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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

The members of this Guild held their annual pic-nic at the village of Shenstone, near Lichfield, on the afternoon of Saturday, the 22nd ult. These gatherings are always looked forward to as occasions on which old friends may meet, who from unavoidable circumstances are generally separated more than they could wish, and on looking round one could not help feeling that this was a meeting of such a character.

Between fifty and sixty from Birmingham and the neighbouring towns were met at Shenstone by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, who had most heartily responded to the invitation to be present with his fellow members and friends of the St. Martin's Guild.

An excellent dinner was served by Host Berrisford at The Fox and Hounds, which on this occasion appeared like a case marvellously and closely packed with assortments. Ringers' justice having been meted to this part of the entertainment, the members separated for an hour or two to amuse themselves according to their several devices. Of course a contingent was soon at work among the bells, which for the nonce had to accustom themselves to stranger music than usual. Others strolled round the pretty lanes of the neighbourhood, some played at a sport known to many by the rather inelegant title of "mug and worm," and we noticed a select few under the guidance of members with antiquarian tastes examining the ruins of the former church and tower.

At 6.30 all regathered at the hostelry for the usual amount of speech-making and conviviality. Taking the cue from Mr. Day, the presiding ringing master, who as usual proposed the loyal toast of "Queen, Church and State," the various speakers condensed their speeches as much as possible, and the toasts of "Continued Prosperity to our Guild," "The Art of Change-Ringing and Kindred Ringing Societies," "Prosperity to the Ringing Papers—'The Bell News' and *Church Bells*," and "Our Visitors" were given respectively by Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, Hattersley, Russam, and the Secretary.

In the absence of Mr. Hattersley, who was compelled on account of the distance he had to travel to leave by a rather earlier train than the rest, the Secretary coupled his health with the toast of "The Visitors," explaining that although Mr. Hattersley was one of their members, he might in a sense be considered a visitor, inasmuch that he was unable to be present with them so much as formerly. The toasts were all enthusiastically responded to, after which the remaining time in the short stay was filled up by excellent songs rendered by Mr. Proctor, and a recitation by Mr. Ward, both of whom seem greater favourites every time they are heard by ringers.

During the evening the Secretary read letters of apology for non-attendance from the Vicar of Shenstone, A. P. Heywood, Esq., and Wm. Butler, Esq.

The St. Martin's Guild takes this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Shenstone, the Rev. R. W. Essington, for the use of the bells, and the tower-keeper for putting the bells and belfry in order for them.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, MAIDSTONE.

The ringers, with the vergers and organ blowers of this church, were entertained by the wardens on Monday, July 24th. After a friendly game of cricket in the Lock Meadows, kindly granted by the Rev. H. A. Watson, the party sat down to a substantial meal, well arranged by Mr. Potter in a tent on the ground. The toasts of "The Queen," "The Archbishop," and "The Vicar of Maidstone" were given by the chairman. Mr. Herbert Monckton expressed his regret at the absence of his colleague, Mr. Edward Hills, and after a charming performance on the handbells and a song by Mr. Potter, the toast of "The Wardens" was given by Mr. Palmer, and heartily responded to by all present. Then the pleasant gathering dispersed.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Aylsham on Tuesday, July 18th. Between twenty and thirty members and friends assembled, and were occupied at intervals during the day with touches of Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Royal on the handy and beautiful ring of ten. Luncheon was served at the Black Boys hotel at 1.30, at which C. R. Dewhirst, Esq., senior churchwarden, presided, in the unavoidable absence of the vicar. He was supported by the Rev. T. H. Marsh, rector of Cawston; W. H. Bansall, Esq., of Aylsham; C. E. E. Bulwer, Esq., of Selwyn College, Cambridge; the Hon. Secretary; and there were present Mr. C. Clements, District Secretary for Aylsham, Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, and Mr. J. Smith, of Kingston-on-Thames, formerly a member of the Redenhall society. Members also attended from Fakenham, Lynn, Norwich, and Great Yarmouth. After the loyal toasts, the chairman gave "The Association," and alluded to the death on the previous evening of an old member of the Aylsham company, and of the Association, in the person of Mr. S. Maidstone. The Hon. Secretary joined in the expressions of regret at Mr. Maidstone's decease, and reminded the meeting that he was one of the band who years ago had performed some notable feats in change-ringing at Marsham, including a long length of Treble Bob; but few of that band now remains, though they had still one present with them in Mr. Charles Clements. He regretted the thinness of the attendance at the meeting, but was able to assure the members present that the society maintained its strength in point of numbers, though its finances had to contend against the prevailing depression and scarceness of money. The following were elected members of the Association: Hon. Members—Rev. W. Morley Smith, rector of St. Cross; Rev. G. H. D. Davis of Kelsale; and W. H. Bansall, Esq., of Aylsham. Life Members (non-resident): Mr. F. K. M. Butler, of Merton, Surrey; Mr. W. Pye, of Chadwell Heath, Essex; and four members of the St. Cross company as performing members.

BOROUGHBRIDGE, YORKSHIRE.

The forty-first anniversary of the consecration of the parish church was celebrated with the customary rejoicings on Tuesday July 25th. Proceedings commenced with some short touches on the bells under the direction of T. Langley, the captain, from 7 to 8 o'clock, when there was the ante-communion service, to which the music of Dykes, in F, was sung by the choir. At 8.30 ringers, singers and other church workers to the number of nearly eighty were entertained by Canon Owen to a substantial breakfast in the school, after which he gave a short address, acknowledging his gratitude for the assistance given to him in parish work in the past, and expressing his good hopes for the bright outlook in the future. At two o'clock the ringers again ascended the tower and at three o'clock evensong was sung in the church with specially selected music, including Elvey's anthem, "I was glad," and Sullivan's "The strain upraise." Canon Bardsley, Vicar of Bradford, was the preacher, and made a powerful appeal for the objects of the offertory—the Royal Benevolent Agricultural Society, and the National Society. At five o'clock the children of the day and Sunday schools were regaled with tea in the schools, and then all, old and young, made a move to the vicarage grounds, when the remainder of the evening was passed in games, races and a cricket match. At nightfall all assembled in front of the Vicarage, when the National Anthem was sung, and three hearty cheers given for Canon Owen for his kindness.

At Chester Consistory Court, recently, the Rev. Harry Hignett vicar, and the churchwardens of Ringway parish church applied for permission to pull down the old church and erect a new one. The old church has fallen into a very dilapidated condition. The expense of building the new church, which will be £2,500, will be borne by Lord Egerton of Tatton. Chancellor Espin in granting the faculty congratulated the parish on having such a munificent patron as Lord Egerton of Tatton, and one so devoted to the Church. The designs appeared to him (the Chancellor) to be in every way deserving of commendation.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association took place at Leake and Wrangle, on Saturday afternoon, July 29th. Both churches contain a very fine peal of six bells in good ringing order, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung (nine bobs and six singles). G. Clark, 1; W. F. Harwood, 2; A. Barber, 3; G. Ladd, 4; J. M. Rylatt, 5; E. Mason, 6. And another 720 (fourteen bobs and two singles). G. Ladd, 1; W. F. Harwood, 2; C. Clayton, 3; J. Mawer, 4; A. Barber, 5; E. Mason, 6.

