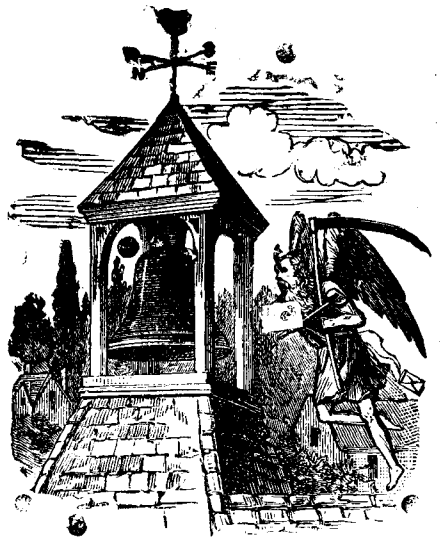
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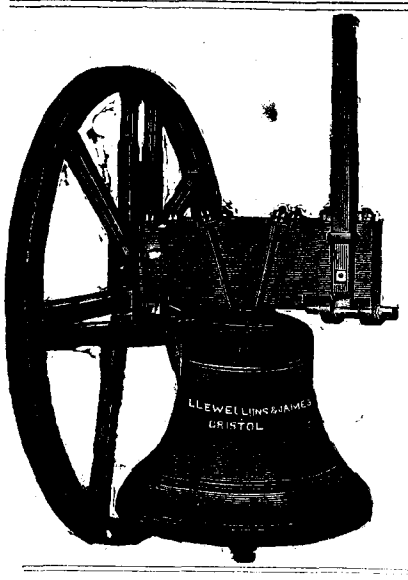
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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.

SCHEDULE (*continued*).

SHEFFIELD (Yorks.) All Saints. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner; 3rd, 5th and tenor, 1868, the rest 1880. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Warner 1903. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30; 1st in month also 2.15 to 3. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

St. John the Evangelist. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Barwell 1878. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Shaw recently. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.

Parish Church. Yorkshire Association. Twelve bells. All by Mears. No date given. Tenor 41 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears 1893. Ropes good. Methods: "All the Standard." Sunday ringing: 9.30 and 5.30. No regular practice; arranged when required.

SHENSTONE (Staffordshire). St. John the Baptist. Eight bells. Treble and tenor by Warner 1864; 5th and 6th by Barwell, 1898; 7th by Taylor, 1864; the rest by Mears, 1813. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Barwell, 1898. Ropes new 1899, good. No half-pull or regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWMARKET.

From time to time much money and care have been expended on St. Mary's church, and in 1887 the church was enlarged and great improvements effected which have tended to the better administration of the sacred offices and proved beneficial to the congregation. Nothing however was done then to the bells of the church, which for a considerable time have needed restoration, and it has lately been found that the earliest possible attention should be given to them. For some years past Mr. F. C. Turner has taken great interest in the bells, and has endeavoured to get the authorities to move in the matter. The family of the late Mrs. Rogers (an old and constant worshipper at this church) having expressed a wish to give something to the church in memory of their mother, have handed the sum of £100 to be applied to whatever object the churchwardens thought best. Mr. Turner advised the Rector and wardens to utilize this as a start for the bell fund, which was done, and recently a committee consisting of the Rector, churchwardens and sidesmen was formed and Mr. Turner appointed hon. sec. and treasurer. Messrs. Taylor were invited to examine and report on the condition of the bells and to give an estimate for their thorough restoration. The result of this was that Messrs. Taylor found that the supporting beams upon which the whole of the frame and bells rest, were becoming quite dangerous, as their ends that go into the walls were decayed to dust, and it was quite possible a serious accident might occur at any time. The committee therefore decided to proceed at once with the work, and an appeal was sent out to the parishioners and subscriptions solicited. As the tower contained only a ring of five, and these in a minor key, Mr. Turner suggested that it would be a good opportunity to try and get another tenor added to make a major ring of 6. This the committee quite agreed to, providing the full amount required —£450—could be raised. In the meantime sufficient funds having come in to rehang the present ring of five, recast the 3rd and the frame constructed to carried six, the order was given to Messrs. Taylor, who have put up a splendid cast iron H frame on stout steel supporting girders. The bells have been retuned and refitted with cast iron headstocks, new clappers, and all the most modern improvements. On Sunday, July 3rd, during evensong, the re-dedication took place, the Rector, the Rev. H. B. Young, officiating. The collection was on behalf of the building fund. After the service some good touches of Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung as the congregation departed, and many were the remarks of praise on the striking improvement in the tone of the bells, whilst the ringers who took part, consisting of T. Taylor, P. Pindar, J. Keeler, T. H. Wiseman, W. Taylor, O. A. Moody and F. C. Turner were unanimous that bells could not possibly go better. The general wish expressed was that the new tenor might soon be obtained, which will make a melodious and handy ring of six. Mr. Turner was pleased to inform the ringers that about £30 was already in hand out of the £150 required to entirely complete the work.

Ringing was continued for about an hour, after which the company dispersed, thoroughly satisfied with what had been accomplished.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Twenty-one years ago the third annual festival was held at Windsor. The Royal borough was re-visited by the Guild for the same purpose on Monday, July 11th. In glorious sunshine, tempered by a cooling breeze, the authorities accorded us a most hearty weleome. The Rev. J. H. Ellison, his organist and choir, the Dean of Windsor, Mr. A. G. Nutt, Mr. Miles and Mr. Kendrick, were especially active in our interest and we return them our best thanks. About 170 members attended, among whom were the Rector, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon Blagden, Revs, G. F. Coleridge, C. W. O. Jenkyn, E. J. G. Forse and Morgan Rhys, Messrs. E. C. O'Brien, hon. A. Erskine, J. F. Barlow, W. Newell, J. C. Truss, J. E. Hern, W. H. Fussell, J. Swain, A. Osborne, T. H. Taffender, T. E. Glanville, S. Paice, J. J. Jones, J. J. Parker, A. Andrews, J. Hawkins, G. Martin, J. Pether, F. Hopgood, W. P. Routh, J. E. Hedges, W. Horne, A. E. Reeves, A. W. Truss and T. Pontin.

