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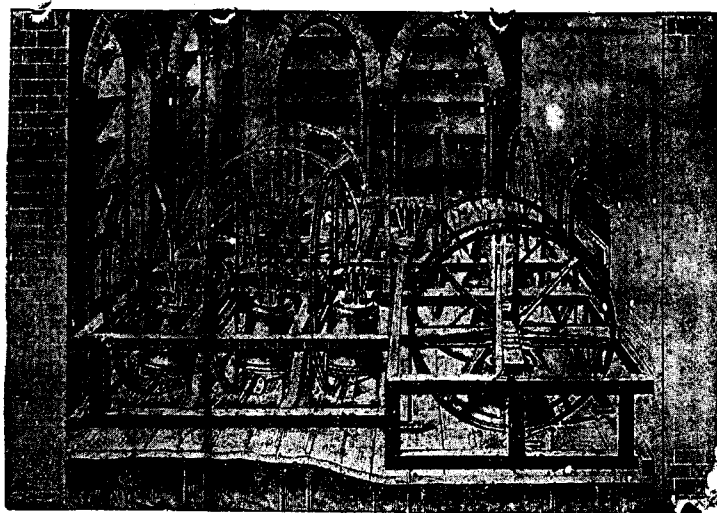
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual meeting of this Association was held at Ipswich on Monday, September 26th. There was a fairly good attendance of members from the following among other places: Aldeburgh, Aylsham, Beccles, Bramfield, Bloxhall, Cretingham, St. Cross, Debenham, Diss, Eye, Earl Soham, Framlingham, Halesworth, Helmingham, Ipswich, Kelsale, Leiston, Norwich, Otley, Pulham, Sproughton, Thornham Magna, Wetheringsett, Wickham Skeith. Quite thirty of those present had sent no notice of their intention to the Hon. Secretary, thus causing some inconvenience, and apprehension that the caterer, Mr. W. H. Cook, might not have made sufficient provision. Fortunately Mr. Cook proved equal to the emergency, but none the less the Hon. Secretary felt compelled to insist on the necessity of sending notice previously to him, for although such notice was no longer required for getting cheap rail fares, it was impossible to provide fare of the other description if one did not know the numbers that would need to be fed.

The special service was held in St. Mary-le-Tower, when an excellent practical address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence, from Zech. xiv. 20.

The dinner was served at the Carpenters' Hall, Carr Street, after the service, the chair being occupied by the Archdeacon as one of the vice-presidents of the Association, absence from home preventing the attendance of the president—J. Sanicroft Holmes, esq. After the loyal toast, Dr. Meadows proposed "The Bishop and Clergy," with thanks to the Archdeacon for his address, who in his reply, referred to his old acquaintance and friendship with the Hon. Secretary twenty years before, and to the importance of maintaining good and cordial relations between the clergy and ringers. He gave "Prosperity to the Association," coupled with the name of the Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Bulwer in his reply thanked the members for the cordial reception they always accorded him on such occasions, and expressed his delight at again meeting the Archdeacon, the sight of whom recalled the pleasant associations and friendships of twenty years before in connection with the belfry at Redenhall. He had no intention of saying much just then, as the report was about to be read, but he wished to emphasize the remarks he had made at the last Annual Meeting as to the need there was for more thorough and efficient organization of companies, and hoped that before long the Central Council would be able to promulgate recommendations and regulations with that object in view. He also wished to say that he had come provided with a number of copies of "The Glossary," which members could have at cost price, viz.: 2d. each. The book had been, as they knew, very well spoken of by those who had examined it, and though his name by the wish of the Council had been placed on the title-page as its author, he wished them to understand that a large portion of the credit attaching to its publication was due to the gentlemen of the committee who had so greatly assisted in making it what it was. Having read the annual report he proceeded to mention

the projected restoration of the fine old church at Wymondham, part of the scheme including the rehanging of the five bells, and recasting two of them which were cracked. He had been asked by an honorary member if they could not do something to help in making the ring more worthy of the church by the immediate addition of a 6th bell; and he had accordingly written to the Vicar of Wymondham to tell him that he intended to bring the matter before the Annual Meeting; and he thought that, as a special case, they might, if they thought well, spare a donation from their working balance on condition that an eight-bell frame was erected, and a 6th bell, at least, added to the ring.

Mr. F. Cooper (Aldeburgh) demurred, thinking that it would be preferable to do something more to assist their own members towards meeting the expenses of attending meetings. This view was supported by Mr. Warne (Norwich).

The Hon. Secretary replied that the matter was entirely in their hands, and that nothing could be done in it without the consent of the meeting. He had considered anxiously what could be done towards easing the expense of attending meetings, and had not been able to come to any satisfactory conclusion, but would be pleased to hear any suggestions. Notice had been given of a motion to reduce the number of general meetings, and to pledge the Association to the payment of half the expense of holding one meeting a year in the several districts, but as the gentleman who should have moved it was not present it would have to be dropped, unless some one else would undertake to propose it.

Mr. Mee (Sproughton) proposed, and Mr. F. Thompson (Kelsale) seconded, and carried: "That a specified sum be subscribed to the Wymondham bell restoration fund, provided an eight-bell frame, and the addition of a 6th bell at once, were made features of the scheme."

Mr. Warne proposed, and Mr. Lincoln (Bungay) seconded: "That the difference in rail fares between ordinary return and fare-and-a-quarter should be paid by the Association to those members attending meetings who were unable to obtain the reduced fare from the railway company."

The Chairman pointed out that this might entail too heavy a drain on their reserve fund, and might always be a temptation to forego the trouble of trying to get cheap fares from the railway company.

The Hon. Secretary also pointed out that members could still obtain reduced fares from the railway company if they would take the trouble to amalgamate with members from other towers, so as to make up a party of eight. That this was quite manageable they had evidence that day in the making up of three or four parties, who had come with reduced fares from certain stations. He agreed with the chairman in fearing that if it were known that the Association was bound to pay the difference if the railway company did not, it would be an inducement to those wishing to attend a meeting not to take any trouble to make up a party. Reduced fares ought always to be obtained from the railway company, if possible. If there

could be some guarantee that efforts would always be made in the first instance to get the reduced fares from the company, he should make no objection to reimbursing those who failed, provided they were prepared to furnish him with a statement of the amount of the difference to be repaid.

Mr. Borrett (Norwich) proposed as an amendment, and it was seconded by a member of the Wetheringsett company: "That the plan should be tried for one year to see how it worked, and what the expense to the Association would be." Carried.

The Hon. Secretary having explained the absence of the President, resigned office on his behalf, and also his own office as Secretary.

On the motion of the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, J. Sancroft Holmes, esq., and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, were unanimously re-elected President and Secretary respectively.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of six non-resident life-members, two honorary and twenty-six performing members, and eight probationers.

The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower and St. Margaret's were well-patronised during the day, which was beautifully fine, and enjoyable.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23rd, a quarterly and committee meeting took place at Hartlebury, by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. D. Robertson, M.A. Upwards of fifty members were present from Areyley Kings, Brierley Hill, Cbaddeley Corbett, Dudley, Grimley, Hallow, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Stourbridge, Suckley, Tipton, Wolverhampton, Worcester, etc.

