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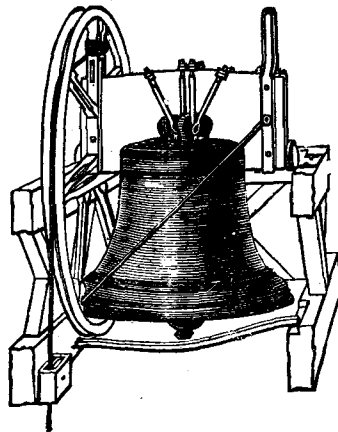
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We may now proceed to tabulate the various working forms of Table VI. These working forms will be 256 in number, and are to be produced by the various possible alternations of A and B strips. The first part of the following short Table shows the various alternations possible in the case of strips, 1, 2, 6, 7. They are sixteen in number, and are numbered consecutively from 1 to 16, for future identification. The latter part shows the four available alterations in the case of strips 3, 14, 10 and 5, 8, 9.

	Nos. of the strips.	Numbers of various possible cases.														
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Div. 1.	1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
	2	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	A	A	A	A	B	B	B
	6	A	A	B	B	A	A	B	B	A	A	B	B	A	A	B
	7	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A
		1	2	3	4											
Div. 2.	3	A	B	A	A											
	4	A	A	B	A											
	10	A	A	A	B											
		1	2	3	4											
Div. 3.	5	A	B	A	A											
	8	A	A	B	A											
	9	A	A	A	B											

Each strip is identified by the letter and number in the compartment at its right hand extremity. Take case 4 in the instance of strips No. 1, 2, 6, 7. Here 1 and 2 are to be A strips, while 6 and 7 are to be B strips. Next, in the instance of 3, 4, 10 take case 4. Here 10 is a B strip, the other two being A strips. Lastly in the instance of 5, 8, 9 take also 4. Here 9 is a B strip, the remaining two being A. We have now taken all the ten strips into consideration, and when arranged on the board they should appear in the following form:

1-2	27	53	59	69	
1 ₆	2 ₃₂	3 ₈	4 ₃₅	5 ₁₃	A-1
3	64	54	35	24-25	
6 ₁₁	7 ₄₈	8 ₂₆	9 ₄₂	10 ₄₄	A-2
4	48	70	43-44	15-16	
11 ₁₆	12 ₂₅	13 ₃₄	14 ₄₆	15 ₂₈	A-3
5-6	72	66-67	62	46-47	
16 ₃₉	17 ₄₉	18 ₂₇	19 ₄₇	20 ₁₂	A-4
9	22	29	32	49-50	
21 ₄₅	22 ₂₉	23 ₄₃	24 ₃₀	25 ₄₀	A-5
R.	63	17	23	33	
26 ₃₈	27 ₃₁	28 ₇	29 ₃₃	30 ₁₀	B-6
39	28	18	71	60-61	
31 ₁₉	32 ₃₆	33 ₂₃	34 ₅₁	35 ₁₇	B-7
40	12	34	7-8	51-52	
36 ₄₁	37 ₅₀	38 ₉	39 ₂₁	40 ₃	A-8
41-42	36	30-31	26	10-11	
41 ₃₇	42 ₁₄	43 ₂₄	44 ₂	45 ₂₂	B-9
45	58	65	68	13-14	
46 ₁₅	47 ₂₀	48 ₄	49 ₁₈	50 ₅	B-10

The simplest method of explaining the use of this table will be to take an example at once. Each division (A and B) of table VI. has been cut into ten horizontal strips. The strips have been pasted on pieces of wood, and a piece of board has been provided with the adjustments necessary for keeping the strips together in two sets of ten each.

This II. arrangement of the strips is then employed as follows.— Commencing with compartment No. 1, we find that it denotes rows 1 and 2. Write down these, and those that are presently to follow, in a line as neatly and closely as possible (the best plan for doing so will be fully explained below). Now compartment 1 is to be followed by compartment 6, which is row 3. Write down this number. This being done, we have rows 1-2-3. Compartment 6 is followed by compartment 11, that is row 4, and this turn by 16, which is rows 5-6, and so on, until we come to compartment 34, which is followed by 51, this last being equivalent to rows 19-20-21, which is the end. This arrangement of the strips gives the following succession of rows:— 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-22-23-18-29-30-31-32-33-24-25-26-27-28-40-41-42-12-13-14-69-70-71-19-20-21. Turn now to Table I., which, as originally stated, is supposed to be duly filled in. We suppose ourselves to have started from rounds. Therefore the lead-end represented by row 1 is 752634, which should accordingly be written down. Row 2 will be a plain lead (765423) and need not be written. The next row involving a bob is row 6, and this will be found to be the lead-end 657423. The next bob row is No. 11, equivalent to the lead-end 456372. Row 11 is followed by row 22. This, it will be discovered, can only be reached by a bob, the lead-end which it represents, being 234756. The whole being pricked down in the usual manner yields the composition here given:—

On adding up the whole number of leads, there will be found thirty-six. Hence, we have a touch of 504, which being four times repeated, gives a half-peal. Take another example. Of strips 1, 2, 6, 7 (see Table VIII) take case 13. This gives 1 and 2 as B strips, while 6 and 7 are to be of the letter A. With this combine case 3 of strips 3, 4, 10, where 3 and 10 are both A, while 4 is B. And for strips 5, 8, 9, take case 2, where strip 5 is to be B, strips 8 and 9 being A. This yields altogether the following combination:—B-1, B-2, A-3, B-4, B-5, A-6, A-7, A-8, A-9, A-10, which, when duly arranged in tabular form, appear as here given:—

1-2	27	53	59	69	
1 ₁₃	2 ₆	3 ₃₂	4 ₈	5 ₃₅	B-1
3	64	54	35	24-25	
6 ₄₄	7 ₁₁	8 ₄₈	9 ₂₆	10 ₄₂	B-2
4	48	70	43-44	15-16	
11 ₁₇	12 ₂₅	13 ₃₄	14 ₄₆	15 ₂₈	A-3
5-6	72	66-67	62	46-47	
16 ₁₂	17 ₃₉	18 ₄₉	19 ₂₇	20 ₄₇	B-4
9	22	29	32	49-50	
21 ₄₀	22 ₄₅	23 ₂₉	24 ₄₃	25 ₃₀	B-5
R.	63	17	23	33	
26 ₃₁	27 ₇	28 ₃₃	29 ₁₀	30 ₃₈	A-6
39	28	18	71	60-61	
31 ₃₆	32 ₂₃	33 ₅₁	34 ₁₇	35 ₁₉	A-7
40	12	34	7-8	51-52	
36 ₄₁	37 ₅₀	38 ₉	39 ₂₁	40 ₃	A-8
41-42	36	30-31	26	10-11	
41 ₁₄	42 ₂₄	43 ₂	44 ₂₂	45 ₃₇	A-9
45	58	65	68	13-14	
46 ₂₀	47 ₄	48 ₁₈	49 ₅	50 ₁₅	A-10

This produces the following succession of rows, viz: 1-2-70-71-72-7-8-9-51-52-53-28-29-23-24-25-26-32-30-31-27-3-26-22-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21. Here we have again 36 leads, and therefore the touch will be one of 504 changes, which, if not ending with rounds, will be capable of being four times repeated, yielding thus half a peal. We here give the bob-leads of the first part of this half-peal deduced from the number last given.

We have given these two examples in full as an indication of the manner in which all the various forms of Table VI. must be treated. As each one of these is examined, the result of the examination should be entered in a book or on a large sheet of paper prepared for the purpose. The book which I employed measured when closed, 11 inches by 9, and was ruled in squares of which 121 occupied very approximately the space of 4 square inches. These squares I found amply large enough. Each combination of strips produces a row of figures as shewn above in the case of the two examples taken viz: 1-2-3-4, etc., and 1-2-70-71, etc. Each of these rows should be entered in the book, putting the numbers successively one in each square in a horizontal direction. Put the first number of each row (it is always 1) immediately under the first of the preceding row. By this means the length of the

different compositions can be easily compared. In practice it be found convenient to rule a red line perpendicularly down the page at the 36th square, so that a 504 may be easily recognised by the row of figures coming to an end when the red line is reached. Another red line may also be ruled down the page at the 69th square, which is the furthest limit to which the compositions will ever run. A margin should be kept either to the right or the left of the page for noting by what combination of strips each row of figures is produced, so that there may be no risk either of omitting any combination, or of working out the same twice over, and also for the sake of any future reference.

In the actual working it will be found unnecessary to go through all the 256 possible variations of Table VI. Some of them will run themselves out more or less speedily, not calling all the strips into requisition. Thus the particular combination of those that are used will be found to be contained in more than one, and possibly in many, forms of the whole table. For instance, take strips B 1, A 3 and B 7. This combination yields the following succession of rows 1, 2, 70, 71, 19, 20, 21. Only these three strips are required for this composition, and consequently any form of the whole table containing these three strips cannot produce anything further than is produced by these three strips alone. Therefore any form of the table containing these strips may be taken as examined, and settled. We are in this manner enabled to dispense with no less than 47 forms of the table, or, as these three strips are contained in 48 of its forms. And so with other combinations, though not to such an extent, as this

is the shortest touch produced by our method of treatment. Annexed are the bob leads of it, and it in fact forms the first five short parts of the two peals published in "THE BELL NEWS," of February 9th, 1884.

There is a certain fact bearing on the whole question in general which may or may not have been noticed by my readers. It is this. The rows in the first half of Table I. are strictly parallel to the rows in the second half. An example or two will explain. In a given touch commencing with row 1, row 13 turns up—say at the 25th lead. Then, if instead of starting from row 1 we start from row 37, bobs being called at intervals similar to those in the last touch, the 25th lead will be found in row 49. And, conversely, if in the first touch row 46 had appeared as the 25th lead, in the second row 13 would be found in its place. Also where in one half of Table I two or more leads have been bracketted together, the corresponding leads in the second half will be seen to have fared in the same way. In short, the two halves of the Table are similar in all respects. One result of this is that any touch which has first been written out in the usual manner (viz. with a lead-end in row 1 for its first lead, and a lead-end in row 21 for its final lead) may be varied by starting from a lead-end in row 37 and concluding with one in 57. For example, the last short touch that was given when varied according to this rule will take the following form. Now, in its original

form its lead-ends were in the rows 1, 2, 70, 71, 19, 20, 21. They will now be found in the similar rows to these, viz., 37, 38, 34, 35, 55, 56, 67. The same holds good in the case of every other composition produced by the means we are employing except under one condition. It will be

remembered that the letter R in compartment 26 of Table VI. is a convenient and abbreviated form of writing rows 55-56-57-37-38, the five rows always conjoined and containing row 57, that is the Reverse course. Now, suppose some given combination of strips produces a succession of rows containing the letter R, and that from this succession of rows the bob-leads are pricked out in the usual manner. Then, if we start from a lead of the reverse course (in lieu of starting from rounds) and write bobs arranged similarly to those in the original touch, when the place is reached where in the former touch the reverse course occurred, it will be found that we now get the plain course, and that in consequence our touch will run round in the middle of one of the parts. Hence combination of rows which contain R are not available for this kind of variation.