The following towns in union with the Guild were represented: Beenham, Burnham, Compton, Peasemore, Reading, Tilehurst, Wokingham, Newbury, Highmore, Ducklington, Princes Risborough, Gt. Haseley. Checkendon, Streatley, Chipping Norton, Lane End, Slough, Farnham Royal, Maidenhead, Sonning, Shiplake, Great Marlow, Winkfield, Stone, and outside the Guild, Guildford.

The day's proceedings began with a peal rung at Slough, which has already been recorded in this paper. At noon a service was held in the parish church, when a most encouraging address of welcome and counsel was delivered by the Vicar of Windsor, the Rev. J. H. Ellison, which was listened to, as it deserved, with great attention. The business meeting followed at 12.45 in the parish room in Church Street. After the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting at Witney, and of four committee meetings, and the election of officers, Bletchley was chosen as the venue for the annual meeting in 1905, and Stone for the autumn meeting in 1904. A resolution to rhe effect that the branches should in future devote two-thirds of their subscriptions, instead of half, as at present, to the purposes of the Guild, was carried unanimously, and the life composition by resident ringers was raised from 7s. 6d. to 15s. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge gave a full and interesting account of the last meeting of the Central Council. It was agreed that the salary of Mr. A. E. Reeves, the assistant secretary, should stand at £12 per annum. The dinner was attended by over 150 members in the Guild Hall, and was presided over by the very Rev. Dr. Eliot, Dean of Windsor. It was admirably catered for by Mr, W. Borlase, of The Ship inn, Church Sireet.

The toast of the King was proposed by the Dean, and loyally drunk.

The Vicar of Windsor having to leave early, the Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed the toast of "The Church," coupled with the Vicar, and expressed thanks to him for his helpful sermon. The Vicar, in acknowledging the toast, said they felt themselves honoured by such a body of men coming to Windsor and taking part in a service in the church. He hoped they would take away with them pleasant memories of their visit to Windsor which would remain with them for many a long year.

The Dean of Windsor proposed the toast of the day, that of "The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers," to which they belonged as members. He saw by the Guild report that they were in a prosperous condition; they had a master than whom none could be better; they had 1,300 members, though he had no doubt they wished that number increased, and they had a balance in hand of funds to their credit. These three things seemed to show that their institution is in a flourishing condition. He thought it an extremely good thing that there should be a guild of bellringers of this character. It made very much for the art to which they had devoted themselves, viz., church bell ringing. If they were merely associated with half-a-dozen bell-ringers each in their own parish, and knew no one outside, their art would stand still even if it did not go back; but when they were associated with other bell-ringers, as their Master would say, that was one way in which it could be encouraged and improved. So, for the sake of the art itself it was a very good thing that there should be a Guild of Bell-ringers, not simply a small number in each parish, but associated together in the Diocese of Oxford. Then he thought a Guild of that sort, churchmen as they were, tended to promote a sense of brotherhood one with another. It was a very great thing ndeed that there shonld be a sense of brotherhood among church people. It was the idea of church people that thsy should all be brothers together, and anything of that sort that made them feel that they belonged to one another was of great advantage to themselves and the nation. Then he thought a Guild of this kind went a long way to promote a sense of responsibility with regard to their work. It was much more likely that a man would try to be the best bellringer possible if he was associated with a Guild like this than only in his own parish. The chances were that he would not take much pride in it if he only rang for services and occasionally for weddings. But when they met together on such a day as this, it increased the sense of responsibility, and he thought every man present was much more likely to do his best to become the best bellringer, for the reason that he belonged to a Guild of bellringers. It increased the sense of responsibility because it reminded those who were associated with the Gufld that they were doing service for the Church. It was not a mere pastime; they were doing good work for the Church. And it was a very good thing that people should feel wherever they were placed, that they belonged, not only to the Church, but that they had the privileges of the Church, and the blessings of the Church, and also that they were bound to do something for the Church according to the opportunities and abilities God had given them. They were using their abilities in this direction in the service of the Church. They should remember that it increased their sense of responsibility that wherever they were they should be in conduct and character what good churchmen ought to be. Some years ago it was necessary to do some repairs to the weathercock of a church in Birmingham, of which a brother of his was Vicar. When it was brought to the ground it was very much larger indeed than it appeared to be on the top of the spire. When it was opened a little tin case was found in it, and in that a newspaper giving an account of the battle of Waterloo, and a sheet of paper giving the names of the ringers who rung on the day the weathercock was put up, and how much beer was drank on that occasion. He thought they had a greater sense of the fitness of things in these days, and that if they had their names inscribed in any weathercock in the diocese of Oxford, they would not care that the first thing posterity should read was that they drank so many gallons of beer. He had cited the story to show that there is a better state of things to-day, and when

people belonged to a Guild of this sort they felt they were called to do service for the Church, that they should do it in the right way, and that their conduct should become them and the Church to which they belonged. He trusted they would have as many opportunities of such service as their Master would desire they should have; he hoped that they would grow and flourish, and that many parishes and towns would join their Guild, so that their Master, pleased as he might be with the work of the institution during the last twenty years, might be all the more pleased when he could no longer ring a bell himself. He wished their Guild all prosperity and blessing, and coupled with the toast the name of the Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in acknowledging the toast, referred to the growth of the Guild, and that a new branch had been started in North Bucks. He expressed his thanks to the Dean for his presence in the chair, and for his address.

The health of the Dean of Windsor, proposed by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Rector of Crowthorne), and acknowledged by Dr. Eliot, ended the toast list.

