might not be known to all that there are some Secretaries of Associations and also officials who seldom or never see "THE BELL NEWS," and who do not take much interest in the work of the Council. It was the laxity of officials that caused the trouble when there was any. The question was how to get prompt answers.

Mr. Daniell said that generally speaking the Secretary of an Association was some one of ability. If the Hon. Secretary of the Council found however that the Secretary of an Association was slack in replying to a communication, he should communicate with some representative of the Association upon the Council. If the Council appointed some one for that purpose, they might by chance appoint some one just as slack as the Secretary.

The President thought that after the line that the discussion had taken, it would be wise for the resolution to be withdrawn. At the same time it might be as well for them to understand that if the Hon. Secretary of the Council failed at any time to get a reply from the Secretary of an Association, that he should be at liberty to ask the assistance of one of that Association's representatives upon the Council.

The suggestion of the President to withdraw the resolution was adopted.

(To be continued.)

CORRECTION.—Among the names of Council members given last week, one of the representatives of the Chester Guild should have been "W. Gordon," not "W. Godden."

RINGERS AS CHURCH-WORKERS; THEIR DUTY TO THE CHURCH.

A Paper read at the Twenty-first Anniversary of the Essex Association held at Chelmsford, Whit-Monday, June 4th.

Many people have an erroneous idea that the ringing of Church bells does not require any intellectual ability, while others regard ringing to be a hobby only for the stalwart section of the community who choose to display their physical powers. Such fallacies prevail, because to many people change-ringing is shrouded in mystery, but like some other things which appear to verge at first sight on the impossible, when judged from hearsay, or viewed from the distance, on investigation turns out to be intensely interesting. If the uninitiated who fondly cherish such imagination were to attend a few ringing practices, their pet theories would vanish for ever. Other imaginary ideas exist because of the deplorable condition that many belfries drifted into, and the class of occupants that were permitted to practise in them previous to the revival of Church life. With this revival has come the formation of Diocesan and County Associations like our own, through which the precious metal which hangs in our towers has received attention, belfries have become recognised as part of the House of God, and the ringer is at last in some parishes gradually becoming recognised as a Church Worker.

In these days of increasing demands upon the time of the parish clergyman, it is necessary if he wants to build up and keep in regular motion like the hands of the clock, a centre of Church life, that he should have the co-operation of a body of genuine Church Workers, each section of which should have its particular vocation, but all working for the Church of which they are, or should be, members. Church Workers should comprise not only churchwardens, sidesmen, choir-men, and choir-boys, superintendents of Guilds and Sunday Schools with teachers, district visitors and such like, but where there is a ring of bells there should be a Guild of ringers with its warden, not an ornamental warden, but one who will work with the ringers even if he is not a ringer, one who will pay frequent visits to the belfry. I use the word Guild because it has a ring of Churchmanship about it, more so than either the word band or company, and makes those who are members to be more closely attached to the Church. With the exception of the ringers it is rare to find any of the sections of Church Workers I have just mentioned not recognised as such. I fully admit they are all duly entitled to be so recognised. The

ringer who desires the same recognition should do his duty in ringing the bells upon the Sabbath morning, and if he does his duty to his Church he is equally entitled to be recognised as a Church Worker.

In the celebration of our twenty-first anniversary it may be well for us who were present at its formation and have watched its work year by year, to look back. In round figures there are 160 towers in the county which have rings of five and upwards. One-third of these are connected with the Association, and a large number of those not connected have been visited by members. We are thankful for the restoration of many belfries, and can honestly claim that considerable advancement has been made in the science of change-ringing. These are however not the only objects the founder of the Association had in view when he brought it into existence. He had a still higher and nobler object, viz., that we as ringers should ever remember the first and most important use for which Church bells were intended to be put, and for which they exist, claiming at the same time that those who by the music of the bells call on the Sabbath morn the people to the House of God, should be encouraged to a real and efficient discharge of their duties by a due recognition of their services as Church Workers.

As Church Workers we rejoice at the great change which has taken place since the days when so many belfries were regarded as little better than the tap-room of a village beer shop. A large majority are now regarded as part of the Church, and ringers who are church-workers realise the fact that their conduct in the belfry should be such as is becoming in other parts of the church. I am afraid however that notwithstanding what has been accomplished there are still even in Essex towers where not only the bells but the ringers also are much neglected. If this is so, there is still for us, not only as members of this Association, but as Church Workers, work for us to do. Be this so or not, I am sure I shall find some support here to-day if I ask is there not in some parishes even where the ringer is acknowledged to be a Church Worker, too great a distinction made from a social point of view between the ringer and his fellow Church Worker.

The man who sings on Sunday in the choir makes use of the talent which his Master has given him, and so leads the praises of the congregation. The man who rings for the services of the Church makes use of the peculiar intellectual talent which his Master has given him, and thus calls the people together for worship. Both are equally Church Workers, and there should be no distinction in recognition as such. If asked for an explanation of the term "peculiar intellectual talent," I can only repeat what was said at the Reading Conference in 1882, viz., "that the man who daily follows the plough often makes not only a good ringer but a composer of peals, while the Latin and Greek scholar has been known to fail to grasp a knowledge of the science of change-ringing."