A meat tea was afterwards provided at The Angel inn, and that having been disposed off the usual business of the Association was gone through. Seven new members were elected. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Wrangle for the use of the bells. The Vicar gave the Association a hearty welcome, and hoped it would not be long before they paid him another visit. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Secretary and other officers of the North Lincolnshire Association for their kindness in assisting to bring about another amalgamated meeting this year at Boston, was carried. A letter was read from the South, but being of such a character the Secretary declined to take any further steps in the matter for the present. A move was then made for Leake, and a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), was rung by Messrs. Clark, Barber, Clayton, Ladds, Rylatt, and Mason. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were also rung by Messrs. Dovoto, Goodwin, Glary and others.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

Monday, July 31st will be a day to be long remembered by the parishioners of North Wingfield and neighbourhood, being the day appointed for starting the new clock, erected by public subscriptions, to the memory of the Rev. G. W. Darby, late Rector of the parish. A public tea was held in the schoolroom at 4.0 p.m. at which upwards of 500 persons sat down. The dedication service commenced at 7.30 p.m., the church being crowded to excess. Evening service was taken as far as the third collect, when the choir and clergy marched in procession to the tower, singing hymn 538 A. & M. On arrival at the tower the dedication prayers were read by the Rev. Canon Massey, Rector of Risley, after which Mr. Hayes, rector's churchwarden, on behalf of the clock committee, in a few well-chosen words requested Miss E. E. B. Darby (the late Rector's daughter) to set the clock in motion, which she did by pulling the cord lowered from the clock into the church, perfect silence being kept until the clock had struck eight. The procession then returned to the choir stalls singing hymn 550. After which a very affecting sermon was preached by the Canon, the hymn "Holy Offerings" was sung during the offertory (taken from Sullivan's Church hymns), the Benediction being pronounced by the Canon, the recessional hymn being 274 A. & M. The offertory was given towards the cost of erecting the clock in the tower, amounting to upwards of £12.

During the afternoon a 720 of Bob Minor was rung (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). F. Knowles, 1; W. Butler, 2; J. Goodwin (Chesterfield), 3; J. Butler, 4; T. Clough (Clay Cross), 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ in F.

Before and after service several touches were rung in which Messrs. Allibone, F. Marshall (Clay Cross), J. Maycock (Clay Cross), and W. Hopkinson took part. The bells were lowered in peal at 9.55 p.m., thus bringing to an end one of the most interesting ceremonies witnessed in the parish for many years.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.

On a recent Sunday the Vicar of this parish announced in church his intention of giving another bell (the treble), to complete the peal of six. The work will be carried out shortly at a cost of £45. The bell will be cast by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons. During the present year the Vicar has already given the present treble bell, which cost £50, and also collected upwards of £50 from friends and parishioners to rehang the four old bells, and for other church improvements. One of the bells—the 4th—was cast in 1593. They were all cast in Norwich.

Cricket.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWCASTLE, v. ST. MARY'S, WHICKHAM.

This match was played on the ground of the Whickham C.C. on Tuesday evening, July 25th. The weather was dull and heavy, but no rain came while the match lasted. Mr. Story captained the visitors, while Mr. Mordue acted in a similar capacity for the home team. St. John's went in first to bat, and totalled 41, much to their own surprise. The game grew very exciting towards the end, when Whickham had still two wickets to fall, and had reached 41; but in his last over Holmes took these without a run, and the match thus ended in a tie. Messrs. Mordue and Harm did tremendous service for the home team, and Messrs. Milner and Richardson for the Novocastrians, while the "vicar" "kept wicket" to perfection. After the match a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung on the tower bells, three of each side taking part in it. J. W. Harbottle, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; A. Hillier, 4; R. Mordue, 5; R. S. Story (conductor), 6. Tenor 8 cwt. Score:—

ST. JOHN'S, NEWCASTLE.		ST. MARY'S, WHICKHAM.	
A. Milner, b R. Mordue ..	8	R. Mordue, b Richardson ..	5
W. Holmes, b R. Mordue ..	3	J. Mordue, b Richardson ..	0
W. J. Richardson, c Harm, b		J. P. Harbottle, b Clapperton ..	6
R. Mordue	0	F. Willis, b Richardson ..	0
A. Hillier, b R. Mordue ..	0	G. Ellender, c T. Cheesman, b	
J. H. Barrett, b R. Mordue ..	2	Richardson	0
Rev. I. W. Milner, c J. Har-		G. Harm, b A. Milner ..	13
bottle, b Nicholson	4	W. H. Willis, b Clapperton ..	0
J. H. Clapperton, c F. Willis,		J. W. Nicholson, run out ..	5
b R. Mordue	0	J. Harbottle, b Holmes ..	6
G. Cheesman (sub.), b R.		L. Richardson, not out ..	1
Mordue	3	G. E. Stark, b Holmes ..	0
C. L. Routledge, b R. Mordue	5	Extras	5
T. Cheesman (sub.), not out ..	6		
R. S. Story, b Harm	1		
Extras	9		
		Total ..	41
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624153	432165	253146	365124	546132
261453	341265	521346	631524	451632
624135	432156	253164	365142	546123
264315	342516	523614	635412	456213
623451	435261	256341	364521	542631
632415	453216	265314	346512	524613
364251	542361	623541	435621	256431
346521	524631	632451	453261	265341
435612	256413	364215	542316	623514
453621	265431	346251	524361	632541
546312	624513	432615	253416	365214
456132	264153	342165	523146	635124
541623	621435	431256	251364	361542
456123	264135	342156	523164	635142
541632	621453	431265	251346	361524
514623	612435	413256	215364	316542
156432	164253	142365	123546	135624
516342	614523	412635	213456	315264
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* * We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. LEONARD'S PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY, STREATHAM, SURREY.—The annual excursion of the choir and ringers of this church took place on Thursday, July 6th, Brighton being the place selected. This being the royal wedding day it was decided to meet at the church at 7 a.m., and ring a 720 of Minor in 27 mins. G. Barrington, 1; S. Greenwood, 2; D. Springall, 3; W. Sheppard, 4; R. Blanchard, 5; S. Freeman (conductor), 6. These are a very good ring of six, tenor 14 cwt., dated 1785, the gift of his grace the Duke of Bedford, and this being the jubilee of the rector, the Rev. Canon Nichol, it is proposed to add two trebles to complete the octave, and so make a nice handy and musical peal of eight bells worthy of this fine old parish church, which abounds with very ancient and beautiful monuments, some dating back several centuries. At 8.30 a.m. the party arrived at Streatham Common station, where the choir, to the number of fifty, was waiting, and Mr. Corke (organist), with his usual generosity, distributed cigars for the journey down, also some packs of cards, and what with the fold-up table ingeniously constructed by one of the band, and the fragrance of the cigars, and a nice comfortable carriage, they were soon enjoying themselves. "All tickets ready" reminded them that they were at Preston, and a few minutes sufficed to take them into the Brighton terminus, where they were soon shaking hands with their old friend Mr. Jay (steeple-keeper of St. Peter's, and a late resident of Streatham), who together with Mr. G. Williams gave them a very cordial welcome. The next thing was a little refreshment, and someone began talking about a peal at St. Nicholas for the afternoon; however after having washed down the cigars with a few glasses of the Brighton ale, they were soon on the road for St. Peter's church, where some touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob were rung. Here is a belfry indeed, with something to read, mark, and learn, tablets recording peals of Cambridge, Superlative, and Cambridge being fixed on the walls, which have been rung by the members of the St. Peter's society. One o'clock was dinner time, and Mutton's hotel found the party with good appetites, judging by the excellent dodging up and down of the waiters, the course-ends coming up in quick succession, till one and then another began to get on the "slow," and there being too many on the "slow" and no one "dodging," not even the waiters, the conductor had to call "stand." Glasses having been filled, the toast of the day—"The Duke and Duchess of York," was responded to with great enthusiasm, as was "The Rector," "The Churchwardens," "Choir-Master and Organist," the latter with musical honours, and "The Ringers." The next thing was a gentle stroll up to St. Nicholas' church, where they were met by Mr. Palmer, the steeple-keeper, who had the bells ready for them, and they were soon turning them upside down to the tune of Stedman Caters. The peal talked of in the morning had to be dispensed with on account of a service taking place at 5 p.m. The visitors then made their way once more to Mutton's hotel to enjoy a first-class tea, the waiters this time having a much more "plainer course" than they had at dinner time. A stroll along the beach, and a plain hunting course brought them to the station, where after a parting glass with their friends, they were soon on their way home, which was reached safely at 11 o'clock, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, July 22nd, the members of Tunstall (Christ Church) tower, visited Christ church, Crewe, journeying from Tunstall by brake. After a very pleasant drive we were met on our arrival by Messrs. R. Harding and others. The first part of the programme being tea, for which we made the best of our way to the Adelphi hotel, and after refreshing the inner man, we adjourned to the tower. The bells being ready and placed at our disposal for the evening, we began to make the best use of our time. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round by the members of Tunstall, Crewe and Bucknall towers. After this a start was made for a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the tenor covering

