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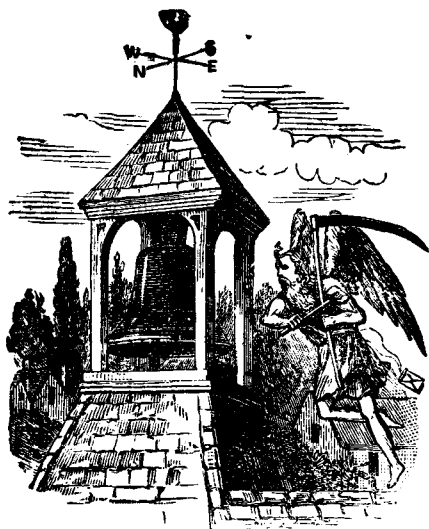
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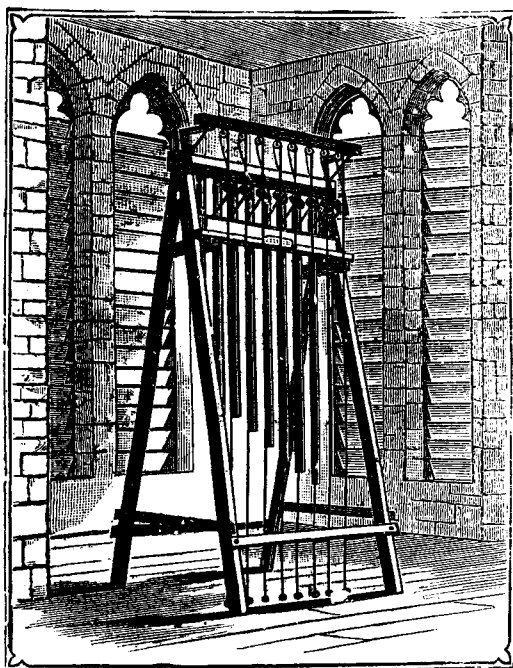
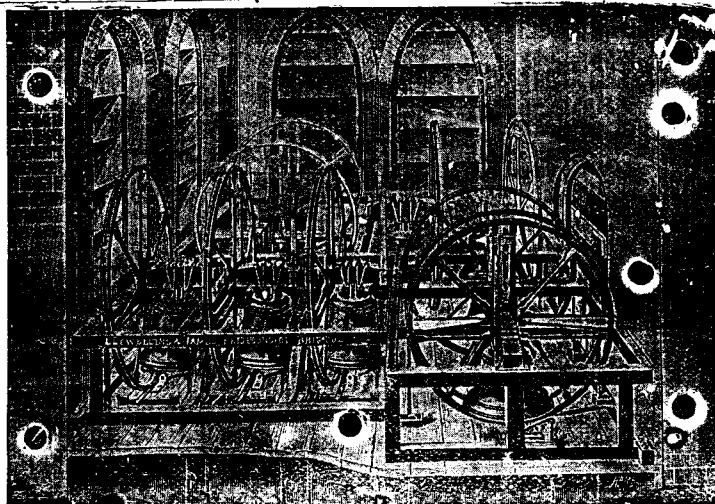
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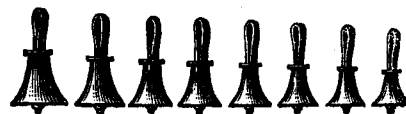
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"ON HANDBELLS."

With reference to "P's." article in the last number, in which that writer seeks to "draw" me amongst others, I am afraid I cannot assist him to find a new name for our handbells. No doubt there is a very great difference between handbells made for change-ringing or tune-playing and bells of the muffin or dustman class; but still they are all handbells—"bells for, or holden by the hand." And I doubt whether, even if I could, I should be willing to suggest an alternative name for ringers' handbells; because I am not aware that they were ever called anything else; and as the name "handbells" is applied to them at least as far back as the earlier half of the last century, and has been in constant use for them ever since, I do not think I should be inclined to assist an innovation.

But assuming my inclination about this to be wrong, the question remains how are we to form a word that is to distinguish our particular species of handbells from all other kinds of handbells? How should we describe ours? We must, I think, say that they are handbells, tuned to scale, with handles of leather strap, and with clappers specially constructed, and fitted with springs so as to be suitable for the performance of change-ringing or musical tunes. I do not say that this is exhaustive, but we must at least say this. But how are we to form a word which, when spoken or written, will naturally convey all this to the mind? I have no idea. But it is not worth while to have a new word unless it does convey all this. Therefore, being quite unable to suggest it, I pass on the question to Mr. Bulwer, Dr. Raven, and Mr. Papillon.

The history of ringers' handbells would be an interesting subject, and the writer of last week has made a good beginning. Can anyone tell us more about old handbells? Probably the old ones of the last century have got recast or exchanged, but there may be some old sets still about; if any reader knows of any will he kindly tell us about them? I think Symondson, referred to in the last number, was at one time a member of the Junior Cumberland Youths, but I have not time at present to verify this.

There are in London two old handbells at least, which though not for change-ringing, are not without interest. One of these is preserved at the Chapel Royal, St. James' palace. If any one attends a service at this Chapel Royal he will notice that no bell is sounded to announce it; but formerly, though no tower bell was used, it was the practice for one of the officials of the Chapel to perambulate the palace, or certain parts of it, giving notice by means of a handbell that service was about to take place. This practice has long ceased, but the old handbell is still preserved.

The other handbell of which I am aware is to be seen

at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill; it now stands within a glass case attached to the wall of the north chancel aisle, and has a metal handle. The origin and history of this handbell, extracted from the parochial records, is given in "Maitland's History of London," published 1756:—

"Mr. Robert Dowe the 8th day of May, 1605, by deed of gift gave to this parish £50 on condition that the said parish for ever (with the approbation of the Lord Mayor and Bishop of London) hereafter, at every sessions holden for the prisoners in Newgate, not exceeding twelve sessions in the year, shall about the hour of ten of the clock, in the quiet of the night, next before every execution day, appoint one to go unto Newgate, there to stand as near the window as he can, where the condemned prisoners do lie in the dungeon, with a Handbell, given to the parishioners by the said Mr. Dowe, and shall give there twelve solemn tolls, with double strokes; and then, after a good pause, to deliver with a loud and audible voice, with his face towards the prison window, to the end the poor condemned persons may give good ear, and be the better stirred up to watchfulness and prayer, these words:

'You prisoners that are within,

Who for wickedness and sin

after many mercies shown you are now appointed to die to-morrow in the forenoon, give ear, and understand, that to-morrow morning the greatest bell of St. Sepulchre's shall toll for you in form and manner of a passing bell, as used to be tolled for those that are at the point of death; To the end that all godly people, hearing that bell, and knowing it is for you going to your deaths, may be stirred up heartily to pray to God to bestow His grace and mercy upon you while you live. I beseech you, for Jesus Christ's sake, to keep this night in watching and prayer, to the salvation of your own souls, while there is yet time and place for mercy; as knowing to-morrow you must appear before the Judgment seat of your Creator, there to give an account of all things done in this life, and to suffer eternal torments for your sins committed against him; unless, upon your hearty and unfeigned repentance, you find mercy through the merits, death and passion of your only mediator and advocate Jesus Christ, who now sits at the right hand of God to make intercession for as many of you as penitently return to him."

Manners and customs change, and as Newgate gradually assumed stronger and thicker walls till it became what we now see it, Dowe's handbell and the sexton's voice would penetrate less and less to the ears of the condemned prisoners, and the ceremony ordered by Dowe has long been laid aside; but his handbell, now nearly three centuries old, still remains to remind us of times when Newgate was a much less substantial place than it now is, and when death was the allotted punishment of the law for all felonies, and when, consequently, many men, women, and even almost children, were executed after every gaol delivery.

