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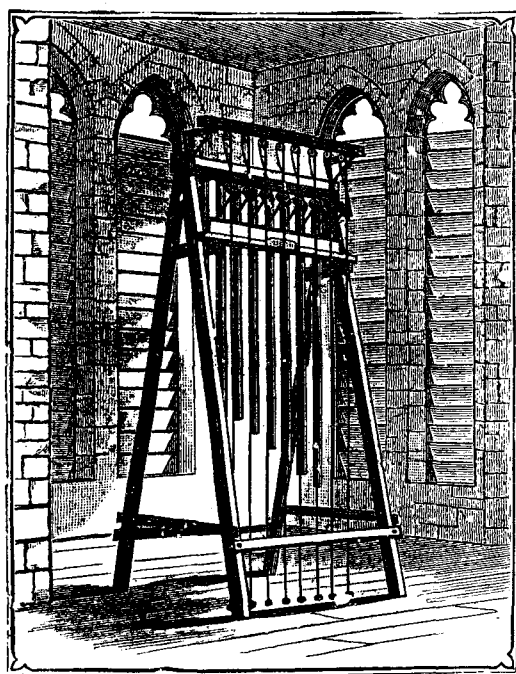
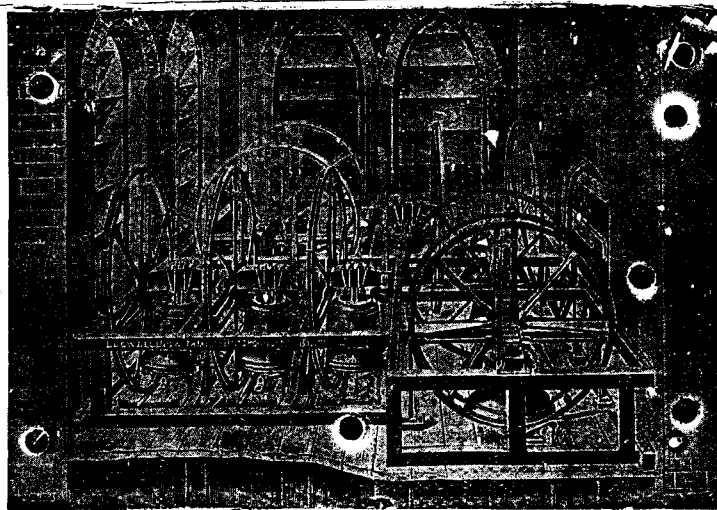
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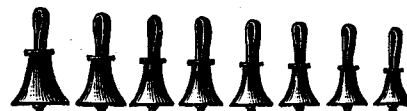
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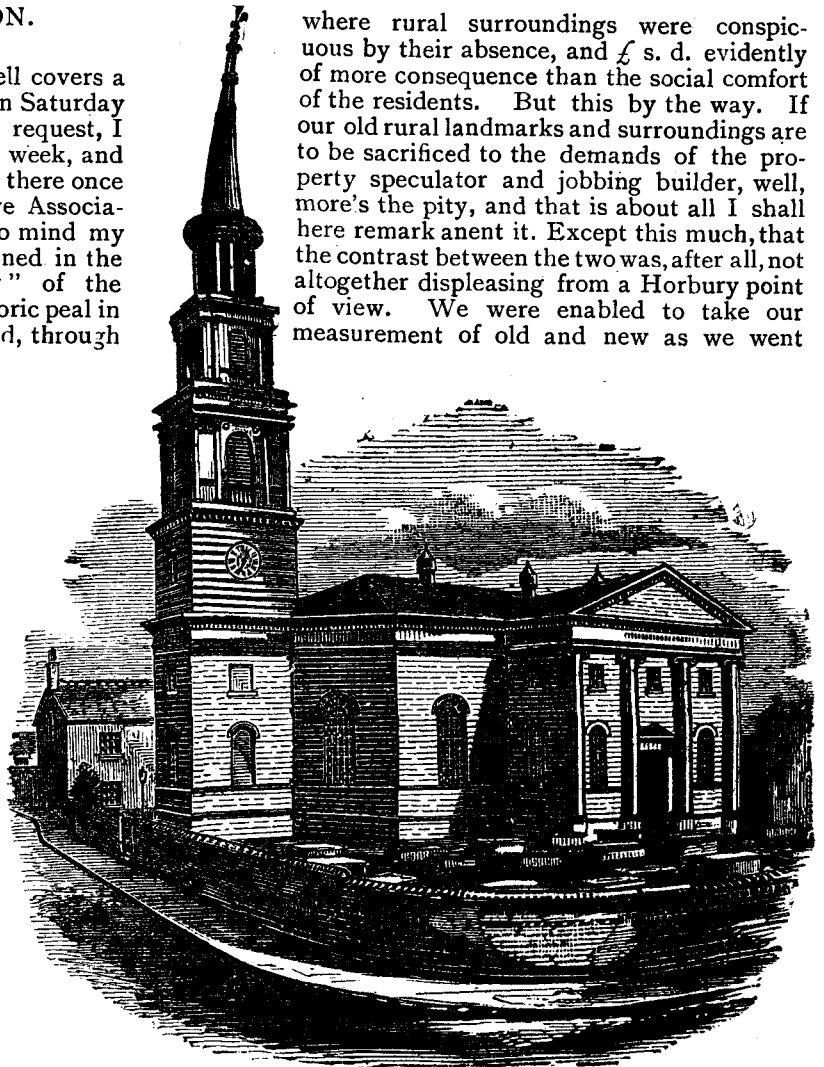
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

"A misty morn and a cloudy sky." This well covers a description of the atmospherical surroundings on Saturday morning last, when, in obedience to editorial request, I was winding up my ordinary business of the week, and preparing for another brief sojourn at Horbury, there once again to join with the members of the Yorkshire Association in general meeting assembled. I called to mind my last previous visit, a few weeks ago, when I joined in the hearty dedication service at the "opening" of the augmented ring from six to eight, when the historic peal in the tower of the church of SS. Peter and Leonard, through the generosity of B. Wilson, Esq., was changed from Minor to Major. I remembered the soulful service in the church, followed by the clock-work performance of the Dewsbury band, who sent forth the first Major changes from the tower—good old Kent Treble Bob!—and refreshed my memory with reminiscences of that never-forgotten event. I "hungered and thirsted" for train time. I was selfishly impatient, and felt somehow almost unnaturally warmed and invigorated as I left my domicile wending my way to the railway station, happy in the anticipation of realising the dream of many weeks past. On my way I had the unexpected pleasure of meeting the members of the Skipton branch, with ever-green William Billows as moving spirit. After greetings, steps were wended to the railway station, where more "brother strings" were met and greeted. These greetings, however, were rudely interrupted by the peremptory order to "take your seats," and a moment or two later we were on our way to our destinations, the time being pleasantly beguiled by enquiries about absentees, reports of progress and other details of interesting information. Notwithstanding the vagaries of the "Lanky" line, Horbury was reached at last, where we mounted the steps from the platform up to the bridge which supported the highway. Turning to our right, on we went, past a little stone quarry to our left, up a slight incline, with cottages, villa residences, farmsteads, and the like on each side of us, all seeming to breathe the same air of repose and contentment. Shortly the village itself was reached, with its strange admixture of "Ancient and Modern," (excuse this, worthy hymnal of that ilk), its old-fashioned ivy-clad dwellings, surrounded with pretty gardens interspersed with (*pace* shades of Ruskin) modern innovations in the shape of newly-built brick rows of erections designed for the abode of toilers, upon a commercial basis of seven, eight, or ten per cent. "divi."



