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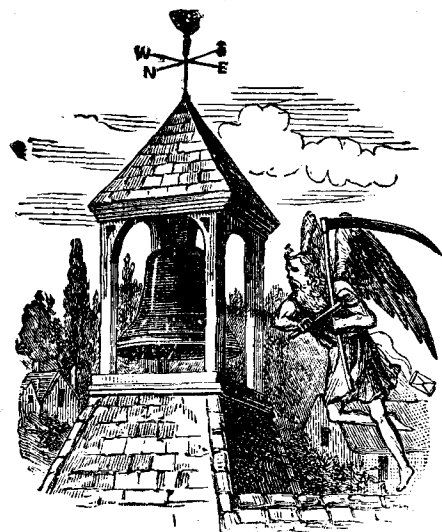
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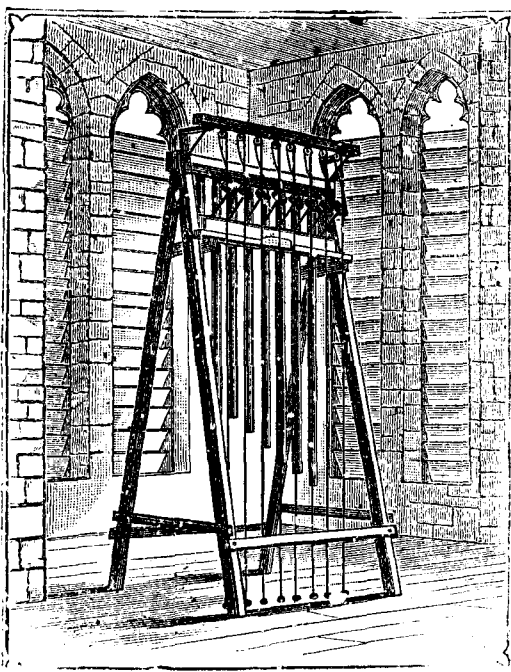
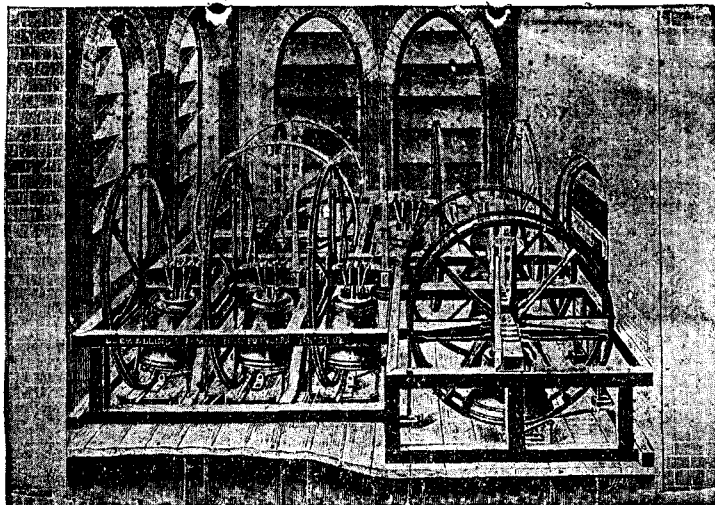
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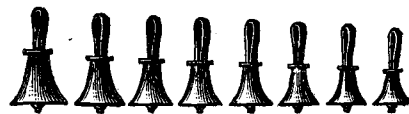
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THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 9th. The tower was open for ringing at 3.30. Mixed bands kept the bells going until 5 o'clock, when the Association service was said in church by the Rev. T. Mirams, curate of St. Edmund's, who kindly came forward at a short notice to fill the gap, the President (Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar), being unable to take the service through indisposition. The rev. gentleman at the close of the prayers gave a forcible address founded upon the argument of St. Paul in his first epistle to the Corinthians, tenth chapter, and part of verse 31: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," wherein he shewed that however plenary the service rendered, if rendered in the right spirit, was as acceptable to Almighty God as the most elaborate and ornate service which could be rendered, illustrating his subject by the example of the widow's mite compared with the costly offerings of the rich into the coffers of the temple, and the words of our Saviour, that a cup of cold water given in His name should not lose its reward; and further encouraging those present to faithfully persevere in their work of ringing those beautiful bells to call people to worship, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear, for who could tell what may be the result of the ringing of bells to those who may hear; to some it may be in sickness and sorrow, whose thoughts may be turned to the House of Prayer, and find peace and consolation through the sound of the bells, or to others reckless and careless, who at the sound of the bells may by the Providence of the Almighty Spirit be brought to consider their ways. These thoughts should serve to stimulate those present, so as to conduct their lives and perform their allotted duties, that in the words of the Apostle all should be done to the glory of God.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea was provided by Mrs. Maitland and Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Spittle and Mrs. Smith assisting Mrs. Rhodes at the tables. During the tea the Vicar managed to put in an appearance, and expressed his disappointment at not taking part at our annual meeting, but at our next meeting he should, if in good health, receive them with open arms, and make amends for his enforced retirement this time.

The whole of the officers were re-elected. Four new performing members were added to the roll. Oldbury was fixed for the place of the next quarterly meeting. The annual report, which was ordered to be printed with the balance-sheet, shewed eight peals rung during the year, and expressed a hope that the number of failures to secure peals would stimulate the members to greater exertions, and secure better results during the coming year. The financial condition of the Guild was so flourishing that it was deemed advisable to reduce the annual subscription to sixpence, which it was hoped would increase the number of members, and stimulate the objects for which the Guild was formed.

A vote of sympathy to the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar, and to Mr. John Smith, Hon. Secretary of the

Worcestershire Association, for the cause of their enforced absence, and a vote of thanks to the Rev. T. Mirams for conducting the service, and the able address he gave in church, and to Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Rhodes, and the ladies for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The usual monthly meeting of the Wirral branch of the above Guild was held at 6.0 p.m. at the Conservative Club, Oxtun, present: the Vicar (Rev. E. D. Pollock) in the chair; the Rev. C. F. Sandys (Hon. Secretary), and thirty-three ringing members. As there were no representatives from Birkenhead, Liscard, Rock Ferry, or Wallasey, the remaining towers in the Guild came in good numbers to obtain so large a meeting.

The Vicar, in welcoming the ringers, referred to the difficulty of arranging a meeting, as there were many houses close to the church, and in the event of illness it was necessary to stop the bells. During the past year, although the Hon. Secretary had three times tried to arrange a meeting at Oxtun, it had been quite impossible to fix a date, as the bells had to be stopped for some months. He hoped, however, that during the present year a supplementary meeting might be held at Oxtun, if it was found impossible to arrange a meeting at one of the other towers.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and for his kindness in presiding, brought to a conclusion a most pleasant meeting.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon: Oxford Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Canterbury Minor.

WADDINGTON-IN-CRAVEN, WEST YORKS.

It has been decided to place a new Cambridge quarter-chime clock in the ancient church of Waddington, shewing the time upon two large external dials, to the memory of the late Mr. James Walmsley, New Hall, Waddington, who was a great benefactor to the church, and for many years acted as churchwarden, and whose family had been residents of the village for a great many generations. Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Guildford Street, Leeds, have got the work well in hand, and which will soon be erected in the old church tower.

THE PARISH CHURCH, LEEDS.

On Easter Monday an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples will be made on the back eight, commencing at 9 a.m.
F. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Easter Monday twelve members of this society will attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques, 10,000 changes, at St. Michael's, Cornhill. Meeting-time 10 a.m.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this society was held at Leeds on Saturday, March 30th, and was well attended, ringers and friends being present from Armley, Bradford, Bramley, Guiseley, the Headingleys, Huddersfield, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Tong, Wakefield, with the local company.