R. A. DANIELL.

SPROUTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, June 14th, for practice at the parish church, 300 London Surprise Minor. W. Brown, 1; F. Rolfe, 2; A. G. Neves, 3; E. Rivers, 4; F. Mee, 5; C. Mee (conductor), 6. This is the first touch of London Surprise by all.

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THE AUTOMATON AT RUNWELL.

Our old friend, Mr. William Lincoln, of Writtle, has visited Runwell for the purpose of inspecting this invention of the Vicar's. He has written us a letter describing his experiences, which we give in his own words:—

"Having read an account in the *Essex County Chronicle*, and the comments in 'THE BELL NEWS' about the 'Automatic Ringer at Runwell,' I decided to pay a visit to that village for the purpose of seeing, if possible, the way in which the bells were rung. On Tuesday evening, July 31st, in company with the Rev. E. G. Norris, curate of Writtle, I started for a ride, of roughly speaking, about twelve or fourteen miles from Writtle, on the bicycle, going by the Southend road. It was a very pleasant ride across country, the harvest being in full swing. We dismounted at Rettendon to have a look round the church, but found it locked. About two miles further on, one mile-and-a-half from the main road, we came to Runwell. A notice in the church porch told us that the Rector was absent from home, and the church was closed for week-day services. We obtained the key of the church from the rectory, and told the object of our visit. The Rector's coachman came and explained to us the mechanism of the 'Automatic Ringer.' We found four bells; on the second floor is the 'Ringer,' which consists of a cylinder or drum covered with spikes, which goes round and catches a lever which pulls the wires down in the same manner as a chiming apparatus. The cylinder is worked by a strap from a dynamo connected by wires from the rectory, the switch being on the ground floor of the church.

"The bell chamber was next visited. The four bells hang in a row, the hammers resting on a spring like a church clock hammer. The switch was turned on, and we watched the hammers tap the twenty-four changes, which keep repeating till shut off.

"The bells, so the coachman said, are 300 years old; the framework being too dilapidated to allow them to be rung. The church itself is well lighted by electricity, the plant for driving it being at the rectory. The fittings have been fixed by the Rector and his coachman themselves all over the house, church, and outhouses. We had the pleasure of seeing the engine and the accumulators which store a good amount of electricity.

"Thanking the coachman for his information, we retraced our steps, or wheels. We did not expect to see bells rung by electricity: the word 'ring,' like 'peal' has a different meaning to what is thought by the general public. I suppose no practical ringer ever thought so either. We should not like to see such things take the place of ringers, though it is not to be despised for bells below five in number. It certainly gives more variation than the usual 1-2-3, I mean for an out-of-the-way place where ringers are not to be had.

"We had not time to enquire at Rettendon how things are getting on there, but there must be, judging from the state of the churchyard, a scarcity of labour or something else."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The usual quarterly meeting was held at Dartford on Saturday, July 28th, when about twenty members, representing the towers of Woolwich, Erith, and Crayford, as well as some of the local band, were present. Several touches were attempted, but only a few brought round,

chiefly owing to the unsatisfactory go of the bells, which are greatly in need of repair. The treble especially often allows the rope to slip the wheel, and this brought three or four touches to a sudden conclusion. Touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were however brought round.

A committee meeting was held in the vestry, the Rev. P. E. Smith, Vicar of Dartford, in the chair, at which it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Bromley on Saturday, October 27th. One new member, Mr. J. E. Sykes, of Woolwich, was elected; and a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for permitting the use of the bells, and presiding at the meeting, by Mr. E. O. Masters (Woolwich), seconded by Mr. H. J. Castle (Dartford), who said that he hoped the next meeting held at Dartford would be better attended.

Six of the eight bells of Dartford were cast in 1702, one about fifty years later, and the third in 1844. The tenor weighs 17 cwt. About two years ago the tower was struck by lightning, and this may possibly account, to some extent, for the "jumping" of several of the bells.

Several of the members took the opportunity of inspecting the church, which has several very interesting features, among them being a very large old-fashioned painting of St. George and the Dragon, which must be almost, if not quite, unique.

Some years ago an unknown stair was discovered, which on being cleared, was found to lead to a small room, which was stocked with armour. The armour has however, been removed, and the room in which it was found is now closed.

The meeting was a very pleasant one, though the attendance was not large.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

On Saturday afternoon, July 21st, a marble tablet supplied by the British Plate Glass Company, Ravenhead, St. Helens, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on December 2nd, 1899 (this being the first peal of Triples on the bells), was in the unavoidable absence of Colonel and Miss Giles, unveiled by the Rector, the Rev. W. Bennett, after which he made a few kind remarks congratulating the ringers who took part in the performance. The rev. gentleman also thanked Mr. George, the conductor of the peal, for the interest he takes in the ringers at Blethley, and for the trouble taken in causing such a beautiful tablet to be placed in the church, and Mr. Valentine Sear for keeping the local band together.

Mr. George, in a few words thanked the Rector for his kind remarks.

Mr. V. Sear is very keen on bell-ringing, having great love for bells, and it is through him that the present band of ringers have been kept together, and very special credit is due to him for such perseverance.

Much regret was felt that both Colonel and Miss Giles were unable to be present. A peal of Bob Major was attempted, but came to grief owing to a change-course. F. Hedges, C. W. Clarke, C. Chasty, J. Church, J. George (composer), W. Barker, H. Sear, E. Reader (conductor). Also 288 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke, H. Sear, C. Chasty, J. Church, E. Reader, W. Barker, J. J. George (conductor), F. Hedges.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 46 mins. T. Newnham, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Hoad, 3; H. Wood, 4; J. Hoyle, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6; W. Marks, 7; E. Hull, 8; A. Dean (conductor), 9; W. Copley, 10.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A lot of history has been made since my last chat with you, my readers. That abominable set of miscreants, who dub themselves, and are correctly dubbed "Anarchists," have been at work again. The crimes of these misguided wretches are such as would elicit no sympathy or charity in their behalf, were they put to a little torture like that served out to some of the martyrs in the "good old days." In fact I am a strong advocate for a punishment on these scoundrels that shall inflict pain upon their carcasses. If that young Belgian fool who fired at the Prince of Wales had received fifty or a hundred lashes wielded by a powerful arm, followed by a potent saline healing process, perhaps we should not have heard at all of the too-successful effort of that villain who killed the King of Italy. I should like to have the power to "prescribe" for such wretches. A few doses of the medicine I should give would I think make these cowardly Italian assassins pause before they began their operations. If Mr. Bressi, or whatever his name is who shot the King of Italy, were to have one or two doses of that powerful emollient (?) called the "cat," followed by strong saline fomentations afterwards, the wretched crew would think twice before satisfying their murderous proclivities. And I should like to be the operator on some of them, really.

This may not be charitable, or in strict accordance with Christian precept, perhaps. But in my opinion a good sound flogging, whereby these criminals should suffer pain in no small degree, would be a wonderful deterrent. These Anarchists are on the whole a contemptible cowardly lot, and a sight (literally or figuratively) of the above-mentioned simple and effective instrument would frighten them into a *peccavi* kind of disposition.

Then the sudden death of the Duke, the son of our Queen. Here is trouble. It seems but the other day when the marriage was announced of the Duke of Edinburgh and the only daughter of Alexander, Emperor of all the Russias, as he was called. When the marriage was decided on, the Emperor, loth to part with his only daughter said: "Of course it is for her good, but the light of my life is gone." I had the pleasure of seeing on one occasion at the Guildhall, in the City of London, the Emperor, his son Alexis, his daughter (now a widow), and the Duke of Edinburgh, her husband. Little did we know then, or think that before many months the Emperor would become a mangled corpse in the streets of his capital. Ah me!