HORBURY PARISH CHURCH.

where rural surroundings were conspicuous by their absence, and £ s. d. evidently of more consequence than the social comfort of the residents. But this by the way. If our old rural landmarks and surroundings are to be sacrificed to the demands of the property speculator and jobbing builder, well, more's the pity, and that is about all I shall here remark anent it. Except this much, that the contrast between the two was, after all, not altogether displeasing from a Horbury point of view. We were enabled to take our measurement of old and new as we went

along; and make our own conclusions of the respective merits of past and present. So we jogged past new buildings seemingly springing up on all sides, conventicles, villas, rows of cottages, new shops, co-operative stores, and what-not, till we reached the foot of Queen Street, and rounding the corner, past the busy shops of stationers, milliners, and so forth, we mounted the steep narrow street, till the church of SS. Peter and Leonard was reached, to find ourselves in a throng of "brother strings" just assembled to hear the first touch of the day on the newly augmented ring. It was a curious spot, where "ancient and modern" forced itself upon us. On the corner at our right was the village post office with its modern equipments, while on the other side of the narrow street was old Horbury with a vengeance. Just in front was the church itself—a mere modern child, only

some 106 years old, which had presumptuously replaced a previous structure of almost unknown origin.

Here I feel I must diverge somewhat, to give my critical readers some better conception of the place than my humble pen is capable of. The guide-book tells us that "Horbury is pleasantly situated on the crest of a hill, and commands an extensive view of the surrounding country. It was so named from one of the Saxon hill forts, which are so common in this county, and which generally retain the name of the founder. The old Church of Horbury was of great antiquity, having been included in the grant of the church of Wakefield by the second Earl Warren, to the monks of Lewes. It was taken down to make way for the present edifice. The present church, which is dedicated to SS. Peter and Leonard, is a building of stone in the Italian style, and was designed and built by Alderman Carr in 1794, at a cost of £8,000. It consists of nave, transepts, vestry, and a western tower, which formerly contained a clock and six bells. The transepts are divided from the nave by high Corinthian pillars with floriated capitals. Against the walls in the rest of the building are pilasters, fluted and having capitals which bear up a cornice similar to the pillars. The roof is vaulted and crossed by ornamental bands. The font was given by Mr. Lomas, in memory of his wife, who died in 1866. There are four stained windows, those in the north transept being in memory of Mrs. Parker, of Carr lodge, a relative of Alderman Carr. A new vestry was added in 1884 to commemorate the 50th year of the vicariate of the Rev. Canon Sharp. The tower, which had been unsafe for some time, was rebuilt in 1899, and the old ring of six bells, cast in 1795, were augmented to eight by the kindness of B. Wilson, Esq., who presented a new treble and tenor. A new clock with three dials and quarter chimes was also put in, the cost of which was raised by public subscription."

Having now relieved my mind of descriptive matter, and with the aid of the illustrations which our Editor has been kind enough to add to my only too bold and unsatisfactory description, I think I may return to my narrative.

Trains, waggonettes, bicycles, "traps," and other forms of vehicular transport, were by this time bringing in their load of visiting humanity. I met my old friend David Brearley, of Bolsterstone, with his good wife, and their lady friend, who had "biked" from Deepcar, some twenty miles or so, and looked none the worse for it. Round the corner came a huge waggonette party from Rothwell, then another from Leeds, and afterwards so many behind horses, and on the seats of "bikes" of all descriptions that I actually got bewildered, and made my escape to the schoolroom, where the official committee of the Association was calmly and practically doing business as though there was nothing occurring to ruffle the "even tenour of the way" in any direction. All this time the bells were swinging in the tower to the tune of Treble Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Minor methods, and the like; it was a campanological treat. Of course the striking was varied—you can't fairly expect anything else with mixed companies, but notwithstanding this, all were evidently doing their level best to maintain the reputation of Yorkshire striking, and well they succeeded. It was a real treat to listen to the ringing, allowing for occasional "trips" which you were loyally bound to admit, seeing that the dozen bands who occupied the belfry during the day were made up of men who had never rung the bells before. All appeared to be going on satisfactorily, especially to the hardworking local committee so ably captained by Bro. W. H. Giggie, who seemed to be the "head and front of all offending," as doubtless he was, and a good one at that. If we had any hesitation at feeling ourselves at home, well, that was our own fault. No man could have done more to put us at our ease than these Horbury folk. But I will say no more on this point for fear of raising a blush on their fair cheeks, and making them imagine that I am overdoing this sort of thing. So I will resume my narrative.

At five o'clock we were due to assemble at the school room, just a few minutes' walk from the church, there to partake of their hospitality in the shape of a substantial feed "with the cup which cheers," &c. Thither I went, you may be sure, and I was amply rewarded. The large room, when I arrived, was filled by the guests of both sexes; there was literally a crowd, and I meditated a retreat until the first "sitting down" was

over. But good fortune attended me, and I was "planked" on a seat just by Dr. Eden, the Bishop of Wakefield (who was evidently enjoying himself), the Venerable Canon Sharp, the Rev. E. I. Lough, the present Vicar, Mr. William Snowdon, president, and several other "great guns," and I had a real good tea, which was refreshing. I should not omit here to remark that, as beforetime, "grace before meat" was heartily sung. Well, we had a good tea, and while sitting at the tables, Mr. Snowdon, in a few pertinent remarks, asked our attention while the good Vicar of Horbury introduced the Bishop of the diocese. That, evidently, was an easy task, for I could see that all were anxiously waiting for an encouraging word from Dr. Eden. And we were not disappointed. The worthy Vicar's remarks touched his hearers, and especially when he said that, firstly, he should regard his venerable and venerated predecessor as "Vicar of Horbury" so long as he lived, and him simply as ministering priest of the parish; and secondly, that he felt he had little need to introduce Dr. Eden to his auditors as the respected Bishop of the diocese.

The Bishop, on rising to speak, had a right royal reception, and it was some time before he could commence. When he did, however, he put himself in full sympathy with his hearers. Bells, he remarked, were a beautiful legacy of our Church. Although in other countries, such as China, India, and Russia, there were bells of tremendous size and weight, far exceeding any of ours, yet peals of bells and the science of change-ringing were peculiarly English. It was a singular circumstance that change-ringing was the peculiar possession of the English-speaking race, and further, that in whatever part of the world our countrymen settled, bells and change-ringing accompanied them wherever possible. This fact alone, he contended, should give to change-ringers a high conception of their work, and cause them to be not only skilful exponents of the art, but by their lives and conversations maintain the dignity of their honourable profession as workers in the Church. Before concluding a most interesting address, he assured the members of his entire sympathy with the work of their Association, and gave them a most cordial welcome to his diocese.

