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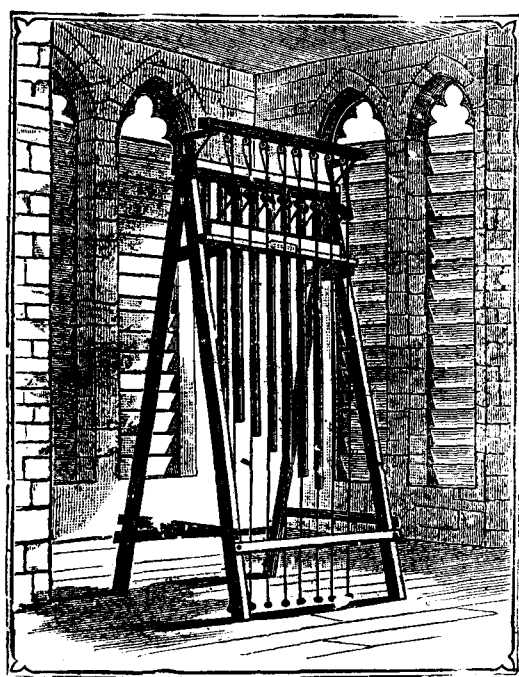
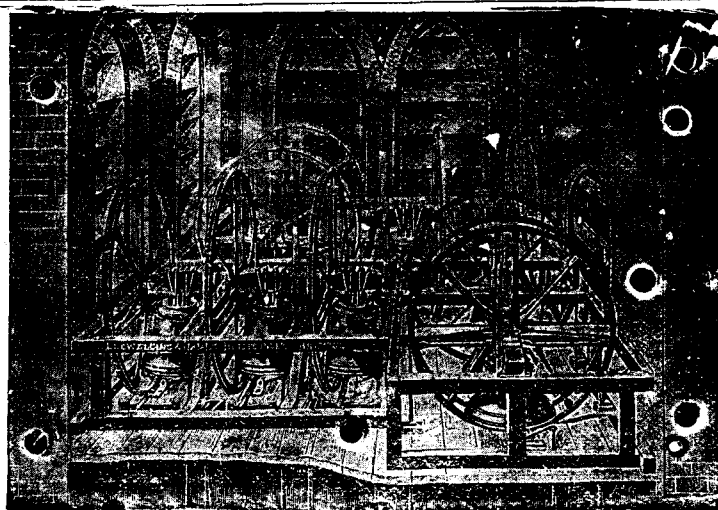
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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

Irthlingborough may be looked upon as the ringing centre of the Central Northamptonshire Association. Many years ago it was noted for its expert change-ringers. Then came a period of inaction and misfortune when the ancient tower was deemed unsafe and eventually had to be pulled down, the bells being safely housed in the churchyard. Most of the old ringers had died ere it was re-built, Mr. J. Houghton, sen., being the only remaining member of the old company. Since the re-dedication of the tower and increase of the bells to eight in 1893, about seventy peals have been rung in the re-built structure, in almost every variety of method, in several of these Mr. Houghton has taken part. The particular position of the church of St. Peter, the lightness of the bells and the great liberty allowed by the Rector and churchwardens, past and present, have all contributed to this result. Chattell, the noted Birmingham ringer, was a native of Irthlingborough. A quarterly meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association, by kind consent of the Rev. J. K. Taylor, took place there on Saturday afternoon, September 1, about 40 members being present from Thrapston, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Wellingborough, Kettering, Rushden, Raunds, Bedford, Earls Barton, Northampton, Finedon, Peterborough, and Ravensthorpe. Tea was provided at The Bull hotel, at 5 o'clock, the local Oddfellows being good enough to allow the ringers the use of their club-room for the evening: for this they were heartily thanked, likewise the Rector and churchwardens for the bells. The Rev. C. E. Channer mentioned that he had completed the work of inscribing the preface in the peal-book. The members expressed their gratitude for his kindness, and begged he would furnish a design for a "membership card." Desborough was chosen as the place for the next meeting at the end of October, there now being several belfries belonging to the Association in that district. Mr. Matthews, of Bath, was admitted as an "out of county" member. A very pleasant and enjoyable "social" finished up the evening. Mr. Stubbs, of Raunds, amused the company with his ever popular old song and recitation, and Messrs. Wilford (Northampton), Tompkins, (Finedon), and Taylor (Wellingborough), contributed capital songs. Touches on a peal of handbells from Wellingborough filled up the intervals.

Mr. Askham, the genial landlord of The Bull, although not a ringer, comes of an old Raunds ringing family. He is fond of the bells, a good friend to the local company, and ever gives visitors a hearty welcome.

Irthlingborough bells are quite a modern ring. In the year 1829, the five old bells were exchanged for six new ones (tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.) from the foundry of Thomas Mears, of London. Previous to being re-placed in the new tower in 1893, they were sent to the Loughborough foundry to be tuned and refitted, and two trebles added, the late Mr. William Woolston, of Wellingborough, being the donor. They now make an handy octave of moderate weight.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Netherton, on Saturday, September 1st, 1900. Members were present from Wolverhampton, Coseley, Tipton, Stourbridge, Brierley Hill, Dudley, and Netherton. The Worcestershire Association service was said in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. S. J. Marriott, M.A., Vicar, and vice-President of the Guild, who gave an address from the words of St. Paul, found in 1 Corinthians xiv. 43: "Let all things be done decently and in order." In the course of his remarks, the rev. gentleman said:—

This was an appeal to the early Church to set its house in order that there might be no gainsaying from those without. And its effect was very soon seen in the liturgies which grew up in the sub-apostolic age. There was a strong desire for order manifested in the services of the Church, and on the model of the Lord's Prayer service-books were by and by in use among the faithful as manuals for conducting the devotions of the people. As the centuries rolled on it was found that these multiplied to a degree of inconvenience that people on the eve of the Reformation were burdened with as many as six or eight of these books when they attended service—such as the Masse Booke, the Graduale, the Prymer, the Pontifical, the Portifory, the Hymnal, etc., so it required some thought beforehand what book they would need. We can therefore see that it was an advance in the direction of order when these books were taken and re-edited and re-issued in one volume which has become known to us as The Book of Common Prayer. To this spirit of reformation, all along its history, the Church of England is strongly committed. Belfry and bellringing reform has been one in which this present age has been much interested, and is attempting to carry out. And the bellringers themselves have been forward in the movement. Organizing themselves into associations to promote the study and practice of ringing, making the belfries into orderly chambers which were before dingy and disorderly, regular in their attendance at service after ringing for "church," many of them being communicants, these changes have proved our ringers to be a valuable band of recent reformers, whose motto might well be—"Let all things be done decently and in order."