You must know the Duke of Edinburgh was a famed musician, and a dexterous performer on the violin. About the time when he became engaged to the Princess Marie, *Punch* had a famous cartoon from the pencil of Mr. Tenniel, wherein H.R.H. was shewn with his violin, serenading a young lady who timidly appeared at an upstairs window. I forget what was printed beneath; the curious may find out if they care to consult the back numbers of *Punch*.

My space is limited this week, but I shall be with you again next week. Before closing may I ask: Have you

all put by the penny stamp I asked you to? Of course you have. If you save another this week, that will be two, you know and we shall be getting on. You will see something interesting, edifying, amusing, and surprising about this matter next week, and my friend at a little town in Kent shall get his explanation.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

ST. MARY'S (CHATHAM) CHURCH CHOIR AND RINGERS.

Saturday, July 21st, saw the choir and bellringers of the above church embark for Calais, where the party spent a most enjoyable day. Starting from Chatham station at 7.20 a.m., and calling at New Brompton, all reached Dover in good time, something before ten o'clock. As the Calais boat did not leave till 11.30 a.m., we had an opportunity of seeing something of this historic town. The parish church and the Town Hall were especially admired. A considerable portion of the party then made their way to the beach, and enjoyed a most refreshing dip, all meeting on board *La Nord* in time for the passage. The air was delightfully fresh, the water smooth, the party in excellent spirits, and so the short trip was much enjoyed. Calais was reached in about an hour-and-a-half, when all went to partake of an excellent dinner *a la Francaise*. All were in good appetite, and so dinner was thoroughly enjoyed, despite the unfamiliar dishes which of course were provocative of many jokes. The Rev. J. Humber most kindly acted as guide, and after dinner we all made the most of our time inspecting the town. Our attentions were mostly confined to the French part of the town, where the unfamiliarly dressed market women, the gendarmes and the inhabitants generally, made sight-seeing of the lighter kind. The Museum, the Roman Catholic church and the beach were all visited, and favourably discussed. A quarter before four saw all aboard the *Empress* for the return passage, which proved much rougher than the outgoing one. However, despite the wetting that many passengers got, and the indispensable *mal de mer* with which some were afflicted, most of the party thoroughly enjoyed the passage, which was all the more interesting as the water was continually breaking on the deck.

Dover was reached about 5.15, when all dispersed for tea. Afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the fine peal of bells at St. Mary's church by Messrs. W. Haigh, J. Moore, W. Hunt, W. Hollier, C. Fryatt, H. Hinckley, J. Smith, W. E. White, and F. R. White.

The arrival at Chatham at 9 o'clock terminated a most enjoyable day. The time and trouble which our esteemed Rector, the Rev. J. Tetley Rowe, took to make the outing a thorough success, was appreciated by all. T.

LATE NOTICE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held on Saturday, August 11th, at The Gardeners' Arms, Shelley. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

NORTHFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, June 24th, at the church of St. Lawrence, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. F. Hall, 1; J. Cole (conductor), 2; J. Withers, 3; F. Hobbs, 4; A. Hobbs, 5; A. E. Pegler, 6.

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ISLIP CHURCH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

The severe storm which passed over a large portion of the county on a recent Friday afternoon left its mark in the parish of Islip, near Thrapston, where the church was struck by the lightning. The storm was raging in all its fury about three o'clock, the thunder being terrific, whilst the lightning was very vivid. It was at this time that the spire of the church was struck by the electric fluid a short distance below the weathercock. The south and west sides of the spire are those which are chiefly damaged. On the former large pieces of stone have been taken clean out at intervals, whilst in several places there are large cracks. The west side, however, has suffered the most. A piece of masonry several feet in length and about two feet wide has been cut out from the bottom of the lower window in the spire, whilst the window above it has been treated in a less serious manner. In one part of the structure a large hole reveals the interior. The pinnacle on the south-west side of the tower is also slightly damaged, whilst a piece of stone has been cut out of the inside of the spire just above the clock face. The clock escaped injury and is still in working order. One of the supports to the roof of the building was moved from its position about a foot. The spire is provided with a lightning conductor, and it is believed that the electric fluid descended the spire about half-away by this means, and that the current then divided, part of it going into the interior of the spire by way of one of the windows. The fallen masonry was found scattered in the churchyard, but fortunately none of it fell through the roof of the church. Upon an examination being made by Mr. J. T. Blackwell, architect, the damage was found to be of so serious a nature as to render the church unsafe for use, and it is probable that the whole of the spire to the square tower will have to be pulled down and rebuilt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21st, five of the Heavitree band of the above Guild met the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who was doing duty at Upton Pyne, and rang several 6-scores with him. J. Ford, 1; Rev. M. Kelly, 2; F. Shpheard, 3; J. Sandover, 4; W. Moggridge, 5; F. Murphy, 6.

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."

"OLD NAMES FOR NEW."

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Baker, when we find a method maker Take a name which is already on the books,
I for one should call it treason, could he give no ample reason;
And the case would then be darker than it looks.
Now friend Baker cannot quell me, though he struggles hard to tell me
That Victoria as he built it is correct;
'Tis a fact I'm not disputing—but we can't stand any looting
Of old names to fit new methods; and I think it's time he
"trekked."

I would not like to foment any trouble for a moment,
But suppose our Baker's precedent shall stand;
Two methods there will be with names alike, and don't you see?
Which is rung be known to no one but the band!
My friend he may explain but the fact will still remain
That "Victoria Surprise" was named I think ere he was born.
It is not details of quality, to urge them is frivolity,
The name it will identify the book whence it was torn.

Now if our friend at Brighton, of two paths will choose the right 'un,
He must take the Central Council in account.
To expunge the method spurious (though I doubt it and am curious)

'Tis an obstacle quite dizzy to surmount.
Friend George you are in error (and your rhythm is a terror)
When you hint that I am suffering from spleen.
If I have spoke too loud of methods I would right be proud of,
'Tis because that they are worthy of newer names I mean.

I thought it very pretty when I read your witty ditty,
But it threw me in a state of sheer collapse.
I survived you may be sure on "Plain Speaker's" water-cure (ugh!)
But diluted well with whisky and—my beverage is Schnapps.
Now I hope I've not offended, such a thing was ne'er intended;
But the weather it has given me the hump.
So please George don't be crusty, but the method's names are musty,
And if you mix them there is bound to come a slump.

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I'm not the least bit rusty but my throat is rather dusty,
So suppose we go and "have one"—at the pamp.

DOUBLE W.

WHO WAS "SYMONDSON?"

SIR,—I see that in the article on handbells in your last issue, it is stated that nothing is known of Symondson, the predecessor of Stockham. In North's "Church Bells of Hertfordshire," it is stated that one Henry Symondson was foreman and tuner to John Briant, bell founder, of Hertford, during the early years of the present century. This Symondson was a very conscientious and able man. After Briant's death in 1829, he appears to have transferred his services to Taylor, of Loughborough, for on the 5th bell at Redbourne church, near St. Albans, is this inscription:—"Taylor and Symondson, Bellfounders, Oxford, London, and Loughborough, 1839." Nothing further is known of him, but as his work and that of Symondson the handbell founder are contemporaneous, and alike in good workmanship, it is more than probable that they were one and the same person.

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Obituary.

WILLIAM SANIGAR.

