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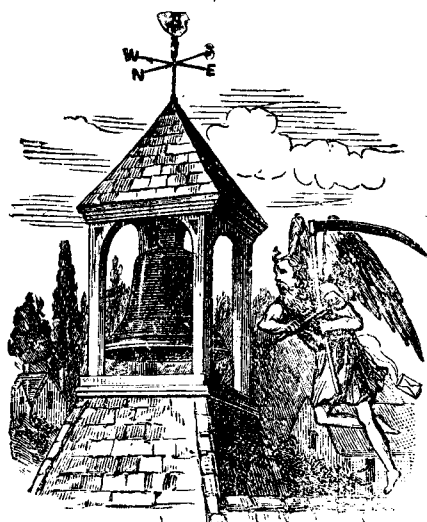
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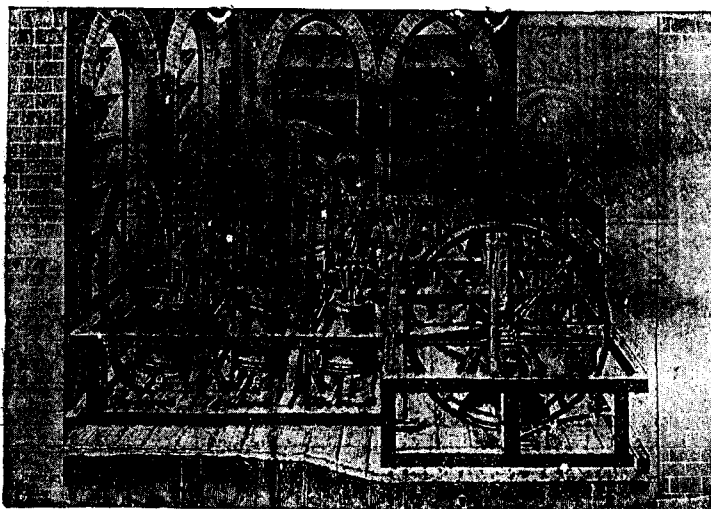
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A REVIEW OF THE BOOKS OF THE NORWICH RINGERS' BENEFIT SOCIETY.

By C. E. BORRETT.

In presenting to the Exercise a few of the interesting items to be found in the above books, I would express my regret, by way of preface, that the earlier records of the Society are lost or have been destroyed.

It is quite patent from the money in hand (£110), shown on the first balance-sheet (for the year 1740), that the Society had then been in existence very many years. The contribution was only 1s. 6d. per quarter, and therefore the saving of £110 must have been a long business.

Two books were kept going at the same time—one containing a list of the Pursers' names and contributions, and also the expenditure (each year being properly balanced up), whilst the other book was a rough statement of the transactions of the Supervisors, who had to attend to the payment of benefit money to sick members.

The earliest of the former kind dates from 1740 and runs to 1825. It is really no better than a batch of leaves torn from their binding. The first page is headed—

Thomas Gardiner,	Headsman.
William Porter,	Feastmakers.
John Ingram,	
John Bland	Supervisors.
Thomas Church	

Immediately following is the entry before-mentioned: "Left in the Treasurer's hands upon bond £110 os. od.," after which comes the total amount of the quarterly contributions of the members. These latter items for many years are entered with the same wording—"Recd. of the Ringers' Society two pounds five shillings for the use of the said society." Following this comes the entry—"Disbursed as per Supervisors' book this year" with the amount, and then the balance struck with the wording "Remain in hand and bond." Below this are given the items of the yearly feast, which as a curiosity, and also to record the price of food in those days, I give exactly as entered:—

	£	s.	d.
For Beef 48 lbs.	1	0	0
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Butter, 1 quart	0	1	2
Bread	0	2	0
Pickles and Pepper	0	1	2½
Porteridge	0	3	0
Tobacco	0	1	7½
Pipes	0	1	0
Servants... ..	0	2	0
Vinegar	0	0	4½

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On the opposite page is a list of the Pursers' names, with columns ruled for their contributions, and a further set of ruled spaces for "Burial Forfeits." In the set of rules published in "THE BELL NEWS" in December, 1900, it will be remembered that each Purser was fined if

he did not attend the funeral of a deceased Purser—hence these burial Forfeits. I have presented the foregoing very fully, as it really is a statement of the manner in which the Society's books have been kept from 1739 up to the present day, and doubtless for many years previous to 1739. I have only now to record any special items which I think may be of interest.

In 1739 there were forty-five Pursers, several bearing names well-known in the early days of change-ringing. Thomas and Edward Crane, Thomas Melchior, John Gardiner, William Porter, Thomas Blofield, and Chris. Beauty are a few of the men who had taken part in the peals of Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and the 12,600 Grandsire Caters, which were rung at Mancroft from 1715 to 1737, and which are familiar to the Exercise through the writings of the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon. In 1742 the number of Pursers had risen to fifty-five, one of the number—Thomas Barrett—being expelled for "receiving money fraudulently." At the feast in this year fifty-eight lbs. of beef was bought at the extraordinary price of 3½d. per lb., and 1½ lbs. of tobacco for 1s. 6d. In 1747 Thomas Melchior was elected assistant headsman to Thomas Gardiner; the latter was evidently either too ill or too old to carry out the duties, as his decease is noted after the Michaelmas contribution. In 1749 occurs "Disbursed towards the law suit £5 os. od." any explanation of which I am unable to offer. In 1762 Joseph Gardiner is fined 1s. for "an affront to ye Society," and in 1784 the most expensive feast in the annals of the Society takes place. The bill for this amounts to £7 8s. 2d., and it is difficult to imagine forty Pursers consuming, amongst other things, 70 lbs. of beef, 38 of mutton, and 78 of veal! In 1785 Robert Chestnutt, of Double Norwich Maximus fame, joined the Society, and in 1791 a split evidently occurred. The funds had sunk to £30, and this sum was shared, I suppose, by the thirty-five Pursers.

A year later thirteen Pursers re-started the club by contributing 15s. each, and the disbursements include "For tankards, pots, books, etc., £1 1s. od." In 1794 liquid refreshment is mentioned in the feast bill for the first time, when £1 3s. 8d. was spent for beer. Up to this time the drink had been shyly entered as "Mr. —'s bill!"

Samuel Thurston was elected a member in 1805, but on October 4th, 1808, in consequence of ringing with a rival company he was unanimously expelled, but "in consideration of his paying a fine of 5s. laid upon him, was declared a member as usual."

A year later Robert Chestnutt was elected Headsman, and in 1815 another division of funds took place, entries shewing that eighteen Pursers received £1 5s. 6d. each. In 1816 twenty-four Pursers started the society again, the handbells, tankards, etc. being paid for as in 1792. On February 5th, 1820, Thomas Barton (the conductor of the first peal on the present ring of twelve) was expelled for breaking the 9th article, but in consideration of his advanced age, the Society agree to admit him as a member again at the expiration of two months from the date thereof." Barton died the following year, and the

same page records that "Peckover Hill was elected Headsman in place of Robert Chestnutt, who was too unwell to perform the duties of the office." The last entry in this, the oldest book of the Club, is under date 1824.

