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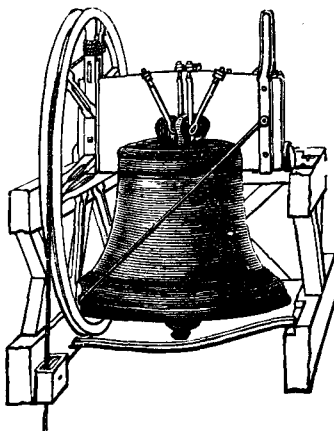
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THE GREAT BELL AND THE GREAT GUN OF MOSCOW.

Through the "Holy Gate," says an American traveller, with head uncovered, I passed, and I was now within the tapering towers and battlements of the Kremlin, the great object of my visit to Moscow. Hardly had I entered, and before I had time to look about me, I spied the big bell, and regardless of other scenes around, I proceeded to it at once. It is a monster, there is no gainsaying it. This bell was cast in the reign of the late Empress Anne, and weighs, they say, 432,000 lbs. Soon after its erection, preparatory to its being hoisted into the belfry of the cathedral, the beam that supported it gave way, and the bell in its fall buried itself deep into the earth. Here it remained till 1837, when the emperor, justly regarding it as one of the wonders of the world, ordered it to be dug out, and placed upon a granite pedestal, where it now stands by the side of the cathedral. In its fall, a portion of the bell was broken out, and the piece now lies by the side of the pedestal. I found by measurement, that the thickest part of the metal broken out, was nearly the length of my three feet, one put before the other; the base of this piece I also measured in like manner, and found it about eight of my feet in length. The height of the piece broken out is about seven feet, and through the aperture, two men, six feet high, can walk into the bell without touching either side. The bell, I was told, is about 25 feet high. The bell, it is said, cost a very great sum, for every one ambitious to contribute towards it, threw some gold or silver into the furnaces. So much for the bell, near which I spied the "monarch gun," the largest cannon ever cast, and another wonder of the world. Its weight is 86,400 lbs. It was cast in 1586, in the reign of Phedor Ivanowitch Gosudir, Autocrat of all the Russias. Its length is sixteen feet, the diameter of its calibre three feet, and it requires 50 lbs. of powder to load it. It is placed on the south side of the grand entrance to the arsenal, and so long as Russian superstition shall exist, the gun will probably remain there. I will give you the reason for my belief, by repeating an anecdote which was told me to day, in regard to this gun. Some one of the "Ivans," (it is of no consequence which Tsar it was) was about to set out with his army for Casan, to fight the Tartars, and he wished to take the gun along with him. Twenty horses were harnessed to the gun, but it was too heavy, they could not start it. The Tsar then ordered fifty horses to be attached, but the gun would not budge an inch. The Tsar flew into a violent rage, and obtaining some rods or sticks he went to work, and gave the gun a sound drubbing, and said it was not worthy of him and his holy cause, and as a punishment to it, he issued a ukase that the big gun should never leave its present position. The Drobovich or great gun is placed at one of the corners of the arsenal within the Kremlin, and it has for its company around the arsenal, several hundred of the enemy's cannon and howitzers; if I had commenced counting them, the sentinel on duty would have stopped me. I understand, however, there are about 800. To each gun there is a tablet indicating the situation and number which once belonged to each of the different powers leagued with France at the invasion of Russia. Among these guns, there are pieces formerly belonging to France, Austria, Naples, Bavaria, Westphalia, Saxony, Hanover, Italy, Württemberg, Spain, Poland, and Holland—a handsome memorial of the visit of those potentates who accompanied Napoleon to Moscow.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

ALL members are requested to attend the meeting on Monday, April 5th, 1886, when the business will commence at half-past nine o'clock precisely, to receive the report of the Committee for the revision of the rules, &c.

J. BARRY, Secretary.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL.

We are glad to be able to announce that a Subscription List has been opened, called "The Jasper Snowdon Memorial Fund." We would, therefore, call for the most earnest attention and help from all the officers of the various Associations throughout England. We would also remind the Secretaries of every local company how valuable their assistance will be, in helping to make the memorial worthy of perpetuating the memory and character of one who has done so much for the science of ringing as the late J. W. Snowdon.

We are most anxious that the memorial should represent every company, and also all those who are not connected with any special company, but yet are lovers of the art. We should be very glad to receive subscriptions from friends outside the ringing world who would wish to join in raising this memorial.

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N.B.—All subscriptions will be acknowledged the following week in "THE BELL NEWS."

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE Ringers at Middleton Stoney, a short time ago, decided to go in for change-ringing, and they have since gone into the art with a goodwill, their conductor being Mr. T. Wakenell, of Bicester. On Saturday, March 20th, being the Earl of Jersey's birthday, they as usual rang a short touch at 5.30 a.m., in honour of the event. In the evening, at 7 o'clock, they assembled at the beautiful little church in the park in full strength, being met by their conductor, and several 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles were rung. J. Tuffrey, 1; R. Gibbard, 2; F. Bowers, 3; G. Tugwood, 4; T. Wakenell, 5; H. Ryman, 8. Messrs. H. Elliot, A. Tugwood, and W. Tugwood also took part in the ringing. On Saturday, March 21st, the same company visited Kirtlington, and by the kind permission of the Rev. T. K. Chittenden, D.D., vicar, had the pleasure of ringing on the fine peal of eight which are hung in that steeple. Some 6-scores were rung on the middle and back six. It is rather surprising that Kirtlington, with such good bells and ringers, is not represented in the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Perhaps the visit of the Middleton ringers to Kirtlington, and the persuasion of Messrs. H. Elliott and T. Wakenell, may be the means of inducing some of the Kirtlington men to become members of the Guild.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

ON Saturday, March 27th, a visit was paid to this place by ringers from Sudbury and Long Melford. A touch of Grandsire Triples (630 changes), was rung by Felix Tolliday, 1; James Campin, 2; William Howell, 3; William Bacon, 4; Walter Cross, 5; Charles Sillitoe (conductor), 6; Harry Harper, 7; William Moore, 8. While this touch was in progress the Rev. — Symonds entered the belfry, and said he was pleased to see the ringers, and complimented them on the excellent striking of the touch. A touch of 672 Bob Major was then rung by James Campin, 1; William Howell, 2; Charles Sillitoe (conductor), 3; William Bacon, 4; George Hammond, 5; James Bird, 6; Harry Harper, 7; William Moore, 8. An adjournment was then made to the "Cock Inn," and the handbells were brought out and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by George Hammond, 1-2; Felix Tolliday, 3-4; Charles Sillitoe, 5-6; William Howell, 7-8; Harry Harper, 9-10. Afterwards another course was rung, with F. Tolliday, 1-2; J. Campin, 3-4; the rest as before. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; H. Harper, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; W. Cross, 7; J. Bird, 8. Messrs. Hammond and Bird hail from Long Melford, Moore from Lavenham, the rest from Sudbury. The Sudbury company intend attempting a peal of Grandsire Triples on these bells, on Saturday, April 10th.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, March 20th, several members of the above society visited St. Mary's church, Leake, and rang 720 of Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles. G. Clarke, 1; Rev. H. J. Cheales, 2; W. F. Harwood, 3; J. Mawer, 4; G. F. Smith, 5; E. Mason (conductor), 6. Also 360 in the same method, T. Rogers ringing the treble, the rest as before. The company then proceeded to the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wrangle, which is only one mile from Leake, and contains a beautiful peal of six, tenor about 11 cwt. The Rev. R. F. Wright, Vicar, kindly entertained the company to tea at the Vicarage, after which a 720 of Bob Minor, fourteen bobs and two singles. T. Rogers, 1; Rev. H. J. Cheales, 2; W. F. Harwood, 3; J. Mawer, 4; G. F. Smith, 5; E. Mason (conductor), 6. And a 360 in the same method. T. Rogers, 1; G. Clarke, 2; E. Mason, 3; J. Mawer, 4; A. Barber, 5; W. F. Harwood, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE THREE WEEKS ENDING MARCH 20TH:—

By the Arundel branch.—At Arundel, on Monday, March 15th, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. E. Fry, 1; H. Huggett, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; G. Baker, 4; W. L. Chamberlain, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; A. Peckham, 8. And on Thursday, March 18th, a 504 in the same method. G. Baker, 1; C. Blackman, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; W. L. Chamberlain, 4; G. Balchin, 5; H. Huggett, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; A. Peckham, 8. And on Sunday, March 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. F. Luxford, 1; W. Wilkinson, 2; W. L. Chamberlain, 3; G. Balchin, 4; G. Baker, 5; H. Haggett, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; A. Peckham, 8.

By the Billingshurst branch.—At Billingshurst, on Saturday, March 6th, a 720 of College Single. P. Woods, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. Voice, 5; T. Chantler (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, March 13th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, by the same band. And on Sunday, March 14th, for morning service, a 720 of Court Bob Minor; during the afternoon a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor and a 720 of College Single, by the same band. And a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. T. Chantler, 1; W. Chantler, 2; W. Chantler, jun., 3; J. King, 4; F. Hedger, 5; C. Boxall (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor. T. Chantler, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. King, 5; C. Boxall (conductor), 6. J. King, C. Boxall, and F. Hedger hail from Rudgwick. And on Saturday, March 20th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. Voice, 5; T. Chantler (conductor), 6.

By the Brighton Branch.—At St. Peter's, on Monday, March 8th, a 518 of Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. G. Fuller, 1; H. Weston, 2; C. Tyler, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. F. Attree (conductor), 5; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 6; J. Jay, 7; A. Piper, 8. And on Monday, March 22nd, a 910 in the same method, in 35 mins. G. Fuller, 1; J. Jay, 2; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 3; J. Searle, 4; G. King, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; H. Weston (conductor), 7; J. C. Rickman, 8. On Saturday, March 20th, as reported in peal column, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, Holt's ro-part, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

By the Crawley branch.—At Charlwood, on Sunday, March 7th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. *G. Wickens, 1; W. Collison, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; W. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; G. Holloway, 3; *A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And a 360 in the same method, in 12½ mins. G. Wickens, 1; M. Heffer, 2; *B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; W. Parsons, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. *First in the method. On Tuesday, March 9th, at Crawley, Johnson's peal of Union Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins., as reported in peal column.

By the Cuckfield branch.—At Cuckfield, on Saturday, February 27th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by R. Walters. And on Wednesday, March 3rd, the first part of Hollis's peal of Grandsire Triples, 1050 changes. R. Nash, 1; F. Hounsell (conductor), 2; W. Fox, 3; W. Mitchell, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; H. Bowell, 6; R. Walters, 7; B. Bleach, 8. And on Sunday, March 21st, a 336 in the same method.