The members of the Guild afterwards visited the belfries of St. John (Old Windsor), and Slough, while a party of sixty were most kindly shewn the Albert Memorial Chapel, the Round Tower, the Castle and its beautiful gardens by the Clerk of the Works, Mr. A. Y. Nutt, and Mr. Kendrick. They subsequently returned to their various homes after one of the pleasantest anniversaries in the history of the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9th, a quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Halesowen, a very good number of members representing twenty-two towers, from various parts of the diocese being present. Evensong was said in the fine old church at five o'clock by the curate, and a very pointed and practical address delivered by the Rector, Rev. J. C. Hill, from the words "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" 1st Chronicles, xxix. 5. Following the service a free tea was provided in the school-room, the viands with the cup which refreshes, which had been placed upon the table, being much enjoyed. Tea being over, the members adjourned to the Church house, where the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting being read and confirmed, it was resolved that the next meeting be held at Clent in September. The election of members took place, amongst them being the Revs. J. C. Hill, Rector, and E. W. C. Horner, senior curate, Dr. T. Brett-Young, rector's-warden, as honorary, and the Rev. W. E. Davis Winstone, junior curate, as a performing member (Halesowen), the Rev. A. F. Dauglish, curate-in-charge (Rowley Regis), Dr. T. E. Mitchell and J. Billingham, Esq., churchwardens (Old Hill), as hon. members, and several other performing members from Badsey, Grimley and Upton-on-Severn.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, chnrchwardens, &c., for the bountiful tea which had been partaken of and appreciated, to the Rector for his able address at the service, for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells, also to the organist and choir for their services. The bells, which are in a good ringing condition, were kept going during the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Superlative, Double Norwich &c., being rung. A very fine view is obtainable from the tower, of which many of the ringers availed themselves, places of historic interest being pointed out by some of the local ringers.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Hunts. Archdeaconry was held at Hemingford Abbotts on Saturday, July 16th, and on the arrival of the members the bells were soon set in motion, a 720 of Bob Minor being rung. Tea was provided at The Axe and Compass, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. C. Brown presided. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and passed, the chairman very cordially welcomed the Association to Hemingford, and hoped that the members would spend an enjoyable afternoon.

The Rev. J. M. Clarkson in a few kind words expressed his pleasure at the progress the members were making, and he wished them success.

Four new members were proposed and elected. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Whittlesea on October 15th, and it was suggested that if possible it should be a combined meeting of the Hunts. Archdeaconry and the Isle of Ely Archdeaconry, the District Secretary being requested to make the necessary arrangements.

Votes of thanks to the chairman and to the clergy terminated the meeting. During the day six 720s of Minor were rung, being one of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Courses of Bob Major were rung on the handbells.

LATE NOTICE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

A meeting of this Association will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, the 13th of August. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

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

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

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

FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—It is my painful duty to inform the Exercise and my friends that the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Shere on July 2nd of this year and duly reported in your columns, is false, it having been pointed out to me by Mr. Bennett, to whom I feel very grateful. Hoping my friends who were unfortunately in the peal will forgive me for my carelessness; also apologising to you for having troubled you in publishing it.

JAMES HUNT.

ONE of the most enjoyable outings of the season is a journey up the Thames by that handsome light-draught steamer *Queen Elizabeth*, which leaves Old Swan Pier, London Bridge, at 9.45 a.m. daily (except Fridays) for Kew, Richmond, and Hampton Court Palace. The trip is a most delightful one, passing as it does through some of the most charming scenes on the river; whilst the vessel, which is splendidly equipped, is comfortable and commodious. The fares are very reasonable, and the catering is of the highest order. Tickets may be obtained at 104, Upper Thames Street, or on board.

A WEEK'S HOLIDAY IN SCOTLAND.

To those readers of "THE BELL NEWS" who have never yet visited the Land o' Burns we would give the advice to seize the first opportunity of so doing. Its picturesqe scenery with hills in the background extending sometimes for miles, and the locks lying in the valleys studded with pleasure steamers and yachts, has often been described in works of fiction and periodicals devoted to various pursuits, while from our own particular point of view, although a ringer's scope is limited, given sufficient time for necessary arrangements to be made, a good ringing and pleasure tour can be carried out. Since the year 1899 when a purely holiday trip was made, ringing has undoubtedly made great strides north of the Tweed, a most useful and handy ring of eight having been put in at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, and a fine ring of ten placed in the tower of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Glasgow, an entire local band at the former having already rung a 5040; while at the latter the St. Mary's Society are making good progress in the elementary stages, At the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Mary there is established a good Society who appear to be on the high road to the accomplishment of great things, the services of a competent instructor having been engaged, enthusiasm and zeal being exhibited on all sides. The tourists had the good fortune to be able to score a peal of Grandsire Caters with this company, and which has duly been recorded. The bells are really a magnificent ring of ten, tenor 42 cwt. in C., by Taylor, while the internal arrangements and fittings for the general convenience of ringers are all that one could possibly wish for. On the following Tuesday the ardour of the Edinburgh men was put to a practical test when seven of their number (some having to obtain special leave from business engagements, and at short notice) journeyed to Glasgow, met the three holiday makers and attempted the first peal on the beforementioned ring at St. Mary's Episcopal church; but this unfortunately came to grief after about 2 hrs. ringing. There appears to be some little objection by a few of the inhabitants to the ringing of the bells, but if enthusiasm and perseverance on the part of the St. Mary's Society can in any way overcome this objection, it will surely soon disappear. After the breakdown Mr. Sykes, the Secretary, invited the band to supper, and which, needless to say, was thankfully accepted. The failure was indeed a keen disappointment, as the first 5000 on these bells has yet to be accomplished. To the Rev. J. Methuen and Mr. Sykes (of Glasgow), Messrs. Ellis, Price, Barber, Heathcote, Fyfe and other members of the St. Mary's and St. Cuthbert's Societies, Edinburgh, we tender our sincere thanks for helping to make our tour a success and pleasure. When not in tower or handbell ringing we were by no means idle; apart from the various places of interest in Glasgow and Edinburgh, including climbing to the summit of the well known Arthur's Seat, the following places were visited: Rosslyn Chapel and Castle, Hawthornden Castle (the home of the Bruces), Polton, Portobello, Wemyss Bay, Greenock, Helmsburgh, Ballock, Loch Lomond, Bon Hill, Jamestown, Dumbarton, Stirling, Falkirk, Grahamstown and Grangemouth, where the London boat was joined. A good selection of photographs was taken of scenery, churches, etc., by Mr. Sinkins, and many pleasant incidents occurred which are altogether too numerous to mention. Let it suffice to say that we safely landed at the Carron Wharf, London, much better in health and spirits, and deficient only financially, a visit to the Strand relief office, being absolutely necessary before our respective homes could be reached.

