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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held at Brighton on Easter Tuesday at the Royal Pavilion. The following were present: A. Percival Heywood, J. W. Taylor, J. Griffin and S. Cooper (Midland Counties Association); Rev. C. D. P. Davies, G. F. Attree, J. Parker (Sussex County Association); Rev. H. A. Cockey (Gloucester and Bristol Association); T. Lockwood (Leeds and District Association); Revs. F. E. Robinson, G. F. Coleridge, and A. H. Cocks (Oxford Diocesan Guild); Revs. E. W. Carpenter and F. J. O. Helmore (Kent County Association); Dr. Carpenter and R. B. Blanchard (Surrey County Association); Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and R. H. Brundle (Norwich Diocesan Association); W. T. Cockerill and W. D. Smith (Ancient Society of College Youths); B. Foskett and A. Jacobs (Royal Cumberland Youths); R. S. Story (Durham and Newcastle Association); S. Reeves (Stafford Archdeaconry Association); F. Newman and W. J. Nevard (Essex Association); R. E. Grove (Worcestershire Association); G. B. Lucas (Middlesex Association); Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, H. White, and G. Williams (Winchester Diocesan Guild); Revs. H. J. Elsee and C. A. Clements (Lancashire Association); R. T. Holding and W. Walmsley (Chester Diocesan Guild); Rev. W. W. Baker (Bedfordshire Association); T. Blackburn (Salisbury Diocesan Guild); Rev. Maitland Kelly (Devonshire Guild); C. E. D. Boutflower (Bath and Wells Association); J. Pettit and W. Wakley (Hon. Members).

Before the proceedings commenced, Mr. Attree photographed the members present in a group.

The President having taken the chair, called upon the Hon. Secretary (Rev. H. E. Bulwer), to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed without comment. The financial statement showed that the year had commenced with a balance of £41 6s. 2½d. Subscriptions for the year had amounted to £8 12s. 6d., and £4 2s. 7d. had been realised by the sale of the Collection of Peals. The publication of the same had cost £9 15s. 0d., and after defraying postages and other small items there was a balance in hand of £42 11s. 7d.

In reply to Mr. Griffin, the Hon. Secretary stated that the subscriptions of the North Lincolnshire Association, St. James Society, London (two years), Stafford Archdeaconry Association, and the Yorkshire Association, with the exception of one member had not been paid. He thought that in the case of the Yorkshire Association it was unintentional. He had received a letter from Mr. Snowdon in which that gentleman stated that the subscriptions could not be paid till the next meeting of the Association, but enclosing his own.

The President, in reply to a further question as to the right of a member to take part in the meeting if the subscription of his Association was still unpaid, said he thought that if one subscription had been paid, one member should be permitted to speak and vote, but the fact that a member had paid his own subscription did not relieve his Association of the duty of paying the other subscriptions. In order however to put themselves in order if there were any present representing an Association for which the subscriptions had not been paid, it would be as well for them to advance the requisite sum.

Mr. Lockwood explained that the inadvertence in the case of the Yorkshire Association arose through there not being a quorum present at the last Committee Meeting. He had no doubt that the subscription would be paid after the next meeting.

The balance-sheet was adopted.

Letters regretting that they were unable to be present were read from the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Mr. H. Dains (London), Mr. Ward (Cheltenham), Rev. A. Boughy (Cambridge), and Mr. Mitchell (St. Albans).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RAILWAY FARES.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said the Committee on railway fares had nothing satisfactory to report. Last year the Committee were awaiting a reply from the Clearing House, and they were still doing so. The application for a single fare was met with a point blank refusal, so an application had been made for a single fare and a quarter, which some companies now granted. The Committee had been informed that a meeting was to be held at the Railway Clearing House, when the application

would be dealt with, in fact the Committee had the promise that it should be brought forward and duly considered. He knew two or three of the railway authorities who he thought might have some influence with the representative of the Company to which they belonged upon the Clearing House, and it was his intention to communicate with them, asking them to use their influence with the representative to get the application granted. He would advise any of those present who might know any director, or any one of influence, to do the same. He had communicated with the Secretary of the Clearing House as to a deputation attending, and the reply was a deputation from the Central Council would not be required.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President said he did not think it desirable to fill up all the vacancies among the hon. members, especially as the Council would be re-elected next year, and there should be some places left for the new Council to fill. There was however one gentleman who had been a regular attendant, but who he understood would not be re-elected as a representative. He referred to Mr. Lockwood, who he had no doubt, if proposed, would be heartily welcomed as an hon. member.

On the proposition of Mr. Story, seconded by Mr. Newman, Mr. Lockwood was elected an hon. member.

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON TECHNICAL TERMS.

The Hon. Secretary remarked that this report was presented to the last meeting of the Council, when it was decided to publish it in "THE BELL NEWS," with a view of affording the Exercise a chance to pass their opinion on the same. The report had duly appeared, but no criticisms. The Committee thought that there might be an alteration in the fifth clause on page 6 with respect to the use of the word "home," the sentence "home, at home, called home, bobbed home, etc., being used solely to indicate the arrival of individual bells, or the bells as a whole, in the position they respectively occupy in rounds" to read "occupy in the plain course." With this alteration he had now to ask that the report be adopted, so that the Committee might proceed with the Glossary.

Mr. Griffin seconded.

Mr. W. D. Smith said the word "rounds" was a common term. He considered the word rounds more applicable.

Mr. Story thought it was intended simply as an indication of the position that a bell or bells were in.

The President having pointed out that it was not intended the terms should apply to the language of the belfry, but only in writing upon ringing matters of which the terminology was not at the present time in a very satisfactory condition. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEAL VALUES.

Mr. Attree in moving this report said that the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to consider the value of peals in various methods, begged to report that six out of seven members forming the Committee had given the matter entrusted to them their serious consideration, and ventured to hope that the schedule which had been arrived at, although far from complete, would give greater satisfaction than that at present in use, and would suggest that it should be used and tested during the present year; (2) that the matter be then reconsidered by the Committee, taking into consideration any suggestions made by the members of the Council at this meeting, and (3) that all revisions and additions found necessary should be presented to the meeting of the Council next year. He might mention that Mr. E. Bankes James did not see his way to give an opinion on the matter which he, Mr. James, considered was beyond the power of any one to do satisfactorily. As to the manner in which the schedule had been arrived at, each member of the Committee was requested to put down the number of points he considered should be given to each method. These were then tabulated and sent out to each member of the Committee, and in some cases were altered, after which they were added together, and the result produced was the mean average. For plain methods Triples 7, Major 8, Caters 9, Royal 10, Cinques 10, Maximus 11. For all double methods, Major 16, Royal 18, Maximus 20. For Stedman's principle, Triples 23, Caters 24, Cinques 28. For Alliance principle, Major 18, Royal

20, Maximus 23. Treble Bob methods—Major 8, Royal 11, Maximus 14. Surprise methods—London 50, Cambridge 40, New Cumberland 33, Superlative 31, Champion 35. On six bells, plain methods, in one method, 3; in two methods, 4; in three methods, 6; in four methods, 6; in five methods, 7; in six methods, 8; in seven methods, 10. In seven double methods 25. Mr. Attree further reported that the President had suggested that all methods without a guiding treble should be allowed for Triples 15, Major 16, Caters 17, Royal 18, Cinques 19, and Maximus 20. Mr. Carter suggested that "Birmingham" be allowed 40; "Burton, Forward, and Loughborough" 35 each, and that such illegitimate methods as Grandsire on even bells, or Plain Bob or Canterbury Pleasure on odd bells, only half the points allowed for those methods on the proper number of bells. Mr. Carter further considered that the same points should be allowed for Triples, Caters, and Cinques. Mr. Washbrook thought that the schedule was not so perfect as it should be, and that more attention should be given to it. Mr. Dains agreed with the report, but considered "Alliance" too high. This was one part which he, Mr. Attree, considered might be revised. It would be seen that Treble Bob methods only had half, and that in the Surprise method, while Champion got 35, Superlative only secured 31.