By the St. Mary's and All Saints' branches, Eastbourne.—At St. Mary's church, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. S. Hart, 1; H. P. Bennett (conductor), 2; T. West, 3; W. Siggs, 4; W. Aban, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Payne, 8. And a 350 in the same method. E. Willoughby, 1; C. Harfey, 2; T. West, 3; W. Siggs, 4; T. Hart, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Willoughby, 7; J. Payne, 8. Also a 168 in the same method. T. Willoughby, 1; H. P. Bennett (conductor), 2; T. West, 3; W. Siggs, 4; E. Willoughby, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Lewis, 8. And on Friday, March 19th, a 560 in the same method. E. Willoughby, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; J. West, 3; W. Siggs, 4; W. Avan, 5; L. Huggett (conductor), 6; T. Willoughby, 7; C. Harfey, 8.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM, OXON.

The following is the last two months' ringing done by the above society. A 720 of Plain Bob, 360 of Oxford Bob, 720 of Oxford Bob, 720 of Yorkshire Court, 360 of Double Court, 360 of Plain Bob, 720 of Plain Bob, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 360 of Plain Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Plain Bob, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 360 of Plain Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, 360 of Plain Bob, and six 120's of Stedman Doubles. The following were the ringers; *Rev. F. Coleridge, *T. Newman, *E. Pottinger, *G. Essex, *E. Menday, J. Hands, H. Smith, H. Egby, H. Simmonds, F. Simmonds, C. Bush, E. Young, C. Parfitt. †First 720 by the society *Conductors.

THE PROBATIONERS' COLUMN.

According to the intimation conveyed in our last number, we here give the first of a few papers which will be written expressly for the behoof of those who find a difficulty in grasping the elements of the art without the aid of an instructor. Many of our readers will no doubt be of opinion that the treatment which such questions have had of late years render the remarks we shall make quite unnecessary. To a great extent we confess to subscribe to such an opinion. But then it should be remembered that there are many, very many simple points which a "colt" now and then stumbles at, points which on account of their simplicity are usually passed over with very few words of explanation, the result being that amid the maze of technical phrases the learner sees no way out of fogdom, and for the sake of that little explanation which is generally considered superfluous, he gives the attempt up in despair. We claim no extraordinary power of elucidation, let it be understood, we only write in the hope that our observations may, in however small a measure, supplement those penned by others whose ability in this direction we can never hope to equal.

In the rules hereafter laid down, in fact, upon any remarks which we feel it our duty to make in these papers, we ask our friends for whom they are intended to thoroughly get at the meaning conveyed. Where this seems from any cause difficult or impossible, if those who cannot discern what is meant will write us on the subject, explaining their difficulty, we will spare no pains to extricate them from it. There is nothing really intricate in the practice of ringing. All that is wanted is the most intense application and steady unflinching perseverance. Whoever on commencing to ring imagines that it is an easy matter to become a change-ringer, let him divest himself of such notion at once. It will require his utmost attention, and if he is not prepared to give it, he had better abandon the idea altogether, because not only will he be of no use to himself, but he will be a constant clog and dead-weight to his companions.

Now to begin. And first let us say a word about raising and falling bells in peal. In the metropolis this is very rarely done. And in fact, though it looks such a simple matter, we have seen good London ringers "go wrong" at it. Some persons are very fond of it, others taboo the practice—the latter very often through failing to do it successfully. Without speaking either of its beauties or defects, from a musical point of view, we most unhesitatingly aver that it is capital practice for a beginner. Let us suppose a student able to ring rounds fairly well, and then having been taught to hunt the treble on hand-bells, he essays to do the same at the rope's-end. The first blow he makes after "go" is called, he will probably touch the stay, which brings his bell down, and he is overcome by confusion; the work of hunting which previously appeared so easy to him, appearing as far off as ever. The practice of raising and falling, however, gives the learner that control over his bell which is so essential to change-ringing, and we should like to press this point as much as possible on the attention of our young friends.

We will now suppose a young band of five persons, with a old and respected veteran, who has been instrumental in teaching them to manage the bells and ring rounds; this worthy being contented for the future to ring the tenor. Grandsire Doubles is the method we will start upon. And taking matters in proper order, there are three things—difficulties we may term them—to be got over. These are "hunting," "place-making," and "dodging." And as it is upon the first of these that the science of change-ringing is practically built, it becomes necessary to deal with it before the other two are even hinted at. We give below the rule written by Hubbard in his *Elements of Campanalogia*.

"Hunting being the first part of ringing which is necessary to be understood, and indeed the ground-work on which it is founded, the learner will do well to make himself master of it before he attempts any more difficult part of the science. Having already supposed him to be ringing the treble in rounds, and standing in such a position as to command a sight of all the ropes, the first change he must strike into second's place by pulling after the one which followed him; he will now have one below and three above him, when his attention must be directed to the three above him to see which is following him, and pull after that the next time; now counting himself to be in third's place, he will have two below and two above him, still observing the two above him to see which follows him, and pull after that the next time; he will now count himself to be in fourth's place, having three below him there will remain only one to look after, which he will pull after the next time, this will be his first blow behind; now having four below him, he must follow the last of them, this will be his last blow behind. He must now descend into fourth's place by letting the last one he pulled after pass him, and pull after the last of the three below him; the next blow he strikes in third's place, allowing the last he followed to pass him, and pull after the remaining two below him; he next descends to second's place, making way for the last he followed to pass him by pulling after the remaining one; he will now be at the lead again from whence he started, where he leads two blows, and hunt up and down in the same regular manner, i.e. step by step, as before."

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

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

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5184.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford*.

2 3 4 5 6 B M W H

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

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

1886.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield*.

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9

1 2 4 6 3 8 5 0 7 9

2 1 4 6 8 3 0 5 9 7

1 2 6 4 3 8 5 0 7 9

1 2 4 6 8 3 0 5 9 7

1 4 2 6 3 8 5 0 7 9 first lead.

W H

4 3 5 2 6 2 1

4 5 2 3 6 1 2

2 5 3 4 6 2 1

2 3 4 5 6 1 2

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6144.

By N. J. PITSTOW, *Saffron Walden*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 5 2 6 4 - -
 6 3 5 4 2 - 2
 4 6 3 2 5 - 2
 5 2 3 6 4 2 - 2 1
 3 2 6 5 4 2 1
 5 3 2 4 6 - 2
 3 4 2 5 6 1 -

This peal is with the 6th placed twice each way in each part in 5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By JOHN THORP, *Ashton-under-Lyne*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 5 2 6 4 - -
 6 3 5 4 2 - 2
 5 3 4 6 2 2 1
 4 3 6 5 2 2 1
 5 4 3 2 6 - 2
 4 2 3 5 6 1 -

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5120.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

5 6 3 4 2 1 2 2
 2 5 4 6 3 2 1 2
 5 2 3 6 4 2 2
 2 4 3 6 5 1 2
 5 3 4 6 2 1 1
 5 3 6 2 4 2 2 1
 3 5 4 2 6 2 2
 2 4 5 3 6 2 2
 2 5 3 4 6 1 2
 2 3 4 5 6 1 2

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

1886.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

Omit the first two changes going off thus:-

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7

2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7

4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5

4 2 1 6 3 8 5 7

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 6 3 5 4 - I I

5 3 4 6 2 I I

5 2 3 6 4 2 I

2 5 4 6 2 - I 2

4 3 6 5 2 2 - 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 - I

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By JOHN J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth*.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

5 2 3 6 4 I - I

3 5 2 6 4 I I

4 2 5 6 3 I I

5 4 2 6 3 I I

2 5 4 6 3 I I

6 2 4 5 3 I

5 2 4 3 6 I - I

4 3 5 2 6 I I

2 4 5 3 6 I I

5 3 2 4 6 I I

4 5 2 3 6 I I

Repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6080.

By JOHN BUCKLEY, *Earlsheaton*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

6 3 5 4 2 2 - I

6 5 4 3 2 I 2

6 4 3 5 2 I 2

5 6 3 4 2 I

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5312.

By SAMUEL MARSH, *West Bromwich*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 4 5 3 6 I - 2 2

4 2 6 3 5 2 - 2

3 6 2 4 5 I - 2

3 2 4 6 5 I 2

2 5 4 6 3 2 - I 2

2 4 6 5 3 I - 2 2

3 2 5 4 6 - 2 2

3 5 4 2 6 I - 2 2

2 3 5 6 4 - 2

3 4 5 6 2 I 2

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DODGER.—We quite agree with you. You see we have made the alteration.
 A. A. WAITE.—Send your address, and we will enlighten you?

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1886.

WE are glad to find that in the old Diocese of Hereford a movement has been commenced for the establishment of a ringing Association. It is a cheering sign to hear of such an effort being made in a province where the art has hitherto been almost unknown. We cannot undertake to diagnose the causes of the science being at such a very low ebb in Herefordshire, especially as at one time the sister dioceses of Worcester and Gloucester possessed some extraordinary clever ringers. Hereford city has a heavy peal of ten in its attractive cathedral, tenor about 41 cwt. The ringing-chamber is, or was at one time, a most dismal place, heavy large transverse beams interfering with the daylight, and the bells themselves in wretched condition. No records are to our knowledge extant of even so much as a touch being rung upon them. The Church of All Saints, in the same city, has a ring of eight, which were once in fair order, but even at the time we allude to there were no ropes worthy of the name, or properly-qualified ringers. In the year 1840 the Worcester men, having rung a peal of 6000 Treble Ten at All Saints' church in that city, the following day, by permission of the Churchwardens, they removed the back eight ropes, and taking them to Hereford, affixed them to the bells of All Saints there, and succeeded in ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples. Since then nothing in the same direction, that we know of, has been done there. And it is only within the last few years that we have heard of any change-ringing in any part of the diocese. Even these instances must be taken, in a great degree, as belonging to the chapter of accidents.

The movement for the establishment of a Diocesan Guild or Association in this diocese is one therefore, that we heartily welcome from many points of view. The promotion and formation of the Association has fell into the right hands; which will not cease from labour till the thing is accomplished. The preliminary measures which

have just taken place show an earnest of what will follow, and we shall long to be made acquainted with the progress made at every stage. In the desire to extend the practice of change-ringing to every corner of the diocese we hope that the capital city will not be neglected. We are inclined to think that a start should be made here. To do this effectually pressure should be brought to bear on the cathedral authorities to restore their bells. Their are however some good bells in many parts of the diocese needing the same treatment. The promoters of this reform will find they have their work cut out for them; but the work, though difficult, is most praiseworthy. We wish them God-speed in their undertaking, and live in the hope that ere long we shall have to compliment them upon their success.

The Metropolis.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, March 27, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD ELLIOTT* Treble.	HENRY NUNN, JUN. ... 5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. ... 6.
HARVEY REEVES 3.	ERNEST E. VINEN .. 7.
ALFRED ESTALL 4.	THOMAS WATSON Tenor.

Conducted by HARVEY REEVES.

* First peal.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Charles George Talmage, Esq., a distinguished scientific gentleman resident in the neighbourhood, and whose decease is universally deplored throughout the district.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

HARRY W. GROUT Treble.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 5.
WILLIAM PEAD 2.	WILLIAM H. BOWLES .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 4.	SAMUEL GIBBS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WM. THORNTON.