If we as an Association are going to extend its influence and bring in those ringers from towers in which still bells and ringers are neglected, if we as Church Workers are going to remove the distinction which exists in too many parishes between other Church Workers and ringers, let us all unite, the clergy on their part, and the ringers on their part, in promoting a bond of brotherhood between all Church Workers without distinction in the social scale or otherwise of one section above another, and let unity for the good of the Church of which we are sons, be our watchword.

Unity is an important factor in the advancement of the science of change-ringing, as those who practise peal-ringing well know. There must not be divided counsels, but all should and must if success is to be achieved, work together in unity. The steam engine or machine has to have all its parts properly fitted, every part must be united and work in harmony one with the other. Just so in peal-ringing, if one is thrown out of gear, so to speak, success is often rendered next to impossible.

As unity is an important factor in successful peal-ringing, so is the promotion of brotherhood an important factor, not only in securing ringers a proper recognition as Church Workers, but in removing that distinction between Church Workers as a body. Church Workers should be a united body. Jealousies and heartburnings should be unknown, for such are a course of weakness and discredit either among a section or a body of Church Workers. Success in all ringing depends not only upon

skilful eye and keen memory, but also upon good temper and patience of each individual member. The due and proper recognition of ringers as Church Workers depends upon their unity and co-operation with other sections combined with their proving true and loyal sons of the Church.

The clergyman who desires to promote a spirit of brotherhood among all Church Workers will do well to look after the ringers just the same as he looks after his choir. Ringers should not be left to themselves. The presence of the clergy in the belfry has just as much influence as it has amongst the choir. If unable to visit the belfry he should take care that it should be the duty of the assistant-priest to do so, or if single-handed he should impress upon his churchwardens or some one of tact and influence to pay frequent visits to the belfry. When the choir are taken to the sea-side there should be the same thoughtful consideration for the ringers; in fact what is done for one section of the Church Workers should be done for all, even down to the use of the broom upon the belfry floor, or the use of the duster round the hat rails and seats, if by chance there is such in the belfry.

Having pleaded for the bond of brotherhood let me remind my brother-ringers that such must not be left to the clergy, but that they as ringers have their part to do. If they have the privilege of proclaiming by the music of the bells that the House of God is open for prayer, they must do their duty to the Church of which they are sons, by joining in her services. I am no narrow-minded Sabbatarian who would deprive the working man of his pipe and stroll upon the Sunday; neither would I lay down a hard and fast line that you must attend every service for which you ring. It may be that the ringer is a married man with responsibilities at home, if so he must share some of those responsibilities with her who at the altar he made his own, and so permit her to also enjoy some of the privileges of worship.

In conclusion some of you may remember the joy it was to the founder of this Association to have a band ring for early service on Easter Sunday, all of whom attended and took part in that service. A few weeks ago I read that at the first service on Easter Sunday of this year at the Abbey Church, Barking, at 5 a.m., there were fifteen communicants, of these twelve were ringers. After the service the Vicar with one of the assistant-priests went into the belfry and there held a short service. From personal knowledge I am aware that the Vicar of Barking associates himself with his ringers outside the church, and joins them in their pleasures; thus there is a bond of brotherhood between the clergy and the ringers. Those who know the belfry at Barking know it to be a model of what a belfry should be, while the band is well-known for its great efficiency in the Art of change-ringing. Truly may it be said that it is a band of loyal sons of the Church who are duly recognised as Church Workers upon an equality with other sections.

Finally let me ask those who are here to-day, upon the occasion of our twenty-first anniversary, whether they go to the belfry to ring on Sundays, for practice during the week, or for peal-ringing, to remember that as an Association we are one body, as such we must work not for individual self gratification, but should set before us the objects of the Association, and strive honestly to carry them out. If we do this not only should we be worthy of recognition without distinction as Church Workers, but knowing our duty to the Church we should do it.

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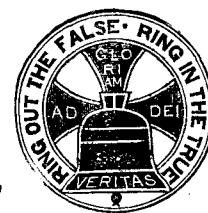
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1900.

THE references at the recent meeting of the Central Council to the Glossary which is to be published under its auspices should not be lost sight of, but well pondered by every change-ringer or bell-antiquary. It will be easily understood that we have seen the ms. of the work, and have no hesitation in saying that in its compilation a vast amount of care, erudition, and research is shown. The Exercise owe a debt to those gentlemen who are responsible for this encyclopædic work. According to report it is to consist of about 100 pages; we shall expect it to be of greater dimensions. The price of publication of many works of reference showing nothing like so much labour as this Glossary does, have been twenty or thirty times the amount. This should be dwelt upon with gratitude by the Exercise—we mean gratitude to those

who have labored in the cause. In the observations made by the Hon. Secretary when introducing the subject to the Council, and also in the remarks of the President, we fully concur. SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD's pointed observation was exceedingly well-timed, and we hope it will make those think upon it who have never thought of anything before, and those who have sometimes thought, think the more.

