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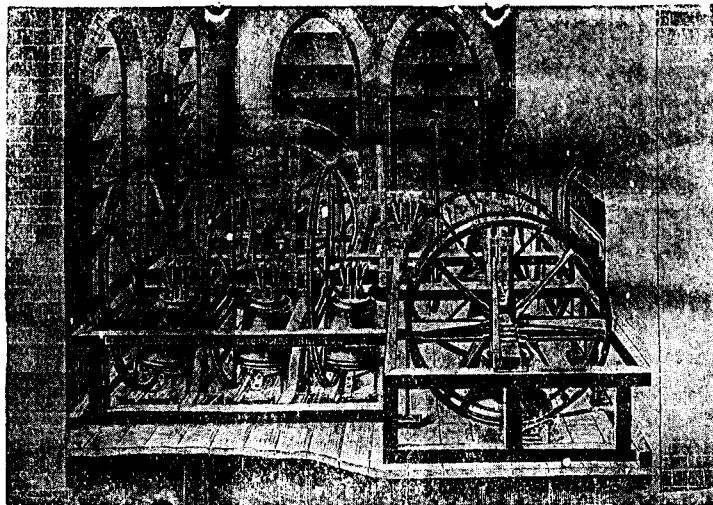
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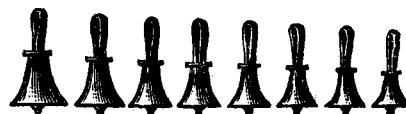
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TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Friday evening, July 5th, the members of the St. Mary's Guild assembled in the belfry of St. Mary's church, Taunton, to make a presentation to the Rev. J. V. Buckland, who has left the curacy of St. Mary's for the Vicarage of Whitelackington, near Ilminster. The members of the Guild, the Rev. Prebendary Askwith and F. W. Towning, and Mr. H. E. Vipan, new head master of the Huish School, were present. The present consisted of a beautifully chased biscuit basket and an illuminated address, both of which bore the inscription: "Presented to the Rev. J. V. Buckland, M.A., by the members of the St. Mary's Guild of Change-Ringers on his leaving Taunton. July 1st, 1901." The address also bore the names of the subscribers, who were Messrs. J. Burge, H. Van Tromp, A. J. Hopkinson, Iles, W. Eveleigh, W. White, B. Rocke, S. Wyatt, B. W. Van Tromp, E. B. W. Poole, H. A. Chapman, J. Routley, E. Wyatt, C. Pitman, E. B. Kite, F. Sadd, C. Summers, E. Sellick, and J. Fowler. The basket was supplied by Mr. R. L. Cozens, of East Street, and the address, which also bore a fine drawing of St. Mary's church and the belfry, was nicely done by Mr. Burrow, of Bath Place.

Mr. B. Van Tromp explained the object of their presence in the belfry that evening. They had decided to make Mr. Buckland a presentation on his leaving Taunton to show how much they appreciated his work among them as steward for the past three years. They were greatly indebted to him for his kindness during that period.

The Rev. Prebendary Askwith, in making the presentation, expressed his great pleasure in the undertaking. They were very much indebted to Mr. Buckland for the uniform kindness and help he had given the Guild since the time of his commencing the stewardship, which was, as Mr. Van Tromp had said, three years ago. During that time the finances had been entrusted to him, and had been kept in a very satisfactory state. Mr. Buckland had also shown an example of regularity in all his work. He wished to personally thank Mr. Buckland for the way in which he co-operated with him during the time he had been at St. Mary's. When he (Prebendary Askwith) first came to Taunton about fourteen years ago, the belfry was in a very unsatisfactory state. There were two or more sets of bellringers at that time, and that was thought out of the way. They therefore had a meeting and decided to form a Guild of change-ringers. That Guild had been in existence ever since. Before concluding he wished to speak of his appreciation of Mr. Burge's (the conductor) work in connection with the Guild. He had taken great care with recruits and made them efficient, and had shown great patience in the trying work.

The Rev. J. V. Buckland replied. He was heartily grateful to them for their kindness in giving him the beautiful present. He had learnt a lot since he had been steward in connection with that Guild, a position which he had held with much pride. Referring to the members of the Guild, he had not met a finer set of men among whom peace and happiness reigned to such a degree. They were headed by a man who had shown patience

and endeavoured to do his best in securing men to keep up the honour of the Guild. He had only four bells in the tower of the church of which he was Vicar, but should he at any time see his way to increase the number of bells so that they might have a band of change-ringers, the ones who would have the privilege of first ringing those changes would be the ringers of St. Mary's, Taunton.

Mr. Pitman expressed his satisfaction with the way in which the members of the Guild had subscribed for the present; each member seemed so willing to give towards the fund.

Mr. J. Burge, the conductor, referred to the Rev. J. V. Buckland's great kindness since he had been steward of St. Mary's tower, and also thanked Mr. Pitman for taking off his shoulders the duty of collecting the subscriptions. After the presentation the members gave a fine exhibition of changes on some nicely-toned handbells.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

For some years past the six bells in the tower of Christ Church have been in a very unsatisfactory condition, and as they grew worse the ringers became wishful that a better state of things might prevail. Taking the initiative they jointly subscribed £10 towards the rehanging of the bells, and also promised their services free for five years, providing two additional bells were included in the peal, one to be called the "ringers' bell," with suitable inscription inscribed.

The scheme was taken up with zest by the Vicar and churchwardens, who interested others in the matter. The Sunday school scholars have subscribed to purchase the other bell. Estimates were invited, and ultimately the order was placed in the hands of Messrs. Warner, who have carried out the specifications with great credit to themselves and satisfaction to those chiefly concerned. The smaller bell has an upper note, and weighs 5 cwt. 1 qr. and measures 27 inches in diameter. The bell has the following inscription:—

"This bell was given by the children of the Sunday School and teachers, Ascension Day, 1901. W. Bloor, P. H. Bloor, D. Parry, Superintendents; D. H. Briggs, Vicar; G. Wilk, J. H. Collis, Churchwardens."

The other bell gives F sharp, and weighs 6 cwt. 2 qrs. and measures 28 inches diameter, and bears the following inscription:—

"This bell was given by the ringers, Ascension Day, 1901. G. A. Smith, F. Smith, H. Smith, F. Darlington, J. Darlington, W. Thompson, A. Clay, W. Harratt. D. H. Briggs, Vicar; G. Wilk, J. H. Collis, Churchwardens."

The remaining bells have all been rehung, the old wooden frame has been replaced by a cast iron one. The bells were duly consecrated by the Ven. Archdeacon Lane, on Ascension Day, who in a short address made a few appropriate remarks on bells and ringers.

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THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of this Guild, representing Southport, Ormskirk, Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, Sefton, Tue Brook, Wigan, and Upholland, visited Ormskirk on Saturday, June 29th, and rang several touches on the fine bells of the old parish church. They were accompanied by Mr. W. Bentham (Secretary, Aughton), Mr. Martin (Liscard), Mr. Joseph Owen, Mr. Edward Bentham, and other friends. In the evening the visitors, on the invitation of the Rev. J. E. Woodrow (Vicar), and Mrs. Woodrow, assembled on the lawn behind the vicarage and partook of an excellent knife and fork tea. Afterwards the Rev. W. T. Bulpit proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow for their kindness, and remarked that they had had their tea in a charming place. It was served, too, in charming fashion.

Mr. Edward Bentham briefly seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar, in thanking them, said that when Mr. Bulpit wrote asking him if they could come to Ormskirk, they were delighted to invite them there. Then Mr. Bulpit asked him where they could meet and have tea, and he (the Vicar) said they could have it there. They hoped they would pay them a visit under the same conditions another time. He believed there was a little business to transact in connection with the meeting, and he would ask Mr. Bentham to read the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting, which was held at Sefton on April 27th, were then read and confirmed.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, referring to the general fund and the benevolent fund, said he hardly liked that the former should be paid into the benevolent fund, and he would be glad to hear their opinions on the matter. If money was required for the benevolent fund they should contribute to it. He thought some assistance should be made towards railway fares. He was of opinion that it would be a good thing if the subject was ventilated.

