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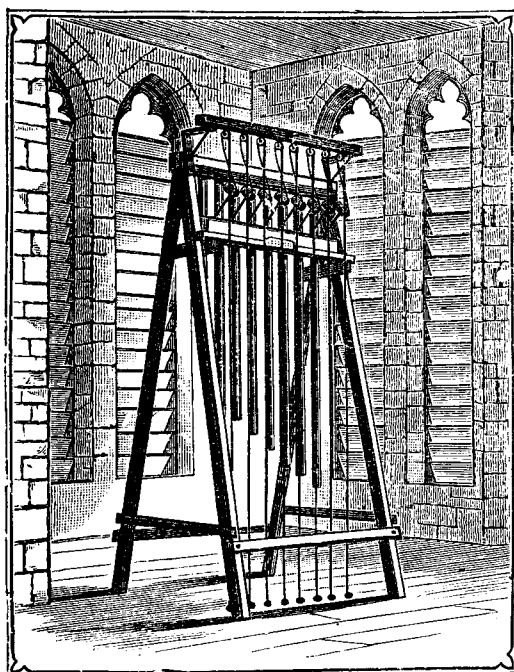
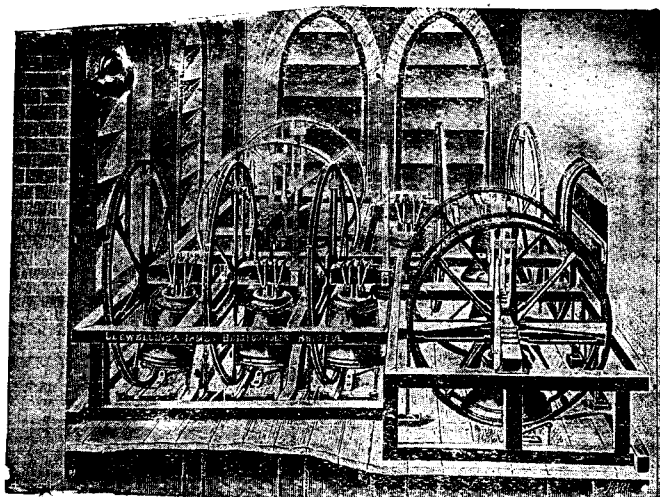
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## THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, TONG, YORKS.

[*Vide Illustration.*]

Dr. Whitaker, the historian, wrote of Tong: "In the midst of manufactures it has preserved its aristocratical character from the earliest times to the present. There is a rural aspect about the village of Tong which is truly refreshing to a townsman, palled with interminable miles of streets. In the words of the late Robert Carrick Wilton (who spent some years of his life in one of the miserable cottages in Holme Lane)—

Here might one dwell and feel supremely blest,  
With no companion to disturb his rest;  
No sound is heard, save what from labour springs,  
The blacksmith's bellows moan, the anvil rings;  
The lowly cots—so humble and so clean,  
Their ancient casements hung with ivy green  
Seem to bespeak the happy homes within."

The village street studded thickly with old trees, presents all the features which "imagination fondly stoops to grace" in poetic verse or still more feeble prose. Here is the "rich man's gate" leading through a fine avenue of trees to the stately pile beyond. Here too is the church, with portly entrance gates flanked on one side by a veritable pair of "stocks" in good condition, and on the other by a pair of "horsing steps," the latter for use when wives rode to church on pillions behind their husbands.

Mention is made of Tong in Domesday Book, 1081, as Tuinc. The present church is supposed to have been preceded by two others, and the old church or parochial chapel as it was then called, was said to be straw-thatched, and had a cone turret. Previous to 1867 it was called a parochial chapel, and paid a yearly acknowledgment of £2 to the Vicar of Birstal for synodals, and 5s. to the churchwardens of the same place, under the name of "rogue's money," but in the above year it was created a vicarage. The living has been much increased of late, and is now worth between £700 and £800 a year. It was rebuilt in 1727-30 by John Nelson (a Birstal Methodist local preacher) chiefly at the cost of Sir George Tempest, Bart., who also erected the hall and the village school. There is little about the exterior of the church to attract attention. It is a plain building of stone, with square tower surmounted by vases at each corner, one of these having been struck by lightning and destroyed. The others were removed and were replaced by new ones some years ago, and copied from others which it is thought had originally been erected above the balustrade surrounding the wings of the hall when re-built in 1703. They were erected at the cost of the late Miss C. E. Tempest, who also was the donor of the handsome east window of stained glass placed there in 1882 to the memory of her parents, sister and brother, and the organ erected in 1883 by Holt and Son, Leeds, was the gift of Mr. Robert Tempest Ricketts, now Sir Robert Tempest Tempest. From the construction of the tower arch (now hidden from view by an organ gallery) which partakes of the style prevailing between the 12th and 13th centuries—the

capitals of the columns which support it having angular mouldings—it is supposed to be a remnant of the church or chantry of that period. Many generations of Tongs, Myrfeldes and Tempests are interred in the body of the church and in the private vault attached, in which there is an ancient piscina indicating that some part of the structure existed previous to the Reformation. The pulpit is a "three-decker," surmounted by a sounding board bearing the date 1727, erected on the south side, and is along with the pews made of fine black oak; many of the seats are made out of carved panels supposed to have come from the old hall. Opposite the south door is the family pew of the Tempests, raised so high from the floor that a fixture of three steps is required when the family come to church. Affixed to the wall close by, there is a small diamond-shaped slab of oak, containing a peg of the same material, which has been left as a relic of the cocked hat period. This peg was put up upon which to hang the beaver of the then steward (Mr. Brown) of the Tong estate, who lived at Hill Green Farm. He died in 1743, and left an annuity of £6 to be divided yearly as follows: 40s. to the curate for teaching the children of Tong the Church Catechism, £3 to the schoolmaster, and 20s. for repairing the church clock. The poor of Tong have also the benefit of a yearly rent charge of £11 out of Hatfield Hall Estate, near Wakefield, left by Isaac Bowcock, in 1669, for apprentice fees and distribution to poor persons not in receipt of relief. Bowcock's tombstone lies near the sun-dial in Tong churchyard. The following have been incumbents during the present century:—

The Rev. Wm. Hammerton, 1794 to 1834.

" " Wm. Dixon, 1834 to 1854.

" " — Skipwith, 1854 —.

" " C. M. Turner, M.A., 1856 to 1862. Late Rector of Aldford, Cheshire.

" " C. W. Markham, M.A., 1862 to 1866 (deceased and late Rector of Aughton, near Ormskirk, Lancs.).

The present Vicar is the Rev. Chas. Farrow, B.A., who has held the living since October, 1866. He occupies the handsome vicarage appropriately erected on a piece of land called the Priest's Close, and which has superseded the old parsonage adjoining the church. Two of the Vicar's sons are ringers and members of the Yorkshire Association, viz.: the Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, and Mr. R. P. Farrow, late of Queen's College, Oxford, and their names frequently appear in "THE BELL NEWS."

The registers commence in 1550—eight years before those of the parish church of Birstal, and probably earlier than any in the neighbourhood. The graveyard is full of gravestones, many of ancient date and elaborately carved. The oldest that can be traced records the death of Wm. Baynes, of Holme; but in the north aisle a stone is to be found bearing a still older date—1634—and covers the remains of a person named Illingworth. Side by side lie generations of Nettletons, Balmes, Whiteheads, Denisons', Rayners, Steads and Websters.

Originally the church possessed only one bell. In 1730, however, there were three bells, the tenor bearing this date. Later two more were cast at York and added,



St. James's Church, Tong, Yorkshire.

[*Supplement to "THE BELL NEWS,"*]

making a peal of five. The present treble was purchased in 1841 from Messrs. Mears, at a cost of £35, and the tower now contains a peal of six bells, tenor 12 cwt., rehung in 1892 in an iron frame by Warner and Sons, at the cost of Sir Robert T. Tempest, Bart., who is the patron of the living.

The belfry walls hold several peal-boards, recording many achievements of 5040 changes in a great variety of methods, notably a peal of 6000 changes in twenty-five different Minor methods, and a peal of 10,440 changes, being the longest length yet rung by the Yorkshire Association in fifteen methods. In bye-gone days, when prize-ringing was more in vogue than happily it is now, the ringers here were generally to be found in the first honours. Recently a large picture has been hung in the belfry containing the photographs of many past and present ringers who have taken a part therein.

T. M.

[Some weeks ago we issued a photograph of Mr. GEORGE BOLLAND, the leading spirit of the Tong company.]