At 5.30 the members assembled in the church, where the Association's form of service was said by the Rector. The rev. gentleman then gave a very interesting sketch of the bells in his church, in which he remarked:—

"The tower of Hartlebury church is ancient. It was built by Archbishop Sandys in the days of Queen Elizabeth. There is now a good ring of eight bells in it, and a sketch of their history may be of some interest. The most interesting bell is No. 6. It is more than 500 years old. Upon it, in very old-fashioned letters (such as were used before the days of printing) are these Latin words—"Sancta Maria virgo intercede pro toto mundo quem genuiste regem orbis," which may be translated 'Holy Virgin Mary, intercede for the whole world with thy Son, the King of the universe.' In all probability it was rung at the coronation of twenty-five kings and queens and England! When it had hung for 250 years or more, three new bells were given to the parish in the reign of Charles I. Upon the largest of these is the inscription 'Master Eyre the Coroner gave this bell: Thirtie Pounds 1640.' This bell is No. 7. On No. 5 were inscribed the names of three churchwardens, and round the rim were embedded what seemed to be nine silver coins of the reign of Charles I., but the authorities at the British Museum pronounced them to be impressions of a gold coin of that king's reign which had never come into circulation. No. 4 bell has only this short inscription: 'Master Urban Eyre 1640.' These four bells hung for more than 100 years, when the big tenor bell, cast by Rudkin, of Gloucester, was added in 1749. It has this inscription: 'I to the church the living call: and to the grave do summon all.' It is a fine deep-toned bell, and weighs a ton.

"In 1812 another bell, by John Briant, Hertford, was added; making a ring of six; but provision was made in the tower for two more. These six were rung for more than 80 years, until 1900, when two more bells were given to complete the eight, cast by Mears and Stainbank. The treble was given by Alfred Baldwin, esq., M.P. for Kidderminster, and has the following: 'Man gave me voice and bade me say, How Time doth steal his life away; But I shall sound from forth the tower, When man has had his little hour.' No. 2 was given by the late John Corbett, esq., of Droitwich. It was found that one of the old bells, No. 5, was badly cracked. It was recast, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank took the greatest pains to copy exactly the impressions of the coins upon it. The full peal was rung for the first time on Ascension Day, 1900, being the birthday of the late Queen Victoria.

"In the mission church of Bishops Wood there is also a ring of six little bells in the small wooden belfry, weighing in all only

1 cwt. These were cast in Belgium. The founder of them, M. Van Aerschoot, of Louvain, who is since dead, was said to be the best tuner of bells in the world. They are like musical glasses, and their sweet chimes can be heard by the cottagers within a mile of the church. Long may these bells, ancient and modern, hang between earth and heaven, pouring forth their music softly over the graves of the dead into the homes of the living, ringing out messages of joy and consolation to Christian men toiling and waiting below, bringing to many hearts sweet thoughts of home and heaven."

An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom, where the rev. gentleman presided over the business meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Seventeen new members were elected; and Messrs. W. Micklewright and H. Mason were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year. Oldbury was selected as the place of next meeting in January, 1902.

During the miscellaneous business the Hon. Secretary remarked that he was pleased to see the names of Sir Arthur Heywood and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies as speakers at the Church Congress at Brighton, on that important branch of Church work with which they were so closely connected, viz.: "bells and bellringers." This was a source of gratification to the whole Exercise, who felt that some good would come from the efforts of these gentlemen.

On the motion of Mr. W. R. Small, seconded by Mr. S. Spittle, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the rev. gentleman for his interesting account of the bells, for presiding, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells. The rev. chairman, in reply, stated that it had been a very great pleasure to him to meet them, and that the conversation had learnt him some very important lessons in connection with bells, belfries and ringers, and although he was afraid he was getting too old to visit some of the towers in his deanery, he would, where possible, pay a visit so that he might see if the belfries and bells were in order and harmony with the Church.

Touches by mixed bands in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening on the bells, which are a good ring, and the "go" everything that can be desired.

It may be mentioned that the church is situate close to Hartlebury Castle, the residence of the Lord Bishop of Worcester. The See was founded in the year 679, Bosel being its first Bishop. The building of the Castle was finished by Godfrey Giffard, Lord Chancellor in 1268. There has been 103 Bishops, the present Bishop being the Right Rev. John James Stewart Perowne, D.D. The See has yielded to the Church two martyrs, and to the calendars of the churches of England and Rome four Saints, and to the English nation five Lord Chancellors, three Lord Treasurers, one Chancellor to the late Queen, one Lord President, and one Vice-President of Wales.

J. S.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH AND BELLS AT HODDESDON, HERTS.

This quiet picturesque village on the eastern border of Hertfordshire, was *en fete* on Thursday, October 3rd, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Barking to dedicate the church and a new ring of bells. The church was built in 1823 as a Chapel-of-Ease to Broxbourne, and although consecrated in that year had never been dedicated. The service took place at 3.30 p.m. and was fully choral. The Bishop then dedicated the church and the bells, followed by a very interesting address on the origin and use of bells. At the conclusion of the service a touch of Superlative Surprise was rung by the band who after the evening rang a peal in the same method. Other touches were also rung by the visitors and local ringers.

The bells are a very handy ring of eight, tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp, the tone and "go" of them leaves nothing to be desired, and Messrs. Warner and Sons, the founders, have completed the work by fitting the ringing-room with every comfort. The bells are the gift of Mr. Christie in memory of Charles Peter Christie and Isabella Constance Christie whose names are inscribed on the tenor. The ringers were entertained during the day by the donor of the bells, and Messrs. Warner are to be congratulated upon the complete success of their undertaking.

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RINGERS AT THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

As previously announced in these columns, a paper was read on "Bells, Bell-Ringers, and Bell-Ringing" at the Church Congress held at Brighton, by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. This took place on Thursday, October 3rd, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies also reading another paper on the same subjects; one or two other gentlemen, well-known in the ringing world, being present. The following is culled from *The Sussex Daily News* :—

BELLS, BELFRIES AND BELL RINGERS.

When the meeting began there were, not counting those on the platform, scarcely twenty people in the compartment. The chair was taken by Archdeacon Mount. The first paper was read by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., who pointed out that ringing was exclusively an English accomplishment, so that England had become to be known as the "ringing isle;" and the ringing of bells had become associated with many of our joys and sorrows. He regretted that clergymen, churchwardens, &c., often lost their interest in bells directly the peals had been hung. He proceeded to give a brief sketch of the evolution of ringing. In the 17th century, he said, ringing became a fashionable pastime. It was with change-ringing that he would particularly deal, for it was in that that the fascination and excitement lay. A great advance was made in the status of the ringers (who, after the first rage of ringing as a fashionable pastime were practically confined to the lower classes), when ringers became recognised as Church officers (applause). During the last fifty years the majority of bell ringers had raised themselves with but little assistance into a highly respectable body. The speaker proceeded to give a number of suggestions as to the construction of belfries; some hints on the management of ringers: and finally urged that by taking a real interest in them the clergy might constitute bellringers into a valuable factor in strengthening a regard for the Church among the masses (applause).

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies's paper was written with a view to shewing that ringing and ringers were worthy of hearty recognition and encouragement on the part of the Church at large, and that the Church was likely to be a gainer by holding out to ringers the hand of fellowship. He first gave an outline of change-ringing, shewing that it was an art which invariably called for the exercise of many sterling qualities. From this the inference was that change-ringers were likely to possess such qualities. He then pressed home finally his main point that the Church failed in her duty if she gave them the cold shoulder, and that where she fostered the art and shewed care and solicitude for those who practised it, she would not only be benefiting others but would surely find that she was benefiting herself. Ringing was no small trainer of character, and what ever trained character in a right direction was a handmaid of the Church (applause).