This peal has never previously been rung at Lewisham.

The Provinces.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

On Monday, March, 29, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS'S VARIATION.

THOMAS MOSS* Treble.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT .. 5.
WILLIAM SMITH 2.	*GEORGE LONGDEN .. 6.
JAMES WOOD 3.	SAMUEL WOOD 7.
CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY .. 4.	ISAAC SCHOLEFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Amount collected in the Church Missionary Society's box in St. John's bellry, Newcastle, for year ending March 31st, 7s. 4d.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

UFFORD (Suffolk).—On Friday, March 26th, six members of the above Association rang a date touch, 1886 changes, in the following methods; 206 of Bob Minor, 240 of College Single, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. W. Ward, 1; E. Todd, 2; W. Reeve, 3; A. Ward, 4; W. Garrett, 5; E. Sherwood (conductor), 6.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, March 27th, at the church of S.S. Thomas and Edmund, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. T. Reynolds, 1; M. Murphy, 2; H. Bastable, 3; C. Stanbridge, 4; J. W. Cartwright, 5; B. Wittchell (conductor), 6; J. Plant, 7; F. Hales, 8. Composed by Mr. Henry Johnson. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, March 27th, at the parish church of St. Mary, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1886 changes, being a 686, with one bob and thirty-eight singles, a 600, with twelve bobs and two singles, and a 600 with six bobs and six singles, in 1 hr. 8 mins. H. Symonds (composer and conductor), 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in F. This is the longest length on the bells by all the band.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Saturday, March 27, eight members of the above society attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing about 1300 changes it came to grief owing to the 5th bell casting her rope. G. T. McLaughlin, 1; H. Langdon, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; J. M. Hayes, 4; J. M. Routh, Esq., 5; K. French, 6; F. G. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Flowers, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 28th, for evening service at the church of St. Clement Daves, Strand, a 431 of Grandsire Caters. H. Alford, 1; R. T. Woodley, 2; 2; W. Chew, 3; H. Davies, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; R. French, 6; H. Langdon, 7; F. G. Newman (conductor), 8; C. F. Winny, 9; T. Grant, 10. T. Grant hails from St. Albans, Herts. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

WESTMINSTER.—On Sunday, March 21st, for Divine Service, at St. Stephen's church, 1427 Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins. John N. Oxborrow (conductor), 1; Ezra Carter, 2; Richard T. Woodley, 3; John M. Hayes, 4; Benjamin E. Battrum, 5; Frederick G. Newman, 6; Challis F. Winny, 7; Henry R. Newton, 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Thursday, March 25th, at St. Andrew's Church, 559 of Grandsire Triples. J. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Taylor, 2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity), 3; I. Rockett, 4; H. J. Elsee (St. John's), 5; M. C. Potter (Peterhouse), 6; G. Taylor, 7; E. L. Holmes (St. John's), 8. Also Penning's 720 of Bob Minor, with forty-six calls, in 25 mins. J. Taylor, 1; J. Jackson, 2; H. J. Elsee, 3; M. C. Potter (conductor), 4; G. Taylor, 5; I. Rockett, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

STOKE-ON-TRENT-ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON.—On Tuesday, March 16th, 720 of College Single in 26 mins. E. Glover, 1; J. Wood, 2; J. Moreton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—On Saturday, March 20th, at S. Mary and S. Nicolas, on the occasion of the restored chapel of SS. Mary and Thomas, by the Bishop of Lincoln, Dr. King, which has been used as a Grammar School for 300 years; and the erection of the two new bells lately added, completing the restoration of this grand old church, at 7 a.m. the ringers rang for Divine Service, 518 of Grandsire Triples. R. Jarvis, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; J. Brown, 7; R. Peck, 8. And on Sunday, March 21st, for Morning Service, 518 of Grandsire Triples. Also for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. Also after service, 868 Grandsire Triples. R. Jarvis, 1; G. Skeef, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; J. W. Jarvis, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Sunday, March 28th, for Divine Service, a half-peal of Bob Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. Worsley, 1; E. Baldock, 2; G. Bell, 3; G. Newman, 3; C. Basset, 5; W. Harnen, 6; J. W. Leonard, 7; D. Hall, 8. Also after service, 840 in the same method. E. Baldock, 1; C. Payne, 2; G. Newman, 3; G. Bell, 4; C. Basset, 5; D. Hall, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; H. Kitney, 8. And a 336 of Bob Major. E. Baldock, 1; C. Payne, 2; J. Worsley, 3; G. Newman, 4; C. Basset, 5; D. Hall, 6; H. Kitney, 7; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Thursday evening, March 11th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. *C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; R. Worsfold, 4; A. Mills, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, March 18th, two 120s of Stedman Doubles. *A. Mills, 1; *R. Jordan, 2; *E. Jordan, 3; G. Williams (conductor), 4; *D. Jordan, 5; R. Worsfold, 6. And on Tuesday, March 23rd, a 720 of College Pleasure. W. Bishop, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; R. Worsfold, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, March 25th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; G. Williams, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, March 28th, for afternoon service, 360 of Kent Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; T. Stedman, 2; A. Mills, 3; R. Worsfold, 4; D. Jordan (conductor), 5; H. Chandler, 6. And after service, 720 of College Exercise. A. Mills, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; R. Worsfold, 4; H. Chandler, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; D. Jordan, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6. And 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; R. Worsfold, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. *First in the method. This is the first 720 of Cambridge on the bells and first by all the performers.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Thursday, March 11th, for practice, the local company rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor. A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; J. Gasson, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; H. Meads, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, March 25th, 360 of Oxford Single Bob. R. Bourne, 1; *A. Stoner, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; H. Meads, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 360 in the same method. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourne, 2; the others standing as before. *First attempt with a bob bell; †First 360 of Minor, and first 720 of Grandsire Minor by all except the conductor.

BENGEO (Herts).—On Friday, March 19th, for practice at Holy Trinity Church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Childs, 1; J. Pomfret, 2; W. Bennett, 3; J. Channer, 4; W. Odell, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the conductor. And on Sunday, March 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Childs, 1; H. Phillips (conductor), 2; W. Bennett, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Odell, 5; J. Channer, 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. Barker, 1; W. Bennett, 2; H. Phillips, 3; J. Channer, 4; *H. Brown, 5; J. Pomfret (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, March 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1024 of London Treble Bob Major in 37 mins. Also on Sunday evening for Divine Service, 1120 Rose of England, in 41 mins. R. Page, 1; W. Child, 2; E. Keighley, 3; W. Hollings, 4; J. Page, 5; J. Ross, 6; J. Cordingley (conductor), 7; W. Davison, 8. Each touch was taken from Sottanall's work.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On Monday, March 29th, at the Cathedral, with the bells half-muffled, the last 700 of Holt's Original, and also the usual whole pull and stand, as a last token of respect to George Stancombe, a member of the Cathedral company. F. Davison, 1; A. Andrews, 2; J. H. Small, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; C. Luery, 5; R. Goodbourn, 6; H. G. Fairbrass (conductor), 7; C. Austen and A. Allen, 8. Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

CUMNOR (Berks).—On Friday, March 26th, at St. Michael's Church five of the local company, assisted by Mr. W. Bennett, of the Appleton society, rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-four bobs and two singles, in 32½ mins. H. Bennett, 1; J. Buckingham, 2; H. Tubbs, 3; W. Bennett, 4; W. Lambourn, 5; C. C. Griffith (conductor), 6.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, March 24th, at the parish church, the local company rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Hughes (conductor), 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Woodward, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Also a 240, conducted by W. Smith, who rang the third, J. Hughes the tenor, and J. Rowlands the treble; tenor 12 cwt. in G. First 720 in the method by J. Parr.

HANBURY (Worcestershire).—Muffled Peal.—On Sunday, March 28th, the local company, with the assistance of G. Hughes, of Tipton, rang several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-

muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late John Davis, who had been a ringer at the above place upwards of fifty years. H. Davis, 1; G. Hughes (conductor), 2; E. Dixon, 3; A. Moore, 4; G. Moore, 5; W. Inett, 6.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, March 14th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. †A. Jacobs (conductor), 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; J. Waghorn, 4; G. Griffin, 5; *W. Pye-English, 6. †First 720 as conductor. *First 720 in the method.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, March 28th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. C. Vaughan, 1; *T. Andrews, 2; *W. Short, 3; G. Rapley, 4; *H. Cook, 5; *H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; E. Waller, 8. *Hails from Warnham.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, March 23rd, for practice at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, 900 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 36 mins. J. Motts (conductor), 1; E. Pemberton, 2; T. Steward, 3; A. R. Aldham, 4; F. Tillet, 5; H. Bowell, 6; W. Motts, 7; W. L. Catchpole, 8; R. Hawes, 9; R. H. Brundle, 10. Tenor 32 cwt.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Monday, March 29th, six members of St. Mary's society rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. T. Vaughan, 1; W. Jones, 2; J. Packfield, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. Notwithstanding the age of the bells, this is the first 720 ever obtained entirely by the local band.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, March 30th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of London Single Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Bowling (conductor), 1; Thos. Bowling, 2; Jas. Banister, 3; *R. Bowling, 4; Thos. Baron, 5; William Nelson, 6. W. Nelson and R. Bowling belong to St. James's. *First 720 of London Single Bob.

MONKSELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, March 18th, at St. Luke's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, twenty-six bobs and two singles, in 30 mins. R. Keeble, 1; A. Symonds (conductor), 2; H. Smith, 3; C. Parker, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Greene, 6. And 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles, in 30 mins. R. Keeble (conductor), 1; C. Parker, 2; A. Symonds, 3; J. Biggs, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Greene, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. It is over 30 years since a 720 in the method has been rung upon the bells of this church. Messrs. Smith and Symonds hail from Lavenham; the rest are local men.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 7th, after Divine Service in the afternoon at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Bob Minor, six singles and nine bobs. H. Symonds (conductor), 1; H. Smith, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; A. Symonds, 6. And on Thursday, March 11th, 720 of Bob Minor, twenty-six singles. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; H. Smith, 2; W. Hollocks, 3; W. Snell, 4; A. Hollocks, 5; H. Symonds, 6. And on Tuesday, March 16th, 720 of Bob Minor, with twenty-two singles. A. Hollocks, 1; H. Smith, 2; H. Symonds, 3; W. Hollocks, 4; A. Symonds, (conductor), 5; J. Levitt, 6. Also another 720 of Bob Minor, eight bobs and six singles. H. Symonds (conductor), 1; A. Hollocks, 2; W. Snell, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. Hollocks, 5; A. Symonds, 6. And on Saturday, March 20th, on handbells, 720 of Bob Minor, with forty-two singles. H. Symonds (conductor), 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Smith, 4; A. Symonds, 5-6. First 720 on handbells by the above.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, March 13th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and two singles). F. Kirk (first 720), 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; F. Gilbert (conductor), 3; R. Dunkley, 4; H. Chapman (first 720), 5; G. Jeffs, 6. Also a 720 of Court Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; G. Jeffs, 4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5; F. Slade (first 720 in the method), 6. And 360 of Yorkshire Court (nine bobs). G. Kirk, 1; W. Hall, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Jeffs (first 360 in the method), 4; R. Dunkley, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, March 15th, at the house of Mr. N. Martin, a 420 of Bob Triples. A. Coles, 1; N. Martin, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. J. Gilbert, 6; H. Stubbs (conductor), 7-8. G. Jeffs hails from Titchmarsh; R. Dunkley and H. Chapman from Bythorn, Hunts. On Saturday, March 27th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. Also 324 Court Single (twelve bobs). A. Coles, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; W. Hall, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, March 28th, at the house of Mr. H. Stubbs, 360 Bob Minor (four bobs and two singles). W. Stubbs (first 360), 1; W. Hall, 2; F. Kirk, 3; B. W. Allen, 4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5-6.

