

1864 Lincoln and Johnston were elected together, and in 1880 Garfield and Arthur were elected together; and in all these three cases the latter of the two succeeded the former of the two on their deaths.

Again, there is a very curious, and what might be a very awkward, defect in the American constitution. This is the 7th of October. The Senate of the United States is called for Monday, the 10th, to elect a presiding officer called 'President of the Senate,' to which office Arthur was elected, when he was elected Vice-president, on the 2nd of November, 1880, and which he vacated when he took the oath of office as President on the 20th of last month, just after General Garfield's death. Should President Arthur die between this and the election by the Senate of his successor as presiding officer of that body, there would be no one to succeed him, and no authorised method of choosing his successor! There would be no Congress in session, no person to summon one, and thus chaos would come again! One hears a great many eulogies over the men who framed the American constitution, but this point shows that they were not quite so wise as they have the credit of having been.

Again, 'M. A.' speaks of President Arthur as 'the ruler of the largest section of Greater Britain.' I know that this is the idea of most Englishmen, even of many who ought to know better. But as a native of British North America, I question the correctness of that expression. Europe is computed, by those who have prepared our geographies, to contain 6500 square miles, British North America 5200 square miles, and the United States of America 4900 square miles. But somebody will object that a greater part of British North America is composed of inhospitable regions, where man cannot live. That is another mistake which Englishmen make. I believe that no one is prepared to prove me incorrect when I state that British North America possesses more territory, which produces grains and grasses, and is therefore capable of sustaining populations, than the United States possess. Unfortunately for us, English people do not know what a vast and valuable possession they have in North America. T. B. A.

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Free Trade and Fair Trade: Landlords and Tithe Owners.

SIR,—If you want a free and fair race between two men of proved unequal power, you handicap them. This seems to me all that is wished or meant by 'protecting' the British farmer, handicapping him by a nominal import duty, say of 5s. a-quarter, on American corn. It is known by past experience that American imports would not be checked, nor consequently our loaf be sensibly dearer, with a heavier import duty than this. It would be a simple handicap, enabling the English farmer to live and compete. Without this fair competition the American would have a monopoly and, as is always the case, tighten the screw, making our loaf just as dear as he pleases, to say nothing of our possible famine in a time of war. This supposes a large portion of our land to go out of cultivation. If it came to that, what would be the effect? Half the landlords would be bankrupt, country-houses deserted, country tradesmen ruined, hospitals and all kinds of institutions would collapse, servants discharged to fill union-houses, tithe-owners' guarantee become valueless, no money left to buy the loaf, whether cheap or dear, or the manufacturers' goods whether home or foreign!

As mentioned in a recent issue, the English pianoforte manufacturer has this handicap or 'protection.' Why not the English farmer, not to exclude food or make it sensibly dearer, but simply enabling him to live and be a customer to the trades, besides being the back-bone of the country? Call it free trade or fair trade as you will, is not the handicap reasonable, just, necessary, in the interests of all? Do this, or, as an equivalent, lighten agricultural burthens in the way of Imperial and unequal and exhaustive local taxation, and it may not be too late to stay the plague. But the plague has begun, and it is less easy to say where it will end.

On the contrary, do neither (whether in the way of a handicap duty or local relief), and, as one living among landlords and farmers for forty years and more, and seeing the many of both classes already sunk or sinking under the strain, I say (without being an alarmist or in any party sense a 'Protectionist') there are dangers ahead to the public peace, of which I am a humble watchman and conservator, as the inevitable result of farms going out of cultivation, and of the consequent impoverishment and but too natural resentment of farm labourers. Wm. PALIN.

Money-lending Circulars.

'Nil habet infelix pauperas durus in se
Quam quod ridiculos homines facit.'—*Juvenal.*

SIR,—I am the Vicar of a small living—about 210l. a-year net. To that fate I do not object, but I have received in two years about twelve letters from money-lenders; one this morning from Charing Cross. I opened it, and returned it unstamped to the sender. This may be a hint to others. The numerous wine circulars make excellent waste paper, as do also mining advertisements sent to us clergy, who are supposed not to crave 'silver and gold'; but those other letters are a gratuitous snub, with no profit attached. Care Vicarage, Faversham.

H. F. W.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Rev. W. F. Knowles, curate of Balclutha, Otago, New Zealand, writes:—'Will you kindly allow me to acknowledge through your columns the receipt of a letter from "A. C.", whom I now learn is one of those who so kindly forward me copies of *Church Bells*? I wish to assure him that I have received the papers sent by him, but being unaware to whom I was indebted, could do no more than make a general acknowledgment, which he will find in *Church Bells* for September 11th, 1880. I have written to him personally, but doubt whether the letter is sufficiently addressed to find him. He, however, desired me to make the acknowledgment through the medium of your paper. As some of those who so kindly favoured me with copies at first have ceased to do so, I shall the more highly esteem a continuation of "A. C.'s" supply.'

