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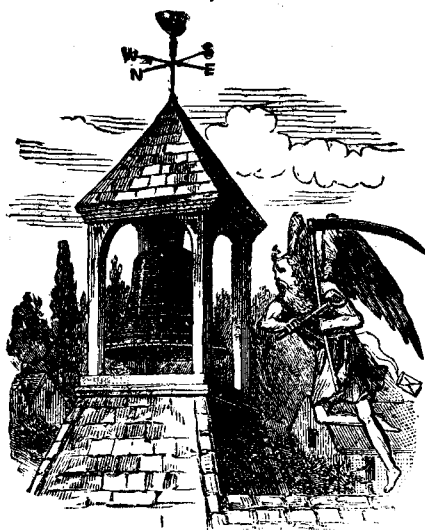
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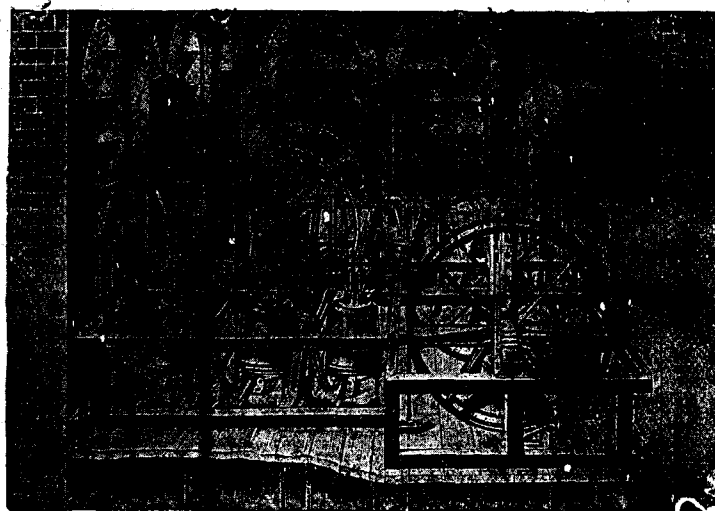
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Blackpool on Saturday, September 28th, representatives, numbering about 120, attending from Manchester, Eccles, Preston, Bolton, Gorton, Rusholme, Swinton, Walkden, Worsley, Bacup, Newchurch, Oldham, Milnrow, Burnley, Helmsore, Ramsbottom, Halliwell, South Shore, Rochdale, Heywood, Penwortham, Bury, Blackburn, Middleton, Horwich, etc. The delegates arrived early in the day, and ringing took place at St. John's and Trinity, Blackpool; St. Cuthbert's, St. John's, and St. Peter's, Lytham; and St. Anne's.

At four o'clock a service was held in St. John's church, Blackpool, when the Ven. Archdeacon Clarke preached from the text—"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

At the conclusion of the service the members attended at St. John's schoolroom, where the tea and business meeting were held. A number of ladies had prepared a substantial tea, which was greatly appreciated. A vote of thanks was passed to the Archdeacon for his sermon, and in response he said that the objects of the Association were such as should become universal not only in that district, but throughout Lancashire.

The Rev. N. S. Jeffery expressed his pleasure at seeing the Association meet in Blackpool, and hoped it would not be their last annual meeting there. He believed such associations were the means of bringing them nearer and more united one to another. He then referred to the ministry of bellringing as spoken of by the Archdeacon in his sermon.

At the business meeting which followed, the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, occupied the chair, and compared the large attendance there with that at the service in the church in the afternoon, and said he knew it was difficult in a place like Blackpool (where they had to drop some of their members at Lytham, St. Annes, and South Shore) to get them to meet together at a specified time at service. He could not help feeling that it was not quite courteous to Archdeacon Clarke that there was such a small portion present at the service. He would be sorry if in the opinion of the Association the annual meeting was looked upon chiefly as an annual picnic. The Association had a work to do, and they recognised themselves as connected with religious work, and their annual meeting was not merely for the pleasure of meeting one another and enjoying the afternoon together. He then spoke of the service being an integral part of their proceedings, and said that as they were in God's service it was only right that they should ask for His blessing and guidance. He would be very sorry if at their future meetings members came to consider the service of little importance, as compared with what came afterwards, or the enjoyment that members could get outside. He referred to the excellent work the

Central Council and meetings of the Association did, as it was here they received higher education, and information was spread.

The report and balance-sheet were passed, and Mr. Eachus (Manchester) was re-elected vice-president; Mr. J. Shepherd (Bacup) ringing secretary; and Messrs. Haydock and Leach (Ramsbottom) auditors. Nine new members were admitted, and after a vote on Eccles, Southport, Bolton, Rochdale, and Liverpool had been taken, the first-named was selected as the place for the next annual meeting.

A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of St. John's, the organist and the choir, the ladies who prepared the tea, and Mr. R. Clitheroe and the local committee, who had so admirably carried out the arrangements for the meeting. This was acknowledged by Mr. Clitheroe, who hoped they would have the pleasure of welcoming the Association on some future occasion.

A vote of thanks to the president of the Association terminated the meeting.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its autumn meeting at Richmond on Saturday, October 5th. The gathering was highly successful in every way, and when it is borne in mind how remote some of the places in this district are; how few the trains are which serve some places ringers would gladly visit on such an occasion as this, making a half-day meeting hardly worth the expense of time and money for some—when we bear this in mind, a muster of forty members for a half-day meeting at a place where the last train leaves at 6.25, is by no means bad.

These forty members represented several different places. Catterick, some four or five miles from Richmond, sent its quota. This place possesses a beautiful church, with a ring of eight bells, which were kindly placed at our disposal by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Evans, and several ringers called here on their way to Richmond, and had a pull. Then East Witton and Middleham, about ten miles by road, both sent representatives. Middlesbrough of course was well represented, also Thirsk. Stockton was in strong force; and Darlington and Stokesley likewise sent men. It is almost superfluous to add that the Richmond band were present almost to a man. No Association could have received a more kindly welcome from the local band than we did from the Richmond men. We were kindly met at the station and escorted to the tower, where everything possible had been done to make our arrival welcome.

Richmond is happy in the possession of a beautiful church, and six splendid bells, with places waiting to be filled with two more. The ringers of course would be only too glad to have the octave completed, and it is to be hoped that this perhaps may be done some day, as the local company is very enthusiastic, and anxious to render a good account of itself in peal-ringing.