After service, the meeting was held in the schoolroom, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Explanations were given respecting the peals which were attempted during the last quarter, and were considered satisfactory, hoping better success would attend the efforts during the ensuing quarter. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Stourbridge, in November, the date to be fixed by the Master and Secretary. A ringing meeting was fixed to take place at Rowley, on September 15th, at 5.30. It was decided to attempt a peal of Bob Royal at Dudley, Stedman Triples at Netherton, and Grandsire Triples at Tipton. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address in the church, and the use of the schoolroom, to which the Vicar responded, brought the meeting to a close. Touches of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, were rung upon the tower bells during the afternoon and evening.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, September 3rd, the Ottery St. Mary branch of the above Guild journeyed to the President's mansion at Kelly. The band that took the seven o'clock train from Ottery was the Rev. R. Croysdales, Messrs. J. E. Baker, H. R. Channon, W. J. Fisher, J. H. Godfrey, S. H. Godfrey, W. H. Godfrey, M. Head, J. Lovering, A. W. Pike, and F. Stuckey. Plymouth races were on the same day, and the train was so crowded that the bellringers had to take advantage of the guard's van to Exeter. Here a change was made, and Tavistock reached about half-past ten. A look over the church and a move to the belfry, when it was made known that a resident was ill, and the bells could not therefore be rung. The President having arranged for a ring at Lamerton, a beautiful drive brought the party there, where the Rev. Maitland Kelly was awaiting their arrival, having ridden over on horseback. Lamerton church was some years ago destroyed by fire, but has been rebuilt chiefly by means of sympathisers outside the parish. The bells were found to be in good condition, and some 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. This is believed to be the first half-pull changes performed on the bells of Lamerton church. A drive over the hills with a splendid view of the surrounding beautiful country, and Kelly mansion was reached. The ringers were heartily welcomed to Kelly by the President and the Misses Kelly. After dinner the Kelly mansion and grounds were viewed and enjoyed. Eating apples, etc., in the shade of the bushy trees seemed to suit the company admirably. It being the Harvest Festival, the whole parish of Kelly was alive. The church of Kelly is situate within the mansion grounds. It is a small and very pretty church, the stained glass windows being in memory of former generations of the Kelly family. The bells were soon put in motion, and some excellent ringing done. It is the first time that the Stedman method has been rung on the bells. From a tablet in the vestry it appears that the Rev. Maitland Kelly took part in the first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles ever rung by Devonshire men in the county, and this event took place at Kelly thirty-three years ago. Tea was taken at the harvest tea-table, presided over by the Misses Kelly. Cream and "west country cake" disappeared with lightning rapidity, and then some handbell ringing on the green. Much amusement was caused at the frantic efforts of the ringers to ring the stable bell. The return visit to Tavistock was through the grounds, with the parish of Melton Abbot on the right. During the journey to Exeter 120 Grandsire and 120 Stedman Doubles and a plain course of Grandsire Triples were admirably "fisted" in the absence of handbells to the not small amusement of the other passengers. The guard's van from Exeter was again in requisition, and the old collegiate town was reached about 11 p.m.

S. H. G.

WITNEY, OXON.

Feast-time has come round once more and brought with it the usual influx of visitors, the majority of whom are of course old inhabitants of the town. As might be expected by those who know what Witney ringing is like, know the bells were kept even more busy than usual during the "Feast Sunday," as it is popularly called, which fell this year on September 9th. Touches were rung before the Early Celebration and the morning service, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples before the evening service,

notices of which will be found in the usual place. For the first time a peal was rung in honour of the Festival, and took place on Monday afternoon, and was accompanied by the various instruments of sound in the Fair on the green outside. It was especially fitting that Messrs. Woodcock and Smith, who were associated with the very earliest time of change-ringing in Witney, were home for the "Feast," and able to take part in the peal. It was also very pleasing to see another old friend amongst us again in the person of Mr. Walter Large, late of Burford. At the close of the peal, the ringers adjourned to the house of the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, where refreshments were forthcoming, and while these were being partaken of, a welcome visitor was ushered in, in the person of the Rector, who had made a special point of coming in to shake hands with his old friends, and to speak a kindly word to one and all. Canon Foxley Norris thinks a great deal of his ringers, and they are proud of their Rector. Besides the above-mentioned ringing, a good touch on the handbells was rung in Mr. Jenkyn's garden on the Sunday afternoon.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—
ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA.

On Saturday, September 1st, 720 Bob Minor. H. Button, 1; H. Girling, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; A. Wilson, 4; C. Samson, 5; E. Cooper, 6; and another 720 standing as before. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Smith, 1; A. J. Lincoln, 2; F. Cooper, 3; C. Samson, 4; E. Bailey, 5; H. Button, 6. The above was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. C. Stevenson, to Miss C. K. Cowell, which took place at the parish church, Aldeburgh, on the afternoon of that day.

On Monday, September 3rd, 360 Bob Minor. A. Button, 1; H. Girling, 3; W. Taylor, 3; A. Wilson, 4; C. Smith, 5; E. Cooper, 6. This was followed by two 720s in the same method, standing as before. This was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Captain Cecil S. Wood, to Miss Gladys K. Salmon, which took place at the parish church in the afternoon of that day.

In each case the bride was a member of the much esteemed Garrett family, whose names have been so long and honourably identified with Aldeburgh.

The old town was gay with bunting, and the church bells were "fired" on each occasion, as the bride and bridegroom were leaving the Church, and again as they passed the sacred edifice *en route* to the railway station for their departure.

FAR FOREST CHURCH, SALOP.

A new clock is to be placed in Far Forest, near Bewdley, which will have one dial and strike the hours. It is to be made by John Smith and Sons, of Derby, to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe.

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. J. Ll. Davies, B.A., Precentor of Holy Trinity Church, Hull, and headmaster of the Choir School, has been offered the living of Sledmere, near Driffield, Yorks., by Sir Tatton Sykes, Bart., which he has accepted. It is thought that this intelligence will interest many ringing friends. The rev. gentleman is able to handle a bell, but has not gone in for change-ringing yet. He is the brother of Mr. P. W. Davies, a well-known ringer, now of Lichfield.

SHILDON, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday week Mrs. Horatio Spurrier, wife of the Vicar of Shildon, at the unanimous request of the committee, laid the memorial stone of a Gothic tower, designed by Mr. C. Hodgson Fowler, of Durham, for the parish church, in the presence of a large assemblage of parishioners and friends.

The Bishop of Richmond, in thanking Mrs. Spurrier, delivered an impressive address, calling to mind the coincidence that her grandfather, Captain W. Price Cumby, of Heighington House, had laid the foundation-stone of the first church at Shildon in 1833 on a site given by Mr. Josiah Smithson, whose son, Mr. Samuel Smithson, afterwards gave the site for the vicarage, and whose grandson, Mr. Harry S. C. Smithson, of Morris Grange, had been one of the principal contributors to this tower, which was intended to complete the commodious church (rebuilt and doubled in size, and consecrated by Bishop Lightfoot in 1882), which he regarded as the great work of Mr. Spurrier's life. Side by side with that church all parochial needs had been satisfied. There were the schools, in which so many had been educated, while the churchyard had been three times enlarged. If they were to add up all the sums which had been spent in the building, the support, and the maintenance of the church and schools of the parish, the total would amount to more than £26,000. And there had, he believed, also grown up the spiritual fabric of love and true unity.

Colonel T. Myles Sandys, M.P., expressed his conviction that it was a very great thing in these days to have as their Vicar a man with whom they could go heart and soul, and between whom and his parishioners no differences existed as to the burning questions of the day.

The offerings on the stone, together with cheques sent, and the proceeds of a parish tea on the vicarage lawn, amounted to £111; and Colonel Sandys, in appreciation of the good feeling manifest in the parish, and in honour of his old regiment, the 7th Royal Fusiliers, undertook to defray the expense of the seventh bell of the peal of eight to be placed in the new tower, the seventh to cost, according to Messrs. Taylors' estimate, £111. The total cost of tower and bells will be £2,721.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

At a meeting of the general committee of the parish church restoration fund on Wednesday, August 5th, held under the presidency of the Mayor, the hon. secretary, Mr. Frank Tylecote, said that exclusive of the restoration of the tower, which Mr. Kershaw had undertaken, at a cost of £3,000, the committee's liabilities were £18,027, towards which they had raised and had promised since the work began four years ago £12,466, leaving an adverse balance of £5,561. Within the last few days a gentleman had offered to contribute £1,000 on condition that the remainder was raised and the church opened free from debt.

The Rev. S. A. Boyd, Vicar, proposed a resolution gratefully accepting the offer, and pledging the meeting to raise the £4,000 needed. This was agreed to.