in 30 mins. J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith, 3; W. Wheeldon (Bucknall), 4; W. Rigby, 5; E. Horne, 6; J. Johnson (conductor), 7; W. Harratt, 8. After this the visitors and the local men combined, rang other touches of Triples, conducted by A. Jervis. The "go" of the bells are all that can be desired and are a fine peal; tenor 21 cwt. Having had sufficient ringing for the day we once more found ourselves at the Adelphi, where an enjoyable evening was spent. Songs were given by Messrs. Rigby, Smith, Wheeldon, Langford and others. Mr. Wheeldon also gave a stump speech entitled "Politics Extraordinary" which elicited a well merited round of applause. Our programme being exhausted and time being on the wing, the homeward journey was commenced, and after a pleasant run we arrived safe and well at 11.30 p.m. Through the medium of this paper we wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and also the ringers for the kind and hospitable manner in which they entertained us. J.

A SILENT PEAL.

CHAPTER I.—THE LANGMEADS.

Radford church stands on the edge of a table-land overlooking the beautiful valley of the Rad. At the present day it consists of the massive centre tower, choir and lady-chapel of an original cruciform church which belonged to a monastery. The old choir and lady-chapel are now the nave and chancel of the parish church. Most of the stones of the other part of the building went ages ago to strengthen the outworks of Radford Castle, now itself a ruin; and remains of the monastery may be seen in the barn, stables, and garden-wall of the Vicarage.

At the time of our story, 1875, the Vicar was Augustine Langmead, a vigorous old gentleman on the wrong side of sixty. His wife was a few years younger than himself, and there were eleven sons and daughters; Mary, the eldest, Keble, lately ordained, and now curate to his father, Ruth, 18, James and John, twins, 16, and four younger children still in the schoolroom. These lived at home, except that Keble usually lodged at a farm house in the hamlet, where there was a chapel. Two other daughters, who came between Keble and Ruth, were already married and settled at a distance.

The Langmeads were poor, very poor, but they had enough to eat and drink, and wherewithal to be clothed. Their poverty was chiefly evident in their cooking, washing, gardening and dressmaking for themselves, more than is usual in most clergymen's families, and in their seldom seeing company or leaving home. But their simple manner of life, their "plain living and high thinking," seemed to suit well the mediæval character of the place.

The Vicar was eminent for his piety and benevolence, as well as for his intellectual attainments. He was an eloquent preacher and something of a poet. In society he was a charming talker when he got on a congenial subject, and found a listener who appreciated him. Unfortunately he was without worldly wisdom, and never could make up his mind to act even in trifles. Had it been otherwise Augustine Langmead might have obtained high preferment in the church. Many years before, the Bishop of Clerkenwell, who knew more of his virtues than of his infirmities, made him his chaplain. A few months sufficed to shew that he was unfit for any charge more onerous than that of a quiet country parsonage, and he was accordingly promoted and shelved at Radford. His deficiencies were made up for in some degree by the good sense of his wife, who was neither clever nor energetic, but who never said or did anything foolish. Besides this, her face was as sweet as her temper, if she did little she observed much, she was an instinctive judge of character, and, unlike her husband, could act in a great crisis. The children had in various degrees the qualities of their parents. All the sons were clever, and all the daughters pretty, except Mary. By way of compensation Mary was cleverer than any of the boys, and had a fund of energy and benevolence which was at everybody's service. She kept the keys of the storeroom, made the tea, taught her little brothers and sisters, read to the old women, advised the young women, and doctored all the babies in the parish. But she had the faults of her qualities. She was impetuous and self-willed, and was quite a fanatic when she had a notion in her head. Keble took after his father. Though strong and active he never had any taste for school games. At College

his recreation had been Sunday school teaching and scriptural tea-parties at the rooms of a select society of serious undergraduates. For athletic exercises he had been content with long walks or cycling, until one day he joined the University Guild of Ringers, and before long became one of the best men of his year in that art. Susan and Sarah, the married daughters, had not followed the good example of their elder brother and sister. They were frivolous and given to flirting with the curates, and before they were happily married had caused much anxiety to Mary, who had constituted herself their guardian angel. It is right to say that there was no harm in them, and that their parents were quite satisfied with their behaviour, their father being unaware of any mischief, and their mother too wise to worry herself about trifles. The twins were rather like Susan and Sarah in disposition, but regular school boys. They used to go three miles every day to the grammar school at Kirtton, but their occupations and amusements were chiefly at home, and embraced all sorts of country pursuits. Of all the family Ruth was the most attractive, and she was everybody's favourite, especially her father's and Mary's. Did any of them wish to extort from the Vicar some grudging concession? It was a recognised trick of diplomacy to get Ruth to ask, and objections melted away. As for Mary, all the hopes and fears which young women cherish on their own account were in her case concerned with Ruth's future. Mary had long ago made up her mind to be an old maid. Everybody expected it of her, and she expected it herself. But it was an article of faith with her that some hero of romance would one day appear and carry off Ruth. Perhaps a baron or baronet, endowed with large possessions and larger virtues. Nothing was too good in Mary's eyes for Ruth. A visitor from a well-regulated household would perhaps have thought that the Langmeads were quarrelsome, and had no idea of order. Excepting Mrs. Langmead and Ruth, they were all fond of arguing, and apt to lose their tempers. The father did not know his own mind, and it was not to be expected that the children should obey his whimsical commands. But in essentials no family could be more united, and none of them would distress their parents for the world. Mutual love and good principles made a quarrel impossible, and they were satisfied with each other, if their behaviour did not always satisfy their friends.