Tea was served in the parish church room at 4.30, when

the President of the Association (Mr. G. J. Clarkson), occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. A. E. Ayre, curate of Richmond (himself a performing member of the Association), both the vice-presidents (Messrs. Blakiston and Wrightson), and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Rev. W. P. Wright). The Rev. A. E. Ayre in a few well-chosen words of welcome alluded to the absence of the Rector (Rev. L. E. Robinson) from the gathering, and said he had been requested to make his apologies for not being present, as unavoidable circumstances prevented it.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Richmond and the Vicar of Catterick was unanimously carried.

It struck the writer that the Richmond district might become a centre of good work in the Association if only a spirit of friendly intercourse and competition could be promoted or aroused amongst the men of Richmond, Catterick, and Bolton-on-Swale, another six-bell tower close at hand.

These three towers, within easy access of one another, ought to help things on well if properly worked, but from their somewhat isolated position it means that they must organise such a movement amongst themselves. What this means is that our district is too wide and scattered to send people about for a course of meetings as instructor or organiser.

In every way our first meeting at Richmond was highly successful, and every one had good reason to be quite satisfied with it. The next meeting will be at Feliskirk and Thirsk on the first Saturday in February. W.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, October 5th, at the parish church, Coseley. There was a good muster of members present from the various towers in the Archdeaconry: West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Wombourn, Handsworth, Willenhall, Tipton, Smethwick, Walsall, Cannock, and Bloxwich. The bells were set ringing with a touch of Grandsire Triples about three o'clock. A short service was held in the church at five o'clock, the Vicar of Coseley giving the address, after which a committee was held in the vestry when the Vicar was elected an honorary member, and several ringing members were also elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich. An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom where tea had been provided. All being found in readiness seats were taken, and full justice was done to the good things provided, after which it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the best thanks of the members be given to the Vicar for his excellent address at the service, also for the use of the bells and the schoolroom; also to the ladies for so kindly arranging and serving out the tea.

A move was then made to the tower and some touches of Stedman, Bob Major, and other methods were successfully brought round. Time having arrived for departure, a start was made for the station, thus bringing a very successful meeting to a close.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Bromborough on Saturday, October 12th. A good number of

members put in an appearance, including representatives from St. Saviour's (Oxton), St. Mary's (Birkenhead), Bidston, West Kirby, Neston, Lower Bebington, Tue Brook, Liverpool, etc. Ringing commenced shortly after four o'clock and continued till six o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where, at the invitation of Mr. Sidney Anthony (churchwarden), a capital tea was partaken of, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. E. Day Green. The meal concluded, a hearty vote of thanks was passed on the motion of the chairman, to Mr. Anthony for his kind hospitality.

The business portion of the meeting was of a very small scale owing to the unavoidable and regrettable absence of the Hon. Secretary.

After a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and for the use of the bells had been passed, a return was made to the tower, where ringing was kept up till a late hour, the ringing concluding with a well-struck 546 of Kent Treble Bob Major and two touches of Stedman Triples.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

The monthly meeting of the East Berks. and South Bucks. branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Hughenden on Saturday, October 12th. Twenty-five ringers were present from Marlow, High Wycombe, Hughenden, Lane End, and Reading. Several touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were rung. The Vicar, the Rev. Carew Hunt, kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the vicarage.

AN OLD RECORD.

The Vicar of Bolney (Rev. T. Austen Holcroft) on Saturday last handed me a copy of *The London Chronicle* for Thursday, April 22nd, and Friday, April 23rd, 1813 (an eight page publication, a trifle larger than "THE BELL NEWS" and published at 6½d.), which contains, among other items of interest of the period, the following paragraph:—

"Sunday se'nnight was rung at Bolney Church in Sussex, by a joint-band of Bolney and Brighton Youths, the intricate and scientific peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in ten courses of 504 each, which contains 5040 harmonious changes, was brought in two hours and 58 minutes, and was ably conducted by Mr. J. Potter, of Brighton. The tenor is in the key of G., and weighs 16cwt. net bell metal."

My object in forwarding this to you is the hope that it may induce some of our Brighton friends to publish any information they may have with regard to this particular peal, and also any further particulars of the "Bolney and Brighton Youths" and the peals rung by them in the early part of the nineteenth century. I have no doubt but that Mr. G. F. Attree would gladly give me all the available information if I applied to him personally, but I feel sure that there are a large number of ringers in Sussex, and probably elsewhere, who would be interested in a short history of the performances of the joint-band referred to, such as I feel sure Mr. Attree would be able to give.

I may say that, although Bolney was noted for its bells and ringers during the first half of the last century, we have absolutely no record of any ringing at Bolney previous to the formation of the Sussex County Association in 1885.

G. WALDER, JUN.

Milkside, Bolney.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS. — The re-opening of the church bells was celebrated on Friday, September 27th, when a new treble bell, bringing the number of the peal to six, was dedicated by the rural dean (Rev. T. Holt Wilson), to the memory of the late Hon. Albert Edward John Henniker-Major. Being the 60th birthday of Mr. John Taylor (the present occupant of the Hall), the ringers and estate hands were entertained by Mr. Taylor, whose health was most heartily drunk. Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, have carried out the re-hanging, the expenses being defrayed by Mr. Taylor, while Lord Henniker gave the timber from off the estate. The new bell was cast by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, and was given in memory of the Hon. A. E. Henniker-Major, by a few very intimate Cambridge friends. The whole work cost about £140. Messrs. Bowell and Son have carried out the work in a very satisfactory manner, and the new bell is the best in the peal.

HANDBELL CONTEST AT BELL VUE, MANCHESTER.

September 23rd brought with it an important sort of holiday for the thousands of musically-inclined country cousins who take a delight in that most mechanical yet deliciously pure form of harmony, handbell ringing.

Fifty-three special trains brought, at a rough computation, 20,000 excursionists to Manchester for the express purpose of attending the annual handbell ringing contest at Bell Vue, and as the city itself contributed a substantial quota matters out Hyde-road way were inclined to be animated.

Among the yearly attractions at Messrs Jennison's famous gardens this particular occasion may be said to rank third in importance. First, of course, comes the old-established picture and fireworks—that is a standing and most effective “draw.” Next must be placed the brass band contest, and thirdly the competition of which the 47th annual drew the crowd. And what a crowd! The only scene to which it can be likened is Blackpool in the wakes season.