In compliance with loud calls, Canon Sharp next rose to address the gathering, receiving a greeting hardly less vociferous than that accorded to the Bishop. In a voice which, though its strength was failing somewhat with his weight of four score and ten years, had yet lost none of its sweetness, he told how gratified he was that the Association had come to Horbury to try their newly-augmented ring in the church tower. In most pleasing reminiscenary fashion he spoke of the old familiar ring of six which for over a century had swung overhead, the sound of which had interwoven itself into all their hearts. And although the old six had now received additional companions which had enlarged their scope and somewhat altered that old familiar sound, yet their sweetness was so pleasing to the ear, that the change from the old six to the new eight, notwithstanding the severance of old associations, was an acceptable one. Turning to the ringers themselves, he was grateful to think what a reformation had been made since his first acquaintance with the occupiers of belfries. This change had undoubtedly been largely brought about by the county and diocesan associations, and, if on that ground alone, he was happy to welcome the Yorkshire Association to Horbury.

The scene at the conclusion of the venerable Canon's speech is one which will never fade from my memory. On the front of the little platform stood the venerable Canon, his left hand resting on the shoulder of the President, and his right hand slightly upraised in token of benediction, he said, "My friends, one word more and I have done. God bless you all, and prosper your work. God bless you."

I need not attempt to describe to you the effect of this speech; nor will I do any such thing. It will be to myself, like very many who were present, a precious memory. Shortly after there were loud calls for the donor of the new bells, Benjamin Wilson, Esq., who gracefully and good humouredly complied, expressing his great satisfaction on hearing throughout the day universal expressions of admiration at the splendid manner in which the bellfounders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, had done their work, and the perfect "splice" which they had made.

Hearty thanks were then given to the Bishop of Wakefield for

his presence and address; to the Rev. E. I. Lough, M.A., Vicar; and the wardens, for the use of the bells and school; and to the venerable Canon Sharp. This was followed by three vociferous cheers—one for the bishop; one for Canon Sharp; and one for Mr. Wilson, the donor of the bells. After the cheering had subsided, we finished our tea, which was an excellent one and well served; then we adjourned for a brief space till the "crushed out" and late comers had been refreshed at a second "sitting down," necessitated by the large number of visitors, when several of us had the additional pleasure of a parting greeting with the bishop and clergy.

On reassembling for the business meeting, Mr. W. Snowdon (Leeds) President, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. George Bolland (Tong), vice-President; Messrs. T. Hattersley (Sheffield) and J. H. Hardcastle (Bradford), Stewards; Mr. W. Stainthorpe (Birstall), hon. Treasurer; Mr. B. T. Copley (Bolton), hon. Secretary; and other members of the committee: the room being well filled. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and adopted,

Mr. T. Hattersley proposed, and Mr. G. Bolland seconded, that the twenty-fifth annual meeting be held at Sheffield, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. T. Hattersley then proposed, and Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe) seconded, the appointment of the Rev. F. G. Sandford, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's, Sharrow, and the Rev. J. T. Rew, of All Saints', Sheffield, as auditors, which was agreed to.

The President next gave a brief report of the meeting of the Central Council, remarking that through the excellent report given by "THE BELL NEWS," there was little need for him to make any lengthened remarks.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Stephenson (Ossett), Benjamin Wilson, Esq. was elected a honorary member of the Association.

The President moved, and Mr. Stanhope seconded a proposal that the votes of thanks passed at the tea tables be inserted in the minutes of the meeting, which was adopted.

Mr. T. Hattersley moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Horbury branch for their generous arrangements, and to the handbell ringers and concert party, which was seconded by Mr. Bolland, and carried amid loud cheers.

A similar vote to the ladies who had presided at tea was proposed by Mr. Copley, seconded by Mr. Illingworth, and heartily adopted.

A similar compliment to the chairman, moved by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Moorhouse (Sandal) concluded the business.

After this followed the last but not the least item of the day's proceedings. This was a concert by the Horbury Prize Handbell ringers and male quartette. The excellent programme given by this talented combination comprised glees—"Sweet is the Morn;" "On the Banks of Allan Water;" and "The breeze is gently blowing," by Messrs. G. Hunt, M. Rigg, W. H. Giggie, and J. Woffenden; a song "Star of the Dessert," by Mr. Rigg; a song "The Postillion," by Mr. Woffenden; handbell selections—"The Saxon" (March); "Heliotrope (Waltz); and "Auld Lang Syne" (air with variations); performances on the sleigh bells by Mr. G. Hunt; and humorous songs by Mr. F. Dawson. For a couple of hours the crowded audience was kept delighted by the performers, encores loud and persistent following almost every item of the programme. It was a rich treat and thoroughly enjoyed; the artistes were all so thoroughly proficient in their various parts that I feel myself unwilling to single out any of them for special praise, because they all equally deserved it; and Horbury is undoubtedly unique in the fortunate possession of such a thoroughly all-round excellent party of entertainers.

The fear of encroaching unduly on the limited space at our editor's disposal prevents my dealing with this as extensively as I could wish. Therefore I will perforce content myself with simply adding that the meeting from beginning to end was altogether a great success, and the efforts of the local committee, led by Mr. Giggie, its amiable hon. secretary, rewarded as they deserved to be by the appreciation of a large number of visitors.

Their elaborate concert programme—a book of sixteen pages, containing views and portraits,—was in itself a unique experience in the history of the Yorkshire Association, copies of which were eagerly applied for to keep as mementoes of an interesting event. The bells of St. Peter's were kept well occupied, no less

than a dozen bands taking advantage of them by ringing touches in various methods; and as I reluctantly turned my face stationwards I heard the bells ceasing their day's work in creditable fashion, a fitting termination, I could not help reflecting, to a day which will live in the history of the Yorkshire Association.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Market Rasen on Saturday, the 15th instant. Favoured with a typical autumn day members assembled at the Parish Church, and the bells had hardly been set in motion before the local Hon. Secretary (Mr. Hackney) announced that conveyances were ready to convey the members to Claxby, a village some five miles distant, in the care of the Vice-President of the district (the Rev. Canon Andrews), who, with his usual kindness, had given the Branch a special invitation to his church. The pleasures of the drive, the lovely surroundings of the famous wold district, the enjoyment of a ring upon the bells, combined with a leisurely stroll around the Rectory grounds, including the inspection of the beautiful oak chests in the Rectory house, and the light refreshments served out upon the lawn, will not soon be forgotten by those whose privilege it was to accept the thoughtfulness of the Vice-President.

Returning to Market Rasen, the company sat down to a substantial tea at The Aston Arms. At the general business meeting held immediately afterwards, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Andrews, supported by the Churchwardens of Market Rasen, the Vicar of Middle Rasen, and others, letters of regret at not being present were read from absent Hon. Members, also a letter from Mrs. Hewitt expressing a wish to continue the subscription which her late husband had given almost from the commencement of the Branch.

After the minutes of the Grimsby meeting had been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary announced that he attended the annual meeting of the Central Council, a full report of which the members had no doubt read in "THE BELL NEWS," at least, if they had not done so, it was their own fault for not subscribing to the ringers' paper. He urged the Branch to give the Council its loyal support by assisting to carry out the various suggestions it from time to time decided upon after careful thought and discussion. He reminded the members of the words Sir A. Percival Heywood said when he, at no small inconvenience to himself, attended a meeting some years ago at Lincoln, and told them to take care of his "baby." Although the "baby" had now grown to be a "man" it still required the same care to continue the work for which it was formed.

A special report was also read by the Hon. Secretary upon the progress of the Branch during the sixteen years of its existence, reminding the company that he had chosen this particular meeting for the twofold reason that the idea of forming a Bellringers' Association emanated from Market Rasen and Caistor, and that this was the first occasion of a meeting held at Market Rasen under the recently formed Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The Rev. A. W. Tryon, of Middle Rasen, kindly consented to become an honorary member, and was duly elected.