The book which was used by the Supervisors for the entry of their benefit money and sundry expenses runs from 1748 to 1829. It fastens with brass clasps and has a label on the outside with "Norwich Ringers Supervisors book of Accompts 1787" printed upon it. Why the book is labelled 1787 when it really begins in 1745 is too deep a matter for me. In it the sick members names are entered weekly, with the amount of their benefit moneys, and also any expenses connected with the burial of a deceased member. Any space left on each page has been used for pricking touches, leads of some unknown methods, and entries of peal performances. Thus: on the inside of the cover is a detailed account of the peal rung at the opening of Helmingham bells in 1816, ending with the footnote "135 ringers dined together in the park." Touches of Treble Bob Major and Royal are pricked in plenty, one 1440 of Royal appearing several times. It is rather curious—from rounds call 2 bobs, and then 2 plain leads, eight times repeated. The old Norwich company I have understood, liked to have the bells pulled about and parted, and I should think this touch would meet with their approval.

In nearly every year, before the feast, an amount of 2s. is charged for "scouring the tankerds," and in 1764 occurs "Paid for two tankerds and engraving £2 10s. od." In 1770 8s. is charged for mending the articles, and the same year the funeral expenses of William Porter (the inventor of Double Norwich) are entered as costing the Society £3 18s. 6d. Business transactions only are entered until the year 1821, when Thomas Hurry and Thomas Burrell are thanked for "presenting the Society with four quart and two half-pint pewter pots, handsomely engraved and corresponding with the gallon tankerd and half-pint pots." A page or two further on is recorded the composition, and the band who rang the 6880 Oxford Treble Eight, containing the 120 course-ends, at Alburgh, in 1827. On the opposite page is a record of the original peal of Treble Bob rung on handbells, conducted by Elijah Mason, and in which the late Henry Hubbard rang 3-4. Expensive feasts had been the rule for some years—the drink bill having increased considerably. In 1826 ninety-four pots of ale and porter, costing £2 9s. 4d., were consumed, and in 1827 108 quarts for £2 14s. Anyone interested in aerated waters will be glad to know that in the latter year the entry appears for the first time "nine bottles of pop 2s. 3d"! In 1829 (the last page of the book) the feast bill is added incorrectly, the ale and porter being charged 2s. 10d. instead of £2 10s.

The third and last book is the one now in use. It has also brass corners and clasps, and is labelled "Norwich Ringers Purse Book Anno 1734," although like the supervisors book before mentioned, it does not begin until 1831. This book was evidently begun after another split in the club (the third I have noticed) as the first two entries are under date January 1st, 1831: "Paid for box, books, handbells, tankerds, balloting box, and hammer, bell-shape, £3; Paid bill for articles, 13s. 10½d." Thirteen pursers' names are written, each subscribing 20s., with Peckover Hill as Headsman. In 1841 Samuel Thurston's funeral expenses are entered:—

"Paid the Widow, £3; Bearers, 12s.; Warning the Society, 2s.; Beer and Tobacco, 19s. 7d.; Bumbling the Bells, 2s."

Henry Hubbard was elected a member in December,

1841, and a year later is recorded the gift of £5 to the churchwardens of St. Michael at Coslany for replacing the 5th bell. The money was taken from the stock, and was to be refunded by "expending only half the sum allowed by the articles for the feast annually." The resolution is signed by the Headsman and twenty-four pursers—five of whom signed their mark only.

On February 8th, 1844, £4 10s. was expended on a feast to celebrate the 7126 Stedman Cinques rung in January of that year. Nine months later, when the club was worth £56 12s. 1d., it was again dissolved, the members sharing £2 each. It was restarted the following February, £21 being contributed by the Pursers, and 21s. 9s. paid for enrolment of the articles. Another split occurred in 1854, an entry of January 7th of that year, signed by the Treasurer, saying: "It is agreed to dissolve the Society and share the moneys and property belonging thereto according to the thirteenth article." Three days after the following occurs: "January 10th, 1854. It was agreed to by the following persons, whose names are undersigned to form ourselves into a Society or Club as well for the Improvement of the Science of Campanalogia, as for raising and establishing a fund for the mutual relief and assistance in sickness under the rules and regulations of our printed articles." This is signed by ten members who paid in £17 10s. Since this date the Club has been continuous, and it is only fair to remark, in passing, that these numerous dissolutions were only carried out to rid the club of some member who had proved obnoxious, but who had not really made himself liable to expulsion through the breaking of any of the articles. One or two of the older members of our present company can remember such instances. In 1866 the first audit is noted, and in 1878 a statement of accounts is entered, when the total worth of the Society was £95 2s. 5d. To members of the Norwich Diocesan Association the election of the Rev. G. H. Harris, on July 7th, 1877, will be an item of interest. Two or three matters of interest remain, and these are entered on various leaves, irrespective of date, and I will close by quoting one or two of them. "December 2nd, 1837. It was agreed by a majority of this Society belonging to St. Peter's of Mancroft ringers that any person belonging to the said company that wish to go to London at the opening of the Spitalfields bells should be allowed to draw two pounds from the stock by giving proper security, and paying 5 per cent. interest for the use thereof, and it was agreed that Thomas Hurry should take half the money out of every ringing job until the said money be paid."

"October 3rd, 1840. Christopher Cropley was admitted a member of this Society on condition that he is not to receive any relief if afflicted with the King's Evil, as a report to that effect has been mentioned in the Society, but he denies having any such complaint."

"May 2nd, 1829. Samuel Thurston was expelled from this Society for improper conduct, and at the same time the Society agreed to give him his share of the stock."

"December 6th, 1835. Samuel Thurston was admitted a member of this Society by the unanimous consent of the whole of the members present."

On another page Thomas Burrell declares his last will and testament, and appoints Robert Burrell to manage his funeral. He gives him authority to receive the £5 from the Society "To provide a decent funeral, and also a good gravestone to my memory."

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A RINGERS' HOLIDAY.

"Be here by one o'clock on Sunday, August 4th," and accordingly I found myself at No. 50, Connaught Road, Reading, preparatory to starting for a few days' ringing tour.

Reach Witney in time to ring for evening service was the order, and punctually at 4.20 p.m. Mr. F. Hopgood and myself with our bikes aboard steamed out of Reading station for Oxford, due 5.10.

Eleven miles in a head-wind via Eynsbam, and Witney was reached just as the evening services commenced, being too late to ring. Here we were taken in hand by Mr. J. Monk, who piloted us round for a stroll, pointing out the various blanket factories, etc., after which we were glad to retire, as a busy day was before us on the morrow. Up betimes, and having partaken of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's hospitality in the shape of a substantial breakfast, we were soon in the tower, the bells raised in peal, and a touch of Stedman and a course of Bob Major rung. Here in the well-kept ringing-room the "Marblette" peal-tablets are a speciality.

We were now augmented, and set off, a party of six, on cycles for Appleton, the home of ringing, nine miles distant, the spin in the fresh morning air being much enjoyed by all. Here we found Messrs. Lilley and Co.—the remainder of the band. Slight refreshments, and then to the tower where a peal of Treble Bob Major was attempted, which collapsed after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins. "Clinking ringing, my boys; and you ought to have scored" was the verdict of those well able to judge. In the evening ten of us again stood in for Grandsire Caters, and here in 3 hrs. 25 mins. what would have been a creditable peal, was marred by the tenor setting his bell soon after the half-way.

Before retiring it was decided to attempt a peal of Bob Major the next morning at 5 a.m., and for 2 hrs. everything went like clockwork, when "stand" was called, thinking a change-course had occurred, but it was afterwards found all were in proper coursing order. However 8.30 saw us all seated round the breakfast table at The Plough inn previous to leaving for Drayton. Here let me say every change-ringer on a visit to Appleton should certainly see the tomb of the late Alfred White, a great ringer and musician in his day. As a send-off a course of Triples was rung on handbells by F. Tubb, 1-2-3-4; R. White, 5-6-7-8. Wishing our friends good-bye, a spin of seven miles, being joined on the road by Mr. Powell coming from Witney, and then "Gentlemen, this is Drayton: luncheon is ready" from the worthy Master, put us in good spirits, after which in 2 hrs. 49 mins. a capital peal of Stedman was tapped off on these famous bells. In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at St. Helen's, Abingdon, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 10 mins. A social chat occupied an hour or so, and at 11 p.m. we separated, two of us mounting our bikes for Reading, twenty-six miles distant, 50, Connaught Road being safely reached about 1.30 a.m. Here the inner man was refreshed, and I set out the remaining nine miles to Waltham St. Laurence (headquarters) in the "wee sma" hours of the morning.