The President was sure the Council were much obliged to Mr. Attree, who had given a great amount of time to the matter, in fact, a great deal more than any other ringer in the country, and he had further received assistance from other gentlemen. Now that Mr. Attree was so fortified with the opinions of others, he thought the Council would do well to leave the final arrangements in his hands for publication in "BELL NEWS." After a year's trial, the Committee might report upon the fairness of the Schedule to the next Council. If it was then thought that any method was aggrieved or the reverse, the subject could be brought forward.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and Dr. Carpenter seconded, the adoption of the report.

In reply to a question as to the points to be allowed for long peals, Mr. Attree said he considered that double the points for a 10,000 should be allowed as for a 5000.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thought there should be an increasing ratio after 6000.

Mr. Attree remarked that in ringing the first 5000 the band had got into practice.

Mr. Foskett had no hesitation in saying that the second 5000 required more ringing than the first.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that there should be an increasing ratio of points for long lengths.

Mr. W. D. Smith considered the weight of metal should also be considered, and the peal rung with a tenor of 32 cwt. or more, should have more points than the peal rung where the tenor was only 14 cwt.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said some little bells required more ringing than heavy ones.

Mr. Attree thought much depended upon being used to a bell.

Mr. W. D. Smith advocated that if an increasing ratio was adopted for long lengths, some consideration should be given for peals rung on heavy bells. A peal of 12,000 that was rung many years ago was held up as having been rung by a band that were a specimen of ringers which all should follow. Some consideration should surely be shown to those that rang a tenor of 32 cwt., for it was something which proved that a man had something in him beyond the method in his head.

Mr. Attree said such a proposal, if adopted, would place some Associations in a better position than others. In Sussex they had not a bell beyond 25 cwt. It was just as easy to ring some heavy bells as it was to ring a light one. If Mr. Smith would go and try their treble, he would find that it required far more ringing than some heavy bells. If the question was entertained, the question of striking would also have to be considered.

The report was adopted.

THE DATE OF MEETING.

Mr. Attree, in moving that the day of meeting of the Council be altered from Easter Tuesday to Whit Tuesday, said since he gave the notice last year, he had heard from a number of members of the Council expressing a hope that the motion would be

adopted. He appeared to have considered everybody's convenience except his own, for their annual meeting was held on Whit Monday, and if the Council meeting was held at a long distance, it was necessary for him to start the previous night, that was, the same evening as their own annual meeting. Looking at Easter Tuesday from any point of view, it was a very inconvenient day to many people. Men of business had, many of them, been out of business since the previous Thursday, and that day they went short of some seven or eight who had gone back to business, because they were compelled to do so. Again, from a Church point of view, Easter week was a busy one, for there were the Easter vestries and other parish meetings which were taking place, and which many, no doubt, that came to the Central Council meeting would like to attend, whereas Whitsun week was generally free.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, who seconded, said he had no doubt that those travelling a long distance would find Whitsun week more convenient.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker, said in his district most of the Friendly Societies held their annual gatherings in Whitsun week, when some of the clergy were engaged. It might be so in other places.

Mr. Griffin asked if it was necessary that the meeting should be held on a Bank Holiday, could not some other day be suggested?

Mr. W. D. Smith did not think a day after a Bank Holiday altogether suitable. As a representative body of churchmen, as there was a Church House in London, could they not another year meet there, as the meeting would be held in London; if so, he had no doubt that the authorities would be able to find them a place upon any ordinary day.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies thought that the holding of the meeting the day following a Bank Holiday afforded those travelling a long distance time to reach the place of meeting, and very often cheaper rail fares than would otherwise be the case.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved that the Council meet at a time and place to be considered at the previous Council meeting.

This not finding a seconder,

The President said the reason why Easter Tuesday was originally fixed upon, was because at Whitsuntide so many people took their principal holiday, and it was not thought wise to fix the meetings of the Central Council at that time. It would appear now, however, that there was a general wish to alter the date, and if not found to work well, it could be altered back again.

Mr. Attree's resolution was adopted.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF PEALS.—PROPOSED INCREASE OF THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Foskett, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Dains, moved, "That it is desirable to augment the members of the Committee for the classification of peals in order that as far as possible each method may be dealt with by a separate member of the Committee; that to insure uniformity of procedure it is desirable that the whole Committee should be under the guidance of a chairman, and that it be an instruction to the enlarged Committee, to furnish to the Council a definition of the points constituting 'original authorship,' and of those which determine 'variation.'" Mr. Foskett said he regretted that Mr. Dains had been compelled to return to business, but he had, however, permission from Mr. Dains to deal with the subject in his own way, or to put Mr. Dains' views before the Council. He should adopt the latter. Mr. Dains for a long time had considered that the Committee appointed to collect and classify peal compositions was not sufficiently strong and representative for the task involved. The resolution was intended to both strengthen the hands and lighten the labours of the present Committee. His view of the constitution of the Committee was that it should be divided into several groups, and allotted somewhat thus—(1). Plain methods, treble plain hunt, Major, Royal, and Maximus; (2).—Plain methods, treble plain hunt, Triples, Caters, and Cinques; 3.—Stedman Principle; 4.—Treble Bob methods, treble bob hunt, Major, Royal and Maximus; 5.—Major, etc., wherein there is no guiding treble; 6.—Surprise methods, Treble Bob hunt in all variations. He considered it should be an instruction to the Committee that nothing short of the Standard Schedule, in classification and description attached, that was

adopted by the late Jasper Snowdon in his treatise, would be accepted by and worthy of the name of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The Committee should collect all published compositions from "THE BELL NEWS," *Church Bells*, and Association Reports, and other publications, by which means the date of the first performance of peals upon a new plan would be obtained, and give a good idea as to the authorship of many a composition now somewhat in doubt. A book thus built up would be invaluable to every ringer, while without those particulars it would be of no value. He considered that the Committee should include the President and Hon. Sec., who should receive, approve, or advise upon the work of the Committee. He would suggest the following names: Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Mr. J. Carter, Mr. Tom Lockwood, Mr. Arthur Knights, Mr. J. A. Trollop, Dr. Carpenter, Mr. J. S. Wild, Mr. G. Newson, and Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, with power to add to their number.