Of course, the whole of the 20,000 odd could not be contained in the concert hall in which the contest took place, but as the ringing proceeded for something like six hours the ever-moving throng was able to take its fill by instalments, and each section, once satisfied, found sufficient in the ordinary attractions of the gardens to keep it occupied until the critical moment when the result was announced.

It is a somewhat curious feature of this contest that, although its headquarters are, and apparently must continue to be, in Lancashire, the Palatinate plays but an ever-declining part in it. Handbell ringing, essentially a blend of gymnastics and harmony, seems to be deserting Lancashire and to be finding its home in Yorkshire, or even down in the Midlands and Wales. Be that as it may, Belle Vue affords an admirable gathering ground, and the only regret is that Manchester people themselves do not realise adequately a form of pastime which is ever to be commended, for the individual skill required, and the pleasure to be gained alike by performers and listeners.

The prominence of Yorkshire in the competition is to be seen from the appended list of ringing companies taking part, the names being given in the order in which they rung: Horbury, Huddersfield Lane Congregational (Holmfirth), Birstall St. Saviours, Lepton United, Royston United, Clifton, Mottram, Dewsbury, Liversedge

Albert, Cross Hill (near Keighley) Crossland Moor United, Tintwistle, and Bingley. Two other Yorkshire combinations, Brighouse Park Rangers and Darton (near Barnsley), had also entered, but did not compete, while Almond-bury United, having gained the first prize in the last three contests, were barred by reason of their obvious superiority and the rules of the competition.

Appropriately, the test piece contained the charming bellmusic from Planquette's melodious, old-fashioned opera “Les Cloches de Corneville” arranged for the occasion by Lieut. Dan Godfrey. The judges were Dr. Henry Watson, of the Manchester Royal College of Music, and Prof. Geo. Pritchard, London. They entered on their task shortly after two o'clock, and thereafter, until it was approaching the time for the fireworks, the concert hall tinkled with the sound of the bells, while admiring crowds watched and compared the relative dexterity of the manipulators.

In the result Crossland Moor United went away with the first prize of £20 and a gold medal, with Clifton second, Liversedge Albert third, Lepton United fourth, and Huddersfield taking the fifth and last prize of £3.

A MISTAKE.

The *Sunday Companion* has the following:—

“A BELL-RINGING PARSON.—In the olden times it was no uncommon occurrence for the vicar or rector of a London church to join his men in tolling the bells; but nowadays it is no longer a pastime among clerics. The Rev. C. J. Parker, M.A., Vicar of Clerkenwell, makes the exception. He keeps up the custom, taking his rope regularly, working just as hard as any other ringer. Although he has only held the position of vicar for a couple of years, Mr. Parker has been associated with Clerkenwell for twenty years. The parishioners of Clerkenwell retain the right of openly electing their vicar, and Mr. Parker's votes, when he was elected, totalled more than the votes of all the other candidates added together.”

HEELEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD.

A large clock was started at Heeley Church, Sheffield, by the Master Cutler, on Saturday, October 12. The clock strikes the hours and shows time on two dials, each five feet six inches across, and has been generally made to Lord Grimthorpe's designs by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

THE LATE ALFRED THOMAS.

The death of Alfred Thomas has been noted with regret in Stockton belfry by the oldest members, who well remembered him as a former colleague and associate. He came to Stockton-on-Tees from the neighbourhood of Reading about 1880, and could then only ring a bell in rounds. At Stockton he became so far initiated into the Art as to ring in a 720 of Minor on the tenor of the old six on August 11th, 1880. He was present at the annual meeting of the Durham Association that year, and handled the tenor as a cover with considerable skill, when scarcely anyone else could make anything of her.

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

THE ARKLOW PEAL.

SIR,—A more absurd letter than that which appeared last Saturday above the signature "Credulous" has never, I should think, been printed in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." The practice of adopting a *nom de plume* by any writer, who impugns the character or veracity of another person, cannot be too highly deprecated, and the letters of such correspondents are scarcely worth consideration, but when one puts forth such utterly puerile remarks—remarks absolutely devoid of common sense—as were contained in the communication of "Credulous," it is time some member of the Exercise expressed the disgust which, doubtless, hundreds feel. Perhaps "Credulous" thinks his remarks are funny, but the majority of ringers, those, that is, who like to get at the truth of things, read them, I feel sure, with amused contempt. Personally, of course, I am no more in a position to judge the merits or demerits of the performance at Arklow than any other person on this side of the channel, but, in common fairness, until the contrary is proved, the peal should be accepted as an accomplished fact, and had it been achieved when Mr. Washbrook was in the zenith of his fame it would, I venture to think, have been accepted without question. Mr. Tailyour made a fair offer in reply to the editorial comment, and, unless it is accepted, the aspersions cast upon the performance should be withdrawn. My reason in writing, however, is not to defend Mr. Washbrook, whose ability as a ringer is—despite all previous controversy—beyond question, but to say that such letters as that to which "Credulous" lays claim, letters that prove nothing, that are not worth the paper upon which they are written, should be kept out of the columns of a journal whose space is already far too limited, and should be consigned to the only place fit for their reception—the waste paper basket.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

[Our friend has forgotten for the moment the liberty—the necessary liberty—allowed to correspondents. It is easy for any one at a long distance to refer to the w.p.b.—Ed.]

SIR,—What an extraordinary letter you print in last week's BELL NEWS, signed "Credulous." Babyish, silly, contemptible!—you cannot value your space much if you waste it by printing such rubbish. Your paper seems bitter, both staff and correspondents, against Washbrook. You may doubt his word, but there is other testimony, vide the letter of the master of the Arklow Guild, that the peal was rung, and I for one credit it; and am not afraid to say that I consider it an exceedingly fine feat mentally to ring two bells and call "Holt's Original." Two bells are rung in handbell ringing by one man, why not in the tower? I can see no difference except that the latter is so much more difficult. I fear jealousy and spite are at the bottom of it all; this we might understand alas! in some of your correspondents, but "BELL NEWS" should be above it and render "Honour to whom Honour is due."

WM. POLE ROUTH.

[If "our paper seems bitter," it is unfortunate, though the charge is a novel one. Mr. Washbrook himself cannot think so, certainly. The charge of "jealousy and spite" we emphatically repudiate.—Ed.]

