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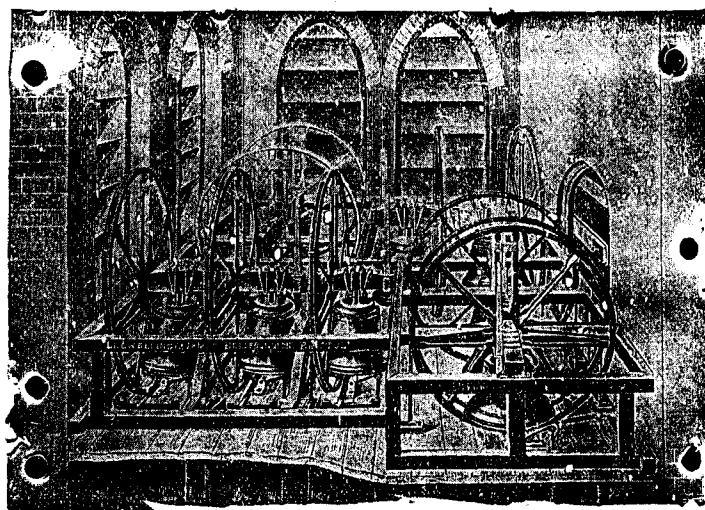
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks). St. Matthew. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1875. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears, 1895. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: alternate Tuesdays, 8.

LINCOLN. The Cathedral. North Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. Treble and 6th by Penn, 1834; 4th by Taylor, 1895; 2nd, 3rd and 5th, 1702; 7th, 1606; tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft., 1793. Founder's names of last five not known. Repairs by Taylor, 1895. Ropes bad. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Thursday, 7.30, 1st week in September to 2nd in May. The other questions not answered.

St. Peter-at-Arches. North Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1728. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1890. A proposal has been made to reduce the noise outside by bricking up part of the belfry windows, but the authorities do not approve. Ropes new 1892. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise, but the company has all resigned.

LINDFIELD (Sussex). St. John the Baptist. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. 4th by Carr, 1682; 5th, 1603; 6th, 1631 (founder's name not mentioned); 7th by Giles, 1599; the rest by Taylor, 1887. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1887. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 and 6.15. Practice: Wednesday and Saturday, 8.

LINDLEY (Yorks). St. Stephen. Yorkshire Associa-

tion. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1874. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. (? 3 ft. 8 in.) Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since the bells were hung in 1874. Ropes new 1890. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. No regular practice, but a band can be arranged.

LISCARD (Cheshire). St. Mary. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor. Date not stated. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the above Guild was recently held at Shipton-under-Wychwood. During the afternoon until service time touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung by mixed bands. At 4.30 evensong was held in the church, and was well attended. The Rev. F. E. Robinson preached a very impressive and interesting sermon, taking for his text Psalm cl. 5. After the service the ringers proceeded to the Beaconsfield Hall, where upwards of forty sat down to a capital meat tea. A business meeting was subsequently held, the Rev. J. Philipps occupying the chair.

The minutes of the annual meeting held at Chipping Norton on October 25th last having been read and confirmed, the election of new members was proceeded with.

The Rev. J. E. Philips said the next item was of a more mournful character, and to him a distinctly sad duty. Since their last meeting their friend and neighbour, Canon Carter, the Rural Dean of Chipping Norton, had passed away, and in him the Guild had sustained a great loss. As a body of bellringers, he was sure they would like to present to Mrs. Carter a vote of condolence on that occasion. He was sure Mrs. Carter had taken the greatest interest in the Guild, and he begged to propose that the secretary be asked to convey to Mrs. Carter and her family a vote of condolence and the expression of their sorrow. The proposition was carried unanimously.

The chairman stated that the annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild would be held at Witney on Monday, July 13th, when he hoped as many as possible would attend.

It was proposed to hold the autumn meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch at Charlbury. Amendments were proposed for Enstone and Hook Norton, and on being put to the meeting Enstone was the place selected.

The chairman said he should be delighted to see them again at Enstone, and he could assure them they would receive a very hearty welcome.

The Rev. J. E. Philipps proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Shipton. He was quite sure they all wished to thank Mr. Carter for the very cordial welcome he had extended to them that day. Although not an actual

bellringer, he was always most interested in their Guild, and always endeavoured to attend wherever they held their meetings. They also wished to extend their vote of thanks to the organist and choir for brightening their service that day, and he felt he must congratulate the members on the good muster at the service. It had been said that they held the spring meeting too late. He might say they wanted to have it fixed for May 16th, but if they had done so the Master of the Guild would not have been present, and he knew they would rather have it a week or two later than lose the pleasure of his presence. He had never heard such an excellent sermon on any similar occasion as they had that afternoon.

