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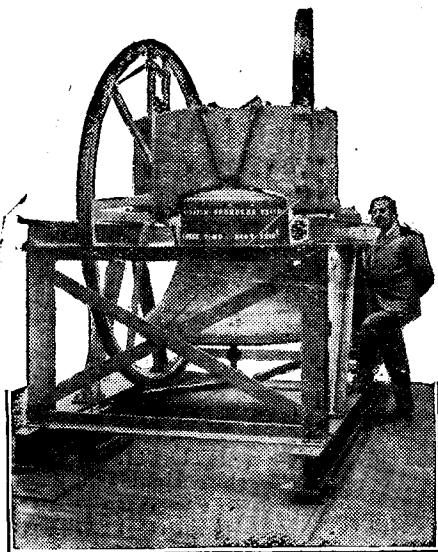
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

KIRKBURTON, SATURDAY, MAY 19th.

Splash! splash! splash! went the rain against the carriage windows as we were drawn out of Huddersfield into a valley that would otherwise have been all smiles. And yet there are those who would explain that it is only one way of producing Nature's smiles. Perhaps so, but it did not produce many human smiles, beyond the philosophical one that makes light of its own trouble. The secret possibly lies in the fact that whilst one can go through much bad weather when on business bent, it is hard to take one's pleasures under like circumstances, for an inward voice whispers that one could have stayed at home if one had only chosen that course. However, in spite of it all, we arrived at the Kirburton station, and a nice little terminus it is. None of your Kings Cross, St. Pancras, Euston-square sort of pandemonium, with hundreds of porters and cabs, to say nothing of piles of luggage, but a snug little place in the open, managed by a stationmaster and a porter or two. Personally I only know of one quieter line in this restless land of ours. Here the guard of the train is everything in turn—stationmaster, booking clerk, goods manager, and porter. When he arrives at a station with his train he proceed to unlock the premises, issues tickets and takes the money (always a matter of primary importance) and then looks to secondary interests, such as luggage, etc. He would have acted as engine driver also (and rumour says he did) only as they stop the train to gather mushrooms, nuts, and the like, according to the season, it was thought by the Board of Trade unsafe to leave the passengers entirely alone. And yet we know that the simpler life is the one to aim at; also that we do not practice it.

A short walk, it seemed long in the rain, and that has something to do with human frailty, brought us to the church, and as the bells were merrily voicing it in spite of Jupiter Pluvius I was attracted at once to the churchyard.

To enter the sacred building and sit down to meditate seemed the natural sequence of events, for there is no place like a church for quiet thought.

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave
Await alike the inevitable hour—
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.

Nor you, ye Proud, impute to these the fault,
If Memory o'er their tomb no trophies raise,
Where through the long-drawn aisle and fretted vault,
The pealing anthem swells the note of praise.

Lost in my thoughts I seem to have fallen in something like a sleep, although I was conscious that someone had joined me. Whether it was certain impedimenta that he carried that made a noise, I became impressed with a figure who placed an hour-glass on the seat near me, whilst on his further side there appeared what I half expected from his flowing beard—a scythe. The whole thing seemed quite in keeping with the surroundings, and I was not surprised to hear his voice gently whisper in my ear—“Are you one of the visiting ringers?” Without stirring I nodded assent, whereupon old Father Time—for it was

he—remarked that they were ringing a fairly long length at this particular church. Thinking that he was lapsing into a misunderstanding I pointed out that at these meetings it was not customary to ring anything but short touches, as by that means more enjoyment was given to the greater number.

“My dear boy”—I thought there was a special accent on the last word, for we are all young compared with the owner of the scythe—“My dear boy, I was not thinking of your mathematical permutation, but of real changes that this church has seen.” I felt somewhat humbled, and was glad when he went on: “Have you walked round the church and studied its history?” Having intimated that I had only just arrived, and had not seen anything, he tapped me on the shoulder and beckoned me to follow him. Not wishful to let him think, when we got outside, that I was unwilling to bear my part in the conversation, I asked him if he had ever handled a rope. His reply was characteristic—“Like your veteran Holt,” he said, “I conduct from the manuscript, indeed some of my compositions can hardly be done without it; the long lengths now being rung here I consider I am responsible for, especially in regard to the individuals taking part.” Not being abashed I mentioned 63 cwt. or so as the weight of St. Paul's tenor, remarking that it had been handled by a College Youth, who was also a Yorkshireman, in a peal extending over some four hours. “Yes, yes, my young friend, I know all about that, but I see you are imbued with the idea that there are no changes in the world except those rung on bells;” then, seeing that I winced a little under his severity, he added, “I do not think the members of the Exercise are as bad as footballers, for they have no science, and rely mainly on brute force and gate-money.”

Hearing someone else railed at, I quite gathered up to the old man, who evidently wished to be friendly in his way. “Now, listen,” he said. “Kirburton was one of the nine daughter churches of Dewsbury parish church, the others being Wakefield, Halifax, Bradford, Huddersfield, Mirfield, Thornhill, Almondbury and Kirburton,” and he then went on to say how large a parish Kirburton had been before it was divided, but I did not catch it all, because I was thinking how small they would feel at the new cathedral, when they heard they were daughters of Dewsbury; I knew it was wrong, but then I confess it and plead for pardon.