THE PAINSWICK BELLS.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to a letter written by Mr. W. Hale which appeared in your issue of Sept. 28th, with reference to the Painswick Bells which I have had an opportunity of examining thoroughly and venture to write respecting them. With regard to what Mr. Hale has to say of their "clear and crisp tone" and also of "not having heard any uncomplimentary remark from any ringers who visited Painswick," I have nothing to say as it is very much beside the most important consideration. If he wishes to assert that the bells are "in tune" with each other I most emphatically state they are not. If he has a correct idea of the exact intervals of the scale he could not possibly make such an assertion. If he has any idea as to the harmonics and tones contained in every bell he could have easily proved scientifically and in a manner against which there could be no appeal whatever that the Painswick bells are

far from being in tune. A bell must be "in tune" with itself before it can be in tune with others. Taking Mr. Hale's assertion as to what a perfect bell should be from this standpoint the Painswick bells are not "in tune." To state that any faults in this respect are covered up when the bells are rung in quick succession is no evidence whatever that the bells are in tune. The dissonant characteristics of the Painswick bells are certainly "wild" but not beautiful or fascinating as it would seem Mr. Hale would have us believe. To assert that the bells tuned as Mr. Taylor recommended would be too true for change-ringing is simply absurd, as what is aimed at in all music is a perfect scale. I consider a bell to be a musical instrument, perhaps Mr. Hale does not. The upper notes of the Painswick bells are very much out of tune, so much so that neither Mr. Hale nor anybody else could possibly make perfect octaves with 1 and 8, 2 and 9, 3 and 10 as they now stand. What Mr. Hale says about these bells pleasing past generations surely is the weakest prop to his case, as nearly all old bells are more or less out of tune. In conclusion Mr. Hale's statement with reference to Mr. Drake's communication characterising it as a proposal to "quack doctor" and "Taylorise" the Painswick peal shows clearly—(1) That he is sadly lacking in musical perception, (2) That he is ignorant of the elementary acoustical principles which govern the tones of bells.

WILLIAM WOODING STARMER, A.R.A.M.

6, Warwick Park, Tunbridge Wells, October 9th, 1901.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

SIR,—Hearing that the re-hanging of Exeter Cathedral bells is contemplated, and that the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Monuments has offered a contribution towards the work, I should like to say that I hope they will do this only on condition that the cannons of the bells are allowed to remain intact. I mention this because I know that cutting off cannons is a very common practice among bell-hangers in the present day, especially in the case of heavy bells. Independent of spoiling the appearance of these ancient bells such an operation would entail the loss of a considerable quantity of metal (some large cannons weighing considerably over a hundredweight), and it is just possible that the bells might thereby lose their reputation of being the heaviest ringing peal in England. J. R. JERRAM.

The Close, Salisbury.

THE HEADINGLEY ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 21st, eight members of the above journeyed to Hull to attend the Yorkshire Association meeting. According to arrangements with Mr. C. Jackson, the ringers got off at Beverley Road, and made tracks for St. Mary's, where Mr. Jenkins, a member of the local band, had things in readiness, and two short touches of Stedman Triples were rung. Under his guidance a visit was paid to the docks, where Mr. Jenkins amused and interested his companions very much. After being photographed tea was partaken of in the old Grammar School—and such a tea—the rabbit pies will never be forgotten! After tea train was taken to the pretty village of Cottingham, with Mr. Stockdale, of Hull, as guide. The church here is a fine building with a large central tower 24-ft. square, and to get to the ringing chamber a journey has to be made up to the bells and then down a ladder into the ringing chamber—and what a large, clean, well-lighted place it is; rather noisy, and the 7th runs a bit stiff; with this exception a splendid place for peal-ringing. The visitors rang a musical touch of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, which was much admired; and then steps had to be retraced to the station for Hull. Half an hour with old friends at the meeting house brought on train time for home. The band wish to thank Mr. Jackson and his colleagues for their kindness in shewing them about and making the day such a pleasant one. H. W.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 27th, the ringers of St. Paul's Bedford Branch of this Association met at the church of All Saints and unveiled a peal tablet erected as a memorial of the first peal on the eight bells. There was a good attendance, and some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.

Central Council Correspondence.

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—I have not complained that Mr. James has not made use of information which I have not given him, for I did not realise that he had asked me for any. Certainly I was at the Derby meeting, but as I know very little about methods, and nothing about composition, it never occurred to me that I could be of any use to Mr. James, and his request faded from my recollection. I am sorry for this, and will give Mr. James all the information in my power, but I must ask his indulgence for this week, as I have not been able to go to the British Museum since I wrote last.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COLLECTION OF PEALS.

SIR,—I am very sorry that I have found no time to rewrite my suggestion as to the collection of peals before. It seems to me that we should be paying a poor compliment to the committee were we to refrain from publishing the whole collection, and adding a supplement from time to time as Mr. Drake suggests in your last issue. It therefore occurred to me that the thing might be made to pay its own way if it were brought out in monthly parts, at the price of one penny a month, as a supplement to "THE BELL NEWS." It could either be printed as a whole sheet ready to fold and bind, or issued ready folded, containing 16 pages octavo ready for binding. I only offer this for a suggestion, as it seems to me the most practical way of making the work self-supporting, and I am sure that none of your subscribers would grudge the extra penny a month in support of so useful a publication.

While I am writing, may I say a word about the "method and principle" dispute? as the argument seems to be getting into a fog. Here is the whole thing in a nutshell: The means whereby changes are produced divide themselves into two classes: the first class divides itself into leads, governed by the work of the treble; the other consists of a plain course in which all the bells do the same work.

We have then two classes: what we require is names to distinguish them by. The Committee is divided in opinion as to whether the one shall be called "Principle" and the other "Method," or whether they shall invent two entirely new names, which have not, so far as I can see, been yet suggested, to distinguish them by. Now it does not matter in the least which of these plans they adopt, so long as they fix upon some names by which to distinguish them. Personally I prefer Principle and Method as old terms with which we are all familiar; whereas if we invent new ones, we shall still have the two old terms Principle and Method, without having any use for them. This of course is only my personal view. All that remains to be done is for the Committee to choose names among themselves to be presented at the next Council meeting, without shedding any more ink in "THE BELL NEWS" on a subject which after all is very trivial compared with the remainder of the report that they have to draw up.