Wednesday, August 7th, was spent in a boating excursion on Father Thames, alighting in the evening at Caversham Bridge, where the tones of Double Norwich could be heard floating from St. Mary's, Reading. Thursday, August 8th, found me making tracks for Englefield, fifteen miles. Here the pretty village was all *en fete*, being the occasion of the Rector's eldest daughter's marriage. After a good tea with the choir and local ringers, six of us made our way to the tower, where in 2 hrs. 43 mins., 5040 of Bob Minor was tapped off.

On Saturday, August 16th, Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples was brought round at St. Michael's, Tilehurst, in 3 hrs. 5 mins., and a rough job it was, some of the bells going like houses. May this beautiful ring of eight soon boast a new frame is no doubt the wish of many a ringer who has "had some" there.

This finished the programme so far as ringing was concerned, Sunday being spent quietly, and on Monday evening my holiday reached its climax. Although some of the peal attempts were not successful what matter. Old friends were met, and new acquaintances made. Many thanks to all who helped to make the outing so enjoyable. Would that every ringer could command once in a year such a time as fell to the lot of

WILLIAM HORNE.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Sunday morning, March 24th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 48 mins. A. S. Ough, J. Aldridge, W. Meaton, C. Charge, J. Crombie, G. Thrussell, R. Charge, W. T. Elson, W. Charge, R. Burgess. Composed by W. T. Elson and Conducted by J. Aldridge. This was also rung as a compliment to the conductor who is leaving shortly for South Africa, he having joined the Cape Mounted Police, and at its conclusion, the Master of the Society (Mr. J. W. Driver), referred to Mr. Aldridge's six years constant attention to his duties as a ringer, and in wishing him every success in his new calling begged his acceptance on behalf of the society of a silver watch chain with ringer's badge and match-box, the latter bearing the following inscription: "The All Saints (Fulham) Society. Presented to J. Aldridge, 1901, as a slight token of their esteem."

Mr. Aldridge, in responding, thanked his fellow-ringers for their present, which had taken him completely by surprise, and said that whenever he had been ringing he had always looked upon Fulham as his home, and hoped in later years to have the pleasure of meeting his brother-strings at Fulham again. E.

[We regret that this report has been so long overlooked.—ED.]

QUEX PARK, ISLE OF THANET.

On Saturday evening, August 3rd, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, by the kind permission of P. H. G. Powell Cotton, Esq., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Leon Willshire, who was interred in Birchington churchyard the Wednesday previous. Deceased had been a member of the Quex Park Company for about twenty years. The following were the performers: T. B. Reed, A. H. Sayer, A. H. Saxby, T. B. Reed, jun, H. Castle, C. Player, G. Willshire, conductor, and E. Verrier.

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Obituary.

JAMES WILLAM LINES.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of one of the most respected members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich. Mr. Lines passed away on Thursday August 8th, in his thirty-fourth year, and was interred in Ipswich cemetery on Tuesday, August 13th. Some fourteen years ago the deceased contracted a severe cold, which developed itself upon the whole system. To show their appreciation of Mr. Lines ten members of the above society met on Saturday, August 10th, and attempted a peal of Stedman Caters with the bells half-muffled. W. Roughton, J. Motts, W. L. Catchpole, H. C. Gillingham, R. H. Brundle, S. Cornish, W. Wiffen, W. Motts, C. Jackson (conductor), A. Gillingham. The deceased rang very few peals owing to failing health, his most notable performance being two peals in one day, and the other that he was proud of was being umpire for the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 16,608 changes, at Debenham on Whit-Monday, June 6th, 1892, in 10 hrs. 32 mins. He was quiet, unassuming, honest almost to a fault, well-liked by his colleagues and all ringers that knew him.

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Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—Referring first of all to my letter of last week, I should like to complete the historical survey of the word "Method" by the two following quotations, being the titles of two books, one published and the other shortly to be published.

GRANDSIRE: *The Method, its Peals, and History.* STEDMAN: *The Principle, its Peals, and History.* The second is copied from an advertisement in the last edition of *Standard Methods*. From this it will be seen that up to the present day the difference between Method and Principle is maintained whenever anyone begins to write about Stedman.

And now let us turn to the scientific side of the question. About five years ago I began to study the principles of method-building, and was led to ask the question why most systems of changes were called Methods, and yet Stedman was always called Stedman's Principle, and then naturally I compared Stedman's Principle with Shipway's Principle to see what they had in common, which caused Shipway to call his system a Principle and not a Method, for it is evident that he did so because he considered that it ought to be classed with Stedman. At first sight we should be inclined to compare the four-bell work of Shipway with the three-bell work of Stedman, but a little consideration will show that this comparison breaks down at once, the essence of Stedman's three-bell work is its completeness; not only does he use all the possible changes to be had upon three bells at once, but he produces them in the only possible two ways in which they can be produced, whereas Shipway only uses eight changes on four bells out of a possible twenty-four, and he produces his eight changes in only two different ways when other ways are possible.

Secondly we may compare the work of one bell in Stedman with one bell in Shipway, and we find again that they are very different. Thirdly, someone might suggest the continuous dodging behind, but this occurs in Treble Bob and many other systems.

There is then only one similarity left, and that is the fact that every bell in Stedman does the same work, and every bell in Shipway also does the same work; whereas in every other system practised at the time the bells in use were divided into two groups, hunts and working bells.

Before we compare these two groups let us enlarge our field of view by looking at other members of each group.

Stedman, Shipway, Duffield, Forward, and a new system on five bells published some time ago by Mr. John Carter, are all alike in this one feature, all the bells in each system respectively do the same work; but there is yet another system which conforms to this rule, and that the oldest of all (except single changes), the plain hunt system, in which every bell leads a whole pull, hunts across and lies a whole pull behind.

Shipway's system divides naturally into eights, Stedman and Duffield into sixes, Forward into fours, and Plain hunt into twos.

A bob in each of these is made in exactly the same way, and also a single, and they form a complete group different from anything else which has yet been published, but a group which has grown recently and probably will grow again.

What are we to call the members of this group? I answer each one is a Principle, for in each one only one principle is involved, represented by the work of any one bell, because all the bells work by one principle only.

Let us now turn to the other group; it consists of a great variety of systems. Plain Hunt Systems, Treble Bob Hunt Systems, Alliance Hunt Systems, but they have one distinguishing mark in common, they all involve the methodical arrangement of two principles, and hence are more complex in their nature than the first group.

E.G. Compare Plain Hunt Minor with Bob Minor. In Plain Hunt Minor every bell follows a similar path, the Plain Hunt. But in Bob Minor one bell follows the Plain Hunt Path, while the other five bells follow the Grandsire Bob Path, one bell rings Plain Hunt Principle while five bells ring Grandsire Bob Principle, and this combination constitutes the Plain Bob Minor Method.

Again compare Plain Hunt Triples with Grandsire Triples. In Plain Hunt Triples all the bells ring Plain Hunt Principle;

in Grandsire Triples two bells ring Plain Hunt Principle, and Five Bells ring Grandsire Bob Principle, and this constitutes the Grandsire Method.