Replying to a vote of thanks to the Vice-President for his kind invitation to Claxby, and for the deep interest he took in the Branch, the Rev. Canon Andrews gave a stirring address to the members.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Market Rasen for the use of the bells. In consequence of the early departure of the train the visitors had very little time for ringing, but the sound of a touch by the local members as the visitors were journeying to the station seemed to give a happy conclusion to a successful meeting.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, September 11th, at the church of St. Andrew, 672 Bob Major in 33 mins. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; A. J. Gillings, 5; G. Petrie, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (conductor), 8. This is the first touch in the method on the bells by the local band, and was rung at the first attempt.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at All Saints' church, Fulham, on Saturday last, and was largely attended by ringers from all parts of the county. No sooner was the wish expressed to the Rev. W. C. Muriel, that the members were desirous of meeting at his church, than he readily acquiesced, threw himself heartily into the arrangements, and with the assistance of his own ringers, determined to give the Association a hearty welcome. Ringing commenced punctually at 3.30 p.m. and continued at short intervals till close upon six o'clock, when the ringers assembled in the church for service. The address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon of Middlesex, who in place of a text read an extract from the writings of Bishop Durandus—a foreign ecclesiastic, who wrote some six hundred years ago, *inter alia*, upon the subject of bells. Passing by his quaint conceit that the ringing of bells drove away evil spirits, and that they were a protection against lightning and storm, the preacher could not help noticing the deep piety which manifested itself in many of the good Bishop's utterances. Much of what he had written was as applicable to ringers now as it was then, and ringers would do well to remember that in their connection with the belfry, they were performing a ministry no less important, even in its humble way, than that of the clergy, albeit of a different nature. But in calling others to the services of the church, a ringer should give to the work the best of his skill. He should also be punctual in the performance of his duties, and shew an example to the world by not himself remaining away from the services, to which it was his privilege to summon others. Touching upon the peculiarly English art of change-ringing, the Ven. Archdeacon thought that every ringer might be proud, when he reflected that he was exercising his skill and perseverance in ringing the church bells of his home, in a manner that no foreign nation had as yet endeavoured to do.

The service was a very bright one, the presence of the organist and the choir boys was a welcome sign of good fellowship, and was gratefully appreciated as a recognition of the ringers as church workers with themselves. After the service there was an adjournment to the parish room, where a substantial tea was very well served to the entire satisfaction of all who were privileged to find room.

At the business meeting which followed, the report of the work of the Association during the past year was read, and ordered to be printed, and the accounts of the central fund were passed subject to audit. Among the events of the past year, due stress was laid upon the dedication of a new ring of bells at Feltham on the 27th December last, the restoration of the ancient bells of St. Mary's Church, Willesden, and the work so satisfactorily accomplished under the guidance of Mr. E. P. O'Meara, resulting in the bells of St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, which came from a Belgian foundry, being arranged, after many difficulties, in a pealable condition for ringing, as we know it. The record of peals rung by the Association since the last annual meeting was very satisfactory, numbering no less than 59, and being a very considerable increase over those of the previous year. The following is an analysis of the peals rung:—

Bob Minor	6	Superlative Surprise Major	5
Bob Triples... ..	2	Cambridge Surprise do....	1
Oxford do.	7	Grandsire Caters	1
Grandsire do.	3	Stedman Caters	6
Stedman do.	13	Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	1
Bob Major	7	Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1
Double Norwich	2	Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	3		

The peals were rung in 36 different towers, and no fewer than 137 members took part in them. There were 15 conductors, and of the members who took part in the peals, 20 were successful in passing through the ordeal of their first peal, and 58 their first peal in a new method. Nor is the increase in the number of members less satisfactory. The total last year was 420, and it is now, after a rigid revision of the names, 466. Fourteen meetings were held in various parts of the county during the year, and all of them were satisfactorily attended.

In the conclusion of their report, the committee show themselves to be actuated by aims of a high order, and we cannot help making the following quotation from it. "Peal-ringing is a perfectly innocent recreation, Even if it be of secular origin, it

is well worth perpetuating, because it is a peculiarly English product of intelligence and skill. But how much more noble will it become if our secular amusements be interwoven with our sacred obligations. If our minds be set to 'hallow all we find' in ringing, as in other modes of intelligent recreation, our Association will not have laboured in vain. Privileged as we are to serve the Church in our vocation, let us try to increase year by year our loyalty and attachment to the Church we love. There is a great work for us all to do, and a very little time, in this brief span of human life, in which to do it. That our Association may prosper, is our earnest hope; that it will prosper we feel assured. We may have to live down in the course of our career much obloquy, and a good deal of indifference alike from laity and clergy; but in proportion as we meet obloquy with calmness, and indifference with a zeal subordinated to the high aims we profess, we shall be adopting the only attitude which will bring peace and happiness to ourselves as ringers, and prosperity to the Association to which we rightly deem it an honour to belong."

We have only to add that the proceedings were characterised with a rare enthusiasm throughout, that the handbells were brought into requisition more than once during the evening, and that Mr. J. W. Driver, and his brother ringers at Fulham, did their utmost, and that most successfully, to ensure the success of the meeting, and provide a hospitable welcome to the Association. By the thoughtful arrangement of the Vicar, a large party were enabled to view the Bishop's palace and grounds, a privilege thoroughly enjoyed. The bells of St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, were placed at the disposal of the Association during the afternoon, and were kept merrily going until the time of the evening service at Fulham.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Guild of Ringers in the Salop Archdeaconry was held at Wellington on Saturday, September 15th, on the kind invitation of the Rev. H. M. Marsh-Edwards, Vicar of the parish. At 3 o'clock members began to assemble from different parts of the archdeaconry, and some very good touches were rung between that hour and half-past four o'clock, when a service was held in the church. There were present among the clergy the Vicar, the Rev. J. Cavis Brown, Vicar of Shifnal, the Rev. H. Lovatt, the Rev. J. Mackay, the Secretary of the Guild, and others. The presence of the choir, who kindly attended, greatly added to the heartiness and beauty of the service. A very appropriate address was given by the Vicar of Shifnal. After service all adjourned to the parish room, where a very excellent repast had been prepared by the Vicar of the parish. Very hearty votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Vicar for his hospitality, and to the preacher for his encouraging address. After this a business meeting was held, and the Hon. Secretary read his report for the year, and then a second visit was paid to the belfry and ringing was carried on till late in the evening. We were glad to see among the members present Mr. J. E. Groves of Wolverhampton, and also Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower of the Bath and Bristol Guild, both of whom are life members of the Salop.

The Salop Guild is a small one, as the area of its work is only an archdeaconry and not a diocese, and the district an agricultural one and thinly populated. It is, however, doing a good work in a quiet way, and by giving grants out of its funds for the payment of an instructor to all who are willing to learn, it encourages ringers in the country districts to aim at something higher than the old fashioned call changes. Unfortunately at the present time many of the towers as well as the bells of the Archdeaconry are much in need of repair, and this hinders the work of the Guild, but we hope to see its influence more widely felt as the conditions become more favourable under which the work is carried on.