RECEIVED ALSO,—L. E. Owen; E. S.; E. G. B.; Rev. J. W. Horsley; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hubbard Testimonial Fund.

SIR,—Some few weeks ago you kindly inserted a list of subscribers to the Hubbard Testimonial Fund. I now forward a list of further subscriptions received. From the time when the fund was opened until the date of his death, the Committee made Mr. Hubbard a weekly allowance from the fund, and, after consulting him in the matter, passed the following resolution:—

'That, if at the death of Mr. Hubbard there be any funds in the hands of the Committee, the same, or such part thereof as they may agree upon, be applied in payment or towards the payment of his funeral expenses, and that any ultimate balance of the said funds be applied by them in placing such memorial over his grave, or in otherwise perpetuating his memory, in such manner as they may think fit.'

In accordance with this resolution, the Committee undertook the funeral expenses, after discharging which a small balance now remains in hand. The Committee hope, before closing this list, that this amount may be so increased as to enable a plain and simple headstone to be placed over the grave. The assistance of those who had intended to contribute to the testimonial fund is therefore requested to carry out this object. I shall be glad to receive and acknowledge any sums, however small, which may be forwarded to the fund.

Subscriptions previously announced	previously announced	£ s. d.	Mr. J. W. Asquith, Yorkshire Association, Hunslet, Leeds	£ s. d.
The Ancient Society of College Youths, London	19 6 6	0 5 0	Mr. J. McKell, Yorkshire Association, Gargrave	0 2 6
Headingley, St. Chad's Society, near Leeds, Yorkshire	1 0 0	0 2 6	Mr. J. Mallinson, Yorkshire Association, Gargrave	0 2 6
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JASPER W. SNOWDON.

Mr. Ellsmore's 720 of Bob Minor.

SIR,—In this peal it will be found that the tenor dodges wrong with the 5th at home at the 34th and 44th lead-ends. This peal is, therefore, another addition to the list of Minor peals having these execrable passages of changes, which, I regret to say, have found their way into some of the later publications on change-ringing. Such peals can only be rung by ringers who are perfectly indifferent to the musical effect of their performance, and the sooner they are consigned to oblivion the better. J. G. CLARKSON.

Post-office Chambers, Stockton-on-Tees.

The Change-ringing at Kenninghall, Norfolk.

SIR,—There is yet another two-part peal arising from the original which was given with the 5120 in *Church Bells* of Oct. 1st. In giving this I wish to mention that Mr. N. J. Pistow was the first to point out how this 5120 was obtained therefrom; and my friend having now, by the use of two new natural course-ends, reduced it to the minimum, is, I think, fairly entitled to call the 5056 his own peal. The original peal is certainly a very prolific composition, as we get from it three distinct two-part peals and several peals in one part, each having the 6th ten times placed and the extent each way in 5-6. One 5024 was mentioned in *Church Bells* of Oct. 1st. Another 5024 is obtained by using alternate calling to first and third courses of either part of the Kenninghall peal; and the alternate calling of first course of either part of that peal produce a 5056 peal. (See *Bell News* for October.) Again, the first half of original and last half of the 5120 produce a 5248 peal. Finally, by using first half of original, last half of the 5120, with alternate calling to first and third courses, a 5152 peal is obtained, and others are to be had. Repeated.

Barnsbury Road, London, N. HENRY DAINS.

Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand.

A SHORT time ago we gave an account of the ring of ten bells cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the above-named cathedral. These bells have now been erected in the tower, and on September 9th a meeting of those desirous of joining the Cathedral Society of Ringers was called, by advertisement, to meet the Dean of Christ Church in the ringing-chamber. A large number of persons interested in the matter assembled, of whom twenty-four gave in their names as members. After the meeting the bells were rung for the first time. Two practice-nights were appointed to be held in each week, so that the ringers might be tolerably proficient in round ringing, at least, by the time of the opening of the cathedral. Several copies of Mr. Snowdon's *Rope-Sight* and other books have been ordered, and it is the intention of the founders of the Society, by every possible means, to promote in New Zealand the old English art of change-ringing.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Durham on Monday, Oct. 31. The bells at the disposal of the ringers being those of the Cathedral and St. Oswald's. Particulars of the arrangements will be issued to the members by the Secretary. G. J. CLARKSON.

Post-Office Chambers, Stockton-on-Tees.