Mr. R. A. Daniell (Master of the Cumberland Youths) thought that the clergy should recognise that ringers could not always ring on Sunday. Ringing should not be looked upon as a parochial affair (applause).

The Rev. Herbert Drake made a good-humoured complaint at the management which had resulted in a sectional meeting being held while a burning question was being discussed in the Dome. He thought too much was made of the difficulties of ringing. Many objections which people had to bells were because the bells were out of tune. He dwelt on the care required in the belfry and the great distinction between round ringers and change-ringers; and regretted the very small percentage of clergymen who took an intelligent interest in ringing. He deprecated the payment of ringing individually,

and suggested the making of a common fund, also the advisability of payment for instruction (applause).

The Rev. T. L. Papillon, of Writtle, Chelmsford, spoke a few words of encouragement to clergymen who were going in for ringing.

Mr. Chambers remarked that the desire had been to make the Congress a practical one, which accounted for that meeting. He thought that ringers should always, when possible ring in sight of the congregation.

The Rev. Edward Muirhead Evans, of Ilkeston, and the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen (West Grinstead), also addressed the meeting. Despite the small attendance much interest was shown in the papers and the discussion.

The following letter appeared in *The Guardian* last Wednesday :—

CHURCH CONGRESS RINGING MEETING.

SIR,—I would ask you to allow me to make one or two remarks in your columns on the above subject.

1. To offer to the Church Congress Committee the best thanks of ringers (some 30,000) for allowing this subject to be discussed.

2. Advertently or inadvertently the Church Congress has recognised ringers as church officials, which position is claimed by the several associations for its members. A difference may exist in some cases between parson and ringers in the non-attendance of ringers at services. Yet I venture to suggest to Bishops and clergy that if they would only take a personal interest in ringing and ringers, they would help ringers to acquire their due position; then the sympathy and help of these men would be enlisted, and no more loyal body of men could be found to assist the Church in her work. I, therefore, ask all the clergy to read in the official report what was said at this meeting and help us.

A. B. BENNETT,
Midhurst, October 5th, 1901.

Hon. Secretary of the Sussex
County Association.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

The half-yearly general meeting of this branch was held at Gainsborough on the 28th September, and although the number of members was not large, the enthusiasm of those present amply made up the smallness in number. The bells of the parish church were placed at the disposal of the branch through the kindness of the churchwardens (the new Vicar not having been inducted), and ringing took place both in the afternoon and evening. Prior to tea the Vice-President of the Gainsborough district (F. F. Linley, Esq.), kindly invited the members to take a stroll round his grounds. The invitation was responded to with celerity, especially by those who indulged in the fragrant weed. The tea was held at the Coffee Rooms, and the members were joined by the ringers from Lea, who had been sent over by their Vicar. The business meeting took place immediately after tea, presided over by the Vice-President. The chairman spoke of the pleasure the local members had always taken in seeing the Northern Branch visit Gainsborough and reminded those present that the first general meeting was held fifteen years ago there, and that the first peal of the Northern Guild was rung on their parish church bells. Six new members were elected, and the honorarium to the Secretary was confirmed. The new certificate, which the Vice-President has kindly undertaken to put in hand, was discussed, and the Committee were authorised to get estimates of the cost and submit the same to the next meeting. A *resume* of the work of the Central Council was given, and the vice-president generously presented a copy of *The Glossary* to all those present who were not already possessed of one. Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding and to the churchwardens for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting, after which the members adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept in motion until late in the evening.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. Ringing was commenced early in the afternoon both at St. John's and St. Andrew's churches, but owing partly to the threatened inclemency of the weather, and partly to the refusal of the railway authorities to give any reduction in the ordinary return fare to ringers attending this meeting, there were fewer members than had been expected. Touches were rung in various methods till 5.30 p.m., when a service was held in St. Andrew's church. The church was tastefully decorated, and the service was fully choral. The preacher was the Rev. C. T. Roberts, Vicar of Baulking, who based his discourse upon a double text, the words "partners" from St. Luke's Gospel, and "Two are better than one" from the Book of Ecclesiastes. In earnest and impressive language the preacher pictured to his hearers the isolation which a clergyman in a large parish would oftentimes feel but for the fact of his having around him a staff of willing workers to help him in winning souls to God. There was a real partnership in such help, and if only ringers would grasp this notion of partnership they could not fail to be conscious that in their calling there was a solemnity and importance which perhaps they had never realised before.

The social function followed at the Girls' Schoolroom, where a profusion of good things had been provided with the help of a committee of ladies who were good enough to render personal service in the arrangements of the evening. Provision had been made for a great many more than those in actual attendance; but later in the evening the room began to fill up a little with late arrivals, though at no time were there as many as fifty present. In spite however of such a meagre following, it was agreed on all hands that it was one of the most enjoyable evenings spent in the experience of the Association. Supper over, the business meeting commenced by the reading of the Report for the past year. The number of members admitted during the past year had not been precisely ascertained, but it would probably be found that after allowing for deaths and removals, the number of members would be found to approximate to 500. Seventy-three peals had been rung since the last annual meeting, viz.:

	Peals.		Peals.
Bob Minor (7 methods) ..	1	Superlative Surprise Major ..	10
Bob Triples	1	Cambridge Surprise Major ..	1
Oxford Bob Triples	2	New Cambridge Major	1
Grandsire Triples	7	Grandsire Caters	1
Stedman Triples	23	Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Bob Major	6	Stedman Caters	13
Double Norwich Major ..	2	Stedman Cinques	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ..	1		
		Total—	73

The conductors were as follows:

	Peals.		Peals.
W. Pye	30	Sydney Carter	
J. R. Sharman	9	Cornelius Charge	
S. Wade	8	George Lucas	
J. H. Cheesman	4	W. B. Manning	
F. W. Thornton	4	J. E. Miller	
J. Basden	5	F. Nunn	
J. Parker	3	J. J. Pratt	
H. W. Chandler	2	W. Ward	
E. E. Huntley	2		

and it is worthy of notice that no less than twenty of the peals were new compositions, rung for the first time.

After the election of new members the officers of the Association were re-elected, viz.: Rev. H. G. Bird (President); Mr. F. A. Milne (Treasurer); Mr. J. Basden (Master); and Messrs. C. Edwards and Arthur T. King joint Hon. Secretaries.

The design for a certificate of membership was approved, and the preparation of the certificate will be taken in hand so soon as the funds of the Association permit. It was pointed out, however, that owing to the lack of support from Honorary Members, as compared with most of the County Associations, it would be necessary to make a small charge for the certificate, so long as the funds of the Association were practically confined to the shillings of the ringing members.

A vote of thanks to the preacher for his admirable address was proposed by R. A. Daniell, esq., and carried with acclamation. After the meeting there was more ringing, and it was

owing to the desire of those present to get back to the belfry that the usual complimentary votes to those who thoroughly deserved the thanks of the members for their active efforts in ensuring the success of the meeting, were unfortunately omitted. So far as regards the officers of the Association, who naturally look for a full meeting to requite them for a year's arduous duties, the poor attendance must have been a bitter disappointment; but those who had enthusiasm enough to brave the elements were rewarded for their pluck, and unquestionably experienced a thoroughly pleasant and enjoyable outing.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, September 28th, and was fairly well attended, ringers and friends being present from the following places: Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Holbeck, Headingley, Leeds, and the local company. Tower ringing in the following methods were indulged in, viz.: Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and Treble Bob Major, until time for the business meeting, which was held at The New inn, and presided over by Mr. Tom Lockwood. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read on the motion of Mr. H. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. C. D. Smith.