Mr. Martin said they had not a large amount to their credit, for their benevolent fund had gone down. He threw the idea out at Sefton to see what the action of the Guild would be generally. He thought it would be better to let the fund stand as it was. The working of the Guild only amounted to some £5 or £6 a year. He would like to see £50 or £60 in the bank, and he did not despair of seeing it yet. They had given assistance where it was needed; but the great object of the Guild was to bring the ringers and the congregation in touch—to get them to take an interest in the ringers, and the latter to remember this. All the clergymen connected with the Guild had been very sympathetic and kind, and done their best, as also had the churchwardens; but he would like the gentlemen in the congregation to look after the ringers, find out their grievances, and put them in touch with the worshippers. He was quite sure some members of the congregation would like to subscribe one shilling or so towards the benevolent fund. He would like to get in touch with gentlemen from each church.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Alice Prescott, Bickershaw, thanking them for a donation of £5 out of the benevolent fund on behalf of herself and children.

It was proposed that St. Luke's, Great Crosby, be the next place of meeting, but the Rev. W. T. Bulpit said the bells there were being repaired, and had to be taken away and brought back. They would have to leave the choice of place for another time.

The matter was left in the hands of Mr. Bulpit and Mr. Bentham, the Secretaries.

The ringers meet about every two months, and take the belfries in turn.

Mr. Edward Bentham threw out the suggestion that each working man, or each family in the diocese, should contribute one shilling towards the erection of the new cathedral.

On the motion of Mr. Bulpit, seconded by Mr. Joseph Owen, a vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. E. Woodrow for presiding.

The Vicar having thanked them, the proceedings closed.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EWELL, SURREY.

Sunday, June 23rd, 1901, will be remembered by the ringers of the above church with mixed feelings of pride and sadness, the one because of the churchwardens and local ringers with a few brother strings visiting the belfry to witness the Vicar unveil a new peal-tablet recording the only muffled peal rung by the Surrey Association on the funeral-day of Queen Victoria; the other because it was the last visit of the Vicar to the belfry before his departure from Ewell, having given up the living through ill-health. Having unveiled the tablet, the Vicar said a few words of praise, and then 336 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: Jesse Beams, John Beams (conductor), G. Price, E. T. Grove, T. Miles, H. Greenhill, H. G. Beams, T. Everett. The tablet, which was made by Mr. Charles E. Read (the local conductor), is of red pine, painted black, written with gold letters, and bears the following inscription:—

IN MEMORIAM.—On Saturday, February 2nd, 1901, eight members of the Ewell branch of the Surrey Association of Change-Ringers rang in this tower in three hours, Penning's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes. Rung with the bells deeply muffled on the funeral day of our departed Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, born May 24th, 1819, died January 22nd, 1901. George Price, treble; John Beams, 2; Henry Sycamore, 3; Edward T. Grove, 4; Harry G. Beams, 5; Henry Greenhill, 6; Charles E. Read, 7; William Poplet, tenor. Conducted by John Beams. The Rev. John Thornton, Vicar; George Wood, R. B. Jacomb, Churchwardens.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, June 29th, a meeting of the above was held at Sawbridgeworth, when the bells were placed at the disposal of members during the afternoon and evening, very kindly by the Vicar, there being present, Mr. G. H. Barker (Ware), H. J. Tucker (Stortford), and W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, besides the local band. Some very good ringing was done, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob, being rung. A meeting was held in the church room, very kindly placed at the disposal of members, at which the Vicar occupied the chair.

Messrs. Tarling, E. Saban, and Brown were duly proposed and seconded as members of the Association.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for receiving the Association so cordially, also for the use of the bells and church room, and for presiding at the meeting.

One thing must also be added, that the Vicar has joined the Association as an honorary member.

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FUNERAL OF THE REV. F. B. NEWMAN, AT BURTON LATIMER.

When the sad news reached Burton Latimer on a recent Wednesday morning that the Rev. Francis Browne Newman, M.A., formerly Rector of the parish, had passed away at the ripe age of seventy-five years, a cloud of sadness passed over the village. The rev. gentleman had laboured amongst the villagers for twenty-three years, and his work in the parish will live as a lasting memorial to his revered name. He was highly respected and esteemed by all irrespective of sect or religion, and his generous disposition and philanthropic spirit endeared him to a wide circle of friends not only in Burton Latimer but in the surrounding district. Mr. Newman left the parish some six years ago, having been Rector from 1872 to 1895, and during this time his energetic spirit was instrumental in effecting many improvements in the ancient church of St. Mary, of which he was very proud. The rev. gentleman did much in many ways in restoring this sacred pile, as well as reseating it. He also provided a fine-toned organ, and secured the renovation of the then dilapidated screen, and the erection of a new vestry. After these things had been accomplished he saw the necessity for the erection of a new school, and besides the enlargement of the old school the present fine structure is one of the fruits of his labours. A reading room for the men of the parish the rev. gentleman established many years ago, which flourished for a time, but unfortunately lapsed. Then, at great personal expense, he established the British Working Men's Club. This was afterwards supplemented by his erecting the St. Crispin's Hall, in which building a social and recreative club is still successfully carried on. In 1892, Mr. Newman was appointed Rural Dean of Weldon second deanery, which position he held until his retirement. He was also officially connected with the Northants Church Architectural Society, and having studied architecture during the early part of his life, his knowledge on this subject was largely sought after by his fellow ecclesiastics.

The remains of the deceased gentleman were consigned to their last resting-place in a brick vault in the eastern portion of the picturesque little churchyard of St. Mary's, at Burton Latimer, on Friday morning, in the presence of a very large number of the parishioners and friends from the surrounding district.

The opening sentences of the service were read by the Rev. H. Priestland (Curate of the parish), the Rector, the Rev. W. B. Jacques, being away from home. The Rector of Cranford, the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, read the Burial Lesson, and Psalm xc. was chanted to Barnby in D by the full surpliced choir. A favourite hymn of the deceased, was sung by the choir and congregation, and as the coffin and mourners left the sacred edifice, the organ pealed forth the strains of the Dead March in "Saul."

The Rev. Francis B. Newman was one of the very first Clergy in the district to become an honorary member of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association (now the Central Northants.), when it was first formed in 1883—his ringers also joined at the same time—he continued a hearty support until he left the neighbourhood.

Burton Latimer ringers rang their bells muffled on the evening of the funeral.

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THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above Society was held at Calverley, on Saturday, June 29th, and was very well attended, ringers being present from the following places: Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Guiseley, Headingley, Holbeck, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Leeds, and Wakefield.

An attempt was made for a peal, but after ringing two hours, it unfortunately came to grief. Ringing in various methods followed until time for the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. John Whittaker (Vice-President).

The Minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read, on the motion of Mr. W. Walker, seconded by Mr. H. Braime.

An interesting discussion then took place respecting the resolution adopted by the Central Council in reference to the ringing of peals, the general opinion being that the conditions should be strictly adhered to.

Mr. John Thackray proposed, and Mr. T. Kendal seconded, "That the best thanks of all present be accorded to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness." This was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. Pratt and Mr. E. Keighly responded, expressing their pleasure at seeing such a representative gathering.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business. The handbells were then introduced, and a very enjoyable evening followed.

The next meeting will be held at Tong, on Saturday, July 27th.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD.—The local band assisted recently in the welcome home of Colonel H. Lawson of the Bucks. Imperial Yeomanry, by ringing him into the town with 420 Bob Minor, and after receiving an address of welcome, the gallant Colonel was dragged in his vehicle, with many hoorahs from a loyal concourse of friends and people gathered to meet him on his safe return from the scene of war to his beloved home.

At Hall Barn, during the evening, some excellent striking was produced in the following: 532 Grandsire Triples. J. W. Wilkins (conductor), H. Painter, P. W. Wilkins, W. Bagley, F. Bagley, R. Buckland, W. E. Yates, A. Bagley. Also 476 Grandsire Triples. R. Sherman, J. Batting, P. W. Wilkins, H. Painter, Rev. H. Long, R. Buckland, W. E. Yates (conductor), J. W. Wilkins.

