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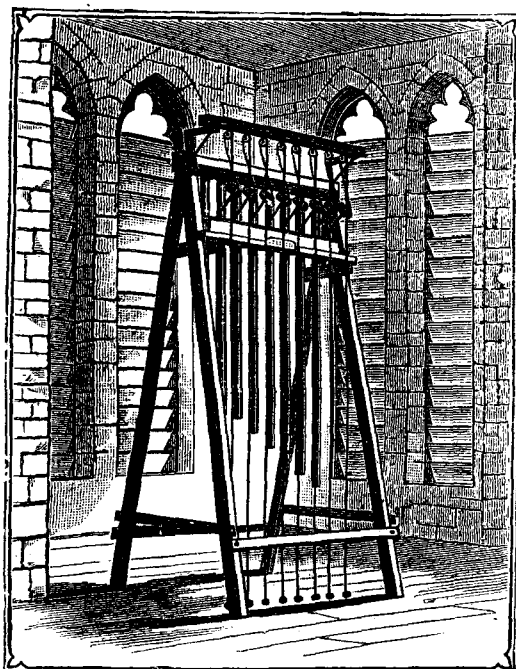
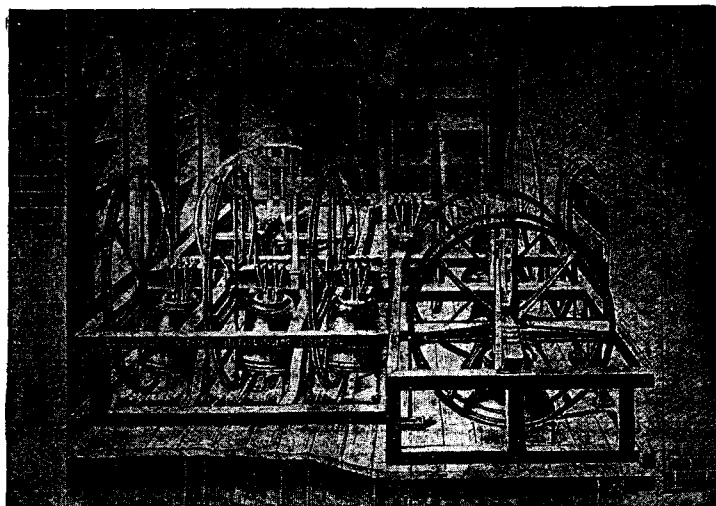
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## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The eleventh Annual Meeting of this Guild took place at Northwich, on Monday, August 1st. The proceedings began with Divine Service in Witton parish church at 10.45 a.m., at which the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Rector of Framlingham, Suffolk (himself a ringer and composer), from Ephesians iv. 3: "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

After the service the general meeting was held in the Boys' School, when the Master of the Guild—the Ven. Archdeacon of Chester—presided. The clergy present were the Revs. Canon Holme, Canon Turner, G. J. Howson, W. R. Gardner, W. H. Binney, T. W. H. France-Hayhurst, J. H. Pilkington, R. Greenall (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

The Hon. Secretary's report showed the membership to be 536; the balance at the bank being £62 14s. 9d.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, gave a hearty welcome to those present. He was glad to see such an excellent representative gathering. He regretted that he was the only one in attendance to represent the Chester branch, but this was due to the Foresters holding their high court in Chester: it was impossible for their ringers to come as they belonged either to that or to other friendly societies who were having their demonstration that day. The meeting at Chester was a unique one, and all were anxious to give a hearty welcome to the Foresters of Great Britain, and Greater Britain. He was glad to notice the addition of two towers to their Guild during the past year; he heartily welcomed them. He then alluded to the sermon they had heard that morning, saying that he quite endorsed the remarks of the preacher, especially those with regard to attendance at church. They might be interested to know that as Archdeacon it was his duty to make enquiries at his visitations as to the ringers and the state of the bells, and one question he asked was as to the arrangements made for the ringers to attend Divine Service after they had finished ringing.

The Ven. Archdeacon was re-elected Master; the Rev. R. Greenall Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The following honorary members were elected: Revs. Canon Holme, S. A. Boyd, H. L. Mallory, G. J. Howson, and Hatt Cook, Esq. And six ringing members; Messrs. Bethel (Chester), Holding (Crewe), Walmsley (Macclesfield), Spence (Grappenhall), Dillon (West Kirby), Gordon (Stockport).

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. H. Pilkington for his sermon, and he was elected an honorary member of the Guild. Mr. Pilkington briefly returned thanks.

On the proposition of Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Spence, it was resolved—"That each branch take its turn in nominating a representative to serve on the Central Council, and that no branch be represented a second time until have had a turn." This was carried unanimously.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Grappenhall, on the August bank-holiday, 1899.

The meeting then separated, to meet again at the Market Hall, Northwich, for dinner. After an excellent repast,

The Master gave the good old toast of "Church and Queen," which was received with great satisfaction. He then submitted—"Continued prosperity to the Chester Diocesan Guild." Although their numbers were not quite so large as on some occasions, there were sufficient to show that the interest felt in the Guild was still maintained, which he trusted would be the case for many years to come. It was a matter of the greatest satisfaction to himself to know that they had not suffered any severe check since its start. They could look upon their Guild's history as a prosperous one, and they were ready to help one another.

He trusted that when they met at Grappenhall next year they would be able to listen to a ring of eight of the best bells the county could produce. The cost of adding a treble and tenor to the other six present in the tower, would be considerable. He thought they could interest their friends during the coming months, so that they might encourage their Secretary to know that he would receive more than the £5 grant from the Guild. Individual gifts would be highly valued, and he (the speaker) would promise a guinea towards the fund.

The Rev. R. Greenall, in acknowledgment, expressed his gratefulness to the Master and to the whole company for the way in which they had received the words of the Archdeacon, and for the kind expression of the feeling of goodwill towards himself. Hitherto he had not seen his way to provide the additional bells. His parish was a changing one, and he had lost several friends through death and removals. The encouragement given him, however, might result in the work being accomplished. He had every good wish for the prosperity of the Guild, and should be delighted if during his Secretaryship the number of their members could be raised from 536 to 1000.

During the afternoon the following towers were open: Witton, Hartford, Davenham, Middlewich, Great Budworth, and Knutsford. The day was beautiful throughout, and it appeared to be the general opinion that it was a happy and successful one.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Newmarket, on Monday, August 1st, when some twenty-five members were present from Bury St. Edmunds, Cambridge, Ely, Hilgay, Newmarket, etc. During the day several good touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung at All Saints' church, where also two attempts were made to bring round some Kent, but unsuccessfully, though the striking was capital. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were also rung at St. Mary's, where the bells are good, but are unfortunately only five.

After a good meat tea in the parish room of All Saints (for which Mr. D. Game, himself an old ringer, catered) the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. John Imrie (Vicar of St. Mary's) presiding. On behalf of the Vicar of All Saints, who had been obliged to leave early, and himself, he cordially welcomed the visitors once again to their town, and wished every success to the Association.

The Rev. W. W. Crump (Haddenham), General Secretary of the Association, then brought forward several business matters for discussion, and some new members were elected.

The Rev. P. E. Curtois (Secretary for Hunts.) hoped that it might be possible to hold the long-promised meeting at Hemmingford, which had to be postponed last Whitsuntide, and it was accordingly arranged for the end of October, when a meeting of the Sudbury district will also be held at Sudbury. The new Secretary for that district (the Rev. W. W. Warren, Bury), moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chair, and the clergy who had kindly lent their bells, which was carried unanimously.

## ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

A large clock has just been erected in St. Margaret's church, Leicester, by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Steam Clock Works, Derby. It shows the time on four dials, and plays the Cambridge chimes.