The Rev. W. J. Palmer proposed a vote of thanks to the Master of the Guild for his presence there that day, and for his splendid address in church. They all knew the Master well. He was a long and tried friend, and always had something to say to them of practical interest with regard to bellringing, and always put their work on the highest footing. It was a work that should be strongly supported by all Church people. He wished more of the clergy would attend those meetings, and he thought they ought to do so. The ringers would then feel more encouraged, and he believed their numbers would be doubled.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in responding, said it was a very agreeable part of his duty to attend those meetings. That was the third Saturday in succession he had attended a meeting of that kind, and it gave him great pleasure to come to Shipton, where they had a tower of eight bells. With reference to his address to them in the church, that was also part of his duty. He prayed God to prosper their work in every respect. When looking round with regard to their Guild he felt very thankful, but there was still a good deal that remained to be done.

Mr. Peirce, in proposing a vote of thanks to the President, said they had been very anxious for their presence at Shipton for a long time, and he was very glad that their next meeting was to be at Enstone.

The Rev. J. E. Philipps, in responding, said he was very much obliged to Mr. Peirce. It was a real pleasure for him to come there. If it had not been he had a good reason for staying away, for he encountered a thunderstorm at Chipping Norton, the like of which he had not experienced for many years, but after sheltering as long as he could, he came on through it rather than miss the pleasure of meeting them that day.

Mr. W. Simmons proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary for his able and energetic work in the cause, and Mr. Barlow in responding, assured them that the work was in his heart, and always gave him the greatest of pleasure. He hoped at their next meeting at Enstone they would have as good a muster as they had there that day.

After the meeting the ringers again adjourned to the tower, when most of the members took part in touches of either Grandsire or Stedman Triples.

To inaugurate the occasion, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the night previous, particulars of which have already appeared in this paper.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the north-western division was held at Hatfield Broad Oak on Saturday, June 20th, when the bells of St. Mary, a ring of eight, tenor 19 cwt., were at their disposal from 3.30 p.m. Tea was provided by the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Galpin), at the Mission Hall

at 5.30., when the chair was taken by the Rev. W. S. Willett, Vicar of Gilston, Herts., in the absence of the Master (Rev. G. H. Oakshott), who is away on the Continent. Tea being over, the usual business was done, the minutes being read by the District Secretary, Mr. H. J. Tucker, and passed. The Secretary proposed, and Mr. G. H. Barker seconded, that the Rev. F. W. Galpin, Vicar of Hatfield, become an honorary member, which was carried. The next meeting was arranged to be held at Newport in October, and that the bells of Saffron Walden be at the disposal of the members if possible, which was carried. It was proposed by the Rev. W. S. Willett that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Vicar of Hatfield for the use of the bells, and also for his kind hospitality to the members. During the day members were present from Bishops Stortford, Stansted, Sawbridgeworth, Ware and Hoddesdon, and rang touches in the following methods: 168 and 504 Stedman Triples, 560 Double Norwich, conducted by H. J. Tucker, 224 Double Norwich and 448 Surperlative Surprise Major, conducted by W. Watts. The last two methods are believed to be the first ever rung upon the bells. At the end of the business it was proposed by H. J. Tucker, seconded by T. Jordan, that a vote of thanks be given to the Rev. W. S. Willett for presiding, which was carried. The rev. gentleman in responding said it gave him great pleasure in being present that day, and also for presiding, and hoped that it would not be the last occasion on which he would have the pleasure of meeting them, as from what he could see the north-western division of the Essex Association were on the war-path, and he did not think they would be content until they had rung a peal of London.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting of this society was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 27th. Altogether about 100 members were present from various parishes in the Archdeaconry. Touches were rung during the afternoon on the Cathedral bells, and also at St. Mary's. At five o'clock a special service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter. At this service a very helpful address was given by the Rev. T. W. Wilkes, Vicar of Wednesbury, an honorary member of the society. The arrangements for the tea had been most excellently made by the kindness of certain ladies. The tables were laden with ample provision, and decorated with flowers which had been most kindly sent for the purpose, and there was no lack of willing hands ready to supply what might be needed in the way of refreshment. All this was much appreciated by the ringers. With such admirable management the success of the meeting was assured.

The Rev. Prebendary Bolton by whose kind permission the tea had been held in the Pool Walk schoolroom, presided over the general business meeting which followed the tea. The report showed that thirty-eight peals in different methods had been rung during the year. This is a very considerable increase on the average return in the previous past, and has never been previously equalled by the members of the society. Two honorary members were elected at this meeting, viz., the Rev. B. G. Nicholas and the Rev. W. E. Thompson, of Christ Church, West Bromwich, and altogether twenty-one new ringing members were admitted. The usual votes of thanks closed the proceedings.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