Mr. Williams seconded.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said as the only member of the old committee present that day he should be speaking only on behalf of himself and giving his own personal views. If the Council did him the honour to re-elect him upon the committee he should welcome any additional members on it, but he was rather, at the same time, inclined to question the wisdom of electing a large committee. He still adhered to what he said at Oxford, and saw no reason to change his mind. If a large committee was formed there would be a large collection of peals which would mean dealing with different composers, and the collection might run to some thousands. Then came the difficulty, the cost of printing. Last year the original estimate was much above what the work was ultimately done for; but after all it was a great item of expense, and it would not do for the Council to go in for any large expenditure of that kind. As to the sale, only some 160 copies had been sold, which realised about £4 2s. 6d., whereas the expense of printing was £9 15s.; so the sale was very small, even when sold at its present rate. If a large collection was printed the cost would be increased, and copies could not be sold under 1s. or even 1s. 6d. Thus the number sold would be smaller still. Again, a large collection would produce a large amount of criticism as to whose the peals were. The old committee consisted of three members, and it was understood that each member was answerable for a particular method, not to insert the whole of the peals sent him, but to select the best peals. Mr. Pitstow selected his own, with what result they all knew. By increasing the collection correspondence upon it would be increased, for there would always be disputes going on. The very best specimens of peals that can be obtained should be the ones to be selected, and these the committee should be content with, publishing them at a cheap rate, say 2d. each, and so in the course of years a good collection could be got together by binding the whole in one volume. Again, if a large collection was taken up it would be necessary to prove them. He trusted that the Council would understand that he would welcome two or three more gentlemen upon the committee, but if made too large there would not be anything for some of them to do. If the resolution had been divided into two parts he should have had pleasure in supporting the second portion relating to authorship, for it would be a help if this part of the resolution could be acted upon. He trusted that it would be understood that he did not wish to throw cold water on the proposal, but that he opposed it because he did not consider it necessary.

Mr. Attree considered that if the work was worth doing it was worth doing well. To carry out a large collection and to make sure that every peal was absolutely true would take a long time, but no peal should be inserted unless it was true. In the book that had been published there were three false peals. Those that were thinking of calling a peal did not like to take one from it, for the chances were that he would take one which was false.

Dr. Carpenter did not know that his name was to be among those suggested should be added to the committee. He did not agree with Mr. Dains, for if a collection of all the peals which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" and *Church Bells* were to be published it would be a tremendous task and an enormous expense to print, with a very little prospect of the sum coming back. On the whole he thought it would be best to continue the collection on the present lines.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer said there appeared to be some misapprehension as to the instruction to the committee. It was not that they were to publish all peals that they came across, but that they should make themselves acquainted with the peals, and reserve for publication the best. A very important part of the duty of the committee was to select the peals which were accepted for publication on behalf of the Council. There was no need to publish the whole collection at once, some peals might be reserved for publication as funds would permit. He was himself very much in favour of something on the lines of Mr. Dains' resolution, for at present the committee had not given much satisfaction. As to the collection there were a number of peals in it which ought not to have appeared, while a great many which ought to have been inserted had not appeared. He had to offer on behalf of Mr. Trollop to the Council his collection of peals of Bob Triples and Bob Major, from which, provided the Council accepted of the collection, there could be a selection made as was thought fit. The collection had been proved, so that part of the work was already done.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies asked if the resolution could not be divided.

Mr. Foskett said Mr. Dains was very strong upon the first portion as to the enlargement of the Committee.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thought a digest of peals would be done much quicker by a larger committee.

Mr. Tom Lockwood did not consider that there should be a collection of all peals which had been published, but that they should have the best peals, in the selection of which there need not be, in his opinion, any difficulty.

Mr. J. W. Taylor said there were some ringers that never would be composers. Such men had, if they attempted to call a peal, to depend upon its being correct. He never relied upon the correctness of any peal until some friend told him it was true. The work of preparing a collection he considered should be in the hands of those that would exercise great care. He considered that if some of the more advanced methods were taken in hand and a good collection published, it would be very useful.

The President said he considered that it was almost impossible to carry out the work as originally intended. In any attempt to carry it out the committee could not prove all the peals sent them, and if not proved the peals were not of much use. Any attempt to gather together a collection without proof must be futile. There was only one way in which it could be done. The Council should take advantage of the enthusiasm of individuals who had taken the pains to get together a collection in one method, as had been mentioned by the Hon. Secretary Mr. Trollop had done. This was the only possible way in which the work could be done with the prospect of success. The present committee had been somewhat handicapped and had not got much credit for they had done, either for themselves or the Council. He agreed with the idea of a small committee working under the Hon. Sec. and proceeding with the collection so far as funds would permit, but it would not do for the Council to launch out into a heavy expenditure, although they need not necessarily make a profit, as their funds were collected for the benefit of the ringing world. He thought some of the present works should be brought up to date, and had no doubt that the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon's works on Treble Bob and Double Norwich could be so treated with the permission of Mr. William Snowdon. Care should be taken that no peals given in the collection were false. He approved of the aim that Mr. Dains had in view, but it would be best attained by a small committee to deal with publication, and as many reliable collectors as they could get, each of whom would give his attention to one method. He would suggest that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Hon. Sec. and Dr. Carpenter form a committee with a request that they would select suitable gentlemen who would undertake to deal with a collection in different methods, each one dealing with one method.

Mr. Attree suggested adding Mr. Dains to the committee, which was agreed to. It was also resolved to adopt the latter portion of the resolution as to the instruction to the Committee.

(To be continued.)

THE LATE GEORGE NEWSON.

The following memoir of this late lamented ringer is from the pen of Mr. HENRY DAINS, who for so many years was closely associated with him in the Royal Cumberland Society. We have thought it best to publish it exactly as written.

SIR,—It is with deep and profound sorrow that I undertake the task of describing briefly the ringing career of our mutual friend George. I say "mutual" because during the years 1873-4-5 we used frequently to meet at the St. James's practice meetings, the Editor being Secretary part of the time.

Our deeply lamented friend Newson joined the Society of Royal Cumberlands on the 24th of August, 1866, and on Monday, March 25th, 1867, at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples being the method. This was also the first peal by J. W. Mansfield, and was conducted by the late John Cox. The health of this celebrity soon after began to fail him—our friend who had ringing more at heart than half-a-dozen ordinary ringers, saw the opening coming along, and lost no opportunity of qualifying himself for the position he subsequently so ably held for several years.

Poor fellow! In ordinary life he was one of the easiest going, with the best of hearts, never going out of his way to meet a trouble, of which he had but few indeed, and the writer is well able to judge. The two were working and almost living together for several years, and their ringing career together is about 23 years.

And here is it that the deceased would exhibit his qualities, always quiet and easy, ever ready to ring either touch or peal. Anyone could conduct, he did not stand in the way, and if the attempt was successful well and good, but if a failure then here our friend's trouble came, and no one would show more disappointment. I remember him once failing in an attempt at St. Mary's, Battersea, the bells he thought had changed course and he called "stand," but subsequently as we neared home a couple of hours afterwards our friend suddenly exclaimed "they were right, the bells were all right, what on earth did I stop for." Here was a disappointment indeed, and we stopped for several minutes and discussed the situation. The result of this deliberation was never again to stop a peal unless he was quite sure the bells were wrong.

Nothing was a trouble for advancing the Art he had so thoroughly espoused, and when the composition of the late W. Harrison's 8896 was produced, the deceased travelled London over to get a band and tower for its first performance, and we left our business and rang the peal during the afternoon the same day, such was his enthusiasm for ringing, April 27th, 1876.