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Mr. Kershaw promised another £500.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH).

The usual monthly meeting was held on Saturday, September 8th, at Grassendale. Members attended from Liverpool, Farnworth, Garston, and Southport. Ringing commenced at 4.30, and several good touches of Oxford and Plain Bob Minor were rung. The business meeting was held in the library of the Church Institute, the chair being taken by Mr. W. Hughes, of Garston. The Vicar was unable to be present owing to a large meeting of the Liverpool Day School Teachers taking place simultaneously in the village, at which his presence was required.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was proposed, after some discussion, and carried, that the next place of meeting be Woolton, to take place on the first Saturday in October. It is sincerely hoped that as large a number of members of the Association as possible will put in an appearance at this meeting, it being well worth a visit, if only to hear the melodious peal of eight bells in the tower, apart from the duty one owes the branch in attending its meetings.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for so kindly granting the use of the bells and room for the meeting. The members were afterwards entertained to tea at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. Charles Yeld, who also was elected an honorary member of the Association.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Monday, September 10th, the above parish church was the scene of an interesting incident, viz., the laying of the foundation-stone for the enlargement of the chancel. The stone was laid by Mrs. Palmer-Morewood, amidst a representative gathering of church people.

After the ceremony a quarter-peal of Bob Triples was rung in 45 mins. W. Burnham, 1; S. Hall, 2; F. Watkinson, 3; J. M. Brook (conductor), 4; A. Brooks-bank, 5; F. Hillyer, 6; R. Hutchinson, 7; F. W. Theobald, 8. This is the longest touch by the local ringers; also the longest touch on the bells.

BURGLARY AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL.

Burglars have committed gross sacrilege and wanton damage at Chester Cathedral. They effected an entrance by smashing a beautiful stained-glass window in the Canons' vestry.

LATE NOTICE.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Thursday, September 27th. Special service at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, at 12.45. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Crosse. Dinner at 1.30 in the hall of the Conservative Club. Hon. members and friends 2s. 6d; company members 1s. 6d. Business meeting after dinner for election of officers, &c., when the annual report will be read. Notice to be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Friday, 21st September.

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

"CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS."

SIR,—I am pleased to find the intention of my letter on Surprise methods has been obtained, and should also feel pleased to see others opinion on the same subject. I think myself that the classification of methods should receive a thorough discussion in the columns of "BELL NEWS," before being brought on for final decision at the meeting of the Central Council. Before expressing my further views, I wish to draw attention to some misunderstanding in Mr. Trollope's views of my letter. I did not say that London Surprise was as easy as other methods, far from it, by my own experience, neither do I call a Surprise method a very complex Treble Bob. The classification of a method must be based on a firm footing, not to involve any unfairness, or onesidedness to the composer, ringer or conductor. It must be based on a principle where these shall receive the full value of their well-earned merits. If, as Mr. Trollope says, the committee define what constitutes a method worthy of being rung, method-builders will have a limit. It seems to me that the construction of a method governing its ringing qualities, is surrounded by difficulties. Take for instances, the Rev. H. E. Bulwer's definition, and the following method which is half Kent Treble Bob and half London Surprise. This method is more valuable in points than Superlative or Cambridge, yet only a Treble Bob method, which greatly reduces it in points. I am not against Marvel being a name for a high grade method, but what are we to do with a Surprise? Give it the honour of 2nd class or no class at all, which is the case by the annexed figures. I think to classify a method by points, is a solution fair both to ringer and method-builder.

F. DENCH.

Obituary.

ARTHUR ACKLAND PERKINS.

It is with much regret we have to record the death of the above ringer, which took place at Eerste-Fabrieken, South Africa, on August 5th, aged twenty-one years. He was one of the Romford ringers, also one of the eleven who volunteered for the front, and died of enteric fever. He had never gone very deep into the Art of change-ringing, his longest touch being a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the treble in 1897, conducted by his father. But he was a splendid tune-player on handbells, in which his fellow-ringers will miss him much this coming season. He was employed on the G.E.R. previous to going out to the front, and everyone who had the pleasure of his acquaintance express their great regret at the loss of such a sincere friend and companion, being never known to have done anyone an unkind action. May he rest in peace. On Sunday evening, August 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob in 23 mins. G. Roughton, 1; L. W. Copsey, 2; H. Dawkins, 3; G. Pye (conductor), 4; W. Watson, 5; E. Pye, 6.

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 s 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.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.—This Society held their annual outing on August Bank Holiday last. Ramsgate and Margate were selected, but unfortunately a wet day turned, in which caused much disappointment to the company, as it was intended to have a bathe in the sea. A donkey race took place by four of the party, J. Hands being the winner. After this dinner was the next order, of which ample justice was done. Next move was to Margate, some going by brake and the others by train, this caused a brake in the party till 5 p.m. After tea, all met again, passing an opinion that every one had enjoyed a good tea. Only one hour and a half was left before the train was due for home. This was spent in viewing the shops and things of interest, and storing in refreshments for the homeward journey, which was started at 6.25 p.m., Reading being reached at 1.5 on Tuesday morning. In spite of a wet day, all stated they had enjoyed themselves, hoping for a better day another year.

H. S.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, GOSPORT.—This band had their annual outing on August 25th, the destination being Liss, being invited there by the Rector, the Rev. O. S. Walford, a former Vicar of Holy Trinity. Leaving Portsmouth by the 8.40 train, we arrived at Liss about 9.45, where we were met by the Rector. After looking over the new church, a move was made for the old church, where we rang several touches of Plain Bob and 120s of Grandsire Doubles. A ramble over the hills and fields, where we had lunch brought on at two o'clock. Then we had a drive in a brake through some fine scenery, the hills and fields being covered with heather, and the bushes swarmed with nuts and blackberries. Getting back to Liss at five o'clock for tea, a fine spread being supplied by the Rector on the lawn. After tea, the time was spent in playing games on the lawn, bowls, &c. Tune-ringing and change-ringing on the handbells till half-past seven, when we made another move to the tower, where we rang some more Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor, with the Rector joining in till time to say good-bye. Gosport being reached about 11.30 p.m., after having spent one of the very best outings we have ever had. We take this opportunity to thank the Rector and Mrs. Walford for entertaining us, and to our own vicar, the Rev. W. Lee, for his assistance.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, September 8th, seven of the above members journeyed to Abergavenny, Mon., for a few days' enjoyment. Five of them went from Swindon, and met two others at Bristol, and all arrived at Abergavenny at 11.8 a.m. where they were met by Mr. F. S. Wilson, who had a wagonette waiting to take the visitors to the church tower, where they had some excellent ringing. Two attempts were made for a peal of Grandsire Triples both of which came to grief after ringing 2500 and some odd changes in each attempt. After the first attempt the ringers adjourned for some refreshment, after which they felt fit to make a second attempt for the peal which unfortunately came to grief, the striking in the latter being all that could be desired. The ringing being over, the ringers felt that a little light liquid refreshment could do them no harm, which was much appreciated, as the day proved to be a hot, sunny one. After seeing to the inner man, a walk by the river was suggested, which was much enjoyed, the scenery all round being charming. At 6 o'clock p.m., the visitors were met by the ringers of Abergavenny, (who by the way are not change-ringers, but hope to be some day) and all adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided for the visitors. Mr. E. H. Bretherton (churchwarden), took the chair, and Mr. H. C. Evans, the vice-chair. After every one had enjoyed a good dinner, the visitors gave a good exhibition as to what could be done on handbells, which was much appreciated by all. Mr. R. Rosser kindly rendered some good music on the piano, and altogether everyone spent a most enjoyable time. At 8.40 p.m. the wagonette took the visitors to the station, where they had a capital send-off by the ringers of Abergavenny, who all wished them a speedy return to their town to give them another treat in the art of change-ringing. The ringers who took part in the peal were as follows: F. S. Wilson, (Abergavenny) 1; O. W. Lang, 2; A.