On Saturday, June 20th, eleven members of the Ancient Society of College Youths left the London Bridge Station by train at 8.30 a.m. en route to Tunbridge Wells, the latter place being reached at 10 a.m., where they were met by their lady member Miss Rosa Mc A. Leney, whose kind invitation had made them her guests for the day. A char-a-banc equipped with four beautiful horses awaited the arrival of the Youths. The trysting place was Cranbrook, which was reached by a beautiful drive of eighteen miles by way of Pembury, Brenchley, and Horsmonden. The Limes, a very neat and cosy hostelry, and of which Cranbrook no doubt is proud, hove in sight, and the happy party were not long in renewing old acquaintanceship with the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The town of Cranbrook is situated upon a small brook called the Crane, whence its name, fourteen miles south-east of Maidstone, and seven-and-a-half north-west by west of Tenterden. A substantial luncheon having been negotiated, eight blithe young fellows hid themselves to the belfry of the church dedicated to St. Dunstan, and did there and then perform a true and complete peal of Stedman Triples in the space of 3 hrs. and a ½ mins. by the clocks and watches which do so numerously abound on such occasions. The record of this performance appeared in the proper column of this paper. The bells upon which the peal was rung, and which is supposed to be the first peal in that method upon them, were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1801. The treble, 2nd and tenor are maiden castings, and the entire ring were rehung in new fittings and framework by the same firm eighteen months ago. Just previous to the completion of the peal another young man arrived in the person of Mr. James Pettit. The Youths, including Miss Leney, just made a bakers' dozen, and were joined at dinner by the Rev. Percy L. Clarke, curate of the parish, the Vicar, the Rev. W. Bell, being unable to be present owing to stress of work, although he was at the luncheon.

After the cloth was removed Miss Leney, in a neat little speech, expressed the pleasure it gave her to welcome her guests the "Youths" once again, but regretted the absence of her sister, Mrs. Mackinnon.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, in responding, proposed "The Health of Miss Leney" in eulogistic terms, and also gave expression to the sincere regret of all present at the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Mackinnon, and the hope of a speedy recovery from the affliction of the eyes for which she was under treatment.

Mr. W. D. Smith, in supporting Mr. Dawe, added that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar of Cranbrook for his kindness in allowing the use of the church bells.

The time had now arrived for the departure of the visitors, the thanks of whom were bestowed upon Mrs. Smith for the excellent manner she had catered for the wants of the inner man; also to those who had assisted in preparing the same. Seated again, the return journey was made via Goudhurst, and Tunbridge Wells reached with ten minutes to spare ere the last train arrived to speed the party on to London. Thus ended another of a long series of most enjoyable outings in the "Garden of England." It may not be out of place to note here that although Mrs. Mackinnon was absent, Miss Leney kept her well informed, by telegraph, of the progress of the day's doings, messages passing between the two ladies, the last being with reference to the achievement of the peal, to which a congratulatory answer was received at the dinner table.

The names of those "Youths" forming the party were: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, F. E. Dawe, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, J. Pettit, W. Prime, W. D. Smith, C. F. Winney, and M. A. Wood.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING AT RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

In the presence of a crowded church and a large and fashionable assemblage of guests, the marriage was solemnised at All Saints' church on Wednesday afternoon, June 24th, of the Rev. Harold Matthew, M.A., curate of Fairfield, Liverpool, and Miss Kathleen Bradstock, eldest daughter of the highly-respected Vicar of the parish. The service, which was fully choral, was most impressively rendered, and as the bridal party left the vestry after the signing of the registrar, Mendelssohn's wedding

march was played on the organ, and the fine-toned bells pealed forth with a joyous ring in the well-known changes of Queens, etc. In the evening the ringers attempted a peal of Bob Major, but were unsuccessful, and afterwards a quarter-peal, 1264 changes, in the same method, was rung by the following: J. Shardlow, S. Wesley, H. Day, W. Thyng, W. Fox, W. J. Sevier, J. Pagett conductor, H. George. Amongst the lovely collection of presents was one from the ringers of the parish church in the shape of a massive handbell, with inscription (dinner bell), from the well-known firm of Taylor of Loughborough.

MARGATE, KENT.—PRESENTATION.

On Sunday evening, June 4th, at the Vicarage, a very interesting presentation took place. The Rev. A. L. Brine, who is leaving Margate, he having accepted the living of Willesborough, Kent, the ringers felt that they could not let him leave them without showing some token of their respect. Mr. A. H. Saxby, in a brief speech, spoke of the practical help he had given to the St. John's company, and the loss his leaving would mean to them. He had great pleasure in asking the Vicar to make the presentation, which took the form of a solid ebony silver-mounted cigarette cabinet. The presentation having taken place the Rev. A. L. Brine thanked the ringers for their kindness, and spoke of the happy times he had spent with them. He hoped it would not be the last time that they would meet together. Previous to this little gathering a farewell quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 47 mins. G. Eves, S. G. Twyman conductor, E. L. Burgess, Rev. A. L. Brine, E. E. Foreman, J. Blythman, A. H. Saxby, E. Foat.

BELLRINGERS AT DINNER.

On Saturday evening, May 23rd, the members of the Swindon parish church Guild were entertained to dinner at The King's Arms hotel by their Captain, Mr. Ernest Bishop. The chair was occupied by the host himself, and he was supported by Mr. T. Robinson, while Canon E. W. Estcourt was also present. Mr. C. D. Godwin provided a capital repast. The usual patriotic toasts were given from the chair, and a verse of the National Anthem was sung.