E. BANKES JAMES.

SIR,—I quite agree with the suggestion made by Mr. H. Dains that the collection of peals should be published in volumes, but I think that such peals as Holt's ten-part, the Original, Lates' Treble Bob, etc., should be put in if only for their historic value. I should like also to suggest that if any peals are put in of a method not in "Standard methods," a lead, also lead-end of bob or single should be put in with the peals. The expense would no doubt be a little greater, but could not the ringing societies, guilds, etc., help by giving a small subscription? Some would only give a few shillings, others two or three pounds, but if this was done there would be more likelihood of the copies being exhausted instead of being thrown on the hands of the Council, for the simple reason they could be sold at a cheaper rate. Why not make it something worth having in the ringers' hands instead of doing things by halves.

JOHN W. BARKER.

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FESTIVITY.

On Saturday, September 14th, a few ringers met at the residence of Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey. Invitations had been sent to ringers afar and near, but like the old Bible story—one wished to be excused because he had lately taken a wife, and others were thinking of doing so. With this and other things the number was reduced to about seven to dispose of the good things provided. Yor humble servant with two friends had a nice walk from Bramley to Pudsey Far Town, calling on the way to view the nicely laid out Park (not hotel). We reached Mr. Maude's about dusk, and his dogs gave us a rare good salute. I think they mistook us for Boers, particularly the apple dog, so called because Mr. Maude ties him to an apple tree during the day to take care of the fruit. During a walk round the garden our old friends George Bolland and J. W. Moorhouse turned up. This made us up for handbell ringing, so an adjournment was made inside, and the proceedings opened with some refreshment, and a course of Grandsire, followed by a musical touch, conducted by Mr. Moorhouse. Bob Major and Grandsire Royal were rung, interspersed with general talk and clouds from the fragrant weed, when supper was announced. It is needless to say what a splendid repast Mr. Maude placed before his friends and in the course of an hour full justice was done to his Yorkshire hospitality. After more ringing and conversation on ringing matters in general the wee sma hours began to creep on, but before parting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the host for this a renewal of his usual kindness and consideration for ringers.

Mr. Maude, in reply, assured his hearers that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to get ringers together for social enjoyment, as in all probability something in the way of advancement came out of such meetings; instancing the peal of Cambridge Surprise as the outcome of a previous meeting of this kind, and hoping that another, if only London, would be tackled in due time.

H. W.

THE LEISTON SOCIETY (SUFFOLK).—On Saturday, August 17th, the members of this Society had their annual outing to Great Yarmouth. Leaving Leiston at 7.9, the destination was reached at 9.15, where, with a long day before them, the party naturally soon got divided, some strolling into the spacious and renowned Market Place, where every possible commodity was procurable, from the renowned "Bloater" to patent medicines, which were extolled by the vendors as being able to cure all the ills which humanity is heir to—others to the pier and beach, while a few of the more venturesome spirits ascended the high tower lift. "At 12 o'clock at Foulsham's," was the order at starting, and where all met and partook of dinner, after which the tower was visited where they were met by Mr. Denison Hayward, Mr. Christian, and some other members of the local company; also Mr. Arthur Jacob, of London, who was spending his fortnight's holiday at Yarmouth. Some touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters were rung, and some rounds upon the fine ring of twelve bells. A short stroll through the streets of the ancient town and tram was taken to Gorleston, where some of the Yarmouth rangers and Mr. A. Jacob kindly accompanied them. The tower was next visited and some touches of Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung, and some touches were rung upon handbells in the churchyard. Returning to Yarmouth by train, where tea was partaken of, and which brought on time for reaching the station on the homeward journey, leaving at 6.55, and arriving home at 8.28. The party wish to thank the respective Vicars for kindly granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. D. Hayward for the kind arrangements made, and to the other ringing friends who met them, and which contributed much to making the outing so successful and enjoyable.

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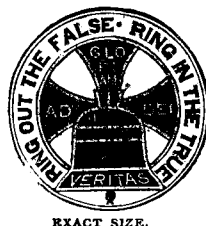
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1901.

ON another page the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES makes a suggestion relative to the publication of the proposed Collection of Peals by the Central Council. Among the several opinions which have been put forth for the elucidation of the difficulty—for difficulty it is at present—that of the above-named gentleman would appear to be easy of application. As far as the proposal of Mr. E. B. JAMES concerns us, it need only be said that if those concerned think fit to carry it into effect they will meet with our steadfast co-operation in the matter. Like every other proposal it will require consideration, and some of our readers also may like an opportunity to express their views upon it.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.**

HARRY MILLER.. .. Treble.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
SIDNEY JONES 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, October 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.**

HARRY MILLER.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.
First peal of Major by Albert Lawrence who belongs to Little Munden.**The Provinces.****NESTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)***On Wednesday, October 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.**

WILLIAM BRISCOE Treble.	JOSEPH HAMMOND 5.
THOMAS HAMMOND 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
JOHN MEALOR 3.	FRANK JONES 7.
JOSEPH RUTTER* 4.	THOMAS A. EVANS Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal. The above was arranged for T. Hammond who was on a short holiday at West Kirby.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, October 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 9½ cwt.**

A. SMITH Treble.	W. BROWN 5.
T. MANSFIELD* 2.	S. KNIGHT 6.
J. G. LUSHER 3.	H. LOVELL 7.
C. COX 4.	G. PARSONS Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES, and Conducted by T. MANSFIELD.

*First peal as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.**

JOSEPH HANKINSON Treble.	*ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD .. 5.
WILFRED MATTHEWS .. 2.	WILLIAM GAYES 6.
JAMES BRADBURY 3.	JOSEPH NORBURY 7.
J. M. DAVENPORT 4.	WILLIAM WALMSLEY Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

*First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal rung in the restored church also first peal in the method by all except the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York,
New London Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK WYATT Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

YORK TOWN, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, October 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

WALTER HOARE* Treble.	MAURICE STEER 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS 2.	SIDNEY RIDDLE 6.
CHARLES H. PEARCE† .. 3.	BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 7.
CHARLES SMART 4.	HENRY W. BOYLES Tenor.

Conducted by B. HAWKINS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Kirwan) for the use of the bells.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 10, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford and Grandsire, and two each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY CARTER Treble.	ALBERT PHILLIPS 4.
CHARLES GALE* 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 5.
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3.	GEORGE CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CARTER.

*First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION*On Saturday, October 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Ely, Worcester, Chichester, Coventry, and Huddersfield. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR* .. Treble.	GEORGE JORDAN 4.
ISAAC HAMMOND 2.	THOMAS JORDAN 5.
THOMAS J. WATTS 3.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal on six bells. This was intended to have been a Shepherds' peal, but one of the band could not come, so W. T. Prior kindly stood in at the last minute.