THE newspapers tell us that the arrangements of the General Post Office in London are temporarily out of joint. This appeared to be of comparatively small concern to us until late on Thursday evening; letters which ought to have come to hand not later than Wednesday morning arriving more than twenty-four hours late. However strange it may appear to those who have an opinion that the Post Office is infallible, it is nevertheless true that this postal derangement has prevented our paper from appearing this week at the usual hour. What would have been said if half-a-dozen peal records had been a week late. We don't expect that a similar thing will again happen; in fact the new controller, or director, or whatever he is called, has promised that on Monday next postal concerns will attain their usual condition. We may here mention that we are about to publish some very appropriate illustrations with a larger number, and also to offer some handbell prizes. Full particulars will be duly announced.

Attention has been drawn ere this to the manner in which that excellent Church paper—*The Guardian*—refers to church bells and ringing. This week's number has a *resume* of the Central Council's proceedings, concluding with a reference to the great number of ringers in existence, and pointing out, as has been done in this journal on more than one occasion, that the Church should find in such body a valuable support. In the same number the Rev. T. L. PAPILLON has an interesting paper on "Church Bells and their Uses," which will doubtless be followed by others from the same writer. Whatever proceeds from Mr. PAPILLON's pen is sure to be practical, and at the same time very agreeable and interesting to his brother-ringers.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 14, 1900, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 2.	†ISAAC GEORGE SHADE 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM 8.
JOHN JAMES LAMB* 4.	WILLIAM BERRY 9.
HARRY HOSKINS 5.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

Rung on the occasion of the visit to Greenwich of the Lord Bishop of London, to lay the foundation stone of St. Andrew's church, Greenwich Marshes. *First peal of Royal. †First peal of Royal as conductor.

The Provinces.

CHELTEMHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (CHELTEMHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

F. WADE Treble.	C. R. LILLEY 6.
G. PHILLOTT 2.	W. DYER 7.
R. A. JUDD 3.	A. W. HUMPHRIS 8.
J. AUSTIN 4.	W. T. PEGLER 9.
W. T. PATES 5.	J. BALLINGER Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

Rung to celebrate the surrender of Pretoria.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WALTER PRIOR Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS 5.
HENRY J. TUCKER 2.	GEORGE DENT 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WALTER HOBBS 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method on the bells.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE W. DRONFIELD .. Treble.	THOMAS W. MCKEGG .. 5.
JOHN PARKIN 2.	C. D. POTTER 6.
CLIFFE DRONFIELD 3.	THOMAS ROBBINS 7.
GEORGE PARKIN 4.	JOHN DRONFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN DRONFIELD.

C. D. Potter, for whom this peal was arranged, belongs to St. Mary's, Barnsley; it is also his first peal of Plain Bob; all the rest belong to the local company.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CONYARD Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

The ringers desire to thank Mr. J. Garard, the steeplekeeper, for having everything ready.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 6.
WILLIAM BARKER 3.	JAMES GARRATT 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Garratt.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s each called differently.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	JOHN HUTCHBY 4.
JOHN H. GRUNDY 2.	ISRAEL LOVETT 5.
JOSIAH MORRIS 3.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

First peal on the bells. Wesley hails from Luton; Lovett from Sileby, Morris from Leicester; Inglesant from Quorn; Hutchby and Grundy from Loughborough.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM CORDING* .. Treble.	HENRY PEARCE 5.
HENRY J. POOLE 2.	EDGAR E. BURGESS .. 6.
ALEXANDER EVANS 3.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 7.
FRANK MILLARD 4.	EDMUND HARRIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

*First peal.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
REV. H. C. BELL 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES .. Tenor.

Conducted by THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 300th peal of Stedman Triples.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

HY. T. MOSTON Treble.	SAML. HORSFALL 5.
GEO. D. WARBURTON .. 2.	JOSEPH HUGHES 6.
GEO. R. NEWTON 3.	ROBT. GEO. LEWIS 7.
SAML. FERNLEY 4.	FREDK. THOS. SPENCE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by FREDK. T. SPENCE.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Warburton and Fernley, who hail from Hazel Grove.

PEASENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

HARRY LAST Treble.	*EDWARD MILLS 4.
WILLIAM BACON 2.	*EDGAR ROWE 5.
ARTHUR FRIEND* 3.	†WILLIAM NICHOLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NICHOLS.

*First peal. First peal of Minor by all by except H. Last. †First peal as conductor.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES CLIFF* Treble.	J. E. R. KEEN 5.
JOHN W. ROBINSON 2.	HUGH DALL 6.
GEO. R. HOLMES 3.	R. S. STORY 7.
S. O. FERRY† 4.	†E. E. FERRY Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Prince of Wales. *First peal. †First peal of Major. †First peal in the method as conductor. Great credit is due to J. Cliff, as he had never rung in Major before, and took the place of an absentee at a minute's notice, ringing excellently. He and the 3rd ringer hail from Blayden.