Canon Estcourt, in responding to the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy and Ministers of all denominations," spoke in complimentary terms of the excellent work done by the bellringers in the service of the Church. He then proposed "The Health of Mr. Bishop," which evoked an enthusiastic response, coupled with musical honours, and Mr. Bishop made a suitable reply.

The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by a number of songs by Messrs. Bishop, Hill, Godwin, Ricketts and Palmer, while Mr. J. Thomas delighted the company with selections on his dulcimer and touches in various methods on fairy bells.

Towards the close of the evening Mr. T. Lawrence expressed the company's appreciation of the kindness of Mr. Bishop, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. A most enjoyable evening terminated after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

NOTTINGHAM.

On Monday evening, June 21st, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. R. Blackwall, T. Horton, F. Blood, J. Hickman, J. Woolley conductor, G. Johnson, H. Woodiss, W. Peabody. Rung on the occasion of Mr. Woolley's 50th birthday. The company afterwards adjourned to The Barley Corn inn and drank his health. Mr. Woolley, in responding, said he had now been a ringer at All Saints' church for fifteen years, and this year, as senior ringer had been appointed steeplekeeper. It was his intention in the future, as in the past, to do all he could for the good of bellringing and bellringers generally. The meeting then terminated.

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THE AUGHTON PEAL.

SIR,—Your refusal to insert a letter on this matter with no writer's name attached, is just. But I am surprised you should have made an exception to this rule in the last two notices respecting the Royal Cumberlands, which had no name to them. The writer of same was ashamed to attach his name to them, but your readers know 'twas your ancient contributor Ananias, who is unfortunately still in existence. JOHN ROGERS.

[We cannot understand our old friend's allusion.—ED.]

LEGITIMATE METHODS.

SIR,—If I am able to go to York next year I promise to move a resolution which will raise the definite question of whether Grandsire Major and Bob Triples are to be booked or not. And I shall also try and get an authoritative ruling as to whether and how far the Council is bound by the exact wording of any report it may adopt. Meanwhile may I ask any who think differently to say so and give their reasons. Our reasons are fully worked out in the report and the notes printed with it, and I feel sure that none will find a weak place in our arguments there. I may say I fully agree with you that Grandsire Major is a rather agreeable method to ring. I have said in our paper before that I parted with it with some regret. But a bastard it is, and why ring bastards when there are so many other methods much better, which have scarcely yet been practised? If anybody would like to ring a method on eight bells with a bell in the hunt, there is one we use as an illustration in the notes to our report. It is the most perfect possible of its kind, and I offer it to the Exercise in exchange for Grandsire Major, with permission to the first band that rings it to call it what they like. In conclusion don't let any one think that our condemnation of these methods is anything new. One of the chief reasons which induced Mr. Bulwer to raise the question which led to the appointment of the late committee was the feeling which he freely expressed that the time had come for ringers to drop Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, and turn their attention to something better. J. A. TROLLOPE.

SIR,—The letters in this week's paper in reply to mine seem to require some answer. Mr. Trollope reminds us that the Council has not laid down any rules for five and six-bell performances, which is perfectly true, and so I suppose my objection to peals containing illegitimate Minor methods must give way; but I still feel very strongly that it is a pity that ringers should waste their time in practising illegitimate Minor methods to the exclusion of the large number of legitimate methods which are hardly ever practised. When we come to Triples and Major I agree with every word that Mr. Trollope has written, and I cannot see how one bell striking four blows in one place can truthfully be called half-pull change-ringing. The report is of course educational, and I hope that its effect will be to put all illegitimate methods on all numbers of bells out of practice, because there are quite enough good methods on all numbers of bells to occupy the attention of any ringers during his lifetime without ringing mongrels. Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, College Pleasure, and Union Triples are all illegitimate because they consist of bob leads only, and have not a plain lead in them. H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—We must not forget "The Glossary." This work, which is an official publication of the Central Council, contains a definition of the term "peal," which covers Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, and if this is to be modified it clearly must be modified by an express resolution of the Council. It certainly cannot be affected by the fact that the Council has accepted a report from a committee on a different subject.

I quite realize Mr. James's point. It certainly seems unsatisfactory that, as things at present stand, it is apparently possible to ring a legitimate peal in an illegitimate method. It looks to me as though, having regard to the Committee's report, the

logical conclusion is that such performances as Bob Triples and Grandsire Major would be ruled out of recognized peals. But if so, it must be done by an express resolution. It is obvious that the value of the definitions in "The Glossary" must cease to be trustworthy if they are liable to be modified by expression in reports presented to the Council not necessarily bearing upon the definitions themselves, however excellent those reports may be. I thoroughly agree with Mr. James and Mr. Trollope that peals of Bob Triples and Grandsire Major should be discouraged, and I hope the Committee's report will have that effect, but I do not think we are yet in a state to say that they do not count. R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—I am glad you have taken up the position which no doubt is correct in this matter. For my own part I hardly feel that the report is so final as you would seem to imply. Had I been able to be present when it was presented to the Council I should supported its adoption, and agreed that it is one of the best pieces of work the Council has done. But that by no means implies that it is perfect; and before any final sanction be given to it I trust that a thorough examination and explanation in your columns will remove several blemishes, which are only natural in an untried work. H. DRAKE.