The Secretary having received a cordial invitation from the Shipley company to hold the next meeting there, it was resolved to accept the same. Six new members were then elected, after which a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements, was passed with applause.

Mr. George Barraclough responded on behalf of the local company, and expressed his pleasure at being present, and offered a cordial welcome to all visitors.

This concluded the business. The handbells were then introduced, the ringing being thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Archdeaconry of Wilts. branch was held at Trowbridge on Saturday, October 5th. Tea was provided at the Town Hall. The Rev. J. H. Burn presided at the business meeting that followed. The following members were elected, viz.: S. Crees, J. Benger (All Cannings); E. C. Fricker (Bath); W. J. Prescott (Frome); T. Ricketts and J. L. Wells (Swindon). West Lavington, Melksham, and Marlborough were selected as the next places of meeting. A vote of thanks to the Rev. J. H. Burn for presiding, and the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells concluded the meeting. Ringing members from Swindon, Bristol, Bath, and Freme attended, and the following local towers were represented: Devizes (St. John), and St. Mary, Bromham, Bishops Cannings, All Cannings, Seend, Melksham, and Trowbridge. Touches of Grandsire Triples, several 6-scores of Doubles, and a course of Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT SPELDHURST.—A muffled peal was rung at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst, on the evening of Tuesday, October 1st, in memory of Mrs. Streatfield, of Groombridge Place. She was a great lover of bells, and a great benefactor to the parish of Speldhurst, of which living she was patroness. This was G. Baker's first peal, and J. Thorpe's first with a bob bell.

THE PEAL AT BIRMINGHAM.—W. G. Ellis's 50 peals.—Stedman Triples, 13; Stedman Caters, 7; Stedman Cinques, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Major, 3; Bob Royal, 1; Grandsire Triples, 11, conducted 1; Double Norwich, 1; seven methods, 2.

THE PEAL AT ROMFORD.—This peal was rung at the first attempt, and it is the first in the method by all on handbells, and is the first rung out of London, and the first peal of Surprise Major ever rung on handbells at the first attempt. The band met and brought round 12,352 changes in sixteen practices. The band are also members of the Middlesex County, Norwich Diocesan, and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

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

"A MONSTROSITY."

SIR,—That "there's nothing new under the sun" is an adage pretty well recognised, and one which was brought to my mind forcibly when I read your editorial remarks of the 28th last, respecting the Arklow peal—eight bells with seven men. You stigmatised this as "a monstrosity;" but why should you? Only the other week we read in the papers of some clergyman or other ringing the whole of the eight bells in his tower with the aid only of the electric current. If a *parson* can ring eight bells single-handed with merely the aid of an electric cable, surely a *common layman* might be credited with doing this on two, without that assistance! As to whether you and the great majority of brother-strings actually credit the veracity of the reputed Arklow performance may be a moot point; but what is there that is impossible or "new under the sun?" We should be surprised at nothing now-a-days. The mere ringing of third and fourth bells through a 5040 Grandsire Triples, including even the conducting thereof, is a small matter—comparatively speaking. I expect ere long that—now the sea serpent has died a natural death—and the ball has started rolling, we shall be hearing from our Yankee cousins across the water of bigger and more out-of-the-way feats than this, as for instance the ringing of the whole peal by one or other members of a band, including conducting, calling round (especially the latter) and so forth. The Master of the Arklow Guild appears to be indignant at your remarks anent the said performance, and suggests the attendance of some "competent judges of change-ringing" at Arklow tower to have an ocular demonstration of this double-handed feat. Quite right; so far so good. But why any of us here in this benighted island having to brave a passage across the Irish sea, with its only too certain accompaniments of *mal de mer*, to do this, before we know what we can have at home? Let them, instead, come to our place and "see what they will see." We have a tower some thirty feet square, with a ringing circle for our twelve bells of about twenty-five feet in diameter, (and a tenor of some three tons, "be the same more or less"). Let them come and see one of our men ringing the second and eighth through a peal of Stedman Cinques or Treble Bob Maximus, single-handed, and even putting the covering tenor in for the former as a mere insignificant item in the "performance." Two of our men are contemplating bringing off a peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus. If one of them doesn't turn up at the appointed time (somewhere about midnight when everyone else is sound asleep) why the other one will tackle the thing single-handed, and think nothing about it, but send up his report to "THE BELL NEWS," and tell us how the peal was so "very well rung and carefully struck," notwithstanding the circumstance of the bells being "hung with iron stocks" and the consequent inclination of them to "suck, and try the wrist," and so forth. Therefore when this peal comes off, like the Arklow one, please do not express the doubts of the great bulk of the Exercise as to its veracity, but "take it all in" without a question, childlike and confiding, believing all you read, like as we have done the story of the lately famous French traveller, or the experiences of Baron Munchausen. Above all, don't put it down as a "monstrosity." That would be cruel, and might deter another of our men who is ambitious to lift the tower bodily—bells and all—and balance it on his chin while the other two (or one as the case may be) ring the peal of Superlative as before-mentioned.

CREDULOUS.

A RINGERS' NOTE-BOOK.

SIR,—As I have often felt the want of the above when teaching ringers to prick changes, I thought that perhaps a description of one I am having specially printed by the Midland Educational Company, Birmingham, might be useful to the Exercise. It is similar to the book known as "Drawing to Scale" note books. It is of a size that, while ample, will easily double up for the pocket; it has twenty pages ruled both sides; squares of the convenient size of six to the inch, and heavily ruled every sixth line. This is convenient for Stedman

as well as any other method. It costs me ten shillings a gross, and I dare say your readers could obtain it at tenpence a dozen, or could get a local printer to rule similar books.

H. DRAKE.

Central Council Correspondence.

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—I cannot follow Mr. James when he tells me to look up the *blue* line of London Marvel diagram, to find the principle of London Surprise. I maintain when looking up this *blue* line I am looking up the method of London, and if this line don't represent method, I am certain the red line in the same diagram don't. No wonder he tells me I don't understand, when he so confuses matters.

H. DAINS.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Daniell's letter in this week's "BELL NEWS," I must remind Mr. Daniell that at the Derby meeting I stated that I was examining the use of the word "Principle" and Method in the oldest books on change-ringing that I had access to, and I appealed to the members present to lend me any old books in their possession or in any other way help me in the investigation. Mr. Daniell was I believe present at the meeting, but he never sent me any information or told me where to get it, and now complains that I have not made use of it.

Stedman's Campanalogia I have never seen, and I much desired to see it before I wrote and should like to do so now, and if Mr. Daniell can help me in the matter I shall be pleased.

Mr. Daniell then states that he is convinced of two facts from the study of old authorities. These two facts I am bound to oppose on *a priori* ground, because Principle is necessarily a more elementary term than Method.

I shall look next week for Mr. Daniell's quotation which I asked for last week, with much interest, next Saturday.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—I note Mr. James' concluding paragraph last week. In your issue of the 7th September last I set out all Stedman's words about his Principle, and so far as that goes Mr. James has there what he seeks. As to other allusions I have made, I will comply with Mr. James' request as soon as possible; but I cannot do so without going to the British Museum to make the necessary *verbatim* extracts. I have been away for a few days, and returned too late to do this in time for your next issue, but I will endeavour to be ready for your issue of the 19th inst.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COLLECTION OF PEALS.