We regret to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Harborne on Wednesday, July 25th, aged seventy-nine years. Deceased was a native of Bristol, and had taken up his abode in Birmingham since 1852. He had taken part in upwards of thirty peals in various methods, and had held the post of tower-keeper at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral for nearly forty years. He was looked upon as an obliging and reliable man, and he gave a marked attention to the "go" of the bells, and the comfort of the Sunday service ringers. It was also due to his efforts that the five bells were augmented to a ring of eight in 1877 at St. Chad's. He was the oldest ringer in Birmingham.

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.

SIDDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. F. Jeffries, 1; Fred. Lewis, 2; J. Jeffries, 3; F. J. Lewis (conductor), 4; F. Protherough, 5; W. Hancock, 6. Also four 6-scores with F. Richings, 1; the rest as before.

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Ringers' Outings.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—The annual outing of the members attached to this society took place on Saturday, July 7th. The members mustered in full force at the railway-station at 7 o'clock, where a well-appointed brake was in readiness, and where they were joined by a former member and good friend in the person of Mr. F. Cooper, of Aldeburgh. A start was at once made, and the first halt took place at Halesworth, where the tower was visited, and several touches rung. Here they were met by Mr. F. Lambert and Mr. R. Jermy, who took part in the ringing, and then adjourned to the hostelry, where a social half-hour was spent, and some touches rung upon the very musical peal of handbells belonging to Mr. C. Samson. Again the ringers were on board the brake, and Wenhamston—the next halting-place, was soon reached, where they were met by Mr. Easthaugh, of the local company, who had kindly got the bells in readiness, taking part in one of the touches. The Vicar of Wenhamston—the Rev. J. B. Clare—kindly met the ringers, and placed on view the remarkable ancient painting of "The Last Judgment," recently discovered in Wenhamston church, upwards of 400 years old, the rev. gentleman explaining in detail the various figures shown thereon, which was most interesting, and was listened to with marked attention. The next move was made for Southwold, which was made head quarters for the rest of the day, and where dinner had been arranged. Any description of the dinner is passed over further than to say that the less said about it and its filthy surroundings the better. Here the fine sea breezes were much enjoyed, and an inspection of the new hotel, pier, etc., was made. On repairing to the tower, the ringers were met by Mr. W. Sawyer, of Wrentham, and some members of the local company, who took part in ringing several touches with them. Another stroll on the cliffs, and a social half-hour, brought the time for departure all too soon, and home was reached about 11 o'clock, a most enjoyable day having been passed by all, marred only by the unfortunate dinner incident. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. A. R. Upcher, of Halesworth; the Rev. J. B. Clare, of Wenhamston; and the Rev. C. H. Sutton, of Southwold, for their kindness in placing the bells of the several towers at their disposal.

ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.—The annual outing (18th anniversary) took place on the 16th July at Guildford, and those who entrusted themselves to the hands of the Captain (Mr. W. Newell) will not easily forget the excellent arrangements made for their enjoyment. The Vicar (Rev. R. P. Newhouse) at the last moment, unfortunately, was prevented from joining the party, as was his intention. Eleven members and W. Pole Routh, Esq. made up the number. The programme was as follows: Starting by the 8.10 a.m. train the party arrived at Guildford soon after 9.0, where they found ready a brake with an excellent pair of horses, and well it was the horses were full of mettle, for the stiff ascent (stiffer than bristles) of the Hog's Back had to be climbed! What a lovely panorama from the top! A heart-breaking hill to the ridge, then seven miles of quite straight and almost level road with lovely views on either side, till one drops down a gentle slope into Farnham (distant ten miles from Guildford). At Farnham some light refreshment before visiting the fine peal of eight, kindly put at the ringers' disposal by the Rev. T. G. Gardener (per Mr. T. A. Barnett). Having accomplished some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and three courses' of Bob Major, the brake being ready and the horses refreshed, the party made for Godalming (another ten miles in a southerly direction), so as to return to Guildford by a different route. And lovely indeed was the drive, this time all woods and undulating valleys, most charming, yet so dissimilar to the Hog's Back, with its splendid views. At Godalming the visitors were met by Mr. Manfield, captain of the local ringers, who directed them to a restaurant where a dinner fit for a duke was admirably served, and happy were they when seated and hard at work! At the parish church some Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and other methods would have followed, but the tenor went heavily, and the ringing-chamber was unbearably hot owing to want of ventilation and light. Four miles more of delightful drive and Guildford was again reached. Tea at 5.30 p.m. St. Nicholas' belfry, through the kindness of the captain, was open to the visitors at 7.0 p.m., and excellent touches of Stedman and Grandsire were

rung. Holy Trinity tower was visited, and this magnificent peal of eight was soon going merrily, although the opinion was that the tenor would benefit by the services of a skilled bellhanger. After a pull at the very ancient bells of St. Mary's, the party left Guildford at 9.30 p.m., having spent a most delightful day, with plenty of ringing. "There is no land like England" may be true enough, but it is true beyond all doubt that there are no bells like England's.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING, ESSEX.—Once again, through the generosity and forethought of Mr. Churchwarden Davies, the members of this society, with a few friends, were enabled to spend an enjoyable day at Westerham, one of the loveliest places in the county of Kent. Accompanied by our Vicar (Rev. P. M. Wathen), we were joined at Cannon Street by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. S. Hayes, and Mr. A. Whight. A special carriage had been reserved, and the handbells were soon started, 395 of Grandsire Caters, a course of Treble Eight, and a touch of Stedman Triples being rung. Changing trains at Duntun Green, about twenty minutes after we were landed at our destination. We were very kindly received by Mr. Wright, one of the local ringers, and he informed us that the bells were all ready. A little refreshment, and the lovely old peal (which by the way are worthy of a better tower) were in Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire following. At three o'clock the company dispersed until tea-time, some doing a ramble under the capable guidance of Mr. Davies, who spent several years of his boyhood at Westerham; some off in another direction; and others explored the old-fashioned picturesque village. After a capital tea, Mr. Davis expressed the great pleasure it gave him and the ringers in having their good Vicar's company. It was the first time that a vicar of Barking had ever accompanied his ringers on their annual excursion, and hoped he would have such pleasant recollections as to induce him to come with them again next year. The Vicar suitably responded; and a move was made for the church, this time ringing a touch of Double Norwich and a course of Superlative. We were then met by the Rev. C. D. Stubbs, curate-in-charge, who accompanied us over the beautiful grounds of Squirryes Lodge, the residence of the Misses Warde, sisters of Col. Warde, lord of the manor. The rev. gentleman also took the company over the vicarage gardens. Leaving Westerham at 9.35, we reached Barking in the early hours of the morning. During the journey Mr. Cockerill proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Davies for the excellent arrangements he had made for their enjoyment that day. This was carried unanimously. Mr. Davies, in reply, assured them that it was a pleasure for him to come out with them once more, and he was glad to find they had all enjoyed themselves. F.

ST. STEPHEN'S (WESTMINSTER) SOCIETY.—This branch of the College Youths had their annual outing on Saturday, July 14th. Through the courtesy of the Midland Railway cheap tickets were obtained to Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, and these members not able to travel in the morning were allowed to use the ticket in the afternoon. Wellingborough was reached by the vanguard about 10.30 a.m., and here Messrs. Houghton, jun., and Perrin were waiting. Mr. E. J. Dennes, the worthy secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association, showed us the beautiful clock presented to him a short time back, and then invited us to partake of refreshments, and to try the handbells. A drive of about four miles brought us to Irthlingborough, our headquarters, and it was not long before the bells at the church were pouring forth London Surprise. The attempt unfortunately came to grief after ringing 50 mins., and then other touches were rung with friends. By this time our rear-guard had come up, and full justice was done to the dinner awaiting us at The Bull hotel. During the evening the tower was again visited, and various methods indulged in. Sunday morning found us on our way to Finedon to ring for service. Here we were taken to inspect an interesting house connected with the name of Mr. Gladstone, and then back to headquarters to dinner. An early cup of tea and then a quiet stroll to Higham Ferrers to try their bells before evening service. Our conveyance was now brought up, and after saying farewell to our friends, we were driven to Wellingborough to catch the train back to town. The arrangements for our comfort were carried out by Mr. Jas. Houghton, jun., and the members one and all unite in tendering him their sincere thanks for his kindness; also to those other ringers who met and rang with them; and to the clergy for the use of their bells, O.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1900.