Lawrence, 3; S. Hillier, (Devizes) 8; C. Gardiner, 5; T. Ricketts (conductor), 6; F. Price (Bristol), 7; T. Robinson, 8. All with the exception of those otherwise hail from Swindon. Mr. Thomas Ricketts on behalf of the visitors, wishes to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; and Mr. F. S. Wilson, who had made all arrangements to enable the visitors to have what proved to be a most enjoyable outing.

THE ALL SAINTS FULHAM SOCIETY.—Liverpool Street, August 25th, 8.30 (bar strikes) was the order, and a party of 13 met for the annual outing, Sawbridgeworth and Bishops Stortford having been selected. We were met on arrival at Bishops Stortford by Mr. H. J. Tucker, in whose hands the arrangements for the day had been left. Sawbridgeworth tower was first visited, and the fine ring of 8 was soon set going to touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob Major, several local ringers standing in. We then assembled on the roof of the porch, and after a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, were snapped by our own photographer. A start was then made for Bishops Stortford, a walk of nearly 4 miles, and the greater part of the journey unfortunately being through pouring rain, the party were divided, the nimbler members reaching Bishops Stortford much in advance of the others. However, by 2 o'clock we had all met at The Chequers hotel, where an excellent dinner had been prepared by the host, and to which full justice was done, the course-ends rolling up true, although we did not strike until the finish. Votes of thanks to the vicar of Fulham for his hospitality, and to Mr. H. J. Tucker for his efforts on our behalf (he having devoted the whole of the day for our benefit) were carried unanimously. A move was then made to the church, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. The conductors during the day were Messrs. H. J. Tucker, J. W. Driver, C. Charge, and Elson. We again submitted to the persuasion of our photographer, and after tea, the rest of our time was spent in handbell ringing, and a chat with our local friends, while some visited the tower again. Home was reached about 12.30, after a long and enjoyable day. E.

THE ST. PETER'S HALLIWELL SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 25th, the bell-ringers and Committee of St. Peter's, Halliwell, had an outing to Leyland near Preston in a waggonette. The out journey was started at two o'clock, all putting in an appearance except R. S. Walsh, Esq., one of the committee, who was unavoidably absent. The drive was thoroughly enjoyed, the weather, which was not very promising, turning out into an ideal summer day. The charmingly situated little village was reached just before 5 o'clock, and as tea was not quite ready, the old church and graveyard was visited, and also some photographs taken of the ringers and committee in a group, by Mr. J. Greenwood, one of the ringers. An adjournment was now made to The Eagle and Child, where an excellent tea was partaken of. After tea, a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Bowling, the hostess, for the grand way in which she had everything in readiness, and also for the excellent repast she had prepared. The next place visited was the belfry, where the ringers doffed their coats, and a few Grandsire Triples was rung in fine style. An 168 was rung, with the ringers stationed as follows: W. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Fleetwood, 2; R. Seddon, 3; H. Morris, 4; J. Makinson, 5; R. Barlow, 6; W. Pennington, 7; P. Hargreaves, 8; and also 672 with the ringers as before, with the exception of 8, which was rung by Mr. J. Partington. Time was now getting on, and after a game of bowls, the horses were hitched to, and the return journey started. The overcoats, which had seemed in the way when the weather turned out grand, came in very useful, the wind being very cold. As they made their way along the country lanes, songs were indulged in, and when the point was reached from where they started, everybody seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A hearty vote of thanks was passed by the ringers to the committee, Messrs. J. Brown, J. Bradley, and G. Gorton, for the kindness in giving the outing, and also for the way in which everything had been prepared for them.

CREWE BRANCH SOCIETY.—Lawton ringers took a drive to Biddulph on a recent Saturday afternoon, by waggonette to the famous old tower, to spend the afternoon in ringing, with the kind permission of the vicar, Mr. Brodie. Arriving at the hotel about 4 o'clock, we took small refreshments, and then wended

our way to the tower, and we were about to start hunting for the key, when click went the lock, the tower-keeper was on the scene, and the bells were at our disposal. Grandsire was the first on the list, and a select company from Lawton and Kidsgrove took the ropes in hand with the word go, but came to grief after three attempts (so exit Grandsire for the day). Plain Bob was the next with the full band from Lawton, and were highly recommended for this 720. J. Hancock, 1; J. Wildblood, 2; I. Massey, 3; J. James, 4; J. Pierpoint, 5; W. Rigby (conductor), 6. We were about leaving the tower to view the church inside, when Mr. Carter, the old Biddulph ringer, and a few more made their appearance, and extended the ringing with "let's have a Kent Treble Bob." We turned into the tower again at once, and got 720 with a mixed band, the striking being very good, rung by the following: J. Wildblood, 1; G. Buckley, 2; H. Dean, 3; W. Rigby (conductor), 4; M. Carter, 5; G. Siddons, 6. Wildblood and Rigby hail from Lawton, Dean, Buckley, and Siddons from Kidsgrove, and Carter from Biddulph. This concluded our afternoon's ringing, and a move was then made towards the hotel, where an excellent spread was awaiting us, to which we did ample justice. Our next move was a look round the garden and bowling green, which are a great credit to the place. Our time would not allow us to have a set of balls out, so we contented ourselves with the music of the piano until the call was given that the horses were ready. We left the place where we had enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon, with Auld lang syne. The ringers wish through this medium, to thank the vicar Mr. Brodie, for granting permission, and the tower-keeper for having the bells in readiness, and Mr. Basset for the good tea and accommodation we received.

MALDON, ESSEX.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT.—Another old inhabitant has passed away in the person of Mr. Stephen Cable, who died at the house of his son Alfred, in Farnbridge Road, on Saturday last. The life of deceased, who was eighty-seven years of age, was of a most interesting character. A native of Purleigh, he came to reside in Maldon many years ago, being leading man on the farm now occupied by Alderman Fitch, and was considered to be the best grass-mower in the district. At Purleigh and All Saints' churches he was a bell-ringer for over sixty years, and had been a member of the Essex Association since its formation. For forty-seven years he was sexton for the united parishes of All Saints and St. Peter, and went to live at Cemetery Cottage in 1885, retiring from the position of caretaker of the cemetery three years ago last November. During his career in the old borough he dug between 2,000 or 3,000 graves. A favourite story of the deceased was that he came into the world without a shirt, dug a grave on his seventy-fifth birthday without a shirt, and in the afternoon of the same day buried [a man named] Adam. The funeral of the old sexton took place at the cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. Donald Gotto officiating. Besides the relatives of the deceased there also followed Messrs. W. and T. Mansfield, R. Hutson and C. Tabor, ringers from All Saints' church, who rung a muffled peal on the bells during the evening. Mr. William White, from the office of the Burial Board, was also present at the interment. On the coffin plate was inscribed:—"Stephen Cable, died September 1st, 1900, aged 87 years." Floral tributes were sent from Alfred and Harriet Cable; Mrs. Donald Gotto and her little son; Harriet, Nellie, and Fred (grandchildren); Rev. E. R. and Mrs. Horwood.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT WESTMINSTER.—Mr. Judd, of Kensington, kindly lent his handbells which formerly belonged to Miss E. B. Kendall, who, with other young ladies, practiced Grandsire double-handed, so as to be in form for a handbell peal, which unfortunately, was not accomplished. Miss Sharland was at one time one of the company, a lady who has done much to forward the art. One of the company was delighted to ring a peal on these bells, it being one of his ambitions, ever since reading of the clever performances some years back of the Misses Brine, (Lower Hardres) to take part in a peal on the handbells with one of the fair sex.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1900.