HANDBELLS IN COURT.

At the Stourbridge County Court, on Wednesday, the 13th ult., before Sir Rupert Kettle, judge, the case, *Gillbanks v. Pugh and Bidmead* was heard. Mr. Elcock, who appeared for plaintiffs, stated that the action was brought by the Rev. G. Gillbanks, vicar of Wollaston, and Mr. H. King, churchwarden, to recover possession or the value of certain handbells. Some ten years ago the ringers of St. James's Church, Wollaston, wanted to provide themselves with a set of handbells, canvassed the parishioners for subscriptions, and the bells were ultimately bought. Now the question he should have to submit was as to the property of the bells—whether it was vested in the churchwardens as the custodians of the church property, or in the ringers themselves. If it was decided that it vested in the ringers, then he should submit that it did not vest with them individually, but as a body. It was found that the subscriptions raised were not sufficient to purchase the bell; and the churchwardens, he believed, advanced 30s. Subsequent to the purchase of the bells, the ringers entered into some arrangement to the effect that if any of the ringers left and new ones joined, each of the fresh members should contribute the sum of 12s. towards the bells; but any such arrangement as that, he submitted, would be *ultra vires*, as the property would either rest with the churchwardens or the ringers as a body. The ringers left and took with them the bells, the subject of the action, and the claim was brought to recover 30s., and £2 ros. as special damages for the detention of the bells. Mr. C. Herbert Collis was for the defendants. The defence was that the bells belonged to the ringers, the subscriptions having been got by them, and that the money advanced by the churchwardens was for services afterwards rendered in ringing. His Honour remarked that part of the money that built a vestry at Wolverhampton was his. He went on to say that years ago there was a dispute involving this very question at Darlaston. Party feeling ran very high, and there was a lot of legislation. The whole matter was thoroughly understood. Mr. Collis: You hold that although the men found nearly all this money, the bells do not belong to them? His Honour: I do. Even if they paid the whole of the money they had no right to take them away. The bells were bought for the church, and were used by the ringers. Suppose I bought a set of new handbells for a church, and put them there for the use of the ringers, I lose all right in the property. In some parishes, however, it is customary to take bells out of a church for the purpose of ringing at Christmas. There is no doubt about the churchwardens having the right of property in the bells. Ringers cannot take the bells out of a church any more than they can take the font. It is not because it is a church, though; it would be just the same if it were a chapel belonging to any body of Christians. A verdict for plaintiffs for 1s. damages and costs was agreed to on its being understood that the bells would be returned.

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JAMES CAWLEY.

DIED OCTOBER 15TH, 1886, AGED 35 YEARS.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. James Cawley, of Wallington, Surrey, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Surrey Association, and the St. Mary's Society, Beddington. On Thursday, October 14th, he was superintending some farming operations with his men, when he was seized with a fit, and died the following morning at six o'clock, after an interval of 14 hours, remaining unconscious to the last. Mr. Crawley was an enthusiastic ringer, being one of the first members of the Surrey Association, and had been a member at St. Mary's church from the time the bells were put in the tower in 1869, and rung thirty peals of Triples, Caters, and Major in Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob methods. On the day of his funeral, Thursday, October 21st, which took place at Beddington, a large number of ringers and friends assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to one who was known by nearly every one in the parish. He was laid to rest within a few yards of the old church and tower which he loved so well, and where he had attended from boyhood until his death. The usual whole pull and stand was rung by his brother ringers before and after the funeral with the bells deeply muffled, the tenor only being muffled on one side, producing a most solemn effect, and in the evening a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but owing to one of the muffles getting displaced was brought round at a quarter-peal, 1259 changes, in 55 mins. C. Martin, 1; W. Burkin, 2; J. Trappitt, 3; J. Harris, 4; E. Bennett, 5; C. Gordon, 6; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 7; G. Welling, 8; J. Plowman, 9; J. Zealey, 10. The ringers, on leaving the tower, paused to look once more on the grave, which was nearly covered with choice flowers, of one, who, as a sincere friend and ringer of no mean order, has, by his death, created a vacancy in the Beddington company which will be very difficult to fill.

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS AT PRESTBURY,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THIS tower has long possessed a ring of six bells, cast in the last century by Rudhall, of Gloucester; the tenor 15 cwt. in F. These have now been increased to eight, by the addition of two new trebles by Mears and Stainbank, and have been re-hung in frame and fittings wholly new by Day and Son, of Eye. It had been arranged as stated in these columns, that the first peal on the augmented ring should be attempted by eight clergymen, a portion of the programme which was, naturally, left in the hands of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Master of the Diocesan Guild. He gathered the band, whose names are given below, from the six dioceses of Gloucester, Bristol, Bath, Wells, Winchester, Salisbury, Oxford, and St. Albans; and himself undertook to conduct the peal of Holt's Original. On the day appointed, Wednesday, October 13th, the early celebration took place at 8 a.m., and the evening at 5 p.m.; the dedication being held at 10 a.m., it consisted of the form now usually employed on such occasions, the selected Psalms being numbers 29 and 150, after which there was a pause, when the Vicar (Rev. F. Gurney) ascended the tower to bless the bells as they hung, and to offer special prayers for the acceptance of the work as a whole, and for those who should hear their voices under all those circumstances of sickness, of health, of life, of worship, and of death, with which bells are associated. During the Vicar's absence, those in church sang the hymn "Now at length our bells are mounted." Then followed Psalm 122; an excellent address from the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, on the text "They shall go from strength and strength"; hymn 305 (A. & M.); and the blessing. Service ended, the eight clerical ringers who had occupied their places in the choir, proceeded to the belfry, whither they were followed by all who wished to see the bells or to admire the beautiful floral decorations with which the ringing chamber had been enriched, and in good truth the care which had been bestowed on this portion of the church upon the occasion, demands a word of very cordial acknowledgement in an account of the proceedings. The band stood as follows: The Revs. J. U. Todd, 1; C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 2; F. A. H. Du Boulay, 3; Canon Wigram, 4; A. D. Hill, 5; F. E. Robinson, 6; G. F. Coleridge, 7; H. A. Cockey, 8. Their first two attempts failed; a shift-course caused the peal to be stopped—in the first instance after about 1500 changes, and in the second after about 2500 changes had been rung—the bells coming round at hand. In consequence, they met again at 9 a.m., on the 14th, and then rang the peal successfully, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. As the Rev. A. D. Hill had, most unfortunately, been obliged to leave, the tenor was taken by Mr. George Phillott, so as to retain the clergy on the seven changing bells. This is the first peal ever rung by a band all of them in priest's orders, and the first in which a canon of a cathedral has borne a part. It was agreed on all hands that the "splice" was as nearly perfect as could well be; and the "go" of the bells is best attested by the fact that four of the band took part in a second peal on the same day, viz., 5035 of Stedman Caters, in 3 hrs. 17 mins., at St. Mary's, Cheltenham.

CHANGE-RINGING CONTEST AT LEEDS.

On Saturday, October 23rd, a Handbell contest took place at the meeting house of the St. Peter's Society, Mr. Stephen Mitchell's, the "Old Nag's Head," Kirkgate, Leeds. A good attendance of ringers from all parts of Yorkshire, both to hear and compete. The list of entries was made up of the principal companies of the district, and some excellent ringing was gone through. The ballot for order of ringing was as follows:—

No. of Company.	Faults.	Prize.	£ s. d.
1. Dewsbury	113	3rd	0 15 0
2. Wakefield	128	4th	0 10 0
3. Aldmondbury	244	—	—
4. Lindley	140	—	—
5. Liversedge	87	1st	2 10 0
6. Birstall	102	2nd	1 5 0
7. Hull	128	5th	0 5 0
8. Batley Carr	160	—	—

No. 2 and 7 companies rung a tie first round, and in ringing off the the faults were:—Wakefield, 116; Hull, 148. The prizes were paid, and ringing indulged in up to 11 o'clock.

ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.

The two new trebles, mentioned some weeks ago, arrived here last week. They are each inscribed, "Mears et Stainbank, London fecerunt.—Th: Blackburn, exerit, A.D., 1886." The treble has also on it, "N. Wyld, rector; J. G. Lovibond, A. Tucker, custodientes Ecclesie.—Cum voco venite." And the second has "Johannes Wordsworth, Episcopus Sarum.—Gulielmus M. Hammick, Prætor Urbanus. Laudate Domino." It is expected that the bells will be hung in their places by November 11th.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOWERBY.—On Saturday last, the annual meeting of the West Riding of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Peter's Church, where the following companies were represented: Sowerby, Low Moor, Brighouse, Queensbury, Elland, Halifax Parish, and Halifax (late parish), Lightcliff Parish, and Lightcliff Congregational, Haley Hill, Mi field, and Tormorden. The welcome peal was rung by the Low Moor company. During the afternoon and evening short peals in various methods were rung upon the tower bells. At five o'clock, a splendid knife and fork tea was provided at the King's Head Inn, to which ample justice was done. After tea a meeting was held, the President of the Society, Mr. Henry Wilson, of Brighouse, in the chair, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Brighouse, in April next. Mr. Sottanstill, the veteran ringer and composer, attended the meeting and took the deepest interest in the proceedings. Votes of thanks to the host and hostess brought the meeting to a close, after which ringing was resumed until a late hour.

"THE BELLS OF GLOUCESTER."

She stood on the bridge at even,
In the flickering, fading light,
A woman, old and weary,
With face so worn and white,
Standing alone in her sorrow,
In her anguish of spirit dumb,
Heeding none that were passing,
Nor the Severn's pleasant hum.

But soon the Bells of Gloucester,
Came stealing with cheery song,
And she roused herself to listen
As the music was borne along.
She thought of the home of her childhood,
Of the hills and wooded dells;
And her weary heart was rested
By the magic of the bells.

Then when the peal was over,
And hushed the last sweet tone,
She crept away from the river
To her dark and dreary home:
No longer sad, but gladdened
With thoughts of vanished years,
She went on her way rejoicing,
Though her eyes were dim with tears.
Ring out! ye Bells of Gloucester!
May joy your music crown!
Ring out and cheer the weary!
Ye bells of Gloucester town!

Gloucester.

EMILY D. BROWNE.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, October 31st, before evening service, a touch of 504 of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but was stopped after more than 500 changes had been rung, the bells having got out of course. This was the farthest point yet reached by the local ringers, whose practice at Triples has been much interrupted by irregularity of attendance. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. Harvey, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; C. J. Denison, 8. Messrs. Hawkes and Harvey are from Springfield and Widford, respectively. A shorter touch was then rung with K. Wood, 3; and W. Hawkes, 6. Some of the Writtle company have also been practising Bob Minor upon the back six, as an improvement upon Doubles, on the occasions (unfortunately too common), when the members do not muster in sufficient force for Triples.

A "Constant Reader" sends the following cutting from a local paper:—

"CHURCH BELLS.—The Northill Church-ringers paid a visit to Biggleswade, on Monday evening, October 18th, and the combined Biggleswade and Northill ringers spent a very pleasant evening together in the belfry tower, where, for two hours they practised together. During the evening they went through 24 changes, and accomplished the difficult feat of what is known among ringers as the "rising and falling" of the bells. It is hoped that this will not be the last meeting of the kind." Our correspondent adds:—"We are pleased to hear that change-ringing is being practised in South Beds., but hope, on their next visit, they will be able to accomplish a 120 changes of Doubles instead of 24 singles, so that they may become members of the Bedfordshire Association. I am sure the task would not be very difficult, as there is a bob ringer in that locality."

THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS AT ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH, NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF EIGHT BELLS.

Netley Abbey is situated upon the northern banks of Southampton Water, in the rural village of Hound. Across this water, which is said to be three miles in breadth, the eye rests upon the picturesque little village of Hythe, and quite a picture here presents itself. Its white walled buildings are brought out in bold relief by the thickly wooded tract of country which forms a back ground, stretching as it does for miles to right and left, with a marine aspect in front, and which is enlivened by the various class of shipping which glide so majestically up and down these waters. Southampton is about three miles distant to the right, and to the left just a glimpse of the Isle of Wight is presented. The whole scene forms a grand moving panorama.

On Wednesday, October 13th, Messrs. Rogers, Baron, Newson, Dains, H. Hopkins, Hannington, Jacob, and Titchener, accompanied by the Master, Mr. Henry S. Thomas, left Waterloo Station by the 5.50 train for Southampton, where all safely arrived at 8.45, fifteen minutes' late. A short walk reached the floating bridge, which was boarded in safety, but when in mid-stream the craft was brought to a stand, and various were the speculations as to what stopped the way. However this matter was soon cleared up by the discovery that a log of wood had floated across the wire rope by which the bridge is trolled to and fro on the river. The miscreant was soon sat upon, and a half-hitch being placed round its other end was lugged ashore. The Cumberlands again landed, and entered carriages awaiting to take them to the "Victoria Hotel," where breakfast had been prepared for their arrival. After doing justice to the good things provided, a short walk brought them to St. Edward's Church, where all was astir, the finishing touch in the form of floral decorations being put, and the unloading and distributing of suitable furniture, etc. Amid these preparations, attendants and others passing and re-passing between and amongst the ringers on all sides, the ringing room being the floor of the Church itself. The ringers above mentioned rang for the first touch two courses of Treble Bob Major, tenors apart, followed by an excellently struck touch of Stedman Triples. At the request of the Hon. Colonel Crichton, the bells were lowered for the purpose of bringing the chiming apparatus into use for the consecration service which followed. Mr. H. Hopkins chimed a plain course of Grandsire Triples, Mr. H. Dains chimed "Rock of Ages," Mr. J. MacKenny followed with "Sun of my soul." Subsequently all the ringers inspected the bells and cage, and complimented Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, upon their arrangements there, the whole being very compact, considering the space available. After service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, Mr. Hewett, who journeyed from Gosport to see his London friends, with Mr. Newham, of Southampton, and the society's Master taking part. The ringers were invited to the luncheon which followed, and Messrs. Rogers, Hopkins, Baron, Newson, and Dains had the honour of performing upon handbells before the nobility and gentry assembled there. His Lordship, the Bishop, expressed himself, through Colonel Crichton, well pleased with the handbell music, as being most appropriate. The required permission having been obtained to attempt a peal on the new bells, certain preparations and precautions were necessary, as not a lock or bolt had yet been fixed to a door of the Church. Barricades having been erected, a trusty doorkeeper with one or two attendants were appointed, as there was still some persons whose curiosity led them to stay, and although the most friendly and earnest appeals were made, visitors could not be prevented perambulating the Church during the whole time the peal was performed. One visitor, a clerical gentleman, insisted on coming up close to the ringers, and the worst fears were entertained lest he should speak, as he seemed inclined to do. At another juncture the band of choir boys entered, and commenced preparations for practice; a catastrophe avoided only by the good offices of Mr. Thomas. Then came lighting the chandelier for evening service, and quite a congregation had assembled when the bells came into rounds. The programme was given in its proper place in our issue of the 16th inst., the figures of the peal are annexed. The peal is upon a new plan, containing all the 8-6's and 8-6-7's. Of course the 6th is not the extent wrong, as the 2nd is never in 6th's place at a course-end, but this peal contains a combination of musical changes never before combined in a peal of Treble Bob Major. After concluding the peal, the ringers were again entertained, this latter being that of a sumptuous meat-tea. Mutual greetings have passed between old friends and new, the Londoners returned to town, congratulating themselves upon their ringing success of the day.

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H. DAINS.

A DAYS' RINGING WITH THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, October 18th, Mr. F. Knights, master of the St. Peter Mancroft Society of Norwich Scholars, accompanied eight of his fellow members to London, for a ring upon the different peals of the Metropolitan towers. Previous to starting from Norwich, they were joined by Captain A. P. Moore, from Redenhall, also a member of the Society, and Mr. Neale, from Avlsham, this making the party up to eleven, and proceeded by Great Eastern Railway to Liverpool Street station. On their arrival they were met by Mr. J. M. Hayes, and conducted to Spitalfields church, where Messrs. Pettitt, Greenleaf, and others were in waiting to receive the party, and after a short ring of Treble Bob and Stedman, a move was made to Whitechapel. At this church, the eight bells were raised in peal, and after some Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung, the party proceeded to St. Paul's Cathedral, not for ringing, but to inspect the tower and bells, and after a satisfactory inspection, the party made way to St. Saviour's Southwark, where they were met by a gentleman, who is known to be a friend to all ringing visitors (Mr. G. Mash, the steeple-keeper). Here arrangements had been made to ring, but owing to sudden illness of a lady close by, the party were contented with being escorted over the grand old church, by Mr. G. Mash, which was handsomely decorated on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, thus being a treat to the party. Time had now arrived to think of dinner, which was in waiting at the King's Head, Winchester-street, and after justice was done to a capital knife and fork spread, the party, now seventeen in number, made way by steam-boat to Rochester-row, and rang some short touches of Treble Bob and Stedman. On leaving this church the party were conducted by Mr. Hayes to a private room close by, where a capital tea was in waiting, but on being seated, it was found out that one of the Norwich party, known as poor Peter, was missing, but owing to the steeple-keeper hearing where the party had assembled, poor Peter was escorted to the place, and found himself safe again with his company, and kept pretty close during the evening. After tea the party proceeded to Bow, but time would only admit of a course of Grandsire Cinques, as they had to meet at St. Michael's Cornhill, at which place a great number of the members of the College Youths had assembled, and after an hour's ringing of Stedman Cinques, the party then made way to Winchester street, head-quarters of the College Youths. At this place, by kind permission of the members, the peal-books and other valuable property were inspected, and some handbell ringing—Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire Cinques, brought a pleasant day's ringing to a close. The Norwich ringers wish to take this opportunity through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the rev. gentlemen of the following churches, for their kindness in giving permission for the use of the bells on this occasion:—Spitalfields, Whitechapel, Rochester-row, Bow, St. Michael's Cornhill, and the vicar of St. Saviour's, Southwark, although illness would not allow ringing, but for the visit over the church also to the following members of the Society of College Youths' for the great reception they have shown the Norwich ringers on this occasion:—Messrs. Hayes, Mash, Pettitt, Greenleaf, Horrex, and other members of the Society, and when Norwich is visited by them, a return reception will be given. K.

WANSTEAD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

It is our painful duty to record the death of George Akers, one of our esteemed friends and brother-ringers, member of the above and also of the St. James Society and Royal Cumberland Youths, who departed this life Friday, October 29th, in Homerton Fever Hospital, after a very illness. His remains were brought from the hospital to Wanstead, where there were a great many ringers and friends awaiting to receive and follow them to their last resting place, St. Peter's, Walthamstow, where there were many of the deceased's friends with wreaths and crosses. Arriving there, the mourners were conducted into the church, and from there to the grave. After the burial service had been read a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, was rang as a last mark of respect. H. Scarlett, 1-2; E. Barnett, 3-4; A. H. Gardom, 5-6; W. Lebbon, 7-8; J. Priest, 9-10. There were also many ringers present to hear how solemn a task we had to get through. Having seen all, his friends and brother-ringers entered the coaches, and afterwards made their way to Christ Church, Wanstead, where the late Mr. George Akers was steeple-keeper, to ring a muffled peal with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand was rang by the following band: H. Scarlett (conductor), 1; W. Lebbon, 2; J. King, 3; J. Nunn, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 5; G. Cornell, 6; also 360 of Bob Minor. On November 2nd, at Mary's, Woodford, six members of the above rang as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. George Akers, with the bells deeply muffled, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. *S. G. Wincey (conductor), 1; J. Nunn, 2; F. Bines, 3; E. Barnett, 4; G. Cornell, 5; H. Scarlett, 6. *First as conductor. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins., the band standing as before, E. Barnett conductor. 8.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL FUND.

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(St. Nicholas)	0	10	6
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Warnham	0	5	0
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The Ancient Society of College Youths	1	1	0
The following members contributing One Shilling each in addition:—J. Dwight, W. Cooter, G. Musket, G. Dorrington, J. Comb, W. Greenleaf, J. Pettit, S. Joyce, W. Tanner, E. Clark, W. Prime, Y. Green, W. Smith, F. Newman, R. Turner, H. Springall, C. Relton, J. Bonney, A. Cutmore, W. Judd, T. Baker, D. Sutton, J. Shade, E. Wallace, T. Page, G. Page, J. Davidson, T. Jackson, L. Green, F. Dawe, J. R. Haworth	1	11	0
Also the following, per J. M. Hayes:—Mr. Howe 1s. 6d., Mr. Battrum, 1s. 6d.; R. Woodley, 1s.; E. Carter, 2s.; J. Hayes, 1s.; Mr. Winney, 2s. 6d.; Mr. French, 1s.; E. E. Vinen, 2s.; Mr. Rowbotham, 2s.; Mr. McLaughlin, 1s.; Mr. Mash, 1s.; Mr. Tyack, 1s.; Mr. Gover, 1s.; Mr. Garad, 1s.	0	19	6
The Rayleigh Society, Essex	0	5	0
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The St. Margaret's Society, Horsmonden	0	4	0
Mr. Geo. Bolland, Tong	0	5	0
Christ Church (Southport) Society, Adam Rimmer, Sec., per Rd. Hill, Hy. Smyth, Drighlington	0	10	0
A. H. Bassano, Esq. (Holy Trinity Church Ringers, Old Hill, Staffordshire)	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
St. Peter's Society, Sheffield:—			
Charles Bower	£0	2	6
Wm. Burgan	0	2	6
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St. Mary's Society, Sheffield:—			
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Mr. Abbshaw, Rothwell	0	3	6
The Birmingham Amalgamated Society	0	10	6
The Surrey Association	1	1	0
A. B. Carpenter, Esq.	0	10	6
The Royal Cumberland Youths	2	2	0
The St. Peter's Parish Church Company, Leeds	1	6	0
The Liverpool Youths'	0	14	0
Mr. T. Powell, Waltham Abbey, Essex	0	2	6

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

This Society has just received another addition to its numerous presentations. Mr. R. W. Evans, of Wrexham, a ringer well known in Wales, and also a member of this Society, has presented a beautiful album, and Mr. F. E. Dawe, has also presented a case to hold same, together with a large green baize bag, to protect it from decay. At the meeting of the Society on the 12th inst., Mr. Dawe, on behalf of Mr. Evans and himself, made the presentation, and it is needless to say that a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for their handsome gift. The album which will hold 136 portraits, eight at a view, is bound in deep morocco, raised bevelled boards and gilt-edged, with telescope clasp.