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above took place at Newport, Monmouthshire, on Saturday, September 4th. The members attending met at The Clifton Road Mission Room at 3.30, where, in the unavoidable absence of the Ven. Archdeacon Bunce, vicar of St. Woolos', Newport, who had promised to be present with us, the Rev. Percy Mortimer, curate of St. Woolos, took the chair, and opened the proceedings with prayer. In his opening remarks he expressed the regret of the vicar at being unable to be present at the meeting, and in his name welcomed the Association to the parish; after which he called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous annual meeting, which after some discussion was confirmed and signed as correct. The business following consisted of (1) Passing of the balance-sheet for 1897. The statement of accounts for the past year showed a very satisfactory balance in hand of £17 6s. 7d. Our society is young in years, but the balance in hand has gone on steadily, and is almost £8 better than last year. (2) Revision of rules. Numerous alterations were effected in rules 1, 4, and 7, and rules 5 and 9 omitted altogether. The alterations, we think, are wise, and will make matters simpler and plainer to understand. (3) The place of next annual meeting; St. John's, Cardiff, was chosen for the purpose. (4) Election of officers. In place of Mr. Charles Lloyd (Cardiff), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), was elected Master of the Association; the Rev. D. H. Griffiths (St. John's, Cardiff), was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; Messrs. Charles Lloyd (Cardiff), and David Jones (Penarth), Auditors. (5) Enrolment of new members. Mr. Howell (Thornbury, Gloucestershire), was enrolled as an Honorary Life Performing Member, and the following—Messrs. R. L. Thomas, T. Rees, E. Reed, B. Bowen, A. James, J. Warren, W. Mustoe, and T. Williams, of Cowbridge, as Performing Members. The enrolment of the Cowbridge ringers brings the number of towers affiliated to the Association up to thirteen, three of which have been added this year.

There were not so many members present at the Annual Meeting as we should like to see. Newport is a convenient centre, the Annual Meetings the most important in the gatherings of the year, but we may venture to add, without being considered captious, that the attendance was not what it ought to have been.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting. The ringers repaired to the belfry of the grand old parish church, and for a couple of hours manipulated the ropes of the excellent peal hung therein.

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#### THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, LEEDS.

The members of this Society had their annual outing to York, on Saturday, August 28th. Leaving Leeds at 1.35 they arrived at York at 2.20, and were met at the station by the members of the York company with a couple of drags, when they drove to the Clifton cricket field to commence operations at cricket with the York company. A shout soon went up, which was a signal that York had won the toss and elected to bat first, and which thanks to the fine batting shown by J. Haigh, they were able to run up the respectable total of 88. It may not be out of place to say that the old veteran (Woodhead) was in fine form with the ball, taking five wickets at a small cost, but was badly backed up by the poor fielding of his side, some preferring to let the ball come to them, others letting it go to the boundary. Leeds being out with 89 to get to win, and only an hour and a quarter to get that number in, it seemed an almost hopeless task to do, but with Tunncliffe and Brown, or rather W. Woodhead and Windsor in great form, the runs were soon rubbed off.

#### SCORE.

| YORK.                                       |    | LEEDS.                       |    |
|---|----|------------------------------|----|
| T. Haigh, b J. Woodhead ..                  | 4  | W. Woodhead, run out ..      | 55 |
| A. Haigh, b J. Woodhead ..                  | 2  | G. Tingle, b J. Haigh ..     | 1  |
| A. Fearnley, c J. Woodhead, b Windsor .. .. | 10 | A. Windsor, b R. Thompson .. | 20 |
| J. Thompson, b J. Woodhead ..               | 0  | R. Bland, not out ..         | 3  |
| R. Thompson, b Bland ..                     | 2  | J. Woodhead, not out ..      | 1  |
| T. Hougson, b W. Woodhead ..                | 7  |                              |    |
| G. North, stp Lee, b W. Woodhead .. ..      | 5  |                              |    |
| T. Earnshaw, stp Lee, b J. Woodhead .. ..   | 1  |                              |    |
| G. Horner, b J. Woodhead ..                 | 11 |                              |    |
| T. Cundall, run out ..                      | 5  |                              |    |
| J. Haigh, not out ..                        | 40 |                              |    |
| Extras .. ..                                | 1  | Extras .. ..                 | 3  |
| Total .. ..                                 | 88 | Total .. ..                  | 90 |

After the match ringers and friends adjourned to Ye Old Grey Mare, where a splendid tea was provided, to which it is needless to say ample justice was done. After tea our old friend Mr. Howard was voted to the chair, and his health was drunk, it being his 76th birthday. Then tunes on the handbells were given by the Leeds company, much to the enjoyment of all concerned. The chairman then announced that if we wanted to ring at the Minster we should have to be at once making tracks thereto; and we had a couple of courses of Stedman Caters, assisted by the York men. Then a visit was paid to our old friend G. Breed, where a bit of handbell ringing was done until train time, which arrived only too soon. Leaving York at 11.40 Leeds was reached at 12.30, bringing to a close one of the pleasantest trips in the annals of the Leeds company. J. W.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**ROSSENDALE BRANCH.**—The meeting of this branch on September 4th, at Rawtenstall, was more successful than the state of the weather would have anticipated. Although ringing did not commence early, little time was lost, as the bells were kept well going until late at night. It is encouraging to find that we have little difficulty in obtaining a band at these meetings that can ring methods that were once considered impossible by our own branch.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. A. Clements. In his address he asked the members of the branch who were capable of peal-ringing, to try to considerably increase the number of peals rung by our Association. Bury was selected as the place for next meeting. Members were present from Ransbottom, Helmshore, Waterfoot, and St. Saviour's and Christ Church, Bacup. Most of the Rawtenstall ringers also attended the meeting.

**STAINES (Middlesex).**—On Saturday, September 4th, at St. Mary's church, as a mark of respect to the late sexton, Mr. J. Mott, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, in 47 mins. J. Cooper, 1; A. Wicks, 2; T. Smith, 3; W. Ware, 4; T. Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; T. C. Couch, 7; W. Prangley, 8. Messrs. Wilks, Couch and Prangley belong to the local band.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

What do you think of the Dublin job? If you have read the account in last Saturday's paper, with the care and interest which I did, you must come to the same conclusion, viz.: that it was *Ar.*, copper-bottomed, registered at Lloyd's, etc. Of course this is only a simile, but you who read this paper for the sole purpose of improving your minds and getting a proper command of language, with an approved style, and so forth, will understand my meaning. I have read this account over and over again, until I begin to imagine I was there, and I really think I was. George IV. used to say that he led the Donkey Fencibles, or some other famed regiment, at Waterloo, and believed it you know. But seriously this opening on the banks of the Liffey was a splendid affair. "Sailing, sailing, over the bounding main!" I fancy I hear my friend Willson voicing this swinging chorus, and can't get it out of my head. Law! how I should have liked to have been there. And so would a good many more.

They say that the best English—I am now speaking of the English language—is spoken in the city of Dublin. I recollect in my very juvenile days hearing a good old lady converse at a party we had. I detected something strange in what I should now call the accent, and I suggested to my maternal relative that the lady was a Frenchman. "Oh no," was the reply, "she is a native of Dublin." "Then she is Irish," I rejoined. "Not so," said the mater, "Dublin-born people are not Irish; they are quite distinct!" I never could get over this, never. Perhaps language, or *patois*, or whatever it is called, had something to do with it. What I have stated here is an absolute fact.

Not Dublin, merely, but the Emerald Isle *in extenso*, has a great history. I am a strong able-bodied downright Englishman myself, but I believe that no country on earth can lay claim to so much wit, humour and other things as Ireland. For rollicking fun among novelists, who is before Charles Lever? Read his "Charles O'Malley" before answering the question. Look again at the wits and orators of the once Irish Parliament—and the Bar. Among the former Grattan, Flood, and Shiel; among the latter Curran and Bushe. These men were giants: figuratively of course, for the renowned J. P. Curran was of short stature. Among poets where stands Thomas Moore; among soldiers, the Iron Duke? The king of agitators, too, Dan O'Connell. Ah! our Irish brethren want a little love and sympathy shown them. When they can ring Stedman Caters at St. Patrick's, be jabbers we shall know something. When the Emerald Isle becomes a downright bell-ringing island, all desire for "separation" in any form will be at an end, and the occupation of the agitator will have gone intoirely.