RHYL (Flint).—On Tuesday, March 16th, the following members of St. Thomas's society rang at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob

Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles. P. Lunt, 1; F. Hordley, 2; J. P. Powell, 3; F. Wallis, 4; J. O. Vaughan, 5; F. J. Gamlin (conductor), 6. The tenor was rung behind by J. P. Owen.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Friday, March 26th, 644 of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. P. Boyle, 1; J. G. Elliott, 2; P. Simms, 3; J. M. Cooper, 4; S. Snelling, 5; Capt. Wood, 6; W. H. Judd (conductor), 7; E. Gower, 8. Also 280 in the same method, with Capt. Wood conducting. And on Sunday, March 28th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 of Grandsire Triples by the same company as on Friday, with J. Jordan, instead of Capt. Wood, and 448 for evening service. And on Monday, March 29th, 447 of Grandsire Triples by the same company, conducted by S. Snelling.

STOKE NEWINGTON (Middlesex).—*Muffled Peal.*—On Sunday, March 28th, at St. Mary's church, after Divine Service in the evening, six members of the local company rang a muffled peal as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Rev. Thomas Jackson, who was rector of the parish for thirty-two years. J. Litten, 1; W. Waterman, 2; G. Chalkley, 3; G. Kennedy (conductor), 4; H. Spencer, 5; J. Munro, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 18th, the following members of the local company met at All Saints and rang a touch of Grandsire Triples (2030 changes) in 1 hr. 28 mins. James Campin, 1; W. Bacon, 2; George Brown, 3; Maurice Silvester, 4; Charles Sillitoe (conductor), 5; Harry Harper, 6; Arthur Scott, 7; Harry Brackett, 8. This was an attempt for the first half of Reeves's Variation, but the treble rope coming undone at the tail-end the conductor let them run home at the fourth part-end. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 11th, being Confirmation Day, 840 and a 518 of Grandsire Triples, by H. Barnett, G. Bower, J. W. Barrs, W. Pye English, A. Hubbard, G. B. Lucas, J. Waghorn, jun., J. Waghorn, sen., J. Nunn, and W. Crockford. Also a 848 of Bob Major, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Hubbard, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; J. Nunn, 4; J. W. Barrs, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. Crockford, 8.

WOLLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 21st 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Lewis, 1; G. Howell, 2; H. Dakin, 3; W. Johnson, 4; E. S. Chapman, 5; J. A. Cocker (conductor), 6. Another 720 the same method. J. Guest (conductor), 1; H. Dakin, 2; W. Jones, 3; E. S. Chapman, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; J. Lewis, 6. W. Johnson hails from Darlaston, and W. Jones from Kingswinford.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Saturday, March 13th, at St. Paul's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. Z. Scott, 1; *William Bennett, 2; *Joseph Pattison, 3; *T. Burn, 4; George Atkinson, 5; William Story (conductor), 6. *First 720. The ringers of the treble, 5th, and 6th are members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. All the above are local men except the conductor. Tenor 10 cwt.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

A week or two ago we gave an instance of a generous offer having been refused, now we are in a position to notice a similar generous offer having been accepted, as will be seen by the following:—

"It has been for some time in contemplation to take steps for placing the bells of the above church in a more satisfactory condition of repair and stability. To this end the churchwardens have been requested to obtain a statement from Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, of the probable expense. Their estimate was £85, exclusive of extras, which might probably be £20 or £30 more. Towards this expenditure, three sums of £20 each were immediately promised from Mrs. Cradock, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Hole, whilst Mr. Farnham, after consideration, munificently offered to give two additional bells, making a peal of eight; the fittings, &c., to be provided by subscription. This offer required a new estimate from Messrs. Taylor, in which the two new bells will cost £112, and the additional requirements £158, which will probably be increased by extras and labour, so that in the whole about £300 may be requisite, including Mr. Farnham's gift. In connection with this almost unexampled munificence, one of the churchwardens informs us that the work of rehanging and adding the two new bells is now going on, and we trust to have them completed by Easter, and from the well-known character of the work executed by Messrs. Taylor and Son, we hope to have one of the best peal of eight bells in the neighbourhood."

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Derby, on Easter Monday, April 26th, 1886, full particulars of which will appear in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 17th inst.

377, Rosliston Road,
Burton-on-Trent.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

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 PEAL AT SOUTHPORT.

SIR,—In your issue of March 20th, I find a letter signed by E. W., doubting the peal rung at Southport, in 2 hours and 32 minutes, and for the information of E. W. I may say we are not accustomed to ring part peals, and then publish them for peals. Perhaps he never heard or read of peals being rang in that time before, but if E. W. will pay us a visit and get the use of the bells, as I am not a ringer at the church now, we will ring him the peal over again, and let him take part in it if he can ring Grandsire Triples. We can find him accounts of peals rung in less time, on bells which I believe are heavier than the bells at Southport, and we have authority from ringers outside the tower at the time, that can tell you how many changes were rung per minute at different parts of the peal. We are not accustomed to answer initials, and hope E. W. will in future put his name in full.

ABEL FIELDING.

LONG LENGTHS OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

SIR,—In your issue of March 20, page 407, E. W. seems dreadfully annoyed about the forty-two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles rung at Brockworth, Gloucestershire. He thinks that if a company can ring one six-score they can ring the forty-two. I can tell this anonymous writer that to ring the 5040 the right way is not so easy as he thinks. Also I imagine that E. W. thinks that all the ringers in England know his name and where he lives. I think all correspondents should send their names, that the readers may look in the back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS," and see their abilities, if any.

W. T. PATES.

Cheltenham.

THE PEAL AT BROCKWORTH.

SIR,—The writer of the letter which appears in your issue of "THE BELL NEWS" of March 20th, insinuates that the peal which was rung at Brockworth on February 16th, was simply one six-score rung over and over again forty-two times. This I beg to inform him is incorrect, as each six-score was called differently, and properly checked by a competent person, a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; besides it has been rung at other churches, in fact it was rung at Brockworth before, and no one interfered or called it a doubtful peal. Why does he not criticise a date touch of Grandsire Doubles as well as a 5040 in the same method; we may as well say that that is one 6-score rung over and over again for fifteen times; let him first pull out the mote that is in his own eye, and then he will see clearer to pull out the beam that is in his brother's. I also fail to see in what way the term Grandsire Doubles can be called a fancy name. I think you will agree with me, that considering we have only six bells, and are all young ringers, our performance was a fair one. We are confident in that in a very short time we shall be able to ring a peal in seven different methods, and trust E. W. will then have a better opinion of us.

AMATEUR.

THE COUNTRY CHURCHES OF DUBLIN.

SIR,—The only two country parish churches in Dublin having a peal of bells (belonging to the Church of Ireland) are St. Paul's, Glenagarey, seven miles from Dublin, and Christchurch, Bray, twelve miles from Dublin. The last-named church is in the county Wicklow. Both churches possess a ring of eight bells. This closes my list of all churches in the city and county of Dublin having rings of bells.

A SUPPORTER OF "THE BELL NEWS."

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of 5057 Grandsire Caters rung double-handed at Birmingham, conducted by me, and which appeared in your issue of the 27th March, was said to be my first peal as conductor on hand-bells. I beg to state that this is incorrect, as I conducted a peal before the one referred to.

T. MILLER.

37, Weaman Street, Birmingham.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The next Committee Meeting will (D.V.) be held at the Crypt Schools, Gloucester, on Monday, April 5th, at Three o'clock. Business:—The Coln, May 17th, meeting arrangements; entries in the Peal Book, &c.

In Memoriam.

GEORGE STANCOMBE.

We regret to record the death of George Stancombe, aged 26, at Canterbury, on Tuesday, March 23rd, from consumption. Deceased was a member of the Cathedral Company, and it was mainly owing to his energetic efforts that the company succeeded in ringing Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which he conducted at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, in November 1883, it being the first peal by a Canterbury band for about forty years. Although a promising ringer the state of his health prevented him from taking an active part in the art he loved so well. He rang seven peals; six of Grandsire Triples, and one of Bob Major, calling Holt's Original three times, and the Ten-part twice; at Canterbury, Faversham, and Sittingbourne. The funeral took place at St. Dunstan's, on Saturday, the 27th inst., the Rev. J. G. Hoare, Vicar, and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of the Cathedral, and President of the company, officiating. Several ringers were present, the bearers being Messrs. Fairbrass, Bennett, Chambers, Luery, Aians, and Davison. The coffin, which was of polished oak was supplied by H. J. Upton, also a ringer. The plate was brass, and bore the following inscription: "George Stancombe, Born 6th March, 1860, Died 23rd March, 1886." A peal was rung at St. Dunstan's after the funeral with the bells deeply muffled, and at the Cathedral on Monday, as a mark of respect to the deceased.

WILLIAM EDWARDS.

On Thursday, March 25th, the funeral of this gentleman took place at Redenhall. The deceased gentleman was a large employer of labour in Harleston and neighbourhood, and was much respected as a kind friend and good master to his workpeople. He had been a member of the Harleston Rifle Corps for a number of years, and Captain for several years. The funeral was attended by a large number of people, the numbers being it is said between 1000 and 1200. The Band of the Rifle Corps attended, and played the "Dead March" on the way to the church, the company also paraded and marched with arms reversed, but did not fire over the grave by request of the family. The workmen in the employ of the deceased gentleman all attended, as well as most of the hands, male and female, from the Syleham druggett factory, with which he was connected as one of the partners in the firm. On Saturday evening, the Redenhall band rang touches of Oxford Treble Bob on St. Mary's bells, with the bells half-muffled. The following took part in the ringing: Edward Smith (conductor), H. W. Read, Esq., Charles Candler, Esq., Charles Sowter, William Sowter, James Sowter, jun., William Fairhead, Charles Aldous, William Clarke, and Captain Moore.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE following are the 720's rung by the Steyning branch of this Association during the month of March, 1886. March 2nd, College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Breach, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; E. Brackley, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. March 13th, Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Woolgar, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Searle, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. March 14th, for morning service, Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six singles). G. Breach, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Searle, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. For evening service, College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Breach, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 3; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. March 16th, Oxford Single Bob (nine bobs and six singles). J. Matthews (first 720), 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. March 20th, Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. This 720 was rung muffled for the late Earl of Chichester. March 25th, Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Brackley, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. March 28th, for evening service, Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Breach, 1; G. Smart, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6.

NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

It will perhaps be in the recollection of some readers of "THE BELL NEWS," that in the number for January 2nd of the present year, it was announced that in the course of an endeavour to prick "Albion" from the description given of that method a fortnight before, I had hit upon a new method, a lead of which was promised as soon as I had concluded my investigation of it. A lead of Albion was published in the same number, and I found that I had got the first and last four changes of the lead right; but that was all. The feature of "Albion" which had most attracted my attention was that, though a Treble Bob method, it gave a *clean proof-scale*. The method I had pricked also gave a clean proof-scale with the treble in 1-2 and 3-4; but on trial proved so extremely precarious with the treble in 5-6 and 7-8, that I abandoned it as practically a useless method. A week or two ago, the idea struck me that I would take it up again, with the view of finding out whether its defects were not susceptible of correction. I inferred that if I could get the bells to work the same with the treble in 5-6 and 7-8 as they did with the treble in 1-2 and 3-4, I should clear my proof-scale of its black marks. When I came to the changes with the treble in 7-8, I had to determine whether the method should be a single or a double one. I knew of no double Treble Bob method except Superlative; if therefore I could make mine work as a double method, it would at least be uncommon.

I have now the honour to submit the result of my endeavours to the judgment of the Exercise. I have named the method "New Cumberland Surprise," in honour of the old-established Society of which I am an humble member. "New" is added, because there is an old "Cumberland"; a Treble Bob method invented, I believe, by Shipway, and which struck me some years ago as being worthy of attention. I have long forgotten the features of this old "Cumberland"; and it has had nothing whatever to do with the construction of that now given.

I may perhaps be allowed to introduce the plain lead of "New Cumberland" with a few words of explanation on the subject of its construction. First: it is a *double method* in the strictest sense. Second: It yields a *perfectly clean proof-scale*. So long as the tenors are unparted, it is quite impossible for any repetition to occur in the *interior* changes. Third: the accustomed set of lead-ends are employed in the order which obtains in the best known Surprise methods, Superlative and Cambridge. Fourth: the resemblance to Albion is confined to the first four changes, and there ceases; and that much of likeness is due to the fact above stated, that the method took its rise from an attempt to prick Albion from a printed description. Albion contains no places but Kent places (except at lead and behind) By Kent places I mean places made at back and hand strokes; by Oxford places I understand places made by "hand and back" strokes. But in Albion there is a most bounteous profusion of these places; as many as sixteen double places occurring in each lead, making 112

in the course. Of these sixteen, one bell alone takes part in eight in each lead. There are eight whole pulls at lead, and seven behind in Albion, including the treble. The dodging in front and behind is confined to *single* dodges before and after the whole pull. "New Cumberland" has both Kent and Oxford places. Of the former there are eight double places in each lead, making fifty-six in the course. Of the latter, there are four double places in each lead, two in 3-4, two in 5-6, separated from each other by a wide interval. There are also four single Oxford places in each lead; *i.e.* places made by a single bell not in conjunction with neighbouring places made by another bell. There are therefore of both kinds, in the course, altogether 84 double places, and 28 single places. There are six whole pulls at lead and behind, including the treble, in each lead; and four three-pull dodges, two in front and two behind in each lead. Seconds and seventh's places are never made.

In a future paper on the method, I will endeavour to give an analysis of the working of each bell throughout the course, for the assistance of those who may desire to ring the method. There is no real difficulty in it; and if those who wish to practise it will be at the pains to prick out the path of the treble and second throughout the course, which can easily be done from the plain lead, future explanations will be much assisted. Fourth's place is made at a bob, the bob bell then dodging in 3-4 and going back to lead. The bells behind do the same work as in Albion at a plain lead. That is, the bells in 5-6 repeat their Kent places, those in 7-8 make two extra dodges. There is an alternative 6th's place bob, possible at 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 7th lead-ends; but it presents some inconvenient features, does not bring up the accustomed alteration in the coursing order, and gives very meagre results from a composer's point of view, compared with the fourth's place bob. The fourth's place bob has this drawback: that every call at m.w.h. lengthens the course by three leads. When compared with the working of the other Surprise methods, however, this objection will be found more apparent than real. The longest course it will ever be necessary to employ *with full H's*, in this method is 25 leads. Full H's cannot be had in Superlative or Cambridge in less than 18 leads, and more often there are 21. Fourteen of these are occupied with bringing up the remaining H's without any other call being possible. In New Cumberland, after the plain H lead has turned up, the others can both be had in six leads. In the other Surprise methods the 21 (or 18) leads necessary to fill the H are split up into three courses. But in New Cumberland, as the six leads necessary to fill the H's do not include any lead in which the tenors are in "call position," it seems to me preferable to facilitate composition by making them part and parcel of the full course. To put the comparison in another way, the *average* length required to get the H's *full* in Superlative and Cambridge is 672 changes. The longest length that can ever be necessary in New Cumberland is 790 changes; generally the courses will be much shorter, never less than 13 leads with full H's, more often 16 or 19 leads; the average may be safely taken at 19, or 608 changes.

This method presents great capabilities from a composer's point of view. I will touch upon these in another paper. I have got several peals of different kinds ready, which shall be given in due course. I append here the first I obtained, the truth of which, in all respects, I guarantee.

Plain Lead.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 1 4 3 5 6 8 7
1 2 3 4 6 5 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7
4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7
4 2 6 1 3 8 7 5
2 4 6 3 1 8 5 7
4 2 3 6 8 1 7 5
2 4 3 6 1 8 5 7
4 2 6 3 8 1 7 5
4 6 2 8 3 7 1 5
6 4 2 8 7 3 5 1
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7 8 5 6 1 4 3 2
8 7 5 6 4 1 2 3
7 8 6 5 1 4 3 2
8 7 6 1 5 4 2 3
7 8 1 6 4 5 3 2
8 7 6 1 4 5 2 3
7 8 1 6 5 4 3 2
7 1 8 5 6 3 4 2
1 7 5 8 6 3 2 4
7 1 8 5 3 6 4 2
1 7 5 8 3 6 2 4
1 5 7 3 8 2 6 4

Table of lead-ends and bob-leads.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
5 7 3 8 2 6 4	
8 6 7 4 5 2 3	
4 2 6 3 8 5 7	4 2 3 5 6 7 8 H
3 5 2 7 4 8 6	
7 8 5 6 3 4 2	7 8 6 4 5 2 3 B
6 4 8 2 7 3 5	6 4 2 3 8 5 7 M
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	2 3 5 7 4 8 6 W

Bob (on the last lead-end).

3 5 1 7 8 2 4 6
5 3 7 1 8 2 6 4
3 5 1 7 2 8 4 6
3 1 5 2 7 4 8 6
1 3 2 5 7 4 6 8
3 1 5 2 4 7 8 6
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8
1 2 3 5 7 4 8 6
2 1 5 3 7 4 6 8
1 2 3 5 4 7 8 6
2 1 5 3 4 7 6 8
2 5 1 4 3 6 7 8
5 2 4 1 6 3 8 7
2 5 1 4 6 3 7 8

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5120.

2 3 4 5 6	B M W H
2 4 5 3 6	I 2
2 5 3 4 6	I 2
4 2 5 6 3	- 2
2 3 5 6 4	I 2
3 4 5 6 2	I 2
4 3 2 6 5	- I 2
4 2 6 3 5	I 2
6 5 3 2 4	I I 2
5 4 3 2 6	I 2
2 3 4 5 6*	IB 2

The 6th the extent in 5-6.

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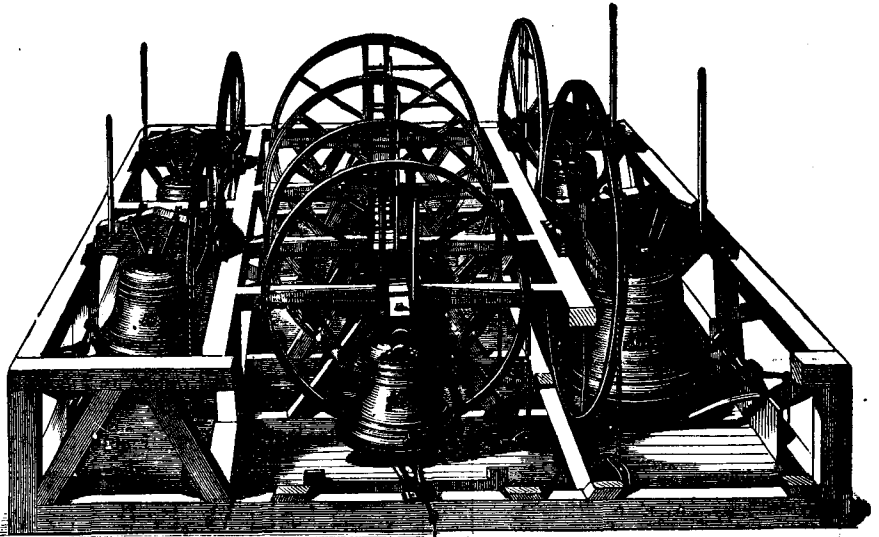
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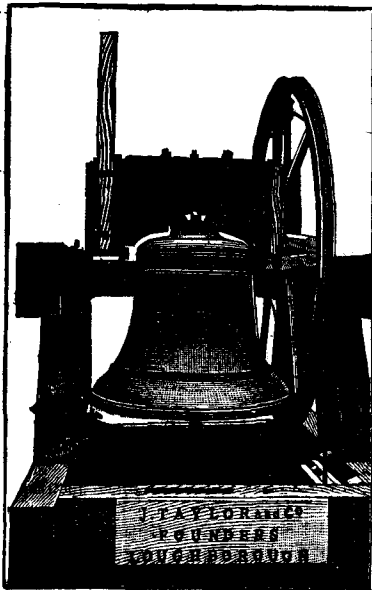
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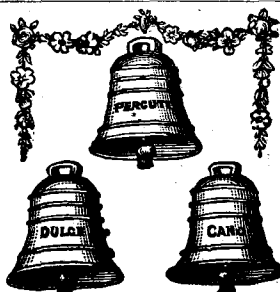
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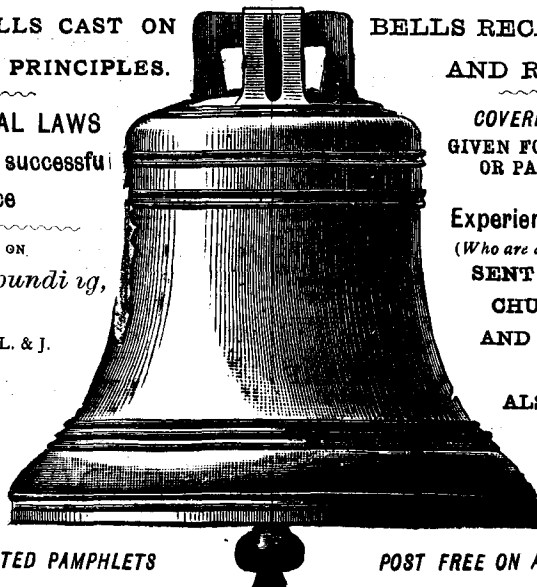
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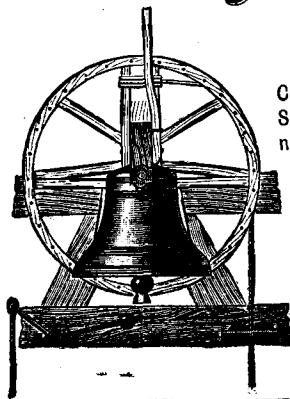
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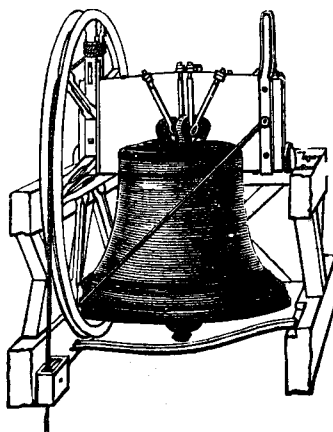
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The earliest Church Bells are said to have been used at Nola, Campania, and it is to this fact that the Latin name for a Campana, and our own Campanile, owe their origin. They were first heard of about the year 400, before which date rattles were used. In the year 610 we hear of bells in the city of Sens, the army of Clothaire, king of France, having been frightened away by the ringing of them. In 960 the first peal of bells was hung in England, at Croyland Abbey, in Lincolnshire. They were six in number. In those early times it was the custom to bless the church bells by a sort of baptism: after which it was believed they had power to drive away evil spirits, avert tempests, and extinguish fire; and on many bells inscriptions are found, generally in old Latin rhymes, which accord with this belief. The great bell of Ghent, which played so prominent a part in the civil struggles in the Netherlands.