To go a step further: In last week's "BELL NEWS" the Leytonstone ringers have produced a six-bell system (I do not say method because I do not think that a true 720 can be obtained), but assuming that it can, this system is founded upon Forward Principle. Let us compare it with Forward Minor (in which no 720 can be had).

In Forward Minor all six bells ring Forward Principle; in Leytonstone Minor one bell rings Forward Principle, and Five bells ring Leytonstone Principle.

To go another step: take Duffield Major, write out a plain course, and when the treble leads her whole pull and the bells should come round, make 2nds place and let the other bells dodge. This gives us a method having seven leads, each equal in length to a course of Duffield Major. It is in fact made from Duffield, as Bob Major is made from Plain Hunt Major.

To go one more step. Take Stedman Caters. Let us construct a Method upon Stedman's Principle on nine bells in the same manner as Grandsire Caters is constructed upon Plain Hunt Caters.

Now in Plain Hunt Caters every bell has a Plain Hunting Course, and so when the second turns the Treble from the Lead ninth's place is made, we get Grandsire Caters by making 3rds instead of ninths.

In Stedman Caters when the second (in slow) turns the treble (in quick) off the lead, 3rds place is made, therefore we can get a method by making ninths instead of thirds, thus—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7	
2	4	1	6	3	8	5	9	7
4	2	6	1	8	3	9	5	7
2	4	6	8	1	9	3	7	5

Six-end

etc. Stedman Caters. Until the 2nd (in slow) turns the treble (in quick) from lead when 9ths is again made instead of 3rds.

At the end of the course of Stedman the bells run out 124638597 the first lead-end, and so the leads come up in the reverse order to Grandsire, but the same lead-ends, the course containing seven leads and 756 changes, make 5ths instead of thirds for a Bob when the treble takes the lead in quick, and 3rd, 4th, and 5th for a single.

(These last two methods are simply given here for comparison; they have neither of them been examined, but it seems probable that peals can be composed in either of them, and the peal of Caters would take ringing).

And now let me illustrate the difference between Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.

Stedman Doubles is like a workshop in which five men are at work; they are all capable of doing the same kind of work, they have all invested the same amount of capital in the business, and they are all entitled to an equal share of the profits moreover (Stedman being complicated) they are all five clever workmen.

Grandsire Doubles is like a workshop in which there are three men at work, who are all capable of doing the same work, have all an equal share of the business, and all an equal share of the profits, and with them are two apprentices.

Compare the two; the first from a point of view of skill is the most complicated; but socially the second is the most complicated; in the first all is equal, in the second we have sub-division of labour.

Therefore we conclude that "A Principle" is a system of changes in which all the bells employed work on one of the same principle, while a method is a system of changes in which the bells are divided into two groups, each of which groups works upon its own principle, so that two principles are involved.

I propose to go on next week to consider what rules have been laid down by the Exercise in the past for each of those groups, and so to see what constitutes a Principle and what constitutes a Method for the Exercise. This will lead us to the words of the Report as presented to the last meeting of the Central Council, and pave the way for the improvement of the Report so that it may become of practical use in encouraging the performance of peals of true merit and in the banishment from the Exercise of the many mongrels which have from time

to time been foisted upon it, and on the performance of which much time has been wasted, which might have been better spent for the good of the Science.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—I should like with your permission to say a few words about the subject raised by the Rev. H. L. James in this week's "BELL NEWS." Ever since the Committee on Legitimate Methods was appointed, of which both Mr. James and myself are members, the use of the term "method" has been a question of dispute between us. Briefly Mr. James' position is this: that, scientifically only those systems in which the working bells revolve round one or more trebles are to be called "methods," the rest—Stedman, Duffield, Forward, etc.—are to be called "principles." On the other hand I have maintained that there is no authority for this restriction of the term, and have referred to the two classes of systems as "treble-dominated" and "non-treble-dominated" respectively. Now be it observed that there is no question of facts in dispute, only a question as to the proper use of the term "method." We are agreed as to the structural differences between the two classes of systems, it is only when Mr. James comes to name them that I object. Mr. James has defended his position by an appeal to the historical use of the term "method," and states that the ancients never used it for other than the treble-dominated systems, and that though the term is now used in the same way as Shipway uses "system" it is done so loosely, and even now no one speaks of the "Stedman method" as one does of the "Grandsire method." Surely that proves no more than that title the author gave it still sticks to it and that it would be grammatically absurd to speak of the "Stedman's Principle" method. When Stedman named his system I imagine that what he had in his mind was that here was a method founded on a principle totally different to the principles (I use the word in its everyday sense) of all other methods. So he called it Stedman's Principle. But I see no justification for the inference that therefore he did not consider it a "method." "Shipway's Principle," both in form and in name, is so obviously an imitation of Stedman's Principle that it adds no further weight whatever to Mr. James' argument. The only case in which so far as I know an attempt has been made to give a technical meaning to the word "principle" is in Heywood's "Duffield," where Sir Arthur describes it as an "arrangement by which the course of the bells is altered in the plain course." This is entirely opposed to Mr. James' view. The late Jasper Snowden wrote several ringing books, some elementary, some highly technical, but throughout he has always used the word "method" as including what Mr. James would call "principles"; and you cannot read any book or article on ringing without coming across the term used in the same comprehensive sense. But perhaps the most striking example is that the Central Council, which is presumably composed of or at least contains experts in the theory of ringing, appointed the very committee of which we are members to define legitimate methods and deliberately included not only "treble-dominated" systems but "non-treble-dominated" systems as well. Therefore there can be no doubt whatever that at the present day the term "method" is universally used and understood (not only in the loose phraseology of the belfry, but also in strict technical language) in its most comprehensive sense. Yet Mr. James on the authority of a strained view of Fabian Stedman's intentions would have the Committee advocate the restriction of its use to only a part of the systems. Surely it would be better rather to adopt new names altogether than to set ourselves to undo the process by which time has made the word mean what it does now. We should not succeed, but we should succeed in creating confusion and in adding to the tangle of terms which is now being slowly unravelled. And what should we gain? Merely the return to the meaning of a term which, if it ever possessed it has long since outgrown. Truly a poor compensation for handicapping our report with a term which would be to the uninformed members of the Exercise a stumbling block, and to the well-informed foolishness.

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SUSSEX RINGERS IN KENT.

It having been the wish of Mr. C. Tribe, a well-known Sussex man and an enthusiastic change-ringer, now residing at Tenterden, that some of his brother-strings from Sussex should pay a visit to Tenterden and attempt a peal upon the splendid ring of eight at St. Mildred's, a small party, comprising Messrs. Geo. Williams, F. Bennett, and R. J. Dawe, of Brighton; A. Turner of Lewes; and S. Saker of Hastings, arranged to meet at Tenterden on Saturday, the 3rd instant, for a short ringing tour in the neighbourhood, during which four peals were to be attempted, viz.: at Tenterden, Rolvenden, Appledore, and Rye, with the assistance of local ringers. The residence of Mr. Tribe was the place of meeting, and each member upon arrival found a most excellent meat tea awaiting him, which was much appreciated after their long and dusty journey, Mr. Williams having cycled from Brighton (56 miles), Mr. Turner from Lewes (about 40 miles), Mr. Pitman from Lyminge (24 miles), while Messrs. Bennett and Dawe walked from Rye (10 miles).