THE Association for Central Northamptonshire, judging from the information set forth in our columns from time to time, appears to be a most united and happy family. Associations and Guilds are now becoming so numerous that our memory is too feeble to enable us to actually recollect what organisations of the kind are in existence. If there is some other association for Northampton besides the "Central," it has escaped us, and therefore we are prone to believe that this particular body is the only one for the county.

But for the present the doubt or otherwise of another organisation is perfectly immaterial. We know that the "Central Northamptonshire" is very popular; the executive is a strong one; and the gentleman who is the main-spring of the movement occupies a unique position. The "Central" has just had a meeting at Irthlingborough—the birthplace of **CHATELL, "the baker,"** as he used to be called. We should advise the Irthlingborough men to

take some means—if not already done—to perpetuate the memory of their distinguished townsman. CHATTELL was as unique in his way as is his native place. Our Irthingborough brethren would not do wrong if they considered the propriety of erecting some sort of memorial to such a departed worthy as WILLIAM CHATTELL, who, though a man of like passions with many of us at the present day, was possessed of a host of excellent qualities, and according to his lights, extended greatly the Art he loved so well.

The Provinces.

GLEMHAM PARK, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(MARLESFORD BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 2, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

H. MESSENGER	Treble.	R. H. HAYWARD	3.
T. J. LEE	2.	GEORGE STACEY	4.
E. P. BUCKINGHAM	Tenor.		

Conducted by R. H. HAYWARD.

First peal on the bells, also by Messrs. Messenger, Lee, and Stacey. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers were heartily congratulated by the Rector (Rev. W. Hooper), and through the kindness of Lady North a capital supper was provided at the Hall.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 3, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. BARBER	Treble.	HENRY MIDDLETON	5.
CHARLES MCKENZIE	2.	THOMAS MILLER	6.
WILLIAM A. HANCOX	3.	ALBERT HACKLEY	7.
WILLIAM ELLIS	4.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late W. Sanigar.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Woodbine, City Delight, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, and Duke of York. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK WYATT	Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN	4.
HENRY J. CREED	2.	TOM W. CREED	5.
ISAAC CREED	3.	JOHN CRIDLAND	Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART.

WILLIAM R. SMALL	Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN	5.
ALFRED PADDON SMITH	2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS	6.
WILLIAM ELLIS	3.	SAMUEL REEVES	7.
THOMAS HORTON	4.	WILLIAM VERRY	Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal has a single in each of the first two courses, and was rung on the tenth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

WALTER GAMMON	Treble.	HENRY BROOKER	5.
FREDERICK LARBEY	2.	GEORGE BURT	6.
EDWARD STACEY	3.	FREDERICK HERMON	7.
WILLIAM BULPITT	4.	CHARLES KITCHING	Tenor.

Conducted by H. BROOKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Hermon.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD	Treble.	FRANK BENNETT	5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2.	JAMES HUNT	6.
JOHN J. JONES	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
THOMAS W. RADFORD*	4.	WILLIAM W. THORNE	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples with a bob bell. This was intended to have been Stedman Caters, but owing to the trains being so late, and one of the band being delayed, a start had to be made for the above as time was limited, the late one arriving to hear 2 hrs. 30 mins. of the peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 13).

ALFRED WICKS*	Treble.	*GEORGE R. FARDON	5.
ALLEN H. TABER	2.	*JAMES DURRANT	6.
JOHN BASDEN	3.	*FREDERICK RICHARDSON	7.
FREDERICK GODDARD	4.	*SAMUEL W. GREENWOOD	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. It was arranged to attempt a peal of Stedman, but one of the band not turning up the above was rung instead.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

WILLIAM H. GODDEN	Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR	5.
SAMUEL REEVES	2.	HERBERT KNIGHT	6.
THOMAS HORTON	3.	THOMAS J. ELTON	7.
JAMES E. GROVES	4.	JAMES HALL	Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal contains 240 bobs and ten singles, and was rung to celebrate the 54th birthday of Mr. Thomas Horton, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. It was also his 134th peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

SAMUEL CORNISH*	Treble.	*WILLIAM ROUGHTON	5.
WILLIAM MOTTS	2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE	6.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM*	3.	*ALBERT E. DURRANT	7.
CHARLES PARKER*	4.	JAMES MOTTS	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and

Conducted by ALBERT E. DURRANT.

*First peal in the method.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK G. CROUCH .. Treble.	JOSEPH CHURCH.. .. 4.
WILLIAM FREEMAN 2.	GEORGE VALENTINE.. .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	FREDERICK J. BIRD .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal by Messrs. Crouch, Freeman, and Bird. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES J. ELLIS Treble.	GEORGE MOSS 5.
ARTHUR T. MORRIS 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON 6.
CHARLES P. RAMPLIN .. 3.	ROWLAND FENN.. .. 7.
GEORGE KNOCK 4.	CALEB FENN Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by CALEB FENN.

First peal by ringers of treble and 6th. First in the method by 2, 3, 4, 5. First as conductor. The brothers Fenn hail from St. Margaret's, Barking, and wish to thank (through the medium of this paper) Mr. and Mrs. Morris and the local ringers for their kindness to them on this and previous occasions.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES FEIST* Treble.	JOHN HACK.. .. 5.
LOUIS ATTWATER 2.	WILLIAM GIBSON 6.
HENRY STALHAM 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
HERBERT TOMSETT .. 4.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal and first attempt. This (quarterly) peal was attempted a fortnight ago, but the 4th rope broke after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins. The band represent five different towers in the county. J. Hack hails from Hayes, Kent.

FARNWORTH, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN LEVER Treble.	HENRY MOSS 5.
JOSEPH POTTER 2.	SAMUEL OAKES 6.
JOSEPH BROOKES 3.	ALFRED POTTER 7.
WILLIAM LEVER 4.	JOHN POTTER Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 10, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED POUNDS Treble	WALTER LARGE.. .. 5.
MARK WOODCOCK 2.	JOHN MONK.. .. 6.
HARRY BROOKS 3.	THOMAS BULL 7.
FRANK SMITH 4.	*REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

Messrs. Woodcock and Smith were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting. *First peal with a covering bell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25½ cwt.

HENRY HEAD* Treble.	GEORGE FOSTER.. .. 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 2.	ALFRED J. PULLING.. .. 6.
RALPH WOOD 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 7.
WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. 4.	*THOMAS MAYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. W. T. Lightfoot was proposed a member of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

A. WHITWORTH Treble.	†W. KEEBLE 5.
J. BROWN 2.	*E. J. COCKROFT.. .. 6.
J. S. LOMAS* 3.	J. BRIERLEY 7.
W. ASHWORTH 4.	J. H. BARNES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

*First peal of Major; †First peal of Major as conductor, and hails from Leytonstone, Essex.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.

THE OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

CHARLES R. L'ILEY .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD 6.
AMBROSE OSBORNE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 4.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Jones, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. First peal of Stedman on the bells for twenty-five years.

Handbell Peals.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE GLOUCESTER ARMS, ROCHESTER ROW, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5079 CHANGES.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 1-2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5-6.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. 3-4.	GEORGE N. PRICE.. .. 7-8.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 9-10.	