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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30th, the Association made its first visit to Beeston for the purpose of holding the usual quarterly meeting. It is a pleasant little town in close proximity to Nottingham, and is famed for its manufacture of high-grade cycles. Upon the musical bells of its parish church the Association have also scored at least one notable peal, viz., 7200 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The afternoon passed pleasantly enough with touches in various methods upon the bells. At 5 o'clock some twenty-five members assembled in the church schoolroom to partake of a capital meat tea which had been provided for them. After tea the meeting was held, the President taking the chair, supported by the Rev. —. Ellershaw, curate; also several ladies honoured us with their presence. To commence the business of the meeting, the Hon. Secretary read the minutes, which were signed, as also the names of four new ringing members, who were duly elected.

In addressing the meeting the President stated that eleven peals had been rung during the past quarter, viz.: by the Loughborough branch a peal of Grandsire Caters and two peals of Stedman Triples; by the Duffield branch, a peal of Double Norwich Major and a peal of Grandsire Triples; by the Beeston branch, two peals of Bob Major; by the Leicester branch, a peal of Grandsire Caters; by the Nottingham branch, a peal of Grandsire Triples; by the Burton branch, a peal of Superlative Surprise; by the Stanford branch, a peal of Bob Minor.

This was a fair record, although he supposed the Association must for awhile be content to be surpassed by others, at least until the younger bands became more skilled. It was unreasonable to expect the senior bands to keep up their former peal-ringing energy, when they had pretty well achieved everything worth ringing. He urged upon the older members the duty of training the younger, although it undoubtedly called for the exercise of much patience and self-denial. Also older members did not take the trouble to explain difficulties in simple language, but talked in technical terms, thus throwing a great deal of unnecessary mystery over the science, and as a result discouraging young ringers from the outset. If young ringers would only persevere, and exercise a little patience, they would soon find all their difficulties vanish.

Duffield was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Thompson.

A vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells, and to the curate and his wife for their presence at tea, was proposed by the Hon. Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Hickman, and carried with applause.

In the absence of the vicar, the Rev. —. Ellershaw, curate, responded. He thanked the meeting for the vote of thanks, and said he was pleased to welcome the Association at Beeston. He was greatly interested in bells, and thought that the scoring of peals must often be attended with great difficulty on account of a simple mistake bringing a peal to grief at once. He did not think that ringers got credit from the outside public for their performances. People would perhaps say "the bells sound well to-night," without thinking of those who rang them; on the other hand, "how badly the ringers are ringing those bells." He thought that ringing gave us a valuable lesson in unity, as ringers were so dependent on one another, all having to do their best, or utter failure was the result.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the business of the meeting.

## THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

On the 28th of last month eight members of the belfry Guild of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, started for a short holiday at Inverness, where there is a fine ring of eight bells. They left Edinburgh by the 9.3 p.m. train on Thursday, and having about an hour to wait at Perth, a stroll through the streets as far as St. Ninian's Cathedral filled in the time. After a rather tedious journey Inverness was reached about 6.30 on Friday morning. The ringers then went for a walk among the beautiful islands on the Ness which have been connected with bridges,

returning to the hotel for breakfast at 8 o'clock. Breakfast over, they proceeded to the Cathedral, and after examining the interior, including the font, ascended the belfry stair. The bells are chimed every Sunday for service but have not been rung for many years owing to an accident which occurred some time ago to one of the ringers. A start was made, and the bells were rung until 11 o'clock, at which hour morning service is held. Tomalchurch cemetery was then visited, and the view to be obtained of the surrounding country makes it well worth the climb. The ringers then made their way to The Waverley hotel, where, through the kindness of Bishop Webb, Provost of Inverness, an excellent dinner was waiting for them. Having finished dinner they retraced their steps to the Cathedral for another touch, but unfortunately a slight accident brought the ringing to an untimely end. The wheel of the 5th bell gave way, tearing the chiming hammer out of its place and throwing it against the wheel of the 3rd. The bells were at once lowered, and an examination made in the belfry to ascertain the extent of the damage. Luckily none of the bells themselves were injured in the least, the only part to be renewed being about one-third of the wheel of the 5th bell. As the bells could not be used the ringers proceeded to St. Andrew's Lodge where Bishop Webb had prepared afternoon tea in the garden. The rest of the afternoon was filled in with change-ringing on handbells, until those who intended to return to Edinburgh that night departed, leaving five to spend the night in Inverness. On taking leave at St. Andrew's Lodge, another tour of the islands was made, and after tea at the hotel a walk on the other side of the town past the barracks filled in the Friday. On Saturday morning three of the ringers left, to be followed on the Monday afternoon by the last of the band, who had occupied their time by exploring the neighbourhood, including a sail on Loch Ness to Fort Augustin on Saturday, and a walk to Culloden Moor on Monday.

The ringing seems to have been appreciated by the population of Inverness if we can judge by the paragraph in *The Highland News* of 30th July:—"The effect was very pleasing, the bells pealing out the notes in a way they have not done for many a long day. The attention of visitors and others was attracted, and while the chimes was in progress many delighted listeners might be seen on the Castle Hill and other coigns of vantage in the neighbourhood of the Cathedral." *The Inverness Courier* of 2nd August, also had:—"The clear sweet notes of the bells, and the neat and effective manner in which the quaint music was rung arrested the attention of many of the public. Regret was expressed that, owing to the lack of interest in the ancient and honourable art of bell-ringing, the Inverness Cathedral bells are not heard to such effect as frequently as they might be. Change-ringing had not been heard in Inverness for years before."

Altogether a most enjoyable holiday was spent, and it will not have been spent in vain if the ringing done on Friday will do anything towards stirring up a desire to go in for change-ringing on the sweet-toned bells in St. Andrew's Cathedral.

## WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

A very pleasant and sociable evening was spent at No. 20, Bedford Street, on Saturday evening, August 6th, by the Woburn company, in celebration of the birthday of Mr. C. Herbert. The handbells were brought into requisition, and some touches of Bob Royal rung double-handed, at the conclusion of which Mr. H. Morrison proposed Mr. Herbert's health in the form following:—

With right good will to Herbert, Charles,  
The ringers drink with glee;  
Well known to all as pioneer  
Of Campanology.

Of "bobs" and "singles" he can tell,  
With much felicity;  
Long may he live to meet with pride  
The Woburn Company.

This was received with acclamation, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to a musical diversion, and the enjoyment of the fragrant weed,

## KENDAL, WESTMORELAND.

Bank Holiday was occupied by the St. John's Guild, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as in previous years, in "peal-hunting"; this time in Westmoreland, our particular "quarry" being the fine peal of ten in Kendal parish church. After a long journey of five hours—starting at 5 a.m.—through lovely mountain scenery, we were welcomed at the station by Mr. Brown Walker and several others of the local society, who at once made the pace to The Elephant for refreshment, internal and external. We were next taken to admire the church and its surroundings, one of these latter being a unique signboard over The Ring of Bells inn, which reminded every one of the sketch of the opening peal at the Imperial Institute which appeared in *The Graphic*. The body of the church, which is of enormous breadth—five aisles—deserved more time for inspection than we really had time to spare. We got into the tower, and were confronted by a mass of peal-boards, proving that change-ringing had been a feature of Kendal life from the early part of the 18th century. Opening the ball with an unfinished touch of Grandsire Caters, demonstrated to us at once that we had a fine musical ring to handle, and that there would be some satisfaction to be got out of a peal of Double Norwich if the striking was anything decent. This we started for in rather weak style, a change-course pulling us up at the fourth course-end. A fresh start was made, and some fine steady striking done for 3 hrs. 8 mins., when the clapper of the 5th came clanging on to the floor—a nasty habit this same tongue has, it appears, and that at most critical times. E. E. Ferry, 1; R. S. Story, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; W. Holmes, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; W. Story, 6; R. Richards, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. This was a keen disappointment in which our local friends sympathised most heartily, and endeavoured to soothe our ruffled feelings—though it was evident this accident was no fault of theirs—by true west country hospitality. With the assistance of Messrs. Walker and Salmon we were quickly packing away an excellent dinner at The Elephant hotel, and spent the last hour in toasting each others' healths, singing songs, and ringing courses of Stedman, Grandsire, and Treble Bob on handbells.