There is said to be a species of ants which cannot feed themselves without the help of other ants, whom they employ as slaves. It is impossible to say how the Langmeads would have got on without the family of Hymers. The vicarage garden, which formerly belonged to the monastery, is very large, and there are fifty acres of glebe, half meadow-land, down by the Rad, and the rest corn-land the other side of the village. Glebe and garden were worked by Job Hymers and his sons for a modest weekly wage, and perquisites of more substantial value. Job was an honest man, but his ideas of accounts were peculiar, and, whatever might be the variations of prices and seasons, the farm produced one pound an acre, and the garden such fruit and vegetables as the vicar's family could consume. In good seasons there would be something more, but if the vicar was so unwary as to spend his surplus, he was sure to be called upon before many months for the purchase of a cow or horse. Meanwhile Job was becoming a rich man, and any day of the year could draw a cheque for a larger amount than his master. He had as many children, but they were a source of gain to him instead of an expense. His eldest daughter, a widow, was cook at the vicarage. Another had been nurse there, and was now parlour-maid. His youngest son was donkey-boy, and made himself generally useful. Two or three other sons worked on the glebe, when wanted.

Job Hymers was as much of a character in his way as the vicar. He was a first-rate practical farmer, and fancied himself a theologian. The vicar held decided views about agriculture, which were worth about as much as Job's theology. Each was fond of talking upon the subject which he understood least, and these discussions often ended in a temporary rupture between master and man, which afforded amusement to the friends of both. It was difficult to stop Job when once he began to prove doctrines by texts. Another subject on which he loved to discourse was change-ringing. When a young man he had rung the tenor in a peal of Grandsire Triples. This was the last performance of the kind at Radford. Soon afterwards, during

some disorderly ringing at fair time, the sixth had jumped out of its bearings and collided with the seventh. Both bells had been broken. There were ill-natured persons in the parish, who rejoiced over the accident, and others who thought it a good opportunity for cutting down church expenses. Accordingly, the damage was never repaired, and, moreover, a sum of £5 paid annually to the ringers was reduced to £1 to Job Hymers, who was parish clerk and sexton, as well as coachman, groom, gardener, and farm-servant at the vicarage. For many years Job was the only representative of the old set of ringers, but latterly the young Langmeads had been ringing Grandsire Doubles on the front five, though without much success, owing to the rickety state of the bell-frames. However, Job inspired them with the right spirit, and when Keble came home from Oxford they got a set of handbells. Then even the girls were initiated, and they began to worry Mr. Langmead to get up a subscription for the restoration of the bells.

CHAPTER II.—BISHOP AND SON.

John Fowler, Bishop of Clerkenwell, was an honest, worldly-minded, prosperous, and disappointed man. He had been successful in most things, but his success brought him little satisfaction. After distinguishing himself at the University he had gone to the Bar, meaning to be a judge at least, or perhaps Lord Chancellor. But before he had got into practice he was recalled to his college, of which he was a fellow, to take up the tutorship which had fallen into incompetent hands. "I only ask you to stay with us two years," the President had said, "and you have plenty of time before you to make your way at the Bar." But at the end of two years the new tutor could not be spared. Moreover, during the long vocation he met, at a Swiss hotel, a beautiful and accomplished young lady, who soon became his wife. A year afterwards she died leaving a boy. The young widower was inconsolable, and for a time ambition was extinct. Unable to forego the sad pleasure of a daily visit to her grave, he stayed on at Oxford, and at last was ordained, rather under the influence of his bereavement than from motives of a permanent kind. Indeed, he had no proper vocation for the ministry, and, though he never exactly regretted the step, he felt that he had sacrificed his inclinations. He was not sceptical or irreligious, but he neither possessed nor professed habits of piety. Matthew Arnold defines religion as "morality touched by emotion." Fowler had morality and conscience, but he was incapable of religious emotion. Creeds and articles he recognised as the best statement we have of mysteries which are beyond human faculties, but when they sang in church—

"Oh, for the pearly gates,
Oh, for the golden floor!"

he felt out of his element, and could not rise to the raptures of the simple-minded worshippers.

In time he came to be a leading man at Oxford, having much talent for administration. At last, when the University was agitated by a famous ecclesiastical controversy, a masterly pamphlet on the law of the question brought him to the notice of the Prime Minister, and he was made a Bishop.

In the meantime the boy became a young man. From his earliest years he had enjoyed the devoted care of his father, who spent as much time in teaching him as a busy man could spare, but somehow he did not turn out exactly as his father would have wished. There was much that a loving parent ought to have been thankful for. The boy was high-principled, quick at his books, and fairly industrious, though too independent to do the work chalked out for him. He was fond of his father too, though he thought him a slow coach, and treated him with some of the good-natured contempt which young men with a good opinion of themselves often entertain for elderly people however eminent. He was popular in society, and had a variety of accomplishments not valued by his father, who was bent on training him for such success in the law as he felt he had missed himself. Dick Fowler, however, did not care for the law, or for business of any kind. On the whole he thought he would like to be a clergyman, rather because he thought the church an easy gentlemanlike profession for a man in his circumstances, than because he had a vocation. Now the Bishop would not have objected to his son's being a clergyman if he had appeared to be

in earnest, but he did object very much to the spirit in which he set about it. So after he had spent a year at a theological college without being much the better for it, the Bishop determined to send him to study under his old friend Augustine Langmead. There were several good reasons for this arrangement. Dick would live at Kirton, with his aunt and godmother, Mrs. Kaye, a wealthy widow, who would probably make him her heir. And Augustine Langmead, the Bishop thought, was the very man to instil into a young man's mind that care for spiritual things and love of the beauty of holiness, in which he felt himself and his son to be so lamentably deficient. Dick Fowler, on his part, was nothing loath to try the experiment. He was a favourite with his aunt, and had a shrewd suspicion that, if he played his cards well, Kirton Park would be his own without waiting for the old lady's decease. In that case he would be a country gentleman, instead of a clergyman—but these speculations he kept to himself. Dick had a cool clear head on his shoulders, and was not in the habit of taking his father or any one else into counsel about his own affairs. The Bishop had been a very good friend to Augustine Langmead, and Dick was of course entitled to a good reception at Radford Vicarage. He soon became very popular there. Three or four times a week he rode over from Kirton to read with his tutor, and then he usually stopped to lunch. But he often dropped in at other times. He was much in favour with Mrs. Langmead, who as the mother of marriageable daughters was not insensible to the graces of a young man of excellent character, great expectations, and most courteous and agreeable to herself. The only person in the house who was not charmed with the visitor was the Vicar himself. To a man of Langmead's learning, Dick, like most young men preparing for orders, appeared to know next to nothing of divinity. But he was an apt pupil, and was sure to pass his examination. What the Vicar disliked in the young man was his inability to appreciate the seriousness of sacred history and doctrine, and in this he was unconsciously influenced by a jealousy of his friend the Bishop which was scarcely worthy of him. He knew himself to be a better scholar, a better preacher, and a more religious man than the Bishop, and he did not know, or at least did not always remember that the Bishop was a born ruler of men, whereas he would himself be unable to rule his own household, or his parish, unless his friends had made things easy for him. When he thought of all this, he would declare that the Bishop was not fit to be a clergyman at all, and that the son was a chip of the old block.

Dick and Keble had been at college together, and got on well, though their tastes and pursuits were different. Dick, however, was as well as Keble, a member of the University Guild, and a good ringer. He now took up eagerly the projected restoration of Radford bells. His aunt, Mrs. Kaye, was in the habit of spending a considerable sum every year on churches, and she was sometimes at a loss to find one which had a claim upon her. Under these circumstances Dick easily persuaded her to devote her contribution for the current year to rehanging the Radford bells. No sooner had this been done than the bell-fever broke out with virulence. Besides the vicarage party, all the young men in the parish wanted to be ringers, and there was practice most evenings in the week. Before long, people who lived near the church wished that the bells had never been rehanged, and began to put pressure upon the vicar to stop the nuisance, as they called it. But the bell-party was quite as strong on the other side of the question, and between the two the poor man was driven to distraction.