The inscription is—" Ancient Society of College Youths—Established 1637. Presented by R. W. Evans, Wrexham, 1886."

The case is made of polished mahogany, having two clasps and lined with purple velvet, padded. Inside are the words, " Presented by Francis E. Dawe, London, 1886."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE GENERAL MEETING was held at Hertford on Monday, October 25th, but was not attended so numerously as it was hoped might have been the case. The bands present in any strength, in addition of course to the local ringers, were those of Benington and Sawbridge-worth, with representatives from St. Peter's at St. Albans, and from Bishop Stortford. Several friends from London also joined the meeting, so that forty-one sat down to the dinner at the " Maidenhead Inn." The arrangements for the day were that ringing should be practised on the ten bells of All Saints' Church, and on the eight of St. Andrew's, Hertford, until one o'clock, at which hour special service was held in St. Andrew's, to be followed by dinner; a meeting for business, and further ringing in the afternoon. At the service, the selected Psalms were 121, 122, and 150; the lesson, St. John II., 1-11, and special collects were introduced. The rector, Canon Wigram, in a short address from the lectern, pointed out that our Lord during his life on earth, had derived pleasure from the beauty of creation, especially the flowers of the field; that he had sanctified all true human relations, as that of son to mother, and of the love of relations and friends; that he had been present at a family merry making, the Cana feast. Also that in all creation a very great deal has been arranged, provisionally, with no other object than that of making our lives brighter and happier, and like that of sons in their Father's house. Therefore he urged, that we may sanctify our amusements as by assembling for worship on occasions like the present, and find in the manner in which we are cared for by the most high, an especial invitation to hallow the whole of our days by the principles of religion, and to dedicate all our life, its lighter and its graver portions equally.

At the meeting after dinner, there was considerable discussion as to various details in the working of the Association, and as to the best means of extending its influence over all the county, and of promoting belfry reform where needed. The following resolutions were passed. 1. That in future the Quarterly Meetings be held on Mondays and Saturdays alternately. 2. That the next meeting be held at Rickmansworth, on Monday, January 10th, 1887. 3. That a sub-committee be appointed, consisting of one member from each band, to organise district meetings of the Association. 4. That the minutes of the Quarterly Meetings be sent to the ringers' papers for publication. The secretary reported that the number of members had continued during the year almost unaltered; that there had been rung fifteen peals in the tower; one upon the handbells, double-handed, during the past year, against eight during 1884-5, and that there was a balance in hand of £3 13s. 6d., in addition to some few subscriptions which might be classed as good debts. Ringing was continued throughout the afternoon, and until about 8.30 p.m.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at St. Mark's church, Glodwick. Bells ready at 2 p.m.; Meeting at 4 in the schoolroom. Hoping to have a good muster, J. HOGGARD, Sec.

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The Metropolis.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Birth-day Peal.

On Saturday, October 30, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

D. W. GREGGS Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. 5.
JAMES PAGE 2.	GEORGE GRIFFIN 6.
EDWARD CHAPMAN 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
THOMAS GLEED 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the longest peal on the bells, and rung to commemorate the 33rd birth day of Mr. A. Jacob.

ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

— RICHARDS Treble.	W. WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
T. G. DEAL 2.	T. TAYLOR 6.
W. PEAD 3.	A. G. FREEMAN 7.
W. BEDWELL* 4.	J. LAWS Tenor.

Conducted by ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN.

Rang in honour of Mr. W. Bedwell's 19th birthday. *First peal.

The Provinces.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(DUFFIELD BRANCH).

On Friday, October 29, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES; Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN HOWE Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
EVAN MORETON 2.	WILLIAM HICKLING .. 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 7.
HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 4th, 5th and 6th in all their combined positions in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 29, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. J. CARTER, BRACEBRIDGE-STREET,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 size in Eb.

JOHN CARTER 1-2.	THOMAS MILLER 5-6.
JAMES HINTON* 3-4.	†HENRY PORCH 7-8.
THOMAS RUSSAM 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

The peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th twelve times right. Referee: Mr. John Callaghan, who marked off every course-end as they came up. *First peal of Caters on handbells. †First peal on handbells. Messrs. Hinton and Porch hail from Bristol.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS STEWARD Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 5.
CHARLES MEE 2.	FREDERICK MEE 6.
WILLIAM MATTHEWS .. 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by C. MEE.

The above are members of the St. Mary-Le-Tower Society, Ipswich, except W. Matthews, who belongs to the Redenhall Society, and it is rather remarkable that the band are all bachelors.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HARRY HEAP Treble.	CHARLES WILLOCK 5.
JAMES BARRETT 2.	CHARLES CASH 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 3.	EDWARD CASH 7.
THOMAS YATES 4.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD and Conducted by EDWARD CASH.

The ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 5th, and tenor come from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest are the local company.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 1, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26½ cwt. in Eb.

JAMES HEWETT Treble.	CHARLES PRIVETT 5.
G. H. BARNETT 2.	JOHN WHITING 6.
JOHN STAPLES 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
REV. H. A. SPYERS 4.	GEORGE GRAFHAM Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal rung on the bells since the opening by the Guild in June last. It was rung on the Dedication Festival of the church, being All Saints' Day. J. Hewett hails from Gosport; G. H. Barnett from Farnham; J. Staples from Havant; Rev. H. A. Spyers from Chalton; the rest are from Fareham.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 1, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	THOMAS BRADDOCK 5.
WILLIAM H. BRADLEY .. 2.	MORRIS WILLIAMSON .. 6.
WILLIAM MIDDLETON .. 3.	GEORGE BRADDOCK 7.
JOHN HARROP 4.	JAMES BRIERLEY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAIN'S and Conducted by JOHN SIDEBOTHAM.

Mr. James Brierley hails from Dinting; the rest are of the local company.

Date Touches.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Friday evening, October 29th, at Holy Trinity church, the local company rang a date touch of 1886 changes of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of one of their number, Mr. John J. Walsh, who composed the above touch. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; Henry Bentley, 2; Joel Redford, 3; Jacob Lister, 4; J. W. Critchley, 5; Thos. E. Turner, 6; Jas. H. Jackson, 7; R. Lindley, 8. Time 1 hr. 7 mins. Tenor 16 cwt. On Saturday afternoon, the remains of the deceased were borne to their last resting place by his brother ringers. The Rev. S. T. Williamson, M.A., curate of Holy Trinity church, officiating in the unavoidable absence of the vicar, the Rev. Chas. Lowe, M.A., President of the Lancashire Association. The deceased had been a ringer upwards of fourteen years, and had taken part in many 504's.

EAST WITTON.—On Sunday, October 24th, 1886 changes was rung in the following methods: 446 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of Duke of York, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Marquis of Ailesbury, whose funeral took place at Great Bedwyn Church, Wiltshire. J. Croft, 1; J. Jacques, 2; J. Shields, 3; W. Craggs, 4; W. Peacock, 5; C. Bucktin (conductor), 6. No time taken. Tenor 7 cwt.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Tuesday, October 19th, at St. Mary's Church, the local society rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 16 mins. E. Hughes, 1; W. Fox, 2; C. Wilkinson, 3; H. Denman, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; G. H. Johnson (conductor), 6; W. Lee, 7; E. Smith, 8. Tenor 34 cwt. Composed by the late C. G. Bateman.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, October 23rd, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately collapsed after having rung about 2600 changes. M. A. Wood, 1; A. Cutmore, 2; W. Story, 3; F. E. Dawe, 4; H. J. Shade, 5; I. G. Shade (conductor), 6; W. Prime, 7; J. West, 8. The ringer of the third hails from Newcastle-on-Tyne, and begs to thank his brother ringers for kindly obliging him. Also on Thursday, October 28th, 1886, at St. Giles' church in the Fields, the first 500 of Reeves' Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. F. G. Newman, 1; H. Gardner, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; J. M. Hayes, 4; G. Mash, 5; W. H. Judd, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; F. Luxford, 8. It was intended to start for a peal, but unfortunately time would not allow. Afterwards, at the meeting, a course of Grandsire Caters and touches of Grandsire Triples with W. H. George. H. Gardner hails from Gloucester; C. Blackman and F. Luxford, from Arundel.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE.—On Tuesday evening, October 5th, for practice, a 720 of College Single (with eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. E. Norman, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all, and was rung at the first attempt. And on Thursday evening, October 7th, for Divine Service, it being the Harvest Festival, a 720 of Bob Minor (with thirty bobs and two singles), in 23½ mins. G. Usher, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Lewin, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, October 17th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Bob (with eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23½ mins. G. Usher, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Lewin, 4; W. Chibnall, 5; *M. Lane (conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor. Also on Tuesday evening, October 19th, a 720 of College Single (with eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. *G. Usher, 1; †E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall, (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. †First 720 in the method. †First 720 with a bob bell.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, October 21st, at St. Mary's church, a 120 of Duke of York Treble Bob. S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. Hall, 6. First 120 in the method by all. Also on Thursday, October 28th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Hills, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Hall, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; J. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; M. Warwick, 4; T. Foote, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob (twelve singles). J. Spencer, 1; J. Frossell, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; J. Hills, 4; H. Chapman, 5; W. Allen, 6.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, October 30th, at St. Owen's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. Chapman, 3; J. Frossell, 4; W. Allen, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure

(eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; †J. Frossell, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Allen, 5; H. Chapman, 6. †First 720 in the method.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.—On Friday evening, October 8th, for practice, 360 of Bob Minor in 13 mins. S. Norman, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. And on Friday evening, October 22nd, for practice, 360 of Bob Minor in 13 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; W. Chibnall (conductor), 5; M. Lane, 6.

WOBURN.—On Monday evening, October 18th, for practice on the back six of old St. Mary's, a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. †W. Smith, 1; †C. Herbert (Hon. Sec.), 2; W. Mynard, 3; M. Lane, 4; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the method, and also the first on the bells. [5th ringer omitted.]

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, October 17th, being the Harvest Festival, several members of the above Association met and rang at the parish church, for afternoon service, a touch of Oxford Treble Bob, also a touch of Plain Bob, after the service, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, 28 mins. each. First 720. C. Ablitt, 1; J. Taylor, 2; J. Starling, 3; H. Howell, 4; W. Smith, 5; W. J. Nevard, 6. Second 720. *G. Howell, 1; J. Taylor, 2; J. Starling, 3; H. Howell, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Also on handbells, two courses of Grandsire Caters. J. Taylor, 1-2; *W. J. Nevard, 3-4; H. Howell, 5-6; W. Smith, 7-8; *J. Starling, 9-10. *First courses of Caters, also courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. C. Ablitt, and W. Smith hail from Higham; H. Howell, from Ipswich; W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley; the rest are of the local company.