“It would be about the fourth century when I first made ready for ringing changes here—I mean changes ecclesiastical, for during the rebuilding of a portion of the present church a broken crucifix was found in the rubble of the east and north walls, which takes us back to the time when Christianity was adopted by the Roman Empire. A solemn rite at that time was the erection of a cross with prayer by the Bishop wherever a church was to be built, so you see that I was getting ready for change-ringing at a very early date on this very site. Proceeding, he appeared to read out as follows: “The present church is Early English throughout, with the exception of the tower and a few other details. The church here was

granted by the third Earl of Warrenne and Surrey to the Priory of Lewes, in Sussex, which had been founded by the first Earl." He then pointed out that a leper's window exists in the north wall of the chancel opening to the outside. Now although it has been doubted that the Holy Communion was here administered to the lepers, there is every reason to believe it, as the Earls de Warenne were very kind to the numerous lepers of that time, and built them a hospital in the neighbourhood of the castle at Coningsborough. So it is very probably a real leper's window.

At this period of our walk round this very interesting church I found myself consumed with curiosity as to whether my new (and old) friend was quoting from his own knowledge, or whether he was refreshing his memory out of a guide-book, as I reasoned to myself that he could not know the details of all the churches. So I determined to watch him, but as he either kept me in front or placed himself so completely in front in showing me round, I was baffled. "Another feature in the church" he continued, "is the existence of the original oak benches. There is a diversity of opinion as to when such seats were first placed in our churches, but there is a document of 1490 which mentions 'fourem's' with 'stulps' at the 'fourem end,' and they had been there 'without time of mind.'" "A very quaint expression that last," I ventured to remark, but the old man did not encourage conversation on my part, so I collapsed into a silent but interested recipient of information—young people were evidently expected to keep in the background. As a further point about the oak benches, he told me 1584 was a carved date on some of the newer seats. "The west end of the church," continued the hour-glass proprietor, "was a simple gable end to which the tower was added, the original doorway—which is considered one of the best examples of Early English in the West Riding—being removed to the west front of the tower, probably about 1360 to 1400." As we were touching on tower matters I mentioned the bells, but he only said that he was coming to a lot of bobs in the composition which would he felt interest me, so I again subsided, as this seemed the best plan of keeping friends. He kept his promise, for soon after he dissertated on a stone altar which had long stood in the church, but which was consigned to the floor of the chancel, and later turned out of doors only however to be returned to the interior as a relic of antiquity. "Now note," said the scythe wielder, "how long the Rev. Henry Suthill stuck to his rope in these troublous times. He took hold in 1506, and only relinquished it to be buried in the church in 1562, a length of fifty-six years. He rang his changes in portions of the reigns of Henry VII., Henry VIII., Edward VI., Queen Mary, and four years into the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Yes, went on my friend, I was busy with 'bobs' amongst these crowned heads whilst this Vicar quietly held the rope-end, and I wonder what he thought of all my changes in his time, for they came up thick and fast." Some reference to chained books inside the church took us back to the interior, and just as we were taking our places in our old position, he dropped a paper which I was proceeding to pick it up for him when he stopped me saying it was of no importance. Asking him whether he found change-ringers bad to get on with, he replied, "not specially, but they puzzle me with the hurry with which many of them showed in getting away from the church when ringing was over. If they would only stay and say one little prayer for themselves and their families, when they were so very near the church

tower, much trouble would be saved them." Then he added very seriously—"You see the last service must come, from which there is no running off to an earthly home, no turning away when the dark valley has to be traversed, when the sands have run down, and the mourners go about the street."

After this we were both quiet, and the soft but clear notes of the bells held their swing again. Then possibly I awoke, and proceeding to look for my friend, found he was gone. The only link seemed the paper he had dropped, which I at once picked up and found it to be a short history of Kirkburton church, compiled by the present Vicar.

To test whether my memory had served me false or not, I hastily ran over the details of the edifice for the papers in my hand, and found everything as I had recently witnessed it while with my guide, who had however refreshed his memory very extensively, as was proved by many verbatim quotations from the Vicar's writing. Some of my friends to whom I have repeated this adventure, suggest that I overheard someone reading parts of the pamphlet, and that I had then woven the thread into a dream. But I answer how then was I so wet when I seemed to awake? Surely I had been outside and gone over the programme with someone! However let anyone believe it or not as they like, let them in any case but go to Kirkburton and see the old church for themselves, get a copy of the pamphlet, and they will thank the Vicar for his interesting sketch, and will I am sure sympathise with me in my bewilderment.

Finding it was tea-time I hurried off to the schools, sorry that I had no time to look over the vicarage garden with its antiquities, which had been thrown open to members for the day. Perhaps the good tea on a wet day shines out with an iridescent colouring that glaring sunshine tends to hide, but it was a good tea, and I felt sorry I had not asked the old man to come along and share it with us. I felt very dreamy all through tea, but brightened up for the business meeting. The President took the chair, supported by the Vicar (Rev. R. Phipps), an hon. member of the Association, and the writer of the pamphlet, and the principal officers, including Mr. Holgate (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. Stainthorpe (Hon. Treasurer), who I am told is wishful to retire after some eighteen years service. The minutes of the previous meeting at Barnsley having been read and passed, some reference was made to the subscription that had started for a member of the Barnsley company who had lost his hand, a subscription to which there had been a very generous response. The President, with him the Hon. Secretary as seconder, gave notice of propositions to alter certain rules, the effect of which will be the raising of the Life Members subscription from 11s. 6d. to 12s. 6d., or alternately the omission, to such as do not comply, of the issue of the Annual Reports. The voting on this matter will be determined at the next meeting in September.