Mr. R. S. Story proposed a vote of thanks to the Kendal ringers for their kindly hospitality, and for having everything in apple-pie order, to which Mr. Brown Walker responded, wishing us better luck next time, and hoped that time would not be far off.

A vote of thanks to the landlord was also carried with acclamation. Mr. Harrison obliged with his wonderful solos on the handbells, and two of the local men gave songs, all of which were highly appreciated. Messrs. Walker, Graham, Salmon, etc., set us on our road as far as Oxenholme, and we left them after extracting a promise of a return visit at an early date. We arrived home after a long weary journey at 11 p.m., more fit for bed than for another peal, but all were highly delighted with the days "Hunting," though we had failed to kill. We should like here to thank the Vicar, Rev. Canon French, and his churchwardens for the use of the bells so readily granted. C. L. R.

## THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

By the kind invitation of the Master of the above society (Edward Taylor Esq.), a visit was made to Horsham, Sussex. This being our second visit to this pleasant town (the former being in September, 1896) the journey of 75 miles was enlivened by reminiscences of the kind reception and our successful trip. On the present occasion our spirits were not up to "Surprise" mark, as unfortunately two of our society were unable to accompany us, and this meant that our exploits would be limited to Stedman Triples, etc.

We were welcomed on arrival at the station by Mr. Vaughan, the esteemed steeple-keeper, and shortly after by the veteran Sussex ringer Mr. Burstow, and also by Mr. Brown, one of the local company. Well! we "ascended the tower" and rang a touch of Stedman Triples, and lamented "Surprise." We had a surprise! in walked the Rev. F. E. Robinson; who had travelled specially from Oxford to meet us! We must explain that although this was a surprise to us as a company, it was not so to our worthy Master—who, it appears, had made the arrangement when Mr. Robinson preached the anniversary sermon

at Saffron Walden, on June 27th, and had kept it for a surprise. After this, Surprise was real, as the tenor was turned in to London, Cambridge, and Superlative.

"The inner man" (whatever that may mean) was attended to by a good dinner at The Green Dragon, and without going into any further particulars of the bountiful spread, we can confidently recommend this hotel to all when in need of something substantial and savoury.

The Master (Edward Taylor, Esq.) occupied the chair, and at the other end sat Mr. F. Pitstow, our conductor—and we were honoured by the presence of the Canon Evan Daniel, and also our own esteemed Vicar, the Rev. J. T. Steele.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Daniel for his presence, and the use of the bells, which was acknowledged by pleasant words of welcome. The Rev. J. T. Steele also expressed the pleasure he experienced in being present.

Mr. F. Pitstow proposed the Master's health and complimented the society on having such a gentleman to take so great an interest in ringing.

More ringing—and then "The Tea"! which we enjoyed thoroughly on the lawn of Arun Lodge by invitation of Mrs. Willis, who was unfortunately away from home, but who was well represented by her daughters Miss Mildred and Miss Violet Willis, who left nothing undone to prove their hospitality—and to whom we tender our hearty thanks: and also to those who in so many ways made our second visit to Horsham so enjoyable.

J. F. S.

## THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, August 2nd, the members of this society, with their wives and friends, visited Pershore. Starting by the 8.45 train from Dudley, Pershore was reached soon after 10 o'clock. A quiet walk from the station and through the old ancient town, which was greatly admired by those who had not seen it before, made the party talk about the inner man. Wending their way to Mrs. J. Amphlett's, the coffee tavern, High Street, where arrangements had previously been made, dinner was served in first-class style, and to which ample justice was done. The next move was to the grand Old Abbey Church, were through the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. J. Allen Bell, M.A., one of the most enjoyable features of the day's trip was indulged in, viz.: a ring on the magnificent peal of eight bells. While ringing touches of Grandsire Triples, the ladies were busy viewing the interior of this noble structure, and they also climbed towards the belfry and to the top of tower, where they were well repaid for their trouble, the view of the surrounding district for many miles being extraordinarily beautiful. Leaving the sacred edifice the banks of the river Avon was sought, where some considerable time was spent in watching the anglers, who did not seem to have a very good catch. Returning to the coffee tavern a splendid tea awaited the party, which was freely partaken of and very much enjoyed.

The visitors would have been pleased to have made the acquaintance of the local ringers, and hope that their visit will be the means of strengthening the Association. The weather was beautifully fine and all that could be desired. Arriving home about ten o'clock, a short time was spent in conviviality, and a hope expressed that a visit would be made to Pershore again next year, and enjoy more than one day in the country. Through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," the band wish to thank the Vicar most heartily for his kindness in granting permission to ring, and Mr. W. Meade, the tower-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

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## CROWLAND ABBEY.

The first section of the restoration works on the north wall of Crowland Abbey is nearly complete, and the work of raising a further portion of the wall will be begun almost immediately.

**G**RAVEDIGGER WANTED at Tottenham Cemetery; must have experience in mowing and clipping. Full particulars and forms of application to be obtained of THE SUPERINTENDENT, Tottenham Cemetery, Tottenham, Middlesex.—Wages commencing at 24s. per week.



## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

The report of the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Chad's church, Shrewsbury, on Monday, August 1st, and recorded in the peal column of our issue of the 6th inst., contained an indication of a future reference, and in accordance therewith our Birmingham representative says:—

Much interest attaches to this the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the noble ring of bells in the beautiful and archæological interesting town of Shrewsbury. The idea of such a performance as a fitting commemoration of the centenary of the opening of the bells as a ring of twelve, originated, we believe, with Mr. C. H. Watts, and much credit is due to him and Mr. J. E. Groves for their perseverance and generalship in selecting such a representative band, and making arrangements which really deserved to be crowned with success.

It will be noted that Messrs. Jaggar, Groves, and Cartwright hailed from Wolverhampton; Short and J. Barber from Clent; W. H. Barber from Bangor; Hancox, Miller, and Watts from Birmingham; George from Rugby; Bratton from Welshpool; and Greenleaf from Hereford. Surely this may be called a heterogeneous collection, but the general excellence of the striking, and the magnificent way in which the several courses rolled up, bore testimony to the quality of the ringers and the soundness of judgment exhibited in their selection. It had been no secret in Birmingham among the members of the St. Martin's Guild that the peal was to be attempted, and many of them took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a ramble by the picturesque banks of the Severn while listening to the noble music the bells afforded them. Changes were started at 12.26 p.m., and precisely at 4.13 the bells came into rounds again, the ringers on making their re-appearance being most heartily congratulated by their many friends, while the precocious genius who had presided looked sufficiently cool and unsatiated to have re-started on a similar undertaking.

The following details as to the opening peal on the bells, of which this was a centenary commemoration, will doubtless be interesting to our readers:—

"The arrangements for the opening were placed in the hands of Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, a College Youth, who had taken part in several peals in London, notably one of Stedman Cinques, and another of Treble Twelve at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

"He obtained a band for this undertaking from among his London friends, and had them conveyed by a special. The peal of Grandsire Cinques—5184 changes—which they rang on July 18th, 1798, is not recorded in the tower, but the band was stationed thus: John Lifford, 1; Thos. Blakemore, (conductor), 2; John Povey, 3; Jos. Holdsworth, 4; William Wilson, 5; Peter Ashley, 6; James Dovey (Stourbridge), 7; Edward Bartell, 8; Chas. Barber, 9; Edward Simmons, 10; Saml. Lawrence, 11; Philip Pilgrim, tenor. At that time the tenor weighed only 34 cwt., but being thought insufficient for the other bells it was recast in 1834 and now weighs 43 cwt. Until January 2nd, 1893, she had never been rung single-handed through a peal, but the job was then accomplished by the late H. Roden, of Wolverhampton."

The peal now rung, and which was the first of Stedman Cinques on the bells, was Mr. Bratton's fiftieth, his record comprising: Grandsire Triples, 22, conducted 6; Grandsire Caters, 6; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Plain Bob Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; Plain Bob Major, 6; Minor methods, 2; Stedman Triples, 9; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; total—50.