NEWCHURCH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PRITCHARD'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 15 cwt.**

JOHN H. HAYDOCK Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR 5.
LUKE SUTHERS* 2.	*WILLIAM CRABTREE 6.
ORMEROD EASTWOOD .. 3.	JOHN T. WRIGHT 7.
JAMES RICHARDS* 4.	JOHN W. ORMEROD Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

*First peal. Messrs. Suthers, Richards, and Crabtree hail from Todmorden Haydock from Ramsbottom; the rest from Newchurch.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART (No. 2). Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS DOBLE Treble.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 5.
HENRY J. POOLE 2.	EDGAR E. BURGESS 6.
ARTHUR DOBLE 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
FRANK MILLARD 4.	EDMUND HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

C. R. Lilley hails from Bedford. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 4.	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEIS PACE Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
GEORGE WOODMAN 2.	ERNEST WALLER 6.
HENRY BURSTOW 3.	HARRY MANCE 7.
JACOB BROWN 4.	JAMES GARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

H. Burstow is 75 years of age, and has rung at Warnham fifty-five years.

The following peals were rung during the tour in Devon:—

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH TAWTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON 5.
REV. MAITLAND KELLY .. 2.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
EDWIN J. MENDAY 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

WERRINGTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES K. LILLEY .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

WERRINGTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, October 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
EDWIN J. MENDAY 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, October 11, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 5.
REV. MAITLAND KELLY .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 6.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—To the peal of Stedman Cinques recently rung by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on the 30th ult., a most important footnote was omitted, viz., that "the bells were muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late A. Thomas, who was formerly a Secretary of the St. Martin's Society."—In the peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Moorside on October 5th, the number of changes should read 5120.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EALING.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for morning service at St. Mary's church, 588 Stedman Triples. A. H. Taber, E. J. Walsom, E. Harris, J. Basden conductor, R. George, H. Browning, A. Harding. For evening service 714 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Harding, E. J. Walsom, E. Harris, A. H. Taber, J. Basden conductor, R. George, H. Browning, W. Ward. On Thursday, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans's four-part. J. Basden conductor, E. J. Walsom, A. H. Taber, E. Harris, J. Eldridge, R. George, H. Browning, A. Harding. On Sunday, October 6th, 618 Grandsire Triples. J. Basden (conductor), E. J. Walsom, E. Harris, A. H. Taber, H. Browning, R. George, A. Fryer, H. Kemp.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

KELLY (Devon).—On Wednesday, October 9th, 720 Bob Minor, being the first on the bells. W. W. Gifford, C. R. Lilley, Rev. M. Kelly, G. Williams conductor, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. G. F. Coleridge. A 6-score each of Stedman Doubles. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Rev. W. S. Willett, C. R. Lilley conductor, Rev. M. Kelly, Rev. A. T. Beeston, E. J. Menday, W. W. Gifford. Also 720 Bob Minor. Rev. W. S. Willett, C. R. Lilley, E. J. Menday, W. W. Gifford, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, G. Williams conductor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MITCHELDEAN.—On Saturday, September 21st, on the home-coming of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brain from their wedding tour, eight members of the above met at the parish church and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Gardner, R. Brunsdon, J. Morgan, N. F. Searancke, G. Condict, W. J. Sevier, J. Austin, A. Chew. Mr. Brain has for many years been a ringer, and some time conductor at Ruardean, in the Forest of Dean, and has now come to reside in Mitcheldean, where he will be a welcome addition to the band of ringers.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RAMSEY.—On August 25th, 720 Plain Bob. O. G. Howe, T. Violon, W. J. Goss, G. Coleman conductor, S. Coleman, C. Chasty.

EVESBURY.—On September 1st, 720 Plain Bob. J. Bunnage, G. Coleman, L. Flint, H. Fields, S. Coleman, C. Chasty conductor.

ST. NEOTS.—On September 1st, 360 Bob Minor, on the back six. S. Irons, J. Jones, G. Coleman, S. Coleman, C. Chasty, C. R. Lilley conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Sunday, June 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Sharples conductor, T. Haworth, S. Collison, R. Sharples, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth. On Tuesday, June 18th, 720 Woodbine. C. Sharples conductor, T. Haworth, S. Collison, A. Walmsley, R. Sharples, J. Bentley. On Tuesday, June 25th, 720 Kent. R. Sharples, T. Haworth, S. Collison, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor. On Sunday, June 30th, 720 Kent. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, S. Collison, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. Also 720 Woodbine, standing as above. On Sunday, July 14th, 720 Kent. A. Walmsley, R. Sharples, S. Collison, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. Also 720 Woodbine, standing as before. On Tuesday, July 23rd, 720 Duke of York. S. Collison, T. Haworth, J. Bentley, A. Walmsley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. On Sunday, October 28th, 720 Woodbine. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, R. Sharples, J. Bentley, C. Sharples, J. J. Haworth. Also 720 Duke of York, standing as before.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUCKLINGTON.—On July 7th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Burgess, W. Hone, H. Druce, J. Clarke, C. Edwards, N. Spindlow conductor. Rung to celebrate the Rector's 75th birthday. First 720 by the ringers of 1 and 2. On Tuesday, August 13th, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the Empress Frederick, 840 Grandsire Doubles. W. Burgess, W. Stone, N. Spindlow, J. Clarke, C. Edwards, C. Strange. On Sunday afternoon, August 25th, being Feast Day, W. Walmsley's one-part 720 of Grandsire Minor. F. Pounds, G. Room, H. Brooks, N. Spindlow conductor, T. Bull, J. Monk. And 120 of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, standing as above.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