The business meeting was held at The Old Royal Oak hotel, the president in the chair.

In opening the meeting the president referred to the loss the society had sustained in the death of its late Secretary, Mr. Harry Gaythorpe, of Bramley, and on the motion of Mr. John Whitaker (Headingley), seconded by Mr. John Thackray (Armley), a vote of condolence and sympathy with Mrs. Gaythorpe and family was passed, all present reverently standing. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The balance-sheet, shewing the society to be in a sound financial condition, the funds in hand and at the bank amounting to £6 11s. 2d. was then adopted on the motion of Mr. J. T. Eason (Wakefield), seconded by Mr. J. Whitaker. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Mr. Tom Lockwood; Vice-President—Mr. John Whitaker; Treasurer—Mr. John Thackray; Hon. Secretary—Mr. J. W. T. Holgate.

Mr. T. Maude (Tong) proposed that the best thanks of the members be given to the retiring President (Mr. Holgate), for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the society during the past five years. This was seconded by Mr. W. Abbishaw, and supported by Mr. T. Lockwood, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Holgate suitably responded, and assured all present that, having the welfare of the society at heart, he would do all in his power in the new duties he had undertaken as Secretary, to further its interests.

It was decided, providing the necessary permission be obtained, to hold the next meeting at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, the bells having recently been rehung and put in thorough going order.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements was then passed, and responded to by Mr. Tom Lockwood, who gave all present a hearty welcome.

Several touches were rung on the tower bells during the afternoon and evening, and some excellent handbell ringing at the meeting-house.

A SUCCESSFUL OUTING.

On Saturday, March 23rd, Messrs. E. Bishop, A. Lawrence, T. Ricketts, and J. L. Wells, all of Swindon, Wilts., F. Price, of Bristol, and S. Hillier, of Devizes, journeyed to Abergavenny, where they were met by Mr. F. S. Wilson, who gave them a hearty welcome. The band were then driven in a waggonette to the town where they partook of a good breakfast, which was much appreciated after the long journey. The visitors then proceeded to the church tower, where they were met by Mr. Thomas Williams, the sexton, who had everything in readiness. The usual preparations being made, the band formed up, and the bells were set going to Grandsire Triples, and after ringing 3 hrs. 1 min. the peal came to a successful issue. By this time the ringers were once ready to replenish the inner man by a little liquid refreshment, after which all went for a good walk, and returned

in time to get to The Swan hotel at 7 o'clock where an excellent dinner was provided. Mr. E. H. Bretherton presided, and was supported by Mr. H. C. Evans in the vice-chair. After all had done justice to the spread, the chairman, before proposing any of the toasts, said that he much regretted that Mr. Thomas Probert, of the Mardy, who had always taken a keen interest in the bells, and had been connected with the tower of St. Mary longer than any one in Abergavenny, was unable to be present, owing to very sad bereavements sustained recently. He (the chairman) was quite sure that Mr. Probert's heart was with them, and that he would always take a deep interest in the members of the Abergavenny band.

The loyal toasts having been given, and that of "The Bishop and Clergy," the chairman proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association," and in a few appropriate words wished the Association every success. The toast was responded to in an able manner by Mr. E. Bishop, who said that he was quite sure that the Association did everything in its power to help on the science of change-ringing, and hoped that the members of the Abergavenny ringing association would soon be able to ring Grandsire Triples.

A very enjoyable evening followed, and among those who helped towards the success of the same were Messrs. Lewis Morgan, E. Bishop, and A. Burston, all of whom sung some good songs, and Mr. W. Williams played some excellent violin solos, while Mr. Rosser presided at the piano and played some good selections. Handbells were also rung, a plain course of Grandsire Caters and some Grandsire Triples. Messrs. T. Robinson, T. Ricketts, and J. L. Wells also played some good tunes on the bells, which were much appreciated by all. The pleasant evening at last came to a close, and all separated, to meet again the following day for some ringing in the tower. Sunday morning the visitors met at the belfry and rung a good quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Bishop. After the service was over it was proposed to go to the Little Skirrid mountain, which all agreed to do. The morning was a gloriously bright one, and all the visitors were more than charmed with the beautiful scenery. After returning from the walk it was time to have dinner. After that was over the band met again at the belfry, and soon started for the second peal, everyone being in good form. After ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins. the conductor's "that's all" was greeted with delight by all the band, bringing the second peal to a successful issue. In the evening the visitors had a capital send-off by the Abergavenny ringers. One and all wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. G. Whitfield, for the use of the bells, and Mr. Thomas Williams, the sexton, for having everything in readiness for the ringing. The satisfactory arrangements at Abergavenny were made Mr. F. S. Wilson.

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A large clock is now being erected in the above parish church. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and is to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. There is one dial facing south, and a larger one facing east, and the hours are struck upon the largest bell. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, are carrying out the work.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Portishead on Saturday, March 23rd. About twenty members put in an appearance from Bristol, Midsomer Norton, and Portishead. The bells of the parish church and those of Clapton were placed at the disposal of the members. Tea was provided at John's Temperance hotel, after which the usual business meeting was held, the Master presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and several new members were elected. It was decided to leave the arrangements for the next meeting, the annual, and due to be held at Wells, in the hands of the Hon. Secretary. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the members returned to the tower where touches in various methods were rung.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

On Tuesday, April 2nd, an interesting ceremony took place at the church of St. John the Baptist, when a memorial tablet in memory of the late Queen Victoria was unveiled by Mrs. Ratcliff, of Stanford Hall, in the presence of R. H. Ratcliff, Esq., the Rev. C. L. V. Baker, Mrs. Baker, and the following ringers: Messrs. Whittle, Pervin (2), Doughty, Trigg, Wilson (2), and Needham. The following is the inscription on the tablet:

"THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—On Monday, February 14th, 1901, a peal of Grand-sire Triples (Carter's twelve-part), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs., was rung at this church by an entire local band, by the following members of the above Association: George Wilson, *Treble*; Anthony Trigg, 2; Harry Whittle, 3; Frank Pervin, 4; William Pervin, 5; James Wilson, 6; George Doughty, 7; John Yates, *Tenor*. Conducted by Harry Whittle. Rector—C. L. Vashion Baker; Churchwardens—Jacob Gibson, Harry Atkins. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria."

WELLINGBOROUGH.—THE PARISH CLOCK.

The old clock in the parish church tower has recently been thoroughly cleaned, and various "wear and tear" defects made good. A new "quarter" barrel on an improved plan has also been constructed, working with more ease and accuracy than the old one. The striking parts of the clock, too, have received necessary attention. The original "quarters" dating from 1750 (when the present clock replaced what was probably a very ancient one), were what is termed "repeating quarters." They struck on the first four bells of the old peal of six. These remained in use until 1884, when the bells were increased to eight.

Mr. Harris, who then held the post of clockkeeper, made a new barrel out of a piece of the old 1640 bell-frame, removed at that time. He "pegged" it with the "Cambridge Quarters," striking on the second, third, fourth, and seventh bells of the ring of eight.

These musical quarter-chimes were, according to Lord Grimthorpe, invented by Dr. Crotch in 1780, from an air of Handel's. They were in that year put in the tower of the church of St. Mary, Cambridge, and were never copied elsewhere until forty years ago, when "Big Ben" and his four quarter bells were placed in the clock tower at Westminster. Since that time they have been very generally adopted.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

At a meeting of the above branch held at Walsden, on February 9th, it was resolved that a letter be forwarded to His Majesty King Edward VII., expressing sympathy on the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and congratulations on His Majesty's accession to the throne, and the following reply has been received:—

"Home Office, Whitehall, 22nd March, 1901. Sir,—I am commanded by the King to convey to you hereby His Majesty's thanks for the loyal and dutiful message of the members of the Lancashire Association of Church Bell Ringers, expressing sympathy on the occasion of the lamented death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and congratulations on His Majesty's accession to the throne. I am Sir, your obedient servant, CHAS. T. RITCHIE."