The order for the new illuminated turret quarter clock for Leeds parish church has been given by Mr. H. R. Chorley, architect, on behalf of the vicar, churchwardens, and committee, to Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, of Leeds and Newcastle. Mr. Robert Potts, grandfather of the present head of the firm, made and fixed the present old clock.

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## A DAY IN ENGLISH SWITZERLAND.

On August Bank Holiday the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society of Sheffield, together with their wives and friends, including Mr. Thos. Boyer, of Boston, Mr. Horbery and Mr. Farrow, of Sheffield, Masters Harry and Lawrence Hattersley, sons of the President, had their annual excursion to Castleton, in Derbyshire. Eight o'clock was the appointed time for starting from the parish church gates, and after a short delay everything was in readiness and the outward journey commenced by way of Lady Bower and Ashopton, where a halt was called, not only to refresh the inner man but to view the scenery, for at this point of the route it is one magnificent column of gigantic rock. Again comfortably seated we continue our drive on to Bamford, thence forward to Hope, and on to Castleton, a distance of twenty miles' drive through the loveliest scenery and most mountainous country it has been the writer's good fortune to look upon.

We were met at the church gates by Mr. Joseph Ashton, who had everything in readiness, and gave us a cordial welcome, and heartily thanked us for our visit; and while dinner was being prepared at The George by mine hostess Mrs. Biggin, the bells were set going to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by T. Sylvester, T. Hattersley (conductor), F. Bugar, J. Mulligan, W. Smithson, H. Bower, F. Willey, W. Biggin.

Dinner time had now arrived, and everyone of the party eager for the fray, to which ample justice was done. After dinner, while we sat round the table, a touch of Grandsire Caters, and a selection comprising "The Blue Bells of Scotland," was given by Messrs. Joseph Mulligan and F. Bugar. Another visit to the tower, and six courses of Stedman Triples were rung by T. Hattersley, Jos. Mulligan, E. Farrow, John Mulligan, W. Smithson, W. Biggin, F. Willey (conductor), G. Butcher. Also 320 Kent Treble Bob by the same band. By this time Mr. Samuel How had arrived, who is the oldest ringer in Castleton, and over 80 years of age, and still an ardent admirer of the Art. Also Mr. Henry Ashton and a general company. Time was fast speeding on, and as a final course of Grandsire Caters rung. Jas. Mulligan, 1-2; T. Hattersley, 3-4; John Mulligan, 5-6; J. Ashton, 7-8; W. Bugar, 9-10. The bells of St. Edmund would be all the better if the Vicar could find some benevolent friend to defray the cost of re-casting and hanging. The sexton and clerk of this place is Mr. John Nall, and this office has been held by the family for 100 years. Time for departure had now arrived, and we had to get away, but not before we had passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. R. J. C. Orde, for the use of the bells; also to Mr. J. Ashton and all others who contributed to our pleasure and enjoyment. Millstone Edge inn was reached in good time, and here some good handbell ringing took place on the green sward in the quiet eventide, to the delight of many of the villagers who flocked to listen, and just by way of diversion a song by T. Hattersley. Sheffield was reached in due course of time, and thus ended one of the most pleasant days this Society knows how to promote. W.

## PRESENTATION TO A RECTOR.

On Sunday, June 12th, the members of the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, met in the vestry of that church for the purpose of wishing good-bye to their Rector and President, the Rev. C. H. Joberns, M.A., who is leaving St. Stephen's for the vicarage of Bookthorpe with Whaddon, and also to present him with a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by the Guild.

Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, Treasurer to the Guild, in an excellent speech referred at length to the interest which he (the Rev. C. H. Joberns) had always taken in matters connected with bells and bell-ringers. The addition of two bells to make ten, and the founding of the St. Stephen's Guild in that vestry, which may be said to mark a new era in the ringing of bells in Bristol, was distinctly traceable to him. In presenting him with a smoking cabinet, he hoped that when he used it he would think of the ringers in Bristol.

The Rev. C. H. Joberns, in accepting the gift, said it was quite unexpected, and assured them that they would often be in his thoughts, and if ever they came to Brookthorpe—where however he could only offer them one bell to ring, the tower of Quedgeley was very near—he could assure them a hearty welcome.

### Ringers' Outings.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, CROYDON.**—On Monday, July 11th, eleven members of this society held their annual outing at Wallingford, Berks. This place was reached at 9.15 a.m., and a pair-horse break was found in waiting to convey the party to The Bell inn, Brightwell. Here they sat down to a splendid breakfast, and afterwards enjoyed a drive to Benson church, where was found a light ring of eight in good going order, and where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Then on to Dorchester Abbey, where the same methods were pulled off, and after refreshing the inner man a delightful drive was had back to Brightwell, where a beautiful hot dinner was much enjoyed. Then a drive to Wallingford, and finding the church of St. Mary at their disposal and in readiness, the company rang some touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples. The return journey was then made, Croydon being reached at 10.40 p.m., after a glorious day. The company thank the Vicars for granting permission, and their friends for having all things ready.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, EVESHAM.**—On Monday, August 2nd, several members of the above Society had their outing for two days, to Burton-on-Trent, accompanied by J. Austin and J. Gillett of Gloucester, and H. Middleton (a late member), now of Birmingham. The party arrived at Burton at 12 a.m. where they were met by Mr. S. Cook. Dinner being had with a glass of Bass's, the pilot, J. Austin, was soon looking for the keys to get a pull at the parish church, where Grandsire Triples, Doubles and Minor was rung with the assistance of two of the local band. The next thing was to ring at St. Paul's, permission having been kindly granted previously, where a touch of Grandsire and Stedman Triples was rung by the assistance of Messrs. Griffin, Wakley and Stone. Service being at 7 o'clock, that concluded the first day's ringing, the last item being a friendly glass with Messrs. Griffin and Stone, the former giving a short toast, which was much appreciated. The party then made their way to the Midland Station where they took train for Willington, where they were put up for the night by Mr. Cook. The next day the party met Mr. Griffin at the Brewery, Burton, and they also went to Winshill parish church, where the bells were raised, and some Doubles and Minor rung. They arrived at Birmingham at 5 p.m. and had a stroll through part of the town and left about 7.30, arriving at Evesham at 9 p.m., everyone remarking that he had enjoyed himself first-class. The company wish through the medium of this paper to thank all concerned for making the outing an enjoyable one.

**THE NORTON SOCIETY, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Monday, July 18th, the ringers and choir had their annual trip to Blackpool, the party numbering upwards of 60. The ringers, by kind permission of the vicar of St. John's, were granted the use of the bells, and rang a touch each of Bob Major and Grandsire. A very pleasant day was spent. The ringers deeply regret that one of their company, Mr. J. Atkins, was not able to accompany them, having by accident fractured his right leg three weeks previously, and is now lying in the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, but progressing favourably. The ringers wish to thank the vicar and Mr. Clitheroe for the use of the bells.

**THE ST. JAMES'S, BOLTON (BRADFORD) SOCIETY.**—On Bank Holiday, August 1st, this band had an outing. Leaving Bradford at 6.20 a.m., Nottingham was reached shortly after 10 o'clock, where after light refreshments had been partaken of, the party booked for Kegworth, a pleasant village eight miles off, with the object of a pull on the light ring of eight in the parish church tower. On arrival, however, it was found that, owing to some defect in the framework, the bells were unringable, so the visitors went forward to their destination—Lockington—a quiet peaceful, Leicestershire village, about a mile distant. This was reached after an enjoyable walk through the fields, at the end of which the visitors received a right hearty welcome from Robert Joyce, leader of the local band, who with his daughters, son, and son-in-law, had been busy during the morning, making arrangements for their company. While dinner was preparing, the bells—a sweet-toned ring of six—were raised, and a short touch of Bob Minor rung by way of a "feeler," when a signal came that dinner was waiting. This was a meal as substantial as it was welcome, the various course-ends coming round like magic.