On the motion of Messrs. Abbshaw and Stainthorpe, leave was given to resuscitate the names of Messrs. Langdon and Webb, of the College Youths, whose subscriptions had temporarily fallen into arrears. The place of the next meeting fell to Goole on the motion of Messrs. Holgate and Cryer (of Selby), the chairman begging those who might be inclined to move any amendments to abstain from so doing, as the Goole district was entitled to support. The Goole invitation was then unanimously accepted. On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. vice-President Bolland, a warm vote of thanks was

passed to the Vicar for the use of his bells and schools. In acknowledging the vote the Vicar said he was proud to address them as brother-members. He much regretted that the day had turned out unpropitious, and hope there had been every endeavour made to give all a hearty welcome, and he trusted that any vagaries on the part of the weather would not be put down to want of local effort. The attention that was now being turned to the Art of change-ringing as a branch of Church work was one in which he wished every success. Surely everything done in the tower, as part of the church, should be done in the highest possible spirit of reverence, and the more this was realised the better for every one taking part. Speaking for some short time, he ended by expressing the great usefulness of their band of ringers on the occasion of the declaration of peace in South Africa, for on hearing the news they assembled, and their joyous peal roused everyone up, with the result that before midnight they were able to have a thanksgiving service in their old church.

The Rev. Arthur Hay, Vicar of Shelley, was then unanimously elected an hon. member, on the motion of Mr. Pickering (Kirkburton), seconded by the Vicar.

A hearty vote of thanks was then moved by the President to the Kirkburton branch for their arrangements for the tea, and to the ladies for presiding over and preparing the same. This was seconded by Mr. Arthur Brearley, of Sheffield, who paid some well-deserved compliments to those at the head of affairs. This was warmly carried, and was very suitably acknowledged by Mr. Pickering on behalf of the local committee.

A vote of thanks to the President for his services in the chair, proposed by Mr. Holgate, and seconded by Mr. Stainthorpe, closed the meeting.

It should be mentioned that in addition to the throwing open of the vicarage garden, the local institute had also been placed at the disposal of the members. Visitors embraced members from Holbeck, Lindley, Earlsheaton, Birstall, Shipley, Darfield, Friezland, Halifax, Headingley, Huddersfield, Loxley, Bramley, Woodlesford, Selby, Sandal, Brighouse, Sowerby, Almondbury, Cleckheaton, Dewsbury, Tong, Low Moor, Queensbury, Keighley, Horbury, Skipton, Leeds parish church, Kirkheaton, and of course Kirkburton. The local committee, for whom Mr. E. R. Armitage acted as Hon. Secretary, consisted of the Vicar as President; J. Rollinson (Treasurer); together with Messrs. Moorhouse, Wilson (2), Shaw, and Pickering (2). These, one and all, are to be congratulated on the success of their endeavours, for in spite of a continuous downpour everyone greatly enjoyed the outing, which added another success to a long list of enjoyable meetings.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this Association was held in the parish room, Keswick, on Saturday, June 24th, Mr. Stephen Hogarth, the conductor of the Crosthwaite ringers being in the chair, and a number of ringers from Aspatria, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth, Crosthwaite and Workington being present. Letters were read from the Revs. F. L. H. Millard (President), W. Roberts and W. H. Spurrier, and others regretting their inability to be present. A discussion took place as to the advisability of abandoning the shield competition for the present year, owing to several of the belfries having lost one or two of their company, thus leaving them short-handed. It was ultimately decided however that a competition be held about the last Saturday in September at Arlecdon, that

being the date selected for the annual meeting which was fixed to take place there, provided that by the end of August not less than three companies intimated their readiness to take part in it, but not otherwise. It was unanimously agreed that in the event of a competition taking place, Mr. Harry Chapman be asked to again act as adjudicator: that the touch to be rung should be 720 changes in whatever Minor method each company might select, the meeting coming to the conclusion that those companies in a position to ring the more intricate methods would not attempt anything unworthy of their abilities; medals be provided for the winners. It was also decided to pay half the ordinary railway fares or full excursion fares of six or eight ringers from each six or eight-bell tower respectively putting in an appearance at the Arlecdon meeting, whether a competition take place or not.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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ALTERATION OF RULES.

The President proposed, and the Hon. Secretary seconded, the following alteration of rules which were adopted.

- (a) That in the thirteenth line of the second Rule the word "fifteen" be substituted for the word "twelve."
- (b) That in the first line of the sixth Rule the word "Easter" be replaced by the word "Whitsuntide."
- (c) That to the tenth Rule be added the words—"That every new member, whether Representative or Honorary, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by an old Member to the President, or, in the absence of the President, to the Chairman of the Meeting."

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The President said a pressing invitation had been received by the Standing Committee for next year's meeting to be held at Manchester. The Council had hitherto observed a rota of two Midland meetings, then north and south, then west and east. The two last meetings had been north and south, viz., York and Canterbury, so now to follow their usual plan the Council should next year go west, and follow that by going east. It had been suggested that the next meeting should be at Exeter, and probably the following year at either Ipswich or Cambridge. Manchester would fit in for the year following the triennial election.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he had hoped that the invitation to Manchester might have been accepted. They did not wish however to be selfish, and trusted that if the Council went to Exeter next year, and followed by going to either Cambridge or Ipswich, that they might look forward to a visit to Manchester after the next London meeting. True they had not such picturesque country as might be found in some parts, but he could assure the Council that when it did visit Manchester there would be a most hearty welcome. He thought he might claim that Lancashire had shown its interest in the work of the Council by sending four representatives to the Council meeting.