Handbell Peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. J. MOULE, 192, CHOBHAM ROAD, STRATFORD, ESSEX,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	EDGAE WIGHTMAN .. 7-8.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN, 9-10.

Composed by the late G. NEWSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—W. Keeble. Messrs. J. Moule, W. H. Doran and J. Rann also heard the greater part of the peal. The above are also members of the Middlesex, Kent and Norwich Associations.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Farnham on Thursday, June 7th, in which the conductor's name was omitted, was conducted by Henry L. Garfath.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PANGBOURN (Berks).—On Sunday, May 20th, 720 College Single, 720 Oxford and 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Tidbury, 1; J. Bower, 2; F. Hopgood, 3; C. Giles, 4; W. Horne, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Tidbury, 1; J. Wedge, 2; J. Bower, 3; W. Horne, 4; C. Giles, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 42 mins. W. Cross (first quarter-peal), 1; J. J. Parker, 2; G. Basden, 3; W. Clark, 4; J. Elderfield (conductor), 5; C. Clarke, 6; A. Crook, 7; W. Bovington, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Thursday, May 24th, at 6.30 a.m., at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Afterwards the bells were fired, followed by a course of Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. The above was rung to celebrate the 81st anniversary of the birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and to commemorate the relief of Mafeking. On Sunday, June 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. Tubb, 3; E. Grey (Stansted, Essex), 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; E. Grey, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 120 College Single, standing as before.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Tuesday, June 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins., to celebrate the occupation of Pretoria by the British troops. J. Mellor, 1; S. Booth, 2; J. Booth, 3; J. Leigh, 4; B. Thorpe, 5; S. Wood, 6; A. Adams, 7; W. Booth, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE.—On May 16th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Dawson, 1;

W. Miller, 2; H. Bottrell, 3; F. Withers, 4; J. Moule (conductor), 5; W. Keeble, 6. On May 17th, 720 each of London and Wells Surprise. W. Doran, 1; W. Miller, 2; W. Keeble (conductor), 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams, 6. On May 19th, 720 each of Ely, Bristol, Lichfield, York and Durham. W. Doran, 1; W. Miller, 2; W. Keeble (conductor), 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mordell, 5; T. H. Beams, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles. A. Markby, 1; W. Reeves, 2; W. Doran, 3; T. H. Beams, 4; W. Miller (conductor), 5; G. Dawson, 6. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking. On May 27th, 720 Lincoln Surprise. G. Hayden, 1; W. Miller, 2; W. Keeble, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Moule, 5; T. H. Beams (conductor), 6. On May 30th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Dawson, 1; W. Miller, 2; H. Bottrell, 3; F. Withers, 4; J. Moule, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. On April 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Keeble, 1; H. Torble, 2; W. Doran, 3; J. Monle, 4; W. Miller (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6. On April 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Withers, 1; T. H. Beams, 2; W. Howell (Sudbury), 3; W. Keeble, 4; W. Miller (conductor), 5; J. Moule, 6. On April 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Bottrell, 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Moule, 3; A. J. Neale (East Ham), 4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6.

WRITTELE.—On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. T. Lincoln, 1; A. Head, 2; J. H. Cheesman, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; E. Wightman, 6; E. Pye (conductor), 7; W. Lincoln, 8.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, May 6th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 840 Bob Triples. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; A. Shufflebotham, 3; H. J. Collins, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; E. F. Slade, 6; F. Thompson (Kelsale), 7; W. Hammond, 8. On Sunday, May 13th, Shipway's quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 44 mins. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; A. Shufflebotham, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. Pilcher, 5; E. F. Slade, 6; H. J. Collins, 7; W. Hammond, 8. First quarter-peal on the bells.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, June 15th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes. A. Tarbun, 1; W. Wellington, 2; *H. Head, 3; *W. Chalk, 4; A. Shuttleworth, 5; G. Piper, 6; A. Head, 7; W. Lincoln (conductor), 8. *Longest touch in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Monday, May 21st, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Holy Trinity church. F. Merrison, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; J. Highfield, 3; T. Clark, 4; R. Chaffer, 5; W. T. Verity, 6; D. W. Brown, 7; G. T. Miller, 8; C. Jackson, 9; J. W. Dale, 10. Composed and conducted by C. Jackson.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

HECKINGTON.—Recently, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. F. Warrington, 1; T. B. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; H. P. Nash, 5; J. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; W. Houlden, 8. Composed by J. Howes, of Kingston-on-Thames. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band. On April 22nd, for Divine Service, 608 Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Hilton, 5; J. Clark, 6; H. P. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson, 8. First touch of Bob Major by W. Houlden. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major, the band as before, with the exception of F. Warrington, 1. On May 6th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor covering. F. Warrington, 1; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. Clark, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; W. Houlden, 8. First 720 in the method by J. Hilton. On May 13th, for service, 640 Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; F. Hilton, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; J. H. Clark, 8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWAINBY.—On Saturday, June 16th, by a party of ringers from Middlesbrough, Stockton, Thornaby and Stokesley, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; N. Kidd, 2; J. Carter, 3; F. P. Howcroft, 4; A. M. Macfarlane, 5; W. Newton, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. T. Titchener, 2; W. Newton, 3; Rev. W. P. Wright, 4; T. Beckwith, 5; F. P. Howcroft, 6.