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SOME ACCOUNT OF THE CHURCH BELLS OF MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.

A committtee for repairing the church was appointed at a parish meeting August 23rd, 1774, consisting of Messrs. Christopher Megson, Wm. Breighton, Edward Botterell, Benjamin Edwards, George Flint, Wm. Vawser, with the Vicar and churchwardens for the time being.

This committee was authorised to spend a sum not exceeding £250 "exclusive of the money that should arise from a church brief."

Probably the brick top was built to the tower at this time.

On the 28th January, 1783, a parish meeting resolved to exchange the three old bells, valued at £117, for six new ones to cost about £206, exclusive of hanging. The sum actually paid for the bells was £92 4s. 0½d., being only a little more than the estimated difference between the value of the old bells and the cost of the new.

William Clarkson and James Hopwood were paid £34 for making the bell frames and T. Gardoms £1 10s. 6d. for ropes.

The following is a copy of a memorandum of the weight of the new bells entered in one of the registers:—

New Wharf, York, Sept 10th, 1783.

Weighed from Mr. Geo. Dalton to the parishioners of Market Weighton, 6 bells as under (per Henry Mills.)

	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
1 bell	9	2	13
1 do.	7	0	22
1 do.	5	2	3
1 do.	5	0	10
1 do.	4	0	22
1 do.	3	1	9
6 bells	34	3	23

The largest bell measures 69 inches across the mouth.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

1st. Te Deum laudamus,
2nd. Bonum est laudare Jehovah.
3rd. Vocamus Venite Vigilate Orate.
4th In jucunditate soni sonabo.
5th. Laus, honor Deo et Gloria in Excelsis Halleluia.
6th. Soli Deo Gloria; Pax hominibus.
George Skelding, Vicar, W. Breighton, W. Vawser, churchwardens.

Tho first, third and fourth bells have also "Dalton York fecit 1783," and the second and fifth "Dalton fecit York, 1783."

The height of the tower from the ground to the base of the pinuacles is 64 feet.

INSCRIPTIONS ON SHIPTON BELLS (NOW SHIPTON THORPE):—

1st. (smallest) Gloria in Altissimis Deo 1730.
2nd. (crack't.) + Sanc Ta Mari A ORa Prono Bis.

Before the cross is a sort of escutcheon bearing three bells. The letters are in old church text and each capital is surmounted by a crown. The arrangement of the letters is exactly as given here.

KERESLY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Horwood, S. Hope, W. H. Rees, A. W. Flowers, J. H. White conductor. Also 240 Bob Doubles. S, Hope, J. H. White, W. Maund, A. W. Flowers, W. H. Horwood conductor.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Heene, Worthing, on Saturday, July 2nd, a fairly good muster of ringers being present. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock and continued at intervals till 5.15, when the members adjourned to the Church Room ior tea. The company present were the Rector, Rev. J. P. Fallowes, in the chair, Rev. G. R. Leefe, Vicar of Goring, H. C. Gibbs, Esq., churchwarden, Mr. A. B. Bennett, hon. sec., H. Evans. div. sec., and representatives from Arundel, Brighton St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, Goring, Heene, and Steyning, numbering twenty-three. Tea being over, the chairman rose and said he was sorry he must leave as he had to conduct a service, he, however, addressed a few words to those present, in which he remarked on the progress of the association, and alluded to the strong competition of the "Challenge Bell" during the past year. The chair was afterwards taken by the Vicar of Goring. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and two new members were elected to the Goring branch. Mr. Evans proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Arundel, the last having failed. Mr. Bennett proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Heene and the Vicar of Goring for their attendance, and presiding, to which the Rev. G. R. Leefe responded. The cost of the teas were kindly defrayed by the Rector of Heene.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung till 8.30.

West Tarring tower was also visited, and a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the following: F. Hayler, J. Smart, H. Evans, G. Morris, R. J. Dawe, B. Bassett, conductor.

VISIT OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN TO ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-EAST.