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 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.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of members was held at Bletchingley, on Saturday, 21st July last. The bells of the parish churches of Godstone (6), Bletchingley (8), and Nutfield (6), were placed at the disposal of members by the respective rectors, and, with the exception of those at Godstone, which need attention, were rung at intervals throughout the afternoon and evening.

The usual tea took place at the Red Lion, Bletchingley, and was served in the style for which the house is noted. Mr. John Bashford, the proprietor, is a change-ringer himself, as was his late father, who was the previous proprietor, as many of the Exercise will remember.

The business meeting was opened by the election to the chair of the Rev. J. W. Warren-Corbould, Curate at Bletchingley. Having thanked the meeting, Mr. Warren-Corbould cordially welcomed the members to Bletchingley in the name of the rector, who was away.

The Secretary having read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed, drew the attention of members to the statement made by the honorary Secretary to the Central Council that the glossary of technical terms used in the art of change-ringing could not be published for the price of one penny as had been presumed by some Association Secretaries. The Secretary stated he was one of those who had allowed themselves to be so misled, and he had accordingly written the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, confirming the order for 300 copies at the price authorised by the Council or its committee. A resolution was passed approving the Secretary's action.

It was reported that since the last meeting the following peals had been rung:—

April 29	at Rusper	Kent Treble Bob Major.
" 30	at Christ Church	Grandsire Triples.
May 5	at Burstow	5040 Doubles.
" 11	at Leigh	5040 Bob Minor.
" 12	at Bletchingley	Kent Treble Bob Major.
June 9	at Reigate	Grandsire Caters.
" 30	at Banstead	Grandsire Triples.
" 30	at Ashtead	" "
July 7	at Beddington	Stedman Caters.

It was resolved that same be recorded as Association peals.

The election of Messrs. Sidney Arthur Wright, David Wright, and J. Steddy as members was ratified, and the following were also elected: Rev. J. W. Warren-Corbould, and the Rev. G. Hartwell Jones (Rector of Nutfield) as honorary members; Messrs. John Bashford (Bletchingley), Henry Newnham (Leatherhead), Harry Sayer, Frank Sayer (Ashtead), and Henry Horrex (Benhliton), as performing members.

Ashtead and Kingston were nominated as places for the next meeting, and on a show of hands Kingston was declared chosen by a majority vote. It was decided the meeting should be held on Saturday, the 20th October next.

Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the Secretary, concluded the meeting, which was attended by about 40 members.

CHARING, KENT.

On Monday, September 17th, a very pleasant meeting took place in the ringing chamber, when the local ringers, together with the vicar (Rev. Ady), and choirmaster (Mr. Darlington), met to bid farewell to Mr. W. Spice, who is leaving the neighbourhood. A farewell 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung by T. Edwards, 1; W. H. Goodwin, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; E. Archer, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. The Rev. Ady then spoke and thanked Mr. Spice for his valuable services both in the tower and in the choir, and also presented him with a very nice time-piece as a testimonial from the vicar, brother-strings, and choirmen.

Mr. Spice expressed much regret in having to leave Charing and so many friends, especially the ringers, and sincerely hoped the Charing band would stick to the Kent County Association like a leach, and that he should try and visit Charing tower and friends as often as possible.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The usual quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, September 8th, at St. Mark's, Preston. Members attended from Blackrod, Chorley, Layland, Penwortham, Preston parish church, and Standish. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, and several touches of Plain Bob were rung. The business meeting was held in a private room at The Maudland inn, the chair being taken by the President, Mr. Banister. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. After some discussion it was unanimous agreed that the next meeting be held at St. James', Leyland, on the second Saturday in December. A unanimous vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

ST. PAUL'S, HULL.

An appeal is about to be made in the large parish of St. Paul's, Hull, with about 17,000 souls, mostly artisans, for the raising of 10,000 shillings to clear the church and Sunday Schools from debt. Sir H. S. King, M.P., has promised to give 100 shillings to the fund, and fifty additional shillings for every 10,000 collected. After this we need not have any hesitation in advocating the scheme for Harlow bells. By the way the Harvest Festival at St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, takes place to-morrow (Sunday), when the offertories are to be devoted to the Bells fund.

Obituary.

GEORGE DEAR.

The above ringer, who died on Wednesday, September 5th, at the age of sixty-two, was one of the Hornchurch ringers. After the Romford bells were hung in the present tower he was one of the band who rang the first 720 of Bob Minor, his brother, the late Samuel Rush, and the late John Spencer taking part. He was also a member of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. His funeral was attended by several members of the Order, and also by ringers from Hornchurch and Romford. The bells of St. Andrew's church could not be rung muffled as they are at present out of order, but hopes are entertained that this state of affairs will not last much longer. The last the attempted he rang the 3rd, and the late Arthur A. Perkins rang the treble.

CHRISTOPHER SMITH.

On Thursday, September 6th, the above-named ringer died at the age of ninety-four. He had been connected with ringing the greater part of his life, though change-ringing was not practised at Horsley during the time that he was a ringer. He was punctual in his attendance, and took great interest in the practice as far he knew it. A 720 of Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores each called differently, was rung on Sunday morning after Divine Service in 28 mins., as a last token of respect. T. Whilton, 1; B. Day, 2; H. George (conductor), 3; W. Peat, 4; J. Aldred, 5. Tenor 18 cwt. Messrs. Day and George hail from Ripley; the rest are local ringers.

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."

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I see that a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on September 1st at Bicester, Oxon., in 2 hrs. 29 mins. Is it possible that a peal can be rung in the time? Pardon me for asking the question.

HARRY SEAR.

P.S.—Excursion leaving Bletchley for Blackpool, September 22nd. One or two ringers going would like to have a pull.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1900.

THE present number contains reports of more than one Association meeting of importance. First we have the annual meeting of the Yorkshire, supplemented by sketches of the parish church of Horbury, the place where the meeting took place; the Lincoln Diocesan; the Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop; and the Middlesex County. That all these organizations are making headway is satisfactory to know. The smallest of the four we have mentioned is not of the colossal dimensions of the others, but it is doing a great and good work and gradually lengthening its borders owing to the earnestness of its Hon. Secretary, who has been devoted to the work. The same may in fact be said of all the rest; and it is a most pleasing thing to know that the officers composing the executives of our various Associations, are most hard working and painstaking in their duties. The Middlesex is making rapid strides; and no sane person will doubt that

to Mr. ARTHUR KING its success is owing. It is no reflection upon others filling the office of Secretary to say that Mr. KING has laboured with a pertinacity almost hitherto unknown to bring his Association to the front. He has succeeded well, and no one doubts the statement that the prosperity of the Middlesex is assured. And our old friend of the North still goes on the same as ever—progressing. Who would have foretold all this success thirty years ago? Not the most courageous and intelligent ringer of the period.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
ARTHUR HARDY 3.	FRANK BLONDELL .. 8.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
WALTER S. WISE 5.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.
Messrs. Willshire and Blondell hail from Guildford. This is W. S. Wise's 100th peal, of which thirty-six were upon handbells, and thirty-seven conducted.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED W. DARLINGTON* Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM WARD 6.
SIDNEY WADE 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. PARKER.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	EDMUND LINDUP 5.
JOHN PAICE 2.	JOHN HACK 6.
ALBERT D. STONE 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPOUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 14, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES PARKER Treble.	EDGAR RIVERS 5.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. 6.
FRANK ROLFE 3.	CHARLES MEE 7.
HARRY J. MEE 4.	FREDERICK MEE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first in Ipswich. The ringers wish to thank Mr. W. Motts for having the bells in readiness.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
THOMAS PEERS 2.	JOHN POTTER 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
HENRY MOSS 4.	SAMUEL OAKES Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900 in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