The Rev. M. Kelly said he could also assure the Council that if it was decided to go to Exeter next year, there would be a most hearty welcome. There was a time when no change-ringing took place west of Bristol; now however there had been an advance, and it was possible to get a peal of Grandsire Caters, which was something to be proud of. He could assure the Council that the Dean and Chapter would give them a most hearty welcome. He was glad that the Chapter had decided that there should be no attempt to ring a peal of Royal single-handed; such a strain upon human nature never ought to be allowed.

Mr. Trollope said he thought the question of distance should be considered. There was not a large meeting at Canterbury, and the same with York.

The President said both these meetings were successes.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said that which was best for the Exercise at large should be the aim.

The Rev. M. Kelly moved that next year's meeting be held at Exeter.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded. He said that Exeter was the centre of the west, which could be reached from London in three-and-a-half hours. He could assure the Council that it would get as warm a welcome as anywhere.

The resolution was carried.

LEGITIMATE METHODS.

The Rev. H. L. James said when the report was referred back to the Committee at last year's meeting, there was a request that it should be published as early as possible in "THE BELL NEWS." The first draft of the report was prepared on July 24th, and the second on December 4th. It was sent for publication in "THE BELL NEWS" in the middle of January in a registered envelope, in consequence of a former report having been lost. It was sent with a request that a proof should be forwarded as early as possible, since it was important that the report should not only appear perfectly correct, but quickly, in order that the whole could be discussed. No proof however was received till April. An apology was sent him, but he thought an apology was due to the whole Exercise. The report was of a highly technical nature, and required very careful consideration. Instead of appearing in April it ought to have appeared in January. The rev. gentleman having given this explanation, proceeded with the report as printed in "THE BELL NEWS" for April 28th. He commenced by explaining the word "adjacent" at the very commencement of the report. He did not, he said, like the word, and there was a division of opinion among the Committee, the term "Imperial" instead having been suggested, as was also the word "adjoining."

Mr. Dains said there were two kinds of Imperial Places.

A discussion of a purely technical nature followed between Mr. Law James and Mr. Dains, with the result that the word "Imperial" was finally adopted in lieu of "adjacent." The whole of the remaining portion of the report was read through, and Mr. James concluded by moving its adoption.

Mr. Trollope, who seconded, had no doubt the report was difficult to grasp, but he thought if studied, it would be fairly understood.

The Rev. H. Law James said as many methods as people choose to send him, he would put in it.

The Rev. H. Drake said within two hours of receiving "THE BELL NEWS" in which the report appeared, he prepared the tabulated form which the previous week appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," with the hope that it would appear and be discussed previous to the meeting. Unfortunately he only received the proof so late that there was not sufficient time to correct it before the form appeared in print. There were a number of mistakes, and it would be better understood if printed as he had himself suggested, particular portions in small capitals, another in capital letters, and another in italics. He thought the report would be much better understood in tabular classification. He should like to see the report revised and reprinted with a tabular form.

The Rev. H. L. James said a tabular form was prepared before the report was printed, but he did not think it desirable to print it in "THE BELL NEWS." There was a number of mistakes in the report. An attempt had certainly been made to carry out the suggestions, but it was not very satisfactory. If properly printed, he saw no reason why a tabular form should not be added, and thought it would be desirable to print certain parts of the report in red.

The President said in adopting the report it should be understood that the Council did not tie itself to accept the definitions given for all time. The whole science of ringing was so complicated that it would doubtless be found that to investigate the matter further as time went on would result in changed definitions. A large section of the Exercise were not able to give the time for the study of knowledge that was required to go thoroughly into these details. The whole essence of the Art depended upon its scientific aspect. They should not forget the principles upon which the Art exists, and the extreme importance of such a report. In the old days no one knew what they were doing; each went to work in his own way. It

was through the help of the Council that there had been this inquiry into the underlying principles of the Art. As knowledge advanced so they must go on. They must not say that that which appeared in The Glossary was wrong. It was as it was found in its day. So with the present report: it was as found in the present day. In the future it might be gone further into with altered results. No scientific man could say that such a report was final, and therefore it was not desirable to claim it as such. A great effort had been made to classify, and the Committee were entitled to the thanks of the Council for the work that had been done, for the scientific part of the Art had been advanced, and a store of knowledge had been laid up, which would be valuable to those who would follow.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if the report would be re-published after revision.

Mr. H. Dains said he would like some plain English. He was not a Cambridge man with honours. Could not some other words in place of "Pasallatria" and "Pasallatessara" methods be found?

The Rev. H. Law James said the report was incomplete; the methods ought to be classified.

The President said the Committee should go on with the work. It would be a pity to curtail it.

The Rev. H. Law James said whatever methods were sent in he was confident he could put them in.

Mr. J. Carter said if the report was sent back to the Committee, it would be desirable to have a meeting, as the work could be far better done than by correspondence.

The President said the report having been already adopted, the question of printing it could be left over till the work had been gone further into. He would suggest that the Committee go on with the work, and report to the next meeting. He thought Mr. Carter's suggestion most excellent, as no doubt if the Committee could meet it would save a great deal of time at the Council meeting.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and the Rev. H. Drake seconded a resolution thanking the Committee, and asking them to continue the work, and report to the next Council meeting, and this was adopted.