It was Langmead's habit on fine mornings to walk in the garden before breakfast, and to have a talk with his gardener, which began with cabbages and usually ended with politics, parochial or otherwise. It was then, some persons surmised, that he received the inspiration which rendered his management of parish affairs less disastrous than it might have been if he had been without good advice.

One day, when the bell controversy was at its height, the vicar came upon Hymers hoeing potatoes at the end of the long walk.

"A fine crop of potatoes, Job, is it not?"

"Well, Sir, no. Not what I should call a fine crop. Heavy above ground, and light below. Some of the leaves turned black already. That's the disease. Leastways the sign of it."

"Ah! to be sure," said the vicar. "How was that about

young Cooper proving an alibi before the magistrates? Those Coopers are all poachers."

"Well, you see, Sir, it was'n't him at all this time. I'm told his brother and he changed clothes, and so the keeper made a mistake."

"Ho! ho! Did he really now. And the young rascal threatened to prosecute the keeper for prying, did'n't he?"

"That was so, Sir. But begging your pardon, Sir, Mr. Tucker has been making a piece of work about the ringing again."

"Dear me," said the vicar, "how's that? At the vestry meeting they said they would'n't mind open practice two nights a week."

"He says they don't keep to two nights. I couldn't repeat before you, Sir, the words he used."

"Dear me, dear me," said the vicar, "I'm sorry to hear that."

"About the noise most every night," continued Job, who was not averse to teasing his master at times, "and not being able to hear himself speak. Says it's not a fit amusement for young gentlemen, and specially for young ladies, and that people don't like to say anything out of respect to you, Sir."

"Dear me, dear me, I had no notion of this."

Of course, Sir, it ain't reason, and I took the liberty of saying to him that his language was more displeasing to the Almighty than all the noise of the bells. And then he swore at me."

"You shouldn't have said that, Job, I will speak to Miss Mary about it."

"Begging your pardon, Sir, I would'n't be for giving in to him, anyways. To my thinking it's not the bells he cares about, but it's all along of Master Keble telling him of his beating Widow Mascal's boy. Most inhuman, I call it. And all because the boy let the sheep into the wheat—as was'n't big enough to keep 'em out."

Then the Vicar went into breakfast perplexed and unhappy.

"My dears," he said, "I hear sad complaints of your disturbing people with the bells."

"Oh, papa," said Mary, we know all about that. It's only Mr. Tucker, who lives half-a-mile away from the church. I'm sure we shall not mind what he says."

Then Mr. Langmead lost his temper, as he did not unfrequently, and he burst out:—

"My child, you will get me into hot water with the whole parish. Every day I hear some complaint of the same kind, I will not have it."

There was an uncomfortable silence at the breakfast table for a few moments, and then Mrs. Langmead, who was opening her letters, adroitly changed the subject by announcing an invitation to tea at Mrs. Kaye's. But Mary had to meet an attack from another quarter also. Old Mr. Partridge, the family doctor, a privileged person, who held strong views on many subjects, and declaimed them strongly, was opposed to the new fashion of athletics for girls, and in particular to what he heard of the bellringing of Mary and Ruth. He knew nothing about ringing, except that he had sometimes seen strong working-men tugging away at cart ropes, with beads of perspiration on their brow. Mary, who was as much of a fanatic on the other side of the question, declared that since the bells had been rehanged ringing was as easy as playing the piano. But in face of all these adverse influences the young people had to submit to a compromise. However, they would not be baffled with regard to an object which they had in view, and which they kept profoundly secret. The young men in the village were getting on well, and it was a race between them and the vicarage band as to who should score the first peal. Dick Fowler had a silent apparatus put up, and this enabled them to practice without getting into trouble. But they could not ring the peal without a flagrant act of disobedience, and they despaired of getting leave to do it with the bells open. But why not with the bells muzzled? If peals counted when rung on the handbells, why not when struck by church bells on the gongs of the apparatus? Only they must keep their intentions secret, or old Partridge would interfere, and, moreover, they must wait for an opportunity when father and mother might chance to be away from home.

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ONE or two writers of note have lately been inveighing against the vast amount of time which in the various public schools of the country is given to the pursuit of those occupations known as "athletic sports." There certainly appears to be some reason for the strictures that have been made upon the subject. We are apt to imagine that the universities and other public seminaries are places where nothing but useful or classical learning can be had, but there are various channels of information which convey the impression to the reader that "sport" of various kinds, in some instances bearing a title not generally understood, forms an important part of the curriculum, and it would really seem that successful competition in this direction is almost as highly thought of as the attainment of a degree.

It is possible to have too much of a good thing.

"Athleticism," if we may use the term, appears to be at the present time the chief topic on the lips of men and boys of all ages. Wherever a few persons are assembled, the subject is in a few minutes sure to arise in conversation, and the merits or demerits of prominent athletes vigorously discussed. The greatest slow bowler, or batsman, or footballist, or cyclist, enjoys an equal popularity among the crowd to that which was at one time meted out to the most successful jockey of the year, a popularity which has a tendency to vulgarise the pursuit, instead of refining it. "Athleticism run mad" is a gibe not altogether undeserved in the present day.

We need be thankful that our own pursuit stands in little danger of being overdone or vulgarised. That is one great comfort, certainly, which may be taken to heart when deploring instances exist of apathy and indifference on the part of those whose support and countenance is acutely longed for.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, DARTMOUTH.

The restoration of the above church is to be taken in hand as soon as possible. Apparently (writes a correspondent of *The Guardian*) there is no work in St. Saviour's earlier than the latter part of the 13th century; this is the date of the two north-western piers. These two piers have either been taken from a monastic building or an earlier church. This is evident, as the archmold does not in any way fit the capitals. The three easternmost bays of the arcades are of the date mentioned in *Bishop Stafford's Register* (1395-1419). It was at this time that the entire church was increased to a most unusual height, in this county, where there is no clerestory—the nave and aisle walls being no less than 26ft. up the wall plates. Mr. F. H. Bloxham has the following note in one of his valuable architectural works:—

At Dartmouth Church the communion table is, or was, surrounded with seats, the upper portions of which are enriched with arabesque ornaments and coats of arms. The table is supported by grotesque figures and the four Evangelists with their symbols.