I don't wonder at the jubilation shown in last week's leader relative to the quantity of bellfounding and bellhanging about just now. I hear that every one concerned in these trades are well employed. So be it. They want to be occupied for years if it is only to stop the progress of decay and ruin. If a report could be made of the condition of hundreds of church bells whose absolute destruction is only a matter of time, unless quickly restored, the information would be startling in the extreme. I know a peal of bells at present in excellent order, but the apartment in which they are placed is open to all weathers. Many of the stone louvres are gone, and the bells may be said to have not the slightest protection from snow or rain. The fowls of the air do as they like therein, and play high jinks with the frame and its appurtenances. Representations have constantly been made without effect. The incumbent refers all remonstrants to the churchwardens, but these individuals are of the marine store and butter-tub order, and are practically unable to understand what is meant, owing to physical malformation of the occiput. Such an instance unfortunately does not stand alone.

There is a place somewhere in Bedfordshire named Leighton Buzzard (generally pronounced "Buzzud.") I have some idea that "Buzzard" is merely a corruption of "Beaudesert." The population of this place is close upon 7000. The idea prevails

among many that the height of rusticity or simple yokelism prevails among the inhabitants, and that to hail from the place is a sure sign of simplicity. My friend James Hannington, (of London) and comrades have just visited Leighton, and they found some curiosities. First was an ancient inn, smothered so much with ivy that it was rather difficult to discover. Surely a sign of sweet simplicity on the part of the tenant. The parish church possesses a grand peal of bells but the condition of them is awful. The old story. Lots of ringers willing to do their devoir, but prevented by the wretched state of the bells. Now then, you 7000 Leighton Buzzards, what have you done to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee? Demolished an extra meal perhaps, and consumed unlimited potatoes of nut brown! If so I have nothing to say against it, only that it is not enough. What a glorious opportunity you have suffered to pass by. Be it known to you that your pious ancestors placed the grand bells in your church tower at great cost, and they naturally expected their posterity would take care of them, and keep them in good order. It is not too late now to move in bell-restoration. The shame will be yours if you do not. I shall keep my eye upon you, my Leighton Buzzard friends.

This week we have a picture. I have been privileged with the sight of an advanced copy, and have also been allowed to read the written account of Tong church. I suppose there is hardly a six-bell ringer in existence who will fail to get a copy of this picture (which is worth framing), being as it is the headquarters of that enthusiast—GEORGE BOLLAND. The descriptive matter is really very interesting, not full of a lot of rubbishing inscriptions, but a solid and at the same time concise history, written by a gentleman who knows his book. In front of the church wall is seen that old public corrector cylept "the stocks." Some one has said that our worthy friend above-named, when one of the ringers ring so carelessly as to "spike" a peal, carries the offender bodily down the steps, and gives him an hour or two of "stock broth." A capital purge, I have no doubt. We all know some to whom the administration of a similar compound would greatly benefit.

The touches are increasing in volume week by week, though the peals hang. Perhaps some may think the performance of what I may call common-place peals are not the acme of perfection altogether. My humble opinion is that given a good united company, governed by efficient and wise regulations, with social half-hours now and then—a bond of brotherhood, in fact, and a peal about once a month, to help and promote adhesion, is the height of perfection.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 4th, eight members of the Old East Derbyshire and Yorkshire Associations attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob. All went well for three hours and four mins., when we added one more to the unpublished records: the old saying, but only too true, that a peal is never got until those welcome words "that's all" are called. J. Atkins, 1; T. Sadler, 2; E. James, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; G. Butcher, 6; J. Allen, 7; W. Biggin, 8. Messrs. Sadler, Lambert and Whitworth hail from Treeton. The peal was arranged for Mr. Lambert, who has not yet rung a peal of Major.

In T. A.'s report *re* the East Derbyshire Association, that gentleman says he thinks the bells want quarter-turning; and so say all of us. Perhaps the "pot" would do the best turn. I have now before me a list of twelve towers in the Association, viz., three peals of six, and nine peals of five bells. Jubilee Year will soon be a thing of the past. I see no record left behind the same number of fives; and behold one tower with five bells and ten members, and another with nine. Hurry up old friend Tom; I know you are a tryer; don't let them rest night nor day, and let me suggest a start at home. Fine peal of six; tenor 19 cwt. Just fancy two trebles; you never had a better chance. Doubtless your rector will try, being the right sort.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, BACUP.—On Thursday, the 10th ult., the members of this society had their annual outing, Killamarsh in Derbyshire being the place visited. Leaving Bacup at 6.0 p.m., Manchester was reached at 7.7, where after spending two hours we took the 9.25 train to Sheffield, which was reached at 10.45. Here we had to change for Killamarsh, arriving there at 11.40 p.m., being met at the station by Mr. Emsen, who led the way to our lodgings—The Navigation hotel where our host (Mr. Ellis) had provided an excellent supper. This over, bed was the next call. Up early the next morning, a ramble round the village created an appetite for breakfast, and this necessity being satisfactorily adjusted, Mr. Emsen pointed out the principal interesting features of the locality. Then we met another of the local party—Mr. Burnham, and at once made for the church, where we rung a 720 of London Surprise. L. Holt, G. Burnham, J. Emsen (conductor), E. J. Cockcroft, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes. And a 720 of Tulip. Then we adjourned. Another visit to the church, and a 720 of Primrose was rung by L. Holt, Z. Lord, G. Shotten, E. J. Cockcroft, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes (conductor). After tea we met with Messrs. Bettison and Severn, who acted as our guides to that pretty village called Eckington, where the local men, accompanied by Mr. Worthington (Staveley) appeared. Permission being had, a 720 of Arnold's Victory was rung by Z. Lord, B. Price, T. Bettison, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes, C. Severn (conductor). A few touches of Treble Bob Major, and 240 of College Treble were rung, and the bells lowered in peal. Then we returned to Killamarsh, our first day being over. Saturday morning, Mr. Bettison having previously engaged vehicles, we, accompanied by the locals and their wives, had an hour's drive of nine miles through Pebley and Whitwell to the ducal residence of Welbeck Abbey. Arriving at the stables our horses were unharnessed and taken in to rest while we made our way to the office to obtain tickets for admission to the pleasure grounds, tan gallop, riding school, and gardens, where a guide was obtained, who conducted us first through the vast area of gardens, unsurpassed in England for size, and extensive ranges of hothouses. From these we passed through an underground tunnel to the tan gallop, 1270 feet long, with roof of glass, containing 64,000 feet of that material. Then we passed on to the riding school: 385 feet long, 104 feet broad, 51 feet high, and is lighted by 8000 gas jets; it has a cornice in solid stone which cost five guineas a yard to carve. The pleasure grounds, the lake, the rhododendron valley, the cypress, cedar, and yew avenues, we all viewed, then returned to the stables, and parting with our guide adjourned for lunch, our lady friends Mrs. Emsen, Mrs. Severn, and Mrs. Bettison, having surprised us by the provision they had made. Our drive was soon resumed, and we reached Edwinstowe, the village being pretty enough to justify a short stay therein. The church stands upon slightly-elevated ground in the middle of the village, and is said to occupy the site of King Edwin's tomb. Here we rung a 720 of Cambridge Surprise (supposed to be the first in the method on the bells), and touches of Violet and Oxford, the bells being lowered in peal. Our return journey was then resumed through Sherwood Forest, on by Thorsby House, Clumber House and church, arriving at Worksop at 6 p.m. Here a halt was made for two hours for the refreshment of both man and beast, getting back to Killamarsh at 10.35, where we found a bountiful supper awaiting us. Thus ended our second day. The following day, Sunday, for Divine Service a 720 of Imperial was attempted, but it fell through. We accepted a kind invitation to tea from Mr. Bettison, and after his liberal hospitality we repaired to the church, and for Divine Service the following rang a 720 of Imperial. L. Holt, Z. Lord, G. Shotten, E. J. Cockcroft, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes (conductor). This is said to be the first in the method on the bells. Afterwards we visited a small village on the outskirts of Killamarsh called Wales, the chief feature of which was the old church. Then back to our head quarters, where after a social hour we bid our friends good-bye. We desire to thank the Vicars of the various churches and the local ringers, also Mr. Bettison, for the excellent arrangements. L.