STOKESLEY.—On Saturday, June 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; J. P. Clarkson, 2; W. T. Titchener, 3; J. Carter, 4; A. M. Macfarlane, 5; F. P. Howcroft, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Tuesday, May 15th, in honour of the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Church Missionary Society, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., with 9-8-10 covering. F. Smith, 1; E. Andrews (first quarter-peal),

2; J. W. Elkins, 3; C. Russell, 4; E. G. Lampard, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; Wilfred Andrews (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; W. S. Lampard, 8; D. Froome, 9; W. H. Loveland, 10.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, May 27th, 1900, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 15 mins. A. Chuter, 1; G. Nichols, 2; W. H. Trimmell, 3; E. Watkins, 4; A. J. Boniface (conductor), 5; F. Gould, 6. This is the longest touch rung entirely by the local band.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 11th, after Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. S. Slater (conductor), 1; P. Garwood, 2; R. Gowers, 3; T. E. Slater, 4; A. J. Clarke, 5; G. Smith, 6. This is T. E. Slater's first 720, and it is somewhat remarkable that his grandfather, the late John Slater, for many years a ringer at Glemsford, rang his first 720 on these bells, and his father, S. Slater who conducted the above, also rang his first 720 on these bells. Thus three generations of the Slater family have accomplished their first 720 on the same bells, the one by John Slater being rung about 1838, S. Slater in 1865, and T. E. Slater, 1900. On Tuesday, April 17th, 720 Bob Minor. S. Slater, 1; A. J. Clarke, 2; P. Garwood, 3; T. Garwood (first 720), 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 29th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Papworth, 1; P. Garwood, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Richardson (Poslingford), 4; J. Frost (first 720, Poslingford), 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. John Frost (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Smith, 2; S. Slater, 3; A. Richardson (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; R. Gowers, 5; A. J. conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Wilkins (conductor), 1; G. R. Pye, 2; W. Pye, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Garrard, 6; E. Wightman, 7; J. Hoare, 8. Also 504 in the same method. E. Wightman (conductor), 1; E. Pye, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; J. Lowrey, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Garrard, 6; W. Pye, 7; J. Hoare, 8. On Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Wilkins (conductor), 1; W. Axtell, 2; H. J. Sayer, 3; A. Groves, 4; G. Groves, 5; J. Garrard, 6; E. Wightman, 7; J. Hoare, 8. Also 336 with E. Wightman, 1; C. Wilkins, 7; the rest as before. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. *R. McWharter, 1; W. Axtell, 2; *H. J. Sayer, 3; E. Wightman (conductor), 4; H. Gibbs, 5; J. Garrard, 6; C. Wilkins, 7; D. Burgess, 8. *First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by a local band.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, for Divine Service, 560 Double Norwich. J. Saxby, 1; G. Conyard, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; E. Audsley, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; W. J. Smith, 6; T. Saxby, 7; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 8. On Tuesday evening, June 6th, on the occasion of the occupation of Pretoria, 720 Treble Bob Minor, on the back six. E. Audsley, 1; J. Saxby, 2; W. J. Smith, 3; E. Barnett, jun., 4; G. Conyard, 5; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, June 17th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Conyard, 1; T. Saxby, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; E. Audsley, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; H. Audsley, 8.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On April 18th, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. B. Chorley, 1; G. Foster, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; F. Blondell, 4; J. Hunt, 5; S. Radford, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; G. Gunner, 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of W. G. Nicklin, Esq., hon. member of the Holy Trinity Society. On the 21st inst., on the night of the festivities for the relief of Mafeking, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Jelley, 1; A. Pulling, 2; G. Foster, 3; G. Gunner, 4; C. Willshire (conductor), 5; R. Wood, 6; F. Blondell, 7; T. Maynard, 8. Longest touch by W. Jelley. And 504 Stedman Triples. G. Foster, 1; A. Pulling, 2; R. Wood, 3; G. Gunner, 4; B. Chorley, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; F. Blondell, 7; T. Maynard, 8. Longest touch in the method by the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and tenor.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service at the parish church, Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; H. Withers (conductor), 2; W. Verry, 3; B. Starkey, 4; T. Verry, 5; R. Faux, 6; F. Workman, 7; T. Westwood, 8.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., composed by James George, of Rugby. A. Lee, 1; J. W. Parish, 2; S. Astbury, 3; J. Lloyd, 4; J. Hall (conductor), 5; J. Tilley, 6; R. Hall, 7; A. Knight, 8.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, May 27th, 593 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Bright, 2; W. Powell, 3; A. Hill, 4; A. Hadley, 5; G. Hinton, 6; W. H. Johnson, 7; G. Checketts, 8; W. Page, 9; T. Malim, 10.

VICTORIA SURPRISE MAJOR.