On Thursday, July 14th, the parish of St. George-in-the-East was honoured by a visit from Her Majesty the Queen, who, accompanied by Princess Victoria, attended the Flower Show and Bazaar held in the grounds adjoining the church. The bells were rung just before Her Majesty's arrival and again at the time of Her Majesty's departure, the proximity of the tower to the tent making it imperative that the bells should be silent while the ceremony of inspection lasted. Handbells were however brought into requisition, the ringing of which from the outside of the tower produced an effect which, if not novel, was certainly very delightful. Under the guidance of the Rector, the Rev. F. St. John Corbett, Her Majesty was pleased to inspect the stalls of the Bazaar, and the large marquee which held the flower show exhibits. From the latter Her Majesty bought a basket of exquisite flowers, and also made purchases at many of the stalls. The streets *en route* were gaily decorated, and it goes without saying that both on arrival and departure Her Majesty received a most enthusiastic welcome. It was a happy day for all who took part in the ceremony; it was a great and memorable day for all those who witnessed it. The bells were rung by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, the band being made up partly of local ringers and partly of friends of the local ringers, who readily responded to the invitation.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change-Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 2 and 3, the members of the Leytonstone (Essex) Society decided to have their annual two days' outing, but from the first it seemed as if that fatal number —"13"—would mar this year's festivity. We met at Stratford station on Saturday, July 2nd, at 6.30, only to learn that our Secretary (Mr. W. Keeble) had met with an accident which prevented him from coming with us, but this however did not turn out so serious as was expected. Taking train for Sudbury (where we made our headquarters) the handbells were soon brought into use. Arriving at our first journey's end we were soon on the road for Monks Eleigh, and here occurred another misfortune, two attempts for London both failing. Time not allowing for another a short touch was rung. Adjourning to The Bull for dinner a capital repast awaited us, provided by host Farthing, who kindly gave us some amusing tales in rare Suffolk style of his bygone courting days. The next place on the programme was Hitcham, and here we found everything ready, a 720 of York being brought round, also touches of Treble Bob. Coming out of the belfry we were welcomed by the Rector (Rev. R. R. Cobbold) and Sir Cuthbert Quilter, M.P., who complimented us on our good ringing. Making tracks for Preston on our way thither we met Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, who had got all ready for us. A start was made for Kent, which was lost in the last lead. Then London was attempted; this also was doomed to fail through the breaking of a rope. The time getting on we were compelled without further delay to resume our journey to Lavenham, this place being the chief attraction of the day. Arriving there, and tea having been partaken of, we made our way to the tower and rung a touch of Grandsire Triples; then Double Norwich was attempted, but it came to grief through a rope breaking. Then another start for Triples, and another rope breaking ended the day's ringing at Lavenham. Driving on to our headquarters at Sudbury for the night (The Christopher hotel) we were pleased to meet our Secretary, who had arrived some time before, and after attending to the inner man bed was enjoyed for a few hours. Sunday morning saw us up and doing: meeting at St. Gregory's to ring for early service a touch of Bob Major, and two out of three courses of Stedman, when out came the clapper of the 5th. Returning for breakfast we next visited All Saints, and the melodious music of the bells was soon heard to the tune of Double Norwich, 864 being rung in fine style. After dinner a visit was paid to St. Peter's and a touch each of Bob Major and Stedman was the result, this finishing the ringing. Then tea and tracks were made for the station, all safely reaching home in due time. Our best thanks are due to the clergy for the use of the bells, and also to Messrs. Sillitoe, of Sudbury, and Symonds, of Lavenham, for making arrangements. G. D.

Obituary.

HARRY SMITH.

It is with much sorrow and regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his father's residence. The deceased who was only twenty-two years of age, succumbed to that terrible disease, rapid consumption, having only stopped work about two months. He was a very earnest and painstaking ringer, having began to learn about four years ago, during which time he had rung nine peals in the Plain and Treble Bob methods. His loss will be keenly felt, as the local company can ill afford to lose a good ringer in the country district where they are situated. He was carried to his last resting-place by two of the ringers, who learnt at the same time as he did, and two of his fellow-workmen from the building works where he had been employed as a joiner, and interred in the churchyard at Saxmundham, followed by his many relatives and other ringers from the neighbourhood. Immediately after the funeral a well-struck 720 of Treble Bob was rung with the bells deeply muffled; and also in the evening other touches in various methods were rang by members of the Kelsale and Saxmundham companies. Among the mourners were Messrs. Fenton and Thompson (district secretary of the Norwich Association), W. Drew, J. Avis, G. Berry, W. Cooper, W. Fleming, W. Fisher, W. Rose, G. Thompson and A. Lincoln. May he rest in peace.

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SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1904.

The Dean of Windsor is a courteous and accomplished gentleman. The occupant of such a position in the Church as he holds is bound to be so, and he is not one whit behind any of his predecessors in the office in courtesy, kindliness, and good breeding. We read of him in this number as having taken part in the proceedings at an important meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, where his presence was most welcome to the members. And the very rev. gentleman told to his audience an anecdote respecting a weathercock, which afforded them some hilarity.

Our readers will be able to read this funny story. Unfortunately it gives another instance of that now almost worn-out legend which characterised *all* ringers as being fond of alcohol, in a greater degree than any other class of the community. The belief in the legend has not

altogether died out yet; we get references made to it now and again. Of course ringers, like other people in these old times, drank beer when they wanted it. Perhaps they couldn't afford to drink wine, like many of the clergy used to do in the Georgian era, so they quenched their thirst with what they could get. But why should the habit be fixed upon ringers more than others?

We read last week about one of nature's noblemen—a change-ringer—by name SAMUEL LEE. Mr. DANIELL has, with his usual thoroughness of research, given us a biographical sketch of this worthy, and he stands out as one in whom the ringing Exercise of every age may well be proud of. If there are any people living who still believe in the legend of beery ringers, a perusal of this sketch will be sufficient to disabuse them of such belief. Well may Mr. DANIELL say that the writings of such a man as SAMUEL LEE is an overwhelming rebuke to the unworthy references to the Exercise of the past. "LEE must have known all that there was to know about change-ringers and their ways, and hence no higher tribute can be offered to the respectability of the Exercise in general than the tone of the allusions to it by this well-informed and high-minded writer."

Coming back to the principal feature of the Dean's story, it will be considered a great pity that the weather-cock with its interesting contents was not preserved for the benefit of posterity. Many ringing societies would have been glad to have added it to their collection of curios, and we believe MR. A. T. KING, who is a most earnest antiquarian, would have spared no effort to have secured it for his museum.

Just as we are going to press we hear of the death of Mr. WILLIAM BARON, for many years a prominent member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. The funeral will take place at Nunhead Cemetery this day, Saturday, July 23rd. The cortege will leave 19, Seeker Street, Waterloo Road, at 2.30 p.m.