P.S.—Your excellent report has dropped the last few words of the sentence at the end of what I said on "Overlapping." The point I brought out and which was felt by all was that the chief difficulty of making any rule on the matter arises from the fact that some associations (like the College Youths and Midland Counties) necessarily overlap. Before I came here I was where three and more Associations could have held a meeting in the same place; whereas here one ought not to have a meeting in the adjoining parish (although most of us ring there) as it is in another diocese. I did not quite see the point of Mr. Matthews's reply: if, as would seem by your report, he is under the impression that a meeting of the Salisbury Guild has ever been advertised or held within the boundaries of the Winchester Guild without the permission of the latter guild he is mistaken, as such is not the case.

THE BELLS OF LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

SIR,—In your issue of June 27th, in the schedule of "Our Church Bells," your information states: "No half-pull ringing." So far from this being the case there are various methods rung, viz.: Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich. As a member of the Leiston society for many years, of which I have many pleasing recollections, and having taken part in some good ringing in each of the above methods, I hasten to remove such a slur on my Leiston friends, and shall thank you to kindly cause the necessary adjustment to be made in the report. I may add there are two other matters incorrect, viz.: the 3rd is a recast in 1854, not in 1869, and the weight of the tenor is 20 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. If such inaccuracies are allowed in the report, it will be of little value when published. WILLIAM TAYLOR.

BOB ROYAL.

SIR,—I beg to inform Mr. J. George (of Rugby) that the figures of the peal in question are in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 16th, 1892, and is a four-part peal instead of a two-part, as given by him. H. J. TUCKER.

The members of the St. Albans Cathedral company had their annual holiday on Saturday, June 13th, the place selected being Southsea. Taking into account the very wet weather, they enjoyed themselves exceedingly well. A visit was paid to All Saints church, Ryde, on Sunday, where several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for evening service. The visitors would like to thank the Vicar, and Mr. Jennings (the conductor), for the kind reception they received. A pleasant morning was spent on Monday in a ramble through the dockyard, including a trip to the famous Victory (Lord Nelson's ship), afterwards boarding the cruiser Hero. The party returned home on Tuesday. Thanks are due to the Rev. G. D. Castleden for his trouble in arranging the excursion.

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Total ..	35

Obituary.

T. CLARK.

It is with heartfelt regret that we have to record the death of Mr. T. Clark, formerly of Sharow, Ripon, who died at Hull on June 24th in his seventy-first year, after a long illness. He joined the Yorkshire Association at its formation in 1875, and was therefore a life member, with two peals standing to his credit. He was also a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and for many years was a Vice-President. He rang in twelve peals for the latter Association, making a total of fourteen in all, several of which he conducted.

His remains were interred on Friday, the 26th, at the Hull General Cemetery, being borne to their last resting place by several of the Holy Trinity ringers. The Rev. P. Gordon, M.A., of Holy Trinity church, was the officiating clergyman. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by C. Jackson, W. Southwick, D. W. Brown and T. Stockdale, and the same evening a quarter-peal (1260 changes) in the same method (taken from Holt's Original) was rung at Holy Trinity church, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to their departed colleague, by the following members:—W. Southwick, C. Jackson conductor, F. Merrison, G. Marshall, D. W. Brown, A. Naylor, T. Stockdale, J. W. Dale.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1903.

THERE is no necessity whatever for any further correspondence condemnatory of Grandsire Major or Bob Triples, or in fact of any of those methods declared as "illegitimate" by the Central Council's Report. What we have attempted to point out is not that such methods are not what the Committee say they are. We acquiesce in every word of the report, and have more than once admired the ingenuity of those gentlemen who framed it. Our remarks have been mainly to protest against the dictum laid down that owing to the publication of this report, peals rung in the methods condemned will not count; in other words, will not be booked. This some-

what autocratic ukase has been too hastily promulgated. An opinion, uttered by one whose authority is of the highest value, has been pronounced to the following effect: "The adoption of the Council of the Report simply meant an approval of the distinction drawn between good and bad methods, and had nothing to do with the legitimacy of peals." And yet if we understand Meesrs. TROLLOPE and JAMES aright, they contend that the adoption of the report actually implies such a condemnation, that those methods shall not be recognised if they are ever rung as peals. How is this stringent regulation to be carried into effect and universally obeyed?

We apprehend that it is intended at the York meeting to place a resolution on the agenda ruling that all these methods shall not be used in the future, and that any peals in them shall not be recognised. How is such law to be enforced? Mr. JAMES may forbid the practice of them in his own tower of Surfleet, and we should not be surprised to hear he had done so already. But then Mr. JAMES, ingenious as he is, is not the Exercise, or even the Central Council. There is great doubt about the Council allowing such a proposition on the paper, and greater doubt of its being carried. We should say the Council would be careful not to pass a resolution which the representatives imagined could and would not be obeyed. Our concluding lines in last week's article may be repeated: "While fully agreeing with the valuable report of the Council and the teaching it conveys, ringers will hardly come to the conclusion that it enjoins the total or partial disuse of the methods concerned."