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324165	42816375	4261038597	426183v507x9
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234165	42813675	4261039875	426183v5x097
324615	24831657	2460193857	24681v3x5079
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	23174568	9032541768	vx3402795816
	32715486	9302457186	vx4x302978561
	23174568	3920541768	xv3420795816
	21347586	3295014786	x3v247059186
	12435768	3259107468	3x2v74501968
	21345678	3295017486	32x7v5409186
	12436587	2359104768	237x5v041968
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		2315497068	237x5v109468
		3251947608	32x7v5019486
		2315496780	237x5v104968
		2134569708	3275x1v40986
		1243657980	23571x4v9068
		2134567890	3275x1v49608
		1243658709	23571x4v6980
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SIR,—To commemorate the completion of the 63rd year of the glorious and beneficent reign of our good and gracious Queen, I have composed the above method and propose to call it by the above name. It is a Surprise method according to the latest definition, and is the first method published in our paper on the lengthening lead-plan (combined with a clean proof scale) in which the changes are alternate, quadruple and triple throughout in Major, and similarly on the other numbers of bells.

There are six consecutive places in the Minor of this method, but in Major, Royal and Maximus there are only four each, and this I believe to be the least possible number of consecutive places in a Treble Bob method in which the above qualities are to be found. All Treble Bob compositions will of course be available for this method, and new compositions unattainable with Oxford and Kent

Treble Bob will now be possible. Further remarks concerning the method are unnecessary, but I am sure that the ringers of the British Empire will all join with me in wishing that our beloved Queen may yet be spared, "Long to reign over us, Happy and glorious; God save the Queen."

GEORGE BAKER.

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CHURCH BELLS.

Du Cange says it is uncertain who introduced church bells, but that they were invented by the Italians, the large in Campania and the small in Nola. Others say that they came into use in the seventh century, and that Bede is our first author who mentions them. The Roman custom of consecrating them is not earlier than the tenth century. A brass bell was used by the Latins to convoke them to church. The ancients used bells for signals and gave them the names of men and women. On the Thursday in Passion Week the ropes were tied up. The priests anciently rung themselves, afterwards persons incapable of other offices, as the blind, &c., and in cathedrals the clockmen. Ringing of bells upon a person's coming into a town was anciently a sign of dominion and often stipulated by charter. To have alarm or town bells was a civic privilege, and all persons within the district were bound to come. They were anciently rung for victories and used to give alarm of robberies, of fire, and to summon artisans to work. The name Tom is presumed to be taken from the sound. Of muffling or buffeting bells there is no precedent in antiquity, and Brand thinks that it was introduced after the Restoration. Ringing the morning and evening bell was to excite the people to repeat the Angelus, according to the custom in Catholic countries. They were rung to drive away thunder and evil spirits, as well as to expedite childbirth when women were in labour. The custom of striking them with a hammer, not a clapper, began with this mode of summoning the monks to the refectory. Ancient bellropes had at the end silver or brass rings. The practice of ringing bells in changes is said to be peculiar to England, but the antiquity of it is not easily ascertained. Sir Matthew Hale is said to have belonged to a set of bellringers in his youth, and Anthony Wood learned to ring. Hentzner says that the English, when they had got a glass in their heels, ran to some belfry, and gentlemen have been known to have spent their fortunes in the pursuit. To this rage probably many parish churches owe their bells. Bells were often often rung backward on alarms, as of fire, etc., or as a general mark of sorrow.—From the *Illustrated Carpenter and Builder*.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Rev. W. P. Wright, Hon. Secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, writes us that the names of Guisbrough, Richmond, and Whitby towers were inadvertently omitted from the list of representatives attending the above Association annual meeting on Whit-Monday at Middlesbrough, and trusts this correction will be inserted.

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.

THE LATE JOHN MURRAY HAYES.

It is an unfortunate fact that many estimable members of the Exercise "shuffle off this mortal coil" without one single elegiac being written upon them. The writer of these lines has more than once been astonished during the past twelve months to find that many well-known names in the ringing world had "slipped" out of being as it were, without the least vestige of an obituary notice. Why should this be? Materials may not be exactly at one's hand for the composition of a memoir, however brief, of these departed worthies, and none think it their duty or business unfortunately to make an endeavour to collect information necessary for the purpose. A prominent ringer of this age, like the late John Murray Hayes, has the prowess of his deeds in the belfry to speak from—and in his case they speak eloquently. But there have been many estimable men, who in their lifetime were greatly beloved by their fellows in the Exercise, who have gone over to the majority without one word of respect being paid to their memory, and in some cases not even has a "buffed" touch been rung for them. The attainments of such men in the belfry may not have been high, but their sociable qualifications were a pleasure to those with whom they came into contact, and they were universally respected and beloved. The subject of this notice was too prominent an exponent of the ringing Art for his memory to suffer by such neglect or unconcern.