KESWICK.—On Tuesday, August 27th, an attempt for a 5184 of Oxford Treble Bob Major collapsed through the breaking of the 2nd rope after ringing 2000 changes in 1 hr. 15 mins. On Sunday, September 1st, at the same church (St. Kentigern's Crosthwaite), a touch

of 1152 Oxford was rung for evening service, in 45 mins. On the following Monday the peal was attempted again. All went well for 2 hrs. 55 mins., when there came a general collapse, and the bells were set. A Panter, C. L. Routledge conductor, H. Hogarth, A. Panter, F. Postlewaite, F. Grisdale, J. W. Cartmell, S. Hogarth. In all 4732 changes had been rung, and this was the longest length by all except the conductor and S. Hogarth. Mr. Routledge was elected a member of the Association before starting. He wishes to thank the members of the Keswick branch of the Association, especially Mr. S. Hogarth, their captain, for their kindness and courtesy during his visit to the Lake District. The last attempt for the peal was a farewell one to Mr. J. Cartmell, who left for London on the following day.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HASLEMERE.—On Monday, August 26th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Goodchild, W. Young, C. Gibbons, H. Mul-lard, T. Mack, G. W. T. Smith conductor.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Saturday, May 25th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans's four-part, in 47 mins. W. Weatherstone, E. H. Oxenham, F. G. Perrin, E. J. Webb, W. Charge, H. Langdon, T. Langdon conductor, E. Brett. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON.—On Saturday, September 7th, for practice, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. J. Button, W. Taylor, C. Samson, S. Bailey, C. Bailey, E. Bailey, J. M. Button, A. J. Lincoln conductor.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Sunday, September 1st, at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, F. Sear conductor, J. Coales, J. B. Fenton, T. Holmes, A. Bramall, A. Dubber.

NEWBOLD.—On Wednesday, September 4th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Coales, J. B. Fenton conductor, A. Dubber, F. Sear, T. Holmes, A. Bramall. First 720 by F. Sear. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Coleman, J. B. Fenton, A. Dubber, F. Sear conductor, J. Coales, C. Rowbottom. And 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Bramall, J. B. Fenton, A. Dubber conductor, F. Sear, T. Holmes, C. Rowbottom.

BRISTOL.—On September 8th, at All Saints church, 168 Stedman Triples. F. May, G. Daltry conductor, W. Knight, C. Dean, F. Elles, J. Burford, W. A. Cave, S. M. Dodington. Also 252 in the same method. W. A. Cave, A. Stowell, F. Elles, G. Jayne, C. Dean, F. G. May conductor, G. Daltry, S. M. Dodington. C. Dean hails from Croydon; S. M. Dodington from Derby. Rung as birthday compliment to S. M. Dodington.

HACKNEY.—On Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., at St. John's church, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late President McKinley, the usual whole pull and stand followed by three courses of Grandsire Triples. A. Coles, F. Perrin, H. Offord, W. B. Manning, E. Coomb, F. Rumens, Albert Coles, W. D. Smith conductor.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for morning service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Woodberry, N. Davis, W. H. Smith, W. E. Lesson, J. Smith, T. Bennett, T. J. Salter conductor, J. Bennett. On Sunday, September 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Leeson, C. H. Woodberry, N. Davis, E. J. Brooks, J. Smith, T. Bennett, J. Crane conductor, W. H. Smith. On Sunday, October 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Leeson, C. H. Woodberry, W. H. Smith (conductor), E. J. Brooks, J. Smith, T. Bennett, J. Crane, S. Smith.

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.

WIDFORD.—On Friday, August 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Sadler, A. Tarbun, J. Dines, A. Shuttleworth, W. Wellington, W. Lincoln conductor, A. Hoad, R. Dines.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Thursday evening, the 19th inst., at St. Mary's church, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late President McKinley, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. T. Maynard, W. B. Manning conductor, G. Grimwade, R. J. Maynard, F. Perrin, C. Hopkins, W. H. Freeman, W. R. Pinsett, F. Funn, W. Crockford.

A RINGING TOUR IN DEVON.

The desire expressed in the historic exclamation: "Us wants buls out tu Heavitree, bad," having long since been accomplished, what more natural as a corollary than—"Us wants Passon Kelly vor tu ax a band downalong vor tu ring on 'em." Accordingly, on the invitation of Mr. Kelly, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, October 7th, a band met at the foot of the tower, to wit; Revs. M. Kelly, G. F. Coleridge, F. E. Robinson, A. T. Beeston, W. S. Willett, and Messrs. G. Williams, W. W. Gifford, E. J. Menday, and last, and least in stature, C. R. Lilley, "the Tiger" or handyman of the party, ever to the fore in oiling bells, adjusting ropes, trimming and lighting lamps, locking doors, etc., saving his comrades no end of trouble during the week. Double Norwich was soon under weigh, and in due time the first peal in the method on this grand ring by Messrs. Taylor was an accomplished fact. The Rev. T. J. Ponting, Vicar, entertained the party at supper in the Vicarage, afterwards going to the Church Institute, where a very pleasant meeting with the local men had been arranged. Kind friends among the clergy and laity gave the band bed and board to fit them for the duties of the morrow, when two peals appeared on the programme, viz.: at North Tawton and Tavistock: this however was not to be, as intimation had been given that it was North Tawton Fair, and as an auction was proceeding all the morning adjoining the church, ringing could not begin till 1 p.m.; punctually at that hour a peal of Stedman was begun and duly brought round, a small slit in the tower allowing the local men to have a view of the proceedings; to Mr. Gifford who stood out, one of them remarked, "They be stripped wull, but be enjoying uv theirzelves praper, um be!" Congratulations and expressions of approval from ringers, farmers and dealers followed, while the local ringers themselves took the ropes in hand by request. Mr. C. Taverner, Churchwarden, invited the band to tea, but to the regret of all no time was available. At the station Mr. Fellowes Pryne, the well-known architect, received some advice on belfry design from a ringer's point of view. Mr. Kelly's carriages met the band at Tavistock, Kelly House being reached after a long drive, and a hearty welcome extended by the Misses Kelly and Miss Carey. Handbell ringing and a visit to the smoking room finished the lightened labours of the day.

On Wednesday, Lifton was the venue, but as word had been sent that a gentleman whose illness had extended over 40 years was then lying at the point of death, and was unable to endure so much as the turning over of the leaves of a book, a change was made, the morning being spent at Kelly and the afternoon at Launceston. After Matins, attended by all the band, a 720 of Bob Minor, followed by six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, were rung in the tower, a modern one, yet of historic interest, as a peal-board within testifies,— "Be it remembered, that on Saturday, January 21, 1865, 3 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung in this church, being the greatest number of changes ever rung in Devon by men of the county,"—our host Mr. Maitland Kelly ringing the 3rd bell, which he again took in hand this day in the 720 Bob Minor, the first on the bells, nearly 37 years later. A stroll through the beautiful grounds followed, Mr. Lilley being naturally desirous of making a closer acquaintance with the flowers of his own species growing luxuriantly on the surface of the lower pond. Mr. Gifford too at the sight of the clear water doubtless had recollections of a certain bathroom, whereby hangs a tale, which, as old Herodotus would say—"it is not lawful for me to mention." A visit to the greenhouses, vineries and apple store, where many varieties were sampled, put the visitors in good trim for ringing the stable bell at twelve o'clock, if truth must be told, with far less success than that which accompanied the efforts made at lunch which followed. Six tremendous miles of hilly country, "down under and up over" the valley of the Tamar, proved the worth of two splendid horses, Diamond and Prince, commandeered from "drayin timber" to "dray ringers" to Launceston; the Vicar was there to welcome, and in due course a peal of Stedman Triples was tapped off, the first peal on the bells. On the return, a hill, near a mile long, taxed the legs and lungs of all the party, the stoutest member, who shall be nameless, resembled a broken-winded horse when nearing the summit. The bells of Kelly, handled by a band trained by Mr. Kelly himself, were going merrily on our return, causing