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

We hear that the two new bells to complete the octave at the parish church will be in readiness for the Dedication Service by the Bishop of Colchester on Thursday next, April 11th, when the whole peal will be rung for the first time.

WITNEY, OXON.

On Sunday, March 10th, when the ringers assembled to ring for morning service they were surprised and delighted to find a set of new muffles in the belfry, the gift of an anonymous donor, whom they take this, their only opportunity, of thanking. The gift will be the more appreciated as only recently a peal was lost owing to the slipping of one of the clumsy substitutes hitherto in use.

During the past fifteen months eleven peals have been rung in this tower, viz., seven of Grand-sire Triples, and four of Stedman Triples; the average time occupied being 2 hrs. 56½ mins., and the average rate of striking 28.55 changes per minute.

NOTES TO PEALS.

The peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Fenton, Staffordshire, on Saturday, March 23rd, by members of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, was the first peal ever rung on the bells, and the first peal of Major by J. E. Wheeldon and G. Woods, and first peal on eight bells by all the company. J. E. Wheeldon from Norton (late of Bucknall), G. Woods, unattached (formerly of Longton), the rest from Bucknall. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to G. Woods.

THE PEAL AT LEYTONSTONE.—This is believed to be the first peal of Surprise Minor ever rung by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and was rung at the first attempt. This peal was rung to celebrate the 23rd birthday of the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns of the day.

THE PEAL AT ALNWICK.—This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and is believed to be the first by the Association by all single men. Ferry and Dixon from Newcastle, the rest belong to the local band, to whom great credit is due, as they only formed a guild last Easter, when some of them could not handle a rope. I have persevered, with the valuable help of Mr. Weightman, who is unfortunately leaving Alnwick shortly. Great credit is also due to B. C. Dixon, who belongs to the young band of S. James's, Burwell, Newcastle, and had never struck a blow in eight bells before. This peal was attempted March 16th, but came to grief after ringing 3070 changes. E. E. F.

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

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

SIR,—The churchwardens' accounts of this parish for sundry years between 1588 and 1648 are, like those of the Salisbury parishes referred to in your issues for March 16 and 23, full of entries about the church bells, which were perpetually getting out of order and were, apparently, repaired by local workmen. The earliest occurrence of the term "treble" is in 1598-9, in an item "for makynge of the trebell clapper 5s. 8d.;" but the "great bell" is not called "tenor" till 1638, when there is an entry "for bord to mend the tenner wheele, 8d.," followed in 1639 by one "for a stock for the little trebble, 4s." "One horse-hyde and one calves' skynne" is a frequent item for repairing the "bald-rycks" or "bawderykes;" for the making of five of which in 1597-8 was paid 20d. There are also charges for the "flight" of the treble clapper, and the "ey" or "eye" of various clappers. But what is meant by "Jaynge the neppells of the bells," for which there was paid to a smith, in 1588, as much as 46s. 8d.? It must have been a considerable job, whatever it was. Ropes were apparently supplied by the weight; e.g. "fower bell-ropes wayng 48 pounds at 3d. per pound, 12s.;" and "to hym (the same rope maker) more for a saunce bell rope, 18d." This last is an interesting trace of the use of the "Sanctus" or "Saunts" bell during the office of the Mass. It usually hung in a bell-cote on the gable of the chancel roof, or in some other convenient place, so that the rope came down into the church with easy access to the server at the altar.

One interesting set of items relates to the casting (i.e. I suppose, recasting) the "great bell" in 1597-8. These was paid to "John Dyer the bell-founder (described elsewhere as 'of Chelmysford') for casting of the great bell, £11 6s. 8d." and "for caryng of the great bell to Chelmsford and bryngyng her home again, 6s. 8d.;" "to Robt. Hothe for helping to lood (load) the great bell and waye her 2s. 6d.;" and "Goodman Dyer's dynner and his men's when he dyd take down the bell, 3s. 4d." It does not appear whether Dyer had a permanent foundry in Chelmsford, or whether (as is equally possible) he was one of the peripatetic founders who set up temporary furnaces in different centres, attracting customers from the country round. But the transaction is plain enough. The great bell was taken down with local assistance ("Robert Hothe and his ropes" are mentioned afterwards in connection with another re-banging job), carried into Chelmsford to be re-cast, and brought home again. And that the matter was of sufficient importance to require the personal attention of the churchwardens appears from their entry "for meet and drynck for Robert Hothe and ourselves when we carayed the bell to Chelmysford and at 2 other tymes when we did waye the bell, 3s. 6d." If our churchwardens now-a-days would supervise the bells a little more, we should not grudge them such a modest provision for "meet and drynck" on special occasions.

There are many curious entries in these accounts, with which I need not take up your space. A yearly payment of 16d. to a certain individual "for whippyng the dogges forth of the Church in tyme of devyne service" reveals a curious state of order. "That "for kylling a femall fox, 1s." shows that vulpecide did not then rank in country districts almost on a par with homicide. On the other hand payments to a "boye for helping the plumber," and for a penny loffe and fyve potes of bear for the plumber and the boye," show that labour in those days was even thirstier than it is now, and recall Prince Henry's exclamation over Falstaff's tavern bill—

"O monstrous! but one halfpennyworth of bread to this intolerable deal of sack!"

Some of the items are for help to wayfarers: e.g., "to a traveller that had a pass—his father taken by the Turks"; to one "that had a passe to go to the bathe and 3 others that was taken by the Turks and desseased" (? leprous); or "to a lame man shotte with a cannon at Edge Hill" (i.e. in Nov. 1642)—an entry that brings us into contact with history. The "Turks" were no doubt the Barbary or Algerine pirates who then infested European waters, and were not finally suppressed

till about 1830. There are also many entries dealing with assessment and rating—among them, one of a recalcitrant lady ratepayer:—"Md. (i.e. memorandum) that Mrs Elliott denyeth directly to paye her rate of 6s. 8d." There is no subsequent entry to show that she ever paid it, and probably she stuck to her refusal.

I must stop, though further quotation is tempting. I fully endorse your correspondent's estimate of the interest and importance of these old accounts; and I hope that he has much more to tell us about them.

T. L. PAPILLON.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

FUNERAL RINGING.

SIR,—It is not often one meets with such clear evidence in support of a conjecture as is afforded in the most interesting articles on "Churchwardens' Accounts" to my theory of the origin of the term "Passing Bell." I am unable to refer to my article, as the issues for August last seem to be out of print; at any rate having lost my own copy I have been unable after several applications to obtain any further copies of those numbers. But my point was this, that I did not believe that there ever was a custom of ringing a "passing bell" before the sick man was actually dead, but that it being originally rung as a call to all to pray for a soul just departed, those who objected to such prayers would try to abolish it. And when they could not do this, would endeavor to employ it to call people to pray for the man before he were actually dead. Now on page 556 in the article on "Churchwardens' Accounts" is a quotation from Bishop Hooper's Injunctions of 1551, in which he gives exactly the advice I conjectured he would give. This advice however, for obvious reasons could not easily be carried out in practice, and so the old "knell" forthfare" or "passing bell" remains, as ever, the bell rung to call people to pray after the soul has fared forth from the body, and is "passing" to its state of expectation, or waiting for its final abode. This interpretation entirely removes the confusion and seeming contradiction which the writer of the article finds, for "knell" and "forthfare" become objective and subjective names for the same thing.