Tea comfortably over, tracks were made for the tower, and after the usual preliminaries of adjusting ropes, etc., "go" was called for Bob Major, Mr. Edwards kindly taking the treble. Unfortunately the attempt was a failure owing to an unexpected trip after ringing 1 hr. 55 mins. The bells were left up with the view of obtaining permission to ring for the morning service.

By the kind invitation of Mr. R. Edwards the party adjourned to his residence, where an excellent supper was found to be in readiness, and it goes without saying that the various courses were brought to a successful termination, Mr. Edwards exerting himself to the utmost to add to the enjoyment of the guests, and his generous hospitality was much appreciated, especially his forethought in seeing every one safely housed for the night.

The visitors were much disappointed in the morning to find that their request to ring for service had been refused, and that they could not be allowed to ascend the tower.

On Sunday afternoon the party went to Rolvenden (3 miles), where they rung an excellent peal of Stedman Triples (already recorded), then an enjoyable tea, provided by Mr Burden.

The next item on the programme being a peal at Appledore, starting-time 8.30 a.m. on Monday, it was thought well to make the journey overnight. Breakfast at 8 a.m. at the residence of Mr. G. Johnson was the order, and a full band of eight were in due course comfortably seated around Mr. Johnson's breakfast-table, and having every attention paid them by Mrs. and Miss Johnson, even to the administering of a dose of medicine to one of the party who was unfortunately indisposed.

A start was made for the first peal of Stedman on the Appledore bells, and successfully accomplished, and has been recorded in this paper. Afterwards Mr. Johnson's residence was again visited, and a sumptuous meal enjoyed by all. This over farewell was said to all good friends at Appledore, and a start made for Rye, where all having safely arrived, and inspected the interior of the interesting old church dedicated to St. Mary, and viewed the harbour and surrounding country from the top of the tower, the last peal of the tour was rung, being the first peal of Major on the bells. The Vicar (Rev. A. J. W. Crosse) was the first person in the belfry to congratulate the ringers on their success.

An adjournment was then made to Ye Old Bell, the proprietor, Mr. Seers, being a member of the local band, and a most comfortable tea, prepared by Mrs. Seers, was thoroughly enjoyed previous to the separation of the company. Every one seemed to have enjoyed the tour, and all were satisfied with the success achieved, in ringing three peals out of four attempts, under the conductorship of Mr. George Williams. One and all desire through the medium of this paper to again thank those who did so much to make the tour enjoyable, and especially Mrs. and Miss Johnson; Messrs. Tribe, Edwards, Johnson, Burden, and Seers; and to the various incumbents for the use of the bells.

OTTERY ST. MARY.—On Tuesday, August 13th, at the Collegiate church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Empress Frederick. F. Stuckey (first quarter-peal), 1; J. H. Godfrey, 2; J. Fisher (first quarter-peal), 3; W. H. Godfrey, 4; H. R. Channon, 5; J. E. Baker, 6; A. E. Pike conductor, 7; J. Lovering, 8.

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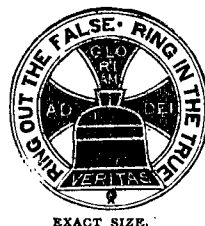
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1901.

ERECTION OF A MEMORIAL TABLET AT ST. MATTHEW'S, WALSALL.

A tablet recording a peal of Stedman Caters rung with the bells muffled in memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria has been placed in the above tower, the churchwardens paying all expenses. It is made of "marblette," by Messrs. Caspar and Co., and is a beautiful piece of work, the Royal Arms standing out prominently and in colours, together with the gold letters, make it worthy of the occasion. Those who took part in the above peal should take the opportunity of paying us a visit and see the above, which would repay them for the trouble. We should be pleased to see any friends either on Wednesday nights at eight o'clock, or on Sunday mornings at ten o'clock, or any other ringers who are about to erect tablets for the above, as these tablets are to be specially recommended.

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A BANKERS' PEAL.

It is proposed to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples on Saturday, September 28th, in Bristol, the ringers to be composed of bank men only. The following have, so far, offered to take part: 1. Mr. F. E. Ward (conductor), Lloyd's Bank, Ltd., Cheltenham; 2. Mr. W. W. Gifford, Wilts. and Dorset Bank, Ltd., Salisbury; 3. Mr. G. R. Plummer, Wilts. and Dorset Bank, Ltd., Pokesdown; 4. Mr. P. W. Davies, National Provincial Bank, Ltd., Lichfield; 5. Mr. T. T. Hayward, Stuckey's Bank, Ltd., Midsomer, Norton; 6. Mr. F. S. Wilson, The Capital and Counties' Bank, Ltd., Abergavenny; 7. Mr. J. D. Manley, The Naval Bank, Totnes.

It is hoped that this notice will come before another ringing banker, and that he will offer to take part in the peal, and communicate with F. S. Wilson, The Capital and Counties' Bank, Ltd., Abergavenny.

THE CHURCH CONGRESS.—The Church Congress will be held this year at Brighton on the first four days of October. It is announced in connection therewith that Sir ARTHUR HEYWOOD, Bart., M.A., will read a paper on Bells, Bellringing, and Bell Ringers.

The Provinces.

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On Tuesday, August 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED. G. MAYTreble.	*WILLIAM SOMERVILLE .. 6.
JOHN THOMAS2.	*JAMES RICHMOND 7.
ALBERT STOWELL* 3.	GEORGE T. DALTRY 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	*WILLIAM STOWELL 9.
HENRY T. HOWELL* 5.	WILLIAM A. CAVETenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

Rung muffled as a mark of respect to the Empress Frederick, Princess Royal of England. *First peal of Stedman. This completes the four Standard Methods rung since July 13th, 1901, by the young members of the St. Nicholas band.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES CASHTreble.	JOSEPH POTTER5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR* 2.	HENRY SHUKER6.
FRANK SMITH3.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 7.
JOHN POTTER4.	HARRY CHAPMANTenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

*First peal in the method.

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On Wednesday, August 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

F. PHILIPS*Treble.	F. M. STEWART5.
T. G. BENNETT2.	J. J. BRISTOW6.
C. FORFITT3.	C. W. GOODENOUGH 7.
E. WATERS4.	T. BELBENTenor.

Conducted by C. W. GOODENOUGH.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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GEORGE STUART, SEN. ..Treble.	EDWARD LESTER5.
ALEXANDER TAILVOUR 2.	ISAAC MYERS6.
JOHN HUGHES3.	JAS W. WASHBROOK 7.
ANDREW STUART4.	ANDREW BLACKTenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

The above peal was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Empress Frederick.

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On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

ERNEST BRUCETreble.	CHARLES GILES5.
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ARTHUR W. PIKE4.	FRANK HOPGOODTenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. HOPGOOD.

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

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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A. EDWARD WREAKS 3.	JOSEPH POTTER7.
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On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

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JOHN J. MAWBY4.	THOMAS R. HENSHERTenor.

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS and Conducted by T. R. HENSHER

Rung on the occasion of the marriage at the above church of Horace Hazeldine, of Irthlingboro', to Miss Ellen Beetson, of Higham Ferrers. The composition will be found in the Central Council Appendix, 1895, page 84.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER G. WESTTreble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
JOHN W. BARKER2.	EDWARD READER6.
WALTER SEAR3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 7.
HARRY SEAR*4.	VALENTINE SEARTenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

*First peal as conductor. Messrs. Clarke and Barker hail from Bedford; Reader from Stockport; Freeman from Olney; West from Sherrington; the rest belong to Bletchley.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON Treble.	JOHN W. THOMPSON 5.
HARRY WHITTLE 2.	TOM ALTON 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 3.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH 7.
JOHN H. GRUNDY 4.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

JAMES LIVERMORE Treble.	SYDNEY SAKER 5.
FREDERICK LOCK 2.	WILLIAM J. THOMAS 6.
ALBERT E. BARROW 3.	WALTER FRANKS 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS 4.	WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns on its completion. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, hail from Blacklands, Hastings.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON, MANCHESTER, AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Monday, August 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt

HENRY CHAPMAN Treble.	*THOMAS WALLWORK 6.
JOHN EACHUS 2.	*JOHN POTTER 7.
ROBERT DAVIES* 3.	*JOSEPH POTTER 8.
REV. H. J. ELSEE 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 9.
FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE 5.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD and
Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

*First peal of Royal. This is Richard Ridyard's 100th peal, a list of which will be found on another page.