Many years ago it was estimated that there were at least 2,262 peals of bells, great and small, in England; namely, twelve of twelve bells, fifty of ten, three hundred and eighty of eight, six hundred of six, five hundred of five, seven hundred and twenty of four, three, and two. The number now must be very much greater. The single bells that have become celebrated on account of their size are Moscow, the largest in the world—432,000 lbs.; Moscow, another, 288,000 lbs.; and a third, 127,836 lbs.; Big Ben, Westminster, 56,000 lbs.; Rouen, the George D'Amboise, 36,000 lbs.; Oxford, the Mighty Tom, 17,360 lbs.; Florence, Palazzo Viccio, 17,000; Exeter, Great Tom, 13,440 lbs.; London, Tom Growler, 11,230 lbs.; Lincoln, Great Tom, 10,528 lbs.; Canterbury, clock bell, 7,840 lbs.; Gloucester, clock bell, 7,280 lbs.; Beverley, clock bell, 5,600 lbs.

The bell at Florence, notwithstanding its great weight, is elevated 275 feet from the ground. Big Ben, at Westminster, is raised nearly 200 feet. The enormous bell at Moscow was presented to the cathedral by the Empress Anne. In 1731 the beam to which it was fastened was burnt, and this marvellous bell falling, a fragment was broken out of it, leaving an opening large enough to admit two persons abreast, without stooping. Its tone, however, was not affected.

It has been thought that the custom of ringing tunes upon bells was peculiar to England; but, in fact, the cathedral of Antwerp, celebrated for its magnificent spire, has a peal of ninety-nine bells, on which the most elaborate music is played every half-hour.

It is an interesting fact that the peal of bells in the clock tower of the old Royal Exchange was chiming "There is nae luck about the house" when the building was on fire, and fragments of the tune were heard as, one by one, the bells from their places fell into the ruins.

The following table shows the number of changes than can be rung, viz.:—

On a peal of 2 bells	2 changes.
" 3 "	6 "
" 4 "	24 "
" 5 "	102 "
" 6 "	720 "
" 7 "	5040 "
" 8 "	40,820 "
" 9 "	362,880 "
" 10 "	3,628,800 "
" 11 "	39,916,800 "
" 12 "	479,001,600 "

The number of changes that can be rung on the wonderful chime of ninety-nine bells at Antwerp we forbear to estimate. On these bells overtures are played through, and choice parts from operas, and, in a word, the most elaborate compositions. But further to convey an idea of the astonishing numbers we have here to contemplate, it would require ninety-one years to ring through the changes on a peal of twelve bells, supposing

ten changes—that is, one hundred and twenty sounds—to be struck every minute. For the changes of fourteen bells, 16,575 years would be required, and for twenty-four bells (beyond which we refrain from proceeding), 117,000,000,000,000 years.—*World of Wonders.*

ST. NICHOLAS, HARWICH.

In the autumn of 1884 the Vicar of this parish desired that the fine peal of eight in this belfry might be made use of, and a number of young men, mostly of the Bible Class, were taught the handling of a bell, by Job Brewster, parish clerk. The Churchwardens then provided new ropes and did some repairs, and since that time the band, without any assistance from outside, have taught themselves the Plain Bob method—singles, doubles, and minor. Singles were conquered in April, Doubles in July, and Minor in December, 1885, and the band is now able to ring peals of the latter at all times. In memory of Mr. Jasper Snowdon half-muffled peals of Bob Doubles, in whole pulls, was very creditably carried out, and whole pull Minor ringing (half-muffled) has also been practised. As soon as the company were able to ring Bob Singles they practised singles on both top and bottom bells at one time, the leading bell of the top four hunting for his lead from the last of the bottom four, which is a mode of ringing singles that has been found exceedingly useful for practice, and can be commended to all beginners. With the exception of Mr. Brewster's teaching of the management of a bell, the band have had no instruction of any kind from any ringer, learning entirely from Snowdon's *Rope-Sight*, without outside assistance. Being almost all between 16 and 20 years of age, the company is probably the youngest in the kingdom in point of the age of its members, all of whom have joined the Essex Association. The band have as yet paid but one visit to other belfries, which was to Dedham, where half-muffled and plain double ringing was done; and on the same day they rang at Stratford-St.-Mary. The names of the band are Job Brewster (captain), David Huff, T. Aldis, Wm. Easter (who usually conducts, aged 18), G. Knock, Wm. Green, E. Green, Ch. Kamplin, A. Knight, A. Peachey. The tenor of this peal weighs 13 cwt.

A YEAR'S SUMMARY.

THE total number of peals of 5000 changes and upwards recorded in the past volume of "THE BELL NEWS," is 568, in various methods, being an increase of 163 peals on the preceeding year. There were 258 peals of Triples rung, 220 of Major, 31 of Caters, 17 of Royal, of Cinques, and 3 of Maximus. There were also 34 5040s composed of 720s of Minor, and one composed of six-scores of Doubles. In the Grandsire method there were 322 peals of Triples, 18 of Major, and 18 of Caters. Of the peals of Grandsire Triples 70 were Holt's Original, 61 were Holt's ten-part, Holt's six-part, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' five-part each being recorded 10 times. There were 58 peals of Stedman rung, as follows: Triples 42, Caters 12, Cinques 4. In the plain Bob Method there were 8 peals of Triples rung, 39 of Major, and one of Royal. Of Treble Bob Major there were 135, including one peal of London Treble Bob, one of Treble Bob Caters, 16 of Royal, and 3 of Maximus. There were 18 peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung, and 10 of Superlative Surprise. Union Triples 3, Oxford Bob Triples 2, and one of College Single Triples. Of the total recorded, 66 were rung in the Metropolis, while the Provinces scored 502. Of the 568 peals rung, the principality of Wales contributed 1, the rest being rung in the following counties: Lancashire 75, Yorkshire 56, Derbyshire, 56, Surrey, 48, Middlesex 45, Staffordshire 44, Kent 37, Suffolk 35, Berkshire 30, Cheshire 24, Herts and Essex 16 each, Sussex 13, Warwickshire 10, Hampshire 9, Leicestershire 8, Oxfordshire 7, Northumberland and Gloucestershire 6 each, Devonshire 5, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire 4 each, Norfolk and Worcestershire 3 each, Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire 2 each, Herefordshire, Shropshire, and Somersetshire each recorded one. Wiltshire and the county of Durham, which only recorded one each last year, have not this year recorded any, but we have two counties recording one peal each this year which have not previously recorded peals in "THE BELL NEWS," viz., Somersetshire and Shropshire. The above does not include peals on handbells, which are as follows: Grandsire Triples, 4 Holt's Original, and the ten-part peal each twice, one of Grandsire Major, one of Kent Treble Bob Major at Chester, 4 of Grandsire Caters, and one of Grandsire Royal. There was also rung single-handed a peal of Bob Major at Reading, and a peal of Bob Triples at Derby, making a total of 13 peals, as against 5 last year.

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WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT 'ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 26th, in the Chapter House of the Cathedral, Worcester. Full particulars in next week's issue.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, the 3rd instant, a company of the Liverpool Youths' Society visited Prescott for the purpose of ringing the first peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells of the Parish Church, which was successfully accomplished in three hours and four minutes (see peal column for particulars). The bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, in March, 1845, and were opened with a peal of Grandsire triples, by the then Liverpool College Youths' Society, since which time, although several peals of Grandsire Triples have been rung on them by the local and other companies, and several attempts been made for Treble Bob, this is the first peal accomplished in the method. After ringing, the visitors were invited to the residence of Mr. Thomas Byron (the genial superintendent of the Prescott Society), where they were most cordially received by his parents, who kindly provided a substantial tea for them, and to which they did ringers' justice, never once missing a course and not one lagging behind. After the cloth was removed, the party was augmented by the arrival of the Prescott ringers, and a very pleasant evening was the result. Singing, hand-bell ringing, and recitations by the host's daughter (a bright little girl of six years) were the order of the evening. The singing was pretty equally divided between the Prescott and Liverpool ringers; the tune-ringing part, being taken exclusively by the Prescott ringers, comprised "Jenny Jones," "The harp that once," "Blue bells of Scotland," "Sweet chiming bells;" while the change-ringing part consisted of a course of Grandsire Caters by the Prescott and Liverpool ringers combined, a course of Grandsire Triples by the Prescott company, and a course of Grandsire Major by the Liverpool company. Altogether the time seemed to pass too rapidly, and as time and trains wait for no man, so the best of friends must part. Accordingly, a move was made to the station, and after a hearty shake-hands all round, the visitors took their departure, arriving home at 11 p.m., well pleased with their afternoon's outing, and they, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," tender their hearty thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for their kindness in placing the bells at their disposal, and to their brother-strings for contributing to their evening's enjoyment.

WELLINGBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH, NORTHANTS.

It has been found necessary to take immediate steps for the repair of the parish church spire. For some years past it has been known that a few of the top stones were faulty, and that in course of time a restoration would be required; but it was hoped that, without risk to passers-by or to other parts of the building, the work might be postponed a while longer. The point of the spire, however, is now pronounced to be in a dangerous condition, and, in consequence, it has been resolved to remove some ten or twelve feet of the top, and rebuild it in the strongest possible manner. The spindle of the wind-vane will also be lengthened downwards at the same time, so as to relieve the top of the spire of some of the thrust now caused in stormy weather, and bind the whole together; it is also intended to take the precaution of fixing a lightning conductor, and to do such pointing as may be necessary in the lower part of the spire. It is uncertain what the expense of these works will be, but as there is a strong wish on the part of the Church officials—and, it is believed, on the part of parishioners generally—that the work should be thoroughly done, and *all* done that is necessary, it is doubtful if a sum of less than £130 will suffice. It is proposed to raise the necessary amount by voluntary contributions, and each of the banks in the town will receive donations for this purpose.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROTHWELL BRANCH.

The following is the ringing done by this branch at Holy Trinity church, during the month of March: March 1st, 720 of College Exercise, 720 of City Delight, 720 of College Pleasure; March 7th, 720 of New London Pleasure, 240 of Arnold's Victory, 240 of College Exercise, 240 of Duke of York; March 14th, 360 of New London Pleasure, 360 of College Exercise, 360 of Arnold's Victory, 240 of Duke of York; March 15th, 360 of Woodbine, 720 of College Exercise, 240 of City Delight, 720 of Violet; March 21st, 240 of Woodbine, 240 of Arnold's Victory, 384 of Oxford, 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 240 of City Delight; March 28th, 360 of College Pleasure, 360 of Arnold's Victory, 360 of College Exercise, 240 of City Delight, 240 of Violet; March 29th, 120 of Primrose, 240 of Primrose, 360 of Kent.

NOTICE OF A LONG PEAL.—It is the intention of eight members of the United Counties' Association to attempt (all being well), on Saturday, April 24th, 1886, the long peal of Treble Bob Major, 17760 changes, composed by Mr. W. Sottanstell, of Sowerby, Yorkshire. The attempt to be made at the church of All Saints', Old Glossop, in the County of Derby.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

After several years in silence the bells of the parish church of St. Mary's, Winkfield, Berks, are again put to use, and on December, 1885, a meeting was called by the vicar, the Rev. J. Dulbany, with several of his parishioners, when some rules were drawn out and a band formed. A start was at once made in the management of the bells, and in a few weeks the art of change-ringing was brought to notice by the vicar and they at once joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild. After obtaining the services of an instructor, Mr. W. A. Garraway, arrangements were made until Easter, when it was thought some of the band would not be able to attend after that time, and on January 28th, they received their first lesson. After some well attended meetings once a week, five members, with their instructor, succeeded in ringing their first 120 of Grandsire Doubles, on April 1st. Edward Brant, 1; W. A. Garraway, 2; Alfred Grinstead, 3; George Worsfold, 4; Francis Brant, 5; Robert Brant, 6. The following are the inscriptions on the bells:

Treble.—"Original Bell cast by Phelps, 1723. Recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1874."

2nd.—"Richard Clark gave me, 1630. Recast by William Eldridge 1707. T + E + + +"

3rd.—"This bell was made 1591."

4th.—"John Boutt and George Lyford, Churchwardens, 1795. Thomas Mears of London Fecit."

5th.—"Excelcis 1633 Gloria + Dea + B + L."

6th.—"Thomas Mears London, Rev. W. L. Rhamm, Vicar, Thomas Duce, Thomas Pitt, Churchwardens, 1839."

SALOP ARCHDEACONRY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 37th, the Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Whitchurch, when out of all the members that have joined at Wellington, only one put in an appearance. The ringing began by the local company ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples, and a 360 of Grandsire Minor, after which the company adjourned to the schoolroom, where a substantial meat tea was provided by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Edgerton, at his own expense, who was greatly disappointed at so few turning up after making such preparation. After tea the meeting was held, when the rector read a letter from the Rev. W. J. Price, the secretary and treasurer of the Association, stating that owing to a funeral taking place that afternoon, he was unable to attend the meeting. There were six ringing and five honorary members elected. Mr. G. Woodhall then proposed that there should be a little allowed to each band that have to come by train to the quarterly meetings, as many could not afford to pay the railway fare, and this he was sure was the cause why there was such a small attendance. The motion was agreed to. Mr. Woodhall then remarked on there being no ringers from Shrewsbury present at the meeting, and said he had had one good fight with those monsters of steeplekeepers at Shrewsbury, and he should never rest till he could see the steeples in Shrewsbury the same as they were some years ago. The meeting was then brought to a close, by ringing several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

The following is an account of the ringing done by the Worth Society during the month of March: March 3rd, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, 720 of Plain Bob, 720 of Grandsire Minor; March 6th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, 720 of Plain Bob; March 7th, 720 of Warnham Court, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, 600 of Oxford Bob; March 10th, 720 of Oxford Bob; March 13th, 720 of Warnham Court; March 17th, 720 of Plain Bob; March 31st, 720 of Oxford Bob.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE next Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Bourne, on Easter Monday. Dinner will be provided at the "Nag's Head," at 2 o'clock, 2s. each. Members intending to be present must send in their names to the Hon. Sec. on or before Saturday, the 17th inst., or the usual allowance will not be granted them. The annual subscription will be then due, when members are respectfully requested to pay the same.

R. CREASEY, Hon. Sec.
Monks Lane, Spalding.

ST. HELEN'S CHURCH, ABINGDON.—The bells of this church, lately augmented from eight to ten by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be opened by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, May 1st. Service with sermon by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, at 11 o'clock. A peal of Stedman Caters will be attempted in the afternoon.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

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By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

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32546	-	-	S	-	-
54236	-	-	-	S	-
43256	-	-	-	-	S
35246	-	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-	-
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42563	-	-	-	-	-
32547	-	-	-	-	-

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times right and twenty-four times behind the 8th, and the 5th twelve times right.

Rung upon handbells on March 30th, 1886. Conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6048.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, Liverpool.

2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
43652	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6048.

By N. J. PITSTROW, Saffron Walden.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
35264	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52364	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54326	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42356	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

This peal is with the 6th placed twice each way in each part in 5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6048.

By H. DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
54632	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65324	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34562	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
62453	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34256	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24536	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26543	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45623	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64235	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25463	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63542	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25346	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35426	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

This peal contains the 6th its extent in all positions, and eight course-ends home.

First rung at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 20th, 1886. Conducted by G. Newson.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5120.

By SAMUEL WOOD, Ashton-under-Lyne.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
64352	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

First rung at Staleybridge, Cheshire, on September 24th, 1885. Conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, Sheffield.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
34256	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63542	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
46325	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
25634	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
32546	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
32465	2	2	1	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35426	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
63254	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

First rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter's, Liverpool, April 5th, 1886. Conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By JOHN J. BRIERLEY, Saddleworth.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	M	H
23564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52436	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43526	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64235	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34256	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5120.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, Liverpool.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
36452	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
23564	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
32465	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45236	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN., Glossop.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	M	H
52364	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46532	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35642	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
65243	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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R. MACKMAN.—The performance is said to have been achieved, but no credit is attached to the statement.

C.F.—We can hardly understand the drift of your letter. In the direction you allude to, we think there is nothing new of any real value to be had.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1886.

THE county of Suffolk is noted, we suppose, for many things. Its county town is certainly famous for political purity, of a sort. The county, however, is certainly favoured in having many good rings of bells. If the bells do not, upon close investigation, merit the character they bear, of course that is no one's fault but their founders. The art is progressing in the county, no doubt; but in patches. At Ipswich it has flourished for a long time, and some very good performances have taken place upon the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower by the local company. Now, this church has the only peal in Ipswich worthy of the name. There are plenty of rings of five and six, we believe, but there is no ring of eight or ten, and thus the local party, if they wish to try touches on either of these numbers, are obliged to use a part of the ring of twelve at St. Mary-le-Tower.

To have admission to a good ring of twelve bells, without any irksome restraint, is, without doubt, a valuable privilege. Nevertheless, there must occur sometimes a little irritation at the thought that, among so many churches as the town of Ipswich contains, there is not another peal available for the practice of either Major or Royal. And one would naturally be led to think that under such circumstances the local party, whoever they may be, would take care to utilise all the available rings of eight or ten bells which were convenient of access.

Now, let us look for a moment at the case in point. Within an easy distance from Ipswich—a pleasurable ride upon the river Orwell—lies the town of Harwich. The church possesses a ring of eight bells, which have been in the tower there for generations; yet, according to an article which appears in this number of our journal, not only was—till a very recent period—the art unknown there, but it would appear that only one man in the town,

and that the worthy parish clerk, could ring a bell. We do not, of course, know the circumstances which have prevented the art from making its way into the town of Harwich. Probably there may have been some impediment to its introduction, of which only local people are cognisant. However this may be, we cannot help thinking it remarkable that it should never have taken root till now, situated as it is in such close contiguity to a change-ringing neighbourhood. The knowledge and practice of the science in mere "patches" of territory does not speak of any great exertions being made by neighbouring ringers to extend it. We should like to hear of a general crusade being entered into by ringers to introduce the science into districts where it has hitherto been unknown, and a determination never to rest till at every church within their district some effort was made at regeneration.

We cannot close our observations without complimenting the young band at the town of Harwich upon their energy and perseverance. To have nothing but book-learning, and then to master even the elements of the science, certainly exhibits a constancy worthy of imitation. For their benefit we will quote the words written to us in our term of probation, by a gentleman who was an acknowledged master of every branch of the science: "In my younger days we used to meet every evening; in fact we might be said to have been always at it; we were determined to excel, and did so. 'Go and do likewise.'"

The Metropolis.

BETHNAL GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 3rd, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ARTHUR HAYWARD Treble.	JOSEPH WEST 5.
HENRY LANGDON 2.	MATTHEW A. WOOD 6.
ARTHUR CUTMORE 3.	WALTER PRIME 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JAMES MONDAY Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHEW A. WOOD.

The above peal was rung as a mark of esteem to Messrs. Forrest and Loveday, the Wardens of the above-named church.

The Provinces.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL YOUTHS' SOCIETY,

On Saturday, April 3, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD WILLIAMS Treble.	THOMAS HAMMOND 5.
GEORGE HELSBY 2.	WILLIAM BOOTH 6.
JOHN R. PRITCHARD 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES 7.
JOHN BROWN 4.	ROBERT WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Major in any method on the bells. The ringers wish, through the medium of "The Bell News," to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for granting the use of the bells, and also to the St. Mary's Society for having the bells ready for starting on their arrival.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6144 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS THORPE Treble.	JOHN E. POLLITT 5.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 2.	SAMUEL WEST 6.
THOMAS YATES 3.	A. ED. WREAKS 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER 4.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and
Conducted A. ED. WREAKS.