POINTS FOR PEALS.

Mr. Story said the Committee had gone carefully into the question of points to be allowed for peals as referred to them last year. The Committee recommended that 36 points should be given for seven 720s in Surprise methods on six bells; 50 for fourteen 360s in Surprise methods on six bells; 18 for seven 720s on six bells in broken leads; and 22 for Double Norwich Caters. He was pleased to say that in arriving at this conclusion they had had the assistance of Mr. Attree.

The Rev. H. L. James asked if the fourteen 300s were recognised as a peal.

Mr. Story said the Committee had taken the matter up in the terms of reference.

The President said it was not necessary upon this report to go into that question.

Dr. Carpenter asked if it had been decided to recognise fourteen 360s.

Mr. Story said he was not sure if twenty-one 240s ought not to be recognised.

The President said the original decision of the Council had been rescinded because of the difficulties that arose. At the present time the Council did not undertake to say what was a peal of Doubles or a peal of Minor.

Mr. G. Bolland said he considered the same number of points should be given for seven 720s in Surprise methods as were allowed for a peal of Surprise Major, since there was more work in the seven 720s than in a peal of Major. With respect to the number of points for peals with broken leads, he considered 25 points should be allowed instead of 18 as recommended.

Mr. Attree said the Committee had a plan which was adopted in deciding the matter. In the seven 720s there were only six ringers, but in a peal of Major there were eight. He was of opinion that the larger number of ringers should be the highest number of points. It was more easy to get six men than it is to get eight, and in the same way it was more easy to keep six

men together than eight. Working upon this principle he thought the points allowed were correct.

Mr. Griffin proposed the recommendation be adopted.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if the Committee had considered the question of allowing twice as many points for handbell peals rang double-handed as were allowed for peals upon tower bells, which question was referred to the Committee at last year's meeting.

Mr. Story said the Committee had not gone into this, not knowing it was referred to them.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if the Committee could not add this decision on this point to their report.

Mr. Attree said the matter would not take long. His own opinion was that a peal on handbells was not worth double the number of points. When a ringer once got into the knack of ringing double-handed there was not much difficulty in keeping going. Under the circumstances he did not think it right to pass a resolution upon the matter that day.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill said he disagreed altogether in allowing points. It was bringing the Exercise down to the level of cricket and football. It was a matter upon which there was some considerable feeling, especially in London.

Mr. H. Dains said sometimes the tenor in a peal upon twelve bells was rang by two men.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if the Committee's report could not be amended by adding that double the number of points should be allowed for peals rung upon handbells.

The President said the Council had not gone into the matter.

The Rev. H. Drake said he would move a resolution in accordance with his suggestion.

Mr. King said there was a reference made to the Committee last year, and the Committee had not yet reported. He considered it should go to the Committee for report.

Mr. E. Barnett said he objected to the question of points for peals rung, either upon tower or handbells.

A member of the Council said he considered if points were allowed, there should be some regulation as to what society a ringer should ring peals, while in some cases a band was picked from different parts, which was not fair if points were allowed.

The resolution moved by Mr. Griffin having been seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, was adopted.

On the proposition of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Points Committee were requested to consider the question of points for peals rung double-handed, and to report to the next Council Meeting.

(To be continued.)

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."

THE LONG PEAL AT MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

SIR,—In your issue of last week there appears an objection to our long peal. As this is positively the only time I shall trouble you, will you please allow me space to tell my tale. After ringing on Whit-Friday, George Longden accused me with missing a bob at the third part-end. I denied it then and do so now, and shall do again and again. There was no call missed either at home or anywhere else, either at the third part-end or any other part-end. By repeating this charge in your paper, I take it that he means to infer that I am lying, and I would remind George Longden, that I have been reared in a school that does not breed liars. With regard to the firing for twenty minutes and the missing course, this is nothing but a spiteful and deliberate lie. To have parted the tenors where George Longden says I did, would have meant missing about 370 odd changes, or nearly fifteen minutes ringing, and yet our average time is only 28'96. Then he objects because I had a slip of paper. I had a piece of paper with an occasional course-end on, not for the sake of assistance, but to assure myself that all was right; and it is all bluff for George Longden to object to something that is done in his own belfry and by better men than I. With regard to his invitation to other people to express an opinion, I, too, invite them to do so, and if anyone does so, will

they please say if they consider any man capable of judging ringing when he is saturated with whisky. As I have promised you not to ask for space in the future, will you bear with me a moment longer, because there is more in this objection than meets the eye. The record was held by Ashton, and George Longden was one of the set that rang in 1883. In our set there was an Ashton ringer, and that is at the bottom of all the bother, for George Longden himself told one of our ringers that the peal was all right, and would have been only they could not stand this Ashton man being in the set. This peal was condemned so long ago as Christmas, and three weeks before we rang the peal Ashton ringers refused to ring in the presence of the one that was in our set; and the slang and dirty messages sent from Ashton would have scared many a band from ever making an attempt. I contend that this objection is neither honest nor just, but a display of temper and spite—and if I were George Longden I wouldn't shout so loud, because someone might hear him that knows something.