J. GEORGE'S OWN ACCOUNT OF HIS ANNUAL OUTING.—Saturday, August 21, at Harborne, Staffordshire, a peal of Darlaston Bob

Triples in 2 hrs. 45 mins.—Sunday, August 22, at Rugby I was present ringing for morning service, and at St. Luke's, Chelsea, I took part in ringing for evening service.—Monday, 23, at Norwich. I was met by Mr. G. Howchin, Mr. F. H. Knights, Mr. C. E. Borrett, and others, who very kindly had a conveyance in readiness for Aylsham, where a peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung in 3 hrs. 38 mins., Norwich being reached again at 1.15 a.m.—Tuesday, August 24, visited Yarmouth, where a sight of St. Nicholas' had to suffice. At St. Peter Mancroft a peal of Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 38 mins.—Wednesday, August 25, at Bristol an attempt was made at St. Stephen's for a peal of Stedman Caters, which failed in 1 hr. 13 mins. In Bristol there are ten churches with eight bells, four with ten, and one of twelve; but only five of the eight, one of the ten, and the twelve are peelable. When the authorities see the necessity of having the unpealable bells rehung, it is to be hoped they will consult the competent firms who advertise in this paper, and not waste their money in employing a local blacksmith.—Thursday, August 26, at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (Bristol) 630 of Grandsire Triples. At Stroud an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Royal, which was lost after 1 hr. 25 mins.—Saturday, August 28, at St. Nicholas, Brighton, a peal of Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 14 mins.—Sunday, August 29, at St. Peter's, Brighton, 224 Double Norwich and 288 Stedman Triples, the latter being conducted by me.—Monday, August 30, at Heene, Sussex, a peal of Stedman Triples in 2 hrs. 29 mins.—Tuesday, August 31, at St. Mary's, Woolwich, a peal of Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 56 mins.—Wednesday, September 1, at St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford, a peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 5 mins., conducted by me.—Thursday, September 2nd, at St. Peter's, Nottingham, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (conducted by me) which came to an end through a change-course after 2 hrs. 30 mins.—Ten peals were attempted, seven of which were rung, and were recorded in their proper place. I desire to thank through the medium of this paper all those gentlemen (too numerous to name individually) who so kindly arranged matters, and met me while on this tour. J.G.

## SOME BELL NOTES OF AMERICA.

BY WILLIAM J. SEVIER, Gloucester.

THE LIBERTY BELL, OR THE INDEPENDENCE BELL.—The order for this bell was given in 1751. The State House of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, the work on which had been suspended for a number of years, was then approaching completion. The lower floors were already occupied by the Supreme Court in the chamber, while in the other assembled the Freeman of the province of Pennsylvania, then consisting of one body. A committee was appointed by the Freeman, with Peter Norris as chairman, and empowered to have a new bell cast for the building. The commission for the bell was in the same year awarded to Robert Charles, of London, the specification being that the bell should weigh two thousand pounds, and cost £100 sterling. It was to be made by the best workmen, to be examined carefully before being shipped, and to contain, in well shaped letters around it the inscription "By order of the Province of Pennsylvania, for the State House in the City of Philadelphia, 1752." An order was given to place underneath this the prophetic words from Leviticus xxv. 10—"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, and to all the inhabitants thereof." The reason for the selection of this text has been a subject of much conjecture, but the true reason is apparent, when the full text is read. It is as follows: "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a Jubilee unto you, and ye shall return every man unto his possessions, and ye shall return every man unto his family." In selecting the text the good Christians had in memory the arrival of William Penn and their forefathers more than half-a-century before. In August, 1752, the bell was cracked by a stroke of the clapper while being tested. It could not be sent back, as the Captain of the vessel who brought it over could not take it back on board to England.

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## Obituary.

## FRANCIS LEES.

The Durham and Newcastle Association has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. Francis Lees, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the ringers of that city will miss him for many a long day. For a fortnight or so prior to his death he had been complaining, and for a few days had been off work, but few of his ringing friends were aware that he was unwell, and those who knew were quite ignorant of the seriousness of his condition. The news of death in three minutes through a sudden and overwhelming discharge of blood from his lungs, came as a dreadful shock to the ringers of Newcastle, and caused them the greatest distress.

Mr. Lees was practically the father of change-ringing in Newcastle, for while it is quite true that there had been a change-ringing band in the town before, they had never advanced beyond a few peals of Grandsire Triples and a quarter-peal of Stedman, and such ringers as were left from that band had failed to introduce any new blood when their instructor and patron (Mr. Dodsworth) died, and had fallen back on call-changes. Mr. Lees, with a poor peal of six at St. John's, set about the apparently impossible work of belfry reform in Newcastle, and after many years' steady and self-sacrificing work it must have been consoling to him to reflect that in this city he could enter one belfry containing ten bells, and five containing eight bells, all in good going order, and where he could find men to ring even the higher methods. He was to the greatest extent instrumental in bringing this about, as without his instruction and example at St. John's the position of ringing in Newcastle to-day would be exceedingly problematical. Though never constitutionally strong, he had determination and perseverance, and these qualities, combined with patience and kindness towards learners, worked wonders in a tower, whether a bad-going bell or a crotchety ringer was concerned. The result was that he had a most loyal body of friends round him, who held him in the highest respect, and by each of whom the loss is most keenly felt. The bells of St. John's were his especial care, and they always went well. He had rehung all the old six himself, as well as hanging the two new bells, and considering the wretched condition of the peal when he took them in charge, the number of men who have learnt in the tower, and the peals rung upon them, the time and labour he expended on them must have been enormous, the cost to the authorities being practically nothing. It will be difficult to find his successor in this respect.

He was one of the original founders of the Association, and had been a vice-president from the beginning, seldom missing a meeting. He was also a representative on the Central Council, and in business he had charge of one of the departments of the *Newcastle Chronicle*. As evidence of the respect in which he was held by his employers, the following leaderette appeared in the paper the day after his death:—

"DEATH OF MR. FRANCIS LEES.—We record in another column the death of Mr. Francis Lees, an old and much-esteemed official at the 'Chronicle' Office. Mr. Lees was a distant relation of the late Dr. F. R. Lees, the famous advocate of temperance. Mr. Francis Lees was brought up in Glossop, and, as a young man, became connected with manufacturing operations in that neighbourhood; but when the American War threw the cotton factories idle, some of the men found employment upon public works, and others were driven to seek their livelihood in other directions. Mr. Lees was a proficient bell-ringer, and the head of a band of young men who were accustomed to attend and also give concerts in the neighbourhood as well as ring church bells. He and his colleagues set out on a tour of handbell ringing to support themselves during the depression in the cotton trade. In the course of their peregrinations they came to Newcastle and played at various concerts, and afterwards at the Tyne Concert Hall, then under the management of Mr. George Stanley. They were very successful, but when the American war ceased, the cotton trade revived, and the young men returned home. Mr. Lees, however, took a situation at the 'Chronicle' Office, and has been there ever since. His position has been one of trust and responsibility. He had the entire confidence of his employers, and the esteem of everyone who knew him. His interest in bellringing continued to the last, as he was one of the

leading bellringers at St. John's Church, Newcastle. Apart from being a good musician, Mr. Lees had good artistic tastes, and occupied his leisure time in carving and other artistic work. He sustained an accident some time ago in the belfry of St. John's Church which considerably shook him. His eldest daughter, too, died recently, and this had a depressing effect upon him. He had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who will receive the announcement of his death with great regret. He leaves a widow and one daughter."

The death of his eldest daughter a few months since had been a severe blow to him, and he was buried on Sunday afternoon, August 30th, by her side in Elswick cemetery. A very large number of friends and ringers attended the funeral, some of the latter coming from Whitley (Mr. H. Ross), Winlaton (Mr. J. Scott), Chester-le-Street, Whickham, Hexham (Mr. W. Story), and practically all the members of the St. John's Guild, as well as some old members—Mr. Des Forges and Mr. W. Laing. The President of the Association, Mr. R. S. Story, and the Honorary Secretary, Mr. T. Hudson, also attended.

A muffled peal was attempted at St. Matthew's on the Monday following—Stedman Triples—but it was lost after 50 mins. ringing; and on Thursday an attempt was made at All Saints, which unfortunately collapsed after some excellent ringing a little after the half-way. No ringing was done at St. John's or at the Cathedral owing to the wish of Mrs. Lees.

## EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

DEATH OF THE PARISH CLERK.—We regret to have to record the death of one of the best known and highly respected inhabitants of this village, in the person of Mr. William Austin, which took place late on Tuesday night. The deceased had held the office of parish clerk and sexton since the year 1852, when he was appointed to the office by the late vicar, the Rev. D. T. Knight. The heavier part of the work, however, has been done for the last year or two by a son-in-law. The deceased, who was seventy-eight years of age, had also been a trustee of the Whitworth Friendly Society for a number of years, and had lived at Barton all his days.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last, four members of the St. Thomas' Society, Hazel Grove, together with two friends from Hyde, visited the parish church, Poynton, and rang a 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; W. Wilde, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. S. Wilde, 6. Plain courses were afterwards rung in the following methods: Kent, Oxford and Violet Treble Bob. Owing to the annual flower show being held, there was a large gathering of people in the village. The ringers wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells.