PEAL ADDITION.—The peals rung at Woodstock and Appleton and reported last week were Oxford Diocesan Guild peals.

Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY.—On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service at Christ Church, 600 Oxford. C. Taylor, 1; J. Peacock, 2; Jos. Thackray conductor, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. For evening service 240 Oxford. Jos. Thackray, 1; J. Peacock, 2; C. Taylor, 3; W. Walker, 4; Jno. Thackray, 5; J. Heckington, 6. Also 240 Violet and 144 Kent. Jos. Thackray conductor, 1; W. Walker, 2; C. Taylor, 3; others as in the morning.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On February 10th, at St. Sidwell's church, 1259 Grandsire Caters. E. Searle, 1; W. Drake, 2; F. Davey, 3; C. Carter, 4; A. W. Searle, 5; W. Richardson, 6; E. Shepherd conductor, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; J. Richards, 10. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Searle, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; E. Shepherd conductor, 4; T. Mudge, 5; F. Davey, 6; J. Moss, 7; E. Sargent, 8. On February 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Mudge, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; W. Richardson, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Davey conductor, 7; J. Richards, 8. On February 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Searle, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; J. Vanstone, 4; A. W. Searle, 5; E. Shepherd conductor

6; F. Davey, 7; T. Roberts, 8. On February 18th, three courses of Bob Minor. E. Searle, 1; J. Vanstone, 2; C. Carter, 3; A. W. Searle, 4; E. Shepherd conductor, 5; J. Moss, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING.—On Sunday morning, February 17th, for Divine Service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. E. Cottis (first quarter-peal), 1; E. G. Fenn, 2; J. Cottis, 3; C. Fenn conductor, 4; G. W. Faulkner, 5; A. J. T. Carter, 6; R. Fenn, 7; A. C. Hardy composer, 8. First quarter-peal ever rung by all natives of the parish, and was rung to commemorate the consecration of the Rev. T. L. Stevens as Suffragan Bishop of Barking.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, February 10th, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. W. Wheeldon, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. Preston, 3; G. Clarkson, 4; W. Twigg conductor, 5; C. Preston, 6. On Tuesday, February 12th, 720 Cumberland Exercise. W. Twigg, 2; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; D. Preston conductor, 6. On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 720 Morning Exercise. J. Preston, 1; W. Twigg conductor, 6; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Imperial Treble Bob. On Sunday, February 24th, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. For evening service 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. W. Twigg, 1; J. Preston, 3; D. Preston conductor, 6; the rest as before.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH.—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service at St. Leonard's church, 408 Stedman Triples. J. W. Howard, 1; H. S. Baker, 2; J. Elcock, 3; E. Foxall, 4; B. Head, 5; J. E. Overton, 6; J. Overton, 7; H. Jones, 8. Also 210 Oxford Bob Triples. On Sunday evening, March 17th, 168 Grandsire, 408 Stedman, and 96 Oxford Bob Triples, with W. Overton, 3; H. W. Overton, 6; the rest as before. On Sunday, March 24th, 216 Stedman Triples. On Easter Sunday, for early Communion, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. On Easter Monday, seven of the above band paid a visit to Coalbrookdale, and with the assistance of Mr. Morgan, the local conductor, rang 840 of Darlaston Bob Triples. W. Morgan, 1; H. T. Head, 2; J. Elcock, 3; E. Foxall, 4; B. Head, 5; J. W. Howard, 6; J. Overton, 7; W. Overton, 8. Also various touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, with W. Overton, 1; W. Morgan, 8. On Saturday evening, April 13th, owing to the death of the Rev. Stanborough, formerly Rector of St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung in 46 mins., with the bells deeply-muffled except the tenor, which was only half-muffled. J. W. Howard, 1; H. T. Head, 2; J. Elcock, 3; E. Foxall, 4; B. Head, 5; W. Overton, 6; J. Overton, 7; H. W. Overton, 8. The whole conducted by J. Overton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Bedwell conductor, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Deal, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; E. H. Nixon, 5; G. H. Daynes, 6; W. C. Hunt, 7; W. J. Jeffries, 8. On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, 448 Bob Major. W. C. Hunt, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Deal, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; W. J. Jeffries, 5; J. Law, 6; W. Bedwell conductor, 7; G. H. Daynes, 8. Also 560 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. C. Bedwell, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; W. Bedwell conductor, 6; W. C. Hunt, 7; W. J. Jeffries, 8. On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, 560 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Davis, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; W. Bedwell conductor, 5; J. Davis, 6; G. H. Daynes, 7; W. C. Hunt, 8.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, July 7th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, 324 Grandsire Caters. E. Stenner, 1; L. L. Brooks, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Winfield, 5; A. Rowley, 6; G. Hardage, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombs conductor, 9; H. Day, 10. First touch of Grandsire Caters by L. L. Brooks and G. Hardage. On Sunday, July 28th, 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Ditch, 1; L. Brooks, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss conductor, 4; C. Winfield, 5; G. Hardage, 6; W. Hatt, 7; H. Day, 8. On Sunday, August 4th, for Divine Service, 461 Grandsire Triples. W. Northey, 1; L. L. Brooks, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; A. Rowley, 4; C. Winfield, 5; G. Hardage, 6; W. Coombs conductor, 7; B. Tilley, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Thursday, February 14th, 420 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; H. Brooks, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 5; J. Monk conductor, 6; F. P. Powell, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Sunday, February 17th, 350 in the same method. F.

Pounds, 1; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 2; H. Brooks, 3; G. Room, 4; T. Bull, 5; F. P. Powell, 6; J. Monk (conductor), 7; J. Brooks, 8.