many of the party to slip away from the dessert table to the tower, listen to the locals, put in another 720, and return to the drawing room, where a course of Double Norwich in which Mr. Kelly and his three daughters took part, was rung in excellent style. Next morning, after a lovely drive, the scenery looking at its best, Werrington was reached, and the bells being known to be in perfect order, and the inhabitants few and far between, Major was decided on, 5056 Superlative Surprise being rung in the morning, and 5024 Double Norwich in the afternoon, Mr. Coode, of Polapit Tamar, welcoming the band to lunch in the interval. Major ringing not being appreciated in the west, it was gratifying to hear that the ringing was described as "jist like playin' on a pihanner." Among others who listened were the Mayor of Launceston and Mrs. A. Coode, wife of the late Vicar of Cardynham, who happened to arrive at Polapit Tamar during the afternoon peal. The Vicar, a new-comer, who had only arrived on the Monday, fortified us with tea for the long drive of fourteen miles to Holsworthy, where the local men kept the bells going for one and-a-half hours in welcome,—a right royal welcome indeed!—for the Rector, Rev. T. S. Kendall and leading inhabitants had arranged matters with lavish hospitality; while two of the party went "out auver" to a friendly farmer's, the remaining seven found quarters prepared for them at the "White Hart," with supper, breakfast and dinner, and "order what you please," thrown in. The Rector, being the last to leave at night, was also the first to arrive in the tower at 8 a.m. the following morning, when in deference to local feelings, and the incomprehensibility of Major ringing to ears always accustomed to round ringing with the tenor behind, Holt's Ten-Part was decided on and tapped off in faultless style. Encomiums were showered on the band, first and foremost the Rector, "I've heard every note, it was splendid." Mr. Risdon—"never heard a party of strangers pitch off like it." Another, who had walked in some miles to listen—"a vurry gude trate:"—another—"thur be zumwan on tenor, zhure'nuff." Another dropped his tools and work for the morning and gave by way of explanation, "us cudd'nt do no work wi' moosick, za zuant." While yet another, after gazing in amazement with open mouth at Mr. Robinson and his 710 peals, was heard to exclaim "Bless his heart, then." (Moral—if you want to please ears unaccustomed to change ringing and further it's interests, ring a simple method with tenor behind, "understanded of the people.") Train to Bude and drive to Stratton, was next on the tapis: the Vicar to welcome, and Mr. Lilley busy with the castor oil bottle, while the beautiful church was examined, Thurstan's Four Part was essayed, and in three hours the 7th peal of the tour was splendidly struck off, each peal having been rung right away at the first attempt. Tea at the Vicarage, followed by a long journey to Exeter, with injunctions to meet sharp at 8.45 a.m. for a peal at Thorverton—a place notorious for ill-luck, for had not every previous West Country tour ended here with an attempted peal, resulting in dismal failure; the run of ill-luck was not to be broken, for after fifty minutes of Stedman Triples and faultless striking, a mistake in the slow brought matters to an untimely end in the 17th course. Thus ended a successful and enjoyable tour, rendered pleasant and memorable by the hearty welcome and great hospitality shown on all sides—by the civility of steeple-keepers, and others, and lastly by the admirable arrangements made by Mr. Kelly which enabled the whole programme to be carried out without a hitch—a programme which was framed as to methods with a view to pleasing local susceptibilities and not to showing off the capabilities of the band, good striking rather than intricacy of method being aimed at; 39,144 changes rung in 22 hrs. 55 mins. "with no tripping and sparing about," proving to the full the truth of the heading of a paragraph in a local paper concerning the first day's peal, "Many changes in a few hours."

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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, }

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting at Barking to-day, 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 at 5 p.m.

Great Totham.

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.

Colgrave, 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, to-day, Saturday, October 19. 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 to-day, Saturday, October 19. 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.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.

Arran, Baldslo Road, Hastings.

The Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—A meeting of the St. Albans district will be held at Harpenden (six bells) to-day, 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, to-day, 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 to-day, Saturday, October 19th, at Caversham. Evensong with sermon in the Parish Church at 5.30.

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 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.

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.

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, unless the enthronement of the Bishop interferes with that date. In that case it will be held on Monday, November 4th. Notices will be sent out as early as possible. The Glossary of Technical Terms can be had from the Secretary, 2d per copy, 3d. by post to members only.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Secretary.
Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Henfield, on Saturday, November 2nd. Tower open from 4 till 9 p.m. Tea by the kind invitation of the Vicar at 5.15. Service with a short address at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by Thursday, October 30th.

G. WILLIAMS,

Hon. Sec.

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

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. 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.

CHANGES OF ADDRESSES.—C. W. P. Clifton (late of Lincoln), has removed to 11, North Parade, Grantham.—Mr. T. Groombridge has removed to 119, High Street, Sevenoaks.—Mr. W. E. Garrard has removed to 30, Merton Road, Kensington, W.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, 546 Grandsire Triples. A. Symonds, J. P. Bradley, F. Parker, H. Smith, J. Fayers, T. King, F. T. Gover conductor, H. Brackett. The 2nd, 5th, 7th and tenor men hail from West Ham, Preston, Clapham and Sudbury.

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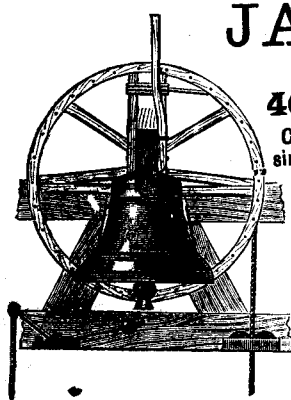
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