He was now an expert conductor, and the next year at St. George's, Camberwell, conducted the first peal of Double Norwich that had been rung for many years. He would now frequently be asked hither and thither to come over and call a peal of Triples, a task he would at all times cheerfully perform, distance and time being but little object to him.

Up to the present George had not gone to the heavy end, and had scarcely shown the quality of the fine tenor ringer he eventually became, and it was not until just before the decease of the old conductor, J. Cox, that he began to show the able twelve-bell conductor that we found he was, and one so well qualified and upon whom the mantle of the Society's chief should fall. Here then we have Newson landed as the Royal Cumberlands' leading conductor, and where is the person who can say that he did not ably fill the position. He was at all times ready to call a peal in any method, and upon any number of bells, and in any part of the country, and more, if there was a hard job to do, George was the man to be there, never showing a white feather, in fact the last few years he was rarely found away from the heavy end of the ring, and never seemed so happy as when nearing the end of a good performance. Conversely an incident may here be recalled, when our friend discovered the broken rope at Brentwood after eight hours' ringing. His face was a sight never to be forgotten. It will be remembered by all our readers that a few months after this 13,000 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was successfully attempted on April 18th, 1894. This performance was the climax of many unsuccessful attempts, and may be said to be the closing of an active

period in our friend's career, not that he had finished peal-ringing, as subsequently several peals have been accomplished in the higher methods of the Art, but they were not nearly so frequent, and the work attending were not so heavy, and however it may be, the accomplishing of the peal of London Surprise Major made up a list of performances, second to none, of the present generation. A few peals have since been accomplished, the last being a peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's Original, at Southgate, on February 10th, 1896, he ringing the treble and calling it, and which, Sir, I think we may say, closes the chapter of one of the best performers our sublime Art ever possessed, as not only would he only do his best in any position he was put, but very few could do better. He would spare no pains with a pupil, and many a good ringer at present practising, young and old, can trace their success to poor George Newson.

Hitherto we have spoken of some of his ringing abilities; now as to his qualities of composition. In Stedman Caters and Cinques he has worked out some very good peals, and which possessed originality of plan, etc. In one of the editions *Hubbard's Campanology*, the author mentions that Stedman's principle may go off at any change of the six, so that an exact 5000, 5004, or 5006 are obtainable. Upon this our friend studied for some time, the result being his very short coming home courses, and which is certainly a boon to Stedman peal ringers; and he has several very good compositions based upon this and other plans. In Cinques he also has some good peals, in which the coming home course has quite a charming feature, viz., 8-10 are made to dodge in 10-11, at a succession of bobs, while 7, 9, 11 run in and out quick bells. Quite a musical feature in place of what has previously been in vogue.

It is only however during the last few weeks that our old friend was thought to be not quite himself, and we learn that he has acknowledged that he was not just so, but no one till last Saturday, the 4th inst., knew that anything was seriously the matter, and then only that he would be unable to take part in a peal arranged for him in Sussex. However so it was, and it only remains to be said that the immediate cause of death was a stoppage, followed by inflammation internally. More than one medical man was called, but of no avail, and although we are informed by Mrs. Newson that he died very peacefully, he suffered most intensely during Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

As already announced in our paper, the funeral took place on Saturday, the 10th inst., at Highgate Cemetery. The solemn cortege, consisting of an open hearse, two coaches, and a cab containing some intimate ringing friends, left the residence Gardener Road, Hampstead, at 3.40. Arriving at the cemetery gate it was met by a great number of ringers and other friends, in all between two or three hundred people were present at the funeral ceremony. Amongst others were noticed J. Nelms, Lewis and Lovett of the central district, A. Fussell and Wilder from Slough, T. Card from Tunbridge Wells, Barnett and Wilkins from Erith, and ringers from Southgate, Hornsey, Tottenham, Greenwich, West Ham, Battersea, Willesden and other places. The funeral rites being over a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rang over the grave by Messrs. H. Dains, Pitts, Lebbon, Perkins and Barry, and Messrs. Jacob, Barry, Smith and Nelms officiated as bearers from the church to the grave, and many an eye was moistened as the numerous friends assembled filed past the grave for a last glance at the coffin containing the mortal remains of a ever brilliant member of the Exercise. The coffin was of polished oak with brass mountings, and the breast-plate inscribed as follows: "George Newson, born 1844, died 1896, age 51." The coffin was covered with floral tributes from various friends, one being in the shape of a bell, from the members of his favourite society. Members afterwards adjourned to the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and rang a funeral peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Grandsire Cinques, conducted by W. Baron, Messrs. Foskett, H. Hopkins, H. Swain, W. Doran, G. Smith, A. Pittam, H. Dains, G. Harvey, A. Jacob, F. Pitts and J. W. Mansfield taking part in the performance.

The body has been laid in a private grave, and in the usual course a headstone has to be erected, and those of the deceased's most intimate friends have thought it best to immortalise the name of this distinguished ringer by a public subscription. With that object in view a committee has been

formed, and donations are invited and will be gladly received by any of the following persons: H. S. Thomas, Bridge Road West, Old Battersea; Henry A. Hopkins, Kathleen Road, Clapham Junction; Henry Swain, 27, Brumerton Street, Chelsea; George Harvey, 30, Duckham Street, N.W.; William Baron, 8, Church Terrace, S.E.; Alfred Fussell, Slough; J. W. Mansfield, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; Henry Dains, 147 Barnsbury Road, N.

The following is a list of his performances:—

Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	70
" Major	...	...	...	...	1
" Caters	...	...	...	...	20
" Cinques	...	...	...	...	3
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	...	24
" Caters	...	...	...	...	21
" Cinques	...	...	...	...	14
Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	84
" " Royal	...	...	...	...	32
" " Maximus	...	...	...	...	8
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	6
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	...	...	...	...	58
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	3
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	12
London Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	1

357

Conducted 258.

GEORGE NEWSON: DIED 7th APRIL, 1896.

Cumberlands! mourn a noble comrade dead!
One who secured our merited esteem
For his untiring zeal—our brightest hopes
Were centred on his special gifts and powers
To hold our own in friendly rivalry
With other great Societies of our day.
We mourn as Cumberlands our heavy loss,
And College Youths unite in our regret,
And hope that others may arise to hold
The grand position that he honoured so.
But every generation does not give
A ringer such as our lamented "George";
And many a heart is touched with sorrow keen
At news so unexpected and so sad.
"George Newson" has become a household word,
A name for ringers of whatever school
To hold in honour! whether as ringer, friend.
His rare abilities and congenial soul
Impressed all those who had the benefit
Of his companionship—and those
Who knew him only as a name in print
Esteemed his skill as a composer, or
His merited success in the conducting art.
George Newson dead! London will feel his loss,
His fame will be remembered with such names
As those of Haley, Cox and other London chiefs:
Great leaders of men who have adorned
The ringing world; whose pleasant memories
Are deep-cut in our hearts—whose glorious deeds
And chronicled in many a sacred fane—
Whose words and lessons will be long retained—
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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."

REPLY TO MR. JOHN HOLDEN.