Thanking for space, and hoping you will give the same publicity to this that you gave to the objection.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—In a communication just received from the Hon. Sec. of the Chester Diocesan Guild, I learn that the two representatives of the Guild are Messrs. J. Dillon and R. T. Holding. In sending me the names just before the meeting of Council, the Hon. Sec. was not within reach of his minute-book, and sent in the names of Messrs. Ashmole and Dew, their representatives on the last Council. Though in drawing up the schedule of attendances, I had a strong inkling that my old friend Mr. Holding was not likely to be wrong, I yet had to leave him out of the list, as I regard it as my bounden duty to adhere rigidly to the particulars sent to me officially by the responsible officers of the various Guilds and Associations. But now that all is made clear I have much pleasure in reporting that Mr. Holding's name should be included in the list of those present. This will of course necessitate certain corrections in the Analysis, etc., which should all be incorporated in the official minutes.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Obituary.

JOHN LILLEY.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who died on Thursday, June 14th, aged seventy-three years. He was interred in the family vault in St. Paul's parish churchyard, Shipley, on Saturday, June 16th, amid many manifestations of sympathy. The deceased ringer had been a member of the Shipley company for fifty-three years, formerly he was sexton. For many years he collected the pew rents. In token of respect the flag at the parish church was flown at half-mast. Both before and after the funeral muffled touches were rung by a representative company from Shipley, Saltaire, Bradford, Bolton, Bingley, Calverley. Prior to the interment a service was conducted in the church by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Cribb), who also officiated at the grave side. The hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Brief life is here our portion," were impressively sung by the choir. The 90th Psalm was chanted to Felton's setting. The organist (Mr. B. Firth, F.I.G.C.M.) played the "Dead March" in *Saul*. A course of Grandsire Triples was also rung at the graveside after the funeral service by Joe Hardcastle, Joe Broadley, T. B. Kendall, and G. A. Nettleton. Mr. Lilley was a life member of the Yorkshire Association. On Sunday the service touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled. R.I.P. T. B. K.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1906.

THE recent long peal at Mottram-in-Longdendale has not been allowed to pass without a protest against its alleged genuineness. In this number the caller of the performance—MR. SIDEBOTHAM—strongly attacks the peal's impugner, and gives him a warning not to say any more, or else disclosures—not relevant to the point at issue, we suppose—will be revealed. We beg the gentleman above-named, should he consider there may be just cause for defending the peal, and asserting its truth, to adhere closely to the question at issue, and refrain from referring to matters foreign to the subject.

There is one particular which the correspondence has brought about, on which it will not be impertinent to dwell for a moment. GEORGE LONGDEN, among his other assertions, states that the peal was called from manuscript. In reply to this the caller naively says: "I had a piece of paper with an occasional course-end on, not for the sake of assistance, but to assure myself that all was right," etc. We are to believe then, that the peal was not "called"

from manuscript, but assistance and assurance was had by means of manuscript! Even then the process does not recommend itself. We are aware that the very modern practice of having these aids to calling is in vogue with some. But the practice is utterly indefensible, in fact most unfair, and one to be condemned *in toto*. The very essence of *calling* a peal is to have no visible aid whatever during its progress, nothing but the caller's skill aided by his memory can be employed. It is no use any one saying something of this sort: "I merely put a few course-ends down on paper handy, so that I could be assured of the peal as I went along," or such-like excuse. If any who aspires to call a peal thinks he must have such aid, let him wisely refrain, and give up the calling to others more capable, to those who maintain the prestige of the bob-caller's character by scorning such wretched contrivances. Thirty years ago who heard of such a thing as calling a peal from MS. or notes. Did any of our celebrated men adopt such ways to secure their triumphs. Did JOHN PERKS make use of such aid when he called the 10,000 odd of Stedman Caters at Aston? Did W. HALLSWORTH when he called the long peal of Cinques at St. Martin's? Did W. WILLSON at Wigston with the 17,000 of Double Norwich? Hundreds of instances like these can be mentioned, where the callers would have laughed to scorn and treated with contempt the least suggestion of "assistance" of the sort. This manuscript business is a modern innovation, which the Exercise should root out, and it is to be hoped that the Guilds and Associations will in future refuse to book any peals which have been achieved by such means.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

A large chiming clock is to be placed in the tower of this church, which will show time on two dials. It is to be fitted with all the latest improvements, and will be generally made to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The cost will be £154, and the work is being done by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

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The Metropolis.

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BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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On Saturday, June 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

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THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES POTHECARY .. Treble.	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	*CHARLES DANN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.† .. 4.	RICHARD G. RICE Tenor.

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*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman Triples. This is the conductor's 700th peal of Stedman Triples.

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Conducted by R. JARVIS.

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QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, June 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

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EDWARD CAUNCE† .. 4.	WALTER C. HUNT .. Tenor.

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This is the longest length in the method by all the band, by the Association, and in the county. †Fiftieth peal.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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FRANK KAY .. Treble.	HERBERT FRETWELL .. 4.
THOMAS STIMPSON .. 2.	†THOMAS DENT .. 5.
HERBERT DAY* .. 3.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. T. BUTLER.

*First peal. †First peal in any method. ‡Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

JOHN B. MARTIN .. Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 5.
FREDERICK PALMER .. 2.	JOHN J. MAWBY .. 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. 7.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 4.	*EDGAR PAYNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

*First peal on eight bells. This peal was rung as a farewell to F. Palmer, who is leaving Irlthlingborough for Harlow, with the best wishes from his fellow ringers.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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THOMAS MURRAY* .. 3.	WILLIAM CHILD .. 7.
JOHN B. JACKSON .. 4.	DAVID YORK .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

*First peal in the method.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 25, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

HENRY STEFF .. Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.	THOMAS WALLWORK .. 6.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE MARRINEB* .. Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. 2.	JOHN HOYLE .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
JOHN WYATT .. 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned).