Recently an attempt for a peal was made, but when 1500 changes had been rung, the 4th rope broke. Messrs. Sherman, J. W. and W. P. Wilkins, Painter, Hayes, Buckland, Batting, and Bagley were the ringers.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 7th, before morning service, 567 Kent Treble Bob Major. Richard Perkins, 1; Alfred Whatmore, 2; Arthur E. Whatmore, 3; Fred Plant, 4; Wm. Potter, 5; Noah Hollyoake, 6; Jno. Piper, 7; Jos. Smith conductor. Before afternoon service 576 Treble Major. R. Perkins, 1; Wm. Potter, 2; A. Whatmore, 3; Wm. Fryer, 4; F. Plant, 5; Wm. Hartshorne, 6; J. Piper, 7; J. Smith, 8. After afternoon service, 864 Treble Major. R. Perkins, 1; F. Plant, 2; W. Potter, 3; N. Hollyoak, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. Harthorne, 6; J. Piper, 7; J. Smith conductor, 8. Before evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Whatmore, 1; W. Potter, 2; A. E. Whatmore, 3; W. Fryer, 4; F. Plant, 5; N. Hollyoak, 6; J. Smith conductor, 7; W. Fletcher, 8. Also 168 Canterbury Triples.

AMONG THE STRAWBERRIES, CHERRIES, & HOPS.

"Hullo!" exclaims the casual critic of "B.N." on reading the above title, "is our old friend going to devote a paragraph weekly to hop-growing and fruit culture?" No; such is not the case. The above heading only refers to a most pleasant outing the Leytonstone ringers had on Saturday and Sunday, June 29th and 30th, to the district where such things are most extensively grown—around Maidstone.

Believing in the old adage that the early bird does often secure the proverbial worm or its equivalent, 5.30 a.m. on the Saturday found a party of twelve assembled under the clock at Liverpool Street terminus. After words of greeting and self-congratulation on once again having a fine day for our annual, we walked across to Cannon Street terminus and booked for Maidstone.

The train, punctual in starting, was only five minutes late in arriving—almost a record for the S. E. & C. railway. The rate of travelling was not excessive, as the 41 miles were safely negotiated in 2 hrs. 25 mins. But even 17 miles an hour has its compensations, for once clear of town one certainly has the opportunity of noticing some of the pretty bits of scenery which a higher rate of travelling would deprive us of, as well as enabling the handbell party to display their skill to better advantage.

Awaiting our arrival was Mr. A. Palmer, the district Secretary of the Kent County Association, and under his guidance a short walk through the old palace grounds and the churchyard surrounding All Saints, we arrived at The Globe, in Knighttrider Street, which was to be our temporary home. Here let it be at once recorded that no better house for ringers need be sought for in the town, for not only does it face the parish church with its grand peal of ten (30 cwt.), but the late husband of Mrs. Potter, the proprietress, having been a ringer, that good lady is well versed in their manners and customs.

Breakfast being all ready, and our appetites equally in good trim (four or five hours of fresh morning air is a fine thing to whet one's appetite), we quickly had our knees beneath the oak, and soon were discussing cold ham, and ham and veal pies with the usual accompaniment of tea and coffee.

Scarcely had the cravings of nature been satisfied, than the brake arrived on the scene, being ordered for nine sharp. All aboard, off we started for a hilly drive to our first place on the programme—Aylesford. To an antiquarian this place must be full of interest. The name itself carries one back to the time when in place of the stone bridge over the Medway, a ford actually existed. Here Briton and Saxon, and later still Saxon and Dane fiercely contested for supremacy. The church, dedicated to St. Peter, has some Norman remains, but the principal part is Decorated. It contains some very good monuments and brasses, as well as some windows worth looking at. The Rev. G. B. Vaux bade us welcome, and soon we were in the belfry. The peal of eight, tenor 14½ cwt., go well, for they were all put in order when the three trebles were added in 1885. The bells were soon sending forth the melodious sounds produced by Double Norwich, Plain Bob, and Stedman, a touch of each being rung. Working as we were to a set time and programme, we were soon off again to East Malling. The land on either side of the road seemed almost devoted to fruit and hops, and what a splendid sight a nice hop garden or cherry orchard is at this time of the year.

We found the Rev. W. E. Buckland in the fine old church of St. James, and he very courteously pointed out the most interesting parts of the sacred edifice. The remaining brasses are very good as well as fragments of old glass and a most curious font cover. Up in the belfry everything was in order, and soon we set the ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.) in motion. The bells date from 1635 except the treble which was added in 1833. They were all overhauled in 1885, and being looked after, go well. Cambridge, Wells and Kent were the methods rang, and soon we were again on the road.

Regretfully we had to pass by West Malling as the nave—which is being rebuilt—is in the builder's hands, so this peal of eight was left in silence. What a flourishing place this must have been when the grand Norman Abbey was in its prime, and St. Leonard's tower an habitation?

Scarcely had we left off thinking of bygone glories, than a

tower and spire ahead proclaimed, though silently, that Mereworth was at hand.

Awaiting our arrival was the Rev. J. E. Rivington Jones, who showed us the interesting relics of the old church, and explained the idea of this eighteenth structure of very doubtful Italian design. Certainly it is better inside than out, the tower and spire being the only redeeming feature to see from without. A 720 of Superlative and two touches of Kent, and the bells were lowered.

But those two fine appetisers—fresh air and exercise—were again doing their work, so we tried the resources of a neighbouring hostelry. A dozen men, coming unexpectedly to a village public-house for something edible causes no little anxiety to mine host. However home-made bread, cheese, and freshly cut cucumbers, washed down with such liquids as fancy dictated, were very acceptable to hungry men.

Once more we were off, and the horses heads turned in the direction of Watlingtonbury. The steeplekeeper was at hand, and apologised for the Vicar's absence. He conducted us into about the smallest and darkest belfry that it has ever been the lot of any of us to enter. The light ring of six, tenor 7½ cwt., are musical, and soon a 720 of Lichfield, followed by a course of Kent, was brought home. But if the tower is small, the church of St. John the Baptist is of fair proportions, with a very large vestry in which is kept, chained, one of the two relics of the ancient tything system—"The Dumb Borsholder." It is a stout oaken staff shod and pointed with iron, and originally belonged to the tything of Pizein. Its possession entitled the elected holder to search for any secreted stolen goods, even if in so doing he had to break into any place. The last holder of this ancient of authority—Thomas Campard—lies buried in this churchyard.

Leaving Watlingtonbury and crossing the Medway at Teston Bridge, we soon reached East Farleigh. In the tower of St. Mary's church hangs a light peal of six, tenor 8½ cwt. The church itself is a very pretty Perpendicular structure. The Vicar, the Rev. Mowbray Trotter, was present, and after welcoming us, most heartily invited us to have tea at the vicarage. The offer coming so spontaneously was all the more appreciated. Bristol being safely brought round, and a course of Bob Minor, we were soon climbing the hill to the vicarage, being reinforced by Mr. K. C. Fox, whom business had prevented being with us sooner. Imagine yourself on the brow of a hill with trees at the back, in the valley a stream meandering peacefully on, and the slopes on either side of the river devoted to hop gardens and cherry orchards. Here under the trees, surrounded by rose beds, we thoroughly enjoyed the *al fresco* tea.

But time was winging its onward flight, and after a course of Grandsire Caters we had to make a hasty adieu to our hospitable friends and hurry away to Barming, as we had promised to ring for a special dedication service at seven. But roads were hilly and progress slow, so that on our arrival at the parish church of St. Margaret's we had only time for 216 of Plain Bob before service. All attended the service, at which a finely-carved oak pulpit and a handsome window were unveiled and dedicated, after which a 720 each of London and Victoria were rung. Then to the mission room where a tasty supper was awaiting, and to which we did fair justice. Having previously thanked the Rev. T. W. Carr for his hospitality, we soon started for Maidstone, reaching that place about ten. The purchasing of souvenirs and presents next occupied the attention of most, and we reassembled for supper at eleven. Then came the question of beds. This was pretty well arranged, and everything seemed all right, when it was discovered that one of the party—wild horses could not drag his name from me—wishing to have a quiet night had commandeered the landlady's bedroom and was snugly between the sheets. After numerous knockings, hurried consultations and friendly suggestions—wise and otherwise—the matter was remedied, and all settled down till the early prowlers began the hunt for milk. Then no more rest, for those not already astir were soon routed out, one particular sleepy hand being specially dealt with.