A BLACK week. One assassination, an attempt for another, and the comparatively sudden death of an English Duke, a son of our own Royal House, are among the items of events of the past few days. The King of Italy, a monarch whose feelings of goodwill and affection for almost everything British, and who was regarded by all wise statesmen as a close ally of England, has been done to death by a desperado, one of those beings which belong to that abandoned section of humanity who fanatically believes that in the violent death by assassination of monarchs and statesmen lies the regeneration of mankind. Vain and terrible belief. Iniquity of this sort has always hindered measures which have for the people an ameliorative tendency. Such awful crime is universally condemned in terms of unmeasured abhorrence and detestation. The intelligence of the attempt on the life

of the Shah of Persia reaches us on the eve of going to press, and while regretting the violent death of King HUMBERT, it seems a relief to read that the attempt on the life of the Oriental ruler was unsuccessful.

The death of H.R.H. the Duke of Coburg, known to us in years gone by as Prince ALFRED, Duke of Edinburgh, has plunged the country into mourning. In connection with this the latest news imparts the welcome fact that Her Majesty the Queen bears up well under the sudden bereavement of her second son. The widowed Duchess of Coburg—formerly Princess Marie of Russia—deserves the condolences of every one. At such a time, when deeds of violence and anarchy are abroad, she must have painful recollections of that horrible period when her father, the Emperor of Russia, met with his death at the hands of diabolical murderers. The Duchess of Coburg entered the marriage-state under very happy auspices indeed. Yet like other members of Royalty her life has been chequered by trouble. The loss of her only son was a great trial; and now her husband, at an age which many look upon as life's prime, must be peculiarly distressing. The bereaved, every one will hope, will have strength from beyond any earthly source to bear their troubles with patience and resignation.

Mr. Bertram Prewett, in a letter in this number, gives us some information which is surprising. He couples, on good authority no doubt, the name of Symondson with the Loughborough firm. We should like to hear more about such a connection, for very few ringers, we should think, have ever heard of it.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, July 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	HARRY SEAR .. 7.
R. A. DANIELL, Esq. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. 8.
SIDNEY H. GODFREY .. 4.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 9.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th her extent behind the 9th in the tittums, and behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

The Provinces.

NORTH TAWTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD TAYLOR .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 5.
REV. MAITLAND KELLY .. 2.	WALTER H. MARSH .. 6.
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JOHN BAKER .. 4.	HENRY MYERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

This is the first peal on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor about 12 cwt.

G. L. BODINGTON .. Treble.	A. W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
G. H. GUTTERIDGE* .. 2.	JOSEPH J. PARKER .. 6.
REV. H. C. BELL .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. L. NASH* .. 4.	GEORGE ALLDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM PALMER .. Treble.	KEITH HART .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. 3.	*JAMES HUNT .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Superlative. This was Mr. Williams's 450th peal.

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THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of College Single, and three of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

JOSHUA MILNER .. Treble.	THOMAS CLOUGH .. 4.
HARRY TARLTON .. 2.	WILLIAM BUTLER .. 5.
JOHN THOS. BUTLER* .. 3.	JOHN P. TARLTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOS. BUTLER.

*First peal as conductor. First peal ever rung on these bells.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS SPRATT* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 5.
HARRY BARTON .. 2.	†JOHN ASHFORD .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER† .. 4.	*GEORGE BROWN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Fussell and Barton were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting, and their thanks are due to the Captain of the local band (the ringer of the tenor) for making all the necessary arrangements at very short notice.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—Recently on the occasion of a wedding at St. Mildred's church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Cramp, 1; F. Burden, 2; A. Hinds, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; C. Tribe, 5; R. Edwards, 6; G. Neves, 7; H. Holdstock, 8. Also 1016 Grandsire Triples. H. Rummery, 1; N. Tickner, 2; F. Burden, 3; A. Hinds, 4; G. Cramp, 5; C. Tribe, 6; G. Neves (conductor), 7; F. Holdstock, 8. And to celebrate the relief of Mafeking 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Burden, 1; N. Tickner, 2; F. Burden, 3; G. Cramp, 4; A. Hinds, 5; R. Edwards (conductor), 6; G. Neve, 7; G. Johnson, 8. UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday, June 10th, 720 Oxford Bob. E. J. Hyland, 1; G. Dennis, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; T. Wright, 5; W. J. Walker (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 12th,

720 Kent Treble Bob. E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. Pitman (first 720 in the method), 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 24th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Marsh, 1; T. Wraight, 2; E. J. Hyland, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Marsh, 1; G. Dennis, 2; E. J. Hyland, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; H. Shipp (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, July 15th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Michael's church, 784 Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; H. J. Collins, 4; W. Hammond, 5; A. Shuffebotham (conductor), 6; H. Coote, 7; E. F. Slade, 8. On Thursday, July 19th, on the occasion of a service and meeting of the Baintree Deanery, to commemorate the bi-centenary of the S.P.C.K., 688 Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; A. Shuffebotham, 3; H. Collins, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; W. Hammond, 6; H. Coote, 7; C. H. Howard (conductor), 8.

COLCHESTER.—On Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 42 mins. F. Manning, 1; T. W. Pye, 2; R. Stannard, 3; W. Howell, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; A. Burch, 6; W. Burch, 7; W. Schofield (conductor), 8.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On June 6th, 720 Cambridge Snrprise. F. Withers, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Moule (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 13th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Withers, 1; W. Miller (conductor), 2; H. Bottrell, 3; W. Doran, 4; J. Moule, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 12th, 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). G. Dawson, 1; W. Miller, 2; W. Doran, 3; F. Withers, 4; J. Moule, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. On June 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Bottrell, 1; J. Moule, 2; W. Doran, 3; J. Mardell, 4; W. Miller (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Bottrell, 1; J. Moule, 2; W. Doran, 3; T. H. Beams (conductor), 4; W. Miller, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 28th, 720 Victoria Surprise. H. Bottrell, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 2; J. Mardell, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Moule, 5; T. H. Beams, 6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, June 17th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Coventry Surprise, 5th the observation. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, June 20th, for practice, 720 Double Canterbury Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Surprise. H. Little, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. G. Jordan, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, 720 London Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts's 1850th 720. On Thursday, June 28th, being Coronation Day, 720 Victoria Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Composed by George Baker, of Brighton, and is believed to be rung for the first time. Also 720 Coronation Exercise. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells and by all the band. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANMORE (Hants).—A meeting for combined practice was held at this place on May 5th, when the following rang 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Horner, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Burling, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; A. Millard, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Horner, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; H. Burling, 5; A. Millard (conductor), 6.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On May 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; G. Downes, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; W. Singleton, 4; S. Cummins, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor. G. Downes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cummins, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. These two 720s were rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking. On May 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; H. Burling, 3; S. Cummins, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; G. Downes, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; W. Singleton, 4; S. Cummins, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On June 20th, for practice, 240 Grandsire Doubles. H. W. Merrett, 1; W. T. Langford, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; A. Gale, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; W. Singleton, 6. And 240 in the same method. W. Singleton, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; A. Gale, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; H. J. Smith, 6.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Saturday, May 19th, at the parish

church, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung during the day, and in the evening 630 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; G. H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. G. Brett, 8. On Sunday morning, June 3rd, for Divine Service, 559 Grandsire Eriples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; G. H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. G. Brett, 8. On Tuesday, June 5th, in honour of the occupation of Pretoria, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; G. H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. G. Brett, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARROLD (Beds).—On June 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Thew, 1; J. McGrath, 1; W. Freeman (conductor), 3; J. Church, 4; F. J. Bird, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Another 720. C. Orpin (first 720), 1; F. G. Crouch, 2; F. J. Bird, 3; W. Freeman, 4; H. Munday, 5; J. Church (conductor), 6.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On May 13th, at Christ Church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob. A. Glasscock, 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; J. Miller, 3; F. C. Fordham, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; F. C. Newman, 6; A. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. On May, 20th, 1280 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Glasscock, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; F. C. Fordham, 3; F. C. Newman, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; J. Miller, 6; A. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. First quarter-peal of Oxford by all. On May 27th, 1280 Bob Major, composed and conducted by J. Armstrong. A. Glasscock, 1; F. C. Fordham, 2; W. Tegg, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Wade, 6; J. Miller, 7; A. Miller, 8. On June 14th, 1264 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; J. Kentish, 3; A. Miller, 4; W. Tegg, 5; S. Jones (first quarter-peal of Major), 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Jones (first quarter-peal of Major), 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. On June 17th, 1264 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; H. Fordham, 2; A. Glasscock, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Jones, 6; S. Wade, 7; J. Miller (first quarter-peal as conductor), 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 5th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Gammon, 1; E. Bennett, 2; G. Burt, 3; W. Bulpitt, 4; H. Brooker, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; H. Smith, 8. And a touch of Grandsire Triples, with T. Hayward, 1; H. Rapley, 8. Conducted by H. Brooker. Rung in honour of Lord Roberts' entry into Pretoria.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Saturday, June 23rd, at Christ Church, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins. S. A. Wright, 1; H. B. Harman, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 4; J. Hunt, 5; W. W. Thorne, 6; F. Hull (Walthamstow), 7; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, June 24th, for Divine Service, 240 Arnold's Victory. T. Whitworth, 1; A. Crossman, 2; R. Ricketts, 3; W. Lambert (conductor), 4; J. H. Brothwell, 5; W. Allwood, 6. Also 360 London Scholars' Pleasure and 120 Violet. J. H. Brothwell, 1; W. Allwood, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6; the rest as above. For evening service 720 College Pleasure. W. Lambert, 1; A. Crossman, 2; R. Ricketts, 3; T. Whitworth (conductor), 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Allwood, 6. Messrs. Crossman and Ricketts hail from Wath; the rest are local men.

ROTHERHAM (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, July 1st, for Divine Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. G. Oakes, 1; J. Athey (aged 79), 2; A. Ensor, 3; J. Ensor, 4; T. Lee, 5; F. Coales, 6; J. Andrews, 7; W. Coales (conductor), 8; J. Hale, 9; W. Hurst, 10. Composed by J. W. Moorhouse, of Wakefield. Tenor 32 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 24th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins., owing to a change-course. J. Preston, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; J. Rice, 3; J. W. Steddy, 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; E. A. Allen, 7; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 8.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Johnson, 1; F. Dean, 2; A. Archer, 3; H. Dean, 4; J. Mason, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Friday, April 13th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Johnson, 1; F. Dean, 2; H. Dean, 3; A. Archer, 4; J. Mason, 5; G. Siddons

(conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 22nd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; G. Siddons, 5; J. Mason (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 30th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; F. Dean, 3; H. Dean, 4; A. Archer, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 5th, to celebrate the occupation of Pretoria by the British troops, 720 Violet. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On May 11th, at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Price, 1; J. H. Aldridge, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; F. Pitcher, 4; C. Winfield, 5; W. B. Biss (conductor), 6; H. V. Wilkins, 7; H. Day, 8. On Sunday, May 12th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; R. C. Balcombe, 3; J. Pitcher, 4; C. Winfield, 5; W. B. Biss (conductor), 6; J. H. Aldridge, 7; H. G. White, 8. On May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. H. Aldridge, 5; W. B. Biss, 6; H. V. Wilkins, 7; H. G. White, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; F. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; C. Winfield, 5; W. B. Biss (conductor), 6; J. H. Aldridge, 7; H. G. White, 8. On Sunday, June 10th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. R. C. Balcombe, 1; H. V. Wilkins, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; C. Winfield, 5; W. B. Biss (conductor), 6; A. Rowley, 7; W. Canter, 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On June 30th, at the Abbey church, 701 Grandsire Caters. J. Routley, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; F. G. May, 4; A. Doble, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 7; E. Bishop, 8; E. Wyatt, 9; J. Fowler, 10.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—Recently, for evening service at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hole, 1; G. Stacey, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Jones, 4; H. Moore, 5; W. Thrush, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. On Friday, June 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Hole, 1; G. Stacey, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Jones, 4; T. Elliott, 5; W. Thrush, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by J. Hole.

DULVERTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, May 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Chilcott, 1; G. Stacey, 2; G. Atkins, 3; J. Grabham, 4; J. Jones, 5; H. Moore (conductor), 6.

CARHAMPTON (Somerset).—On Wednesday, June 6th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Reed, 1; G. Atkins, 2; G. Stacey, 3; J. Grabham, 4; J. Jones, 5; H. Moore (conductor), 6.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BATH.—On Saturday, June 23rd, at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Draper, 1; C. H. Hampton, 2; T. Raddon, 3; A. Brown, 4; T. Ricketts, 5; C. D. Heginbottom, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; R. Phillips, 8. And at St. James' church, 462 Grandsire Triples. F. Merritt, 1; C. D. Heginbottom, 2; C. H. Hampton, 3; A. Brown, 4; S. Hillier, 5; T. Ricketts (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. Also at St. Mark's church, 360 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Hampton (conductor), 1; C. D. Heginbottom, 2; S. Hillier, 3; A. Brown, 4; S. Raddon, 5; R. Phillips, 6.

DEVIZES (Wilts).—On May 29th, at St. Mary's church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, 1; C. D. Heginbottom, 2; S. Hillier (conductor), 3; T. Raddon, 4; A. Draper, 5; R. Phillips (conductor), 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

ROUGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob. A. Symonds, 1; T. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine. J. Horrex, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; C. Levitt, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. These are supposed to be the first 720s in these methods on the bells.

WOOLPIT (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 2nd, at the parish church, 720 New London Pleasure. E. Kinsey, 1; A. Hollocks, 2; J. Fayers, 3; A. Symonds, 4; T. Levitt, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Horrex, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; C. Levitt, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. This is supposed to be the first 720 in these methods on the bells.

DRINKSTONE (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 2nd, at the parish church, 720 College Single. J. Horrex, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; A. Symonds, 3; E. Kinsey, 4; W. Hollocks, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor),

6. First 720 in the method on the bells. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Hollocks, 1; E. Kinsey, 2; C. Levitt, 3; A. Hollocks, 4; J. Fayers, 5; T. Levitt (conductor), 6.

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Double Court Bob. T. Levitt (conductor), 1; C. Levitt, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; A. Hollocks, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Kinsey, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; E. Kieser, 2; C. Levitt, 4; T. Levitt, 4; J. Horrex, 5; W. Hollocks, 6.

ASHTED (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. D. Ancomb, 1; J. Wyatt, 2; T. Newnham, 3; H. Corbett, 4; W. Marks, 5; W. Cook, 6; A. Dean (conductor), 7; H. Sayers, 8. First quarter-peal by H. Sayers.