SIR,—I can well understand that a selection of the most valuable peals would be both attractive and useful; but is not this rather a work for private enterprise than for the Central Council? From them one would look for an exhaustive collection, and one too, brought up to date by supplements, say every five years.

One would think this might be done by printing the more valuable peals with full explanations, and compressing the others as concisely as possible.

It would however be well if the Committee were to set up a standard so as to exclude all worthless peals, and explain clearly the different classes of peals which are so excluded, and why.

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H. DRAKE.

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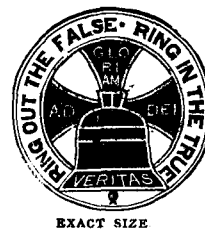
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1901.

THE members of the Norwich Association at their annual meeting on the 26th ultimo, passed a very good resolution, one which can be heartily commended to such-like bodies of ringers. It appears that a scheme is projected for the restoration of a fine old fabric—Wymondham Church, which includes rehanging the bells, and recasting where necessary. The Hon. Secretary of the Association suggested to the members that as a special case, they might, if they thought well, spare a donation from their working balance on condition that an eight-bell frame was erected, and a 6th bell, at least, added to the ring.

This was eventually carried. In the brief space at our disposal this week, there is sufficient room to say that such an act is worthy of the greatest admiration.

The Metropolis.**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS. 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 7.
WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. 3.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 8.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 9.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5.	*EDWARD J. WEBB .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

*First peal on ten bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS, LONDON BRIDGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5026 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR R. JACOB .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
CHARLES WILKINS .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 5.	ARTHUR T. KING .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition has the 5th and 6th each twenty-three courses behind 9th, and is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.**BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**

On Tuesday, October 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	*HARRY WITHERS .. 7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. 2.	ALFRED P. SMITH .. 8.
ALBERT WALKER .. 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 9.
WALTER BRYANT .. 4.	JOHN BUFFERY .. 10.
CHARLES DICKENS .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLEE .. 11.
HENRY MIDDLETON .. 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. A reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

GEORGE BAKER .. Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. 2.	GEORGE IZZARD .. 6.
JOHN THORPE .. 3.	ARTHUR T. GODLEY .. 7.
GEORGE TURLEY .. 4.	FREDERICK STILL .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE TURLEY.

Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

COLN ST. ALDWYN'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, October 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

HARRY LEWIS .. Treble.	F. PROTHEROUGH .. 5.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 2.	J. KITCHENER .. 6.
F. J. LEWIS .. 3.	FRED. LEWIS .. 7.
H. C. BOND .. 4.	H. CLUTTERBUCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. LEWIS.

ERITH, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, October 3, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY AUDSLEY* .. Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD .. 5.
HORACE J. SAYER† .. 2.	JOHN GARARD .. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 3.	†LEWIS SILVER .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. 4.	DAVID BARNES .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late James Anderson, who, for upwards of seventeen years was a member of the church choir.

HODDESDON, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, October 3, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt

FRANCIS A. SMITH .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 5.
ERNEST PYE .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX .. 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal on the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

WILLIAM KNIGHTON* .. Treble.	CHARLES SWAN .. 4.
FRED. WILFORD .. 2.	JOHN BETTS .. 5.
FREDERICK KNIGHT .. 3.	REGINALD LOVEDAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by REGINALD LOVEDAY.

*First peal.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK HARRIS .. Treble.	REUBEN HALL .. 5.
JOHN W. PARISH .. 2.	JOHN TILLEY .. 6.
SAMUEL ASBURY .. 3.	JOHN JAGGAR .. 7.
JAMES HALL .. 4.	ABRAHAM KNIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

This is the first peal rung by an entirely local band on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 15.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JESSE BEAMS .. Treble.	*EDWARD T. GROVE .. 5.
GEORGE PRICE .. 2.	CHARLES E. READ .. 6.
JOHN BEAMS .. 3.	HARRY G. BEAMS .. 7.
HENRY FEDERICK .. 4.	GEORGE FEDERICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

*First peal in the method. This peal was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Reginald C. Hunt who commenced his duties on the following day. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. Treble.	RICHARD P. HEALD 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	*WALTER HENSHALL 6.
JOHN MOSCROF 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
THOMAS PEERS 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

*First peal in the method.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM FOX Treble.	ALBERT H. WARD 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	JOHN WARDMAN 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. 3.	CHARLES DRAPER 7.
BENJAMIN GREATOREX .. 4.	SPENCER M. DODINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER HONEYWOOD* .. Treble.	GEORGE W. MOSS 5.
ERNEST G. FENN† 2.	ARTHUR T. MORRIS 6.
HARRY J. MEE† 3.	THOMAS STEWARD 7.
FRANK ROLFE† 4.	CALEB FENN Tenor.

Composed by ALBERT C. HARDY, Barking, and
Conducted by CALEB FENN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Brothers Fenn hail from St. Margaret's, Barking.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
GEORGE DALE 2.	*FREDERICK J. SAUNDERS.. 6.
SIDNEY MACEY 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal on eight bells.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED COCKS* Treble.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 5.
SAM STOTT 2.	JAMES PRIESTLY 6.
EDWIN B. SHAW 3.	JOHN HARRISON 7.
WM. JAKEMAN 4.	BEN THORPE Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN THORP, and Conducted by BEN. THORPE.

*First peal in the method.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PLATTS !.. Treble.	THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 5.
THOMAS START 2.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 6.
WILLIAM JOHNSON .. 3.	RICHARD F. LANE 7.
ROBERT CHRISTIAN .. 4.	THOMAS HILL Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD F. LANE.

R. Christian hails from Yarmouth. Messrs. Colburn, Burleigh and Lane from Loughborough.

RUSHFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD CARTER .. Treble.	WILLIAM EVERETT 4.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 2.	CHARLES CARTER 5.
THOMAS FITZJOHN* .. 3.	*JOHN DEEKS Tenor.

Conducted by E. R. J. DUNK.

*First peal.

HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one
each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Dob Minor.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM J. DELL .. Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.
ERNEST W. MARSHALL .. 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 5.
JOHN E. MILLER 3.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7-8.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—Wesley Watson. Further reference to this peal elsewhere.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The ringer of the 5th in the peal rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry was F. G. Burleigh, not J. Hutchby, as reported in last week's issue.—The peal of Stedman Caters at Westminster was rung on September 28th, not the 21st, as reported last week.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. THOMAS HOLLINGWORTH,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

FRED HOLLINGWORTH .. 1-2.	H. HOLLINGWORTH .. 5-6.
W. EARLE 3-4.	L. HOLLINGWORTH .. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR E. BAMES, of Melbourne, Australia, and
Conducted by FRED HOLLINGWORTH.

Referee—Mr. Geo. Tomlin.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED.—On Sunday, March 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Woodbine. J. Cavill, H. Little, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. For afternoon service 720 Ely Surprise. J. Cavill, H. Little, G. Gray, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, March 13th, for practice, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. W. Watts, I. Hammond, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, J. Watts conductor. Also 720 Oxford Surprise. J. Luckey, I. Hammond, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band and on the bells. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Little, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, March 20th, for practice, 720 College Exercise. T. J. Watts, I. Hammond, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 720 London Surprise. H. Little, I. Hammond, J. Luckey, W. Watts, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts conductor. Also 720 Chester Surprise. T. Jordan, I. Hammond, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. First 720 in the method by all the band and on the bells. On Wednesday, March 27th, 720 Victoria Treble Bob. T. J. Watts, I. Hammond, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 720 Lichfield Surprise. I. Hammond, H. Little, G. Gray, W. Watts, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, September 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. R. G. Dewey, H. Sharp, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, P. Webb, W. B. Kempton, W. Eusden conductor, F. Bawn. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Brown, R. G. Dewey, J. Taylor, H. Sharp, P. Webb, G. Taylor, W. Eusden, W. B. Kempton.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE.—On Sunday, August 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Hancock, W. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd conductor, W. Burrough, W. Mifflin, J. R. Sandover, W. Mogridge, W. Lowton.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRANCH FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF WILTS.