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpires—H. Pasmore, C. T. Brice, and H. S. Ellis. Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, September 4th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Barratt, 1; P. Jackson, 2; T. Gratton, 3; J. Barratt, 4; F. Derbyshire, 5; E. Jackson, 6; J. R. Pritchard, 7; A. Trippier, 8. Arranged and conducted by J. R. Pritchard. Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Rev. A. C. S. Thompson, Vicar of St. Andrew's church, to Miss Marion Ada Pritchard.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TUR BROOK (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, September 5th, six members of the Wirral branch of the above Guild paid a visit to the church of St. John the Baptist, and with two of the local company rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. S. Breeze, 1; E. Caunce, 2; W. Sconce, 3; E. Breeze, 4; H. Dew, 5; J. Martin, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; —, Lovell, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by S. Breeze; also first quarter-peal as conductor. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the local company for abandoning their practice so as to enable them to ring the above.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY.—On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Clarkson, 1; J. P. Clarkson, 2; H. H. Bowes, 3; J. W. Whittle, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor), 5; W. Lane, 6. On Tuesday, August 14th, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. W. P. Wright, 1; J. P. Clarkson, 2; T. W. Kelley, 3; L. A. Hardy, 4; J. W. Whittle, 5; W. C. Hardy (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. W. Whittle, 1; J. P. Clarkson, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; H. H. Bowes, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 2nd, another 720 in the same method. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; J. W. Whittle, 3; H. H. Bowes, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor), 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, August 12th, two courses of Grandsire Caters. F. Webb, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8; G. Valentine, 9; J. Sear, 10. Also 408 Stedman Triples. F. Webb, 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; C. Chasty, 7; J. Sear, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. F. Webb (conductor), 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Chasty, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; A. N. Wood, 8. On Thursday, August 16th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Webb, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; C. Chasty, 3; B. Jealous, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; G. Valentine, 7; A. N. Wood, 8. On Sunday, August 19th, 395 Grandsire Caters. J. Sear, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; F. Webb, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Chasty, 8; I. Hills, 9; A. N. Wood, 10. On Thursday, August 30th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. J. Barker (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Chasty, 6; G. Valentine, 7; A. N. Wood, 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. A. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. J. Barker, 6; G. Valentine, 7; A. N. Wood, 8. On Sunday, September 2nd, a course of Stedman Caters. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Chasty, 8; G. Valentine, 9; A. N. Wood, 10.

WILLINGTON (Beds).—On Saturday, August 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. W. Clarke, 1; J. Church, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Webb, 4; A. Robinson, 5; W. J. Barker (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine. J. Church, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; A. Robinson, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; F. Webb, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court. C. Chasty, 1; F. Webb, 2; W. J. Barker, 3; A. Robinson, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; J. Church, 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Tuesday, June 12th, 360 Oxford Bob. J. Smith, 1; C. Gale, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. H. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6. On Tuesday, June 19th, 720 Oxford Bob and 140 Kent Treble Bob. A. Wright, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Saturday, June 23rd, 720 each of College Single and Grandsire. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. H. Barker, 4; A. Lawrence, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor),

6. On Sunday, July 8th, 720 College Single. C. Gale, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, July 29th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; J. Smith, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 3rd, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. For evening another 360 in the same method.

ARDLEY (Herts).—On Saturday, August 18th, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Austin, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Heady, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; W. H. Lawrence, 6. On Tuesday, August 21st, 720 Bob Minor, conducted by A. Lawrence. On Tuesday, August 28th, 720 College Single. H. Austin, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. H. Barker, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Friday, August 17th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. *H. Slater, 1; *R. Brown, 2; H. Westbrook, 3; R. Gardner, 4; H. Reynolds, 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 19th, for Divine Service, 308 Grandsire Triples. *T. Williams, 1; H. Reynolds, 2; R. Fuge, 3; R. Gardner, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; *R. Brown, 6; F. Burnett (composer and conductor), 7; L. Hurle, 8. On Friday, August 24th, for practice, several courses of Grandsire Triples. J. Leaf, 1; T. Williams, 2; *H. Slater, 3; R. Gardner, 4; R. Brown, 5; H. Westbrook, 6; H. Reynolds, 7; H. Ford, 8. *Longest touch.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, August 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). J. Smithers, 1; E. Lucas, 2; T. Streeter, 3; W. Trewin, 4; S. Radford, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 4th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor and 360 Kent Treble Bob.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On August 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Sheraton, 1; J. Robinson, 2; F. Sheraton, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; A. Meyers, 5; J. Anderson (conductor), 6. On August 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Clarke, 1; J. Robinson, 2; J. Anderson (conductor), 3; F. Sheraton, 4; W. Sheraton, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Brown, 1; J. Robinson, 2; J. Anderson, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; A. Meyers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. On August 27th, for practice, 720 College Exercise. W. Sheraton, 1; J. Robinson, 2; W. Brown, 3; F. Sheraton, 4; A. Meyers, 5; J. Anderson (conductor), 6.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Saturday, September 1st, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Ford, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; T. Laver, 3; *W. C. Burrough, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; F. Murphy, 6; J. B. Sandover, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. Also a 504 in the same method. W. Hancock, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; J. Ford, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; T. Laver, 5; J. R. Sandover (conductor), 6; F. Murphy, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. *First quarter-peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Katherine Burch and the Rev. A. B. Johnson. On Sunday evening, September 2nd, for Divine Service, the first part of Hollis' five-part peal in 43 mins. W. Scoble, 1; T. Laver, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; J. R. Sandover, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; F. Murphy, 6; W. Mogridge, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. Longest length by all except the conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

SHRAWLEY.—On Saturday, July 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Mopp, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; P. Elcox, 3; —, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; J. Reynolds (first in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 each of Oxford and Kent, conducted by T. J. Salter.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On a recent Saturday, 720 Bob Minor. T. Horton, 1; T. Griffiths, 2; W. R. Small, 3; W. H. Smith (conductor), 4; S. Reeves, 5; C. Beaman, 6. On Sunday, September 2nd, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Bowen, J. Earp, T. Elcox, E. Mapp, T. Griffiths, C. Beaman (conductor). On Wednesday, September 5th, 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, College Single and Oxford Bob.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, September 1st, at the church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins. H. Wright, 1; J. Godfrey, 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Secrett, 4; C. Jackson (Hull, conductor), 5; G. F. Read, 6; J. Matthews, 7; F. Pestell, 8. Also a touch of Bob Major with A. Fuller, 1; G. Orford, 5.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, September 3rd, at the parish church,

a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; H. Brooks, 4; T. Bull, 5; J. Monk (conductor), 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 7; J. Brooks, 8. Composed by J. A. Brown. On Sunday, September 9th, two six-score of Grandsire Doubles before the early service. E. Baker, 1; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 2; F. Pound, 3; J. Monk, 4; H. Brook, (conductor) 5; S. Bull, 6. For morning service, 540 Grandsire Triples. G. Room, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; H. Brooks, 3; F. Smith, 4; S. Bull, 5; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 6; John Monk, (conductor) 7; J. Brooks, 8. Before the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Pounds, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; S. Bull, 3; H. Brooks, 4; F. Smith, 5; John Monk, 6; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 7; J. Brooks, 8.