BREITENHAM (Suffolk).—On June 26th, in the parish schoolroom, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Levitt (conductor), 1; J. Francis, 2; J. Manning, 3; F. Pearl, 4; A. Grimwood, 5; G. Levitt, 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. W. Proctor, 1; J. Francis, 2; J. Manning, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; A. Grimwood, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. Also 560 Bob Major. W. Proctor, 1; J. Francis, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; J. Manning, 4; G. Levitt, 5; A. Grimwood, 6; W. Kinsey (conductor), 7-8.

BRAY (Ireland).—On Sunday evening, June 17th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 252 Bob Triples. H. Rickerby, 1; G. Matthews, 2; Rev. G. D. Scott, 3; D. Towson, 4; G. Lindoff (conductor), 5; W. C. Hunt, 6; J. George, 7; G. Smith, 8.

CHARING (Kent).—On June 16th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Hatcher, 1; W. E. Pitman, 2; W. Hills, 3; W. Spice, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; T. Tabret, 6. Also 720 Grandsire. W. Spice, 1; W. E. Pitman, 2; W. Hills, 3; E. Archer, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabret (conductor), 6. Also 120 Kent Treble Bob, E. Archer ringing the treble.

DUBLIN.—On Sunday morning, June 17th, for Divine Service at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 270 Grandsire Caters. T. Grant, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; J. Lambert, 3; W. C. Hunt, 4; G. Salter, 5; R. Greene, 6; C. Murray, 7; R. R. Cherry (conductor), 8; J. George, 9; R. Murphy, 10. For afternoon service 467 Grandsire Caters. T. Grant, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; J. Lambert, 3; G. Lambert, 4; G. Salter, 5; R. Greene, 6; C. Murray, 7; J. George (conductor), 8; R. R. Cherry, 9; W. C. Hunt, 10. Tenor 45 cwt.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—Recently at Christ Church, Blacklands, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Penfold, 1; J. Livermore, 2; F. Lock, 3; L. Stone, 4; A. E. Barrow, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6; A. L. May, 7; W. Swain, 8. For practice 720 Bob Minor. L. Stone, 1; L. Stapley, 2; J. Livermore, 3; A. L. May, 4; A. E. Barrow, 5; F. Lock (conductor), 6. And 336 Bob Major. L. Stone, 1; — Brant, 2; J. Livermore, 3; L. Stapley, 4; G. Watson, 5; A. L. May, 6; A. E. Barrow, 7; F. Lock (conductor), 8. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. J. Penfold, 1; L. Stapley, 2; A. L. May, 3; S. Saker, 4; J. Livermore, 5; — Brant, 6; F. Lock (conductor), 7; W. Swain, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Penfold, 1; J. Livermore, 2; F. Goddard, 3; C. Saker, 4; A. May, 5; F. Lock (conductor), 6; A. E. Barrow, 7; W. Swain, 8. And 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Penfold, 1; A. L. May, 2; A. E. Quaife, 3; C. Saker, 4; A. Barrow, 5; F. Goddard, 6; F. Lock (conductor), 7; W. Swain, 8.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Friday, June 15th, at St. Margaret's church, the members of the Sproughton company attempted a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major, but after ringing 4200 changes it came to grief owing to a change-course. C. Parker, 1; G. W. Mee, 2; F. Rolfe, 3; H. J. Mee, 5; E. Rivers, 5; A. G. Rivers, 6; C. Mee (conductor), 7; F. Mee, 8.

KENILWORTH (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, June 23rd, the Coventry ringers visited this place and rang ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Chatfield, 1; S. Hope, 3; R. Bosworth, 3; J. Hopkins, 4; J. White (conductor), 5; W. Gilbert, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

LENHAM (Kent).—Recently, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. a foolish outsider rattled the door of the ringing-chamber, which caused a change-course. W. E. Pitman, 1; R. Staines, 2; A. Hinds, 3; C. Tribe, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice, 6; E. E. Foreman, 7; W. Hadlow, 8. And 168 in the same method, W. Hadlow ringing the treble. And a course of Stedman Triples.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A movement has been set on foot to recast the 3rd bell hanging in this steeple; to rehang the 4th and tenor, and add a treble to make a ring of six.

The estimate is between £80 and £90, and £30 has been already promised, but the restoration of the church has already cost £900, and over £1,000 more is required, and we should be glad of help towards the bells.

H. LAW JAMES.

Compositions.

RICHMOND COURT BOB
MINOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

The following is the first lead-end of the plain course.

1 2 3 4 5 6
 2 1 4 3 6 5
 2 4 1 3 6 5
 4 2 6 1 5 3
 2 4 6 5 1 3
 4 2 5 6 3 1
 2 4 5 3 6 1
 4 2 3 5 1 6
 2 4 3 1 5 6
 4 2 1 3 6 5
 4 1 2 6 3 5
 1 4 6 2 5 3

Plain { 1 6 4 5 2 3 }
 Bob { 1 6 4 2 3 5 }
 Single { 1 4 6 2 3 5 } Lead

The rule to ring this method is so very simple, that it need not here be given. The Major of this was published last week.

The two following methods are also by MR. DAINS:—

A NEW METHOD.—RICHMOND
BOB MAJOR.

1 2 3 2 5 6 7 8
 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
 2 4 1 6 3 5 7 8
 4 2 6 1 5 3 8 7
 4 6 2 5 1 3 7 8
 6 4 5 2 3 1 8 7
 6 5 4 3 2 8 1 7
 5 6 3 4 8 2 7 1
 5 3 6 8 4 7 2 1
 3 5 8 6 7 4 1 2
 5 3 8 7 6 1 4 2
 3 5 7 8 1 6 2 4
 5 3 7 1 8 2 6 4
 3 5 1 7 2 8 4 6
 3 1 5 2 7 4 8 6
 1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8

Plain 1 2 5 2 7 4 8 6
 Bob 1 2 3 5 7 4 8 6
 Single 1 3 2 5 7 4 8 6 Lead

A NEW METHOD.—BARN-
BURY BOB MAJOR.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
 2 4 1 6 3 5 7 8
 4 2 6 1 5 3 8 7
 2 4 6 5 1 3 7 8
 4 2 5 6 3 1 8 7
 4 5 2 3 6 8 1 7
 5 4 3 2 8 6 7 1

Continued—

4 5 2 3 8 7 6 1
 5 4 3 2 7 8 1 6
 5 3 4 7 2 1 8 6
 3 5 7 4 1 2 6 8
 5 3 7 1 4 2 8 6
 3 5 1 7 2 4 6 8
 3 1 5 2 7 4 8 6
 1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8

Plain 1 3 5 2 7 4 8 6
 Bob 1 2 3 5 7 4 8 6
 Single 1 3 2 5 7 4 8 6 Lead

BOB MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5056.

23456 W 5 4 B H

64253 S - -
 53264 - - -
 65234 - - -
 36254 - - -
 25364 - - -
 62354 - - -
 56324 - - -
 32564 - - -
 63524 - - -
 52634 - - -
 35624 - - -
 23654 - - -
 52346 - - -
 45326 - - -
 24356 - - -
 35246 - - -
 43256 - - -
 54236 - - -
 23546 - - -
 42536 - - -
 53426 - - -
 45236 - - -
 32456 - - -

Repeated.

For 5120 repeat the first half three times, with bob for single in the 2nd and 4th parts.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By J. HOUGHTON, Irthlingborough.

5088.

23456 I 4 5 6

65324 - -
 23564 - -
 35264 - -
 52364 - -
 63254 - -
 32654 - -
 25634 - -
 53624 - -
 63425 - -
 32465 - -
 64235 - -

Continued—

I 4 5 6

42635
 32546 - -
 25346 - -
 43526 - -
 35426 - -
 24536 - -
 45236 - -
 52436 - -
 34256 - -
 42356 - -
 53246 I -
 32456 S -

Repeated.