The Metropolis.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	*Treble.*	HENRY S. ELLIS	5.
HENRY DAINS	2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS	6.
HENRY R. NEWTON	3.	ARTHUR R. JACOB	7.
JOHN T. KENTISH	4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

The Provinces.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

F. CUTTING	*Treble.*	J. STARLING	4.
D. LEGGETT	2.	W. LEGGETT	5.
C. E. FISHER	3.	W. SAWYER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 10, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HENRY WM. BOYLES	*Treble.*	HENRY L. GARFATH, SEN.	5.
HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN.	2.	BEN CHORLEY	6.
ALFRED SMITH	3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE	7.
HENRY HUTTON	4.	CHARLES JEFFERY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

The above was rung by eight Oddfellows for the Friendly Societies Hospital Parade.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 14, 1904, in Two Hours Forty-four and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES BORRETT	*Treble.*	EGBERT BORRETT	5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN	2.	ERNEST POPPY	6.
ROBERT WHITING	3.	FREDERICK BORRETT	7.
JOHN SOUTER	4.	WILLIAM ROOPE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDERICK BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 15, 1904, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER BARRETT	*Treble.*	ERNEST POPPY	5.
JOHN JACKSON	2.	GEORGE SYMONDS	6.
JAMES BETTS	3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE	7.
JAMES TANN	4.	FREDERICK BORRETT	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

REV. W. E. POYNTON	*Treble.*	ARTHUR WEST	5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE	2.	THOMAS RICKETTS	6.
WALTER S. BURBIDGE	3.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	7.
ARTHUR W. ANGEL*	4.	SYDNEY HILLIER	*Tenor.*

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, chief Secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which took place on Tuesday, July 12th. The Rev. W. E. Poynton was elected before starting.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

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EDWARD J. BOXALL	*Treble.*	FRANK BENNETT	4.
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	2.	THOMAS STROUD	5.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT	3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble.*	THOMAS LANGDON	5.
GEORGE CONYARD	2.	HENRY DAINS	6.
ARTHUR JACOB	3.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS	7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WILLIAM FLEMING*	*Treble.*	*GEORGE BERRY	5.
ERNEST POPPY	2.	*WILLIAM FISHER	6.
WILLIAM DREW	3.	*JOHN W. AVIS	7.
F. GORDON THOMPSON*	4.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

FREDK. T. C. NEVETT	*Treble.*	GEORGE N. PRICE	5.
HENRY HODGETTS	2.	ALFRED B. PECK	6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	3.	JOHN W GOLDING	7.
HUBERT EDEN	4.	HENRY R. NEWTON	*Tenor.*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ADDINGTON MAGNA, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK STURMAN*	*Treble.*	*GEORGE LINES	4.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.	2.	REGINALD LOVEDAY	5.
WILLIAM B. MEADOWS*	3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal in seven methods.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 17, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

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DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of London Surprise Major rung by members of the Middlesex County Association has been sent without the name of the place being mentioned.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BECCLES.—On Tuesday, July 5th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 18 mins. G. E. Symonds, C. E. Parnell, E. Poppy, T. L. Wilson, H. Reynolds, G. Baxter, H. Hopson, W. Spalding, H. Ling, R. Freestone. Arranged and conducted by G. E. Symonds from one of A. Knight's peals.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GRENSTEAD GREEN.—On Wednesday, June 22nd, a date touch of 1904 changes, being 1184 of Bob Minor and 720 of Oxford, in 1 hr. A. Saunders, W. Root, W. Burst, G. Arnold, W. Wiffen, E. Ridgewell cocductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. R. Hart.

Miscellaneous.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER.—On Trinity Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, a 1556 of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 49 mns. H. Lewis, C. Eden, F. J. Eden conductor, J. J. Jeffries, S. Moore, H. C, Bond, Sidney M. Loxton, H Clutterbuck.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS.—On Thursday, June 2nd, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor. C. C. Mustow, H. Lewis, C. Bate, F. J. Lewis, S. M. Loxton, J. Kitchener conductor.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RAINFORD (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 15th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Bentham conductor, E. Bentham, J. Major, J. Hodson, H. Meadows, H. Fisher, W. Major, J. Watts. For evening service 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Bentham conductor, E. Bentham, J. Major, J. Hodson, H. Meadows, J. Watts, W. Major, P. Harvey.

HALSALL (Lancashire).—On Saturday April 30th, at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. T. Taylor, J. Sholicar, J. Pilkington, J. Taylor, W. Fairclough, W. Bentham conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Thursday, May 26th, at St. Peter's church, 360 Bob Minor. C. Forfeit, Miss Gilbanks, G. Smith, E. Waters, H. W. Stanley conductor, C. Goodenough. Also 252 Stedman Triples. G. Smith, T. Green, F. Phillips, T, Best, E. Waters, C. Goodenough, conductor, H. W. Stanley, C. Forfeit. On Suuday, May 29th, for Divine Service, 336 Stedman Triples. E. Waters, E. Green, F. Phillips, G. Smith, W. Kerley, C. Goodenough conductor, H. W. Stanley, C. Merrifield.

WEYBRIDGE.—On April 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Majcr. W. Shepherd, F. Shepherd, A. Woodrow, Rev. E. Carpenter, C. Hamblin, W. Redman, G. Emery, G. Woodis conductor.

HERSHAM.—On Sunday, May 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Freeland, G. Woodiss, A. Woodrow, W. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd conductor, C. Hamblin, sen., G. Emery, C. Hamblin, jun.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HELMSHORE.—On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Hill, T. Redman, H. Houseman, G. Rawcliffe, A. Atkinson conductor, R. Rawcliffe.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

BOLSOVER.—On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob, 1312 changes, in 45 mins. W. Lambert conductor, G. W. Bemrose, F. R. Kettleboro, T. Bettison, F. Wagstaff, E, Richards, J. Goodwin, J. Flint. Arranged for E. Richards, who hails from Greenwich.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK.—On Trinity Sunday, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Brown, E. E. Barber, F. Bryan, F. Hall, R. McCann, H. T. Knowles conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service

at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering. Mary L. Todd, P. Abbott, F. Goddard conductor, F. Shepherd, F. G. Alford, F. Smith, H. E. Dare, C. Abbott. Miss Todd, who hails from Tiverton, Devonshire, was elected a member before starting.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, July 18th, for practice at the parish church, 1280 Double Norwich Major in 46 mins. W. Sadler, C. H, Howard, A. B. Wiffen, E. Newman, H. E. Hammond, G. H. Sentance, W. Grimwade, W. Steele conductor.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—On handbells, double-handed during the May Term, 216 Stedman Caters, 305 and 395 Grandsire Caters. E. H. Lewis, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, F S. Poole, B. H. T. Tyrwhitt-Drake. 336 and two 504s Stedman Triples, and 700 Grandsire Triples. E. H. Lewis, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. Three 720s of Bob Minor. A. O. C. Langridge, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, E, H. Lewis. On June 21st, at the church of St. Andrew the Great. 224 Double Norwich. Rev. H. B. Woolley, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, F. S. Poole, E. H. Lewis, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. H. Law James conductor.