FULMER (Bucks).—On Saturday, September 1st, the Farnham Royal ringers rang 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; J. Elderfield, 3; W. Clarke, 4; G. H. Gutteridge, 5; C. Clarke, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; J. Elderfield, 3; W. Clarke, 4; C. Clark, 5; G. H. Gutteridge, 6.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Anston Surprise. On Sunday evening, September 9th, 720 Baden Powell's Victory. W. Platts, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Sten-ton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (composer and conductor), 6. These touches are believed to have now been rung for the first time.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 5th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 44 mins. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; A. Shuffebotham, 3; H. Collins, 4; E. F. Slade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6; H. Coote, 7; W. Webb, 8. On Thursday, September 6th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major failed after ringing 3248 changes, in 1 hr. 55 mins. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. Collins, 4; A. Shuffebotham, 5; W. Hammond, 6; H. Coote, 7; E. F. Slade, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. 32 lbs.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, August 26th, eight members of the Stansted company paid a visit to this place, and rang for evening service, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. After service an attempt was made to ring 720 London Surprise, but was lost just after the second part. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Watts (conductor), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. Jordan, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

PIMLICO.—On Tuesday, August 28th, in the belfry of St. John the Evangelist, Wilton Road, on handbells, retained in hand, fourteen courses of Stedman Caters. On Thursday, August 30th, thirteen courses, and afterwards six courses of Stedman Caters. C. F. Winney (conductor), 1-2; H. R. Newton, 3-4; H. P. Harman, 5-6; G. N. Price, 7-8; J. N. Oxborrow, 9-10.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, August 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Tomlin, 1; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 2; G. Tomlin, 3; L. Hollingworth, 4; G. C. Tunnicliff, 5; W. Earle, 6. First 720 by W. Tomlin. On Tuesday, September 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Tomlin, 1; A. Lee, 2; G. Tomlin, 3; L. Hollingworth, 4; F. Hollingworth, 5; W. Earle (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of G. Tomlin, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLSOVER.—On Saturday, August 25th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Milner, 1; J. Flint, 2; J. T. Butler, 3; F. Wagstaff, 4; J. Goodwin, 5; J. P. Tarlton (conductor), 6. And another 720 in the same method. J. Milnes, 1; J. T. Butler (conductor), 2; J. Flint, 3; F. Wagstaff, 4; J. Goodwin, 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6. On Sunday evening, August 26th, for Divine Service, another 720. S. Coupe, 1; S. Coupe, 2; J. Flint, 3; F. Wagstaff, 4; J. Severn, 5; J. Goodwin (conductor), 6.

ASHOVER.—Recently the Bolsover band visited this place, and rang 720 Bob Minor. S. Coupe, 1; S. Coupe, 2; R. Coupe (first 720), 3; F. Wagstaff, 4; J. Goodwin, 5; J. Flint (conductor), 6. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. J. B. Nodder for the use of the bells.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 2nd, for Divine

Service at Christ Church, 720 Oxford and 72 Kent. W. Walker, 1; — Brothwell (Burley), 2; B. Cowling (Selby), 3; Jos. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, August 26th, on handbells at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, 504 Stedman Triples. K. Hart, 1-2; F. Bennett, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; C. Willshire (Guildford), 7-8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Willshire, 5-6; K. Hart, 7-8; the rest as before. And a course of Grandsire Caters. Also a short touch of Grandsire Triples, Mrs. G. Williams ringing the trebles.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, September 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. Alcock, 1; J. Eades, 2; A. Jackson, 3; T. Albutt, 4; G. Ward, 5; G. Bourne, 6; O. James (conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8.

GORLESTON (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, August 28th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. Fuller, 1; J. Godfrey, 2; R. Christian, 3; A. Jacob (conductor), 4; G. F. Read, 5; J. Matthews, 6. A 720 Bob Minor. A. Jacob (conductor), 1; J. Godfrey, 2; R. Christian, 3; A. Fuller, 4; G. F. Read, 5; J. Matthews, 6. A. Jacobs hails from London; the rest are local men.

KERESLEY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, September 1st, the Coventry ringers visited this place and rang eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. G. Chatfield, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; S. Hope, 3; J. Hopkins, 4; J. White (conductor), 5. Tenor 7 cwt. These are the first touches rung on these bells.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 18th, at the parish church, 576 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. S. Cook, 1; C. Gillingham, 2; R. H. Brundle, 3; S. Slater, 4; A. Durrant, 5; J. Motts (conductor), 6; S. Sillitoe, 7; W. Motts, 8.

MORTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, August 18th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Mitchelson, 1; W. Freeman, 2; G. Hollis, 3; G. Wells, 4; A. Holmes, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. Also three courses of College Single. G. Mitchelson, 1; R. Brightman, 2; G. Hollis, 3; J. Alford, 4; G. Wells, 5; A. Holmes (conductor), 6.

SHIPBOURNE (Kent).—On Saturday, August 25th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Seymour, 1; G. Barham, 2; S. A. Wright, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; C. Hazelden (conductor), 5; R. Goodburn, 6. And 360 Grandsire Minor. T. Groombridge (conductor), 1; C. Hazelden, 2; M. J. Exeter, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; S. A. Wright, 5; R. Goodburn, 6. On handbells a course of Grandsire Triples. C. Hazelden, 1-2; T. Groombridge, 3-4; S. A. Wright, 5; J. Ford, 6; R. Goodburn, 7-8.

SANDRIDGE (Herts).—On Saturday, August 25th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Kine, 1; H. Lewis, 2; C. Giddings, 3; E. Whitbread, 4; J. Payne, 5; G. Cartmel (conductor), 6.

WYTHAM-ON-THE-HILL.—On Sunday, August 19th, at the parish church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. N. Moxon, 1; A. Holmes, 2; J. Alford, 3; G. Wells, 4; G. Hollis, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Hollis (Grantham), 1; A. Holmes (Edenham), 2; J. Alford (Edenham), 3; G. Wells (St. James's Deeping), 4; G. Hollis (London), 5; R. Brightman (Market Deeping, conductor), 6. Also 240 in the same method. G. Furness (Edenham), 1; A. Holmes, 2; J. Alford, 3; G. Wells, 4; G. H. Hollis (Bourne), 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The day of outings, and such-like festivities, is not over yet for the year. Every week there is a big jugful (and more) of them to wade through. An outsider (*i.e.* a non-ringer) said to me the other day—"What wonderful people ringers appear to be. They seem to combine a sort of universal jollification society—if they are not ringing, they are eating, and if not eating, why they are drinking, and the votes of thanks for hospitality shown them are beyond everything I ever read of." How do you think I treated these remarks? What sort of a rejoinder do you think I made? Nothing rough, or even forcible; but very polite—the retort courteous, in fact. I will tell you my answer as near as I can think of it.

My friend is a great man in the scientific world, understands all about the differential calabash, and such complex and obscure philosophy. So that I was not unwilling to do a little expounding with him for his own sake. It would not have done for me to have told him much about half-pull ringing, long peals, and so forth, because he would have shut me up by saying that such work could be done by electricity, magnetism, or some other force—centripetal, centrifugal, or other things of the sort. And you know when a philosopher talks about bell-ringing being done by machinery, to a bellringer, the latter generally elects to shut up, to avoid irritation. I am afraid I am getting "wide," rather.

It is not, a colleague tells me, "differential calabash," but "differential calculus." Well, there is not much difference. Whether calculus is differential, or differential is calculus, it doesn't much matter for the present purpose. We shall very likely be told by some of the present day clever writers what these words all mean—calculus, calabash, differential, and otherwise. So we need not pursue this subject just now. My friend the ex-Q.C., or that writer who is known by a single letter, or some of the other clever people, will be sure to enlighten us forthwith.

This last paragraph might not have been written for all the good it is, I dare say. But when you get paid so much a line for writing these notes, you can't keep re-writing and scratching out, else you would never get to the end. We must have fat as well as lean, and bone is not always an evil. But I must tell you what my reply was. Ah! you say with impatience, let's have it without any more palaver. Don't forget my friend, my young perspiring friend especially; don't forget the old saying—"Everything comes to those who *can* wait."

Bell ringers, like other people, eat to live. (The obverse does not apply.) And when the clergy and other gentlemen of sense and refinement begin to see that change-ringing is a wonderfully clever art, and that it requires unclouded faculties, retentive memories, and such-like powers, with a great quantity of that human faculty euphemistically called "grit," they think it a complimentary and graceful act on their part to invite men having such attainments to partake of their hospitality. I pointed out this pleasing fact also: Whenever a clergyman or other generous churchman asks a band of visiting ringers to enjoy a repast, it nearly always follows that the founders of such feasts give their guests another invitation for the next year. This is one

of the many causes why ringers are so often around the festive board. Much more I said. I think I satisfied the philosopher, because he did not pursue the subject. Perhaps he was thinking more of the influential calculus.