The chancel was restored from the designs of the late J. D. Sedding, at a cost of over £3000. The splendid screen that runs the width of the church is 46ft. long, contains its original richly traceried cove, with a triple carved cornice quite intact with its original carving. It is too well known to need a special description. As it is quite sound and comparatively uninjured, it the most complete old fifteenth-century screen in Devonshire. The ornate colored stone pulpit is also well known, and is acknowledged one of the finest late perpendicular pulpits in England. The celebrated brass to John Hawley, a rich merchant, and his two wives, is situated in the middle of the chancel, and is a very valuable and well-preserved example, and is dated 1408. Many persons have been struck with the wonderful ironwork which covers the south porch door; it really is a fine example of wrought ironwork of the seventeenth century. The rampant lion in the middle of the foliage-work measures nearly 5ft. across. There are some remnants of Jacobean carving in the church, which, of course, will be preserved and re-used in the new work. The galleries are interesting, as they are among the earliest existing in this country, especially the west one, which was erected about 1500. They have their panels filled with illuminated coats of arms. There is a fine painting of "The raising of the Widow's Son at Nain," executed by Brockedon, in 1822, who executed several pictures about this time as altar pieces. There is one at Brixham, though not so large as this one. The frame is really a work of taste and skill, and is richly carved; it was made by a local craftsman. The picture measures 20 feet long by about 14 feet. It is now proposed to thoroughly complete the work of restoration in this noble church. It consists of nave, chancel, north and south aisles, north and south chancel aisles, north and south transepts, and a western tower. The total length of the church is 130 feet, and the extreme width across the transepts is ninety feet. The tower measures

100 feet to the top of the pinnacles; these pinnacles are not the original ones, but bear a date during the time of the Commonwealth, a most unusual era in church restoration. It is very probable that the upper part of the tower was damaged during the siege. The vicar, the Rev. H. F. Tracey, is the son of a former vicar, the Rev. John Tracy, whose name is still affectionately remembered by some of the older inhabitants. He is anxious to commence the restoration as soon as possible, and has placed the work in the hands of Mr. Edmund Sedding, of Plymouth.

THE DEAN OF LINCOLN'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The "Golden Wedding" of the Dean of Lincoln and Mrs. Butler, which was celebrated on Saturday, was marked by several gifts to the cathedral, the Dean having deprecated any personal presents, though such were not entirely wanting. A grandly bound Bible, with solid silver clasps, for the choir eagle, was presented by the Dean's children and grand-children. The inside of the covers is beautifully panelled, and inlaid, the borders representing olive branches, rich in fruit, while on the margin one may read the Vulgate version of Ps. cxxviii.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN GOLDSMITH Treble.	RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	*ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
JOHN JAY, JUN. 3.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 7.
ALFRED TURNER 4.	BENJAMIN HOBBS Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by R. J. DAWE.*

*First peal of Grandsire as conductor. This is the first peal by J. Jay, jun., since his return home from India, after an absence of seven years. It was also a bachelors' peal.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, July 1, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 OF DOUBLES:

Comprising Grandsire, Morning Star, Plain Bob, Old Bob, and April Day.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. WALPOLE Treble.	W. FREESTONE 4.
C. DOWE 2.	C. WALPOLE Tenor.
E. GODBOLD 3.	

Conducted by C. WALPOLE.

The ringers were subsequently invited to the vicarage and entertained by the Rev. A. and Mrs. Thackeray.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 28th, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 OF DOUBLES:

Being Thirty-two six-scores of Extreme Doubles, and Ten of Grandsire, each six-score called differently.

THOMAS HERBERT Treble.	WILLIAM DEXTER 4.
ALLEN JACQUES 2.	W. H. INGLESANT Tenor.
JOHN SHARPE 3.	

Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

This is supposed to be the first 5040 ever rung on the bells, and it was rung at the first attempt. All the above hail from Quorn, and wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar, Rev. R. Burton, for the use of the bells, and also the sexton, Mr. Jacob Vurse, for having everything in readiness.

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.

Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on receipt of 7d. By James Hewett, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two and a ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID AYLING* Treble.	*ARTHUR ASHDOWN 5.
JAMES E. RUSSELL* 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
MICHAEL BROWN 3.	CECIL W. MILLER 7.
FRED A. BARNETT 4.	*ROBERT DODMAN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal; also first peal on the bells. A note to this peal will be found elsewhere

GARSTON, LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 31, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD KNEEN Treble.	THOMAS JANIONS 5.
RICHARD GREEN 2.	JOSEPH KNOWLES 6.
THOMAS CREWE 3.	THOMAS KAY 7.
GEORGE HISLOP* 4.	WILLIAM JONES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HISLOP.

*First peal as conductor. This is the longest peal rung by all excepting Messrs. Hislop and Kay.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.)

On Monday, July 31, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

HERBERT SCRIVENST* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 6.
FRANCIS E. HART 2.	WILLIAM HALE 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	*CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 9.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. 5.	*THOMAS IRELAND Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal of Caters on a changing bell. *First peal on ten bells. Mr. Clifton belongs to Lincoln.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.)

On Tuesday, August 1, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	*WALTER T. BENNETT .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	HARRY ROBERTS 7.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 4.	*CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Wednesday, July 26th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 46 mins. T. Newman, 1; A. Tucker, 2; G. Prior, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6; H. Prior (composer), 7; J. Sampford, 8. During the day other touches of Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung, in which J. Knight and A. Prior took part. The above were rung to celebrate Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart., giving a tea to all the children (ranging from five to fifteen years), of

Bishops Stortford (numbering in all about 1800), in honour of the royal wedding. Sir Walter expressing himself very sorry that on account of the downpour of rain stopping them from having the sports, that they should have another day for them, which was fixed for Tuesday, August 1st.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, July 20th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin for practice, 720 York Surprise, (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 23rd, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise (nine bobs), composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, July 30th, for morning service, 720 Durham Surprise (2nd the observation). G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, July 23rd, for evening service, at St. Edward's church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Watson, 1; A. Deafds, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; H. Randall, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; W. Pye, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HUNTLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, July 27th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, by the Newnham-on-Severn band, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), and 120 College Single. G. Burcher, 1; T. Simmonds, 2; J. Glead, 3; T. Hart, 4; R. Guy, 5; F. Blanton (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with E. Ryland (local) and S. O. Brown.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Saturday, July 1st, at St. Paul's church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 32 mins. G. Baker, 1; K. Hart, 2; —, 3; J. Batts, 4; A. A. Fuller, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; J. Searle, 8. This was rung after meeting one short for Double Norwich. On Saturday, July 29th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 36 mins. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; H. Dains, 7-8. W. H. L. Buckingham hails from St. Albans; H. Dains from London, and it is his first quarter-peal on handbells.

SOUTHOVER (Lewes, Sussex).—On Sunday, June 30th, for afternoon service, 720 of Bob Minor, on the back six, in 26 mins. J. Goldsmith, 1; G. Pettitt, 2; A. J. Langridge, 3; A. J. Turner, 4; R. W. Heather, 5; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, July 27th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, on the back six. W. Filmore (conductor), 1; T. Ridde, 2; J. Bunch, 3; W. Tice, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; H. Hilton, 6. First in the method by all. On Sunday evening, July 30th, for Divine Service, 532 Grandsire Triples. C. Hilton, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; S. Riddle, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; W. Filmore, 5; W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; C. Bradley, 8.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday morning, July 23rd, in honour of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine Service at the parish church, it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the borough, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. H. Coombes, 1; P. Long, 2; W. Jennings, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. The above touch contains the twenty-four 4-6s, and six 6-7s. On Sunday, July 30th, 392 Grand-sire Triples, by the same band, standing as above.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, July 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Preston; E. Hinton, 2; S. Best, 3; E. Waters, 4; G. Vey, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; W. Saffery, 8. This was rung as a birthday compliment to E. Hinton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Monday, July 31st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Waters, 2; F. W. J. Rees, Esq., 3; E. Hinton, 4; G. Vey, 5; S. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8. F. W. J. Rees, Esq., hails from Guildford, Surrey.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Wednesday, July 5th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four singles and twenty-six bobs), in 26 mins. J. Gibson (first in the method), 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; A. E. Sheppard, 6. On

Sunday, July 9th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. J. Gibson (first 720 in the method), 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. Stuart, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, July 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townsend, 2; T. Stuart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, July 26th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs), in 24 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; A. E. Sheppard, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Stuart, 6. On Sunday, July 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles), in 25 minutes. C. J. A. Cushing, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. P. Jackson, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. After evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles). J. Gibson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 24 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

WINWICK. — On Saturday, April 15th, at the church of St. Oswalds, the following members of the Warrington branch rung a 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 30 mins. F. Stout, 1; G. Bebbington, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Gerrard, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6. Supposed to be the first 720 on the bells, which are a very old peal. Tenor 19 cwt.