ST. ALBANS.—On Tuesday, October 19th, the following members rang for practice, at the cathedral, 504 of Stedman Triples. W. H. Buckingham, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; C. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. First 500 of Stedman for all except the 3rd and 7th men, and the first the conductor has called. *Handbell ringing*.—On Wednesday, October 20th, a quarter-peal taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. *J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8. *First quarter-peal double-handed. Also on Sunday evening, October 31st, for service at the Cathedral, three courses of Grandsire Major. R. A. Fowler, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; E. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills (conductor), 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for Divine Service, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor (nine bobs); Also for evening service, 360 of College Single. And on Wednesday, October 13th, being the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). Also for the evening service, 120 of College Single, and a 720 of College Single Minor (with eighteen bobs and two singles). W. McLean, 1; J. W. Shipp, 2; W. E. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; J. Brown, 6. And on Sunday, October 17th, for Divine Service, 180 of Oxford Bob Minor (three bobs and six singles); and for evening service, 360 of Oxford Bob (four bobs and fourteen singles), D. Shipp (conductor), 2; J. W. Shipp, 5; the others as before. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, October 31st, at All Saints' church, for Divine service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (taken from Thurstan's peal). A. Cresser, 1; N. J. Pitstow, 2; J. W. Taylor, sen., 3; J. Hardy, 4; S. Smith, 5; E. W. Taylor, 6; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8. Also for evening service, another quarter-peal in the same method (from Haley's variation of Thurstan's peal), the ringers standing as before. And on Tuesday, November 2nd, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. F. A. Underwood (first 720), 1; A. Cresser, 2; J. W. Taylor, sen., 3; S. Smith, 4; J. Hardy, 5; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 6.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincs).—All Saints' eve, the anniversary of the dedication of the two new bells at SS. Mary and Nicholas, being Sunday, October 31st, on Monday a good attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. All went well until the last bob, when two bells changed course, consequently after ringing 3 hrs. and 6 mins. a true peal was lost. James Storey Wright, 1; John William Jarvis, 2; George Skeef, 3; Charles Neverson, 4; George Luke Richardson, 5; Richard Mackman (conductor), 6; John Brown, 7; Robert Jarvis, 8.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Peter's church, by the voluntary band, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 28 mins. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes (conductor), 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. And on Thursday, October 14th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before, with H. Hill, conductor. Also on Sunday, October 17th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Hendry, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; *J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes, 6. Also on Thursday, October, 21st, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). J. Hendry, 1; Dr. Seccombe, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also on Sunday, October 24th, a 720 of Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. H. Allen, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Hill, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6. *First touch with a bob bell. And at St. Peter's church, on Thursday evening, the 21st inst., a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Hendry, 1; Dr. Seccombe, 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Conducted by H. Hill.

TILNEY (Norfolk).—On Friday evening, October 22nd, in memory of George Robinson, one of the old band of Tilney ringers, formerly the foremost company in Marshland, who died on the 2nd instant. Muffled touches were rung by W. Allen, the two last survivors of the company, assisted by Dr. Seccombe, and several ringers from Terlington. Our correspondent adds: We shall probably on a future occasion give our readers an account of the bells, ringers, and ringing, in the district of Marshland.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEERHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 24th, the local company rang for Divine service, in the morning, a date touch of 1886 changes of Bob Minor, viz., two 720's, each called differently, a 360, and 86, in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Everness, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts, 3; C. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett (conductor), 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HITCHIN (Herts.).—On Monday, October 25th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 503 of Grandsire Triples. F. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; W. Allen, 3; A. Squires, 4; F. Furr, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; W. Kitchener, 8. Tenor 28 in D.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY (Near Rochester).—On Sunday, October 31st, at All Saints' Church, after Divine service in the evening, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, were rung in 28 mins. D. Winsor, 1; A. Ring, 2; H. Greaves, 3; W. Baker, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. Tenor 18 cwt. The above was rung on the occasion of a special Dedication service, the church having been open two years since its restoration and enlargement. W. Baker and H. Greaves belong to St. Margaret's, Rochester, and the rest to Frindsbury.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Monday, 25th October, for practice, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. A. Ovenden, 1; H. Sharville, 2; *H. Pearce (conductor), 3; R. Sharville, 4; H. Barefield, 5; W. Latter, 6; G. Kember, 7; E. Mankelov, 8. Also some touches with C. Latter and E. Mankelov on the treble; J. Mugeridge, 4; and J. Latter, tenor. *H. Pearce is working in the neighbourhood, so he is very kindly giving a helping hand to the St. Peter's ringers.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire). On Monday evening the 11th inst., at St. Paul's church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Worthington, 1; J. Williamson, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. Also on the 25th inst., another 720 in the same method, in 25 mins. J. Brooks, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Lever (first 720 in the method, Farnworth), 4; J. Williamson, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Monday, October 26th, at St. Thomas's Church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Browning, 1; H. J. Castle, 2; A. Hind, 3; F. A. Castle, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; A. F. M. Custance, Esq., 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob. P. Hind, 1; A. Hind, 2; H. J. Castle (conductor), 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Baston, 5; A. F. M. Custance, Esq., 6.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter at-Arches Church, on Sunday, the 24th inst., for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on the first six bells in 28 mins., which is the first peal in the method by the Association and probably the first on the bells. *H. Maidens, 1; J. W. Watson, 2; *C. Wells, 3; T. Robinson, 4; *F. Rose, 5; *J. Vickers (conductor), 6; W. Styles, 7; J. Ellard, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. *First 720 in the method.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Saturday, October 16th, at Christ

Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 28 mins. H. Dains, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; G. Griffin, 3; N. Hawkins (Walter Belchamp), 4; A. Jacob, 5; G. Newson, 6. After the completion of this 720, which was rung upon the back six, a start was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 1 hr. 34 mins., it came to grief. H. Dains, 1; T. Titchener, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; N. Hawkins (Walter Belchamp), 4; G. Grice, 5; G. Griffin, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

On Sunday, October 31st, at St. Sidwell's church, a 209 of Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; E. Pitt (conductor), 2; W. Richardson, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; J. Moss, 5; W. Mundy, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; A. Shepherd, 8. And 168 of Stedman Triples. E. Shepherd (conductor), 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; S. Townsend, 8. This was rung for morning service, and in the afternoon six members visited Clyst St. George, distant about four miles from Exeter, and rang on the parish church bells, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 20 mins. J. Moss, 1; E. Pitt, 2; F. R. Shepherd, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; F. Shepherd (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in G. *Handbell Ringing*.—Also on Sunday, October 24th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Pitt (conductor), 1-2; E. Shepherd, 3-4; F. Shepherd, 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8. And 168 in the same method. E. Shepherd, 1-2; E. Pitt, 3-4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5-6; W. Mundy, 7-8. Also on October 24th, 1008 of Grandsire Triples. E. Pitt (conductor), 1-2; F. Shepherd, 3-4; E. Shepherd, 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On September 28th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. G. Walker, 1; J. W. Brough, 2; J. Moreton, 3; J. Baddeley (conductor), 5; J. Wood, 6. Also on October 17th, a 720 of Plain Bob in 25½ mins. G. Walker, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Baddleby, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; J. Wood (first 720 as conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY.—On Sunday, October 24th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob (1260 changes) in 46 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; T. Smith, Esq., 3; B. King, 4; W. Collison, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; J. Collison, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

KINGSLEY.—On Sunday, October 17th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, G. Naish, 1; T. Strutt, 2; A. Challis, 3; T. Parstow, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; G. Gray, 6; T. Wright (conductor), 7; C. Slade, 8. W. H. Judd hails from London. On Tuesday, October 19th, an attempt was made for Hollis' five-part peal, but after three hours and eight minutes fine ringing, it broke down at the single. T. Strutt, 1; G. Welling (conductor), 2; E. E. Malim, 3; A. Brockwell, 4; G. Woodiss, 5; G. Gray, 6; T. Wright, 7; C. Slade, 8. G. Welling and A. Brockwell hails from Mitcham, and E. E. Malim from London. On Saturday, October 23rd, a 648 of Grandsire Caters. *E. Burtenshaw, 1; T. Strutt, 2; H. Parslow, 3; T. Parslow, 4; A. Challis, 5; T. Wright (conductor), 6; G. Woodiss, 7; W. H. Judd, 8; G. Gray, 9; C. Slade, 10. Tenor 33 cwt. *First attempt at Caters.

WIMBLEDON.—On Tuesday, October 26th, for practice, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 26 mins. C. G. Scowen, 1; B. E. Battrum, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Cooley, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; C. G. Scowen, 4; B. E. Battrum (first 720 in the method), 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 24th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 26 mins. And on Thursday evening, October 28th, for service, a 360 of Plain Bob, in 12½ mins. W. Prestidge, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith, 6. And on Sunday October 31st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 25½ mins. E. Hotchkiss, 2; W. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24½ mins. W. Prestidge, 1; R. Round, 2; A. Whatmore (Brierley Hill), 3; — Hartshorn (Brierley Hill), 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith, 6. And after service, a 360 of Plain Bob, in 13 mins. W. Prestidge, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Micklewright (Dudley), 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith, 6. The whole of the above were conducted by J. Smith, and rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Andrew's church.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Wednesday, October 19th, at St. Michael's Church, for practice, a 556 of Grandsire Triples. T. Higgins, 1; F. Bennett, 2; F. Bicknell, 3; J. Higgins, 4; W. Tiller, 5; G. Capron, 6;

H. White, 7; T. Wheeler, 8. Also 168 in the same method, with W. Hatten, 1; and T. Higgins, 6; the others standing as before. Tenor 16 cwt. This is the first touch of Triples by the local band.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Friday, October 22nd, at All Saints' Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, (nine bobs) in 29 mins. James Trendell, 1; H. J. Schneider, 2; G. Petrie, 3; G. Welling, 4; J. Fayers, 5; John Trendall (conductor), 6. Also 600 of Plain Bob Minor. John Trendell, 1; H. J. Schneider, 2; T. Gaiger, 3; G. Welling, 4; J. Fayers (conductor), 5; H. Bryant, 6. H. J. Schneider, J. Fayers, and G. Welling belong to Mitcham, the rest are local ringers. And on Monday November 1st, being the dedication festival of the above church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 29 mins. F. Dalton, 1; James Trendell, 2; G. Petrie, 3; S. Smithers, 4; H. Bryant, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—At St. Michael's, for practice, on Tuesday, October 26th, a 720 of College Single Minor, in 25 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. K. Arnold, 3; F. Bridgers, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses (composer and conductor), 6. Also a 120 of Bob Minor. G. Croucher, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. K. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 2nd, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 24 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also 100 of Oxford Single Bob. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6.

BIRCHINGTON (Kent).—On Friday, October 29th, for practice at Quex Tower, 500 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. P. A. Reed (conductor), 1; L. Willshire, 2; A. Sayer, 3; T. B. Reed, jun., 4; S. Jarman, 5; C. E. Wilson, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; F. Carroway, 8. Also a 560 of Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. A. Sayer, 1; L. Willshire (conductor), 2; G. Willshire, 3; T. B. Reed, jun., 4; T. B. Reed, 5; C. E. Wilson, 6; S. Jarman, 7; J. Rumbold, 8.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday morning October 31st, at St. Paul's Church, a 504 Grandsire Triples. H. F. Eves, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Biggarstaff, 4; G. Hill, 5; J. Reilly, 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; G. Murray, 8.