Appetites at length were appeased, and a short stroll through the well-stocked garden followed. Then the tower was again visited, and during the afternoon, touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, were rung, the ringing programme including a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, by W. Joyce (first time as conductor), 1; B. T. Copley, 2; A. Gill, 3; H. Good, 4; S. Palframan, 5; J. Joyce, 6. During an interval in the ringing, the party had a stroll through the village, along its pretty hedged-lined walks and tree-shaded roads, receiving everywhere from the villagers a hearty welcome as they passed along. About five o'clock, a concluding touch was rung, and the bells lowered, after which the hospitable habitation of Mr. Robert Joyce was revisited, where a substantial tea awaited the guests. This having been served and appreciated, a brief inspection was made of the interior of the ancient church, where bats were flying about in large numbers—a most unique experience for many of the visitors. Time for commencing the return journey came only too soon, when, goodbyes were said, and hands warmly shaken, the route leading under trees to Errington, where the ruined old church was visited, the party afterwards reaching Castle Donington station, where seats were taken in the train which went by way of Trent to Nottingham. Here about an hour spent viewing the town, previous to entering the train home, which started shortly before eleven o'clock, reaching Bradford a little after three o'clock next morning, all having spent a thoroughly enjoyable day.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.**—On Monday, August 1st, this above band had its annual excursion. Southampton was chosen as the basis of operations, with a peal in prospect on the grand ring of eight at Romsey Abbey, and a trip on the briny to finish the day. We arrived fit and well at Southampton, and lost no time in getting to Romsey, and were welcomed to that quaint old town by a touch of Grandsire Triples by the local men. One of our party had not turned up, he having elected to "scorch" the distance. Some little time elapsed, when to the surprise of all, our record breaker was seen coming from the station on shanks's pony, having left his iron steed at some depot on the road for repairs. A start was made in earnest for Thurstans' Stedman Triples, but one hour's ringing brought up a bad part-end, so the third attempt we have made on these bells thus proved abortive. The 7th bell does not go at all well, but we were credited by the outside critics for good ringing whilst it lasted. A course of London Surprise and a short touch of Grandsire Triples with some of the local men brought the day's ringing to an end. Our next move was to The Market inn, where a good dinner was prepared and disposed of, and then to Southampton to get any boat that was going anywhere, which quest finished up by our going on a special to Cowes, the pleasant journey being enlivened by touches of Grandsire Triples and a few tunes on a pretty little peal of handbells, brought by Mr. J. Elcombe, who finished the day with us, and who, with the rest of the Romsey men, we wish to thank for their kindness and courtesy. Well, as all pleasant things do, our day drew to a close all too quickly; and a long journey shortened by song, joke, and laughter found us at Reading station about one o'clock on the Tuesday morning, everyone pleased with his day's outing, and vowing some day to come back from Romsey to the tune of "See the Conquering Hero, &c." The band standing in the attempt were: E. W. Menday, 1; J. F. Tarrant, 2; G. Essex, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. T. Hibbert, senr., E. Vine, and Master Newman also participated in the day's enjoyment.

### "BETTER LATE THAN NEVER."

The Rev. Dr. Raven writes under date August 5th: "The board recording this peal is to go up in Strabroke tower to-morrow. It has been finished a good many years, and the announcement deserves the heading which I have given to it."

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1898.

THOUGH the present season is one in which little or nothing in peal-ringing might be expected, we find the record pages show a respectable number of weekly performances. This week we have reports from Mr. G. WILLIAMS, of Brighton, which shows that two peals have been rung in one day, almost by the same band. Some of the Sussex gentlemen evidently set at naught any consideration of the thermometer when the ringing of a peal is under consideration. There is nothing like keeping the game alive. If ringers were to look for a close season, a stagnation, which would take much trouble and a long time to remedy, would be the result. Therefore, it is a good thing that such energy is displayed in ringing, totally regardless of temperature.

Where there is a disinclination to attempt peals just now, the time may be profitably spent in teaching the young the elements of ringing on handbells. Education of this sort is always necessary. Without it the Art would decay and become lost. Perhaps at the present moment it is more necessary than ever. And the instruc-



tion should be practical and solid. Platitudes concerning the past are next to useless; the present and future must be provided for, and it is incumbent upon us all to work to that end. The references to this subject made by the President of the Midland Counties Association this week may be perused to advantage.

We regret to hear from an authoritative source, that the Honorary Secretary of the Yorkshire Association is about to resign that position, which he has held for so many years, with honour to himself and great advantage to the Association. The members will greatly regret the loss of one who has been so distinguished in their service. The thought that comes uppermost on the receipt of such intelligence is that the members will make an effort to induce Mr. Copley to continue at his post. The withdrawal from such an office as Secretary to a large ringing Association is at all times an untoward occurrence; though the fact is plain that it is bound to happen some time. Mr. Copley, however, has done excellent service, and we must not begrudge him his retirement, if he considers the step necessary.

### The Provinces.

#### QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, July 30, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET .. .. Treble.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
FRED. G. MAY .. .. 3.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and  
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

#### APPLETON, BERKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN TUCKER .. .. Treble.	*ERNEST BRUCE .. .. 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 2.	*JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
FRANK TUBB .. .. 3.	*FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM T. HORNE* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 9.
FRANK BENNETT* .. .. 5.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by F. HOPGOOD.

\*First peal of Bob Royal. This is Frank Hopgood's 100th peal; a list will be found elsewhere.

#### SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 5.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is A. J. Turner's fiftieth peal.

#### READING, BERKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 4, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

VALENTINE ROWE* .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 2.	ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HIGGS .. .. 7.
AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 4.	JOHN TUCKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and  
Conducted by F. BENNETT.

\*First peal; aged 15 years. This is Mr. J. W. Whiting's 150th peal. A reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

#### PORTSEA, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1898, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

J. HARRIS .. .. Treble.	E. REYNOLDS .. .. 5.
F. S. BAYLEY .. .. 2.	A. PYE .. .. 6.
C. GROVES* .. .. 3.	E. NEWMAN .. .. 7.
J. SYMONS* .. .. 4.	J. MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. S. BAYLEY.

First peal in the method by the local band, and rung at the first attempt. †First peal in the method as conductor. \*First peal in the method.

#### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1898, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

RICHARD STREDWICK* .. Treble.	*JOHN SIEDDY .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. 8.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.	JAMES FROSSELL .. .. 9.
WILLIAM STEED* .. .. 5.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON and  
Conducted by KEITH HART.

\*First peal of Royal.

#### WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOLVERHAMPTON.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ISAAC PURSER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. HALL .. .. 5.
HUGH J. BALCOMBE .. .. 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 6.
ELMORE S. HODGES .. .. 3.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. 7.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 4.	GEORGE BURROWS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES F. GROVES.

Mr. Hodges hails from Dorchester, and this is his first peal.

#### NORTH CURRY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART (NO. 2.)

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. .. 5.
WALTER GILLARD .. .. 2.	EDGAR E. BURGESS .. .. 6.
HENRY PEARCE .. .. 3.	HENRY J. POOLE .. .. 7.
FRANK MILLARD .. .. 4.	THOMAS DOBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT* .. Treble.	CHARLES GEORGE .. .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 3.	HERBERT MARTIN .. .. 7.
FRANK A. SMITH .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR LANCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## HAVANT, HANTS.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1898, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. Treble.	*JOHN STEDDY .. .. 5.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM STEED .. .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells. \*First peal of Bob Major.

## CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE BELL-TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM STEED* .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Cambridge Surprise. This was also the first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMART .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. ALLISS .. .. 6.
JOSIAH D. HARRIS .. .. 3.	CHARLES TYLER .. .. 7.
JOHN STEDDY .. .. 4.	ESAU TURRELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, July 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. J. Ellis, 1; H. Ellis, 2; A. E. Martin, 3; H. Barnett, 4; S. Wade (conductor), 5; H. N. Doughty, 6; C. Button, 7; W. Martin, 8.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. R. Glasscock, 1; A. Miller, 2; J. Miller, 3; L. Attwater (conductor), 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Wade, 6; I. Attwater, 7; C. Bale, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor. On Sunday evening, August 7th, after Divine Service, 1344 Bob Major in 55 mins. W. Tegg, 1; S. Ansell, 2; L. Attwater, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; I. Attwater, 6; S. Wade, 7; A. Miller (conductor), 8. First quarter-peal by all the band. Rung on the occasion of the fifteenth birthday of W. Tegg.

## THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Saturday, July 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. F. Clements, 1; H. Barnett (conductor), 2; A. E. Martin, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; H. Ellis, 6; C. A. Button, 7; W. Martin, 8. Rung in honour of the Duchess of York's visit to Tottenham to distribute the prizes to the students of St. Katherine's College, White Hart Lane.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Thursday, August 4th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. C. Ellis, 1; A. Redwood, 2; T. Mannering, 3; E. Mexter, 4; A. Brewster, 5; A. Morris, 6; C. Ramplin (conductor), 7; F. Borrett, 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor. On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 672 Plain Bob Major. G. Knock, 1; A. Redwood, 2; J. Brewster, 3; E. Mexter, 4; A. Brewster, 5; A. Morris, 6; C. Ramplin, 7; T. Mannering (conductor), 8. For evening service 700 Grandsire Triples. A. Redwood, 1; A. Brewster, 2; J. Brewster, 3; E. Mexter, 4; A. Morris, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; T. Mannering (conductor), 7; F. Borrett, 8.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HADDENHAM.—On Sunday, June 5th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). R. M. Croft, 1; H. Sharp, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Markwell, 6. All hail from Wilburton.

WILBURTON (Cams).—On Sunday, May 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Markwell, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. On Friday, June 17th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Markwell, 5; W. Smith (first in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 19th, 720 Woodbine with H. Markwell, 3; H. Sharp, 5; the rest as before. On Sunday, July 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). A. Markwell, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Smith, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Markwell, 5; J. Markwell, 6. On Monday, July 4th, 720 Bob Minor. R. M. Croft, 1; H. Sharp, 2; A. Markwell (conductor), 3; W. Smith, 4; H. Markwell, 5; J. Markwell, 6. On Sunday morning, July 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Markwell, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine with H. Markwell, 3; H. Sharp, 5; the rest as before. On Friday, August 5th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). R. M. Croft, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; H. Sharp, 4; H. Markwell, 5; J. Markwell, 6. And 720 Oxford. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FINEDON (Northants).—On Saturday, August 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 47 mins. T. Abbott, 1; A. Smeathers, 2; C. Newman, 3; J. T. Tompkins, 4; P. J. Manning, 5; W. Perkins, 6; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Seth, 8. This is the longest touch by Smeathers and Seth.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, July 26th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; J. Barham, 3; G. Haylett, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Tite (conductor), 6. Also 860 in the same method, standing as before. This was rang with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Joseph Woods. Messrs. Tite and Barham hail from Banham.

GARBOLDISHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, July 21st, on the occasion of the Flower Show, 432 Bob Minor. W. Blomfield, 1; J. Sage, 2; R. Haylett, 3; J. Bennett, 4; W. Oxer, 5; J. Tite (conductor), 6. And 240 and 720 in the same method. W. Blomfield, 1; R. Haylett, 2; J. Chenery, 3; J. Bennett, 4; W. Oxer, 5; J. Tite (conductor), 6. Also a 360. W. Blomfield, 1; R. Haylett, 2; J. Chenery, 3; J. Tite, 4; J. Bason (conductor), 5; J. Bennett, 6. R. Haylett and J. Sage hail from Quidenham; Tite from Banham; Oxer from Kenninghall.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, August 2nd, at St. Bridget's church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. \*S. Wharton, 1; \*J. Hale, 2; J. Rowland, 3; S. Rutter, 4; \*J. Hammond, 5; S. Pownall (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday morning, July 31st, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Curtis, 1; Alice White, 2; F.

Bennett, 3; E. Sutton, 4; J. Ballard, 5; C. Giles, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; G. Martin, 8. For afternoon service 504 Stedman Triples. T. Curtis, 1; H. Lawes, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; E. Sutton, 4; F. Bennett, 5; C. Giles (conductor), 6; H. White, 7; A. Knight, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Giles (conductor), 1; Alice White, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; H. Lawes, 4; T. Curtis, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White, 7; F. Redgate, 8.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Monday, August 8th, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Ottery St. Mary, visited this tower for a practice of Double Norwich. After rubbing the rust off, a good touch of 1008 was rung. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 2; E. J. Munday, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; G. Essex, 6; E. W. Munday, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. A short touch of London Surprise was rung by H. Simmonds, 1; E. W. Munday, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. W. Munday, 4; R. T. Hibbert, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Followed by 560 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 2; A. W. Pike, 3; E. W. Munday, 4; H. Smith, 5; E. J. Munday, 6; T. Newman, 7; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 8.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, August 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; D. Chapman, 4; E. Unitt, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Hamilton, 8. On Sunday, August 7th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; W. Smith, 3; T. Lowe, 4; J. Foster, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. Messrs. Chapman and Hamilton belong to Walsall; Brown to Bilston.

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, August 8th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Kinsey, 1; J. Horrex, 2; R. Wilding, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; H. Horrex (conductor), 6. Another 720 (twenty bobs and ten singles). E. Kinsey, 1; H. Horrex, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; R. Wilding, 4; H. Horrex, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. Composed by W. Gale, of Melton Mowbray.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Naylor, 1; F. Goddard, 2; E. Beadle (first quarter-peal), 3; T. Beadle, 4; H. Adams, 5; W. T. Elson (composer and conductor), 6; G. Ransom, 7; A. Saunders (first quarter-peal), 8.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, July 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Williams (conductor), 1; N. Davis, 2; E. E. Hunt, 3; T. Bennett, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. Crane, 6; T. Wakeman, 7; W. Smith, 8.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, August 3rd, for practice at the church of St. Nicholas, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Dillon, 1; R. S. Mann, 2; W. Davis, 3; G. Fisher, 4; G. Woodhall, 5; W. James, 6; T. Hammond, 7; J. Martin (conductor), 8. Longest length on the bells, and by all the band.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, August 8th, at the parish church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Oats, 1; G. N. Farr, 2; W. Price, 3; W. Thring, 4; G. Davis, 5; J. Allen, 6; G. Marsden, 7; A. Knight (conductor), 8. Messrs. Farr, Davis, Thring, and Knight hail from Chesterfield; Price and Marsden from Eckington.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, July 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs). H. Symonds, 1; A. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; C. Levitt, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Levitt and Hollocks, who attained the age of 23 and 34, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns. On Saturday, August 6th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). T. Levitt, 1; W. Kinsey, 2; A. Symonds, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. Horrex, 5; R. Wilding, 6. Conducted by A. Symonds. Messrs. Tinsey, Horrex, and Wilding hail from Felsham; Symonds from Lavenham.

PRITTEWELL (Essex).—On Sunday, July 31st, for Divine Service, 640 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hunt, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; W. Dowsett, 3; W. Dudley, 4; C. Anderson, 5; G. Smith, 6; J. Smith, 7; W. H. Judd (conductor), 8. C. H. Horton hail from Bristol; G. Smith from Hackney.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On Thursday, August 4th, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Judd (conductor), 1; C. H. Horton, 2; — Bingham, 3; W. Dowsett, 4; W. Dudley, 5; H. Smith, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; G. Smith, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob. G. Smith, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; J. Johnson, 3; W. Dudley, 4; W. Dowsett, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; J. Perry, 7; W. H. Judd (conductor), 8. Also a plain course of Stedman, the first on the bells.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday morning, July 31st, at St. Hilda's church, 504 Bob Triples. R. Hopper, sen., 1; F. Scrafton, jun., 2; R. Scrafton, sen., 3; J. Browell, 4; J. Hopper, 5; J. Crawford, 6; G. W. Dix (conductor), 7; A. Carling, 8. For evening service 504 in the same method. R. Hopper, sen., 1; J. Hopper, 2; R. Scrafton, sen., 3; G. Holmes, 4; J. Crawford, 5; W. Hunt, 6; G. W. Dix (conduc-