The late John Murray Hayes was born on the 25th of February, 1841, in the village of Bocking, Essex. He was the second son of the late Mr. Joseph Hayes (whose portrait was published with this journal about three years ago). His ringing career of course commenced in his native village, in connection with one of those good old-fashioned six-bell companies who could ring all the methods known (and very likely many that were not known.) His progress was so slow, however, that he was on the point of giving up the idea of being a bellringer, but the influence of his elder brother Samuel, who at that time was a little further ahead in the science than himself, decided him to persevere and overcome all difficulties. His progress was in consequence soon of that character known as "leaps and bounds." In 1862 he migrated to the town of Gravesend, in Kent, where his brother had preceded him a year before. At this period ringing affairs at Gravesend looked well. A master-stonemason—Mr. W. C. Middleton—was at the head of the Gravesend ringers, and to his establishment the brothers Hayes—being also masons—at once bent their steps. Here they met with another mason in the person of the late Henry Booth, a ringer whose abilities were well-known both in London and the country. A lasting friendship ensued between the three, which was only broken by death.

In 1863 Henry Booth returned to London. His departure was a great loss to the Gravesend company, who were practising Double Norwich, and in Booth's absence the practice of this method was abandoned. Then came the inevitable result: the company had a lingering existence, finally a dissolution. In 1865 the subject of this memoir followed his friend Booth to London, where among the members of the College Youths and other bodies he soon made his mark.

A great career was now before Murray Hayes. Ringers of heavy and bad-going metal were at a premium. The celebrated Dwight had passed his zenith, or nearly so; at any rate he had retired from the "heavy-end." In "Murray"—as he came to be called—was found a youthful athlete of acknowledged ringing skill. We don't think it wrong or inaccurate to state that the two most prominent heavy-bell ringers at this period was the subject of these lines and our friend the late James Barrett, of the Cumberland Youths.

The late Mr. H. W. Haley (towards whom Murray Hayes always preserved an unshaken loyalty) was quick to perceive his abilities, and always secured his services whenever rough work was to be done. He rang the tenor in the 15,000 of Treble Eight at Bethnal Green (his friend Booth ringing the 4th) and the same company, standing in the same positions, soon after rang 8448 in the same method on the heavy and eccentric-going ring at Christ Church Spitalfields; the latter feat being supposed to eclipse the former. A list of peals, so far as they can be ascertained, will be found below, and they need not be particularised here. It may be said, though, that his first peal

was one of Grandsire Triples, rung at Gravesend, which for the mere sake of commemoration the record is given: Nelson Epps, 1; Joseph W. Atkins, 2; Samuel Hayes, 3; William Loft, 4; Henry Booth, 5; John Murray Hayes, 6; William C. Middleton (conductor), 7; Henry Allen, 8. This was Samuel Hayes's first peal also; and it may be remarked that on March 17th of the present year the brothers both rang together in a peal of Treble Ten at Stepney, which was poor Murray's last peal. The company who rang this peal were: James Scholes, 1; William Truss, 2; Thomas Faulkner, 3; Thomas H. Taffender, 4; Samuel Hayes, 5; Henry Springall (conductor), 6; John M. Hayes, 7; Emanuel Hall, 8; Henry Torble, 9; William T. Cockerill, 10.

By the death of Murray Hayes a deep incision is made in many time-honored reminiscences. When what may be called a "revival" of ringing took place at Christ Church, Spitalfields, about 1870, he was, next to his old friend Booth, a regular attendant at the meetings in that steeple. There a choice (the word is used advisedly) body of spirits, young and old, were constantly to be found. All sorts and conditions of ringers visited on practice-nights at "the fields" in those days, and if any of these gentlemen peruse this imperfect memoir, they will doubtless remember the happy circumstances which seemed to constantly envelope the company assembled. Henry Booth and Murray Hayes were the Siamese twins of these gatherings; Robert Jameson (old Bob) one of the band of the long peal of Stedman Cinques—here, and here only, would call a favorite touch of Grandsire Triples when opportunity occurred; and another veteran, George Tanner, would give *ciao* to the proceedings by his common-sense remarks. Johnny Mayhew, only a treble-man to be sure, was another; Samuel Reeves and William Greenleaf in their salad days loved to be with Harry Booth and Murray Hayes; and the aristocratic R. J. Haworth and the versatile Dorrington sometimes enjoyed the society of the "Spitals" for an hour or two. These days are past; with a pang the fact is written. Murray was to the fore here, willing like the British Army to go anywhere and do anything in the shape of ringing. There is a mournful kind of satisfaction to the writer in making these allusions to the Spitalfields party, as only he and about two others remain to dwell upon the retrospect which vividly appears upon the memory.

This memoir we conclude with a list of peals by Murray Hayes, so far as can be ascertained, and in conclusion we would point to the effort being made for the benefit of Mrs. Hayes, the widow, and in asking for a good response to this appeal, the writer would have his readers know that J. M. Hayes was a thoroughly characteristic Englishman; that he was one of the pioneers of the Essex Association; that he was a distinguished member of the College Youths and other London Societies; that his house was always open for hospitality and handbell practice; and that he was a sociable generous comrade. Will the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" help his widow to the best of their ability in her bereavement? We are sure they will.