DUCKLINGTON.—On Tuesday, February 12th, 120 Stedman Doubles. N. Spindlow, 1; H. Brooks, 2; F. P. Powell, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; J. Monk, 5; F. Pounds, 6. First 120 of Stedman on the bells. And 720 Bob Minor. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; J. Monk, 5; F. P. Powell conductor, 6. First 720 of Bob Minor on the bells.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Brinklow, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Hodgetts, 3; F. T. C. Nevett, 4; H. Eden, 5; G. N. Price conductor, 6. For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor. H. Eden, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Hodgetts, 3; F. T. C. Nevett, 4; F. Brinklow, 5; G. N. Price conductor, 6. On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, 168 Stedman Triples. W. Norris, 1; W. Hodgetts, 2; C. George, 3; Walter Norris, 4; J. B. Bates, 5; F. T. C. Nevett, 6; G. N. Price, 7; F. Brinklow, 8. On Tuesday, April 9th, 360 College Single. F. Brinklow, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Hodgetts, 3; H. Eden, 4; C. George, 5; G. N. Price conductor, 6. On Sunday, April 9th, for morning service, 1148 Grandsire Triples. R. Searle, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Norris, 3; Walter Norris, 4; W. Hodgetts, 5; F. T. C. Nevett, 6; H. Eden, 7; F. Brinklow, 8. For afternoon service 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Searle, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Hodgetts, 3; H. Eden, 4; F. Brinklow, 5; F. T. C. Nevett, 6; G. N. Price, 7; T. E. Brewer, 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Monday, April 6th, at St. Michael's church, 720 College Single. G. W. Cartmel, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Hodgetts, 3; F. T. C. Nevett, 4; H. Eden, 5; G. N. Price (conductor), 6.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Tuesday, August 13th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 57 mins. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. B. Fenton, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George composer and conductor, 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Empress Frederick. This is the first quarter-peal of Major on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt by the local band. It is also the first as conductor and the first by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 14th, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas' church, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Roffey, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; E. Raddon, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; E. Allen, 6; S. Radford conductor, 7; E. Heather, 8. And 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Allen, 5; S. Radford, 6; T. W. Radford, 7; J. Hunt conductor, 8. On Sunday, July 28th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Raddon, 1; F. Holden, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Allen, 5; J. Hunt conductor, 6; S. Radford, 7; A. Winch, 8. Holden and Winch hail from Weybridge. First 504 with a bob bell by F. Holden. On Sunday, August 4th, 448 Grandsire Triples. T. W. Radford, 1; R. Roffey, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Raddon, 5; J. Hunt conductor, 6; S. Radford, 7; E. Heather, 8. On Thursday, August 8th, for practice, a course of Superlative Surprise Major. J. J. Jones, 1; E. Raddon, 2; C. Willshire, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; S. Radford, 6; F. Blondell, 7; J. Hunt, 8. This was an excellent-struck course out of four or five which have been rung here lately, and is the first by a local band in the diocese. On Sunday, August 11th, for Divine Service, 1120 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; G. Foster, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Allen, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; S. Radford, 7; J. Hunt conductor, 8. This is the longest length in the method by members residing in the diocese, and the longest length in the method by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd and 4th, and was rung as a farewell to G. Foster, who is leaving Guildford for the neighbourhood of Oxford.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLANDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, August 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Raddon, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; G. Foster, 3; F. Blondell, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Hunt conductor, 6. A 720 Plain Bob. S. Radford, 1; E. Raddon, 2; T. W. Radford, 3; F. Blondell, 4; G. Foster, 5; J. Hunt (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Raddon, 1; S. Radford, 2; C. Hazelden, 3; G. Foster, 4; J. Hunt, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6.

APPLETON (Berks).—On August 6th, an attempt for Bob Major came to grief after 2 hrs. ringing. S. Wesley, 1; F. Tubbs, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; F. Wilford, 4; F. White, 5; F. Hopgood conductor, 6; W. Horne, 7; R. White, 8.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On August 6th, at St. Helen's church, an attempt for Grandsire Caters came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 35

mins. F. Hopgood, 1; A. Adkin, 2; E. Humphries, 3; H. Holifield, 4; F. Powell, 5; W. Horne, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; C. R. Lilley conductor, 8; H. Humphries, 9; F. Wilford, 10.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On January 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Willis, 1; L. Woodworth, 2; E. Wagborne, 3; F. Beeken, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; J. Dyson, 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 4th, after evening service, 896 Grandsire Triples. J. Porter, 1; C. Mackenzie, 2; T. Miller, 3; W. G. Ellis, 4; W. Johnson conductor, 5; J. Malpas, 6; A. Flackley, 7; J. Washbourn, 8. W. Johnson and Malpas, for whom this touch was arranged, hail from Wednesbury, Staffordshire.

CHADDLESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, April 9th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Joseph Edmunds, of Swansea, brother-in-law to the Vicar, to Miss Woodward, of Malvern, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Broad, 1; E. Prry (longest length in the method), 2; J. Chance, 3; E. Gilbert conductor, 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad, 7; W. Jones, 8. For evening service on Sunday, April 14th, a quarter-peal in the same method. F. Broad, 1; J. Chance conductor, 1; G. Hayward, 3; E. Playdon, 4; E. Gilbert, 5; J. Perrins, 6; G. Bourne, 7; T. Roberts, 8.

EDENHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, February 3rd, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. Cunningham, 1; W. Bellamy, 2; G. Sembance, 3; A. Holmes (conductor), 4; G. Hollis, 5. And four 6-scores of Plain Bob. W. Bellamy, 1; G. Sembane, 2; G. Hollis, 3; A. Holmes conductor, 4; G. Furness, 5. Also three courses of Stedman Doubles. W. Bellamy, 1; G. Sembance, 2; G. Furness, 3; G. Hollis, 4; A. Holmes, 5. For evening service two 6-scores of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob, standing as above conducted by A. Holmes. On Thursday, February 7th, several courses and 120 of Stedman Doubles. W. Bellamy, 1; J. Alford conductor, 2; G. Furness, 3; A. Holmes, 4; W. G. Jones, 5. First 6-score of Stedman by all except J. Alford.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service at St. Peter's church, a muffled peal was rung as a token of respect to Edmund Prescott, who on January 23rd met his death whilst following his employment as underlooker at the Abram Colliery, Bickershaw, near Wigan. The body was borne to St. Peter's church, by his brother-ringers previous to being laid to rest in the cemetery. R. Calland, 1; E. Brown, 2; J. Brown, 3; W. Blakeledge, 4; E. Tickle, 5; T. Tickle, 6; James Lang, 7; T. Eccleston, 8.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On May 1st, 720 Duke of York. W. Hollocks conductor, 1; T. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; E. Newman, 4; J. Fayers, 5; H. Poulson, 6. On May 4th, 720 Woodbine. A. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; J. Fayers, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. On May 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; T. Reed, 4; J. Fayers, 5; A. Symonds conductor, 6. On May 15th, 720 Kent. E. Newman, 1; T. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. D. Poulson conductor, 5; H. Poulson, 6. On May 25th, 720 College Pleasure. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; T. Levitt, 5; W. Kinsey conductor, 6. On May 29th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Crick (first 720), 1; T. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; E. Newman, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. On June 1st, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Symonds, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. Also 720 New London. T. Hollocks, 1; A. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; E. Newman, 4; H. D. Poulson, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. On June 22nd, 720 City Delight. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; T. Levitt, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. First 720 in the method by all and on the bells. On June 25th, 720 Woodbine. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. D. Poulson, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. This was rung to celebrate the birthday of A. Hollocks, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, August 5th, at St. Andrew's church, 560 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. B. Fenton, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (conductor), 8. On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, 222 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Bramall, 5; J. B. Fenton, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George conductor, 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Tuesday evening, August 13th, at St. Mary's church, as a last token of respect to the late Empress Frederick, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 60 mins. W. H. Freeman, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; T. Maynard, 4; R. Maynard, jun., 5; C. S. Burden, 6; J. Cullen, 7; W. R. Pinsent, 8; F. A. Nunn conductor, 9; W. Crockford, 10.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

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."

TECHNICAL TERMS.

SIR,—I must thank Mr. Trollope for his letter in your issue for August 3rd. The cause of my writing was only to draw attention to the objection which he mentions, and if other terms are used instead, no difficulty will in future arise. I am sorry Mr. Baker cannot see his mis-quotation of my arguments, when it is pointed out to him; and I regret still more that he has now mis-quoted my words. As I am writing away from home I cannot give the exact words he refers to, but if he will turn to them he will find that I was referring to the fact that a bell leads a whole pull and lies behind a whole pull in *plain hunting*: therefore to take firsts and seconds places as examples in the matter in question, was likely to mislead beginners. I will grant that it is often very difficult for one who has not been trained as a teacher to know what examples are likely to be misleading. "Jingle's" suggestion of "concurrent" seems excellent; though not etymologically so correct as "adjacent," it conveys the idea better, and that is the chief thing.