## CHIRBURY, SALOP.

Recently at the parish church 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Lloyd, 1; G. Taylor, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 5; J. E. Groves, 6. Also several 120s of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, with T. Williams (local) ringing the tenor. The above was rang after the bells had been rehung by Mr. W. Greenleaf, of Hereford. The peal of six at Montgomery has also been tuned, and a chiming apparatus added. Churchstoke are a pretty ring of five hanging in a quaint wooden tower. Chirbury are a fine ring of six from the Whitechapel foundry. The ringers expressed their satisfaction at the work in each tower, the "go" of the bells being excellent. Mr. Greenleaf is also rehanging the fine peal of eight at Ledbury, Herefordshire; the peals of six at Madeley and Leinswardine; also augmenting the old peal of five to eight at Clifford, Herefordshire.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1897.

SOME weeks ago we alluded to a suggestion made by Mr. BENJAMIN KEEBLE, regarding a Cathedral for the County of Essex, and it will possibly be remembered that we mentioned the Abbey of Waltham as the most suitable for such a purpose. We have very good reason to know that the bare proposal has been received with considerable favour among influential Churchmen in the County, and we believe that our remarks at the time gave an exceedingly powerful fillip to the imagination of many whose thoughts ran in the same groove. Scarcely a doubt we should say existed as to the great suitability of the above-named sacred edifice for the purpose in question. We only hope that the idea may take firm root, and in due season bring forth a complete and satisfactory fruition.

There has for some time been a proposal to increase the number of the Abbey bells to ten, with a complete restoration of the present ring. Shall we be regarded as mere enthusiasts when we say that such a work would be an excellent corollary to the dedication of the Abbey as a Cathedral? It is not very extravagant to suppose that a powerful ring of bells, taking precedence of all others in the County, would be a factor in aid of the Cathedral idea.

But be this as it may, there is no question that the time is ripe for Waltham Abbey to have a ring of bells worthy of its position and importance in our history. And it is pleasing to note that very little stands in the way. The tower is sufficiently capacious to contain a ring of twelve bells, and less than that, in view of certain contingencies, the Abbey ought not to have. We do not speak without knowledge of the topic. The work of providing a Cathedral for Essex, and furnishing a ring of bells worthy of such an edifice, is a grand and noble one. But we would have one or both these schemes taken in hand without delay. The provision of bells is the one which more immediately concerns us, perhaps, and we certainly should like to see this effort pressed forward at once, because with delay there is great danger.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.—The usual Monthly Meeting for six-bell towers was held on Saturday last, September 4th, Lawrence Waltham being the venue. Ringers were present from Boyne Hill, Winkfield, Bray, Binfield, and Burnham. The visitors were met by the Rev. C. Jenkyns, the Vicar, the Rev. G. Neville, being away. The local band were also strongly represented. Altogether about thirty ringers were present, and the bells, which go rather badly, were kept going during the afternoon and evening in touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman. Owing to the absence of the Vicar, the Branch Secretary, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, explained the lack of the usual cup of tea usually provided at these meetings. A most enjoyable meeting was held nevertheless, and the next one was proposed to be held at Binfield that day month, which it was hoped would be well attended. It might be well to note that White Waltham, which possesses a nice peal of six, was called at by the Boyne Hill band, and permission given by the Rev. H. M. Dyer, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and it was pleasing to learn that this belfry will ere long be represented in the Guild. A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. G. Neville for the use of the bells.

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Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

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On Saturday, September 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| EZRA KEIGHLEY .. .. Treble. | WILLIAM R. SANDIFORTH .. 5.  |
| JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 2.    | JOSEPH S. CLARK .. .. 6.     |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.     | FREDERICK W. HARGREAVE .. 7. |
| CHARLES PRATT .. .. 4.      | GEORGE NETTLETON .. Tenor.   |

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and  
Conducted by F. W. HARGREAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Clark, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Keighley and Pratt hail from Calverley; Broadley from Bradford; Hargreave from Tong; the rest belong to the local company.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

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| ALFRED H. MARTIN .. Treble. | JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 5.        |
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 2.     | JAMES GARRATT .. .. 6.         |
| ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. 3.    | JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.     |
| THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.     | JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN

This peal is a reduction of a 6016, and contains the full combination of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6 at the course-ends, the 3rd never in 6ths, and the 2nd never in 5-6. First rung at Irthlingborough, conducted by A. Tyler. J. Martin hails from Higham Ferrers; Hensher from Wellingborough.

#### THURLEIGH, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1897, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

Tenor about 15 cwt.

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| THOMAS FOOTE .. .. Treble. | CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4. |
| WILLIAM J. BARKER .. 2.    | CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.  |
| CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.    | FRANK HULL .. .. Tenor.  |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This peal was arranged for Mr. T. Foote, of Little Staughton, Beds., a late member of the St. Paul's Company, Bedford. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by the vicar of the parish, the Rev. Benjamin Trapp.

#### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 5, 1897, in Two Hours Nineteen and ½ Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JAMES PAGETT,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

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| JAMES PAGETT .. .. 1-2.   | WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5-6. |
| FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 3-4. | WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 7-8.  |

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON and  
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal of Major on handbells by all except the conductor. This composition contains only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6ths place at a course-end, the 2nd never in 5ths place. Referee—Mr. George Salter.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MONTGOMERY.—On Tuesday, July 13th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. G. J. Taylor, 1; J. Lloyd, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; T. J. Bratton, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. J. E. Groves, 1; J. Lloyd, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 5; G. J. Taylor, 6.

CHURCHSTOKE (Wales).—On Tuesday, July 13th, at the parish

church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. J. Taylor, 1; J. Lloyd, 2; T. J. Bratton, 3; A. Little, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; Also several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. T. J. Bratton (conductor), 1; A. Little, 2; J. Lloyd, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; J. E. Groves, 5.

CHIRBURY (Salop).—On Tuesday, July 13th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Lloyd, 1; G. J. Taylor, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 5; J. E. Groves, 6. First 720 on the bells. Also several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. T. J. Bratton (conductor), 1; J. Lloyd, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; A. Little, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; G. J. Taylor, 6. The bells of the above churches have been rehung by William Greenleaf, of Hereford, to celebrate the Queen's long reign, and were opened on the above day. Great credit is due to Mr. Greenleaf for the way he has rehung them. The new sets of ropes were supplied by Ironmongers, of Wolverhampton. J. E. Grove hails from Wolverhampton; W. Greenleaf from Hereford; G. J. Taylor from Shrewsbury; the rest from Welshpool.

#### THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, September 3rd, for practice at St. Alkmund's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Dolman, 1; W. H. Owen, 2; J. Searle, 3; G. J. Taylor, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. W. Wynn, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Lewis, 1; W. H. Espley, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; W. H. Owen, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Dolman, 8.

#### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, August 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Caters, 1277 changes, in 49 mins. A. Ough, 1; W. Meaton, 2; E. Arthurton, 3; H. Owen, 4; H. Adams, 5; J. Aldridge, 6; W. Elson, 7; J. Nicholis, 8; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 9; R. Burgess, 10. On Sunday, September 5th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Caters, 1250 changes, in 49 mins. A. S. Ough, 1; E. Arthurton, 2; R. E. Chichester, 3; H. G. Owen, 4; G. Meaton, 5; W. Meaton, 6; G. Charge, 7; W. T. Elson, 8; C. Charge (conductor), 9; S. How, 10.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On Monday, June 28th, at the church of St. James, 960 Grandsire Major. E. Burgess, 1; H. Poole, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; A. Doble, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6; W. Thorne, 7; G. Yendall, 8. On Thursday, July 8th, 1008 Bob Major. W. Gillard, 1; H. Poole, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; W. Thorne, 5; A. Doble, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; G. Yendall, 8. On Tuesday, July 13th, 1008 Bob Major in 40 mins. T. Doble, 1; H. Poole, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; E. Burgess, 5; W. Thorne, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; G. Yendall, 8. On Sunday, August 1st, 356 Grandsire Triples. W. Gillard, 1; H. Poole (conductor), 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; W. Thorne, 5; A. Doble, 6; T. Doble, 7; G. Yendall, 8. On Sunday, August 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Gillard, 1; A. Doble, 2; H. Pearce, 3; E. Burgess, 4; H. Poole (conductor), 5; C. Yendall, 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BACKFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday, August 2nd, 720 Violet. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; F. Spence (conductor), 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; J. Booth, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6. These are the first 720s in the methods on the bells.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Thursday, August 5th, 720 Kent. J. Ashcroft, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; F. Spence, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Sunday, August 8th, 720 Woodbine. J. Mainwaring, 1; C. R. Greenall (300th 720), 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Sunday, August 15th, 720 Bocking. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Tuesday, August 17th, 720 Kent. H. Moston, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Sunday, August 22nd, 720 College Exercise. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Thursday, August 26th, 720 London Surprise. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6. First in the method by all the band, and by the Guild. On Sunday, August 29th, 720 each of Braintree and London Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. Booth, 6.