5088.

23456 I 4 5 6

53624 - -
 32654 - -
 56234 - -
 63254 - -
 35264 - -
 62534 - -
 23564 - -
 46325 - -
 23645 - -
 36245 - -
 64235 - -
 32465 - -
 35426 - -
 24536 - -
 45236 - -
 32546 - -
 25346 - -
 54326 - -
 42356 - -
 53246 - -
 34256 - -
 52436 - -
 32456 S -

Repeated.

By EDGAR WIGHTMAN, Erith.

5120.

23456 I 4 5 6

34256 - -
 42536 - S
 25436 - -
 54236 - -
 32456 - -
 24356 - -
 43256 - -
 23654 - -
 36254 - -
 62354 - -
 63254 - S
 32654 - -
 26354 - -
 32465 - -
 24365 - -
 43265 - -
 42365 - S
 23465 - -

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34265				
45263	-	-	-	
52463				-
24563				-
52346			-	
23456			-	

Repeated.

This is supposed to be the first peal in the method ever published containing the full combinations of 4-5-6, with all 3-6s and 6-3s in forty-eight courses only.

LONDON SURPRISE.

By F. BENNETT, Brighton.

5568.

	M	B	W
23456			
52436			-
34625	-		-
42356		x	
25463		x	
*45362	-		
*35264	-		
*56234	-	x	
63542		x	
23645		x	-

Twice repeated.

By omitting the three bobs marked * in one part the peal is reduced to 5120.

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	M	B	W	H
23456				
52436			-	
35426			-	
35264		x		-
56234	-	x		
63542		x		
62345		x	-	-
24653		x		
56342	-		-	
23645	-			-

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KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, July 22nd, at St. Mary Abbots church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. D. Manley, 1; A. V. Selby, 2; R. A. Daniell, 3; A. F. Harris (conductor), 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; C. F. Winney, 7; J. Judd, 8. Mr. Manley hails from Totnes, Devon, and this is his first quarter-peal.

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The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Barnsley parish church to-day, Saturday, August 4th. Tower open from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers. R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, to-day, Saturday, August 4th. The bells will be ready for visitors any time during the afternoon. E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

The St. Mary's Society, Beddington.—The tower will be open as usual on Bank Holiday, August 6th, for ringing from two o'clock. All ringing friends are welcome. C. BANCE, Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

The Waterloo Society, London.—A special meeting will be held at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, August 15th, when it is hoped that as many members as possible will put in an appearance for the discussion of a very serious question regarding the Society. W. H. WEBBER, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, August 18th. Tower will be open for ringing from 12 noon till 7 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30. Committee meeting after tea. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid. Members intending to be present at tea must let me know on or before Wednesday, the 15th August. A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next meeting of members of this Association will be held at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., by kind permission of the Rev. T. D. Gibson. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. Members are also reminded that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 15th, by which time the Hon. Secretary hopes to receive the few outstanding subscriptions. Arrangements are in progress for holding the annual meeting at All Saints' church, Fulham, full particulars of which will be announced later. ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREENSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, July 7th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. N. Smith, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; S. Hayes, 4; S. Sargent (conductor), 5; E. Carter, 6. Moore, Sargent, Radley and Smith belong to Bocking; Carter and Hayes to London.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, July 10th, at the parish church, 720 Double Court Bob. N. Smith, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Hayes, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6.

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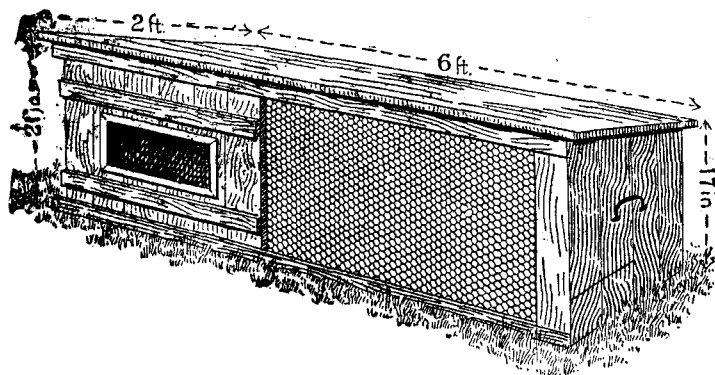
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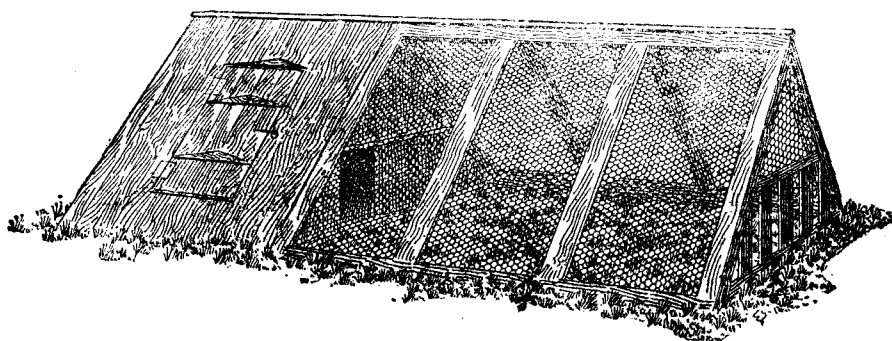
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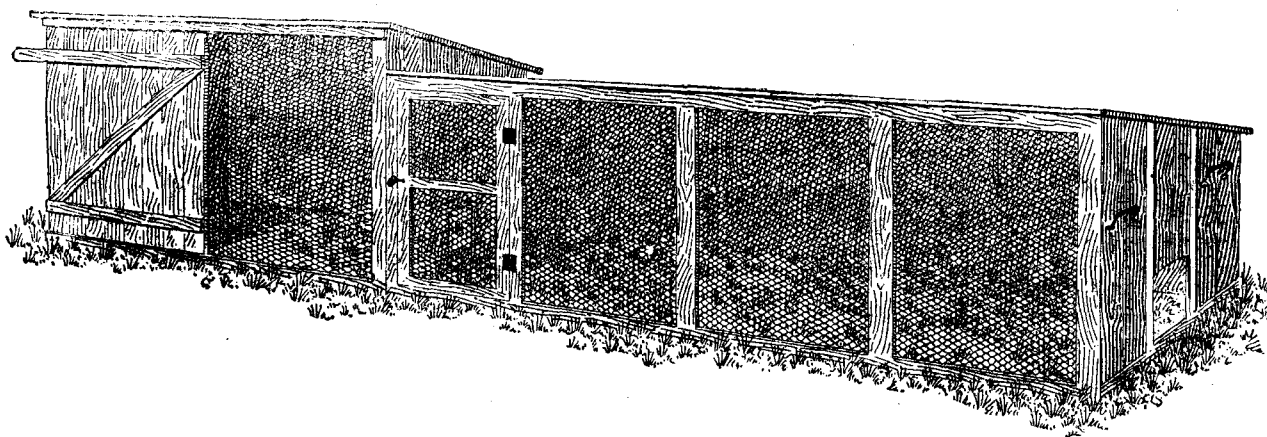
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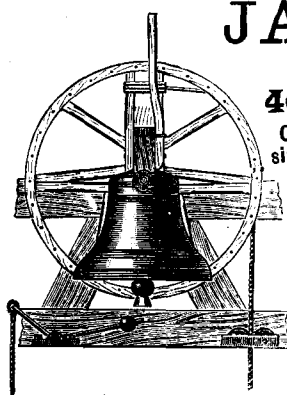
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