The writer of the article mentions that the loan of a clapper to ring the tenor for a funeral is "hardly conceivable" when there were five other bells available. It seems to me, I must confess, most natural. In many places the custom of reserving certain bells for certain work is so rigid that, were a funeral knell to be rung on the wrong bell, people would take no notice of it, thinking it only to be someone practising, or similarly employed. For my part I believe that the origin of having more bells than one in the tower, was that people might be warned what service was about to be held, by the particular bell that was rung, and the way in which it was rung. The Act of Uniformity destroyed much of the variety of the old services, and also the use of the different bells; this would explain why in pre-Reformation times Churchwardens and others were more particular in noting which particular bell was being repaired, or spoken of.

Another very interesting remark in the article is the reference to the expression "shutting," i.e. closing the broken ends, or splicing a rope. The writer says that at the present day it is not used in the belfry. It is however very familiar to me: e.g. in Gloucestershire I found it so exclusively in use, that ringers did not understand the term "splicing."

Although "A Novice" says he agrees with me, he hardly practises his agreement! For he hopes to see a practice, different from his own, "strongly condemned." Now I would ask him why should the muffled change be made merely the echo of the unmuffled? It has never seemed so to me; rather the muffled change is, with its deadened sound, a symbol of death; and the unmuffled a symbol of life after death—the Resurrection. A lesson that nature is ever teaching us, especially—as now—in the spring; and Art is most beautiful and effective when it emphasizes the lessons of Nature and Creation.

H. DRAKE.

Verwood, Dorset, March 26th, 1901.

THE PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE RUNG ON THE 22ND ULT. AT BRIGHTON.

SIR,—A lead of this method (by the Rev. E. Bankes James) was first published in "THE BELL NEWS" (without a name) on

December 11th, 1897. It is a double Treble Bob method, on the lengthening lead plan, and contains no consecutive places. It has a clean proof scale, and the tenors are parted for fifty-two changes only in each course. It is the first method published with these qualities combined. For complexity in ringing, all the band agree that Bristol Surprise stands first, and London Surprise must for ever take a back seat.

G. BAKER.

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TOLLING THE CENTURY OUT.

SIR,—Some time ago it was suggested by a gentleman in "THE BELL NEWS" about tolling out the old century. I have watched in the paper, but have not seen if it was done his way anywhere. Perhaps it might be of a little interest to know it was done so at the little village of Ickleton, Cambs., which is as follows: a short touch with bells muffled up till about 11.50 p.m.; then take off muffles and toll one hundred times on the tenor, finishing as the clock strikes twelve midnight; then another touch to ring in the new century. All this was done here except muffling, as we had no muffles (we have since got a new set). Our way was as follows: 120 of Old Doubles rang slowly, then the tenor was tolled 100 times, finishing as the clock was striking twelve; then 360 of Grandsire to ring in the new century.

P. WEBB.

A QUERY.

SIR,—Are the church authorities justified in floating flags on church towers; and if so, which is the correct flag to float?

FURNESSIAN.

THE LATE GEORGE GARNETT, OF ROMFORD.

SIR,—One of the band who took part in the printers' peal in sending me a donation for the family of the above, writes in strong terms upon the apparent apathy of the local company to honour the memory of the deceased. Having in your editorial comment last week referred to the general principle and weakness of the defence set up, I will not quote from the communication of my friend beyond joining with him in the hope that no other company will manufacture such an unwritten law. There is however one sentence in the letter which appeared in your last, which in justice to one who has after years of suffering gone over to the great majority, that I earnestly ask the writer to withdraw. I have known the Romford belfry over twenty-eight years. Others in their imagination may have done as

much, but I have not known a single individual do more voluntary work—without the slightest recognition—than our departed friend. Why cast a slur on his memory by saying he was well paid?

B. KEEBLE.

Obituary.

TOM PRINCE.

The Wakefield company regret to have to announce the death of one of their oldest members—Tom Prince—who passed away at his residence at Horbury on Sunday, March 24th, in his 53rd year. The deceased had been a change-ringer at Wakefield for upwards of thirty years, and was much respected by all who knew him. The ringers attended the funeral at Horbury, and rang a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside, and afterwards adjourned to the Cathedral and rang a few touches with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to their late comrade.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

On Thursday, March 21st, the Witley ringers repaid the visit of the Chiddingfold ringers to Witley by going to Chiddingfold. Proceedings started with a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles by the Witley ringers, and then a touch of Grandsire Triples was attempted but unfortunately lost. However the bells were set going to Bob Major, and after one stop 160 was successfully accomplished. Then 112 Grandsire Triples was rung, after which a well-struck 280 was accomplished. Then "go" was called for Stedman Doubles, and a well-struck 120 was the result. Ringing being over tracks were made for Mr. W. H. Cook's well-known establishment, Ye Olde Crown inn, where the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being contributed by the following: Messrs. Attwell, Luff (2), Lightfoot (2), Rothwell, and the Secretary, Mr. Gardner. Also 168 Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Brockhurst, Bartlett, Attwell, and Luff (conductor). It is to be hoped that this will not be the last of these meetings, as all can enjoy a little friendly practice.

The following is a list of the touches rung: A course of Grandsire Triples. T. Champion, G. Luff, P. Raynford, J. E. Russell, D. Ayling, H. Mullard, W. G. Brockhurst, W. Mitchell. Also 280. G. Luff, W. T. Lightfoot, A. Ashdown, T. Attwell, A. E. Bartlett, H. Mullard, A. J. Bartlett (conductor), W. G. Brockhurst. Also 112. T. Champion, W. Mitchell, G. Luff, A. J. Bartlett, D. Ayling, J. E. Russell, A. Ashdown (conductor), H. Remnant. And 160 Bob Major. G. Luff, H. Mullard, A. J. Bartlett, A. E. Bartlett, T. Attwell, A. Ashdown, W. G. Brockhurst, W. T. Lightfoot (conductor). Also 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Attwell, W. G. Brockhurst, A. J. Bartlett, A. Ashdown, W. T. Lightfoot (conductor), G. Luff.

NOTICES.

OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Norton on Easter Monday. Meeting will be held at 2.30. Peal of eight bells. Visitors arriving in Sheffield can take the tram in High Street for Heeley, distant from Heeley to Norton church two miles. E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Members are requested only to use that staircase leading to the tower. JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at Newhey. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Any ringer desiring tea, please write, Mr. S. Brierley, 139, Tirgrove, Rochdale, not later than Wednesday, April 10th. All ringers cordially invited. JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1901.

THE Easter festival, always regarded, even in the dark ages of ringing, as the period *par excellence* for meetings of ringers, reunions, and so forth, appears to still maintain its character, if our congested notice-page is any criterion. There are many other arrangements for meetings between various companies, and also, without doubt, attempts for peals and other gatherings, none of which are made public—for Easter Monday. Perhaps among the announcements in this number the one which will be most interesting, is that indicating that the College Youths intend breaking the record in Stedman Cinques by starting for a peal of 10,000, at the church of St. Michael, Cornhill. This announcement would have been much more interesting if the names of the company intending to essay the feat had been published also. Such procedure is not

common we admit, but there is no logical reason against it. At first sight the notice of a peal of Stedman Triples to be attempted at Leeds does not signify a great deal, but when the weight of the bells upon which it is to be rung is taken into consideration it is quite another matter. Our readers will join us in the hope that these attempts may be crowned with success; and not only they, but all others entered upon by our friends throughout the whole of the Exercise.