TROWBRIDGE.—At the quarterly meeting on October 5th, 168 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, G. D. Heginbotham, E. C. Fricker, T. Ricketts, A. Draper, J. Hillier conductor, W. J. Prescott, C. Neate. A 336 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, C. E. D. Boutflower, C. D. Heginbotham, T. Ricketts, A. Draper, J. Hillier conductor, W. J. Prescott, C. Neate. And a course of Stedman Triples. C. D. Heginbotham, T. Ricketts, J. Hillier, E. C. Fricker, C. E. D. Boutflower, W. J. Prescott, J. L. Wells, C. Neate.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—On October 5th, 336 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, W. McCaffrey, T. Ricketts, J. L. Wells, E. C. Fricker, J. Hillier conductor, W. J. Prescott, C. Neate. Also 220 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, E. C. Fricker, T. Ricketts, J. L. Wells, W. J. Prescott conductor, J. Hillier, A. Draper, C. D. Heginbotham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, September 15th, at St. John's church, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Rose, 1; W. J. Jeffries conductor, T. Deal, J. Law, W. C. Hunt, E. H. Nixon, G. H. Daynes, H. Young. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late President McKinley. On Sunday, September 22nd, for evening service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob. A. C. Bedwell, J. Rose, W. C. Hunt, E. H. Nixon, W. Bedwell conductor, J. Davis, G. H. Daynes, W. J. Jeffries. On Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. C. Hunt, T. Deal, W. Bed-

well, A. C. Bedwell, W. J. Jeffries, E. H. Nixon, G. H. Daynes conductor, B. Miller (first quarter-peal.)

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MELTSHAM (Wilts).—Recently, at the parish church, 360 Bob Doubles. Rev. H. E. Bassett, W. G. Lock, S. Hillier conductor, W. S. Burbridge, A. West, H. Davis. Another 360. W. J. Truss, W. G. Lock, S. Hillier conductor, W. S. Burbridge, A. West, H. Davis. A 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. J. Mees, W. G. Lock, S. Hillier conductor, W. S. Burbridge, A. West, —Legge. This is the longest length by all except the conductor, and rung entirely by a local band except the Rev. H. E. Bassett.

DEVIZES.—On August 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Hampton, C. S. Burden, T. Raddon, C. D. Heiginbotham, C. R. Hampton, S. Hillier conductor, A. Draper, R. Phillips. This was arranged for C. S. Burden, who hails from London. On August 13th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores, called differently. C. H. Hampton, C. D. Heiginbotham, W. H. Johnson, S. Hillier conductor, A. Draper, R. Phillips. Rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Empress Frederick.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for evening service at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. T. Ansell, W. Hackney conductor, G. Flintham, R. E. Clarke, G. Chester J. W. Watson.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Saturday, September 28th, on the occasion of the meeting of the Northern Branch, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. S. W. Buller, W. D. Tinker, R. E. Clarke, H. Haigh conductor, P. O. Bixby, G. Chester. And two courses of Kent Treble Bob. W. D. Tinker, R. E. Clarke, J. Swannack, G. Chester, J. T. Ladd, P. O. Bixby, F. S. W. Buller conductor, G. Wilson.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDBURY.—On Thursday, September 19th on the occasion of the funeral of the late President McKinley, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled came to grief after ringing 2000 changes. On Thursday, September 26th, for practice, 1800 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Bennett, J. W. Parish, J. Hall, S. Astbury, R. Hall, J. Tilley, J. Jaggar conductor, F. Harris.

BLETCHLEY.—On June 30, 490 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, H. Sear conductor, W. Sear, L. Meager, A. Atkins, E. Marks, F. Hedges H. Thurlow. On July 7th, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, A. Atkins, H. Sear conductor, L. Meager, F. Hedges, E. Marks, E. Whitbread, H. Thurlow.

GREAT HORWOOD.—On June 29th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear, H. Sear conductor, L. Meager, E. Marks, A. Atkins, H. Thurlow. Another 360. A. Atkins, W. Sear, L. Meager, H. Sear conductor, E. Marks, J. Marks.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On October 1st, for practice at the parish church, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Wright, A. Webber, — Todd, E. R. Caron, D. Hayward conductor, W. Secrett, J. Matthews, G. Oxford. Also touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters, with G. Read and C. Harding.

HANSLOPE (Bucks).—On July 6th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Smith, H. Sear conductor, W. Tucker, W. Bonham, E. Whitbread. Another 120. H. Rainbow, W. Tucker, E. Whitbread, W. Benham, H. Sear conductor.

HENFIELD.—On Tuesday, August 13th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Empress Frederick, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Markwell, C. Tyler, T. Burt, A. E. Lish, L. Payne, G. Payne conductor, A. Heasman, A. Hodges. On Sunday, August 18th, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Lish, A. E. Lish, W. Markwell, S. Burt, W. Hillman, L. Payne conductor, A. Heasman, C. Tyler. On Monday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Markwell, W. Hillman, J. Lish, S. Burt, G. Payne, L. Payne conductor, A. Heasman, A. Hodges.

LONDON.—On Thursday evening, October 3rd, for Harvest Festival at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassal Road, Brixton, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Flower, G. W. Wild, H. Langdon, E. J. Webb, F. Davis, E. Brett, J. E. Davis, J. Miller.

LLANDUDNO.—On Thursday, July 25th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 Grandsire Minor. Colour Sergt. G. Maries conductor, Lance-Corporal J. Tipping, Private R. Seddon, Lance-Corporal J. Moore, Sergt. E. Tipping, Lance-Sergt. T. Allanson. This is supposed to be the first 720 on the bells, and was rung during the encampment of the second volunteer battalion East Lancashire Regiment at Conway. All the above are members of M company, and hail from Lytham.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The last wonder of the world is the peal at Arklow. When relating the circumstance to an acquaintance of mine he asked: "Where did you say this peal was rung?" "In Ireland," I answered. "Ah! that accounts for it then," was the rejoinder. But we shall have to accept this record, I think. Many people tell me round Oxford way that it used to be a common thing for the hero of the day to ring two bells at once, and strike them well! Well, perhaps so; but a touch is not a peal, it should be remembered.

It is a most unfortunate thing that some talented ringer acquainted with the ins and outs of things, was not invited to be present. It would have been very easy. Gabriel Lindoff is in Dublin, and Dr. Livermore close by at Waterford. If either of these ringers had been asked to attend, the likelihood is that we should have read a very interesting account of the affair. Why ever did you neglect this precaution J.W.W.? But the prevailing notion is that you have frequently erred in this way.

This manner of ringing has been stigmatised as "a monstrosity," a thing to be reprobated, and avoided. Certainly the Art of ringing is not expected to develop downwards into acrobaticism, neither is it desired that ringers should become amateur contortionists. We pat you on the back, Washbrook, for your prowess; it's a great thing to ring 3-4 in a peal, a very great thing; but we don't want to hear of its being done again.