At the meeting of the Central Council the Rev. HERBERT DRAKE proposed a resolution relating to the figures of compositions which appear in this paper from time to time. He somewhat hastily withdrew it because our friend Mr. DAINS feared that by the passing of such a motion our liberty might be interfered with. Both these gentlemen may rest assured that we should have welcomed the passing of Mr. DRAKE's proposition. Our friends on the Council should know that while we may comment on its actions in any particular, "THE BELL NEWS" has ever been loyal to its dictates, and will try to continue to be so.

Mr. WILLIAM TAYLOR, of Southwold, formerly of Leiston, is a little concerned at an error creeping into the Schedule "Our Church Bells." Well, it is doubtless through the fault of some of Mr. TAYLOR's friends at Leiston, who supplied the information. The compilation of this Schedule is no small matter, deserving of gratitude, instead of grumbling when errors occur from the carelessness of people.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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JAMES ADAMS 2.	PERCY HOWARD 5.
JOHN A. WHITE 3.	CHARLES W. PORTER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. PORTER.

First peal by Herbert Campbell, aged 16 years. First peal on the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

The Provinces.

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On Tuesday, June 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

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Conducted by GEO. HY. BEEVER.

Reference elsewhere.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

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Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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*First peal and first attempt. †First with a bob bell. ‡First peal of Minor.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

MAURICE STEER Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 5.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS 2.	ALFRED H. PULLING 6.
CHARLES GILES 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Canon Sturgess for his kindness in providing tea after the peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
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WALTER PRIOR Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
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FREDERICK PITSTOW 3.	THOMAS JORDAN 7.
WILLIAM WATTS 4.	ALFRED PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

A. Pitstow was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

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Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First 5040. First 5040 on the bells.

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

*First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing many happy returns.

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E. V. COX 4.	F. WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by the HON. A. ERSKINE.

*First peal as conductor.

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On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BUTTERWORTH* .. Treble.	*ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. 5.
EDWIN B. SHAW 2.	JAMES PRIESTLEY .. 6.
GEORGE HENRY BEAVER .. 3.	HERBERT BARLOW* .. 7.
SAMUEL STOTT 4.	JOHN HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. BEAVER.

*First peal in the method. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and local ringers for the use of the bells, and for having everything in readiness.

NEW MILLS.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6

THOMAS JACKSON .. Treble.	*FRED HOLT .. 5.
TOM MARSHALL 2.	*ALLEN S. GORDON .. 6.
JAMES BOOTH 3.	EDWARD READER .. 7.
WILLIAM LOWERY* .. 4.	GEORGE MARSHALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Lowery.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 6.
PERCY DERBYSHIRE .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. 7.
WILFRED J. MOSS .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Reference elsewhere.

HUNTINGDON.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED R. NEWTON .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 6.
LOUIS J. FLINT 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GOSS .. 4.	JOHN IRONS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

This is the first peal by the ringer of the treble who is 16 years of age, and also first peal by the tenor-man. Mr. S. Peck, of St. Neots, who heard the peal throughout, took the time at the beginning and finish, and also complimented the company on their good striking.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

DENNIS CARRIER .. Treble.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. 4.
WALTER T. FINEDON .. 2.	FRANK WEBB .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Reference elsewhere.

Miscellaneous.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On April 14th, at St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 30 mins. H. J. Poole, W. A. Fowler, J. Routley, E. V. Cox, Esq., J. Fowler, J. Burge conductor, E. A. W. Poole, E. Wyatt, W. White, S. P. Merson.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, April 12th, for evening service at the church of SS. Mary and All Saints, 1260 Bob Royal, in 48 mins. G. Mee, A. Craven, B. A. Knights, G. Hollis conductor, D. Farthing, S. Price, G. W. Bemrose, J. Hunt, W. Thyng, A. Knights.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIDLINGTON.—On April 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Franklin, E. V. Cox, W. Bennett, H. Judge, F. Webb, E. C. O'Brien, A. Erskine conductor, W. Franklin.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service, 574 Grandsire Triples. H. Garfath, jun., longest touch as conductor, A. E. Smith, A. LeClercq, T. Upshall, A. Baigent, H. Garfath, sen., E. Clapshaw, H. Kimber.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAWTON.—On Sunday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. T. Harper, J. Hancock, J. Wildblood, J. Massey, J. Pierpoint, J. James, W. Rigby conductor, S. Dimelow. Rung in honour of Miss Nall's twenty-first birthday.