	Tower bells		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Con-	Rung.	Con-
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Grandsire Triples	70	15	6	1
" Major	1			
" Caters	23	6	3	3
Stedman Triples	47	14	1	
" Caters	32	6		
" Cinques	21	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	51	18		
" Royal	24	9		
" Maximus	7	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	1		
" Royal	4	3		
Bob Major	2			
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Total rung 307; conducted 88.

[Mr. Samuel Hayes desires through this medium to return his sincere thanks to all those kind friends who have written letters of condolence. It is a great consolation to him and the family to receive these marks of sympathy from so many members of the Exercise.]

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitefield to-day, 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.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley, to-day, Saturday, June 23rd. W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield to-day, 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. S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Dronfield, to-day, Saturday, June 23. 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 to-day, Saturday, June 23rd. Ringing will begin at 4 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, to-day, Saturday, June 23. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers invited. JAS. JACOBS, Branch Sec.
48, Church Street, Middleton.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The 277th anniversary of the above society will be held as usual on Wednesday, June 27th. All ringers invited. F. J. FITSTOW, Hon. Sec.

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.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Leigh, near Malvern, on Saturday, June 30th. Service in the church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for all members forwarding their names to me not later than Tuesday, June 26th. The tower will be open for ringing. Leigh Court is the nearest station. G.W.R. Shall be pleased to receive all unpaid contributions. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Festival will be held at Bath, on Saturday, June 30th. Dinner at The

Alliance Commercial hotel and restaurant, Westgate Street, at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. each, 1s. to members. Business meeting to follow, when the annual report will be presented, and election of officers take place. Short service at 4 p.m. at the abbey, with an address by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Quirk). Various towers in the city will be open to members.

HY. W. TOMKINS,

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Williton, Somerset.

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

W. W. C. BAKER,

ISAAC HILLS,

Hon. Secs.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Wouldham on Saturday, June 30th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Committee Meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

Sheffield and District Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock.

R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Saturday, July 7th. Further particulars next week.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

West Ham.—Notice.—There will be no practice at this tower during the hot weather or until further notice.

W. DORAN, Steeplekeeper.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

The two following paragraphs are taken from *The Wiltshire Chronicle*:—

TROWBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—A set of new ropes for the tower bells has arrived at the belfry and will shortly be attached. It is a pleasure to be able to congratulate and to thank this band of campanologists for their promptness in pealing forth the "joy bells" on Tuesday, so soon after the receipt of Lord Roberts's official telegram. Being the treat-day of the Sunday schools, many of the ringers were in the fields taking part in amusing the children; but, on hearing the "call bell," they at once hurried to the tower. The conductor, Mr. William McCaffrey, and several of his band of men arrived early, and with the assistance of the Rev. M. D. Wardrop and Mr. Warden at once raised six bells, and in less than an hour enough men had arrived to raise them all. Ringing and the firing of the bells continued at intervals during the remainder of the day up to 9.45 p.m. It speaks well for the patriotic spirit displayed, and we trust the townsfolk appreciated their efforts in adding joy to all around upon such an occasion of victory to our arms.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.—On a recent Wednesday, by kind permission of the Rector, the parish church ringers, Trowbridge, rang during the day, in honour of Mr. William Alley attaining his 80th birthday. This veteran ringer is well-known and respected. He was baptised by the Poet Crabbe, then rector of Trowbridge, and began his ringing career when quite a youth, in this tower. He rang at the Queen's Coronation, and on all great events since, and it is pleasing to relate, Her Majesty graciously accepted his photograph, with bell-rope in hand, after ringing at her Diamond Jubilee celebrations. He is a Trowbridge man, and

has been sixty years connected with this belfry. All townsmen will be pleased to know that on Wednesday he mounted the forty steps of the tower to the ringing-chamber, and rang the 2nd in a plain course of Grand-sire Triples, thus being a link between past and present generations of ringers. This worthy and spontaneous act of friendship was a surprise and pleasure, thus testifying that unity and friendship among ringers is perennial. Before leaving the belfry William Alley expressed his thanks for the Rector's kindness, and the honour given to him by his brother-ringers. We wish this veteran all happiness in the years that remain to him.

Diss (Norfolk).—On Friday evening, April 27th, at St. Mary's church, 1008 Double Norwich, in 36 mins. W. Ireland, 1; J. Tite, 2; W. C. Wiskens, 3; W. Salter, 4; G. Archer, 5; J. Smith, 6; E. Hayward, 7; J. Souther, 8. This touch was rung as a compliment to C. Farrow, Esq., who attained his 90th year on that day; also to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the ringing of the peal of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells by three of the Ipswich and three of the local ringers.

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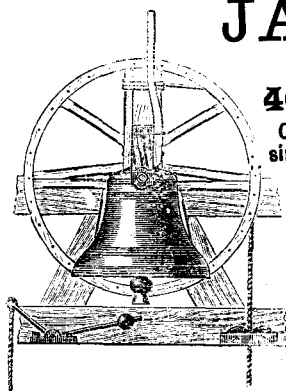
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