SIR,—In your issue of the 11th instant I observe a notice that the Prov. C.S. of the Saddleworth District of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows will shortly be visiting this city and is desirous of making arrangements for some ringing. In reply may I ask him kindly to communicate with me, and I will endeavour to make such arrangements for the purpose as may suit him. On behalf of the Bristol ringers allow me to assure him and any other ringers who may accompany him of a hearty welcome to our ancient city.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER,

Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.
30, Broad Street, Bristol, April 13, 1896.

THE RIGHT COMPOSER.

SIR,—I wish to call your attention to the two peals of Bob Major (5056) recorded in your last issue, one rung at Titchmarsh as the composition of H. J. Tucker, and the other at Irthlingborough, as my composition. Both peals are the same composition and properly belong to J. R. Pritchard, of Liverpool. I may also say that the same peal has been rung as the composition of G. Hughes and F. Hopgood. The following are the figures:—

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3	2	5	4	6	-
4	3	2	6	5	-
2	4	3	6	5	-
3	2	4	6	5	-
6	3	2	5	4	-
2	6	3	5	4	-
3	2	6	5	4	-

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On behalf of myself I wish to withdraw my claim, and hope in the future to see the original author's name attached to it.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1896.

THE Ringing Exercise has to mourn the loss by death, of two among its most distinguished exponents—JOHN THORP and GEORGE NEWSON, who if not full of years, have both entered into their rest full of honours. The former of these distinguished men had it is well known been in precarious health for some time, and his decease therefore was not regarded as sudden or totally unexpected; but as far as we are aware, there was nothing to create a supposition that GEORGE NEWSON's health was declining. In his case, therefore, the event comes as a very sad surprise to all his friends amid those ringing centres wherein he was so well known, many of whom have expressed to us their consternation at the sorrowful intelligence conveyed in our last number.

Other pens than ours have done justice to the memory of these departed brethren, and to such testimony it will not be prudent to add anything here. Their departure from among us teaches us a salutary lesson. That is, so to comport ourselves among our fellows, that when our

time arrives--when the MASTER calls for us--we may leave behind a name and reputation for those personal qualities which endeared our late brethren to all with whom they came into contact.

It is announced that a movement for the erection of a suitable memorial over the grave of GEORGE NEWSON is on foot. When it is considered how few of our illustrious dead are remembered in this manner, it is satisfactory to learn that an effort of the sort is to be made, to which whatever assistance we can give shall not be wanting.

The Metropolis.

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JOHN GREAVES 3.	A. W. HOLDEN 7.
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HARRY FORD 3.	CHARLES LYES 7.
WILLIAM BROWN 4.	GEORGE CONDICK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

G. Condick hails from Slimbridge, the rest from Quedgeley.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thursday, April 9, 1896, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FREDK. WARRINGTON .. Treble.	JOHN H. CLARK 5.
FRED BEDFORD 2.	EDWARD HOULDEN .. . 6.
JOHN HILTON 3.	WILLIAM DICKINSON .. . 7.
JOHN T. HOLMES 4.	GEORGE WARD Tenor.

Conducted by S. C. SKINNER.

The conductor sat in the belfry and called it. F. Bedford hails from Sleaford. This peal was rung in honour of Mr. Thomas Newton's marriage with Miss Annie Taylor, both natives of Heckington, the ringers wishing them long life and happiness.

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On Friday, April 10, 1896, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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Conducted by R. F. LANE.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. First peal by all except the ringers of 5, 6, and 7. B. West hails from Whitwick, R. F. Lane from Loughborough, the rest belong to the local band.

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On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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FREDERICK BORRETT .. . 4.	JAMES SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

For calling see page 115 of the Appendix. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 1st and 3rd.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. flat.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. Treble.	HENRY BROOKER 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM BURKIN 7.
CHARLES BANCE 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS 8.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 4.	GEORGE WELLING 9.
EDWARD MATTHEWS .. . 5.	WILLIAM GRAY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

This peal starts from the 2nd change of a quick six (instead of the 4th change as is usual), and is believed to be the first peal ever rung on this plan. The figures will appear in due course.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. . 5.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. . 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. . 3.	FREDERICK TILLET .. . 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS 4.	*CHARLES WARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BATTLE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES CARTER Treble.	JOHN CURTIS 5.
WALTER FRANKS 2.	THOMAS HUNNISETT .. . 6.
NEWTON CRUTTENDEN* .. 3.	WILLIAM THOMAS 7.
SYDNEY SAKER 4.	WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by W. FRANKS.

*First peal. Messrs. Cruttenden and Hunnisett hail from Bexhill.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM OSTLER* Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
REV. J. H. PILKINGTON .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 6.
ALBERT E. READ 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 4.	*JOHN C. SELF Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

*First peal in the method. Rung on A. S. Wightman's birthday, his brothers and brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. For the calling see *Sottanstall*, page 426. The brothers Wightman hail from Cretingham, the rest belong to the local band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, April 12, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

E. S. MORGAN Treble.	FRANK BROWN 7.
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	SAMUEL BOOTH 8.
JAMES BOOTH 3.	SHEPHERD ANDREW .. 9.
THOMAS WROE 4.	JAMES ADAMS 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	SAMUEL WOOD 11.
JONATHAN BROADBENT .. 6.	ALBERT ADAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Thorp, a member of the above society.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 12, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN CHANCE Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 5.
HENRY MARTIN 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
THOMAS ELCOX 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
JAMES PAGETT 4.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOP, of Norwich, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late George Newson. The ringers of the 6th, 7th, and tenor are members of the Royal Cumberland Youths. First peal in the method on the bells and by the first four ringers. Arranged as a birthday peal for the conductor on his 28th birthday.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 14, 1896, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. TYLER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM HILLMAN .. 1-2.	CHARLES TYLER 5-6.
LAZARUS PAYNE 3-4.	GEORGE PAYNE 7-8.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

Referee—A. W. Groves. The above is the first peal in the method on handbells retained in hand by the Association, and by all the band.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PEAL COLLECTION.—APPENDIX 1895 is now ready, containing 100 pages of peals in various methods; uniform with Report on Calls, with which it will be forwarded post free on receipt of sevenpence-halfpenny in stamps by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 6, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

New London Pleasure, College Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Violet, College Exercise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Woodbine.

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD HOLLOWAY .. Treble.	ALBERT ELLIS 4.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 5.
THOMAS STEDMAN 3.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

This is the first 5040 of Treble Bob ever rung on the bells.

BURLEY, LEEDS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Merchant's Delight, Duke of York, Violet, Kent, and Oxford

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOE THACKRAY Treble.	J. W. T. HOLGATE 4.
HY. GAYTHORPE 2.	J. HECKINGBOTTOM .. 5.
B. COWLING 3.	JOHN THACKRAY Tenor.

Conducted by JOE THACKRAY.

Messrs. Thackray (2), Cowling, and Heckingbottom hail from Armley; Gaythorpe and Holgate from Bramley. The only previous 5040 on these bells was rung on the 15th of October, 1899, and was conducted by John Cordingley, late of Calverley. The ringers tender their hearty thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their arrangements.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1896, in Five Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

FOURTEEN 720s AND ONE 360 OF TREBLE BOB MINOR,

Making 10,440 in all; as follows:

Morning Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Ebor, Morning Exercise, Tulip, Primrose, College Trebles, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Oxford, and 360 of Kent.