BOWDON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, August 28th, 720 each of College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; C. R. Greenall, 4; F. Spence (con-

ductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. It was intended to ring a 5040 here, but owing to the bad "go" of the bells, it had to be abandoned.

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—NORTHWICH BRANCH.

WITTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, August 24th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Sutton, 1; S. Johnson, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6. On Saturday, August 28th, 1008 Bob Major. G. Johnson, 1; W. Sutton, 2; S. Johnson, 3; S. Forster, 4; R. Chantler, 5; A. Johnson, 6; J. Bell, 7; W. Forster, 8. On Tuesday, August 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Sutton, 1; S. Johnson, 2; R. Chantler, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY.—On Sunday, September 5th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. S. Wharton, 1; J. Rowland, 2; J. Hale, 3; J. Hammond (first 720 of Minor in any method), 4; J. Pownall (conductor), 5; J. Rutter, 6; E. Hampson, 7.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 15th, at the residence of Mr. C. Sharples, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, August 23rd, 720 College Single. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 5-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 3-6. On Tuesday, August 24th, 720 Merchants' Return. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. First attempt in the method by all. On Saturday, August 28th, 720 Merchants' Return. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Tuesday, August 31st, a plain course each of the following: Merchants' Return, Kent, Oxford, Violet, College Single, Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson, 5-6.

CONISTON.—On Monday, August 30th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), on handbells. E. L. Woodhouse, 1-2; Dr. H. C. Woodhouse, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 5-6. On Friday, September 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). E. L. Woodhouse, 1-2; Dr. H. C. Woodhouse, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 5-6. Rung in honour of E. L. Woodhouse's 21st birthday.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, August 4th, for practice at the Cathedral, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smith, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. Choquet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Lampard, 6; W. Lebbon (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Monday, July 19th, at the Abbey, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Hewett (Gosport), 1; A. Le Clercq (Farnham), 2; G. Newman (Romsey), 3; F. Barnett (Farnham), 4; J. Elcombe, jun. (Romsey), 5; T. Cole (Romsey), 6; A. Tomlins (conductor, Gosport), 7; H. Dunn (Romsey), 8.

CURDRIDGE (Hants).—On Monday, July 19th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Hanham, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Gould, 5; C. Groves, 6; A. Tomlins, 7; J. Dover, 8. Also short touches of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Major.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Saturday, August 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor. H. Westbrook, 1; A. Barrow, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; H. Reynolds, 4; J. Gould, 5; A. Tomlins (conductor), 6. First by all except the conductor. On Saturday, August 28th, 420 Stedman Triples. A. Barrow, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; R. Fuge, 3; H. Reynolds, 4; J. Symons, 5; H. Westbrook, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; A. Tomlins, 8.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Saturday, September 4th, at the parish church, after meeting short for a peal, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-two singles and thirty-eight bobs). J. Matthews, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Symons, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; J. Gould, 5; A. Tomlins (conductor), 6. First attempt by all. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Harris, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; J. Gould, 5; A. Tomlins (conductor), 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On a recent Sunday, two 504s of Grandsire Triples. A. Newman, jun., 1; T. Newman, sen. (conductor), 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. Hands, 4; A. Cullum, 5; E. J. Menday, 6; G. Essex, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. These are the first touches ever rung by A. Newman, and it is a credit to him as he is only twelve years of age, and the youngest member of the Guild.

READING (Berks).—On September 5th, for Divine Service at St. Laurence's church, 666 Grandsire Caters, in 29 mins. R. Sawyer, 1; J. Tucker, 2; C. Stone, 3; F. Hopgood (conductor), 4; C. Giles, 5;

G. Foxell, 6; A. Watmore, 7; W. Newell, 8; A. Osborne, 9; E. Bruce, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

**BRENNHAM (Berks).**—During the month of August the following 720s have been rung: On Sunday, August 1st, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), conducted by F. Richardson. On Monday, August 2nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles), conducted by F. Richardson. On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), conducted by F. Richardson. Afterwards 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by W. Horne. On Wednesday, August 18th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), conducted by J. Hatto. On Sunday, August 22nd, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), conducted by W. Horne. Also 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), conducted by J. Hatto. On Tuesday, August 24th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by F. Richardson. On Sunday, August 29th 720 Oxford Bob, in 22 mins. F. Wigmore, 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; W. Lucas, 3; J. Hatto, 4; F. Richardson (conductor), 5; W. Horne, 6. A. Reeves hails from Reading.

**MORTIMER (Berks).**—On Sunday, August 29th, at St. Mary's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. H. Cox, 1; W. Higgs, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; A. Pye, 5; W. Jerrom, 6; K. Mason, (conductor), 7; J. Mason, 8. W. Higgs hails from Reading. Also 504 in the same method. H. Cox, 1; W. Jerrom, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; T. Eatwell, 5; A. Pye, 6; K. Mason (conductor), 7; J. Mason, 8. And another 504. J. Mason, 1; W. Jerrom, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; A. Pye, 5; F. Eatwell, 6; K. Mason, 7; A. Davis, 8.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).**—On Saturday, September 4th, after the annual meeting of the Association, the following touches were rung at the church of St. Woolos: 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Vinnicombe, 1; J. Jones, 2; E. Davies, 3; W. Biss (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. Atwell, 7; G. Watkins, 8. A plain course of Grandsire Triples. T. Jenkins, 1; E. Davies, 2; S. Rogers, 3; H. Millard, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. Atwell, 7; G. Watkins, 8. First plain course by Messrs. Jenkins and Rogers, who hail from Treveithin. A plain course of Grandsire Triples. T. Jenkins, 1; D. Penny, 2; S. Rogers, 3; H. Millard, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. Atwell, 7; G. Watkins, 8. First course by D. Penny, who hails from Treveithin. Two plain courses of Grandsire Triples. R. Daniel, 1; J. Harris, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. Atwell, 4; W. Biss, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; G. Watkins, 8. First two courses by R. Daniel, who hails from Pentre. A plain course of Bob Major. J. Jones, 1; E. Davies, 2; F. Atwell, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Cox, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; G. Watkins, 8. 336 Bob Major. J. Jones, 1; E. Davies, 2; F. Atwell, 3; J. Harris, 4; W. Biss, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; J. Cox (conductor), 8. 168 Stedman Triples. J. Jones (conductor), 1; J. Butler, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. Cox, 5; E. Davies, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; H. G. White, 8. 97 Grandsire Triples. J. Butler, 1; J. Jones, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. K. Howell, 4; W. Biss, 5; J. Cox, 6; E. Davies, 7; F. Atwell, 8. F. K. Howell hails from Thornbury, Gloucestershire.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**CHARING (Kent).**—Recently, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles. P. Edwards, 1; W. Good, 2; W. Spice, 3; W. Hadlow, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6. Also several 6-scores, with W. Edmed on the treble. Hadlow hails from Lenham. On Sunday evening, August 29th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. F. Paine, 1; W. Spice, 2; S. Paine, 3; A. Gower, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabret (conductor), 6. Another 720 in the same method, in 22 mins., E. Archer ringing the treble, the rest as before. Archer, Spice and Goodwin belong to the local band; Tabret hails from Ashford; the rest from Mersham. On Sunday, September 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores, each called differently. P. Edwards, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Spice (conductor), 3; W. Good, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; E. Archer, 6. This is J. Willis's longest length away from the treble, and was rang on his 14th birthday.