WOODCHURCH.—On Sunday, April 5th, for morning service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, G. Phillips, A. Bennett, W. Bennett conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE.—On Monday, March 16th, for practice, 503 Grandsire Caters. E. Dewey, H. Ewins, G. Huggett, F. Hoad, sen. conductor, T. Brown, J. Ansell, F. Hoad, jun., T. Sparks, H. Reeves, G. Thompson. And 224 Superlative Surprise. H. Ewins, F. Hoad, R. Thorpe, G. Thompson, G. Huggett, G. Croucher, H. Reeves, F. Hoad, jun. 416 Double Norwich. P. Knight, F. Hoad, sen. conductor, R. Thorpe, G. Thompson, F. Hoad, jun., G. Croucher, W. Argent, G. Huggett. On Monday, March 23rd, 501 Stedman Caters. P. Knight, F. Hoad, jun., F. Hoad, sen. conductor, G. Croucher, J. Ansell, G. Thompson, G. Huggett, W. Argent, H. Reeves, H. Ewins. 448 Superlative Surprise Major. H. Ewins, F. Hoad, sen., R. H. Thorpe, G. Thompson, G. Huggett, G. Croucher, H. Reeves, F. Hoad, jun. 336 Double Norwich Court Bob. G. Thompson, F. Hoad, sen., R. Thorpe, J. Ansell, G. Huggett, G. Croucher, H. Reeves conductor, F. Hoad, jun.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Sunday, March 8th, 576 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, A. T. Winter, G. W. Metcalfe, T. Spurr, T. H. Denman, R. Miles, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, G. R. Winter, J. B. Joyne. 503 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, G. R. Winter, A. T. Winter, T. Spurr, G. W. Metcalfe, R. Miles, H. Haigh, H. Warburton, J. B. Joyne conductor, F. W. Abbott. On Sunday, March 15th, 504 Stedman Triples. R. F. Bescoby, E. Collingburn, J. B. Joyne, R. Miles, G. R. Winter, A. T. Winter conductor, H. Warburton, G. W. Metcalfe. On Sunday, March 22nd, 1256 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, E. Collingburn, A. T. Winter, G. R. Winter, T. H. Denman, R. Miles, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, J. B. Joyne, R. F. Bescoby. On Thursday, April 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Swannack, H. Warburton, G. W. Metcalfe, G. F. Clarke, G. R. Winter, H. Haigh conductor, Rev. H. F. DeLisle, T. Spurr. Composed by John Carter. This quarter-peal was arranged for the Rev. H. F. DeLisle, curate of Whitwell.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Armstrong, A. Glasscock, W. Pickworth, H. Newby, H. Miller, M. Fensom, S. Wade conductor, E. A. Dodson first quarter-peal.

EDGWARE.—On Monday, April 13th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Tubb, E. Tubb, W. Webb, J. Cornell, F. Carroway, F. Sparks conductor. And 720 Oxford Bob. B. Tubb, W. Webb, F. Sparks, W. Eldred, J. Cornell, F. Carroway conductor. First 720 of Oxford Bob on the bells since being rehung.

FINCHLEY.—On Wednesday, April 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Tubb, W. Eldred, J. Cornell, W. Webb, F. Carroway, F. Sparks conductor. 720 Oxford Bob. W. Tubb, J. Cornell, W. Webb, W. Eldred, F. Sparks, F. Carroway conductor. And 720 Plain Bob. F. Carroway, W. Webb, W. Tubb, F. Sparks, J. Cornell, W. Eldred conductor. The above was rung for a wedding On Sunday, May 9th, for morning service, 720 College Single. W. Russell, W. Webb, F. L. Sparks, W. Eldred, J. Cornell, F. Carroway conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL.—On Wednesday, April 1st, at St. Michael's church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Sturman, G. Smith, sen., R. Hutton, F. Housego, G. Smith, J. Hilling conductor. Another 720 in the

same method. A. Sturman, G. Smith, J. Hilling, G. Smith, W. Chandler, R. Hutton conductor.

QUIDENHAM.—On May 6th, at St. Andrew's church, 360 Bob Major. E. G. Kemp, F. R. Borrett conductor, H. Secker, W. Ringer, W. Hensley, J. Woods, W. Killington. A 1008 in the same method. E. G. Kemp, F. R. Borrett conductor, W. Hensley, H. Secker, A. Newson, W. Ringer, W. Killington, J. Woods.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday, April 28th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Kingdon, G. Lungley, G. Park, R. B. Wilson, T. Newton first in the method with a bob bell, G. J. Lungley conductor.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD.—On Tuesday, March 17th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Plummer, H. Carder, A. Gough, W. Newton, G. Woolford, E. Hawkins conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells by the local band.

ELTHAM (Kent).—On March 1st, 360 Kent Treble Bob. H. Morris, F. Fraser, H. Wilkes, R. G. Carter, F. Morris, J. E. Sykes conductor. On March 26th, on handbells, 120 Plain Bob. J. Browning, H. Morris, H. Wilkes, F. Fraser conductor, J. E. Sykes. On March 29th, 720 Oxford Bob. C. Harris, J. Preston, W. Wilkes, R. G. Carter, F. Fraser, J. E. Sykes conductor. On April 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Morris, J. H. Preston, H. Wilkes, R. Hims, F. Fraser, J. E. Sykes conductor. On April 12th, 240 Grandsire Minor. C. Harris, J. H. Preston, H. Wilkes, R. G. Carter, F. Fraser, J. E. Sykes conductor. 360 Bob Minor. H. Morris, J. H. Preston, A. Stranger, H. Wilkes, F. Fraser, J. E. Sykes conductor. On April 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Morris, J. H. Preston, H. Wilkes, R. G. Carter, F. Fraser, T. Groombridge conductor. 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Morris, F. Fraser, H. Wilkes, J. E. Sykes conductor, F. Morris, T. Groombridge. This 720 was rung as a farewell to J. E. Sykes, who has left for South Shields.