ALLESLEY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, June 4th, at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Maund, W. H. Rees, A. W. Flowers, T. Hope, J. H. White conductor. And 240 in tho same method. J. H. White conductor, A. W. Flowers, W. H. Rees, W. Maund, S. Hope. Also 240 Bob Doubles. W. Maund, A. W. Flowers, S. Hope, W. H. Rees, J. H. White conductor.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, a short touch of Grandsire Caters. F. Pestell, W. Arnott, H. Wright, E. H. Lewis, R. Christian, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, J. Godfrey, D. Hayward, G. Oxford, C. Harding. Owing to a rope breaking only a short touch could be rung, which the local ringers much regretted, as Messrs. Lewis and Richardson could not attend in the evening, they having to get back to Cambridge.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service at the parish church, 480 Stedman Triples. T. J. Salter conductor, N. Davis, A. Jones, C. H. Woodberry, J. Reynolds, J. Crane, C. Beaman, J. Woodberry. On Sunday, March 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Stedman Triples. N. Davis, A. Jones, E. J. Brooks, T. Bennett, C. H. Woodberry, J. Crane, T J. Salter conductor, H. Martin. On Sunday, May 1st, 480 Stedman Triples. T. J. Salter conductor, W, R. Small, N. Davis, E. J. Brooks, T. Bennett, J. Crane, C. H. Woodberry, J. Woodberry.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, June 29th, for the wedding of Miss Mary Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cole, of Selly Oak, and Mr. Thomas Izon of King's Norton, a 420 of Grandsire Triples. A E. Pegler, A. Chambers, H. Withers, W. Mumford, S. Grove, J. Dowler conductor, E. T. Allaway, O. Stanworth. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. O. Stanworth, A. Chambers, A. E. Pegler, E. T. Allaway, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. Dowler, H. Withers conductor. And 224 Bob Major. W. Mumford, A. Chambers, E. T. Allaway, A. E. Pegler, S. Grove, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. Dowler, H. Withers. Also four courses of Stedman Triples. H Withers, A, E, Pegler, W. Mumford, A. Chambers, E. T. Allaway, J. Dowler, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, O Stanworth

STOKE (near Coventry).— On Monday, May 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. H. Flowers, S. Hope W. H. Rees, J. H. White, W. Maund, W. H. Horwood conductor. Also 360 standing as before. And 240 Grandsire Minor. W. Maund. J. H. White, W. H. Rees, S. Hope, A. W. Flowers, W. H. Horwood conductor. On handbells, 360 Grandsire Doubles. A. W. Flowers, 1-2. J. H. White conductor, 3-4, W. Maund, 5-6.

YORKTOWN (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, July 10th. at St. Michael's church, 742 Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original). G. Miles, B. Chorley, A. Smith, H. L. Garfath, jun., W. J. A. Ives, H. L. Garfath, sen. conductor, C. Willshire, T. P. Kemp. And 120 and 224 changes Bob Major. A. Smith, W. J. A. Ives, G. Miles, H, L. Garfath, jun., H. L. Garfath, sen., C. H. Pearce, B. Chorley, C. Willshire conductor. And for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples E. Travers (longest touch), C. Willshire conductor, H. L. Garfath, sen., G. Miles, C, H. Pearce, A. Smith, W. J. A. Ives, G. Prime.

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HITCHAM (Suffolk).—720 York. H. Torble, S. Hayes, G. Hayden, J. Mardell, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. 120 Plain Bob. W. Doran conductor, F. Gill, S. Bird, T. Cranfield, G. Dawson, J. Mardell.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—A 720 of Kent failed in the last lead.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—350 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran conductor, H. Torble, W. Miller, —. Fitzjohn, J. Moule, J. Mardell, G. Hayden, G. Dawson. 240 Double Norwich. W. Doran conductor, T. King, W. Miller, S. Hayes, J. Moule, J. Mardell, G. Hayden, H. Torble. On handbells a course of Grandsire Caters. J. Mardell, J. Moule, C. Hopkins, C. Sillitoe, H. Torble. Also a course of Grandsire Triples. S. Bird, T. Cranfield, W. Doran, F. Gill.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—At the church of St. Gregory 240 Bob Major. G. Dawson, C. Hopkins, S. Hayes, W. Doran, J. Moule, W. Miller, J. Mardell, W. Keeble conductor. At the church of All Saints 864 Double Norwich. W. Keeble conductor, W. Doran, W. Miller, J. Moule, S. Hayes, J. Mardell, G. Hayden, H. Torble. And 576 Kent Treble Bob. W. Keeble conductor, W, Doran, J. Mardell, S. Hayes, J. Moule, W. Miller, G. Hayden, H. Torble. At St. Peter's church 224 Bob Major. G. Dawson, F. Gill, S. Bird, T. Cranfield, S. Hayes, J. Mardell, J. Moule, H. Torble conductor. And 168 Stedman. F. Gill, W. Keeble conductor, S. Bird, T. Cranfield, S. Hayes, H. Torble, W. Miller, G. Dawson. 168 Grandsire Triples in a cart shed. W. Doran, J. Moule, W. Keeble conductor, W. Miller. At The Christopher hotel a course of Bob Major. J. Moule, F. Gill, W. Keeble, S. Bird.