EDWARD ODDY* Treble.	WILLIAM BOLLAND 4.
SAM ODDY 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND 5.
R. PERCY FARROW 3.	FRED HARGREAVES .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

*First peal. This is the longest length ever rung by the Yorkshire Association.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Framdsen, Suffolk, on Monday, April 6th, the number of changes were 5040.

Date Touches.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

HARTHILL (Yorks).—On Thursday, March 19th, at the church of All Hallows, a date touch, 1896 changes, in the following methods, 456 Oxford, 720 each of Duke of York and Kent, in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Bilham, 1; J. Guest, 2; Rev. B. Darley, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury (conductor), 5; T. Laking, 6. Tenor 19½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Friday, March 20th, a date touch, consisting of 1176 Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Single Bob, in 1 hr. 11 mins. G. Boswell, 1; F. Trussler, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. Rung after the confirmation service to celebrate the visit of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 22nd, a date touch, consisting of 720 Kent (fifteen bobs), 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen

bobs), and 456 Violet, in 1 hr. and 5 mins. W. H. Judd, 1; R. Arnold, 2; R. Botting, 3; J. Ansell, 4; W. H. Street, 5; G. Huggett, (conductor), 6.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 14th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 14 mins., being 216, 240, and two 720s. J. Woods, jun., 1; J. Tite, 2; R. Patrick, 3; W. Nudds, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; J. Saunders, 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of Mr. G. Newson, of London, who died on the 7th inst. He was well known at the above place, and to all of the band.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, February 8th, at the residence of Mr. Wightman, on handbells, retained in hand, a date touch of Bob Minor, being 456 and two 720s, each called differently, in 43 mins. P. Ward, 1; W. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman, 3-4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5-6. This is the longest touch by the ringers of the 1st and 2nd. On Wednesday, February 19th, at the church of St. Peter, a date touch, 1896 changes, in six methods, viz., 336 Grandsire, 240 Little Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, 360 April Day, Old Doubles, and Plain Doubles, in 1 hr. 3 mins. E. Hicks, 1; W. Wightman, 2; E. Wightman (conductor), 3; J. Durrant, 4; S. Wightman, jun., 5. Tenor 11 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 10th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), with 6-8 covering. W. Hills, 1; E. Dyson, 2; T. Tabrett, 3; G. Head, 4; C. Viggers, 5; W. Ansell, 6; A. Dyson (conductor), 7; F. Beeken, 8.

AVLESFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, March 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples which came to grief after ringing 4800 changes in 2 hrs. 48 mins. A. West, 1; W. Mannering, 2; E. Dunk, 3; *D. Wright, 4; A. Tawney, 5; T. Mannering (conductor), 6; L. Bullock, 7; A. Tucker, 8. *Longest length in the method.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Bob Triples. N. Cruttenden, 1; J. Capon, 2; S. Leonard, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; D. Hall, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; P. Masters, 8. And 504 in the same method, with W. Smith, 2; J. Capon, 3. After the service, in compliment to the Rev. A. L. Brine, who preached the sermon, and was formerly curate of Malling and a member of the Malling company, 1008 in the same method. R. Cruttenden, 1; J. Capon, 2; S. G. Leonard, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; D. Hall, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; P. Masters, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 23rd, at All Saints' church, a peal of London Surprise Major was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 58 mins. F. Boreham, 1; F. Biggs, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; F. Biggs, 4; J. Truss, jun., 5; R. Biggs, 6; S. Goodchild, 7; J. Evans (conductor), 8. On Saturday, March 14th, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was attempted, but after ringing 2 hrs. 18 mins. it came to grief. S. Goodchild, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; J. Truss, jun. (conductor), 3; F. Boreham, 4; F. Biggs, 5; Fred. Biggs, 6; R. Biggs, 7; J. Evans, 8.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Saturday, December 28th, at All Saints' church, Boyne Hill, an attempt for a peal of London Surprise Major came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 33 mins. W. Truss, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; F. Biggs, 3; H. Stratford, 4; R. Biggs, 5; S. Goodchild, 6; J. Truss, jun., 7; J. Evans (conductor), 8.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—On Monday, February 10th, at St. Paul's church, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief after ringing 32 mins. J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; Frank Biggs, 3; J. Evans, 4; ———, 5; F. Biggs, 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; R. Biggs, 8.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Monday, February 17th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 1568 Superlative Surprise Major, conducted by J. Evans. On Friday, March 13th, 1120 in the same method. S. T. Goodchild, 1; H. Stratford, 2; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 3; F. Biggs, 4; Fred. Biggs, 5; R. Biggs, 6; F. Boreham, 7; J. Evans, 8.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD (Oxon).—On Thursday, March 19th, at St. Mary's church, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hedges, 1; J. Longshaw, 2; S. Ferriman, 3; W. Longshaw, 4; A. Turner, 5; H. Harris, 6; G. Bartlett (conductor), 7; J. Longshaw, 8. Rung on the occasion of the funeral of Mrs. Rigg, sister of Joseph Reade, Esq., of this place.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—Recently on Sunday afternoon for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court. W. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Howard (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; C. Whiting, 3; C. Bearman, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. Howard (conductor), 6. C. Whiting hails from Leiston, Suffolk, and this is his first 720 of Treble Bob, and was rung at the first attempt. On Tuesday, February 11th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. And on Sunday, February 23rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, March 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, February 1st, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, February 2nd, for morning service, 720 Morning Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; H. E. Hammond, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, February 9th, for evening service, 720 St. Simon's Minor. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. First 720 in the method by all, and on the bells. On Sunday, February 16th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise. And in the evening, 720 Violet Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. And on Sunday, February 23rd, for evening service, 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On January 7th, 720 Woodbine. S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6. On January 14th, 720 Woodbine. S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hill, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. Chasty, 5; F. Hull (first 720 as conductor), 6. On January 21st, 720 College Exercise. W. Hall, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Hull, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On January 28th, 720 Double Court. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Smith, 3; F. Hull, 4; W. Hall, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On February 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Tysoe, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; H. Toll, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. On February 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Wild, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. Also 720 Yorkshire Court. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On February 18th, 720 Double Court. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Hull, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. Chasty, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Hull (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 26th, at the residence of Mr. F. Hull, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1-2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Hull, 4; H. Sharp, 5-6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 16th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Stroud (first 720), 1; F. Trussler, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Thursday, February 27th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Best, 1; T. Stroud, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; F. Trussler, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday, March 15th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. G. Boswell, 1; F. Trussler, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Tuesday, February 18th, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Everitt, 1; A. Martin, 2; A. Tyler, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; H. Sharp (conductor), 5; T. Hensher, 6; W. Ette, 7; G. Brown, 8. Also 282 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Tyler (conductor), 1; J. Garratt, 2; H. Sharp, 3; G. Brown, 4; W. Hall, 5; A. Martin, 6; W. Parker, 7; J. Martin, 8. On Tuesday, February 25th, 464 Bob Major. A. Everitt, 1; A. Tyler, 2; G. Warner, 3; G. Brown, 4; H. Sharp, 5; A. Martin, 6; J. Martin (conductor), 7; W. Parker,