Some kind friend has sent me a copy of the *Parish Magazine* for St. Paul's church, Walsall. For the life of me I could not make out why it was sent. I remembered the old joke about "Wassall," as it is locally called, but it had nothing to do with that. At last I hit upon the following paragraph:—

In my letter to my brethren of the clergy dated Easter last, I proposed that all contributions to our Diocesan Thank-offering should be forwarded to me, addressed to my Chaplain, not later than the 1st of November, that it might be presented in the Cathedral on the Sunday following.

This paragraph is part of a letter issued by the Bishop of Lichfield to his clergy. He wants one million shillings. You will observe that he wants this one million shillings to reach his chaplain on the first of November—All Saints' Day. I have received this from a friend at Edinburgh, who does not disclose his identity. He evidently sees some similarity between the Harlow bell scheme and the Bishop of Lichfield's object. The right rev. prelate asks for a million shillings by the first of November for laudable Church purposes. We ask only 30,000 shillings (more or less) from among the 50,000 ringers all over the world.

There are ringers in Edinburgh, and one or two other places in Scotland. From having received this magazine from the modern Athens, I gather that the Edinburgh ringers intend to send their shillings to Harlow. And how about our Irish brethren, who are making such progress: they will send their shillings also. And our friends in Australia, and the United States, and New Zealand, and the Cape, and other colonies. They will all identify themselves with this movement, it is hoped. All Essex-born ringers, wherever they may be located, will doubtless for the honour of their county send two "bob." Four peals of handbells!!!! of which full information will be given in due time.

The following note has been received from an eminent ringer down Suffolk-way, not quite a hundred miles from Wickham Market:—

"BELL NEWS" only wants a bit more pushing amongst ringers themselves. I always put it forward wherever I can, but I object to lend my copy, which custom is practised much in this quarter, I find.

I have added this to my notes this week. It is "re-proof" at least. Will you try to correct this, each of you in your separate neighbourhoods? I should gladly esteem any communication upon such an important subject.

One of my correspondents grumbles that his contribution to this page did not appear just as he sent it. As this is not the first time of a complaint of this sort, I had better say once for all that I must be the judge how contributions should or should not appear. Perhaps it may astonish some in these school-board days to hear that almost everything that is sent to me requires shaving down: my blue pencil bill is a serious item. The time in bringing things into ship-shape is—well never mind; but the irritation? Oh! What one particular member of the staff goes through must lead in time to softening—of the brain. *Verb. sap.*

PLAIN SPEAKER.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop—The annual meeting will be held at Wellington-to-day, Saturday, September 15. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher—Rev. J. Cairns Brown, Vicar of Shifnal. Tea at 5 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at All Saints' church, Fulham, to-day, Saturday, September 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel. Service will be at 6 p.m., when the address will be given by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex. A substantial tea will be provided in the parish room at 1s. 6d. per head. It is hoped that the bells of St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, may be available, as well as the bells of All Saints Fulham, from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be followed by the usual business meeting. The Hon. Secretaries hope that ringers will make a special effort to attend, and that the few outstanding subscriptions may reach them by the 8th of September.

C. EDWARDS, } *Hon. Secs.*
ARTHUR T. KING, }

The East Derbyshire Association—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horsley, to-day, Saturday, September 15. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting after tea.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Sussex County Association—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, September 15. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. It is hoped that all members in arrears with their subscriptions will forward the same at their earliest convenience.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Yorkshire Association—The general meeting of this Association will be held at Horbury (near Wakefield) to-day, Saturday, September 15. By kind permission of the Rev. E. I. Lough, M.A., Vicar, the new ring of eight at St. Peter's will be available from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. At 4 o'clock, meeting of the official committee. At 5 o'clock, tea in the boys' schoolroom. Business meeting to follow. The Lord Bishop of Wakefield (Dr. Eden), has kindly promised to be present. After business the Horbury handbell ringers and concert party will give a smoking concert, programmes of which will be distributed during the day. The local hon. sec. is Mr. W. H. Giggie, Queen Street, Horbury, who will be pleased to make all necessary arrangements for the comfort and convenience of visitors.

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

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Northern Branch.—The usual half-yearly meeting will be held at Market Rasen, to-day, Saturday, September 15th. Tea at The Aston Arms at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after.

GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Sibthorp Street, Lincoln.

The Ancient Society of College Youths—Meetings will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on September 18th, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on September 27th. Members attending the practice at St. Paul's

cathedral will greatly oblige by meeting at 7.45 p.m., as it has been requested that ringing shall cease at nine o'clock.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford—Revised Notice.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, September 22, at the parish church, Wombourne. The bells will be available for touches during the afternoon and evening. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea will only be provided for those sending in their names on or before the 17th inst. to Mr. R. Cartwright, Wombourne, and if members will let Mr. Cartwright know the time they will arrive at Wolverhampton he will advise them by post what arrangement he can make for their conveyance to Wombourne. No conveyance unless notice is given.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, Westbromwich.

The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron, on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at Star inn 5.45. Members who have not already done so will oblige by remitting subscriptions for 1900 at once.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*

"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Essex Association—A district meeting of the above will be held at Bishop Stortford, on Michaelmas Day. The towers of Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Harlow and Stansted will be open for ringing. Members intending to attend must notify me not later than the 25th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Assist. Sec.*

Great Totham, Witham.

N.B.—The G.E.R. have withdrawn their reduced fares to ringers.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held at Bromsgrove, on Saturday, September 29th. Service in St. John's church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. A free tea will be provided for all members forwarding their names to me not later than Tuesday, September 25th. The tower will be open for ringing. Shall be pleased to receive all unpaid contributions.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—The annual meeting at Oldham will take place on Saturday, September 29th. All peals and reports of ringing to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 92, New Line, Bacup. Subscriptions for 1900-1 are now due, and members not having paid for the past year are requested to do so to their branch secretary, or forward them direct to the General Secretary, A. E. Wreaks, 41, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, }

J. WILSON, }

J. SHEPHERD, } *Secretaries.*

Chester Diocesan Guild—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. James's church, Gaws-worth, on Saturday, September 22nd. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. NORBURY, *Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, September 29th. Meeting house, The Spotted Cow inn. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers are cordially invited. HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

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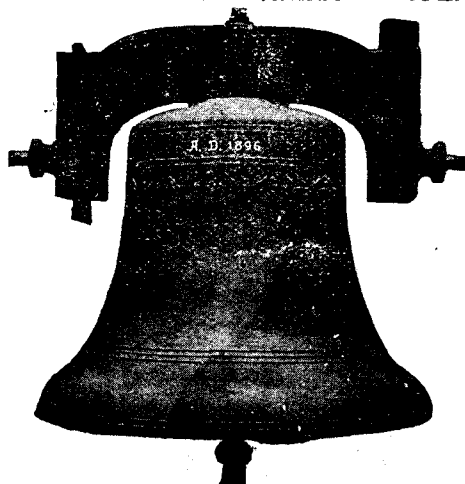
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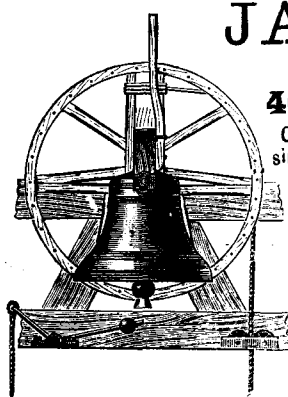
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