W. BUTLER Treble.	F. BENNETT 5.
T. COLE 2.	J. ARTHUR 6.
G. BARNES 3.	J. W. WHITING 7.
W. WILKINSON 4.	W. DOWNS Tenor.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

F. Bennett hails from Brighton; J. W. Whiting from Fareham; the rest are members of the local company, and it is their first peal with the exception of W. Wilkin.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HENRY MIDDLETON .. Treble.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 5.
NOAH DAVIS 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 7.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN THORP, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition has the 5th and 6th their extent at home, and was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5173 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	THOMAS RUSSAM 6.
JOHN DAY 2.	PHILIP W. DAVIES .. 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 4.	WILLIAM KENT 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.
This was T. Reynolds' 200th peal. The list will be found on another page.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

JAMES SWAINSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM MOULTON .. 5.
ALFRED WILCOX* .. 2.	HENRY DEW 6.
WILLIAM SCONCE† .. 3.	JAMES MOULTON .. 7.
HY. JONES* 4.	GILBERT GERRARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SCONCE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, September 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

RICHARD A. JUDD Treble.	GEORGE DENT 6.
FRANCIS E. WARD 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING 8.
JESSE GILLET 4.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 9.
THOMAS NEWMAN 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

G. Dent bails from Harlow, Essex, and this is his first peal of Royal. Messrs. Pasmore and Golding hail from London.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble.	JOSIAH MORRIS 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 2.	GEORGE CLEAL 6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3.	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE .. 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. WILLSON.

This is the first peal on the bells which were cast and hung by Taylor, and the "go" of them is perfection. Swinfeld hails from Shilton. Inglesant from Loughborough. Moorhouse from Wakefield. Aldham from Barwell. The peal, a one-part of fifteen courses, is now rung for the first time.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

THOMAS GWYNN Treble.	ALBERT CALVER 5.
ROBERT SEWELL 2.	HARRY A. HORREX 6.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 3.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE 7.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed by F. KNIGHTS, of Norwich, and
Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
HENRY J. SELBY* 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

SONNING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR W. PIKE Treble.	ERNEST BRUCE 5.
ARTHUR EVANS 2.	ALFRED E. REEVES 6.
FRANK HOPGOOD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

RICHARD POTTER Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
DAVID ELLIOTT 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK 6.
WILLIAM DYER 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT 4.	JAMES NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM BOBY Treble.	*JOSEPH FAYERS 5.
HUGH GLADWELL 2.	WILLIAM KINSEY 6.
ERNEST LINCOLN 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
HARRY SMITH 4.	THOMAS KING Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS KING.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and was arranged for E. Lincoln, who wishes through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the band and other local ringers for making his visit a very pleasant one. He was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal. Gladwell and Kinsey belong to Feltham; Fayers to Preston. *First peal.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. H. HARGREAVES* .. Treble.	STEPHEN DOUGHTY 5.
WALTER BAILEY 2.	HENRY HORNER 6.
E. B. METCALFE 3.	WILLIAM BILLOWS 7.
FRED. METCALFE 4.	WILLIAM D. HILLARY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent each way. *First peal.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES REED* Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
GEORGE ATKINS 2.	SIDNEY MASON 6.
JOHN LYDDON 3.	HENRY MOORE 7.
JOHN PUGSLEY 4.	SAMUEL MASON Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	*THOMAS J. SALTER 7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS* 2.	JOHN BUFFERY 8.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 10.
THOMAS MILLER 5.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 11.
ALBERT WALKER 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Cinques. This peal has the 5th and 6th only in 5ths place at the course-ends, with all the 5-6-7-8s. It was rung on Mr. Painter's 56th birthday, his fellow-ringers wishing many happy returns. This peal was arranged to enable several friends of the veteran Mr. Day to ring another peal with him at Solihull, a village with which he had been connected, and had kindly recollections of in his early years.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday morning, August 19th, at the church of St Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Watts, 1; H. Little, 2; P. Webb, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; G. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Watts (conductor), 1; J. Luckey, 2; P. Webb, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; H. Little, 6. On Sunday afternoon, September 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Huddersfield Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Jordan, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, September 5th, for practice, 720 Coventry Surprise. H. Little, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (5th the observation). G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THORRINGTON (Essex).—On Sunday, September 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire and 60 of Stedman Doubles. W. J. Nevard (conductor), 1; R. Maynard, jun., 2; G. Lancaster, 3; C. Clarke, 4; G. A. Andrews, 5.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 9th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Hills, 1; W. J. Nevard, 2; R. Maynard, jun., 3; W. J. Hazell, 4; G. Lancaster, 5; C. Clarke, 6; G. A. Andrews (conductor), 7; H. E. Bowers, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. E. Hills, 1; R. Maynard, jun., 2; H. E. Bowers, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; G. Lancaster, 5; C. Clarke, 6; G. A. Andrews, 7; W. J. Hazell (conductor), 8. The above touches were kindly arranged for R. Maynard, jun., who hails from Walthamstow, Essex.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, September 10th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 1440 Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; A. Shuffelbotham, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; E. Radley, 6; W. Hammond, 7; W. Webb, 8. Messrs. Chaplin and Radley hail from Stisted; Grimwade from Bocking.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHATHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, September 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) in 47 mins. W. Baker, 1; W. Hollier, 2; W. Easter, 3; C. Fryatt, 4; J. Tullett, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6; W. Hunt, 7; H. Hinkley, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by Messrs. Fryatt, Hunt, and Hinkley, and first on the bells. Recently on the occasion of a wedding the last 700 of Holt's Original. A. Duncan, 1; W. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Baxter, 3; J. Kidd, 4; C. Fryatt, 5; F. Shedd, 6; W. Hunt, 7; H. Hinkley, 8.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Saturday, July 21st, 167 Grandsire Triples and 210 Bob Major. E. Hopkins, E. Cheesman, A. Castle, G. Finn, S. Finn, A. R. Manning, S. Gower, P. W. Crunden, F. Baker. On Sunday, August 12th, 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Rouse, 1; W. Fright, jun., 2; F. Baker, 3; T. Richards, 4; P. W. Crunden, 5; A. R. Manning (conductor), 6; S. Gower, 7; W. Fright, sen., 8.

FOLKESTONE (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 11th, 800 Bob Major. W. Seeley, 1; A. R. Manning, 2; S. Barker, 3; F. Baker, 4; H. A. Petts, 5; W. Fright, 6; S. Gower (conductor), 7; S. Binfield, 8.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 31st, for practice, Double Norwich. H. Audsley, 1; E. Wightman, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. H. Cheesman, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; G. Conyard, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; C. Wilkins, 8. On Tuesday, June 26th, for practice, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Audsley, 1; G. Conyard, 2; J. Saxby, 3; E. Audsley, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; J. H. Cheesman, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; E. Barnett, jun. (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, August 19th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Barnett, jun., 1; G. Conyard, 2; J. Saxby, 3; E. Audsley, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; T. Saxby, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; H. Audsley, 8. On Sunday morning, August 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Audsley, 1; G. Conyard, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; T. Saxby, 7; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; H. Audsley, 8. On Sunday morning, September 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Audsley, 1; J. H.