KIDLINGTON.—On Sunday, April 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Franklin, E. V. Cox, W. Bennett, H. C. Judge, F. Webb, E. C. O'Brien, Hon. A. Erskine conductor, W. Franklin. On Saturday, May 3rd, a quarter-peal in the same method. H. G. Judge, W. Bennett, J. Franklin, F. Webb, Hon. A. Erskine, E. C. O'Brien, E. V. Cox conductor, W. Franklin.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, April 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 51 mins. F. Hollingworth conductor, W. Earle, J. York, L. Hollingworth, G. Tomlin, H. Hollingworth, J. Warren, G. York.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On April 29th, at Christ Church, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. A. Lawson, A. Tully, T. Hogg, T. Teasdale, J. Hern, J. E. Sykes conductor.

OLD WARDEN (Beds).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Doubles. On Sunday, April 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles, in 45 mins. On Sunday, April 26th, 600 Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Vicar. F. York, T. R. Scott, W. Newton, F. Wells, W. J. Mayes conductor, T. Wells.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On March 17th, at Christ Church, 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Clay, G. A. Smith, W. Thompson, F. Darlington, J. Johnson, J. Darlington, H. Smith, T. Jones. On March 24th, 576 Treble Bob Major. J. Darlington, C. Clay, F. Smith, H. Smith conductor, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, G. A. Smith, Sergt. W. Thompson. First touch of Treble Bob by a purely local band.

WIGSTON MAGNA.—On March 31st, an attempt was made to ring a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in honour of Mr. T. Ingram's 93rd birthday, but it came to grief after ringing 1003. W. H. Humberstone, A. Briers, J. W. Sampson, A. Roe, T. Humberstone conductor, P. Carter. And 360 Bob Minor. J. W. Willson, T. Humberstone conductor, the rest as before.

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Winchester to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Committee meeting 11 a.m. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Dinner 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Subscriptions were due on Jan. 1st. and any not yet paid should be sent to me without delay.

E. W. CARPENTER.

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The Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting of the Association will be held at All Souls, Halifax, to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready for dinner. Business meeting in school at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Stanmore to-day, Saturday, the 11th July, by kind permission of the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome. Many current subscriptions are still outstanding, and the Hon. Secretary would be glad if members would make their payments at an early date, to save him the trouble and expense of correspondence.

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

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blyth to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Tea at 6 p.m., 1s. each.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at East Hoathly on Saturday, 18th inst. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided by the Rector, and every member intending to be present is requested to send his name to Mr. E. A. Jones, The School House, East Hoathly, by Thursday morning, 16th inst.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday next, July 18th. Members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. G. Redfern, Brown Edge.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, July 18th. Bells at St. Bartholomew's available to all ringers from 3 p.m. Tea at The Thornes, Horley, at 5.30 (1s. 6d. per head to non-members). The usual business meeting will follow.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., Hon. Sec.
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—Owing to the tenor at Whitefield being unringable, the next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21st, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor St., Birmingham, when the attendance of every member is requested for the transaction of important business. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by writing me by July 22nd. Those who have not paid contributions for 1903 will oblige by doing so.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—The next district meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, July 25th. Any member wishing to come to certify by July 22nd.

GEORGE GREEN, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. John Neal has removed to 71, Wright Street, Small Heath, Birmingham.—Mr. Holman has removed from Sheffield to 29, Millmead Road, Oldfield Park, Bath.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Parramatta is a town some 14 miles from Sydney, situated on the banks of the Parramatta river, and was once the capital of this State. It is chiefly noted for its historical associations, among them being the old Government House in Governor Fitzroy's time, and the King's School, the oldest in this State. The bells are a musical ring of six by Mears and Stainbank, cast in 1860, and are in good order, which does great credit to the captain, Mr. A. French. The ringers of the peal consist of three Englishmen, viz., Percy Howard, Beds., James Adams, Lancs., Chas. Porter, Middlesex, and three Australians, J. A. White and H. Campbell, Sydney, Thomas Biddle, Ballarat, Victoria, and late of Christchurch, N.Z. We have many difficulties in the way of change-ringing out here, one is an 8-bell tower.

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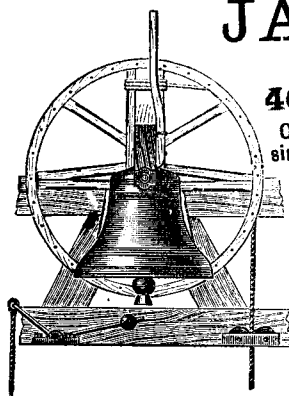
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