tor), 7; A. Carling, 8. On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 504 Bob Triples. R. Hopper, 1; J. Hopper, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; J. Crawford, 4; J. Browell, 5; W. Hunt, 6; G. W. Dix (conductor), 7; A. Carling, 8.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Sunday morning, May 1st, at the parish church, 720 Evening Exercise. On Tuesday, May 24th, 720 each of York Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Durham Surprise, Evening Exercise, and Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday morning, June 5th, 720 Durham Surprise. On Thursday, June 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday, June 19th, 720 York Surprise. On Monday, June 20th, after the arrival of the new bells, a 720 of Durham Surprise. On Thursday, June 23rd, for the marriage of the third daughter of Colonel Roper, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Evening Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday morning, June 26th, 720 Woodbine. On Sunday morning, July 3rd, 720 York Surprise. On Sunday morning, July 31st, 720 Durham Surprise. The ringers taking part were Messrs. T. Burdon, G. J. Clarkson, J. Clarkson, W. Newton, J. Waller, T. W. Waller, W. Stephenson, and T. Stephenson; and on one occasion R. Fenwick, of Middlesbrough. On Sunday morning, August 7th, 720 York Surprise.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday July 3rd, for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson (conductor), 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. On July 4th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. W. Stout (conductor), the rest as before. On Sunday, July 10th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). E. Edwardson, 1; J. J. Wilson, 2; A. Oxley (conductor), 3; W. Oxley, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. For evening service 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout (conductor), 6. On July 11th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs), the ringers as before, conducted by F. W. Stout.

### 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."

#### THE STOCKTON TEN-BELL SCHEME.

SIR,—A misconception runs through Mr. Story's letter from beginning to end. I was not present at the Durham meeting, and am not responsible for anything said or done at it. In fact Mr. Story's letter is the first intimation to me that a proposal was made to deal with the Stockton bell scheme by the aid of a special committee. And furthermore, I have made no appeal for assistance from the funds by an Association which has no funds. It is the practice of the Association to send out official appeals from time to time for various objects, and I do not remember a single instance in which the Stockton branch has failed to respond to such appeals. It was an official appeal of this kind which was asked for at Gainford, and this was refused and denounced by Mr. Story as a dangerous precedent. In the face of this it would be interesting to know what course would have been open to the proposed special committee had one been appointed at Durham. I explained at Gainford that a direct appeal would not under the circumstances be made from Stockton, and I should no more think of appealing to the ringers of Durham and Northumberland, except through the Association, than I should think of appealing to the ringers of Yorkshire or any other part of the country. If the widespread sympathy Messrs. Story and Hudson speak of really exists, let the Gainford decision be set aside, and this sympathy put to the practical test. With the three gratifying exceptions of Middlesbrough, St. John's, Darlington, and recently Guisborough, and a small subscription from Mr. Story, no evidence of it whatever has reached Stockton, and this I attribute to the attitude of Mr. Story and his committee.

G. J. CLARKSON.

#### ANSWER TO "PLAIN SPEAKER."

SIR,—May I be allowed to say that "Plain Speaker" is labouring under a wrong impression with regard to the paragraph he quoted in last week's "BELL NEWS" from the report of the Winchester Diocesan Guild's annual meeting. We are always delighted to welcome any visitors to our towers—who may not be members of the Guild—provided the local authorities grant the necessary permission; but on such occasions it is obviously unfair to publish any performance which may be accomplished, as rung by the Guild, unless the visitors have been previously elected members of the society. Every loyal member of any ringing guild or association would surely thus jealously guard the interests of his own society. To remove any misunderstanding on this subject, we added last year the

following rule (xiv) to our list: "Persons who are elected members of the Guild before any performance (which it is intended to publish as rung by the Guild), shall pay their subscriptions before starting, or the performance shall not be counted as rung by the Guild." In the four instances which I enumerated at the last annual meeting, this rule had been disregarded.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS,  
Hon. Secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

#### DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS, ETC.

SIR,—I must again trouble you re the first peal of Double Norwich Maximus, and also give public expression to a strong feeling with regard to the bricking up of the louvers of the tower at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. About a fortnight since, Mr. Pemberton was reading through the back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS," and came across the following passage which has been overlooked in the course of the correspondence on this matter. On page 234, No. 30, vol. 1, October 28th, 1882, the words "he thought it was one of the four methods given on pages 37-38 in his book (4th edition)" as given in Snowden's Treatise, are followed by this most important sentence, "but felt sure it was not the Double Norwich Court Maximus as given in that work." I am sorry that the prospect of peal-ringing in Ipswich is seriously hampered by the bricking up of the louvers, so that the sound is driven down to the ringing-chamber because it cannot escape from the tower. Originally there was over 500 square feet of escape provided in the tower, leaving out the spire. This has now been reduced upon the recommendation of the Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Association, to the enormous space of eight square feet, and this in spite of the protests of the ringers of the church, both before, during, and since the time the work was done, the authorities ignoring the local men entirely, as if they had been complete strangers to the tower and its construction, having taken, as they say, "expert opinion." They are congratulating themselves upon their success in stopping the noise of the bells in the near neighbourhood of the tower, and so will not hear a word about the brickwork being carried up too far, stopping the sound of the bells travelling to any great distance now, as they used to do. They cannot be heard distinctly three miles away at Sproughton, where before they could tell what method we were ringing.

W. L. CATCHPOLE.

#### THANKS.

SIR,—I have to thank Mr. J. Barrow, of Long Eaton, for the following particulars of a peal rung at the church of St. Giles, Northampton, on the occasion of the opening of a new ring of eight bells there in the year 1783. They are copied from the peal-book of John Martin, of Leicester. "On April 8th, 1783, was rung at St. Giles, Northampton, a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hours and 22 minutes, by the following ringers from Leicester: John Martin, treble; William Thacker, 2; Thomas Armstrong, 3; Thomas Scott, 4; Mark Graham, 5; Daniel Loyley, 6; Joseph Smith (conductor), 7; Richard Wright and Thomas Dudley, tenor." E. J. DENNES.  
Wellingborough.

#### Obituary.

##### HENRY ALLEN.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Henry Allen, who died on Saturday, July 23rd, in the 47th year of his age at The Railway hotel, Whittington Moor. Deceased had been a member of the Dronfield company for upwards of thirty years, and was greatly respected by a wide circle of friends. His remains were interred at Dronfield on July 26th. By his decease the Exercise has lost a good and trustworthy ringer and friend. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, with the bells muffled, was rung by H. Allen, 1; S. Allen, 2; H. Jervis, 3; E. Allen, 4; J. Allen (conductor), 5; W. Biggin, 6. Also another 720 by S. Heminsfield, 1; W. Kitson, 2; T. Kitson, 3; W. Worthington, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; C. Platts, 6. E. J.

##### W. G. RICHARDS.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of the above ringer, who died at his residence, Chipping Hill, Witham, in the 51st year of his age. He was well-known locally, and highly respected, being a member of the Urban District Council. He was for years a member of the Essex Association, and was one of the first elected to represent the Association on the Central Council. His funeral on Thursday, August 4th, was attended by numerous brother-tradesmen, and also by a number of Oddfellows, of which Society he was a member. A 720 and 216 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply-muffled, and 360 half-muffled, as a last token of respect, by the following: W. Sadler, 1; A. Chalk, 2; D. Elliott, 3; E. Garnett, 4; Chalk, 5; E. W. Beckwith, 6. E. W. B.

##### JOSEPH WOODS.

We have also to record the death of the above ringer, which took place on the 18th of July after a short but painful illness. The deceased belonged to the Banham and Quidenham societies. The funeral took place at Banham on Thursday, July 21st, and the Quidenham company, as a mark of respect to his memory, rang 1080 with the bells deeply-muffled. W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; J. Barham, 3; G. Haylett, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Tite (conductor), 6. The deceased was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Royal Cumberland Youths. He took part in a peal at St. Anne's, Highgate, with the last named Society, in the year 1888. J. W.