Cheesman (conductor), 2; W. J. Smith, 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; E. Saxby, 6; E. Barnett, sen., 7; H. Audsley, 8. On Thursday, September 13th, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but came to grief when just beyond half-way, owing to a change-course. T. Saxby, 1; J. H. Cheesman, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; W. J. Smith, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; E. Audsley, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WOODCHURCH (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, July 29th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Taylor, 1; W. Duckers, 2; C. Taylor, 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Bennett, 5; W. Bennett (conductor), 6. On Monday, August 20th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-two bobs) in 23 mins. Composed by H. W. Wilde. J. Johnson, 1; W. Duckers, 2; G. R. Newton (conductor), 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Bennett, 5; W. Bennett, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On July 11th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Holmes, 1; H. Burling, 2; W. Singleton, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. On August 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Langford, 3; A. Gale, 4; W. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On August 5th, 720 id the same method, standing as before. On August 12th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; A. Gale, 4; W. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On August 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Burling, 4; W. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On August 29th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Singleton, 1; W. Langford, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Burling, 4; W. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On September 5th, 720 Oxford. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Burling, 4; W. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. W. Cooper, 1; W. Langford, 2; W. Singleton, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; H. Burling, 6. On September 12th, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Holmes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; H. Burling, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Churcher (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—Recently, by the St. Nicolas Society, 350 Grandsire Caters. R. Roffey, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; E. Raddon, 3; S. Radford, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; G. Reading, 6; E. Allen, 7; J. Hunt, 8; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 9; E. Heather, 10. A 559 Grandsire Triples. J. Hunt, 1; G. Reading, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; E. Raddon, 5; S. Radford, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. A 476 Bob Triples. R. Roffey, 1; J. Hunt, 2; G. Reading, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; E. Allen, 6; S. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On Sunday, August 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Roffey, 1; F. Wood, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; G. Reading, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; J. Hunt (conductor), 6; S. Radford, 7; E. Heather, 8. On Friday, September 14th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Raddon, 1; J. R. Reilly, 2; S. Radford, 3; T. W. Radford, 4; J. Hunt, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. First 700 of Treble Bob on the bells. On Sunday, September 17th, for Divine Service, 560 Grandsire Caters. R. Roffey, 1; S. Radford, 2; E. Raddon, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; E. Allen, 5; G. Reading, 6; T. W. Radford, 7; J. Hunt, 8; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 9; E. Heather, 10. Also two courses of Bob Major. On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Foster, 1; C. Willshire, 2; R. Wood, 3; — Lightfoot, 4; G. Gunner, 5; A. Pulling, 6; *F. Blendell (conductor), 7; B. Chorley, 8. *Longest touch in the method as conductor.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Thursday, August 23rd, at the residence of W. H. Pasmore, on handbells, retained in hand, 1327 Grandsire Caters. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore (conductor), 3-4; W. H. Pasmore, 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8; H. Langdon, 9-10. On Wednesday, August 29th, at the church of St. John, Waterloo Road, on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Stedman Triples. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore (conductor), 3-4; H. P. Harman, 5-6; H. Langdon, 7-8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, 352 Grandsire Triples. T. King (conductor), 1; H. Parker, 2; H. Smith, 3; J. Moore, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Snell, 6; E. Lincoln, 7; A. Symonds, 8. And 168, with A. Symonds, 7; E. Lincoln, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON (Berks).—On Sunday evening, September 9th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Frankum, 1; G. Parris, 2; H. Frankum, 3; R. Frankum, 4; G.

W. T. Smith, 6; A. Frankum (conductor), 7; W. Tittin, 8. First quarter-peal by G. Smith, and the first by a band composed entirely of local men.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 15th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 1408 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; C. Samson, 3; C. Bailey, 4; E. Bailey, 5; G. Thompson, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8.

WICKHAM SKRITH (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, August 26th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Collings, 1; D. Mayes, 2; E. Youngs, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; F. Cullum, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 360 Double Oxford. E. Youngs, 1; F. Cullum, 2; W. E. Garrard, 3; G. Kemp, 4; G. E. Symonds, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6. Also a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. F. Cullum, 1-2; W. E. Garrard, 3-4; G. E. Symonds, 5-6; G. Cattermole, 7-8.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, August 22nd, 360 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simons. E. Youngs, 1; W. Rose, 2; C. Nunn, 3; G. E. Symonds, 4; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 5. On handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Rose, 1-2; G. E. Symonds, 3-4; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 5-6; C. Nunn, 7-8. On Sunday, September 2nd, 360 St. Simons, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. J. Mayes, 1; W. Rose, 2; A. Symonds, 3; E. Youngs, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5.

BECCLES (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, September 11th, 546 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. H. Reynolds, 1; C. Parnell, 2; A. E. Mickelburgh, 3; W. Webb (conductor), 4; H. Hopson, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; H. Ling, 7; R. Freestone, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY.—On September 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Clark (first 720), 1; W. J. Titchener, 2; J. Carter, 3; J. P. Clarkson, 4; J. W. Whittle, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor), 6. On September 16th, 720 Bob Minor. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; A. C. Bowes (conductor), 5; W. Lane, 6.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Farooq, 1; W. Meaton, 2; J. Hinton, 3; W. Charge, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; C. Charge (conductor), 6; R. Charge, 7; T. H. Driver, 8. Composed by G. Charge.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Monday, July 30th, for handbell practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. R. Flitton, 1; H. Moore, 2; G. Molton, 3; R. Moore, 4; A. Moore, 5; H. Turner (conductor), 6. Also a 360. A. R. Flitton, 1; G. Molton, 2; R. Moore, 3; H. Moore, 4; A. Moore (conductor), 5; H. Turner, 6. First 720 by Messrs. Flitton, A. Moore, and H. Moore, who have just joined the company, and they show every sign of being a good aid to the St. James's (senior) company. A. Flitton hails from Ickleton, Cambs.

CHARING (Kent).—On Saturday, September 8th, a peal of Minor in seven methods was attempted, but after ringing four 720s in the following methods, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob, it came to grief owing to the bad go of the tenor. H. Goodwin, 1; W. Spice, 2; J. Grenstead, 3; A. J. Day, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6. The above was arranged as a farewell touch to W. Spice.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Monday, May 13th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. W. N. Williams, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On May 17th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles) in 27 mins. A. J. Nicholas, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; J. J. Huddleston, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On May 20th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. W. N. Williams, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six singles) in 25 mins., standing as above. On May 24th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). W. N. Williams, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On May 27th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). A. J. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On June 3rd, for early service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). W. N. Williams, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On July 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), standing as above. On July

1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and ten bobs). On August 5th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. W. N. Williams, 1; the rest as above. On August 26th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. T. P. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 16th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 42 mins. R. McWhirter, 1; S. Wightman, jcn., 2; J. Lowry, 3; C. Wilkins (conductor), 4; E. Wightman, 5; J. Garard, 6; H. Gibbs, 7; D. Barnes, 8. S. Wightman hails from Creetingham, Suffolk. First quarter-peal in the method by J. Lowry.