The rain, which had been steadily falling some hours, eased about six, and all were out for a morning stroll. The nautically inclined had a pleasant row some distance up the river, under the able guidance of a fifteen-stone coxswain. Breakfast at eight, and then off we started for Leeds. A smart shower was

soon over and the sun shone out in all its splendour. How beautiful everything seemed after the rain.

Leeds church and bells will always be associated with that king of Bob Major ringers—James Barham. Quantity if not quality must have been the ambition of the band of which he was leader. His tombstone is in a good state and should be kept so by the county association. The church contains a good oak screen, but the most unique feature is the massiveness of the tower. This is no less than 36 feet square, and about 60 feet high. A touch of Grandsire Caters was brought round with the assistance of Mr. Palmer, and then we were off to Bearstead. This church—dedicated to Holy Cross—stands up well, and has a fine tower. A turret runs up at the south-east angle, and at each of the other corners instead of pinnacles there are three stone figures of animals, somewhat thought to resemble bears. We had a welcoming word from Canon Scarth, and then pulled off a 720 of York. This was followed by a splendid cold luncheon at the vicarage, the last course of which consisted of freshly gathered strawberries. While some were ringing 720 of Worcester, others walked around the well-kept gardens till departure time arrived, and with many thanks to the Vicar we departed for Maidstone.

After tea came the final pull at All Saints, and here we met with the only bad luck of the tour in losing a good 500 of Grandsire Caters in the last lead. Two courses were afterwards brought round before service. This ended the ringing, and we were soon getting ready for home. An enjoyable journey, via Chatham brought us into London Bridge, from which place tracks were quickly made for respective destinations. To everyone, who in any way assisted us to make the outing a success, and especially to the incumbents of the churches we visited, and who did so much to welcome us, we wish to tender them our sincere thanks. B.

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."

"A SAD POSITION OF AFFAIRS."

SIR,—The state of things disclosed in Mr. Twigg's letter in your last number is very unfortunate, and will, I imagine, meet with the disapproval of all ringers on account of the narrowness of view taken by the Rector of St. Mary's, Bucknall. Still, as very narrow opinions are frequently held, conscientiously no doubt, by the more extreme teetotalers, he doubtless acts in accordance with his present convictions; and to deal with these I venture to suggest to Mr. Twigg that this is a case in which he should endeavour to procure the friendly offices of the officers of the Association within whose area of operation Bucknall is situated.

Mr. Twigg and his friends must not, however, ring after being forbidden by the parson, because his power of prohibition is absolute by law; and if they offend against his prohibition they will thereby render themselves answerable to such proceedings as the parson may be advised to take against them. Whether there is any agreement between the parochial authorities and the ringers of such a nature as to give the latter a claim to damages for dismissal under the circumstances, is another question, about which, of course, I know nothing.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—It is always sad to hear of such a state of things as Mr. Twigg describes, because it gives occasion for the taunt that there are some ministers who prefer to preach teetotalism in the place of the Gospel of Christ. At the same time, of course, we only hear the account from one side: it may be that the Rector would be able to make out a good case on the other side. At the ringers' suppers alluded to, is everyone obliged to have beer? Would it be impossible or difficult for a teetotaler to be a ringer in that tower? If so, there is as much intolerance on one side as on the other.

But supposing all that is reasonable has been done by the ringers; it must be remembered the Rector has absolute control over the belfry; and if he chooses to lock the ringers

out, they have no power to get to the ropes. At the same time it seems a pity that the ringing should be stopped, when some means of arranging the matter might surely be found.

The Rector objects to the ringers having beer "as ringers"; well, after all, beer is not a necessary part of ringing; and when ringers do drink beer they drink it as men and not as ringers. What I mean to imply is this. Why should not the ringers form themselves into a club, quite separate from any Church organization, in order to take their outing and their suppers? These latter would go on just as before, but the Rector's conscience would not be troubled by thinking it was called a meeting of a Church organization. He would moreover have no possible reason for dismissing the ringers. It is certainly not the best possible way of arranging things; but at any rate it is better than quarrelling, even with one who is unreasonable. H. DRAKE.

THE STEPNEY PEAL.

SIR,—Mr. Sharman, the conductor of this peal, denies that there was any firing, and also that a course-end was forced up. He also says that it was impossible to do such a thing, and ridiculous to think of it. I am sorry to say that Mr. Sharman is not speaking the truth. I say again that the firing occupied quite 2½ minutes, and I am prepared to make this statement before the committee of the Association if required. Your readers will hardly accept Mr. Sharman's story that to force up a course-end is impossible or ridiculous when a man is determined to get a peal through, hook or by crook. I have not said anything about a coming round course, so nothing will alter my statement. Also one week elapsed between the publication of the peal in "THE BELL NEWS" and when I wrote my criticism of it. I have said what I heard, and will go through with it if desired. Peals with 2½ minutes' firing in them will hardly go down with the ringers of the present day, and the name of any Association that permits them will become a byword. H. SPRINGALL.

11, Malta Road, Leyton.

We, the undersigned ringers, can vouch for the truthfulness of Mr. Springall's statement *re* the firing in the supposed peal at Stepney, and are surprised at Mr. Sharman denying the same.

Signed { W. JONES, 43, Wellesley Street, Stepney.
A. DEAN, 2, Rectory Square, Stepney.

CONSECUTIVE PLACES.

SIR,—We are now introduced to a third term, as if the other two were not sufficiently mixed up already! "Contiguous" however is hardly the equivalent of "adjacent" as Mr. Baker states. Contiguous means "in touch with" and is thus equally applicable to placemaking which occupies 2 or 4 rows. When however we qualify it by saying "lying contiguous to" it becomes equivalent to "adjacent," and is applicable only to placemaking in 2 rows.

If certainly is rather disconcerting to be told that one's *idea* is *utterly wrong* (italics not mine); but after Mr. Baker's use (or misuse) of the word "consecutive" I must ask for more weighty evidence. Besides the fact I referred to remains.

Mr. Baker's arguments here seem to be that because two things are sometimes the same they can never differ. It is the same logical fallacy of arguing from the particular to the universal, that has led him astray in the use of "consecutive" and "adjacent." H. DRAKE.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1901.

ANOTHER of those unfortunate disagreements between ringers and clergy, which are happily becoming more rare, is announced from a place named Bucknall, in Staffordshire. This untoward incident is more to be regretted from the fact that the company of ringers, headed by that remarkable six-bell conductor—WILLIAM TWIGG—is in such a high state of discipline and organization, and has shown proof of more than ordinary ability; that such a healthful condition of affairs, consequent upon the recent action of the incumbent, is jeopardized. The high position this Buckland company enjoys in the Exercise, as six-bell ringers among the most difficult methods, to an ordinary mind would secure them from attack, from the clerical side, at any rate. It may reasonably be imagined

that any incumbent, having such a body of clever ringers as the Bucknall company are, enthusiasts at the same time for law and order, and anxious to prove their skill and cohesion, would do his best to promote their peace, rather than create a flimsy offence begat by ridiculous stipulations as to how a glass of beer should be drank. We apprehend that the members of this company are all honest and sober men; taking what they require in moderation both in eating and drinking, but with regard to the latter falling short of becoming total abstainers, or "teetotalers," as they are called. It has often been asserted that among these people, *i.e.* "teetotalers," are to be found the most intemperate folk under the sun: intemperate in eating (a very popular belief), in drinking, and other matters; and most intemperate, dogmatical assertive, and obstinate in opinion. It really is unfortunate for the splendid cause of temperance that the word "teetotaler" so readily conveys to the mind an idea that no ordinary amount of overweening vanity, self-importance, and conceit is possessed by many of those who come under the definition.