##### THOMAS PALLETT.

The Waltham Abbey Society have to regret the decease of their beloved Master, Mr. T. Pallett, who passed away very unexpectedly on Saturday, July 30th. He had been suffering from acute dyspepsia, but had not kept his bed. He was taken suddenly much worse on the afternoon of July 30th, and asked to be assisted to his bed, where he expired in a few minutes. Dr. J. Damer Priest being present at the death, certified the causes to be "podegra, angus pectoris and syncope." Mr. Pallett was born near Stevenage, Herts., on January 6th, 1836. He removed to Waltham Abbey in 1854, where in course of time he became greatly interested in bellringing. He was one of the ringers at the Abbey church on the Prince of Wales' wedding day, March 10th, 1863; elected a member of the Society of College Youths June 7th, 1865.

The funeral took place last Saturday. The coffin was carefully placed in a glass hearse followed by mourning coaches, which contained the following relatives: the widow (Mrs. T. Pallett), Mr. W. Pallett, sen. (brother), Mrs. Cocks (sister), Mrs. James Pallett (son's wife), Mrs. W. Pallett, sen., Mr. W. Pallett, jun. (nephew), Mrs. W. Pallett, jun., Miss E. Cutmore (niece), Mrs. S. Francis (daughter-in-law), Mr. S. Francis, Mrs. Cooper (daughter-in-law), Mrs. Ben, Mr. and Mrs. Fredk. Cleverley, Mrs. Hoath. The cortege left the home of the deceased about 3 o'clock, and proceeded slowly towards Waltham Abbey Cemetery. On reaching the ancient Abbey (where deceased had so frequently taken his place among his brother-ringers) it was joined by the Waltham Abbey Society of change-ringers and the Waltham Abbey Friendly Union Society.

The Rev. G. Wilby officiated at the Cemetery, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon the handbells at the grave by G. Peace, 1-2; D. Tarling, 3-4; G. Thurgood, 5-6; T. Colverd, 7-8. Among the wreaths was one by the Waltham Abbey Society of change-ringers, bearing the following: "In loving memory of our late Master, Thomas Pallett, died July 30th, 1898, aged 62 years, deeply lamented."

Letters of condolence were kindly sent by the Waltham Abbey Society, Mr. W. A. Alps, Mr. John Pallett, etc., etc. His sudden removal is keenly felt by all those who were intimately acquainted with the deceased. The following is a copy of the letter sent by the Waltham Abbey Society of change-ringers:—

"High Bridge Street,

"Waltham Abbey, 5th August, 1898.

"Dear Mrs. Pallett,—I am desired by my fellow members of the Waltham Abbey Society of Change-Ringers to tender their sincere sympathy to you at this sad season of your bereavement. By the removal of your late husband we, both as a body and individually, mourn the loss of a most worthy Master of our Society, whose long association, consistent geniality, and welcome presence will ever be kindly remembered. His popularity among the great ringers of the day, as well as among the later aspirants was thoroughly deserved, and the great loss is far from being a local one, as ringers from far and near will be greatly concerned. Our Society grieves that such a true friend should be taken away from them, and again assures you of their sympathy towards you, and trust that you may receive much comfort in your great trial.

"I am, yours sincerely,

"FRANK CARTER."

A member of the Waltham Abbey Society sends the following additional particulars:—

As a ringer, the deceased was known and respected in many parishes, having been connected in that capacity with Waltham Abbey for more than forty years, and being of such a genial disposition this can be easily understood. He had rang several peals of 5040, his first being rung as far back as 1865, at Waltham Abbey. He also took part in the ringing on the following festive occasions: re-opening of the Abbey church on its 800th anniversary, after restoration, May 3rd, 1860; Prince of Wales's wedding day, March 10th, 1863; an Ordination at the Abbey church on July 3rd, 1864 (the late Dr. Crowther, Bishop of the Niger, the first coloured bishop, preaching his first sermon in the evening after his ordination at Canterbury cathedral); Presentation to the Rev. J. Francis, the late Vicar, during the 30th year of his in-

At 7 in the evening, as a last tribute of respect, a muffled peal denoting the age of the deceased was rung in 40 mins., which was conducted by his old friend, Mr. J. Pettit. M. A. Wood, 1; G. Peace, 2; E. Wallage, 3; G. Thurgood, 4; E. Hall, 5; J. Pettit, 6; D. Tarring, 7; T. Colverd, 8. Afterwards, with the bells still deeply-muffled, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Jelf, 1; G. Peace, 2; J. Pettit (conductor), 3; G. Thurgood, 4; E. Wallage, 5; M. A. Wood, 6; E. Hall, 7; T. Colverd, 8. A touch of call changes was also rung, in which A. S. Pettett, of Bishopsgate, and two or three local men took part. It was arranged that the four oldest local ringers, together with the four well-known visitors from their respective London parishes, should ring the muffled peal, which was carried out, with the exception of W. A. Alps, who had been associated with deceased as a ringer for more than twenty-five years, and who was alone precluded from taking part in it owing to several weeks' indisposition. On Sunday evening, July 31st, the organist of the Abbey church played the Dead March in "Saul" as the congregation were leaving.

GEO. F. ATTREE.  
GEORGE BAKER,



### Notices.

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**The Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Ram, at Hampton-on-Thames, to-day, Saturday, August 13. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. All friends of the Association all cordially invited.  
C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Warrington, to-day, Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 2 p.m., meeting at 5 p.m.  
HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The meetings of this Society are suspended until Thursday, September 1st.  
C. J. IRISH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's church, West Derby (six bells), to-day, Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Members who have not paid their subscriptions will please do so at this meeting, as another year commences on September 1st. HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

**The Sheffield and District Society.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Eckington, Derbyshire, this Saturday afternoon, August 13th. Eight bells.  
JOHN MULLIGAN, *Sec.*

**Kent County Association.**—The Annual Meeting of the Rochester District will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, August 20. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Members who wish to come to tea must let me know on or before Wednesday, August 17th.  
A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**The Salop Guild.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, August 27th. Service at 3 p.m., preacher the Hon. and Rev. G. H. F. Vane. Business meeting at 4 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Tea at 5 p.m. at St. Chad's parish room, price 6d. per head. The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive the names of those who intend to be present at tea. St. Chad's, St. Mary's and St. Alkmund's towers open to ringers.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*  
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open from 3 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.  
TOM REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill, on Saturday, the 27th of August. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at The Bell inn at 5.30. A good muster desired.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*  
"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch. Particulars of arrangements will be announced in due course.  
BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

### NOTES TO THE PEALS AT READING AND APPLETON.

MR. J. W. WHITING'S 150 PEALS.—In four Minor methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 58; Grandsire Caters, 4; Bob Triples, 2; Bob Major, 10; Bob Royal, 1; Treble Bob Major (Kent), 19; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 2; Stedman Triples, 25; Stedman Caters, 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 13; Superlative Surprise Major, 11; total 150.

MR. FRANK HOPGOOD'S 100 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples, 35, conducted 19; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 5, conducted 3; Bob Triples, 2, conducted 1; Bob Major, 16, conducted 8; Bob Royal, 2, conducted 2; Treble Bob Major, 6, conducted 4; Treble Bob Royal, 1, conducted 1; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Triples, 16, conducted 1; Stedman Caters, 3, conducted 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 7, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; total rung 100; conducted 43.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. C. L. Routledge has removed to 5, Belgrave Parade, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Secretaries of Associations please note the address.—Mr. H. Chapman has removed from 13, Windsor Street, Regent Road, to 113, Trafford Road, Salford, Manchester.

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Five times repeated; substituting a bob for the last single in the third and sixth parts.

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By J. MARTIN, Liverpool.

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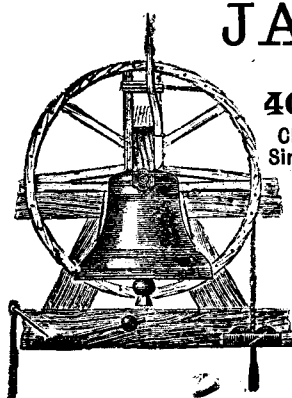
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