BROMYARD (Worcester).—On Sunday, 24th October, the Suckley ringers paid a visit to Bromyard, accompanied by G. Cleal, who has been instructing them for the last three months, and W. Jenkins, at Worcester, and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, on the parish church bells, in which the following took part. W. Watkins, E. Watkins, J. Howels, R. Ballard, T. Tyler, T. Huband, E. Wainwright (tenor), G. Cleal and W. Jenkins. We beg to take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the tower, and the local ringers for meeting us.

CAPBL (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 24th, after Divine service in the afternoon, a 720 of Court Bob in 24½ mins. J. Cox, 1; T. Worsfold, 2; H. Wood, 3; J. Cooper (conductor), 4; G. Jenkins, 5; E. Jordan, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. B. Paine, 1; H. Wood, 2; F. Rice (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Short, 4; J. Cooper, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. M. Jenkins, 1; C. Weeden, 2; R. Jordan, 3; F. Rice, 4; H. Chandler, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Superlative Surprise. H. Chandler, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; J. Cooper (first 720 in the method), 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Exercise. W. Short, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; J. Cooper, 4; H. Chandler, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Messrs. Short, Chandler and Wood hail from Warnham; Worsfold from Rusper; Cox from Ockley; Rice and Paine from Worth; G. Jenkins and Cooper from Rudgwick; and the rest are local men.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, October 31st, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. William Joinson, 1; Edwin Davis, 2; George Caldwell, 3; John Gibson, 4; Ralph Curry, 5; T. J. Bithell (conductor) and Richard Mills, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. R. Mills, 1; E. Davies, 2; G. Caldwell, 3; William Joinson, 4; John Gibson, 5; T. J. Bithell (conductor) and F. Fletcher, 6.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—Recently, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. Adams, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. Salter, 3; H. Williams, 4; H. Adams, 5; W. Smith, 6. Conducted by Messrs. H. Adams and Thomas, each calling three 6-scores.

DISS (Norfolk).—On Saturday, October 30th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, 5120 changes, but after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins. two bells changed course, and stand was called. W. Ireland, 1; W. Blyth (Yarmouth), 2; H. Torbell (Eye), 3; F. Wright (Eye), 4; T. Tooley (Yarmouth), 5; J. Smith, 6; A. Hart, 7; J. Souter, 8. Afterwards some more Oxford and Plain Bob Major was rung. Tenor 24 cwt.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, October 26th, for practice

at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), G. Dawson, 1; E. Moraton, 2; G. Johnson, 3; W. Hickling, 4; G. Hingley, 5; A. Robinson (conductor), 6; J. Howe, 7; F. Andred, 8.

EAST HARLING (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 17th, a party of ringers paid a visit to the above place and rang for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. Hutton (Banham), 1; E. Bennett (Riddlesworth), 2; C. Everett (Banham), 3; J. Woods (Kenninghall), 4; H. Eagling (Kenninghall), 5; J. Bennett (Knottishall), conductor, 6. After the touch the steeplekeeper informed them that it was forty-five years since a 720 in the method had been rung on the bells, it being rung by the Hapton company as they returned home from sham bell opening in 1841. They were invited by one of the local company to tea, after which the handbells were brought out and a course of Bob Royal rung by H. Eagling, 1-2; C. Everett, 3-4; R. Hutton, 5-6; E. Bennett, 7-8; J. Bennett, 9-10. And a course of Bob Major by H. Eagling, 1-2; C. Everett, 3-4; R. Hutton, 5-6; J. Woods, 7-8. Also fifteen leads of Bob Major. E. Bennett, 1-2; C. Everett, 3-4; R. Hutton, 5-6; J. Bennett, 7-8. And some touches of Treble Bob Major. They take this opportunity of thanking the local company for their kindness on this occasion, and all other times when they pay them a visit.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, October 20th, the local company rang to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Thomas Harrison Lucas, eldest son of Mr. Samuel Lucas, the Hall, Dronfield, with Miss Margaret Alice Wells, second daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Wells, of Eckington Hall, 720 each of Duke of York, Oxford, and Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; F. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. J. Shaw took W. Price's place in Violet. Two of the above company when erecting their Union Jack flag on the tower discovered a strong swarm of bees in a crack of the wall, just under the lead gutter; they looked quite at home and are out of all danger of being taken.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday, October 17th, for afternoon service, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Maxim, 1; J. Lee, 2; G. Maxim, 3; R. Mingay (conductor), 4; W. P. Gridley, 5; D. Ward, 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—And on Monday evening, October 18th, a 720 of Bob Minor. *G. Butcher, 1; *C. Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; *R. Mingay (conductor), 4; J. Lee, 5; G. Maxim, 6. *First 720 on handbells.

HACKNEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for Divine service, was rung at the parish church of St. John, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Miss Harling, daughter of the junior churchwarden, who died after a very short illness, from typhoid fever, contracted at Margate, a 658 of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's original. J. Davidson, 1; H. Springall, 2; J. Pettit (conductor), 3; J. Page, 4; G. Page, 5; E. Taylor (Plymouth), 6; W. D. Smith, 7; S. E. Joyce, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. 9lbs. in Db.

GISLINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 31st, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 360 of Bob Minor, and after service a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Vincent, 1; G. Bird, 2; W. Blyth (Yarmouth), 3; T. Tooley (Yarmouth), 4; W. Ireland (Diss), 5; J. Smith (conductor); Pulham, 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

HALSTEAD (Essex).—This tower has been supplied with new ropes long wanted, and it is hoped that some young men who drew back after having their hands sacrificed by the old ropes, will now join and form a local band. They were put in use on Saturday evening, and the bells left raised ready for an early ring next morning, being Harvest Thanksgiving Day. The Rev. J. B. Seaman took the tenor and said the helfry prayer as all stood rope in hand, and after giving the word "go," seven 720's were rung. W. Gladwell, 1; Walter Spurgeon, 2; H. Wifen, 3; Walter Ward, 4; Thos. Amdale, 5; Thos. Chaplin, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

HAUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, October 27th, at St. Annes Church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) was rung in 27 mins. *W. Wilde, jun. 1; *J. Bardsley, 2; *J. Howard, 3; J. Baddeley, 4; *W. Wilde, sen. (conductor) 5; P. Smith, 6. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 28 mins. *W. Wilde, jun. 1; *J. Howard, 2; *P. Smith, 3; *J. Bardsley, 4; *J. A. Thomas, 5; J. Baddeley, (conductor) 6. Also a 200 of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by J. Baddeley standing as above. J. Baddeley hails from No ton, Staffordshire. *Members of the Lancashire Association.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, October 24th, at St. Martin's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. J. Thurlow, 1; T. Gleed, 2; G. Griffin, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; J. Nixon, 5; J. Titchener, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. Also on Sunday morning, October 17th, at St. Martin's Church, for Divine service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 24 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; T. Gleed, 2; N. Hawkins (Walter Belchamp), 3; J. Nixon, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; G. Griffin, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 10th, 1886, after

Divine service in the evening, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; G. Griffin, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 31st, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. *I. Stedman, 1; *A. Mills, 2; *E. Jordan, 3; G. Rapley, 4; F. Knight, 5; *D. Jordan, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. *Hails from Capel, Surrey, and is the first touch in the method by the Capel men.

HULL.—On Wednesday, October 20th, at St. James's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Verity, 1; J. W. Stuckney (conductor), 2; G. M. Brownrigg, 3; T. Stockdale, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; C. Bennett, 6; K. Chaffer, 7; *G. T. Miller, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. *First quarter-peal.

KEYSTONE (Hants).—On Saturday, October 23rd, for practice, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, a 6-score each of Bob, Grandsire and Place Doubles. H. Barwell, 1; J. Pettit, 2; J. Martin, 3; J. Twelvetree, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5. Also two 120's of St. Simon's Doubles, and a 120 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Twelvetree, 1; J. Pettit, 2; J. Martin, 3; E. Chapman, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5. And another 120 in the same method. F. Barwell, 1; E. Chapman, 2; B. Dunkley, 3; G. Martin, 4; H. Twelvetree (conductor), 5. And 120 of Bob Doubles. J. Pettit, 3; H. Braybrook, 4; the rest standing as before. Also on the 24th, for practice, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Barwell, 1; J. Pettit (conductor), 2; J. Twelvetree, 3; J. Martin, 4; H. Twelvetree, 5. Also 120 of Canterbury Pleasure and 120 of Place Doubles. H. Twelvetree (conductor), 5; the rest standing as before.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, September 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a 480 Bob Minor, and for early celebration on October 3rd, 540 Bob Minor. T. Vaughan, 1; I. Hillman, 2; W. Jones, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 3rd, for Divine Service, fifteen 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, were rung by the company William Jones (calling all his differently) and E. Bourne being conductors; I. Homer taking part in some with the tenor. And for practice, on October 11th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, containing thirty-four bobs and two singles, in 26 mins. John Guest, 1; W. Jones, 2; J. Packneid, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And for practice on Saturday, October 16th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 27½ mins. Robert Schofield (Seagley; first 720 in the method) 1; James Sackfield, 2; William Jones, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And on Sunday October 17th, for Divine Service, a 540 of Bob Minor. T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; J. Sackneid, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; W. Jones (conductor), 6. And on Sunday afternoon, October 17th, a 720 of Bob Minor (with twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 26½ mins. T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; W. Jones, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And on Monday evening, October 18th, for practice, a 480 of Bob Minor. T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; James Sackneid, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single, in 26 mins. T. Vaughan, 1; W. Jones, 2; James Sackneid, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, October 21st, ten members of the Liverpool Youths' Society, started to ring Mr. C. H. Hattersley's peal of Steadman Caiers (5079 changes), on the bells of St. Peter's; after ringing two hours and thirty-five minutes, a change course took place in the thirty-eighth course, 4022 changes having been rung, so stand was called. Richard Williams, 1; Thomas Hammond, 2; John Brown, 3; William Booth, 4; John Moore, 5; John R. Fritchard, 6; Henry Coley, 7; William Davis, 8; Robert Williams (conductor), 9; William Brooks, 10. First attempt by two of the band; also the first attempt since Mr. Hattersley's visit to Liverpool, August 23rd.

LYE (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, October 23rd, at Christ Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins, being the first 720 on these bells by any band. The tenor is only 3½ cwt., and the Treble (eight bells) 54lbs. These bells must clapper on the top side in order to sound properly, and are very liable to bump off to the lower side, when the bell has to be stopped and fallen, and risen again. The 720 was accomplished with the clappers right all through. F. Davis (Lye), 1; †C. W. H. Griffith, Esq. (conductor), 2; *C. W. Bassano, 3; *H. Mason, 4; *A. E. Parsons, 5; *A. H. Bassano, 6. *Old Hill. †Cumnor, Oxford.