LATE NOTICE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Horbury, on Saturday, April 13th. Meeting at The King's Arms at 5 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	SIDNEY JONES 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
HARRY MILLER* 3.	†GEORGE CHARGE 7.
WILLIAM TEGG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Major. This peal which contains the full combinations of the 4th, 5th, and 6th with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths and 2nd never in 5ths, is now rung for the first time.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.)

On Thursday, March 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL* .. Treble.	WILLIAM MILLER 4.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2.	JOHN MOULE 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN† .. 3.	JOHN MARDELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, March 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WALTER J. WILLIAMSON* Treble.	SIDNEY PARMENTER 5.
HENRY SPRINGALL 2.	FRANK HULL 6.
JAMES SCHOLES 3.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 7.
EDWARD WALLAGE 4.	EMMANUEL HALL Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKUS.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	ARTHUR R. JACOB 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

The Provinces.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ASPINWALL'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

JAMES C. ECKERSLEY .. Treble.	THOMAS WORTHINGTON .. 6.
GEORGE BROWN 2.	GEORGE RHODES 7.
ALFRED GARSIDE 3.	†HARRY EAGLES 7.
JOHN F. ECKERSLEY 4.	HARRY RIDGE Tenor.
JOHN JONES 5.	*WILLIAM BUSBY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES C. ECKERSLEY.

†First peal away from tenor. *First peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, March 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 6.
THOMAS J. ELTON 2.	*JOHN C. ADAMS 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH .. 3.	JOSEPH LAWTON 8.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 9.
HARRY MIDDLETON 5.	CHARLES ASTINS Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria; also as a last token of respect to Messrs. Wesley, Walker and J. Astbury, three old Walsall ringers.

ALNWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

BENJAMIN C. DIXON* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM G. BEARDALL .. 5.
CHARLES J. C. GREY* .. 2.	ERNEST E. FERRY 6.
FREDERICK G. BEARDALL* 3.	EDWARD A. WRIGHTMAN .. 7.
THOMAS APLEYBY* 4.	*ANTHONY HUTCHINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by T. MORRIS, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

*First peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. Treble.	JAMES SMALL 5.
SAMUEL BAKER† 2.	†EDWARD JONES 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 3.	EDWARD GOODREDS 7.
WILLIAM FISHER† 4.	REUBEN HALL Tenor.

†First peal. The ringers of the 1st, 5th, and 6th are of the local band; 2nd, 4th, and 7th hail from Coseley; the 3rd from Dudley; and 8th from West Bromwich.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

J. W. CUNDALL .. Treble.	T. NEILL 6.
T. F. EARNshaw 2.	D. W. BROWN 7.
G. WORTH 3.	J. DIXEY 8.
G. T. MARSHALL 4.	C. JACKSON 9.
T. H. HAIGH 5.	F. MERRISON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

This composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout, and the 4th and 5th each twenty-three courses behind the 6th. The ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th hail from York, the rest from Hull. First peal of Stedman Caters by the ringers of the 4th, 7th, 8th, and tenor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE PHILLIPS* Treble.	EDWARD RAPLEY 5.
GEORGE GATLAND 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
JAMES MATTHEWS 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	†GEORGE LLOYD Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal. This was rung after meeting one short for Stedman Triples.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES L. WELLS* Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON 5.
GEORGE C. ILES 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	CHARLES J. GARDINER 7.
OWEN W. LAYNG 4.	†SIDNEY PALMER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

*First peal away from tenor. †First peal.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

SAMUEL BREEZE Treble.	JOSEPH CLIFFE 4.
FRANK JONES 2.	EDWIN BREEZE 5.
HENRY MARSH† 3.	JAMES DILLON Tenor.

Conducted by J. DILLON.

†First peal. Also first peal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES Treble.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3.	ROBERT S. STORY 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by W. T. ROBSON.

Handbell Peal.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CHARLES E. HART, 19, MOLINEUX STREET, DERBY,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART, No. 3.

CHARLES E. HART 1-2.	WALTER WALLACE 5-6.
ALBERT H. WARD 3-4.	CHARLES DRAPER 7-8.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Referee—Mr. E. Willis, who had a copy of the peal and marked off each lead.

Date Touches.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On December 23rd, for evening service, a date touch of 1900 changes, in 1 hour, being 460 of Woodbine, 720 of Oxford, and 720 of Kent. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer (conductor), 3; H. Dean, 4; J. Mason, 5; G. Siddons, 6. Longest length by F. Johnson, and longest length with a bob bell by J. Mason.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On December 25th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, and also another 720 for afternoon service. W. Brinkley, 1; W. Elliott, 2; J. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. On January 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Hum, 1; E. Hayward, 2; C. Rogers, 3; H. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Monday, January 14th, at St. Saviour's church, for practice, 704 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Bottrill, 1; J. Mardell, 2; W. B. Manning, 3; J. Moule, 4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6; F. Hull, 7; G. B. Lucas, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 20th, at the parish church, 576 Double Norwich. W. Keeble (conductor), 1; W. Miller, E. Bacon, 3; J. Moule, 4; W. Doran, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Mardell, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. H. Bottrill, 1; E. Bacon (conductor), 3; J. Rann, 5; J. Mardell, 6; W. Keeble, 7; W. Clark, 8. On Tuesday, November 27th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Dawson, 1; J. Moule, 2; E. Bacon, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. Clark, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Moule, 1; E. Bacon, 2; J. Rann, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. Clark, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells, and first in the method by 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. On Tuesday, December 18th, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. Bottrill, 1; J. Mardell, 2; E. Bacon, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Keeble (conductor), 8. First in the method by all the band except the conductor. Also 504 Stedman Triples. E. Bacon (conductor), 1; H. Bottrill, 2; W. Doran, 3; J. Mardell, 4; W. Keeble, 5; G. Carter, 6; J. Rann, 7; J. Moule, 8. On Tuesday, January 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Moule, 1; E. Bacon, 2; J. Rann, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 13th, at All Saints church, two courses of Grandsire Caters. A. Burridge, 1; W. Mannering, 2; S. Jeffery, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; G. Pound, 5; W. R. Baxter, 6; A. Palmer, 7; A. Tawney, 8; J. Mannering (conductor), 9; R. Kinsworth, 10. On Tuesday, January 15th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 49 mins. A. Burridge, 1; W. Mannering, 2; S. Jeffery, 3; W. R. Baxter, 4; A. W. Tawney, 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6; T. Mannering, 7; J. Bonny, 8. First quarter-peal by 1, 3 and 4.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WIRKSWORTH (Derbyshire).—On Monday evening, November 12th, for practice, 800 Bob Major. F. Turner, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 2; Rev. R. Stowell, 3; F. Johnson, 4; J. Wardman, 5; B. Greatorex, 6; H. George, 7; W. Fox (conductor), 8. On Monday evening, December 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. R. Stowell, 1; F. Johnson, 2; C. Allsop, 3; B. Greatorex (first 720 as conductor), 4; J. Wardman, 5; W. Fox. Also another 720, conducted by C. Allsop. On Sunday, December 16th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Turner, 1; Rev. R. Stowell, 2; C. Allsop, 3; B. Greatorex, 4; J. Wardman, 5; F. Johnson (first 720 as conductor), 6. For evening service, another 720. F. Turner, 1; J. Wardman, 2; C. Allsop, 3; B. Greatorex, 4; F. Johnson, 5; W. Fox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major. F. Turner, 1; C. Allsop (first of Major as conductor), 2; Rev. R. Stowell, 3; B. Greatorex, 4; J. Wardman, 5; A. Gell, 6; F. Johnson, 7; W. Fox, 8. On Tuesday, December 31st, ringing out the nineteenth century, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 53 mins. F. Turner, 1; C. Allsop, 2; Rev. R. Stowell, 3; B. Greatorex, 4; J. Wardman, 5; A. Gell, 6; F. Johnson, 7; W. Fox (conductor), 8. Also 336 Bob Major, to welcome the new century, conducted by C. Allsop.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

NESTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, October 3rd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Tilley, 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Meador, 3; W. Williams, 4; W. Briscoe, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6; T. A. Evans, 8. Also on Wednesday, November 21st, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. J. Tilley, 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Meador (conductor), 3; W. Williams, 4; J. Booth, 5; W. Briscoe, 6; T. A. Evans, 8. On Thursday, January 10th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Metcalfe, 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Tilley, 3; J. Meador, 4; W. Williams, 5; W. Briscoe, 6; J. Booth (conductor), 7; T. A. Evans, 8.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE.—On Sunday, October 21st, for evening service, 360 of New London Pleasure. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 360 Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; J. Mason, 2; A. Archer (conductor), 3; G. Buckley, 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean, 6. On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 720 of Grandsire Minor, 36 bobs and 2 singles. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, 720 of Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; H. Dean (conductor), 4; J. Mason, 5; G. Siddons, 6. Also after service, 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Johnson, 1; J. Mason, 2; A. Archer, 3; G. Buckley, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Christmas morning for service, 720 of Violet. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 720 of New London Pleasure. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. Also after service, 720 of Violet. F. Johnson, 1; the rest as before. On Monday, December 31st, for watch-night service, 720 of Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS (Herts.).—On Sunday, December 23rd, at the Cathedral, for evening service, 1176 Plain Bob Triples. H. Walker, 1; A. Hallett, 2; H. Parkins, 3; J. Earwicker, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; G. Wright, 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; Bert. Arnold, 8. On Christmas day, for 7 o'clock morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original. H. Walker, 1; A. Hallett, 2; H. Parkins, 3; J. Earwicker (conductor), 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; G. Wright, 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; Bert. Arnold, 8. On Boxing day, for morning service, 1732 Plain Bob Triples. H. L. Waddington, 1; H. Walker, 2; H. Parkins, 3; J. Earwicker, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; G. Wright, 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; Bert. Arnold, 8. This is the longest touch in the method by all except the conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALDERMASTON (Berks.).—On Sunday evening, January 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Frankum, 1; H. Tillin (first quarter-peal), 2; G. Parris, 3; R. Frankum, 4; G. Nash, 5; H. Frankum, 6; G. Smith (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; W. Tillin, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, November 25th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Parkinson, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; G. Rogers, 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. J. Parkinson, 1; H. Rogers, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6. On Sunday evening, December 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. H. Rogers, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Povall, 5; S. Walter, 6. On Sunday morning, December 9th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Rogers, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, December 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. J. Parkinson, 1; H. Rogers, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Povall, 5; G. R. Rogers, 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Parkinson, 1; H. Rogers, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6. On Sunday evening, January 13th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Parkinson, 1; H. Rogers, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks.).—On Monday, December 24th, three 224s of Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7; H. Thurlow, 8. On December 31st, 350 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, 1; F. Hedges, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; E. Marks, 6; H. Sear (conductor), 7; A. N. Atkins, 8. Also 224. W.

Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; F. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hedges, 7; V. Sear, 8. And 240 Grandsire Doubles. H. Sear, 1; W. Sear, 2; F. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; F. Robinson, 6; A. Atkins, 7; H. Thurlow, 8. On Wednesday, January 2nd, 168 and 224 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7; F. Goodman, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, 224 Grandsire Triples. A. N. Atkins, 1; H. Sear, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; W. Tucker, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7; V. Sear, 8. And 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; L. Meager, 3; E. Marks, 4; W. Tucker (conductor), 5; V. Sear, 6.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On November 21st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. G. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor. W. H. Dennison, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; the rest as before. A 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Huddleston, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Another 720 in the same method. W. H. Dennison, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. The above was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss E. A. Garden. On November 29th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Nicholas, 1; E. Riley, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. E. Riley hails from Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, Yorks. On December 2nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Townson, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On December 23rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. J. Nicholas, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On December 24th, 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Nicholas, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure, standing as before. On December 25th, 720 Bob Minor. W. R. Williams, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

GREAT HORWOOD (Bucks).—On Saturday, January 5th, the Bletchley ringers visited this place and rang 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear 1; L. Meager, 2; A. Atkins, 3; E. Marks, 4; F. Hedges (conductor) 5; J. Marks, 6.

HARROLD (Beds.).—On December 18th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Lefevre, 1; J. McGrath, 2; C. Orpin, 3; E. Coleman, 4; F. G. Crouch, 5; F. J. Bird (conductor), 6. On December 26th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Booth, 1; J. Lett, 2; F. Mynard, 3; F. Hopper, 4; H. Lett, 5; W. Freeman (conductor), 6. A 720 College Single. J. Lett, 1; J. Lovell, 2; F. J. Bird, 3; W. Mynard, 4; W. Freeman, 5; H. Lett, 6. A 720 of Doubles. J. Lefevre, 1; J. McGrath, 2; J. Fry, 3; F. J. Bird (conductor), 4; F. G. Crouch, 5. And 360 of Minor and Oxford Bob.

ISLIP (Northants.).—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 32 bobs 2 singles. A. Allen, 1; J. Allen, 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Christmas Eve, 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs 2 singles. J. Allen, 1; A. Allen, 2; G. Hewitt, 3; R. Loveday, 4; F. Knight, 5; J. Betts (conductor), 6. On Christmas morning, for early service, 360 Bob Minor. A. Allen, 1; J. Allen, 2; G. Hewitt, 3; F. Knight, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. For morning service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Knighton, 1; A. Allen, 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. Also another 360. W. Knighton, 1; M. Booth, 2; A. Allen, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 28 bobs and 18 singles. A. Allen, 1; R. Loveday (conductor), 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; J. Nickerson, 5; L. Chapman, 6. On Tuesday, January 1st, for service at the re-dedication of the spire, 720 Bob Minor 32 bobs 2 singles. W. Knighton, 1; A. Allen, 2; G. Hewitt, 3; F. Knight, 4; J. Allen, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Bob Minor, 30 bobs 2 singles. W. Knighton, 1; G. Hewitt, 3; R. Loveday, 4; W. Knighton (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; J. Betts, 6.

LINDLEY (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday evening, January 17th, at St. Stephen's church, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Sykes, 1; S. Woodhouse, 2; J. Barraclough, 8; B. Shaw, 4; C. Craven, 5; A. Crosland, 6; Thomas Haigh, 7; Walter C. Hunt (conductor), 8.

THRAPSTON (Northants.).—On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob, 38 bobs 22 singles, with 7-8 covering. A. Baxter, 1; J. Nickerson, 2; D. Redhead, 3; L. Chapman, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6; J. Carter, 7; M. Booth, 8. For afternoon service, 360 Oxford bob. W. Yates, 1; R. Loveday, 2; L. Chapman, 3; D. Redhead, 4; J. Betts, 5; J. Nickerson (conductor), 6; J. Carter, 7; H. Short, 8.