A Correction.

UNDER the heading of 'Peals at Romford, Essex,' it should read 'in the year 1818,' instead of 'Monday, Feb. 18th, 1811,' which is the date of the peal mentioned by Mr. Fakenham, and entered in the Society's books. A. J. PENKINS.

Reopening of Two Rings of Six Bells.

ON the 2nd inst. six members of the Appleton Society rang at the Parish Church, Northmoor, Oxon, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, the 5th and tenor having been rehung by Mr. White of Besselsleigh. H. Woodward, 1;

E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; W. Bennett, 4; G. Holifield, 5; F. White (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

On the 5th inst. a peal of 720 in the same method was rung at St. Nicholas Church, Abingdon, Berks, where all the bells have been turned and rehung by Mr. White. F. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; W. Bennett, 4; G. Holifield, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 7 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., it being the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, for morning service a two-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 25½ mins. C. Clark, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. Basden, 3; A. Batter, 4; W. Wilder, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., a 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 40 singles and 20 bobs, was rung in 27 mins. F. Fells, 1; C. Clark, 2; W. Fussell, 3; J. Parker, 4; W. Wilder, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

On Sunday afternoon, the 16th inst., for divine service, another 720, in three parts, was rung in 24 mins. C. Clark, 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. Fussell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Parker, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

Also after service another 720, in two parts, was rung in 23 mins. F. Fells, 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. Fussell, 3; J. Parker, 4; W. Wilder, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. All the above were composed and conducted by J. Parker, and rung by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On the 4th inst. a peal of 720 London Single, also 720 Bob Minor, were rung in 54 mins. J. M. Rylatt, 1; J. W. Mawby, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; E. Mason, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

On the 11th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Measures, 1; R. Mackman, 2; W. Falts, 3; R. Creasey, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; J. W. Mawby (conductor), 6.

On the 20th, 720 London Single. T. Measures, 1; J. W. Mawby, 2; R. Creasey, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6. Also a 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. W. Mawby, 1; J. W. Creasey, 2.

On the 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (12 bobs). J. W. Mawby, 1; A. Walker, 2; J. W. Creasey, 3; R. Creasey, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

At Kingston, Surrey.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 1296 changes, was rung by members of the Surrey Association. C. Slade,* 1; J. Strutt, 2; H. Parslow, 3; W. Duffell,* 4; A. Chalis, 5; J. Wright (conductor), 6; G. Gray,* 7; T. Duffell,* 8; W. Phillips, 9; J. Chester, 10. Tenor, 33 cwt. [* First quarter-peal of Caters.]

At Colne Parish Church, Lancashire.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., a muffled peal of Grandsire Plain Bob was rung in 28½ mins., in memory of W. H. Wood, Esq., J.P., of The Cragg, near Colne, consisting of 18 bobs and 1 single. R. Foulds (conductor), 1; J. Hartley (late of Newchurch), 2; T. Horsefield, 3; T. Ingham, 4; R. Pickard, 5; W. Heaton, 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in E flat.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham, Surrey.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., the day of the Harvest Festival, the Mitcham Society of Change-ringers, with the Rev. H. C. Sturges, rang several touches of 500 Grandsire Triples, both before and after service. — Newman, 1; Rev. H. C. Sturges, 2; — Brock, 3; G. Weldon, 4; S. Hayes, 5; J. Fayres, 6; S. Greenwood, 7; C. King (conductor), 8. G. Pell, D. Springall, W. Turner, and J. Drevitt, also attended and took part in the ringing. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Goosnargh, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., a friendly meeting of change-ringers was held at Goosnargh. Change-ringing was begun at 4 o'clock by the Walton-le-Dale Company, who were succeeded by Higher Walton, Penwortham, and a mixed company, consisting of members from Church, Goosnargh, and Walton-le-Dale. The methods rung were Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, and College Singles. Tea was provided, after which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Accrington on December 24. Thanks were voted to the vicar, wardens, ringers, and Mr. Bramwell of Goosnargh, for the kind reception they had given the visiting ringers.

At Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 31 mins. G. Newton (composer and conductor), 1; J. Page, 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; E. Chapman (first peal in the method), 5; J. Hannington, 6; S. Jarman, 7; J. Barrett, 8. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Tenor, 25 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., by the Yorkshire Association, a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 3 mins. T. Lockwood, 1; E. Keighley, 2; W. Hollings, 3; W. Bolland, 4; J. A. Ross, 5; J. Woodhead, 6; T. West, 7; R. Binns, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The peal was composed by Tom Lockwood and conducted by Thos. West.