*First peal in the method.

KINGSWINFOR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER RICHARDS .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. 4.
ALFRED DAVIES .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 5.
WILLIAM FRYER .. 3.	HARRY JONES .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal on the bells, and was rung as a farewell to W. Richards, who is leaving for America in a few days.

The following five peals are the result of a week's ringing arranged for the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Vicar of Drayton, Berks:—

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Monday, June 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
EDWARD EVANS .. 2.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON .. 8.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	*WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 9.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 10.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 5.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 6.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS .. 5.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 6.
GEORGE DEBENHAM .. 3.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY A. TURNER .. 4.	*EDWARD E. DIAPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM GRIMES* .. Treble.	JAMES G. RUMSEY .. 5.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. 2.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 6.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 3.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GROOM .. 4.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Thursday, June 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY..Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS... .. 3.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY..Treble.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	THOMAS W. LAST 6.
ERNEST E. LANHAM 3.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4.	*SIDNEY W. PILGRIM Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, June 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major, 1296 changes. G. Dawson, W. Bates, W. Hickling, S. Dawson, F. Hickling, J. Flowers, B. Sugden, J. Pagett conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Gwendolen Catt, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Catt, of the Outwoods, Duffield, and Mr. Vyvyan George Harmsworth, of Poynter's Hall, Totteridge, Herts. In hunting circles the bride is very well known, and she has been a very familiar figure at the meets of the Earl of Harrington's hounds. A large number of invitations had been issued, and the function was attended by a brilliant assemblage.

DERBY.—On Sunday, March 25th, at the residence of Mr. J. Pagett, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke, 1-2; A. H. Ward, 3-4; W. Wallace, 5-6; J. Pagett composer and conductor, 7-8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Sunday, March 18th at St. Thomas's church, 720 Plain Bob. E. Hallworth, J. W. Hartley, J. Fernley, J. Bancroft, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor. On March 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hallworth, J. W. Hartley, Rev. A. T. Beeston, J. Fernley, A. Fernley, S. Fernley. On Sunday, March 25th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Bancroft, J. Hallworth, the rest as before. On Wednesday, March 28th, 720 Violet. J. Hallworth, Rev. A. T. Beeston, G. D. Warburton, J. Fernley, A. Fernley, S. Fernley. On Sunday, April 8th, 720 College Single. J. Bancroft, J. W. Hartley, J. Hallworth, the rest as before. On Sunday, April 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Hallworth, 3; the rest as before. On Sunday, April 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Warnham Court. J. Bancroft, J. W. Hartley, J. Hallworth, J. Fernley, S. Fernley, A. Fernley. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob. E. Hallworth, J. W. Hartley, J. Dean, J. Bancroft, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, February 24th, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques failed after ringing 3800 changes in 3 hrs. J. Holman, W. Bugar,

W. Lomas, J. Hutchinson, J. Thorpe, S. Palmer, A. Windsor, G. Barraclough, J. Woodhead, W. Woodhead, F. Woodhead, H. Smith.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, May 1st, at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples. P. Dowden, H. Fairall, H. Coombes, E. Simmonds, G. Wilkins, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, O. Coombes, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Fairall, H. Coombes, F. Jolliffe, P. Long, O. Coombes, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, W. Kemp. And 210 in the same method. H. Jennings conductor, H. Coombes, F. Jolliffe, H. Fairall, P. Long, G. Wilkins, O. Coombes, W. Kemp.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Thursday, May 10th, 559 Grandsire Triples. P. Dowden, M. Squibb, O. Coombes, E. Simmonds, W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, W. Pain.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday evening, May 20th, for Divine Service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Han, F. Paskins, H. Hayter, J. Elcombe, A. E. Paskins, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler, T. Hayter.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Tuesday, May 8th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. S. Williams, W. Ross, H. Day, W. Miller, Sergt. Major Dawe, W. Biss conductor, J. Clutterbuck, W. Moore. And 648 Grandsire Caters. S. Williams, W. Ross, H. Day, W. Miller, W. Biss conductor, Sergt. Major Dawe, G. Hardage, J. Clutterbuck, A. Rowley, W. Moore.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Goss, W. States, E. Bray, A. Clark, W. Groves, A. T. Jones conductor, W. Hill, E. H. Pope. For evening service 531 Stedman Triples. W. States, E. Bray, C. F. Johnston, A. Clark, J. Talbot, A. T. Jones conductor, W. Groves, W. Hill.