LYTHAM (Lancs).—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, October 24th, before service, a 720 of Plain Bob (forty-two singles) in 23 mins., with 7-8 covering. John Fisher, 1; James Miller (conductor), 2; John Miller, 3; William Atkinson, 4; John Fell (St. John's), 5; Robert Atkinson, 6; William Miller, 7; George Miller, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARGATE (Kent).—On Saturday, October 30th, at St. John's church, 500 of Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. P. A. Reed (conductor), 1; A. Sayer, 2; G. Willshire, 3; C. E. Wilson, 4; S. Jarman, 5; F. Carroway, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; J. Rumbold, 8. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton, Liverpool, Carroway and Rumbold from Margate, Jarman from Ramsgate, the others from Birchington.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, Oct. 26th, at Christ Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 25 mins. H. J. Schneider, 1; G. Petrie, 2; S. Greenwood, 3; James Trendell, 4; D. Springall, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Grandsire Minor. H. Arney, 1; W. Gallagher, 2; A. Brockwell, 3; E. Burtenshaw, 4; H. Bryant, 5; J. Fayers (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. J. Schneider, 1; J. Fayers, 2; G. Petrie, 3; James Trendell, 4; John Trendell, 5; G. Welling (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Gallagher, 1; James Trendell, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; G. Petrie, 4; H. Bryant, 5; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6. S. Greenwood and D. Springall belong to Streatham; John and James Trendell, G. Petrie, H. Bryant, and H. Arney belong to Benhilton; J. Fayers, G. Welling, and A. Brockwell belong to S.S. Peter and Paul, Mitcham; the rest are Christ Church ringers.

NORTON NEAR GLOUCESTER.—Muffled Peal.—On Friday, October 15th, at St. Mary's Church, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Samuel Roberts, a ringer of many years standing, the local company rang several touches, and also on Sunday evening. T. Hughes (conductor), 1; E. Freeman, 2; H. Roberts, 3; W. Hughes, 4; H. Hughes, 5.

NORWICH.—On Monday, October 25th, at St. Andrew's Church 1056 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins. F. H. Knights (first 1000), 1; E. Ward, 2; J. Smith, 3; E. Freeman, 4; W. Freeman, 5; F. Knights (conductor), 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Skinner, 8.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 24th, at St. Margaret's church, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. B. Paine, 1; F. Rice, 2; R. Jordan, 3; H. Wood, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And after service, a 360 of Court Bob. G. Cox, 1; T. Worsfold, 2; M. Jenkins, 3; H. Wood, 4; G. Jenkins, 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6.

OXFORD.—On October 3rd, at St. Michael's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. J. Stranger, 1; A. Hind, 2; —3; A. Browning, 4; W. Jeffrey, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6. And on October 10th, at St. Peter's church in the East, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Finch, 1; T. Payne, 2; A. Fox, 3; P. Hind, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; A. Hind (conductor), 6. Also on October 14th, at Holywell church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. A. Hind (conductor), 1; W. Jeffrey, 2; P. Hind, 3; A. Browning, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; S. Hounslow, 6. And at October 17th, at St. Thomas' church, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 25 mins. A. Fox, 1; A. Browning, 2; H. Castle, 3; C. Tolley, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; F. Castle, 6. Also on October 20th, a 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. P. Hind, 1; W. Baston, 2; A. Hinds, 3; H. Castle (conductor), 4; F. Castle, 5; W. Jeffery, 6. And on October 25th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. A. Browning, 1; H. Castle, 2; A. Hind, 3; F. Castle, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5. Also a 720 of Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). P. Hind, 1; A. Hind, 2; H. Castle (conductor), 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Baston, 5. And on October 26th, at St. Mary Magdalen's church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 24 mins. A. Hind, 1; A. Browning, 2; P. Hind, 3; C. Tolley, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; F. Castle, 6. Also on October 28th, at St. Peter's in the East, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 24 mins. J. West, 1; A. Fox, 2; A. Hind, 3; C. Tolley, 4; W. Baston, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 24th, at Holy Trinity Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, touches of Grandsire Triples, including part of Holt's ten-part peal, conducted by C. W. Griffith, Esq., of Cumnor, Oxford. Also a 360 of Bob Minor, in 13 mins. Tenor 23½ cwt.

PADIHAM (Lancashire).—On Thursday, October 14th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins., to celebrate the return of the Vicar who has recently been married. R. Hargreaves (conductor), 1; E. Pollard, 2; T. Metcalfe (Ripon), 3; G. Birtwhistle, 4; F. Pollard, 5; F. Wagner, 6. And on Sunday evening, October 17th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles and two bobs), in 26 mins. T. Duxbury (conductor), 1; E. Pollard, 2; E. A. Baker, 3; T. Metcalfe, 4; F. Pollard, 5; T. Green, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

PLUMMERS PLAIN (Sussex).—On Saturday, October 23rd, the Cuckfield band opened the new peal of bells with touches of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards the Horsham company rang a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. F. Knight, 1; H. Wood, 2; G. Rapley, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Burstow, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Knight, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Gasson (first 720; Balcombe), 3; W. Short, 4; H. Burstow, 5; H. Chandler (conductor),

6. And a 420 of Oxford Bob Triples. F. Knight, 1; H. Chandler, 2; H. Wood, 3; G. Rapley, 4; J. Gasson, 5; W. Short, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; E. Waller, 8. Also a 720 of Plain Bob on the back six. G. Rapley, 1; H. Wood, 2; F. Knight, 3; W. Short, 4; J. Gasson, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6.

PETERBORO.—On Monday, October 18th, a quarter peal of Bob Triples, 1260 changes, was rung at St. John's Church, in 50 mins. C. W. Holditch, 1; H. Plowman, 2; E. L. Read, 3; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 4; G. Baker, 5; T. Measures, 6; J. Hancock, 7; J. Binks, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. The above was the composition of the late H. Hubbard and contains thirty-six bobs.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday evening, October 25th, the local company rang at the parish church, 480 of Superlative Surprise Minor M, Blazard, 1; G. Jones, 2; J. Morgan, 3; W. Thomas, 4; W. Morgan, 5; C. Price, 6. Also 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Mercer (aged 13), 1; M. Blazard, 2; J. Morgan (aged 17), 3; J. Salidine (aged 14), 4; G. Jones (aged 14), 5; C. Price (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. Great credit is due to Messrs. Blazard, Thomas, and Morgan. Two years ago there was no ringers here; Mr. Blazard being schoolmaster started at the right end. It is quite a novelty to see such a young band ring Surprise method.

RANMOOR (Yorks.).—On Sunday, October 3rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, at St. John's Church, for Divine service in the evening, 1720 Treble Bob Major, Kent variation, in 50 mins. J. A. Dixon, 1; Joe Mulligan, 2; G. Holmes, 3; W. Bugar, 4; John Mulligan, 5; C. Bower, 6; A. Brierley, 7; T. Hattersley (conductor), 8. Tenor 15 cwt, 3 qrs.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Friday, October 7th, for the Harvest Festival at St. Mary's church, a 720 of London Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Chapman, 1; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 2; R. Shipley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; T. Roberts, 6. R. Dunkley hails from Bythorn. And on Sunday, October 10th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, before service, a 360 of Plain Bob. J. Sawford, 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; A. Groom, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Oxford Bob. F. Chapman, 1; J. Groom, 2; R. Shipley, 3; A. Arnold, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. A. Groom, J. Groom, and A. Arnold hail from Denford. And on Saturday, October 16th, a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Mayes, 1; *F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Sawford, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6. *First 720 in the method with a bob bell. Also 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. F. Chapman, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. This is the first 360 in the method by all.

SALISBURY.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, October 21st, at St. Martin's Room, Gigant Street, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 17 mins. C. A. Clements, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5-6.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—*Muffled Peals*.—On Wednesday, October 27th, at All Saints' church, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late George Harrison, late tower-keeper of this church, in 45 mins. John Goodman, 1; David Bruce, 2; William Mills, 3; Samnel Bunn, 4; James Screen, 5; Robert Schofield (conductor), 6; Joseph Devenport, 7; Eber Screen, 8. And on Saturday, October 30th, five of the local company with three friends rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, with the bells muffled. D. Bruce, 1; *Wm. Pardoe, 2; W. Mills, 3; Geo. Hughes, 4; J. Screen, 5; J. Goodman, 6; R. Schofield (conductor), 7; Eber Screen, 8. And on Sunday, October 31st, another quarter-peal, 1260 changes. John Goodman, 1; D. Bruce, 2; J. Devenport, 3; G. Hughes, 4; J. Screen, 5; W. Pardoe, 6; R. Schofield (conductor), 7; S. Bunn, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, October 14th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin, six of the local company rang a 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; †H. Prior, jun., 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. I. Cavill, 1; *W. Watts, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Prior, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Double Court Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior, jun., (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, October 21st, 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25½ mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Cavill, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. H. Prior, jun., 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts,

2; G. Gray, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; G. Prior, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 31st, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Kent Treble Bob. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 180 Double Court Bob. G. Prior, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. †College Youth. *First 720 in the method.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, October 30th, the St. Mary's company of Kingswinford, paid a visit to Oldswinford with the intention of ringing a 720 of Bob Minor. Having obtained permission, they started and rang five courses, when they were interrupted by the grave-digger putting in an appearance and telling them to stop because the choir was practising in the church. The bell-chamber being opened to the church, they saw no possible chance of starting again. Not being satisfied, they made their way to St. Thomas's of the above place, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor on the front six with 7-8 covering, in 30 mins. W. A. Pugh, 1; T. Hillman, 2; E. Bourne, 3; J. Hillman, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; W. Jones, 6; G. Pagett, 7; J. Crump, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 20 lbs. And on Monday, November 1st, at St. Thomas's Church, for practice, a 180 of Bob Minor, also a touch of Bob Triples were rang by the following: C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; J. Guest, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; H. Harris, 6; G. Paget, 7; J. Rogers, 8. This is the first touch of Triples for sixteen years as most of the old members have died, and a fresh band have lately started to learn the art, and are making steady progress.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 23rd, the following members of the local company met at St. Gregory's, and rang 1050 of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Howell, 1; W. Griggs, 2; G. S. Brown, 3; A. Scott, 4; *W. B. Ransom, Esq., 5; J. Rose, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; J. Campin, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. *Longest touch in the method. J. Rose hails from Chislehurst, Kent. Also on Tuesday, October 26th, for practice at All Saint's church, the following members rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 55 mins. J. Campin, 1; M. Sillitoe, 2; W. Howell, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott and F. Holiday, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. This is the longest touch in the method ever rang in Sudbury, and also the longest by all the band. We hope soon to be able to record a peal in this method.

SYSTON (Leicestershire).—On Saturday October 30th, eight members of St. Marks Society, Leicester, paid a visit to the above place to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples. But after ringing over 3000 changes in 2 hrs. it came to grief. J. Wilson, 1; W. Clayton, 2; G. Burrows (conductor), 3; J. Walton, 4; J. Needham, 5; G. Daltry, 6; J. Buttery, 7; C. Biddles, 8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 24th, for Divine service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. S. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

TIVERTON, NEAR BATH.—On Thursday, October 21st, at the parish church, the following attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing nearly eight parts, in 2 hrs. 28 mins., a change-course occurred, and the bells were brought round. G. Temple, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. Davis, 3; J. Hinton, Bristol (conductor), 4; J. Blackmore, 5; J. Wotton, 6; H. Wotton, 7; C. Bendall, 8.