WARRINGTON. — On Sunday, May 28th, at the church of St. Paul, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Marriott, 1; F. Stout, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 11th, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. On Sunday, July 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, ringers standing as above. Tenor 16 cwt.

STOKE ARCHIDEACONAL ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire). — On Sunday, July 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Foden, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; E. Horne, 3; W. Harrat, 4; W. Rigby, 5; J. Johnson, 6. On Sunday, July 22nd, a 720 in the same method. W. Rigby, 1; G. A. Smith, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; W. Harrat, 4; E. Horne, 5; J. Johnson, 6. Both conducted by J. Johnson. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure, ringers standing as before, conducted by W. Wheeldon, who hails from Bucknall.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER. — On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service at the church of St. Helen, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. H. Johnson, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. S. Pritchett, 4; E. Davies, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford (first touch of Grandsire Triples as conductor), 7; T. Malin, 8. On Sunday, July 30th, at the Cathedral, for morning service, 1259 of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. W. Bradford, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Pudge, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6; L. Longney, 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malin, and S. Rudge, 10.

BIRMINGHAM. — On Sunday, July 30th, at St. Chads (R.C.) cathedral, for evening service, Johnsons 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. W. Brook, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. Bryant, 3; T. Miller (conductor), 4; J. Nixon, 5; R. Hunt, 6; A. Hackley, 7; G. Bott, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. J. Nixon hails from Haverstock hill, London.

GRAVESEND (Kent). — On Sunday, July 30th, for evening service, at St. George's church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal, the last 742 of Holt's Original, in 27 mins. B. Spinner, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; W. Watson, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; J. W. Atkins, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; J. Allen, 8. Messrs. Pye and Watson hail from Romford, Essex. Tenor 21 cwt.

MAIDSTONE (Kent). — On Sunday morning, July 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Constable, 1; A. H. Woolley, 2; A. Tawney, 3; R. Pelling (Speldhurst), 4; T. Mannering (conductor), 5; G. Pawley, 6; A. Palmer, 7; W. Barnes and W. Mannering, 8. Tenor 31 cwt. in G.

MONNEWEN (Suffolk). — On Wednesday, July 26th, for practice, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and 420 Oxford Single Bob. B. Moss, 1; W. G. Archer, 2; R. H. Hayward, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; A. Meadows, 5; H. W. Baldry (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob with H. Moss, 3.

MORRISTON (Glamorganshire). — On Friday, July 28th, at St. John's church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. E. Clarke, 1; W.

Jones, 2; W. Green, 3; D. J. Clark, 4; R. C. Gibson, 5; L. J. Naysmith (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, July 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 23½ mins. W. Harris, 1; W. Jones, 2; L. J. Naysmith, 3; D. J. Clark, 4; R. C. Gibson, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

OSPRINGE (Kent). — On Thursday evening, July 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (6-8 covering), eighteen bobs and two singles. F. Hunt, 1; *W. J. Willis, 2; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 3; J. P. D. Barnes, 4; H. Burling, 5; G. Wood, 6; W. Taylor, 7; J. Austin, 8. *First 720 away from the treble.

STINCHCOMBE (Gloucestershire). — On Thursday, July 27th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. Woodward, 1; F. K. Howell, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; E. H. Dainton, 4; E. Whittard, 5; A. Bincombe, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. Woodward, 1; A. Bincombe, 2; E. Whittard, 3; E. H. Dainton, 4; F. K. Howell, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt. in F. Messrs. Fussell, Whittard, and Dainton hail from Dursley; Howell from Thornbury; the rest are local men.

WILBURTON (Cambs). — On Sunday evening, July 30th, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. Joseph Markwell, sen., 1; Joseph Markwell, jun., 2; Henry Markwell, 3; Arthur Markwell (conductor), 4; Herbert Markwell, 5; James Markwell, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk). — On Sunday, July 30th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Ling (first 720 of Oxford), 1; H. J. Creasey, 2; R. Collins, 3; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 4; S. Collins, 5; D. Collins, 6. And 360 Plain Bob. H. J. Creasey, 1; F. Ling, 2; R. Collins, 3; H. Clarke, 4; W. G. Crickmer, 5; D. Collins, 6.

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."

CRITICISM.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of July 22nd, a 5000 Treble Bob Royal by Mr. W. Peacock, of Mirfield. It beats my comprehension what possesses this composer to part the tenors in the outrageous manner he does it, when such tremendous scope exists in composition in this method with the tenors together. I fail to see the musical properties in a peal when the 8th is separated from its colleagues: it seems to me Mr. Peacock is trying to strike out a new line in the art of composition, but I am afraid he is on the wrong track if he thinks that any sane company of ringers is going to ring the peal he publishes, which to my idea has not one redeeming feature. Mr. Peacock gets within reach of a peal in the 8th course, but finds he must introduce an "Extreme" (a 6ths place bob I suppose he means) to bring the bells round. This foreign call is altogether contrary to the rules or suggestions of the Central Council of ringers. Even this latter defect will at once have the effect of destroying its chance of ever being recognised or rung. Let our Mirfield friend ponder next time before publishing.

CONDUCTOR.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—In your last edition of "THE BELL NEWS," July 29th, there is an account of unveiling a Peal Tablet at Willenhall, commemorating the first six peals rung upon the bells; will Mr. Johnson kindly give the dates and methods of the same, as I think it must have taken a long time to have got the Tablet fixed, if it is a record of the first peals, as on August the 14th, 1880, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung upon them by the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, also a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, on September 25th, 1880, by the Wednesbury band, with the assistance of Mr. Astbury, of Walsall. W. R. SMALL.

York House, Whitehall Road, Great Bridge, Tipton.

Mr. J. E. Whetstone writes:—"The 720 of Grandsire Minor published in 'THE BELL NEWS' of July 8th, should have read W. Preston's first 720 as conductor, not J. White's."

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—During the month of August, it is requested that all communications shall be addressed to me at the Rose and Crown, London House Yard, City. The meetings will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 1st and 29th, and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
27, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Gillingham, to-day, Saturday, August 5th. Allowance: Full members 2s.; Probationers 1s. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m.

W. A. COOKE, *District Sec.*
2, Railway Terrace, New Brompton, Chatham.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hale Parish Church, to-day, Saturday, 5th August. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting in Schoolroom, at 6.30. Methods for practice:—Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor.

C. E. WILSON, } *Branch Secs.*
T. R. SOMERVILLE, }

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Leek, to-day, Saturday, August 5th.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting of the above branch will be held at Waterfoot, to-day, Saturday, August 5th. Six-bell tower will be open at 4 p.m. Meeting 6.30. J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hatfield, on Bank Holiday, when the tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Baker's Arms, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.

E. J. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans.

St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.—By the kind permission of the Rector, the usual meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Tower open from two to nine. Those who require tea, please to communicate with Mr. Trappitt, Church Lane, Beddington, who has kindly offered to provide the same. Rural Fete and Flower Show in Carshalton park

E. BENNETT.

The Lancashire Association.—Black-bourn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Burnley, on Saturday, August 12th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting in Schoolroom at 6. J. HORROCKS, *Sec.*

The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The above intend to hold their Annual outing and Dinner, on Saturday, August 19th, at Warwick. District members and friends who intend to be present kindly send in their names not later than the 17th.