There was a slight misprint on p. 148, col. ii., almost the middle line should read "different . . . from that, etc."

H. DRAKE.

P.S.—I much regret that owing to a slip of mine you reported that Mr. H. Till was elected chairman of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Association. The correct name was that of A. J. Escott, Esq., churchwarden of St. Peter's, Dorchester.

H.D.

REPLY TO MR. DANIELL.

SIR,—Having been away from Brighton on holiday, I have only just seen "THE BELL NEWS" for August 10th containing Mr. Daniell's letter, which if I did not reply to same, your readers might well think that the first sentence of Mr. Daniell's letter was about right.

Before saying that the first sentence of my letter was *mere bluff* Mr. Daniell should have considered whether the quotation "to make a mountain out of a mole-hill" had in it any meaning applicable to himself.

Mr. Daniell still persists in trying to make your readers believe that I have been attacking the clergy *as a body*. This I most strongly object to, and in conclusion I would advise Mr. Daniell for the future not to put a meaning to another person's letter that was never intended.

GEORGE BAKER.

THE SIX-BELL RECORD PEAL.

SIR,—This, according to the late J. W. Snowdon, was rung at Wath-upon-Dearne, Yorks., on February 27th, 1816, by three Blackburns, and Messrs. Taylor, Myers and Rogers, viz., twenty-one 720s, 15,120 changes, in 8 hrs. 27 mins. Methods—Evening Delight, Evening Star, Cheapside, Cambridge, Symphony, Bob Royal, Morning Exercise, Morning Star, Morning Pleasure, Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, College Pleasure, London Scholars', Oxford Treble, St. Ann's Delight, Navigation Bob, Violet, Duke of York, City Delight, and Rodney's Victory.

F. E. ROBINSON.

SIR,—With reference to the peal of 10,080 rung on six bells at Tunstall, Kent, on August 5th in nine methods, and believed to be a record on six bells, there is a peal-board at Wath-upon-Dearne, Yorkshire, giving the record of 15,120 rang in twenty-one methods in 8 hrs. 27 mins, on February 27th, 1816. Any one wishing to come and see the board we will try and arrange a practice to suit them.

R. J. RICKETTS.

SIR,—Mr. Heckingbottom, of Armley, kindly draws attention to the fact of a longer length—10,440—having been rung at Tong in 1896 in fifteen methods. Prior to this the Tong company—Messrs. G. Carter, H. Oddy, E. Webster, W. Bolland, G. Bolland, and J. Haley had rung on February 17th, 1883, a peal of 6000 changes in twenty-five methods to celebrate the

seventy-second birthday of Mr. Carter. Mr. G. Bolland conducted on this occasion also, and the methods rung were—Craven Delight, Oxford Delight, College Exercise, Royal Bob, Tong Delight, Evening Pleasure, Morning Pleasure, Ebor, Evening Exercise, Morning Delight, Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Symphony, Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Kent, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Messrs. Carter and Webster have since passed away.

T. MAUDE.

P.S.—In the account sent about the trip to Pateley, the writer must apologise for its probable indistinctness, and accepts "Plain Speaker's" reproof. It was the ringers from Pateley who accompanied us to Middlesmoor, and not those from Ramsgill.

OLD COMPANIES' RECORDS.

SIR,—I am not, I am sure, alone in feeling much obliged to Mr. May for his interesting contribution in your issue of August 10th. There are several points in the St. Stephen's ringers' ordinances which suggest some interesting consideration, and I think if we could get as complete a collection of old rules as possible, we should find much to throw a clearer light on the origin of ringing societies. I hope any of your readers who may know of any such rules or records will follow the example of Mr. May and Mr. Borrett, and give us the benefit of their knowledge. And in this connection I venture to make an appeal to the officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Ellacombe, in the supplement to his *Church Bells of Devon* (p. 229) tells us that in the Library of All Souls College, Oxford, in a manuscript belonging in 1682 to Narcissus Luttrell, are contained the rules of the "Schollers of Chepeside," dated 1610. Also (id: p. 234) that the rules of the "Western Greencaps" dated 1683, are contained in Rawlinson mss. No. 884 in the Bodleian Library. Neither of these interesting documents has been transcribed, so far as I know. Will some leading spirit of the Oxford Diocesan Guild kindly arrange for the publication of their contents in your columns?

R. A. DANIELL.

THE "LEYTONSTONE" METHOD.

SIR,—I must thank Messrs. Redman and Hunt for their information, but must most certainly differ from the latter gentleman as to its being a Treble Bob method, for how can this be with that bell making places up and down?

T. H. BEAMS.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will you kindly ask through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" if the following is not a somewhat unique experience for a ringer?

Amongst the Birstall parish company of ringers is a youth not yet fourteen years of age, who rang his first 720 changes of a Standard method without being pulled through before he was thirteen; and in June of this year he was proposed and elected along with others of the same company as a member of the Yorkshire Association.

The Birstall parish church company and the youth's father consider him to be about the youngest, if not the youngest of any qualified change-ringer. Are we right in this conjecture, do you think?

J. A. CROWTHER.

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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells, to-day, Saturday, August 24th. Dinner at Cook's Restaurant, 11, High Street, at 1 p.m., at 2s. each (1s. only to members). Business meeting to follow, when the annual report will be presented and Election of officers take place. The election of a new Master and Hon. Sec. and Treasurer will have to be considered. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available after morning service, also St. Cuthbert's (8) and St. John's, Glastonbury (8).

HY. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. & Treas.*
Williton, Somerset.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at Gravesend, to-day, Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.45. Half railway fare up to 2s. will be allowed.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Blackburn parish church, to-day, Saturday, August 24th, at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.

T. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Archdeaconry of Salop.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's Shrewsbury, on Saturday, August 31st. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 3.30. Business meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., on Saturday, August 31st, by kind permission of the Rev. T. D. Gibson. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. Members are also reminded that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, as to which particulars will be announced later. The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Road, Barnet.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Earl's Barton, on Saturday, August 31st. Usual arrangements.

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

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—There will be a meeting of this Branch held at Chippenham, on Saturday, the 31st inst. Ringing at the parish church, and also at St. Paul's.

W. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston, on Saturday, August 31st. Tower open for ringing at 4. Business meeting at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A meeting of this Association (by the kind permission of the Rev. S. Nunn) will be held at Lawton, Cheshire, on Saturday, September 7th. All members who intend being present are earnestly requested to give notice not later than Monday, September 2nd, to

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*
95, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting of this Association (open to all) at Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, September 7th, to appoint a new master and secretary for the north western division. Tea, tickets 6d. each, will be provided at The Chequers at 5 p.m. The towers of Bishop's Stortford and Staunsted will be open for ringing. Members intending to be present must notify me before the previous Wednesday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
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NOTE TO PEAL.

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***ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

W. WELLINGTON.—Please be patient. The composition, however, is worthless.

ENQUIRER (Harlow).—You will see what "P.S." has to say next week.

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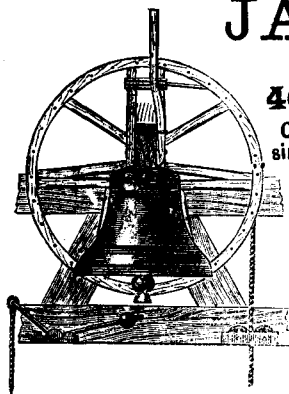
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