WINSHILL (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, October 23rd, at St. Mark's Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. *R. Logre, 1; J. Austin, 2; *W. J. Smith, 3; *L. Bullock, 4; T. Holmes, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also several 120's of Grandsire Doubles in which C. Golder, W. Wylde, J. Woodward, and F. Sheppard took part.

WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, October 19th, for practice, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Turley, 1; G. Salter, 2; H. Williams, 3; C. S. Rowland, 4; T. Salter (conductor), 5; W. Shilton, 6. And on Wednesday, October 20th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. H. Adams (first 720 in the method), 1; †C. W. Bassano, Esq., 2; C. S. Rowland, Esq., 3; T. Salter (first 720 in the method), 4; *H. Williams, 5; †A. H. Bassano, Esq. (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 recorded on the bells. Tenor 12½ cwt. †Members of the Oxford University Society. *Member of the Worcester and Adjoining District Association.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Thursday, September 30th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, (1260 changes) in 41 mins. *J. Beaven, 1; G. Hogg, 2; H. Harman, 3; J. C. Harvey (conductor), 4; E. Wells, 5; E. E. Richards, 6; H. Harvey, 7; K. Carter, 8. *First quarter peal.

WORCESTER.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, October 23rd, four members of the Worcester Society, rang at St. Helen's church, the first half of Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes). S. Cotton, 1-2; G. Cleal (conductor), 3-4; W. Powell, 5-6; W. Jenkins, 7-8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

The following is the ringing done by the Rayleigh company at Holy Trinity Church during the month of October. On Friday evening, Oct. 1st, for practice, 720 of College—(18 bobs and 2 singles), in 27 mins. G. Smith, 1; *F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. *First in the method. Also two courses of Double Court Bob, standing the same as above. On Sunday, October 3rd, for evening service, a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, but after ringing 700 it unfortunately came to grief owing to the tenor. The band regret it, because if it had been successful, it would have been the first 720 conducted by J. Johnson, G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnston (conductor), 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; H. Deal, 6. Also 216 of Grandsire Minor (two bobs and one single), once repeated, the band standing the same as above. And on Monday evening, October 4th, for practice, 120 of Double Court Bob (two singles). And another 216 of Grandsire Minor. J. Collins, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, October 10th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 216 Bob Minor (ten bobs, and two singles). G. Smith, 1; H. Deal, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. And 720 of College Single in 27 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; H. Deal, 5; *W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. *College Youth. Also on Monday, October 11th, Messrs. W. H. Judd, J. Johnson, F. H. Brewer, and G. Smith, paid a visit to their brother strings at All Saints' Church, Rettendon, where they were joined by Mr. A. Tarbun, who bails from Widford, when they had the pleasure of ringing with the Rettendon ringers, and had a very successful evening together; they started the evening with a well struck 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 22½ mins. G. Smith, 1; E. Moat, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. And two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Savill, 1; J. Turner, 2; J. Johnson, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Jay (conductor), 5; S. Kendall, 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; J. Johnson, 2; W. Jay, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. H. Judd, 6. And 180 of Bob Minor, S. Pavitt, 1; J. Turner, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. Also two courses of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. W. Jay, 1-2; W. H. Judd, 3-4; A. Tarbun, 5; F. H. Brewer, 6; J. Johnson, 7-8. The Rayleigh ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Moat and his ringers for the use of their bells, which are a light ring of six, and the go of them is all that can be desired. On Friday evening, October 15th, at Holy Trinity Church, for practice, 446 of Bob Minor. F. Strugnell, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 24th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. (eight bobs and six singles). F. W. Haslam, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. † First 720 in the method. Also on Friday evening, for practice, 360 of Bob Minor. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson (conductor), 3; J. Collins, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal, 6. And on Monday evening, November 1st, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles). *H. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. *First 720 of any method. Also two courses of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. H. Smith, 1; J. Collins, 2; H. Deal, 3-4; F. H. Brewer, 5; F. Strugnell, 6; J. Johnson, 7-8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting was held on Monday, the 25th, at Quex Park, when about fifty to sixty members from Aldington, Folkestone, Swanscombe, Canterbury, Mersham, Brabourne, &c. The towers of Margate, Minster, and St. Peter's, Sandwich, were visited and an enjoyable day was spent. The next meeting was fixed to be held at Leeds, on a Saturday in February.

PRESENTATION.—At the weekly practice of the St. Albans Cathedral Society of Ringers, on Tuesday, Mr. N. N. Hills was presented by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, on behalf of the members of the Society, with a chased electro-plated teapot, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of his valuable services as instructor to the Society. The Archdeacon, in presenting the teapot, which bore the inscription, "Presented to Mr. N. N. Hills, by members of the St. Albans Cathedral Society of Ringers, August, 1886," said he could think of no place more appropriate than the tower in which Mr. Hills had laboured so earnestly in the advancement of change-ringing, for the purpose of making the presentation. He referred in feeling terms to Mr. Hills' late sad bereavement. It was intended to make the presentation before, but circumstances arose which prevented it being done. Mr. Hills thanked the Archdeacon and members for their kindness and sympathy, and said the headway which the Society was making in the art was ample return for any pains he had taken.

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."

A REQUEST.

SIR.—Will Mr. G. Benson, of York, who some time ago published some papers on Yorkshire Bellfounders in the "BELL NEWS," kindly let me know his address, as I want some information relating to the bells in the City of York. J. R. JERRAM.

PRIZE RINGING CONTESTS.

SIR.—May I, as the writer of the first letter upon the above subject state in answer to "Perplexed," that my communication in no way referred to the handbell contest organised by the St. Peter's Society, Leeds. I do not myself see any objection to the holding of a friendly match on handbells out of the belfry. My letter referred to the prize ringing contest, a notice of which appears on page 191 of this volume of "THE BELL NEWS," as being about to be held next Monday and Tuesday, November 1st and 2nd, 1886, at St. Mary's Church Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, "when upwards of twenty-five pounds will be distributed for the best half peal (2528 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major." My letter not having been published until the following week after it was sent, the notice of the St. Peter's Society appearing in the meantime, makes me appear to have referred to the latter event. As you, Mr. Editor, have since spoken in a very able manner upon the subject of prize-ringing, it is to be hoped that ringers, for the sake of their office, and the sanctity of the place in which they perform the same, will take your words to heart. STAFFORDSHIRE.

October 25th.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 1st, 1886.—At Southover Parish Church, by the Brighton branch, a 420 of Oxford Bob Triples in 19 mins. A. Fuller, 1; J. Jay, 2; J. Searle, 3; C. E. Golds, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; G. C. Hammond, 6; H. Weston (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8.

On Sunday, October 24th, at St. Nicholas, Brighton, for Morning Service, a 480 of Plain Bob Minor, with 7,8 behind. J. Neves, 1; C. Tyler, 2; *J. Cheeseman, 3; *H. Meads, 4; *E. Streeter, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6; E. Butler, 7; W. Palmer, 8. *Of Balcombe Branch.

On Monday, October 25th, at St. Peter's, Brighton, for practice, a 546 of Oxford Bob Triples. J. H. Fox (Oxford Guild), 1; J. Searle, 2; J. Jay, 3; W. Palmer, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; H. Weston, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Also at the same Church, on Monday, November 1st, 1050 of Grandsire Triples first part of Hollis's five-part peal, in 40 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; H. Weston (conductor), 2; J. Jay, 3; A. Piper, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; W. Palmer, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The promised certificates of membership are now ready, and the Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive applications for them, accompanied by a remittance of 6d. from each member desiring a certificate. It will be a convenience to the Secretary, and a saving to the funds of the Association in the matter of postage, if members of companies belonging to the Association, will send their applications and remittances through the leader of their company. The certificates for each company can then be forwarded in one parcel. The certificate is of simple, but artistic design, and on it appear views of five Essex towers, viz.: St. Mary's, Chelmsford, the county town, which has eight bells; West Ham, ten bells; Saffron Walden, eight bells; Widford, six bells; and Kelvedon, five bells. These towers have been selected partly for their architectural merit, and partly as representing the different classes of rings in the county. T. L. PAPPILLON,

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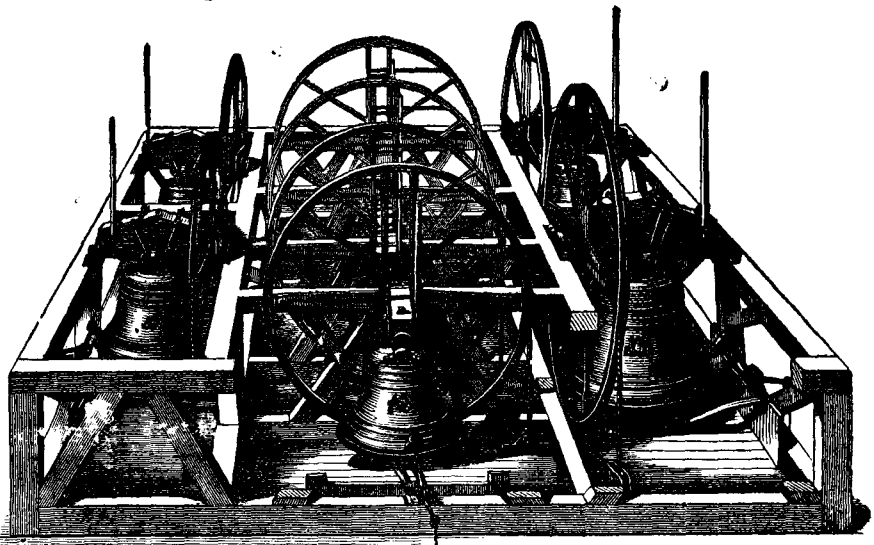
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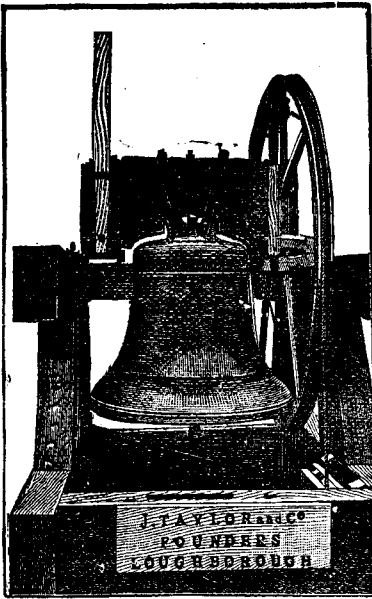


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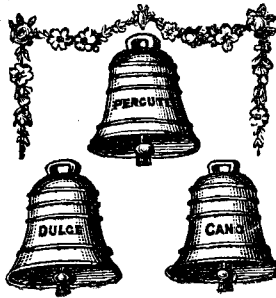
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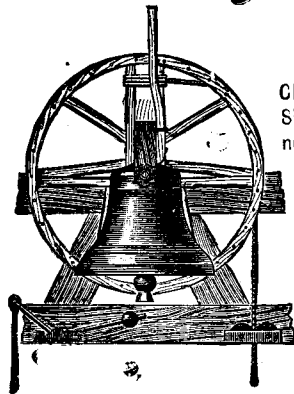
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