J. JENNINGS, *Hon. Sec.*
19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

TO GROCERS.—Situation as Assistant or Porter, good all round hand, used to Family and ready money trade; good change-ringer. G. H. Croucher, Albury Street, Albury, Surrey.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

During the month of August the address of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. of the above Association, will be "Du Heaume House, Havre des pas, Jersey."

NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT WITLEY.—This peal was rung to celebrate the recent wedding of the Rev. J. B. Chandler, Rector of Witley. It is the first peal ever rang on the bells, which were augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles, by Mears and Stainbank, in 1889, since which time repeated attempts have been made by the members of the Winchester Guild to score a peal on them. But owing at first to the tenor going very badly, and the difficulties caused by a large clock case in the centre of the belfry, success had not rewarded their efforts until Saturday last, when a good struck peal was accomplished. Messrs. Brown, Bennett, and Miller hail from Guildford; Barnett from Farnham, and the rest belong to Witley.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—William Walmsley late of 9, Lees Street, Sutton, has removed to No. 88, High Street, Sutton, Macclesfield.

THE General Steam Navigation Company are this season, as usual, receiving their well-deserved share of public patronage. In addition to their trips to the North of England and the Continent, they are now daily running three of their magnificent saloon steamers to Margate and Ramsgate, and back, at a price hitherto unheard of, viz., 3s. 6d. for the double journey, including train service from Tilbury to London. Those whose time is limited should certainly take advantage of this opportunity of a run round the Kentish coast. Another trip advertised by this company is the ever popular excursion to Yarmouth (daily, Sundays excepted) at very low fares, tickets being available for the whole season.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. BENNETT.—We have none. You had better communicate with the publisher.

DISAPPOINTED.—You are not the first to experience the rebuff. A great many such essays are made in which the end desired is impossible of attainment. There are various laws which must be observed, and all calculations must be made in accordance with them.

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"Yow ringers All
who heare doe fall
And doe cast over
a bell doe forfeit
to the Clarke theirfore
A Groute I doe yow
tell & if yow
thiink it be to
little and beare
A valliant minde
ymore yow give
vnto him then
yow prove to him
more kinde."

On the west wall of the belfry of Dummer church, Basingstoke (a building probably as old as the twelfth century), is to be found the following imperfect inscription in sixteenth century (Gothic) character:—

..... Bless the King
To the Sexton thay belong.
pay him tharefore, do him no rong.
stand from the ringers a yard at least
26 years pay i do not jest
if any bell you over throw it cost you p . . . you
So put of your hats else pay

The words are given in their apparent order, without attempting to supply what is defective.

On a board in the belfry of Ryhall church, Rutland, are the following lines:—

Whoever. Comes into. This Place
His. Pleasure. For. To Take.
And. Rings. A. Bell. To. Him. We. Tell.
This. Law With. Him. We Make.

That. Every. Time He Turns. A. Bell
In. The Light Or. Dark.
He. Then. Shall. Pay. Without. Delay.
Two. Pence. Unto. The. Clark.

Cris. Holmes, 1715.

Augst, 31st, 1857.

The following is a copy of "Laws" posted up in the bell-tower of the church of St. Keyne in Cornwall, and bearing date 1774:—

"Aloud let silence first proclaimed be,
And by consent let's make it our decree,
And fix such laws in our society,
Which, being observed, will keep sobriety.
Who swears or curses in an angry mood,
Quarrels or strikes, although he draw no blood,
Who wears a hat or spur, o'erturns a bell,
Or by unskilful handling mars a peal,
He shall pay sixpence for each single crime,
'Twill make him cautious at another time.
And if the Sexton's fault it chance to be,
We'll lay on him a double penalty.
A blessing let crave on Church and King,
And peacefully let us begin to ring."

Obituary.

ALFRED BEEBY.

The above-named, who had been a ringer at Finedon, Northants, for over twenty years, died after only a few days' illness on Saturday, July 29th, at the age of fifty-five. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, the Rev. W. E. Fletcher conducting the service, the ringers acting as bearers and placing a beautiful wreath on the grave. Deceased, who generally rang the tenor bell, was much respected by the members of the belfry as a punctual, reliable man, and (what many greater change-ringers might well copy) a steady ringer and good striker, trying at all times to sound his bell carefully and well. In the evening from eight to nine o'clock, muffled touches of Grand-sire, Gog Magog, Ringers' Delight, and Plain Bob were rung by the Finedon company, assisted by ringers from Wellingborough, those two old veterans of the Finedon belfry, Messrs. Moon and Manning, taking part therein. The aged sexton, Mr. Wallis, although not able to handle a rope, was also present in the ringing-room. The deceased was a member of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association, having joined at the Annual Meeting at Higham Ferrers on Whit-Monday last.

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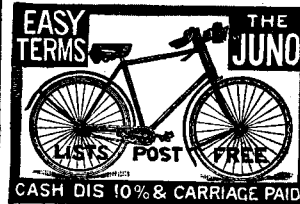
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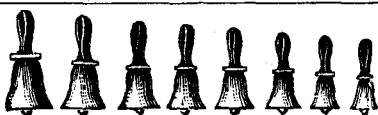
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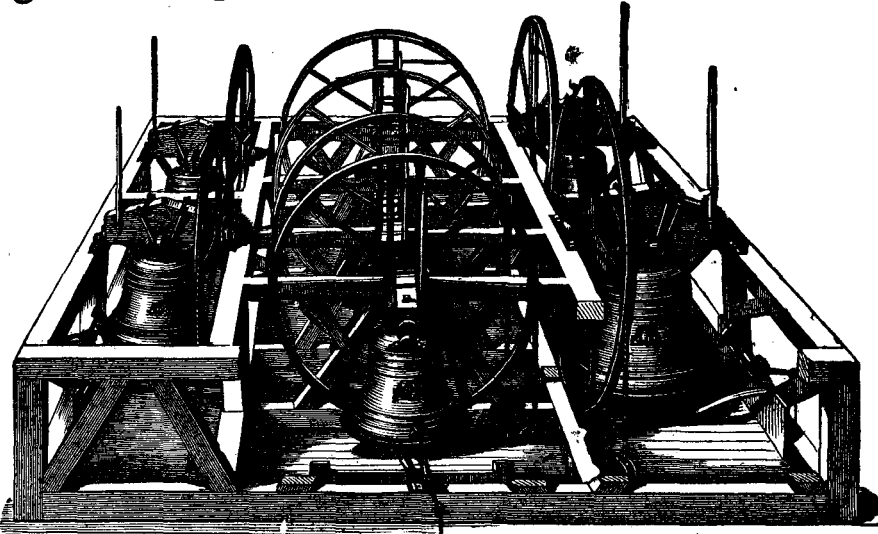
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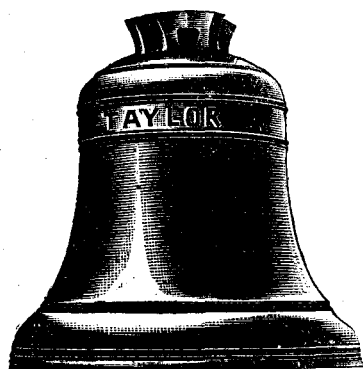
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