We have no doubt of the grand benefits which follow in the wake of total abstinence from the use of intoxicants, and are the last to belittle the temperance propaganda. But that is no reason why we should be forced against our wish to abstain. Coercion of any sort is entirely foreign and repugnant to the people of these kingdoms whether they be bellringers or not. What would the Rector of Bucknall say if a neighbouring incumbent endeavoured to coerce his ringers (all teetotalers) into drinking, each of them, a pint of ale after leaving the church at the end of their weekly practice? He would be horrified, no doubt. But coercion in this case would be no worse than his own. We grant that he is doing in this matter what seems to him right; some would say "Yes; the right thing in his own eyes." We have no doubt at all of his sincerity in this business. May we ask him therefore, if he has tried to coerce any other church official in the same way? the organist, for instance, or his own churchwarden. Has he told these gentlemen they must not drink ale or beer, or wine, in their official capacity? And if so, what has been their answer?

To any one who enters on a crusade against the present position of the drink traffic, a crusade to lessen its power for evil; and to regulate by stringest legislation its operations, all sensible men will wish success. But the rev. gentleman has begun at the wrong end. With all deference and respect, his attempt in this direction seems puny and contemptible. There is, unfortunately, plenty of room for sustained and well-meant, but practical effort towards the remedying of the evils connected with "the trade," as its supporters have the assurance to call it.

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Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN	6.
HARRY MILLER	3.	JOHN E. MILLER	7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG	4.	SIDNEY WADE	Tenor.

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Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred R. Glasscock on attaining his majority, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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GEORGE ESSEX	Treble.	*CHARLES WARD	5.
ALICE WHITE	2.	JOHN BALLARD	6.
HENRY WHITE	3.	THOMAS NEWMAN	7.
EDWIN MENDAY	4.	HARRY SIMMONDS	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th hail from Basingstoke; the rest are local men. The above was rung as a friendly peal, and the striking was good throughout.

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On Thursday, July 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal of Doubles by all the band, also by the Association. It was intended to ring a peal of Minor, but the band turned up one short.

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On Saturday, July 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

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On Saturday, July 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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HARRY SAYER	Treble.	JOHN WYATT	5.
HENRY CORBETT	2.	JOHN HOYLE*	6.
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Conducted by JOHN HOYLE.

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THOMAS PEERS 2.	JOHN EACHUS 6.
EDMUND J. COCKROFT .. 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
HENRY MOSS 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN THORP, and
Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This is the first peal in any method on these bells.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
ALFRED D. MILLS 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 5.
FREDERICK STUBBS 2.	FRED WILFORD 6.
WALTER GILBERT 3.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 7.
FREDERICK GILBERT 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

AMPTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK J. BIRD Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	JOSEPH CHURCH 5.
WILLIAM FREEMAN 3.	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. BARKER.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

BURFORD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST ALDRIDGE* .. Treble.	FRANCIS P. POWELL .. 5.
HERBERT TIMMS 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
CHARLES PARKER 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
NOBLE SPINDLOW 4.	*GEORGE PARKER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

*First peal.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

W. POLE ROUTH, ESQ. .. Treble.	JOHN J. JONES 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD 2.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 6.
CHARLES STONE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. H. C. BELL 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Guild.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The time occupied in ringing the peal of Stedman Triples, at Selly Oak, on June 27th, was 2 hours 44½ mins., not 3 hours 44½ mins. as stated.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Minor rung at Sroughton, has been sent without any date.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Thursday, January 10th, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 7 mins., composed by T. Marshall of Stockport. E. Mankelov, 1; J. Perkins, jun., 2; J. Smith, 3; G. Smithers, 4; A. Welsh, 5; W. Latter, 6; S. Perkins, sen., conductor, 7; W. Smith, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 14th, at the church of St. Leonard, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Tabrett, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Goodwin (Ashford), 3; G. Denne conductor, 4; E. Verrier, 5; H. Barton, 6. And on Sunday, May 19th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Barton, 1; J. Henley (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; E. Verrier, 3; G. Denne conductor, 4; H. Denne, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt in G.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, June 22nd, for morning service, at the church of St. John, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. Bedwell conductor, 1; T. Deal, 2; E. H. Nixon, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; J. Davis, 6; W. J. Jeffries, 7; J. Law, 8. For evening service, 1260

Stedman Triples. E. H. Nixon, 1; T. Deal, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; E. Richards, 3; W. J. Jeffries, 5; H. Dickens, 6; G. H. Daynes conductor, 7; T. Daynes, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS (Northumberland).—Recently at Christ Church, 336 Stedman Triples. T. Hogg, 1; E. Hern, 2; A. Davison, 3; J. A. Gofton, 4; T. T. Gofton, 5; A. T. Teasdale conductor, 6; A. Tully, 7; A. Lawson, 8. 616 Grandsire Triples. G. Holmes, 1; E. Hern, 2; T. Hogg, 3; T. Teasdale conductor, 4; J. Hern, 5; G. Dex, 6; A. Tully, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On handbells retained in hand, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Hern, 1-2; T. Teasdale conductor, 3-4; T. Hogg, 5-6. 720 Bob Minor. E. Hern, 1-2; T. Teasdale conductor 3-4; T. Hogg, 5-6. Another 720 Bob Minor. T. Teasdale, 1-2; E. Hern, 3-4; T. Hogg conductor, 5-6. Also 420 Grandsire Triples, 360 College Single, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 576 Bob Major.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Hospital Sunday, June 16th, at St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1260 changes in, 51 mins. William Berry, 1; Harry Flanders, 2; Isaac G. Shade, 3; William Foreman, 4; John J. Lamb, 5; Cornelius Charge conductor, 6; Reuben Charge, 7; William Charge, 8; Frederick W. Thornton, 9; Frederick H. Gooch, 10. Rung to welcome the new Vicar of Greenwich, the Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 28th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Allen, 5; S. Radford, 6; J. Hunt, 7; T. W. Radford conductor, 8. Also 543 Stedman Caters. S. Radford, 1; C. Willshire, 2; E. Raddon, 3; J. Grundy, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Hazelden, 6; E. Allen, 7; J. Hunt, 8; T. W. Radford (conductor), 9; R. Roffey, 10. On Sunday, May 5th, for Divine Service, 675 Stedman Caters. T. W. Radford, 1; C. F. Winney conductor, 2; E. Raddon, 3; G. N. Price, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; E. Allen, 6; C. Hazelden, 7; S. Radford, 8; J. Hunt, 9; E. Heather, 10. Also 171 Stedman Caters. On Sunday, May 19th, 240 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Allen, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; S. Radford, 7; J. Hunt conductor, 8. Also 224 in the same method. On Sunday, June 2nd, 504 Stedman Triples. T. W. Radford, 1; J. Hunt, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Raddon, 5; E. Allen, 6; S. Radford conductor, 7; E. Heather, 8. On Sunday, June 22nd, for Divine Service, 540 Grandsire Caters. R. Roffey, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; E. Raddon, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; J. Heathorn, 5; C. Hazelden, 6; S. Radford, 7; G. Woodis, 8; J. Hunt conductor, 9; B. Wickens, 10. Recently for practice, 375 Stedman Caters. T. W. Radford conductor, 1; C. Willshire, 2; E. Raddon, 3; G. Foster, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Hazelden, 6; J. Hunt, 7; S. Radford, 8; F. Blondell, 9; R. Roffey, 10.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTNOR.—On Sunday, May 31st, for Divine Service, 1260 Stedman Doubles. W. Mytton, 1; R. Browning conductor, 2; E. Phillips, 3; T. Williams, 4; H. Winter, 5; T. Mytton, 6. Also on Sunday, June 9th, at Welland, Worcestershire, by the same company, 1260 Stedman Doubles conducted by T. Williams, and 1260 Grandsire Doubles. H. Greenway, 1; R. Browning, 2; E. Phillips, 3; W. Mytton, 4; T. Williams conductor, 5; H. Winter, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURGATE (Suffolk).—On Easter Monday, at the church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Doubles, 300 Grandsire, 240 each of St. Dunstan, Fortune Dream, Morning Star. J. A. Berry, 1; A. Berry, 2; E. Youngs, 3; W. Rose, 4; G. E. Symonds conductor, 5. Also 360 Doubles, being 120 each of Plain Bob, Canterbury, and Grandsire. G. Brown, 1; A. Berry, 2; W. Rose, 3; E. Youngs, 4; G. E. Symonds conductor, 5.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—Recently for practice at the church of St. Andrew 1008 Bob Major. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Gage, 2; R. Haylett, 3; W. Hensley, 4; A. Newson, 5; W. Ringer, 6; W. Killington, 7; J. Woods conductor, 8. Also on handbells in the blacksmith's shop, 720 Bob Minor. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Sage, 2; R. Haylett, 3; J. Woods, 4; F. Day conductor, 5-6. On June 14th, 672 Bob Major. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Sage, 2; W. Hensley, 3; R. Haylett, 4; F. Day, 5; W. Ringer, 6; W. Killington, 7; J. Woods conductor, 8. Also on June 19th, 336 Bob Major. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Sage, 2; R. Haylett, 3; H. Tucker, 4; A. Newson, 5; F. Day, 6; W. Killington, 7; J. Woods conductor, 8. Also 224 Bob Major. W. Hensley, 3; R. Haylett, 6; the rest as before.