At Chorley, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., the bells were deeply muffled on both sides, and three peals of Plain Bob were rung during the day for service by mixed bands (all members of the Lancashire Association) in memory of the late Mr. W. Ellison, who had been a ringer at the above church for over thirty years; and had, besides, taught several young bands. He was also treasurer of the above Association, and much respected.

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. Prescott (conductor), 1; E. Kay, 2; E. Brown, 3; W. Chisnall, 4; W. Pimblett (1st peal), 5; T. Tickle, 6; E. Prescott, 7; W. Westhead, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr.

Date Touch at Stockport, Cheshire.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., for Divine service, a touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Gordon, 1; J. Meakin, 2; A. Gordon, 3; D. Pendlebury, 4; J. Barlow, 5; E. Leonard, 6; J. Sutcliffe, 7; T. Marshall, 8. The touch, which was composed and conducted by W. Gordon, is in five parts.

	BOB	LEADS.
First	2 3 3 3 3	3 3 3 3 3
Six	1 1 1 1 1	5 5 5 5 5
Changes	5 5 5 5 5	5 5 5 5 5
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At St. Peter's, Eckington, Derbyshire.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., the East Derbyshire Association rang the following three peals, viz. New London Pleasure, Oxford, and Violet, in 1 hr. 23 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; H. Madin, 2; W. Worthington (conductor), 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

At St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., after evening service, a half-muffled peal, consisting of 720 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, and 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, was rung as a token of respect to the late Lady Florence Chaplin. J. Watson, 1; C. Bingham, 2; P. Herrick, 3; E. Curtis (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Knowles, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At St. Werburgh's, Derby.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., being the Harvest Festival, seven members of the Derby Society, with Mr. C. H. Jessop of London, rang for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. G. Neal, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. Newbold, 4; C. H. Jessop, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6; J. Howe, 7; G. Slack, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in E.

At Church, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 16 bobs and 2 singles, was rung for evening service in 26½ mins. J. Horrocks* (conductor), 1; T. Doran,* 2; J. Bullock, 3; J. Eastwood,* 4; W. Paterson,* 5; T. Horrocks,* 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. [* Are members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.]

At St. Michael's, Garston, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 17th inst., six members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 26½ mins. C. Newton, 1; J. Davidson, 2; J. Large, 3; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 4; J. Latchford, jun. (his first peal), 5; S. Turner, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

At St. John's, Penge, Surrey.

On Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. W. Sheppard, 1; H. Ladin,* 2; D. Springall, 3; W. Margerson,* 4; G. Pell, 5; S. Greenwood (conductor),* 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in C sharp. [* Are College Youths.]

At Appleton, Berkshire.

On Wednesday, the 19th inst., ten members of the Appleton Society rang a peal of Stedman's Caters, comprising 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. F. T. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; F. White, 3; W. Bennett, 4; B. Barrett, 5; G. Holifield, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; J. Avery, 8; H. Woodward, 9; T. Bennett, 10. Tenor, 14½ cwt. This peal, rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Hubbard of Leeds, was one of his compositions, starting with a quick six.

At St. Cross, Holywell, Oxford.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., six members of the Holywell Society rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. French, 1; T. Payne, 2; W. Payne, 3; G. Lapworth, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; E. Harrison (conductor), 6.

At St. Oswald's, Guiseley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., the Yorkshire Association rang 5120 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. C. Ralph, 1; L. Cawood, 2; D. E. Rhodes, 3; R. Tuke, 4; E. Snowdon, 5; J. Barraclough, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; J. W. Snowdon, 8. The peal was composed by C. Ravenscroft (Snowdon, Part II, p. 34), and conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

At Mersham, Kent.

On Sunday, the 23rd inst., after the afternoon service, a touch of 1008 Bob Major was rung in 40 mins. The bells were half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Friend, of Hythe, believed to be a member of the College Youths, and well known as a grand performer and conductor of several systems of the noble art. E. Ruck (conductor), 1; G. Finn, sen., 2; G. Finn, 3; D. Paine, 4; G. Paine, 5; H. Ruck, 6; F. Finn, 7; E. Finn, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

On Sunday evening, the 23rd inst., being the Harvest Thanksgiving service, the members of the above Society rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Bolton, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; G. Overton, 5; R. Moncaster, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. The above is a three-part peal taken from *Church Bells*, No. 565, vol. 11, Oct. 12; composed by Mr. M. Ellsmore, member of the Essex Association, and conducted by G. Overton.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Report from Heywood without name or address; W. K. O.—(we advise you to write to the places, enclosing stamped envelope; or to the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Clyst St. George, Topleham, who may be able to give you the information); R. Creasy; and others.