8. And 742 Grandsire Triples. A. Everitt, 1; A. Tyler, 2; G. Warner, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; F. Brown, 5; W. Parker, 6; A. Martin, 7; J. Martin, 8. On Tuesday, March 3rd, 576 Bob Major. A. Everitt, 1; A. Martin, 2; J. Martin, 3; G. Brown, 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. Garratt, 6; W. Parker, 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, March 10th, 360 Bob Minor. A. Everitt, 1; W. Parker, 2; H. Sharp, 3; T. Hensher, 4; G. Brown, 5; J. Martin (conductor), 6. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Tyler (conductor), 1; T. Hensher (first with a bob bell), 2; A. Martin, 3; J. Garratt, 4; G. Brown, 5; W. Pettit, 6; W. Parker, 7; J. Martin, 8.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TIMBERLAND (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, March 12th, at the Church School, on handbells, retained in band, 720 Bob Minor. F. Cobb, 1; F. Curtis, 2; J. Wright, 3; A. West, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6. Rung at the first attempt. This is the first 720 by all except G. Lindoff, who has been instructing the band, this being his fifth visit, and none knew anything of change-ringing previous to his visits. On Monday, March 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Cobb, 1; T. Curtis, 2; J. Wright, 3; A. West, 4; C. West, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6. First 720 rung by the local band, and rung at the first attempt.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday evening, March 8th, for Divine service at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, 800 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Chester, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clark, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; A. Craven, 7; G. Lindoff (conductor), 8. And 1728 Treble Bob Major. R. Dawson, 1; R. E. Clark, 2; J. Wells, 3; G. W. Bemrose, 4; C. Wells, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6; G. Lindoff, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th. On Monday, March 16th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. G. W. Bemrose, 1-2; G. Lindoff, 3-4; A. Craven (conductor), 5-6; This is G. Bemrose's first 720 on handbells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 9th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). R. Arnold, 1; C. Webber, 2; J. Ansell, 3; W. Street, 4; R. Botting, 5; G. Huggett (conductor), 6. On February 23rd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-two singles and 38 bobs). J. Peters, 1; W. Street, 2; J. Ansell, 3; C. Webber, 4; R. Botting, 5; G. Huggett (conductor), 6. On March 17th, 720 London Surprise (twenty-one bobs). R. Botting, 1; H. Judd, 2; J. Ansell, 3; G. Huggett (conductor), 4; W. Street, 5; R. Arnold, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Superlative Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; E. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And in the afternoon, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Wilkins (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; A. Mills, 4; T. Fairs, 5; T. M. Stedman (conductor), 6. And 720 London Surprise. J. Akehurst, 1; E. Jordan, 2; A. Mill, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 360 Woodbine. H. Wilkinson, 1; T. Fairs, 2; E. Holloway, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6. And for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. T. M. Stedman, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; H. Wilkinson, 3; C. Taylor, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan, 6. H. Wilkinson hails from Ashted.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, March 21st, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 576 and 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Grafham, 1; G. Chappell (longest touch with a bob bell), 2; E. Reynolds, 3; F. Burnett, 4; A. Peckham, 5; R. Fuge, 6; A. E. Tomlins, 7; J. W. Whiting (longest in the method as conductor), 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. Messrs. Grafham and Whiting belong to Fareham, Chappell to Wickham, the remainder to Gosport.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 25th, 720 Bob Minor. P. Ward, 1; W. Wightman, 2; E. Wightman, 3-4; G. Wightman, 5-6. On Saturday, February 15th, 504 Bob Triples. P. Ward, 1; W. Wightman, 2; S. Wightman, 3-4; G. Wightman, 5-6; E. Wightman (conductor), 7-8. On Tuesday, February 18th, 756 Bob Triples. E. Wightman (conductor), 1-2; S. Wightman, 3-4; G. Wightman, 5-6; W. Wightman, 7-8. On Wednesday, February 19th, 672 in the same method, with J. Durrant, 7-8; the rest as before.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. S. Everson, 1; F. J. French, 2; E. Everson, 3; H. Alford, 4; J. Saxby, 5; W. Challenor, 6; H. J. Castle (conductor), 7; S. Standen (longest touch), 8.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 22nd, for afternoon service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). H. Tidy, 1; W. Whittington, 2; F. Francis, 3; R. Whittington, 4; F.

Francis, 5; W. Tidy (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs eighteen singles), standing as above. There will be ringing at this church the fourth Sunday in each month, commencing at 2.30 and 4.30. All ringers will be welcome.

FROCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, at St. Peter's church, a few 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. R. Prout, 1; C. East, 2; G. Prout, 3; G. Condict, 4; T. Savage, 5; S. Smith, 6. Also a touch of Plain Bob. W. Dean, 1; T. Prout, 2; C. East, 4. And one of Grandsire. H. Townsend, 1; A. Summers, 5; W. Dean, 6. Conducted by G. Condict.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 8th, after Divine Service in the evening, 720 Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Dixon, 1; G. Griffin, 2; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; A. Miller, 5; A. Jacob, 6. And 720 in the same method. W. Dixon, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; H. Newby (first in the method), 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; A. Miller, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Monday, March 16th, being the 84th birthday of the Ven. Archdeacon Cooper, the local company rang a complimentary touch of 2520 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, and 168 changes added to bring the bells home. W. Tyson, 1; W. Graham, 2; R. Everson, 3; J. Haslam, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; B. Walker (conductor), 6; J. Braithwaite, 7; J. Salmon, 8.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—Recently at the tower 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). A. Symonds, 1-2; T. Scott, 3; J. Moore, 4; F. Symonds, 5; T. King (conductor), 6.

LONDON.—On Monday, April 13th, at St. Mary's church, Stoke Newington, the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late George Newson. Also 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). H. Spencer, 1; G. Gains, 2; W. Bean, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. Waterman, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. On Saturday, April 4th, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but was unfortunately lost after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. S. Joyce, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; A. Barkus (conductor), 5-6; E. Clayton, 7-8. On Good Friday, 896 Grandsire Triples by the same band. F. Clayton hails from King's Norton, Worcestershire.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 5th, for Divine Service, 704 Stedman Caters. A. Gasson, 1; W. Manning, 2; T. Manning, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; A. Tawney, 3; A. Woolley, 6; L. Bullock, 7; E. Dunk, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; G. Pawley, 10.

RANMOOR (Sheffield, Yorks).—On Wednesday, March 11th, for practice at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 1334 Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. C. R. Sawyer, 1; W. Goodwin, 2; R. W. Collier, 3; T. Sawyer, 4; H. Jones, 5; J. Mulligan (conductor), 6; W. S. Plant, 7; R. Collier, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—*Handbell Ringing.*—Recently at the house of Mr. Hall, two 720s Bob Minor, 720 Oxford Bob, 360 College Single and a 6-score each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Also 360 Yorkshire Court Minor. C. West, 1-2; H. Sharp, 3-4; W. Hall (conductor), 5-6.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Saturday, April 11th, at Christ Church, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, as a mark of respect to the late George Newson. J. Miller (conductor), 1; J. Hitch, 2; W. Best, 3; H. Balaam, 4; C. Bale, 5; J. Howard, 6; H. Miller, 7; H. Newby, 8. Afterwards several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with 6-8 covering. It was on these bells he called his last peal on February 10th last, in which several of the above took part, it being their first peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, April 14th, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major and 336 Superlative Surprise was rung with the bells muffled, as a token of deep respect to the late Mr. George Newson. J. Freeman, 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; J. F. Penning, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 22nd, at the Abbey church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles), in 28 mins., on the middle six. F. Cobbbirst, 1; T. Wright, 2; W. Connell, 3; F. Welburn, 4; S. James (first 720 as conductor), 5; F. Cryer, 6; A. Dobson, 7; T. Strudwick, 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday evening, March 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. T. Austin, 1; A. Clewes, 2; A. Brindley, 3; H. Page, 4; T. Mountford, 5; S. Churton (conductor), 6; J. Davis, 7; T. Rose, 8. This is the first quarter-peal conducted by S. Churton.