**WESTERHAM (Kent).**—On Thursday, July 1st, at St. Mary's church, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Selby, 1; G. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; F. Bailey (conductor), 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; R. Stone, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday, July 11th, 504 in the same method. A. Selby, 1; G. Selby, 2; H. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Monday, July 12th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Stone, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Selby, 1; G. Selby, 2; H. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday morning, July 18th, for Divine Service, 336 Stedman. H. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; G. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown,

8. For evening service 504 Stedman, standing as before. After service 504 in the same method, standing as before with the exception of J. Heath, 5; G. Steer, 6. On Sunday, July 25th, 336 in the same method. W. Billinghamurst, 1; R. Stone, 2; H. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. W. Billinghamurst hails from Loughborough. On Sunday, August 1st, 504 in the same method. G. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; H. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; C. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. For evening service 504 in the same method. H. Selby, 1; A. Selby, 2; G. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; R. Stone, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday, August 8th, 420 in the same method. H. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; G. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; G. Steer, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Thursday, August 6th, in the same method. H. Selby, 1; G. Selby, 2; G. Steer, 3; M. Whalley, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone (longest length), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday, September 5th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Stone, 1; G. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; H. Selby, 7; T. Groombridge, 8. Longest length with a bob bell by M. Whalley. T. Groombridge hails from Sevenoaks.

**TENTERDEN (Kent).**—On Monday, August 16th, for practice at St. Mildred's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Burden, 1; F. Burden, 2; A. Hind, 3; C. Tribe, 4; G. Cramp, 5; R. Edwards (conductor), 6; G. Neve, 7; H. Oldstock, 8. On August 30th, a 504 in the same method. H. Wells, 1; F. Burden, 2; F. Edwards, 3; C. Judge, 4; C. Tribe, 5; A. Hinds, 6; R. Edwards, 7; H. Oldstock, 8. Messrs. Burden and Judge hail from Rolvenden; the rest are local men.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).**—On Sunday evening, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. D. Mays, 1; G. Cattermole (conductor), 2; T. Davey, 3; F. Cullum, 4; J. Rose, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6. On Sunday afternoon, August 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Rose, 1; C. Nunn, 2; T. Davey, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; F. Potter, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Rose, 1; D. Mays, 2; T. Davey, 3; G. Cattermole (conductor), 4; C. Nunn, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6. W. E. Garrard hails from London.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

**BLACKBURN.**—On Sunday, July 25th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 27th, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine. T. Mouncey, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; H. Heyworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 720 Woodbine. J. Bentley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; C. Sharples, 3; R. Hartley, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Oxford. R. Hartley, 1; C. Sharples, 2; J. Bentley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. J. Bentley and C. Sharples belong Oswaldtwistle. On Sunday, August 8th, for evening service, 720 Oxford. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 10th, 864 Kent. \*J. Bentley, 1; N. Townend, 2; R. Hartley, 3; \*I. Whalley, 4; \*C. Sharples, 5; T. Redman, 6; T. Duxbury, 7; H. Heyworth (conductor), 8. \*Longest touch in the method. On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, 720 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 17th, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 24th, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; F. Towns, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 5th, for morning service, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, 1; F. Towns, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman, 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.**—Recently the Bexhill branch of the above Association paid a visit to this place and rang a few touches at Christ Church, including 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Ades, 1; N. Cruttenden, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Hunnisett, 4; G. Watson, 5; G. Marchant, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; W. Sharpe, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. N. Cruttenden, 1; H. Harvey, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Ades, 4; G. Marchant, 5; B. Hobbs (conductor), 6; T. Hunnisett, 7; W. Sharpe, 8. H. Harvey and G. Watson are local men; Hobbs hails from All Saints Eastbourne; the rest from Bexhill.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

**BRISTOL.**—On Friday, August 6th, at St. John's church, 720 Grand-sire Minor. J. Falser, 1; G. Pearce, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; J. Richmond, 4; H. Porch (conductor), 5; P. Came, 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. John Downing, auctioneer of this city, whose funeral took place that day. On Sunday, August 22nd, at St. Stephen's church for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Burchell, 1; W. Knight, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; F. Perrin, 4; F. Ellis, 5; E. P. O'Meara, 6; W. A. Cave (conductor), 7; R. Channings, 8. And 330 Stedman Caters. W. J. Hinton, 1; W. A. Cave, 2; A. Burchell (first touch), 3; W. Knight, 4; C. Horton, 5; C. Millard, 6; F. Perrin, 7; F. Ellis, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; R. Channings, 10. A. Burchell hails from Thornbury. In the evening touches of Stedman Triples and Caters and Double Norwich Major, with J. C. Mitchell (of London) ringing the third. After evening service at St. Werburgh's 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. H. Horton, 1; C. H. Tomkins, 2; H. Howell, 3; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 4; F. Price, 5; E. P. O'Meara (London), 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. M. Howe, whose death occurred suddenly on Sunday morning. On Tuesday, August 24th, at St. Thomas', for practice, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. On Wednesday, August 25th, at St. Stephen's, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, but came to grief after ringing over 2,000 changes in one hour and a quarter. W. J. Hinton, 1; C. Millard, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; W. Knight, 4; J. George (Rugby), 5; F. Perrin, 6; F. Elles, 7; J. York, 8; W. A. Cave, 9; F. Price, 10. On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Stephen's church, for evening service, 720 Kent Minor, with the tenor covering. C. H. Horton, 1; W. Knight, 3; F. K. Howell, 4; F. Elles, 5; W. B. Pickard, 6; W. A. Cave (conductor), 7; W. Colston, 8. After service at St. John on the Walls, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. A. Cave, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; H. Howell, 3; F. K. Howell, 4; F. Elles, 5; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 6. F. K. Howell hails from Thornbury.

**BRISTINGTON.**—On Wednesday, August 19th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Knight, 1; F. Elles, 2; F. Millard, 3; C. H. Tomkins, 4; T. Radford, 5; W. A. Cave (conductor), 6. Millard and Radford hail from Taunton, remainder from Bristol.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**WANSTEAD (Essex).**—Recently for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Moule, 1; H. Gowers, 2; J. Mardell, 3; E. Wightman (conductor), 4; J. Marks, 5; H. Beams, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. Also 360 Double Court. E. Wightman (conductor), 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; H. Gowers, 5; H. Beams, 6.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Thursday, July 29th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; T. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise (4th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. T. Jordan hails from Chingford, Essex; I. Cavill from Roydon; W. Cavill from Hoddesdon, Herts. Tenor 13 cwt.

**ACCRINGTON (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday, 17th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Scholes, 1; R. Scholes, 2; J. Hindle, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 6; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Treble on the bells since the re-opening on June 22nd. During the last ten years these bells have only been chimed by the sexton. Messrs. Whalley, Sharples, and Parkinson hail from Oswaldtwistle; the rest belong to the local band, and this is their first attempt at Treble Bob for ten years.

**GREAT YARMOUTH (Norfolk).**—Recently for Divine Service in the morning, 518 Grandsire Triples. For evening service 610 Grandsire Triples. H. Wright, 1; W. Blyth, 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Secret, 4; W. A. Alps (Waltham Abbey), 5; R. Tooley, 6; J. Hardy (Harwich), 7; T. Matthew, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

**GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).**—On August 17th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. H. S. Richold, 1; S. Slater, 2; W. Gridley, 3; E. Her-

bert, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; C. Sillitoe, 6. And 360 each of Kent Treble Bob and Double Court.

**LITTLE COMBERTON (Worcestershire).**—On Saturday, August 28th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Collins, 1; W. Bowles, 2; H. Salisbury (conductor), 3; R. Salisbury, 4; H. Hiron, 5; A. Salisbury, 6.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, September 5th, 336 Grandsire Triples. Amy Keeble, 1; Alfred Keeble, 2; J. Keeble, 3-4; B. Keeble, 5-6; Mrs. Keeble, 7-8. Also 360 Bob Minor. Amy Keeble, 1; Mrs. Keeble, 2; B. Keeble, 3-4; J. Keeble, 5-6.

**SUDBURY (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, August 14th, at All Saints church, two touches of 224 Bob Major. F. Hawkins, 1; C. Herbert, 2; W. Griggs, 3; W. Bacon, 4; H. Brackett, 5; E. Herbert, 6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7; W. Howell, 8. On Monday, August 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Hawkins, 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. Griggs, 3; E. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. Howell, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; H. S. Richold, 8. And 336 Bob Major. W. Bacon, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; W. Griggs, 4; H. Brackett, 5; S. Hawkins, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; W. Howell, 8. On Saturday, August 28th, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Hawkins, 1; W. Bacon, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; W. Griggs, 5; W. Howell, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; H. S. Richold, 8. And 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; B. Ransom, Esq., 3; W. Griggs, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. Bacon, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; W. Howell, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. A course of Stedman Triples, on handbells. Cyril Herbert, 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; E. Herbert, 7-8.