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The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury District.—A branch meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, July 23rd, at Haverhill. The tea and meeting will be held at the Vicarage, when the Vicar of Haverhill will take the chair. The tower of Haverhill (6 bells) will be open to the ringers. It is hoped to arrange for ringing at some of the neighbouring towers.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY, *Dist. Sec.*

The Halifax and District Association.—The next general meeting of the Association will be held at Denholme to-day, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock. Head-quarters, The Gate hotel.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. John's, Sidcup, to-day, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting in St. John's Hall, at which the Rev. E. B. Spurgin will preside T. GROOMBRIDGE,
"*Oakleigh,*" *Chislehurst.* *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banstead to-day, Saturday, 23rd July. Tea at the Coffee Rooms, High Street, Banstead, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting after. The bells (6) at Kingswood (S.E. and C. Rly.) will be available from 3.0 to 5.0, and those at Banstead (8) after the tea, by kind permission of the respective incumbents.

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The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested for the transaction of important business

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

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—On Saturday, July 30th, there will be unveiled in the ringing chamber of the parish church, St. Martin's, a tablet recording the only peal of Forward Maximus yet rung. The Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon of Birmingham, the Rev. J. W. Diggle, M.A. has promised to conduct the ceremony at 4.30 p.m. The attendance of members, with lady and other friends, is cordially invited. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, *Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, July 30th, at 4 o'clock. Bells (8) available.

REV. CANNOP L. PRICE, M.A., *Hon Sec.*
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 30th, at St. James's Church, Whitfield, Glossop. Bells ready at 4.0, business meeting at 7.0. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A district meeting will be held at Shedfield, near Botley, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Sams Hotel, 5.30. Meeting after.

J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, July 30th. As the committee are having a meeting there the same day it is hoped there will be a good attendance of Branch members.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available at 2 30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. at The White Swan hotel. FREDK. BARRACLOUGH,
29, *Elsworth Place, Armley.* *Hon. Sec.*

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Meeting at Tanfield on Saturday, Aug. 6th. The eight bells in St. Margaret's church are open for ringing after 2.30 p.m. Tea at The Peacock inn at 5 o'clock, 9d. each. Committee meets at 4 o'clock. Notification of attendance to reach secretary by August 2nd at the latest.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*
62, *Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

The Essex Association.—Notice.—New rule made at annual meeting, Whit-Monday, 1904. All peals sent to me for booking must be accompanied by figures of composition or reference to their publication be given. No peal will be inserted in peal-book unless this rule is complied with. C. H. HOWARD.
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Compositions.

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By GEO. E. SYMONDS.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.—Saturday, July 9th, and prospects of a beautiful day, which brought joy to the members of this Society, was the commencement of their annual two days' outing. Homersfield, Caversham, Loughborough, Irthlingborough, Lewes, and Saffron Walden having been visited in consecutive order, Bedford was decided upon this year. It was unfortunate that all the party were unable to go together in the morning, business preventing several getting away. However, 10 o'clock saw seven of the "independent" ones at St. Pancras, and thanks to a fast train Bedford was reached shortly after 11.0, and a move was immediately made to The King's Arms hofel, our headquarters. The 1.0 train brought two others to swell the number. Dinner was the next order, which, needless to say, was greatly appreciated by all. Boating was the afternoon programme. On reaching the river business appeared to be very brisk, only one boat being available, and after a little difficulty all were comfortably seated aboard, and a course steered up the river. On the return journey two other members were met, who were also taken aboard. The boat now appeared rather full, the stern being about two inches above water. Fortunately all went well until the landing stage was reached, when, owing to a weighty one of fourteen stone or so suddenly getting out of the bow, the stern commenced to disappear under water, and several reached terra firma rather wet. This, however, did not damp their ardour. After tea St. Paul's tower was visited, the bells being a magnificent peal of ten, and touches of Double Norwich Royal, Stedman Caters and London Surprise were rung, after which a musical evening with local ringers concluded the day, 11 o'clock coming round all too soon. Six o'clock next morning saw the majority dressed and out, and several indulged in a dip in the river. After breakfast waggonettes were waiting, and a pleasant drive of about three miles brought us to Cardington, a beautiful church, containing one of the finest peals of eight bells we had ever heard. Here courses of London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise were rung for morning service, also three courses of Stedman Triples, after which a circular drive brought us back to headquarters in time for dinner. Our departing time arrived all too quickly, and with many cheers we steamed out of Bedford, St. Pancras being reached about 11 o'clock. All returned with recollections of a most enjoyable outing, and take this opportunity of thanking Mr. C. W. Clarke and other friends, also Messrs. Bailey and Drake, for adding to our enjoyment.

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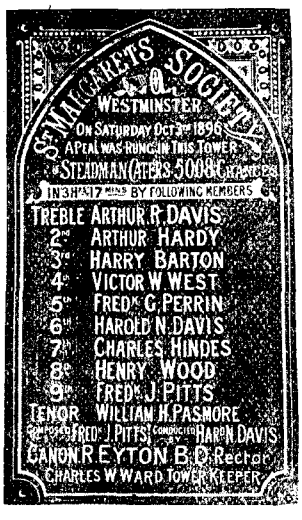
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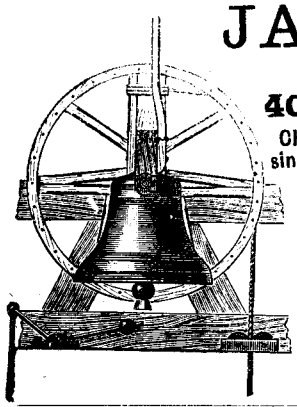
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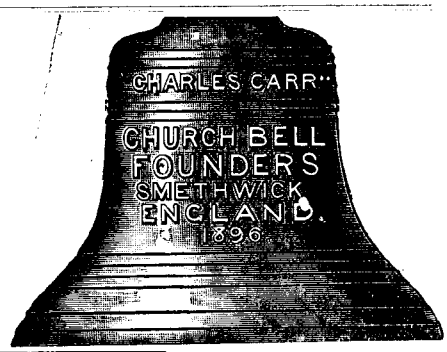
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