MARDEN (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, August 5th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 28 mins. F. Hodgkin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; G. Hadaway, 4; F. Sharp, 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Another 720 in the same method (fifteen bobs and two singles). G. Hadaway, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. Both were conducted by F. Sharp, and rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect for the late Duke of Edinburgh.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Sunday evening, September 2nd, at the collegiate church of St. Mary, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Godfrey, 1; S. H. Godfrey (conductor), 2; W. H. Godfrey, 3; J. H. Godfrey, 4; H. R. Channon, 5; J. E. Baker, 6; A. E. Pike, 7; James Lovering, 8.

REDDISH (Lancashire).—Recently at the church of St. Elisabeth, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lees, 1; R. Minshall, 2; T. Smithson, 3; H. Smith, 4; H. Smithson, 5; A. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 4th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, with the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), 2; the rest as before. Also another 720 standing as before, Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor). On Saturday, September 8th, 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Bailey, 1; H. Meakin, 2; T. Smithson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; H. Smithson, 5; A. Barnes (conductor), 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob. *H. Smithson, 1; H. Meakin, 2; *T. Smithson, 3; A. Barnes (conductor), 4; *T. Marshall, 5; J. W. Bailey, 6. *First 720 in the method; also first 720 in the method as conductor. This is believed to be the first 720 of Minor in the method on the bells. On Tuesday, September 11th, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief through a change-course after ringing 2560 changes. *W. Lees, 1; A. Barnes, 2; H. Smithson, 3; J. W. Bailey, 4; T. Smithson, 5; H. Meakin, 6; T. Marshall (conductor), 7; *H. Smith, 8. *Longest length. Also 576 Bob Major W. Lees, 1; T. Marshall, 2; H. Smithson, 3; J. W. Bailey, 4; T. Smithson, 5; H. Meakin, 6; H. Smith, 7; A. Barnes (conductor), 8. Longest touch of Major by Messrs. Lees, H. Smithson, and Smith; also longest touch as conductor. Messrs. Bailey, Marshall, and Meakin bail from Stockport; the rest are local men.

WHITWICK (LEICESTERSHIRE).—On Sunday, September 16th, for Evening Service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. F. Middleton, 1; S. W. West, 2; J. T. Allen, 3; J. Rawson, 4; H. Partridge, 5; B. West, 6; J. A. Mould (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8. This is F. Middleton's first quarter-peal and first attempt.

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The members of this company, accompanied by friends from South Croydon, paid a visit to the six bell tower at Kingswood, near Epsom, on Sunday, the 19th August. Leaving The Plough, at Beddington, at 1.30, in a pair-horse brake, the party, after a very pleasant drive through the intervening country, arrived at the church soon after three o'clock, and were met by the Sexton, Mr. Law, and the local ringers, and cordially welcomed. The bells, kindly placed at the disposal of the company by the Rev. Frederick Taunton, M.A., the Vicar of the parish, were raised, and an excellent six-score of Grandsire Doubles was struck, conducted by Mr. Brooker. This was followed by a touch of Bob Minor, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Wignell, 1; C. Dean, 2; H. Brooker, 3; A. Clayton, 4; C. Bance, 5; C. Gordon (conductor), 6. Stedman Doubles succeeded this, and an adjournment was then made for tea. For the Evening Service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, Mr. Gordon again conducting, the ringers standing as follows: J. Rumble, 1; C. Bance, 2; W. Stamford, 3; C. Dean, 4; A. Clayton, 5; C. Gordon, 6. It was hoped that the party would have been able to ring after the service at Banstead on the road home, but partly owing to the absence of the Rector, and partly to the antagonistic spirit evinced by some of the local ringers, the majority of whom are, unfortunately, unacquainted with the art of change-ringing, this could not be arranged. The return journey was made in good time, the company having spent an enjoyable afternoon for which the Kingswood ringers were largely responsible, and the company take this means of thanking them, and also the Rev. Frederick Taunton for so readily granting permission for the use of his beautiful bells.

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THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Horsley on Saturday, September 15th, members being present from Ripley, Pentrich, Tibshelf, South Normanton, North Wingfield, Wingerworth, Clay Cross, and Horsley.

The Vicar (Rev. A. G. Waldy), kindly entertained the visitors to tea on the vicarage lawn at 5.30, to which fifty-three sat down. After tea the Vicar was voted to the chair, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome the Association to Horsley. The minutes were duly read and confirmed, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the tea, use of bells, etc., also to the ladies who so kindly arranged the tea, etc.

Mr. Whilton, in a pithy little speech, made an appeal to the members present for a subscription towards an additional treble to make six, the result being £1 4s. 4d., for which the Vicar returned thanks.

Horsley bells are a very musical ring of five, and an additional treble would be an inestimable boon, both from a ringing and musical point of view.

This is without a doubt a record quarterly meeting, the members present surprising both Vicar and all alike, beautiful weather with beautiful bells added much to the enjoyment of all present. Every one was made welcome, and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

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.

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

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Revised Notice.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, Sept. 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.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street, Westbromwich.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron, to-day, 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.

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

J. NORBURY, *Sec.*

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, } *Secretaries.*
J. SHEPHERD, }

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, etc., when the annual report will be read.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The formal unveiling of a peal-board will take place in St. Martin's belfry on Tuesday, the

25th inst., at ordinary practice-time, when the churchwardens will be present. All members who can make it convenient are requested to attend. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

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.*
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Ampthill on Saturday, September 29th. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday afternoon, the 29th September. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending to be present must send their names to me through the Secretaries of their bands before the previous Thursday. Half railway fares, but not exceeding 2s., will be allowed to all members present at 5 o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Hythe, Kent.

The Sheffield and District Society.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 6th, at Doncaster parish church. Tower open at 4 p.m. Meeting house, The Market inn, Market Place.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Bedale (8 bells) on Saturday, October 6th. Tea in the Town Hall Buildings at 4 p.m., 9d. each. Members are requested to inform the Secretary before Tuesday, October 2nd, if intending to be present. The tower will be open all day.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, October 6th. Canon Spooner has kindly offered to provide tea to members present. It is particularly requested that names of those intending to be present be sent before October 1st to St. Luke's, Southport.

C. A. CLEMENTS.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting of members will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 20th next, further particulars as to which will be advertised later. Will the local representatives kindly obtain all subscriptions which may be in arrear, so that same can be paid at this meeting. CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

NOTE TO PEAL.

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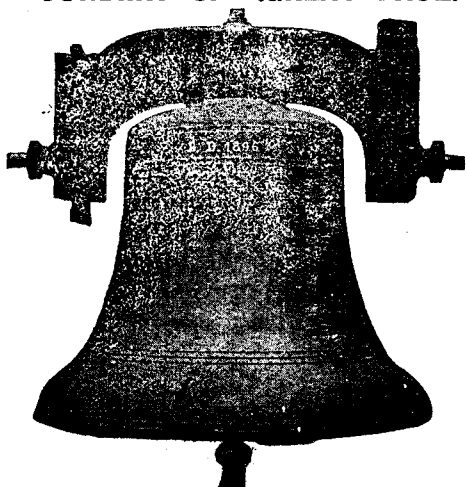
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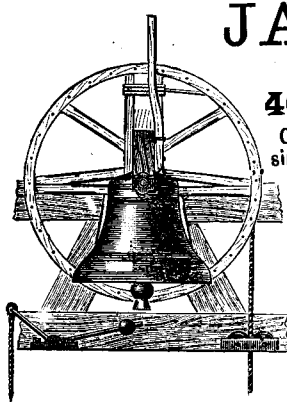
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