Don't let anyone attempt to beat this record. If there is anyone trying *a la* Washbrook to go one better than he by attempting to ring three bells, one in each hand and another by the leg; or to beat that remarkable fellow at St. Dunstan's in-the-East by ringing four bells, utilising his neck for the purpose, I advise such wight strongly to desist before unpleasant circumstances result.

The Rev. H. Law James is still going ahead. He tells those who do not understand him (and I am among the number) that they have minds of a very unscientific nature. No doubt he is correct in that. But notwithstanding such a confident assertion, we are none the nearer enlightenment. Mr. James is a very great man, not physically, but great in mystifying people having unscientific minds, yet there have been those ere now who could render what they said intelligible to such thick-headed people as we non-scientists. Well, some of us can ring a bad-going tenor through a peal of T. B. M., and have done so more than once without a murmur, or a "came to grief." Pull the ting-tang, John.

The correspondence about the bells of that Gloucestershire village named "Painswick" has become interesting, if nothing else. My friend William Hale has strung together a lot of sentences by which he has fallen foul of one or two people. William my boy, you and I are among the old uns, on the top shelf. I admire you sticking up for your bells through thick and thin; I would do the same for the bells of my native parish. But we old fogies haven't a leg to stand on in these matters. The front five bells of a ring of twelve ought to be a peal of five, but your bells do not answer to their names in this respect. There are a good many peals like

them all over the country. Never mind, friend, you have got your bells back again. If I should not be able to drop upon you during the next few weeks, you may let me know what you think of them now.

There is, as is well known, a ringer named "James Hunt" at Guildford. I have known a great many ringers of this name and all but one had either James or John given them at their baptism. Now James Hunt of Guildford is a very enterprising man. He is not a treble-bob Hunt exactly, but a plain Hunt. He wants to make you peal boards of any size and shape you please, does this Hunt. He is not "out of the hunt" in such matters, evidently. He knows what is wanted and will meet your views in every way without snapping or dodging you. Hunt up his announcement on the middle page of this paper and give him a turn when you can.

And while recommending to you a brother-string who has just embarked in this business, I should like to say how glad I was to read the remarks of my friend "Jingle" a few weeks ago relative to helping one another. "Love the brotherhood." Help your ringing brethren in their business when you can. Several well-known ringers constantly solicit your patronage and support in these pages. Do what you can with them in the way of trade. I am not any believer in exclusive dealing, of course, and my observations do not carry any idea of that sort with them.

The last subject I shall refer to this week is the Harlow Church Bell Fund. I hope this is doing well with you. Having been particularly engaged no news has arrived concerning it this week, but I will enquire, and having something to say on it in the next number.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

BELL HANGING OPERATIONS.

Messrs. F. White and Son, of Appleton, Berkshire, have lately rehung the bells of South Littleton and also of North and Middle Littleton, and their work has given great satisfaction to the Vicar and churchwardens.

FRANK S. TAYLOR, *Vicar of Littleton.*

THE GLOSSARY.

Members of the Midland Counties Association may obtain the above post free 3d. on application to the Honorary Secretary,
W. E. WHITE.
Cotgrave, Notts.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—There will be no practice on Tuesday, October 15th, when a peal will be attempted by the local band.
Barnehurst, Bexleyheath.
P. E. BEX.

PEACH'S LACE CURTAINS 21s. POPULAR PARCEL. 21s. DIRECT FROM THE LOOMS. Carriage Paid. Lot 643 contains 2 pairs Dining-room Curtains, same design, superb copy old lace, 34 yds. long, 60 in. wide; 1 pair Drawing-room Curtains, lace and rich, 4 yds. long, 2 yds. wide; 1 pair Bedroom Curtains, 3 yds. long, 50 in. wide, ornate design; 1 Lace Tray Cover; 1 Sideboard Cover; also handsome set of Toilet Table Covers, one 45 in. long, 12 in. wide and five smaller. Curtains can be had all same pattern, or Ecru if desired. Carriage paid, 21s. Newest Designs for 1901. Used throughout the Empire. SEND YOUR ADDRESS for 1901 Illustrated Catalogue. The most complete List of Lace Goods issued. Lace Curtains, Frilled-Edge, Swiss, Guipure Curtains, Also Madras Muslins, Black and Creme, Dress Nets, Flounces, Black and Fanny Laces, Blouses, Laced-edged Roller Blinds, Ladies' and Gent's Hosiery, etc Prize Medals, Toronto, 1892; Chicago, 1893.—S. PEACH & SONS, Lister Gate Nottingham. (Estd. 1857.)

Obituary.

ALBERT DEARDS.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above ringer at the age of fifty-four, who died very suddenly and unexpectedly, he having been found dead in bed on Wednesday morning, September 18th. He was well-known to ringers in London and the north-western and south-western divisions of the county of Essex. He was a member of the College Youths, the Essex and Middlesex Associations, and had taken part in several peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. He was never a great ringer, but an expert in striking. He was interred in Walthamstow Cemetery on Tuesday, September 24th, being followed to the grave by a large number of his fellow-workmen, the ringers being represented by Messrs. S. Hayes and H. Springall. The bells of St. Margaret's, Barking, were rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral as a mark of respect, the deceased being an old member of that society.

On Monday evening, September 30th, the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells deeply muffled at St. Mary's, Bow-by-Stratford, he also being a member of that society. After which 504 of Grandsire Triples and 168 of Stedman Triples was rung by H. Springall, 1; S. Hayes, 2; H. Dallimore, 3; Y. Green, 4; E. Hall, 5; S. Parmenter, 6; H. Torble, 7; D. J. Sutton, 8.

WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN.

We regret to announce the death on September 28th of the above Sudbury ringer after a long illness from cancer, in his fifty-sixth year. The funeral took place on Thursday, October 3rd, the first part of the service being taken in All Saints church of which company the deceased was a member, a muffled peal being rung before and after the funeral by the All Saints and St. Gregory's companies combined, Grandsire Triples being rung. By the express desire of the deceased, Messrs. S. Slater, O. Garwood, C. Honeybell (Glemsford), and H. Thompson (Cavendish), acted as bearers. The veteran, Mr. G. Maxim, of Cavendish, and A. Symonds, of Lavenham, also were present at the service in the church, and the organ was played by an old comrade of the deceased, Mr. C. Sillitoe, organist of St. Gregory's. As a last tribute of respect "O rest in the Lord" from *Elijah*, and the Dead March from *Saul* was played before and after the service respectively. The deceased had taken part in thirty-five peals, the longest being 10,176 of Kent at Foxearth. He was a member of the Ely Diocesan Association, the Essex Association, the Norwich Association, and the Ancient Society of College Youths, the annual dinner of which he attended for a good many years. He leaves two daughters and two sons, both of whom are proficient ringers.

ALFRED THOMAS.