**SHANKLIN (Isle of Wight).**—On Monday, August 30th, at the church of St. Saviour's-on-the-Cliff, a 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. W. Mew, 1; W. Newham, 2; E. Matthews, 3; H. Mason, 4; S. Matthews, 5; C. Hollies, 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, with W. T. Mew on the treble, the remainder as before. H. Mason hails from Old Hill, Staffordshire. Will any brother-ringer visiting this part of the Island kindly look in for a pull any Monday evening, when the local band will be pleased to welcome the same and have a ring together.

**WARRINGTON (Lancashire).**—On Sunday evening, August 1st, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Wilson (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; J. Morgan, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer (conductor), 5; F. Stout, 6. J. Morgan hails from Manchester. On Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. Stout, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Gough (first 720), 1; J. Willson, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. Stout (conductor), 6.

**WOBBURN (Beds).**—On Monday, July 15th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Janes, 1; M. Matthews, 2; C. Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. On July 16th, on handbells, 504 Bob Triples and 336 Grandsire Triples. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; M. Matthews, 7-8. On July 16th, 672 Bob Major. C. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; D. Harris, 5-6; Cyril Herbert, 7-8. And 432 Bob Caters. C. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; D. Harris, 7-8; M. Matthews, 9-10.

**WOOLWICH (Kent).**—On Sunday, September 5th, for evening service, 252 Stedman Triples. W. Aldington, 1; J. E. Beavan, 2; H. Hill, 3; E. Wells, 4; R. Carter (conductor), 5; E. Lucas, 6; H. Harvey, 7; H. Boar, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, with J. C. Harvey (conductor), 8; the rest as before.

## 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."

## CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—In the issue of August 28th, bobs are omitted in my compositions. In peal No. 27 at the end of the first and second divisions; peal No. 29 the end of the second, third and fourth; peal No. 30 the end of the first, third and seventh divisions; peal No. 31 end of the second, fifth and sixth divisions; peal No. 32 end of the first, fourth, seventh and ninth divisions; peal No. 33 the second lead of the second course of the fourth and tenth divisions; and peal No. 27 there is one course too many—fifth course should be omitted and the sixth take its place.

JOHN CARTER.

SIR,—In report of our Quarterly Meeting at Rushden in your issue of last week, it states that Rushden bells were recast by Mears and Stainbank about thirty years ago, it should be "re-hung" by that firm.

E. J. DENNES.



PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE  
MAJOR.

By F. DKNCH, Royal Cumberland Youths.

5088.

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6th the extent at home.

5088.

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6th the extent at home.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. H. BARRETT, Stepney.

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By G. R. NEWTON, Oxtou, Cheshire.

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Repeated. Contains the 6th ten times each way in 5-6, and the 4th and 5th each eighteen times in 6ths, with 2nd and 3rd never there.

JOINER. Wanted a good reliable all round man. Change-Ringer preferred. Must be good at house furnishing. None but good men need apply. Constant work to snitable man. R. SMITH, Builder, Castle Works, Bakewell, Derbyshire.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH  
COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

6016.

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Repeated. Contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6; the 2nd never in that position. By omitting the two sets of three bobs braced the peal is reduced to 5120. First rung as a 5120 at Irthlingborough on Saturday, August 7th, 1897. Conducted by Anderson Tyler.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

7008.

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The last two courses thrice repeated produces—

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The last two courses to be three times repeated.

A variation of this peal may be obtained by using the alternate calling in every course throughout the peal, the number will then be 7072.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. SLATER.—We shall be glad of it.

TOM LORD.—There are no bells what-ever.

## Notices.

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at Roydon, six-bell tower. Tea will take place after business meeting at 5 p.m. Holders of tickets on the Colchester line, who travel via Witham and Stortford will be allowed to return via Stratford. Members intending to be present, must signify their intention not later than the previous Monday.

Gt. Totham, HENRY T. W. EYRE,  
Witham, Ass. Sec.

**Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Standish, to-day, Saturday, September 11th. JAMES HIGSON, Hon. Sec.  
60 Church Street, Blackrod.

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, to-day, Saturday, September 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting, 6 p.m. REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon Secs.  
W. BENTHAM, }

**Lancashire Association.**—The Association year being now closed, any proposed alteration or additions to existing rules, also nominations for the posts of vice-president and ringing secretary, together with nominations from the following branches: Manchester, 2 members; Liverpool, 1; Rochdale, 1; should be sent to J. Redford not later than to-day, Saturday, September 11th. New compositions of peals rung during the year, send to A. E. Wreaks.

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

**Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will take place at Isleworth, on Saturday, September 18th, ringing to commence at 5 sharp. C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**Yorkshire Association.**—The next General Meeting will be held at Lightcliffe, on Saturday, September 18th. Tea in the National School at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after. The rings of eight at the Parish Church and six at the Congregational church, will be available. The local hon. sec. is Mr. F. W. Bradley, 8, George street, Hipperholme, near Halifax, to whom all communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.  
14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

**West Ham, Essex.**—We shall begin practice on the 14th of September, at 8 p.m., and every alternate Tuesday, and all ringers will be welcome. W. DORAN, Steeplekeeper.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sandal, on Saturday, September 18th, at 5.30 p.m.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.  
19, Albert Street, Bailey Carr.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Ipswich, on Thursday, September 23rd. At 12.45 a special service at St. Mary-le-Tower church, with address by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Dinner at 1.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Carr street—28. 6d. Hon. members and friends; 1s. 6d. Company members. Business meeting after dinner. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Matthew, St. Mary Quay, St. Nicholas, and St. Margaret's churches will be available

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H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.  
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn,  
30th August, 1897.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held in the old schoolroom, King's Norton, on Saturday, September 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, to which all members are specially requested to attend. The tower will be opened and the bells placed at the members' disposal. Tea will be provided (and to which all are cordially invited) for members sending their names to me on or before Tuesday, September 21st.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.  
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Pinner, on Saturday, 2nd October next. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Tea at six, followed by short business meeting for the election of members. All members of the Association are invited, and ringers, whether members or not, will be welcome. Those who desire tea to be provided are earnestly requested to send their names to the Hon. Sec. before the date of the meeting, to assist him in making proper provision.

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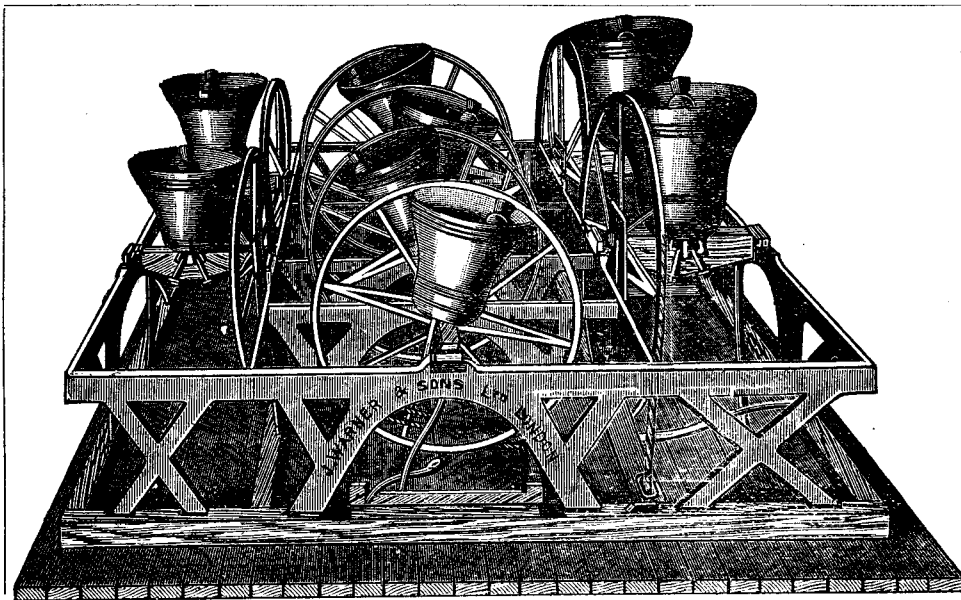
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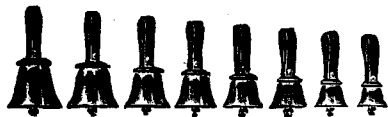
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