WICKHAM SKRITH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday April 10th, for prac-

tice, 720 Woodbine. E. Youngs, 1; T. Davey, 2; G. Kemp, 3; H. Cattermole, 4; F. Potter, 5; G. Cattermole conductor, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Collings, 1; W. Rose, 2; F. Potter, 3; E. Youngs, 4; H. Cattermole, 5; J. Rose conductor, 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, May 12th for evening service at the church of St. Woolos, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples. T. Butler, 1; E. Slater, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. S. Wilson, 4; F. Atwell, 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Trowbridge conductor, 7; J. Pippin, 8.

ARMLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, June 23rd, for morning service at Christ Church, 360 Violet, 144 Oxford, and 72 Kent. C. Lockwood, 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; C. Taylor, 3; Jno. Thackray conductor, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford. Frank Gaunt (first 720), 1; Jos. Thackray conductor, 2; C. Taylor, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, April 21st, at the church of St. Peter de Merton, for morning service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Smith, 1; A. Robinson, 2; F. Lowe, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; C. Robinson, 6. 120 Bob Doubles. C. Findeon, 1; F. Lowe, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; M. Smith, 6. Also three courses of Plain Bob Minor. M. Smith, 1; F. Lowe, 2; C. Findeon, 3; W. Findeon, 4; A. Robinson, 5; W. Stapleton, 6. For evening service, 360 Plain Bob Minor. W. W. West, 1; F. Lowe, 2; W. Stapleton, 3; W. Findeon, 4; C. Findeon, 5; A. Robinson conductor, 6. 60 Grandsire Doubles. M. Smith, 1; A. Robinson, 2; C. Findeon, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; J. Facey, 6. On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. M. Smith, 1; F. Lowe, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; F. Reynolds, 6. 120 Bob Doubles. F. Lowe, 1; M. Smith, 2; C. Findeon, 3; W. Stapleton conductor, 4; W. Findeon, 5; F. Reynolds, 6. For evening service, 240 Plain Bob Minor. W. W. West, 1; F. Lowe, 2; W. Stapleton, 3; W. Findeon, 4; C. Findeon, 5; A. Robinson conductor, 6. 120 Grandsire Doubles. M. Smith, 1; W. W. West, 2; C. Findeon, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; C. Robinson, 6. Tenor 12 cwt in G. On Thursday, May 2nd, at the church of St. Peter, for practice, 720. C. Chasty, 1; W. Barker, 2; C. W. Clark, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton, 5; A. Robinson conductor, 6. First 720 by the ringers of 4th and 5th. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob. W. Findeon, 1; W. Stapleton, 2; W. C. Clark, 3; A. Robinson, 4; W. Barker, 5; C. Chasty, 6. 120 Bob Doubles. W. W. West, 1; M. Smith, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; C. Robinson, 6. 120 Grandsire Doubles, standing as before. First in the method by the ringer of the second. On handbells, a course of Woodbine. W. Findeon, 1; W. Barker, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. Chasty, 4; W. Stapleton, 5; A. Robinson, 6. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob. W. Findeon, 1; W. Stapleton, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Barber, 5; A. Robinson, 6.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, March 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; H. Watson, 2; E. Pryor, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; W. Pryor conductor, 5; C. Pryor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Watson, 1; E. Pryor, 2; C. Pryor, 3; M. Woodcock, 4; W. Pryor conductor, 5; W. H. Pryor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. Miles, 8. On Tuesday, March 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; J. W. Chandler, 3; C. Pryor, 4; W. Pryor conductor, 5; F. Smith, 6; R. Bevan, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; M. Woodcock, 3; C. Pryor, 4; W. Pryor, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. Also for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; J. W. Chandler, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; E. Chapman, 7; C. Pryor, 8. On Tuesday, March 26th, for practice, 324 Grandsire Caters. F. Burrows, 1; C. Pryor, 2; F. Smith, 3; J. W. Chandler, 4; E. Bonfield, 5; M. Woodcock, 6; W. Pryor, 7; W. H. Pryor, 8; R. Bevan conductor, 9. On Sunday, April 7th, for morning service, 404 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; H. Watson, 2; E. Pryor, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; M. Woodcock, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; C. Pryor, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On April 10th, for evening service, and also as a birthday compliment to W. Pryor, 1260 Grandsire Triples. E. Pryor, 1; Alderman Newland, 2; C. Pryor, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; T. Titchener, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On May 14th, for evening service, 475 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; H. Watson, 2; C. Pryor, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; M. Woodcock, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, July 1st, at the church of St. Andrew, 576 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Dubber, 5; T. Holmes, 6; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 7; J.

George composer and conductor, 8. On Sunday, July 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; J. George (composer and conductor), 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Dubber, 5; A. Bramall, 6; T. Holmes, 7; C. Rowbottom, 8. Also for Divine Service in the evening, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; C. J. B. Cooke, 3; A. Coales, 4; A. Bramall, 5; A. Dubber, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (composer and conductor), 8. On Monday, July 8th, 576 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Bramall, 5; A. Dubber, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (composer and conductor), 8.

STONE STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday, June 16th, at the church of St. Giles, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. C. Valentine, 1; R. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; W. Bonham, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley, 6. On Monday, June 17th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Valentine, 1; G. Valentine, sen., 2; R. Valentine, 3; W. Tucker, 4; E. Yates, 5; G. Cowley, 6. Also two 720s Bob Minor. A. Clarke, 1; the rest as before, and conducted by G. Cowley. The 720s were rung as a welcome to Trooper Rogers of the Bucks. Yeomanry, on his return home from the front. On Tuesday, June 25th, 360 Bob Minor. C. Valentine, 1; R. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; W. Bonham, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley conductor, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Clark, 1; G. Valentine, sen., 2; E. Yates, 3; R. Valentine, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley, conductor, 6.

WAKEFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, June 18th, on the occasion of the visit of his grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new addition to the Cathedral, which is being built in memory of the late Bishop, the Cathedral Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. D. Whiting, 1; Jas. Moorhouse, 2; Fred Moorhouse, 3; G. Cheesbro, 4; A. Scott, 5; J. W. Moorhouse, 6; T. L. Moorhouse, 7; J. T. Eason, 8; F. Barker, 9; T. H. Ormond, 10. Composed by A. Knights and conducted by J. W. Moorhouse. Also 1025 with T. H. Ormond, 9; H. Brame, 10; conducted by A. Scott. H. Brame hails from Bradford.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY AND ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF PRESTON AND FELSHAM, SUFFOLK.—The second annual outing of this body took place on Saturday, June 8th, to Stanstead, at which place the visitors arrived by brake, being met there by Messrs. Clark and Smith, of the local band. Two unsuccessful attempts were made for a 700, and then the Rev. — Pearson kindly invited the ringers to partake of refreshments. Another trot of a mile and we were by the side of the last resting-places of some dear old friends of Glemsford, of the well-known name of "Slater." The good old peal of six was raised and 360 of Kent rung. Before leaving Glemsford all were kindly invited to the residence of Mr. F. Wells to partake of his home-brewed beer and "The health of Mrs. and Mr. Wells" was drunk. After another two miles pleasant drive Cavendish Tower was reached. Messrs. Maxim, Underwood, and Thompson greeted us on arrival, and a 720 of Kent was well rung. Then to the nice clean little town of Clare where we arrived at 2 p.m. at The Waggon inn, where awaited us a capital spread. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Kinsey, of Felsham, and the vice-chair by Mr. H. Thompson, of Cavendish. Grace being said, and all supplied, "go" was pronounced once more and all were at it double-handed, doing justice to a grand leg of mutton and a round of splendid salt beef, followed by some beautiful seasonable pies which concluded the changes, and no ringer had to be corrected. The chairman proposed "The health of the King," which was drunk with musical honors. Other toasts included "The Clergy," "The Host and Hostess," and "The health of all Change-Ringers" by the vice-chairman. The health of the chairman" by Mr. T. Levitt, of Hitcham, was drunk with musical honors. Host Davey, who on entering was greeted by singing "He's a jolly good fellow," said it had given him much pleasure to know he had given great satisfaction in providing for the replenishing of the inner man to a large band of ringers, most of whom he had seen for the first time and hoped it would not be the last. He thanked one and all for the hearty manner in which the toast of himself and wife had been drunk. The guests at the dinner included Messrs. G. Maxim, H. Thompson (Cavendish), C. Honeybell and F. Wells (Glemsford). Much regret was felt by all at the absence of Mr. S. Slater who was not in time for dinner, but was enthusiastically welcomed on appearing during the afternoon. Then a walk of two miles to Stoke, where hangs a good musical ring of six, tenor about 15 cwt., which were

raised in readiness, but to the disappointment of all not a lead could be rung through the second rope sticking fast, so we were glad to get back to Clare and ring touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Major. This terminated tower ringing for the day, and after one more social hour the conveyance was brought up and after saying good-bye to our friends, we were leaving and passing the places and good ringers who helped to make our outing a most pleasant and happy one, which will not be forgotten by all for a long time to come. The company wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the steeple-keepers of all the towers for meeting them, also to tender their sincere thanks to the clergy for their kindness and the use of their bells. The visitors were Messrs. T. Hollocks, W. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, E. Newman, H. D. Poulson, and J. Fayers (Preston), T. Levitt (Hitcham), W. Kinsey and H. Gladwell (Felsham), A. Symonds, and H. Symonds (Lavenham). All are members of Preston tower. A. S.

THE SEDBURGH SOCIETY, YORKSHIRE.—The ringers of St. Andrew's, Sedburgh, had their annual outing on Saturday, June 29th. Accepting a kind invitation of the vicar of Hornby (a late curate of Sedburgh), a party of six started from Sedburgh at 9.30, and drove to Hornby. They arrived at 12.30. Luncheon took place at The Castle inn, where they were joined by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, the conductor, and the vicar of Hornby, Rev. E. C. Wilson. Luncheon over, the stables and pounds of Hornby castle were visited, and the old Norman keep ascended, by kind permission of Colonel Foster. They were met at tea by the local ringers. After tea a move was made to the tower, where hangs a ring of six, tenor 11 cwt. The bells were raised in peal by the local men, and then a touch of Bob Minor was rung by the Sedburgh band. After this a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) was rung by a mixed band as follows. G. Smith (Hornby), 1; J. E. Senogles (Sedburgh), 2; J. Eccles (Hornby), 3; W. Pennington (Sedburgh), 4; T. Fisher (Hornby), 5; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor, Sedburgh), 6. A few more touches were rung including some Treble Bob on handbells, by the Sedburgh company. At 6.30 a start was made for home, all arriving back thoroughly pleased with their outing. The ringers take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Rev. E. C. Wilson for his kindness, and hope that he will soon bring his ringers to Sedburgh for a visit.

THE ST. ALPHEGE CANTERBURY SOCIETY.—This company's outing took place on Whit-Monday, the weather being delightful. The party started between 7 and 8 a.m. from Canterbury, and was accompanied by the rector, the Rev. A. Butler. The journey was made through Wingham, leaving Goodnestone on the right, passing through Chillenden to Eythorne. Here, the rector, the Rev. B. Burrows, kindly offered the bells for a short ring for matins, and allowed the party to visit the pretty and interesting church. Then they walked through Waldershare park and visited the church at Waldershare. The rector had kindly given permission to inspect the church, and we beg to thank both the rectors of Eythorne and Waldershare for their great kindness and courtesy. The party then entered the brake and proceeded to Whitfield. Here they rang the handbells at the house of Mr. E. Crundall, who kindly offered hospitality. Proceeding, they stopped at the house of Mr. C. Davison, who had generously provided refreshments for the whole party, of which they gratefully partook. Dover was reached about mid-day, and soon after dinner was served at Messrs. Igglesden and Greaves' restaurant, which was excellent in quality and thoroughly enjoyed after the long drive. In the afternoon touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung on the steel bells of St. James's, and at 6.30 p.m. on the lovely toned peal of eight at St. Mary's. We here beg to thank the rectors of St. James's and St. Mary's for their great kindness in giving us the use of their towers. Canon Bartram's kindness was much esteemed, as he personally showed his interest in his own and our ringers by welcoming us in the friendliest manner. In the afternoon the party dispersed. Some visited the castle, others the harbour works, and others enjoyed a pleasant time on the sea in boats. Tea was served at 5 p.m. and was thoroughly appreciated. At 8 p.m. the party started on their homeward journey and the drive was happy in every way. The return route was by the main road from Dover to Canterbury which was reached about 11 p.m. W. P.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, MARGATE.—On Thursday, June 6th, this society had their first annual outing to Canterbury, via Sandwich. Meeting at the tower at 6.30, a few courses of Grandsire Triples were rung, after which a start was made in a pair-horse brake. Sandwich was the first stopping place. The peal of eight here are in rather a bad state and practically unringable, but after a struggle 168 of Grandsire Triples was brought round. Proceeding to Ash a stop was made and 630 of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following. G. Eves, 1; Rev. A. Brine, 2; C. Player, 3; S. Twyman, 4; G. Willshire, 5; E. E. Foreman, 6; A. H. Saxby, 7; A. Kay, 8. A halt was next made at Wingham, where the dinner was served, after which another start was made. On our arrival at Canterbury a visit was paid to the tower of St. Alphege, where several 120s of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. After a visit to the cathedral tower tea was partaken of at the Beverley tea gardens, after which the neighbouring tower of St. Stephen's church was visited. Here, with a few of the Canterbury ringers an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing about half. Then a 420 of Stedman Triples was rung. E. E. Foreman, 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 2; A. Brett, 3; S. Twyman, 4; F. Brett, 5; A. H. Saxby, 6; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 7; A. Kay, 8. A start was made for home about 9, which was reached soon after 11, all having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE SOUTH WEALD (ESSEX) COMPANY.—On a recent Wednesday the choir and ringers from South Weald went to Hastings for the annual outing. Arriving at Liverpool Street a few minutes after 8 the choir rushed off to Cannon Street, but the ringers lost themselves. When they found themselves they were under the two D's in Bishopsgate Street. On arriving at Cannon Street we found that the choir had gone, but there was another train at 9.18. As soon as the train started the handbells were brought out and several 6-scores of Plain Bob rung. Then a mysterious parcel was taken from the rack and the changes were soon going to the tune of cake and port wine. After dinner at the hotel Monico, we walked to Christ Church, Blacklands, to find two of the local ringers awaiting us and the bells all ready. Then we rang two 6-scores of Plain Bob on the back six and two on the eight with 7-6-8 behind, and two attempts at Grandsire came to grief. Then we had a look at the bells and the inside of the church, which is well worth going to see, and then walked back through the park to the Monico to tea. When we got there we found the choir on the whole looking very white. They had been out in a yacht and the water was a bit rough, but they said they had enjoyed it, so I suppose they did. We reached Brentwood at 10.30 p.m. everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, thanks to our secretary and treasurer the Rev. M. Berkley. In conclusion we wish to thank the vicar of Christ Church, Blacklands, for the use of the bells, and the two local ringers for their kindness in showing us round.