The above ringer, late of Harwell, Berks., who died of heart disease on September 22nd last at the early age of forty-one, was at one time the well-known Honorary Secretary of the St. Martin's Society of Birmingham. Coming from Stockton-on-Tees, where he had been engaged in a large engineering establishment, to take the mill management of a large flour mill in Birmingham, he found his way for the first time to St. Martin's belfry on Easter Sunday 1882. Ringing his first peal at Deritend on August 11th, 1883, he shewed so much energy and ability in pursuit of the Exercise that he was soon appointed Secretary to the St. Martin's Society, and for many years was associated with its successes. Besides such performances as ringing in the record peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's, and the silent peal of Stedman Triples at Burton-on-Trent, he conducted the first short-course peal of Stedman Caters ever rung in 1886 at St. Martin's. Associating himself with the progress of ringing and the general good of the Exercise in the neighbourhood, he resigned the secretaryship of the society on its amalgamation in 1888 with the Holt Society of Aston under the name of the "St. Martin's Guild for Birmingham, Aston, and the adjoining district." During his stay in Birmingham and before going to Harwell he was engaged in about forty peals, while he afterwards rung in others connected with the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Any one knowing him a few years ago could not fail to appreciate his genial comradeship and general good influence in the Exercise. All his acquaintance knowing his finely formed

and manly figure cannot but feel that his end was early and untimely. A particular sad feature of his demise is that his widow lies in a critical condition after a serious operation with still further complications. He leaves one son of about fifteen years of age.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Aberdare on Saturday, September 28th, at 4.30 p.m., with the Vicar of Aberdare presiding. The following members were present: Rev. Canon Johnston; the Secretary; the Master of the Association; Mr. J. W. Jones, Messrs. W. Page, A. Pitt, G. Winis, S. Weaver, J. Elford, T. Hamlin, H. Pitt, and R. Daniel, of Pentre tower; Messrs. D. Thomas, W. Northey (Penarth); A. Bowen (Cadoxton, Neath); S. Rogers, W. Williams, T. Jenkins (Trevethin, Pontypool); T. Lewis, J. Griffiths, J. Lee (Blaenavon).

It was resolved that the quarterly meeting on Easter Monday 1902 should be held at Abergavenny. There being no new members to enrol, the Secretary proceeded to read the estimate sent in by the *Western Mail* printing department as to the cost of the certificates of membership in accordance with the design approved of at the last quarterly meeting. The estimate was as follows: the first 100 certificates £7 7s.; per 100 copies after £1 1s. This estimate was accepted, and it was proposed by Mr. J. W. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Northey, and carried unanimously, that the Secretary order 100 copies forthwith, and that they be sold to the members at the rate of one shilling each. The Secretary promised to bring the certificates with him to each quarterly meeting for distribution, but the main distribution would take place at the annual meeting on Boxing Day. A short discussion then took place as to the advisability of abandoning the July meeting owing to the poor attendance, in consequence of its being a busy and difficult month for most of the members to get away. It was eventually decided to bring up this matter for discussion at the next annual meeting, and the Secretary gave notice accordingly.

Mr. J. W. Jones reported that the work which he was conducting in Usk tower was not satisfactory owing to the poor attendance of the ringers, and the bells not being in perfect order. After a short discussion Mr. Jones promised to write to the leader of the Usk ringers and to ask for keener enthusiasm, and to continue his task until Christmas in the hope of improvement.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Aberdare for kindly presiding, and for the special service and instructive address which he gave the members of the Association in St. Elvan's church at three o'clock.

The Vicar suitably replied.

The Secretary then said that it gave him personally much pleasure, and he felt sure he was the same time expressing the feelings of all present to extend to Canon Johnston a most cordial vote of thanks for the very kind welcome he had given the ringers, for the excellent tea which was much enjoyed, and for allowing the meeting to be held at the College.

Mr. Attwell also spoke as to the great pleasure he had derived in being present at such a successful meeting, and that he felt sure everybody had spent a very enjoyable afternoon and outing.

Canon Johnston in his reply said that he was only too pleased to welcome the members of the Association to St. Michael's College, and he was glad to know that they had enjoyed the afternoon. He said further that he felt that in these days of many parish organization there was a danger of the old systems being left out in the cold, and that the bell-ringers were especially worthy of every recognition and encouragement, and for this reason it afforded him real pleasure to invite them there that afternoon.

The ringers then proceeded to the church tower and did some change-ringing until 7 o'clock, at which time they had to stop, as evensong was to be read in the church at 7.30. Thus concluded a very enjoyable afternoon and meeting.

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The Hertfordshire Association—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Aldenham to-day, Saturday, October 12th. Tea free at 6 o'clock if notice is given to

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY, *Hon. District Sec.*
Sunset Villa, London Road, Watford.

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Bull, at the Church of St. Paul, Hounslow, to-day, Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 6 p.m. till 8.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Heavy Woollen District of Change Ringers.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Liversedge to-day, Saturday, October 12, meeting to commence at 6.30. There will be an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, to commence about 3 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cardington, this Saturday afternoon, October 12th.

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

Ridgmont Vicarage, Aspley Guise, R.S.O.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The meeting at Southport is postponed to October 19th, when the Bishop of Liverpool will be present.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Gloucester Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stroud on Thursday, October 17th. Service at the Parish Church. Business and tea afterwards. All intending to be present please notify A. T. Ford, Esq., Stroud. Copies of the "Glossary" will be distributed at this meeting to all who produce their receipt for the current year free.

FRED. G. MAY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. George, Bristol.

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting at Barking on Saturday, October 19th, to elect a Master and Secretary for the south-western division of the county. The Vicar has kindly promised to give tea. Members intending to be present must notify me before the previous Wednesday.

Great Totham. HENRY T. W. EYRE.

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, October 19th. Committee meeting in All Saints' Schools at 4 p.m., followed at 4.45 p.m. by tea and general meeting. The towers of All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8), and St. Alkmund's Churches (8) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., but will be closed during the time of tea and general meeting. Tea (1s. each) will only be provided for those who notify Mr. A. E. Thompson, 52, Silver Hill Road, Derby, by Wednesday, Oct. 16th, of their intention to be present.

Cotgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, October 19th. The

tower will be open from 2 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. Special service at 4.30 o'clock. Tea, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, at 5. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending word to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Oct. 13.

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

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—A meeting of the St. Albans district will be held at Harpenden (six bells) on Saturday, October 19th. Bells at disposal of the ringers during the afternoon and evening.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Assistant Secretary.*

Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers are welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19 at Caversham. Evensong with sermon in the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea at 9d. for all who give notice by October 15, in the Parish School, at 6.30. Address Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, October 22nd. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. All members who can make it convenient are requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. Tea will be provided, as usual, at the Cherry Tree Hotel. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. The Hon. Secretary requests the attendance of all who can conveniently come, and to be notified of their intention.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open from 3 to 5, and 6.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at St. Margaret's School House, Old Road (eight minutes from church) at 5.30. Business meeting after. Handbells will be provided at the School House for members not using tower bells. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed. Nearest railway station is Blackheath, five minutes from the church.

PERCY E. BEX, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Barnehurst, Bexley Heath.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The Monthly Meeting of the above Society will be held at Shipley, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 o'clock p.m. Business meeting at The Sun hotel at 7 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Annual Festival will be held in Durham on Monday, October 28th. As definite arrangements cannot be made till after the date is fixed for the Bishop's enthronement, will members kindly be content with a later notice than usual?

C. L. ROUTLEDGE,

Wylam-on-Tyne.

Hon. Secretary.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 264th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 16th, at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. W. Winney, or of

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"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, October 15th, at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on Tuesday, October 22nd, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, October 24th, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, Tuesday, October 29th, all at 8 p.m.

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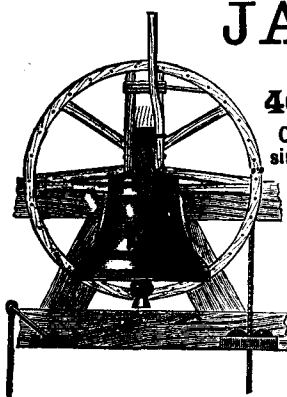
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