HOLBECK (Yorks).—On Sunday, May 20th, 720 Bob Minor. L. Peel, H. Howland, H. Tomlinson conductor, J. Woodhead, D. Yorke, L. Squires.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service at St. Botolph's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. H. Springall conductor, W. Tanner, J. Scholes, W. Truss, S. Parmenter, E. J. Webb, E. Hsl, G. Barrell.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, March 15th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 44 mins. J. Ballard, T. W. Chapman, W. Martin, G. Winter, J. T. Rippin, J. F. Clarke, H. Clayfield, H. Argyle conductor.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 18th, at the Abbey, 882 Grandsire Triples. A. Dobson, J. Jackson, F. Cryer, A. Hall, A. Cryer, F. W. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, T. Strudwick. On Thursday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Midgelow, J. Jackson, F. Cryer, A. Hall, A. Cryer, F. W. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, J. Strudwick. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor. On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 882 Grandsire Triples, in 33 mins. A. Dobson, J. Jackson, F. Cryer, A. Hall, A. Cryer, F. W. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, T. Strudwick.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 18th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins., taken from Thurstans's one-part. J. Armstrong conductor, H. Baalam F. G. Tegg, J. E. Miller, N. Tomlinson, H. Miller, W. Pickworth, F. J. Budd.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Monday, May, 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. *W. S. Judd, W. Bedwell, H. T. Wilson, G. E. Wilson, *F. Pierce, W. H. Judd. *First 720 Minor.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, July 3rd; St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, July 17th; St. Dunstan's-in-the-East Thursday, July 19th; and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, July 12th and 26th, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgley Road, Clapham, S.W.

Leeds and District Society.—The invitation meeting of this Society will be held at Shipley, to-day, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Sun hotel, at 7 p.m. Special business, viz., alteration of rules, etc.

FRED. R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Beds Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tharleigh, to-day, Saturday, June 30th, at 3 p.m.

A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Matlock, to-day, Saturday, June 30th. Committee meeting at 4. Tea 1s. each at 4.45 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms near Matlock Bridge station. Bells available from 2 p.m. as usual. At this meeting it is proposed to discuss the question of dividing the Derby district into two parts, and it is hoped that there may be a good attendance. Subscriptions due January 1st last should be paid in at once.

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Staines, to-day, Saturday, June 30th. The bells of St. Mary's will be available from 4 to 5.30, and the bells of St. Peter's from 6 to 9. Will members kindly forward their subscriptions at once.

J. J. PRATT, *Dist. Hon. Sec.*

Hillingdon.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, on Monday, July 2nd, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
16, Wilmore Place, Oxford Street.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Guildford on Monday, July 2. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 12. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Dorking. Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. Annual meeting at 2.45 p.m. at the County and Borough Halls. Members and friends requiring dinner tickets (2s. each), please let me know by Tuesday, June 26. Application for travelling expenses, limited to 2s. 6d. per member, must be made to the district secretaries or their representatives after the annual meeting. No allowance to any member whose subscription is unpaid.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Pershore, on Saturday, July 7th. The Rev. J. H. Bridgwater, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an

address at the service in the Abbey at 4.30 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me before Wednesday, July 4th. The Abbey tower and bells will be available for ringing.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford, Worcester.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, July 7th, 1906. Further particulars will be announced next week.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, July 7th, 1906. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided (free) at the George and Dragon inn, at 6 o'clock followed by the business meeting. The rectory grounds will be thrown open to members. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, July 4th.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Stone, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Short service at 7 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea must give notice to Mr. P. Preston, 3, Red Hill, Church Street, Stone, not later than Thursday, July 5th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Henley-on-Thames, on Monday, July 16. Service in the parish church at 12 noon, preacher, Rev. E. D. Shaw. Business meeting in Church institute at 12.45. Dinner in Town Hall at 1.30. Tickets for dinner at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order and their ringing qualifications to me not later than Monday, July 3rd. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. each to probationers present at the dinner.

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NOTE TO PEAL.

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NEWPORT MON.—On Tuesday, May 15th, at the Church of All Saints, on the occasion of a Confirmation Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. S. Jones, F. Charles, W. B. Millard, J. Jones, A. Corbin, A. Morgan, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT.—A meeting for this district was held at South Weald on Saturday, June 23rd. The day was a glorious one, and ringers journeyed by rail, bike and foot from Great Baddow, Barking, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Hornchurch, Prittlewell, Rayleigh, South Weald, Bentley and Walthamstow. The bells of South Weald and Bentley were kept going till 5 p.m., when all adjourned to The Tower Arms to refresh the inner man with a substantial tea, provided by host Barker. Three quarters of an hour at this brought up the last bob, and the district master taking the chair the meeting was opened by the minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed. One new member was elected, and Bentley tower added to the list of towers in union with the Association. Writtle was chosen as the place for the annual meeting in October.

There being no other business the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. gentlemen who so kindly placed their respective bells at the disposal of the Association. The ringers then went on Shanks' pony to Brentwood to take advantage of a pull on the fine ring of eight at the church of St. Thomas. Here touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, a course of Superlative and Plain Bob was brought round, every member present having had a pull. The clock on the stroke of nine told the tale that it was time to seek the road for home. All succeeded in getting seats in the train and on the bikes, and a jolly good meeting thus ended.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE
DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, June 4th, at

St. Martin's church, a peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted, but was unfortunately lost in the 37th course through a careless mistake in the front work after ringing 3 hrs. 23 mins. T. Reeves, H. Knights longest length of Stedman Cinques, John Neal, A. Paddon Smith, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, H. Witchell, A. Davies longest length of Stedman Cinques, S. Grove, J. George, T. Reynolds, W. Painter. Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by Albert Walker.

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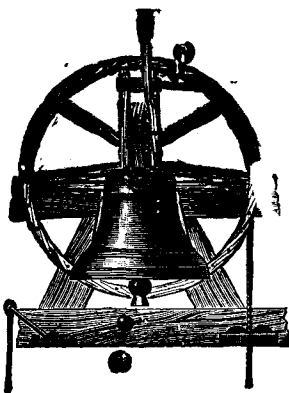
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