The following touches have been rung with muffled bells as marks of love and loyalty to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

Miscellaneous Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 27th, several touches of Bob Major was rung. Also for evening service 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Rumsey, Sedly Collins, A. W. Grimes, J. Rumsey, W. Groom, W. Rumsey, G. Rowe (jun.), W. Grimes (conductor). Also another course in the same method with C. Bruning, the rest as before. On Saturday, afternoon, February 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but after ringing upwards of 3000 changes in two hours it came to grief, owing to a change course. W. Grimes (conductor), W. Groom, George Rowe, jun., Sedley Collins, W. Rumsey, J. Rumsey, C. Bruning, A. W. Grimes.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Wednesday evening, January 23rd, at St. George's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 51 mins. H. Meakin, J. Booth, T. Jackson, C. Barber, T. Marshall, J. Hankinson, J. Mottershed, E. Reader, J. W. Bayley, G. Marshall, J. W. Bayley (conductor). Also on Sunday evening, February 24th, 504 Grandsire Caters. G. Astbury, J. Booth, T. Jackson, C. Barber, H. Meakin, T. Marshall, J. Hankinson, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader (conductor), R. Sear. On Monday evening for practice 720 Bob Major. C. Barber, S. Fernley, G. Astbury, T. Marshall, H. Meakin, J. Mottershed, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader. R. Sear hails from Bletchley, S. Fernley from Hazel Grove.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARNET (Herts).—On January 27th, after evening services, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. L. Baldwin, W. F. Dolton, J. Wittey, J. Sumpter (conductor), E. Marshall, F. A. Milne, J. R. Sharman, A. T. King. Also 336, A. T. King, J. Wittey, W. F. Dolton, J. Sumpter, E. Marshall, F. A. Milne, J. R. Sharman (conductor), E. Dolton. On February 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. J. Baldwin, J. Wittey, F. A. Milne, J. Sumpter, W. J. Dell, J. K. Sharman (conductor), W. F. Dolton, A. T. King. On February 11th, for practice, 336 Bob Major. A. T. King, E. Marshall, J. Wittey, J. Sumpter (conductor), W. J. Dell, F. A. Milne, A. E. Dolton, W. F. Dolton.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SWAINSWICK (Bath).—On Saturday, February 2nd, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. A. W. Snell, J. Taylor, W. C. Rickets (conductor), H. C. Hallet, G. W. Hutchings, J. Brown.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, January 27th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but came to grief after ringing 2786 changes in 1 hr. 48 mins. F. Parsons, G. Tomlin, L. Hollingworth, H. Hollingworth, W. Earle (conductor), C. Draper, J. Warren, F. Hollingworth. C. Draper hails from Derby: the rest are local.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, February 2nd, previous to the memorial service at the parish church, 1260 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, W. Farrow, C. H. Howard (conductor), H. J. Collins, H. Pilcher, W. Hammond, H. Coote, F. Slade. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. F. Webb, W. Farrow, C. H. Howard (conductor), H. Collins, H. Pilcher, W. Hammond, H. Coote, B. Wiffen. On Sunday morning, February 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. H. Collins, F. Webb, W. Farrow, C. H. Howard (conductor), H. Pilcher, E. F. Slade, H. Coote, B. Wiffen. For evening service 504 Kent Treble Bob with 7-8 covering. W. Farrow, G. Williams, W. Grimwade, H. Collins, H. Pilcher, P. Holmes, C. H. Howard (conductor), B. Wiffen.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Marshall, J. Patchett, F. Moulson, S. Mills (first 720), J. W. Stickney (conductor), G. S. Marshall.

SEDBERGH (Yorkshire).—On February 2nd, half-peal of Bob Minor, consisting of 360 and three 720s (32 bobs 2 singles, 42 singles, and 18 bobs and 28 singles), in 1 hour and 27 mins. H. Haresnape (longest length), J. E. Senogles, W. Pennington, E. Pennington, F. S. J. Pile, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor). Tenor 16 cwt. in 1.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, January 27th, at the church of St. John, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Dickens, J. Rose, G. H. Daynes, E. H. Nixon, T. G. Deal, J. Law, W. Bedwell (conductor), W. J. Jeffries. On Sunday, February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. H. Daynes, J. Rose, T. G. Deal, A. C. Bedwell, E. H. Nixon, W. J. Jeffries, W. Bedwell (conductor), J. Law.

THE LANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CALDICOT.—On Saturday, February 2nd, 1200 Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering. A. Pippin, W. Margettes, C. King, W. Williams, G. King, A. Payne, A. Lewis (conductor), O. Jones.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FINEDON (Northamptonshire).—464 Bob Major. W. Warner, E. Chapman, J. T. Tompkins, T. Abbott, P. J. Manning, A. Smeathers, W. Perkins, W. R. Hensher (conductor). 336 Bob Triples. J. Main, W. Warner, A. Leanard, E. Chapman, J. T. Tompkins, W. R. Hensher, W. Perkins (conductor), W. Day. 209 Grandsire Triples. J. Main, W. Perkins, A. Leanard, E. Chapman, J. T. Tompkins, A. Smeathers, W. R. Hensher (conductor), J. Packwood. 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Warner, A. Leanard, E. Chapman, W. Perkins, A. Smeathers, P. Manning, W. R. Hensher (conductor), J. Packwood. 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Main, W. R. Hensher, J. T. Tompkins, E. Chapman, P. Manning, T. Abbott, W. Perkins (conductor), W. Day.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northamptonshire).—540 Stedman Triples. A. Perkins, W. R. Hensher, J. Houghton, jun., C. Newman, W. Pettitt, T. R. Hensher, A. Tyler (conductor), F. Palmer. 742 Grandsire Triples. F. Palmer, J. Garratt, J. J. Mawby, A. Perkins, C. Newman, J. Houghton, jun., W. Pettitt, J. Houghton, sen. 504 Stedman Triples. J. Mawby, J. Houghton, jun., A. Perkins, C. Newman, W. Pettitt, J. Garratt, A. Tyler, F. Palmer.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 3rd, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Judd, W. Fuller, W. H. Judd, W. Jones, C. Webber, W. H. Street, Geo. Huggett (conductor), W. Short.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 27th, at the church of St. Giles, the usual whole pull and stand was rung. H. Flowers, sen., H. Flowers, jun., H. Peters, E. H. Oxenham, J. Miller, W. Shepherd, H. Gummer, P. W. Peters, F. J. Shepherd, W. Blackaby. Several other touches were rung with H. Dawkes standing in.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On January 30th, a quarter-peal of Doubles in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, April Day, Morning Star, The Dream, St. Dunstan's, Fortune, Canterbury, Gog and Magog. J. Mayes, E. Youngs, W. Rose, C. Nunn, G. E. Symonds (conductor).

WITNESHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Gardham, A. Fleming, H. Webb, G. Pyett, W. Dye (conductor), J. Sadler. Also a 360.

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The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Lightcliffe, to-day, Saturday, April 6th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting at The White Horse, at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual meeting of this Association will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 8th. A special service will be held in St. Andrew's church, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Canon Claughton will give an address and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members at the service. The annual meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.45 p.m. The Very Rev. the Dean has kindly consented to preside. The Cathedral tower will be open for ringing after evensong, 5 p.m. until 6.15. The towers of All Saints 10 bells, St. John's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, and St. Swithun's, 6 bells, will be open during the day for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting. The annual reports, etc., will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Coity, Bridgend, on Easter Monday. Bells available from 11 o'clock. There will be a short service at 2 o'clock. The meeting immediately after. Tea will be provided.

REV. C. L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.
J. H. ALDRIDGE, Assist. Hon. Sec.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—A whole day meeting will be held at Stokesley, on Easter Monday, April 8th. Dinner (members 1s., non-members 2s. each), at The Golden Lion, at 1 p.m. Committee meeting after dinner. Whorlton-in-Cleveland tower (6 bells), will also be open. It is two miles from Potto station, and six from Stokesley by road.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 8th, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. The towers of St. Margaret's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Mark's (8), and St. Saviour's (8) churches will be open for ringing from 10.0. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea 4.15. The towers will be closed at 4 o'clock, and it is requested that members will assemble punctually for tea at the hour named.