W. R. W.

AN OUTING TO MACCLESFIELD.—On Saturday afternoon, June 22nd, eleven ringers from Stoke-on-Trent visited Macclesfield and Prestbury, where through the kindness of Mr. W. Walmsley permission had been granted for ringing at both towers. Having arrived at Macclesfield they were greeted by Messrs. W. Walmsley and J. Norbury, and it was resolved that Prestbury should be visited first. Messrs. T. and S. Bradley, J. Fylde, J. Shore, and W. Wild, all of Hyde, were waiting to go by the same train to Prestbury. Having arrived there we soon got to work and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung by both parties. We left Prestbury for Macclesfield about 7, where during the evening one course of Stedman Caters was rung and touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob by both the Stoke and Hyde ringers. The Stoke ringers wish to thank Messrs. W. Walmsley and J. Norbury for their kindness, and assure them that should they or any of their brother ringers visit Stoke at any time, they will be sure of a hearty welcome.

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SAMUEL HINDE.

LATE OF RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD; DIED TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH, 1901, AGED 56 YEARS.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above from concussion of the brain caused by the accidental breaking of a grinding stone whilst following his employment as a butcher's blade grinder, he having just hung a stone, and was "racing" it when a piece flew out, inflicting injuries to his head and chest, on May 31st. The funeral took place on Saturday, June 22nd, the first part of the service being held in Ranmoor church. Before leaving the church for Fulwood, where the interment took place, the choir sang hymn 401, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and at the graveside where the Vicar of Fulwood assisted, the Ranmoor choir sang hymn 231, "For ever with the Lord," a large gathering of relatives and friends being present. After the funeral the Ranmoor bells were rang with the bells half-muffled by a mixed company; and also on Sunday morning, June 23rd by the local company. Joining the Ranmoor company in 1883, Mr. Hinde was one of the first to learn half-pull ringing at Ranmoor, continuing an active member until he was appointed verger in 1883, after the church was rebuilt, which duties kept him out of the tower; he was also a life member of the Yorkshire Association. Speaking from the text "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," Ecc. ix., 10, the Vicar (Rev. J. G. Williams), said at the close of his sermon on Sunday morning, June 23rd—"No one who knew the late verger of this church could possibly have failed to have a deep respect for his thorough Christian character, and I do not know that it has ever been my lot to know any man who more earnestly endeavoured to carry out the injunction of my text, and I take this opportunity of bearing my testimony to the faithful, loyal, conscientious manner in which he performed his duties." Deceased will long be remembered in Ranmoor for his kind and charitable disposition. The very night before his death he spent in visiting a sick friend, and in recounting stories of bygone days, his remark—"Never mind, we never did anybody any harm," aptly describes his dealings with others. He leaves a widow and an unmarried family, the oldest of which, another Sam, follows the same trade as his father and grandfather, also Sam, did at the same wheel, situate in Whiteley Wood, one of the few remaining water-wheels which were in days gone by one of the features of rural Sheffield.

S. T.

REV. W. STOCKDALE.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named gentleman, Vicar of Morton, Lincolnshire, which took place on July 1st, at the advanced age of ninety-one. The deceased gentleman had held the living of Morton for thirty-nine years, but during the past few years had done scarcely anything in Church work. He was an honorary member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and one who dearly loved to hear the sound of his bells, always willing to grant permission to any band of ringers, providing church service did not intervene. He was laid to rest in the old churchyard on Thursday, July 5th, amid manifestations of sorrow, nearly the whole village turning out to pay a last tribute to their beloved Vicar. There were numerous wreaths, and flowers of almost every description were strewn on the grave. In the evening 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) was rung with the bells deeply muffled, being a fitting conclusion to a long and noble life. G. Mitchelson, 1; J. Alford, 2; G. Hollis (conductor), 3; A. J. Holmes, 4; A. Allen, 5; C. Fowler, 6.

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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held in St. John's parish room, Devizes, to-day, Saturday, July 13th, to form a branch for the Archdeaconry of Wiltshire and to elect officers. Business meeting immediately after. Bells of St. John's (8), and St. Mary's (6) available.

REV. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Long Street, Devizes.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting, unavoidably postponed from June 29th, will be held at Dunstable, this Saturday afternoon, July 13th.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Halewood, to-day, Saturday, July 13th. The Rector has very kindly offered to entertain members present.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Sudbury.—A district meeting will be held at Clare (p.v.) to-day, Saturday, July 13th. The tower of the parish church will be open to members. Tea at The Bell hotel, at 4 p.m. The Vicar of Clare will take the chair at the tea and subsequent meeting.

H. B. WOOLLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—Inaugural meeting, to-day, Saturday, July 13th, at Wimborne. Short service in the Minster, with address by the Rev. F. H. Fisher, at 4 p.m. Tea at Berry's at 4.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards in Church House. Lady and handbell ringers especially invited. Ringing at the Minster, Canford, Poole, Hinton Martel, and Witchampton.

REV. H. DRAKE, *Branch Secretary.*
Verwood, Wimborne.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held in The King's Arms hotel, St. John's Street, Salisbury, on July 20th, to form the branch for the Archdeaconry of Sarum, and to elect officers. Tea at 4.30, 9d. each to those sending notice by the 17th. Business meeting immediately after. Bells of St. Thomas's (8), and of other church most likely, will be available.

REV. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Long Street, Devizes.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. James's church, Rusholme, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. The Vicar has kindly offered to provide tea in the parish room, at 6 o'clock, and also to preside at the meeting. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Secretary.*
25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of the above Association will take place at Stanmore, on the 20th inst., when it is hoped that the bells of Harrow Weald may also be available. The bells will be raised soon after 4 p.m. Members and their friends are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Rrvencroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Maresfield, on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at The Chequers hotel, at 6 p.m.

Geo. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst, on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open from 3 to 9 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Barnehurst, Bexleyheath.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—West Dorset Branch.—Inaugural meeting on Saturday, July 27th, at Dorchester. Chairman, H. H. Palaret, Esq. (Master), supported by Captain Acland. Tea at St. Peter's institute, at 4.30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Bells at St. Peter (8), St. George's (6) and Charminster (6).

REV. H. DRAKE, *Branch Secretary.*
Verwood, Dorset.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Tong, on Saturday, July 27th. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*
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THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Wednesday, June 19th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo-road, 336 Bob Major. A. G. H. Newman, 1; W. Crookford, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; T. Hendon, 4; B. Batterum, 5; F. G. Perrin, 6; E. H. Oxenham, 7; F. J. Shepherd (first in the method as conductor), 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, June 16th, for thanksgiving service for the S.P.G., by the St. Luke's company, a quarter-peal of Union Triples. F. Fletcher, 1; A. Chadwick, 2; G. Walmsley, 3; J. Satterfield, 4; T. Ashcroft, 5; H. Walmsley, 6; J. Millett (composer and conductor), 7; J. Chadwick, 8.

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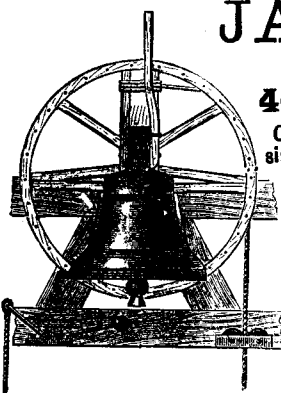
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