DOUBLE NUMBER.—Next week we shall issue a double number of this paper. This is owing to the arrears on hand, comprising many touches, reports of meetings, etc. Our old contributor "Plain Speaker," in compliance with no small amount of solicitation, will re-commence his chapters on current topics.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Middlesex Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, April 18th, at All Saints, Edmonton. By the kind permission of the Rev. R. S. Gregory, the bells will be available after evensong, which commences at 5.30. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

Sarum, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Greenwich to-day, Saturday, April 18th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m.

T. E. TRIGNMOUTH SHORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Bishop's House, Kennington Park, S.E.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Battle to-day, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8), available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Meat tea (1s. to ringing members) at The George hotel at 5.30. Trains from Warrior Square to Battle, 1.32, 4.4, and 6.32.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The spring meeting will be held in Reading to-day, Saturday, April 18th. St. Mary's, St. Giles' and Caversham towers open at 2.30. Evensong in St. Lawrence's at 5, followed by tea, 1s., at The British Workman.—Apply, R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The first annual gathering and dinner of the above branch will be held at Haslingden to-day, Saturday, April 18th. Price for dinner, 2s. 6d. each, to be on the table at 5 p.m.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The twenty-fourth quarterly meeting will be held at Saxmundham to-day, Saturday, April 18th. The tower of the parish church and also the tower of Kelsale church will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 p.m. Business meeting at the Church House, Saxmundham, at 6 o'clock, the Rector will preside. All members and friends cordially welcome.

HENRY J. BUTTON, *Hon. District Sec.*

Leiston.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Storeton Road, Oxtan, to-day, Saturday, April 18th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free.) Tower open from 7 p.m. to 8.

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Braeside, West Kirby.

Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next meeting will be held at Alma inn, Thornhill, to-day, Saturday, April 18th, at 5 p.m. Business important.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Elham on Monday, April 20th. The tower will be opened at 8 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., and all members then present will have their travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *District Hon. Sec.*

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—A meeting for practice will be held at the Temple church on Monday, April 20th, at 7.30 p.m., when it is hoped a good number will attend.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—By permission of the local company, it is proposed to hold a monthly ringing meeting at Mitcham, on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 7 p.m. Method for practice, Double Norwich.

R. B. BLANCHARD.

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

Shere, Guildford, Surrey.—The Lord Bishop of Winchester will dedicate the new work in this church (including new frame and two trebles), on Thursday next, April 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tower open to members of Winchester Diocesan Guild from 12.30 p.m. Railway station, Gomshall, S.E.R.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS.

Peaslake, Shere, Guildford.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, April 25th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
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Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held at the parish church, Ashton, on Saturday, April 25th. The bells will be ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

SAMUEL BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

108, Albemarle Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at St. Matthew's, Walsall. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at six o'clock.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, April 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Business meeting at 6.30. Members and ringing friends are cordially invited. Handbells provided.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck, Leeds.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held in Lincoln on Saturday next, April 25th. Tea in Oddfellows' Hall at 4.45 p.m., members free; a charge will be made for non-members. Business meeting immediately afterwards, when the Bishop will address the ringers. Towers of Cathedral (8), St. Peter-at-Arches (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), and St. Botolph's (5), will be open during evening and part of afternoon. Ringers intending to be present please communicate before Thursday, with Mr. Chester, 142, Portland Street, Lincoln. REGINALD BOND, *Hon. Sec.*

Gainsborough.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The monthly meeting which should be held at Eccles on the 25th inst. will be postponed until further notice, owing to the Annual Meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne society being held on that date, and the half-yearly meeting of the L. A. C. R. being held at Burnley on the following Saturday, May 2nd.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. meeting at 6.30. A free tea will be given to all who send in their names to J. Wolstenholme, 33, Crow lane, Ramsbottom. Tea on the table at 5 o'clock.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The Quarterly meeting which was to be held at Thornbury on April 25th, is unavoidably postponed.

C. H. JODERNS, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, May 2nd. Tea will be provided at 9d. each. Ringing from 3 p.m.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
A. E. WREAKS, }
J. WILSON, }

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar instead of Banwell, on Saturday, May 9th.

H. W. TOMKINS,

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

I, ATTWATER.—We will deal with the matter next week.

T. C. P.—Very likely on the 25th.

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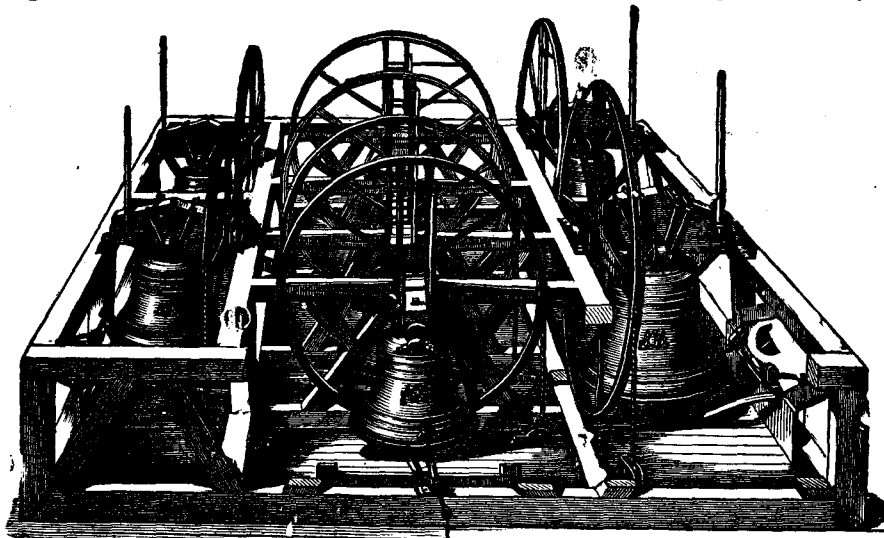
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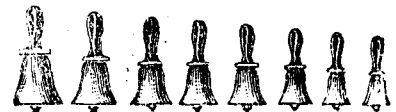
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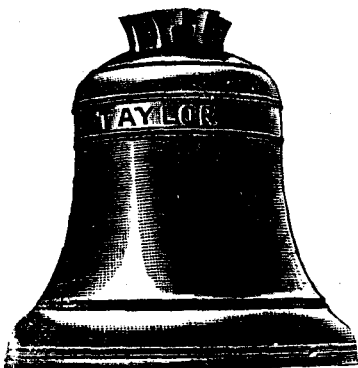
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