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, April 8th, when the Cathedral tower and that of St. Peter's will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Divine Service at 5 o'clock at the Cathedral, when a special address will be given by the Dean of St. Albans. Tea at the Town Hall, at 5.45, business meeting to follow for election of officers. The report of the representatives of the various towers in union with the Association on the proposed division of the County into districts will come on for consideration and adoption if thought desirable.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Walthamstow, on Easter Monday. The towers of St. Mary's, St. Saviour's, (10.30—4.30), Christ Church, Wanstead, All Hallows Tottenham, St. John's, Leytonstone, will be open for ringing. Tea will

be provided at The Lord Brook hotel, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

Great Totham. HENRY T. W. EYRE.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, April 8th, by kind permission of the Rev. D. W. Barrett. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross, on Easter Monday, April 8th. Bells open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Every member invited.

T. ALLIBONE, Secretary.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The opening of the new peal of eight bells in Gosforth church, Newcastle, will take place on Easter Monday. The belfry will be open all the morning. A smoking concert will be held in The Matropole hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle, on Friday, April 12th, at 7.30 p.m. All members or friends will be welcome.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton, on Easter Monday, April 8th. The towers of St. Nicholas and St. Peter's will be opened at 10 a.m. Service at St. Nicholas at 12 p.m.

A. B. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 8th. It is hoped that the following bells will be available for ringing: St. Mary-the-Great, ring of 12; St. Benet's, ring of 6; the Roman Catholic church, ring of 8; Old Chesterton (one mile), ring of 6; Fen Ditton (two miles), ring of 6. The bells at St. Andrew's church are reserved exclusively for an attempt for an association peal, which is being arranged for that morning. A substantial meat tea will be provided at the rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society, in St. Edward's Passage, at 3.30; after which the business meeting will be held.

REV. W. W. CRUMP, Hon. Sec.

Haddenham Rectory, Ely.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. St. Paul's (10), St. Mary's (6), St. Peter's (6). Luncheon in All Hallows Lane Schoolroom at 1 p.m., tickets 1s. each to members. Business meeting to follow. Service in St. Paul's church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. C. A. Wells, Rector of St. Peter's, Bedford. Local Secretaries are requested to send probable numbers attending as soon as possible to Mr. I. Hills, Pumping Station, Bedford.

W. W. C. BAKER, } Hon. Secs.
I. HILLS, }

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association, will be held at Bucknall, on Saturday, April 13th. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to the Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 9th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

95, High Street, Bucknall.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Will all members who have not paid their subscriptions kindly send them at once. Will members also be good enough to consider and discuss in their respective belfries, the question of choosing a representative for the Central Council (as mentioned at the last annual meeting). It is most important that whoever may be elected that he should be able to re-

present the association from both the clerical and the ringers' point of view.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 8th, at Sutton. The bells at Sutton (8), and at Cheam (6), will be available from about 2 o'clock. Tea will be served at the Shaftesbury Hall, 129, High Street, Sutton, at 6 p.m.

CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James's, Higher Sutton, on Saturday, April 13th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. NORBURY, Branch Sec.

34, Water Street, Macclesfield.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting and tea will be held in the boys' schoolroom, Wallasey, on Saturday, April 13th, at 6 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m. Members intending to be present are requested to let me know (through the captain of their tower), not later than Monday, April 8th.

B. G. MACANDREW, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. T. Jemmett, at the church of St. Catherine, Feltham, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at All Saints church, West Bromwich. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting in the vestry at 5.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock, for all those sending in their names before the 16th inst. to

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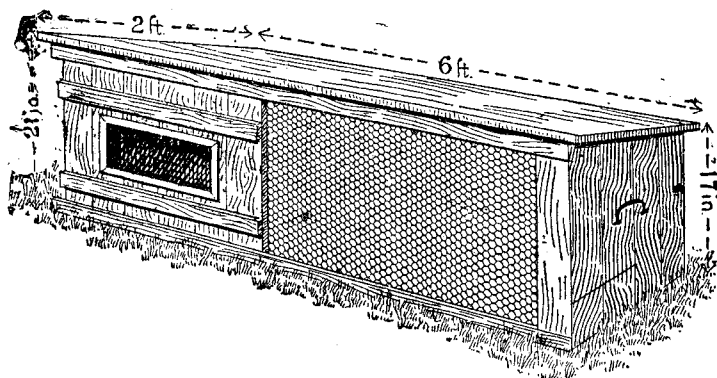
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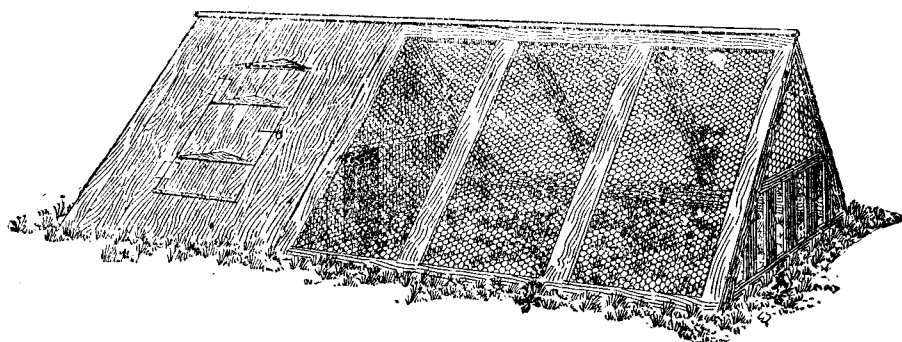
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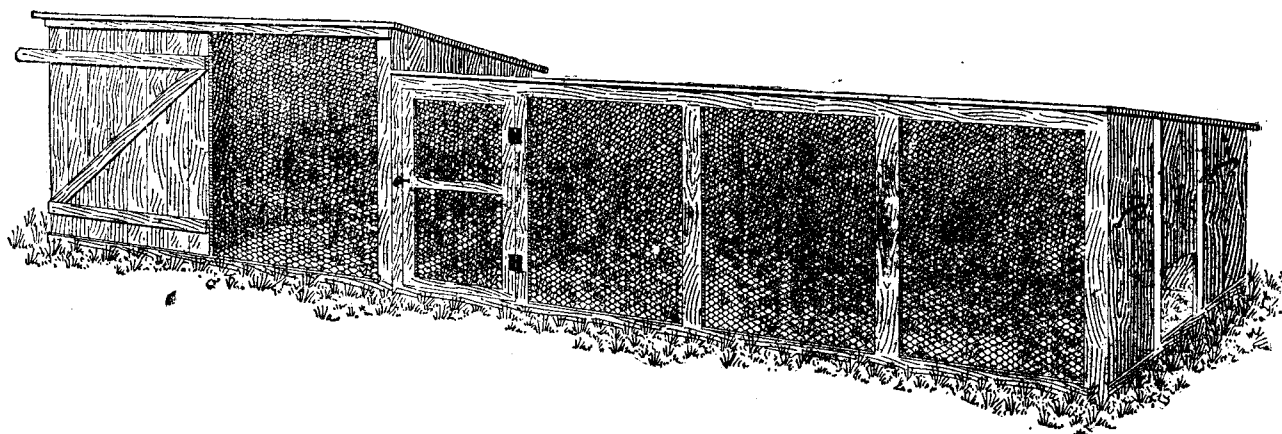
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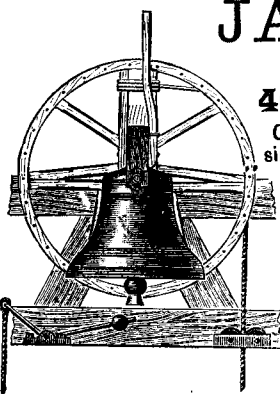
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