T. Yates belongs to the local company; the rest are from Manchester Cathedral.
The peal will be found in Snowdon's *Treatise*, Part ii., page 25.

BIRMINGHAM.—BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

Handbell Ringing.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE HOUSE OF MR. JOHN CARTER, BRACEBRIDGE STREET,

(ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND.)

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 size, in Eb.

JOHN CARTER 1-2.	THOMAS MILLER 5-6.
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND .. 3-4.	JOHN T. PERRY 7-8.
THOMAS RUSSAM 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

The peal contains the 6th twenty-four times right, and twenty-four times behind the 8th, and the 5th twelve times right. First time a peal of this description has ever been rung upon handbells. Referees—Messrs. J. W. Cattle, J. Callaghan, J. Wright, and H. Gorman. It was intended to try a peal of Grandsire Cinques, but owing to the non-attendance of one of the band, the above peal was rung.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LIVERPOOL YOUTHS' SOCIETY.

On Thursday, April 1, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

RICHARD WILLIAMS Treble.	*WILLIAM BOOTH 6.
GEORGE HELSBY 2.	*ROBERT WILLIAMS 7.
JOHN R. PRITCHARD* .. 3.	*GEORGE FISHER 8.
CHARLES WILLIAMS* .. 4.	*WILLIAM DAVIES 9.
THOMAS HAMMOND* .. 5.	*WILLIAM BROOKS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ROBERT WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. This is the first peal of Caters in the method rang in Liverpool for over twenty years. The figures of the peal appeared in the "BELL NEWS," December 20th, 1884.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

On Friday, April 2, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 15056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW Treble.	ROBERT WOOLLEY 5.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 2.	THOMAS HEALD 6.
THOMAS BRADLEY 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
WALTER SLATER 4.	JAMES S. WILDE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and
Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

Messrs. Downs, Heald and Wreaks hail from Manchester; the rest are of the local company. The figures of the peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 19th, 1885.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 3, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

G. THORNTON Treble.	B. DODSON 5.
J. KNOTT 2.	J. CLAYTON 6.
J. WILSON LANG 3.	A. BRIGGS 7.
L. ILLINGWORTH 4.	W. COLLINS Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP and Conducted by W. COLLINS.

Messrs. Thornton, Dodson, and Clayton hail from Birstall; the remainder belong to Liversedge.

SHEFFIELD.—THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

WILLIAM GARDINER Treble.	CHAS. HY. HATTERSLEY .. 5.
SAM SEED 2.	HERBERT THOMPSON .. 6.
FRANK WILLEY 3.	*WILLIAM SMITHSON .. 7.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 4.	*JOHN LLOYD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

*First Peal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LIVERPOOL YOUTHS' SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 5, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

RICHARD WILLIAMS* .. Treble.	*CHARLES WILLIAMS .. 6.
GEORGE HELSBY* 2.	THOMAS HAMMOND .. 7.
JOHN R. PRITCHARD* .. 3.	GEORGE FISHER 8.
CHAS. HY. HATTERSLEY* .. 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES 9.
WILLIAM BOOTH 5.	*ROBERT WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

*College Youths. The ringer of the treble is in his 76th year, and this is his third peal within five days.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 6, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5952 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL HARROP Treble.	SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN. .. 5.
DANIEL JAMES 2.	JOSEPH MALONEY 6.
WILLIAM HARROP 3.	HENRY COOPER 7.
CHARLES BROOKE 4.	JOHN PYE, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by
SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN.

The above is the first part of Sottanstall's long peal of 17,760 changes.

Date Touches.

THE HOLT SOCIETY.—ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

ASTON.—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday evening, April 5th, at the residence of Mr. W. Kent, 64 Aston Lane, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Plant, 1-2; W. Kent (composer), 3-4; B. Witchell (conductor), 5-6; M. Murphy, 7-8; C. Stanbridge, 9-10. The above contains the sixth twelve courses wrong, and the fifth nine courses at home.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER.—On Saturday evening, April 3rd, eight members of the above Association rang at St. George's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 18½ mins. H. Fevre, 1; W. Newsome, 2; H. Brock, 3; C. Armitage, 4; J. Taylor, 5; J. White, 6; H. Wilson, 7; W. Howard, 8. Arranged and Conducted by H. Fevre. Tenor 30½ cwt.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, April 4th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. T. Lilly, 1; G. Nettleton, 2; S. Clark, 3; S. H. London, 4; J. Wilkinson, 5; W. Wilks, 6; J. Ross (conductor), 7; F. London, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, April 1st, three of the local company met at the residence of Mr. G. Gray, and rang a date touch (lapping), 1886 changes, in the following methods; 720 of College Single Minor, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 86 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Gray, 1-2; I. Cavill (conductor), 3-4; W. Watts, 5-6. This is the longest touch by all.

WEST BROMWICH.—On Monday, April 5th, at All Saints' church, the following members of the All Saints' society rang a date touch of 1886 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. T. Danks, 1; W. Cooper, 2; B. Hill, 3; R. Jones, 4; E. Cashmore, 5; S. Smith, 6; S. Reeves (conductor), 7; G. Griffiths, 8. Composed by H. Johnson, sen., of Birmingham. This is the longest touch rung by any of the above except Messrs. Reeves and Cashmore. All the above except R. Jones, are Members of the Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

YORK.—On Monday evening, April 5th, the local company rang at SS. Philip and James (Clifton), a date touch, 1886 changes, in the following methods: 446 Plain Bob, and 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 8 mins. H. Horner, 1; J. Cundall, 2; T. Hodgson, 3; G. Crampton, 4; J. Thompson, 5; T. Haigh (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE BRADFORD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BRADFORD.—*Muffled Peal.*—On Tuesday, April 6th, at St. Peter's church, with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late W. E. Forster, M.P. for Bradford, 1296 of Grandsire Caters. A. Moulson, 1; J. Naylor, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; J. Fisher, 4; J. Broadley, 5; Tom Pollitt, 6; J. Angus, 7; J. H. Hardcastle, 8; J. B. Jennings, 9; W. Darbey, 10.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—On Sunday evening, April 4th, after evening service at S.S. Mary and Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. R. Jarvis, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; G. Skeef, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; J. W. Jarvis, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, April 4th, Mr. A. S. Barrell, of the Norwich Diocesan Association, now resident at Prittlewell, with Mr. W. Dowsett, of Prittlewell, visited Rayleigh, and rang with the local company a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins., before morning service. W. Dowsett, 1; F. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Deal, 4; A. S. Barrell, 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, eighteen-score of Grandsire Minor, and a shorter touch in the same method was rung F. Brewer ringing the 4th, and H. Deal the 2nd. Before the evening service, a 720 of College Single was attempted, the band standing the same as in the morning, but it came to grief after ringing about 500 changes. Mr. Barrell and H. Dowsett hope to be elected members of the Essex Association at the next meeting.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Thursday, February 25th, at St. Martin's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Post, jun., 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; E. Hyder, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Also on Thursday, March 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, with nine bobs, in 28 mins. W. Post, jun., 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; E. Hyder, 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. And on Thursday, March 25th, 720 of Aldington Pleasure, with four bobs and fourteen singles. *W. Post, jun., 1; *D. Hodgkin, 2; E. Hyder, 3; *F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. *First 720 in the method. It is nearly ten years since a 720 in this method was rung on these bells. Also on Thursday, April 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob, with nine bobs. W. Post, jun., 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 4th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's Church, this branch of the above Association rang 720 of Grandsire Minor, with 6-8, behind, in 30 mins. *H. Sharvill, 1; H. Barefield (conductor), 2; W. Latter, 3; J. Colthup, 4; R. Sharvill, 5; J. Muggeridge, 6; G. Kember, 7; A. E. Ovenden, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs. in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, March 28th, for Morning Service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Hands, 1; E. Menday, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3; G. Essex, 4; E. Pottinger, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 4th, 720 of Double Oxford Bob. J. Hands, 1; G. Essex, 2; E. Menday, 3; T. Newman, 4; E. Pottinger, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Composed by H. J. Tucker, Bishop Stortford, and contains eighteen singles and three bobs. Also, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; T. Newman, 3; E. Pottinger, 4; H. Smith, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. The 720 of Canterbury Pleasure is the first by the

Society. T. Newman explained the method in the belfry to the rest, who had never looked at it previously, and a plain course was rung; after which, having explained a bob, the 720 was rung without a hitch.

DINTON (Bucks).—On Thursday, April 1st, at the parish church, 120 of Grandsire Doubles in 5½ mins. F. W. Beechey (Stone), 1; A. Frost (Cuddington), 2; W. Daniels (Stone), 3; T. Blake (Cuddington), 4; G. Warner (Long Crenon), 5. This is the first ever rung on the bells. Also several 120's with E. O. Challis, Esq. (Stone), E. Carter (Stone), and T. Frost (Cuddington), the conducting being divided. The bells have been rehung by H. Bond and Son, of Burford, and the ringers are much pleased with them.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, April 4th, at St. Giles's church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of College Single, in 26½ mins. H. Smart, 1; A. E. Evans, 2; G. Gibbard, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; A. G. Wright, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. First 720 of College Single by all except G. Gibbard and H. Egby.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Saturday, April 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, five of the local society, assisted by Mr. W. Micklewright, of Dudley, rang 2520 changes in the following methods: 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, and 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 37 mins. R. Round, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BATLEY CARR (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 4th, at the parish church for morning service, the local company rang 720 of Darton New Pleasure, in 26 mins. J. W. Simon, 1; S. Mitchell, 2; W. Duffy, 3; J. Blackburn, 4; H. Senior, 5; G. H. Simon (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

BENGEÓ (Herts).—On Sunday, March 28th, at Holy Trinity church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Childs, 1; W. A. Tyler, 2; W. Bennet, 3; J. Channer, 4; H. Phillips, 5; H. Baker (first 720 in the method; conductor), 6. And on Friday, April 2nd, for practice, a 720 of College Single. W. Bennet, 1; H. Phillips, 2; J. Channer, 3; W. Odell, 4; J. Pomfret, 5; H. Baker (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of College Single on the bells, and the first in the method by all, and is believed to be the first in the county. And on Sunday, April 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. T. Barker, 1; H. Phillips (conductor), 2; W. Bennett, 3; W. Childs, 4; J. Pomfret, 5; J. Channer, 6. And for Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Childs, 1; H. Phillips, 2; W. Bennett, 3; J. Channer, 4; J. Pomfret, 5; H. Baker (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of College Single. W. Childs, 1; W. A. Tyler, 2; H. Phillips, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; J. Channer, 5; J. H. Baker (conductor), 6.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, March 9th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 25½ mins. *T. Arnold, 1; *R. Arnold, 2; *F. Arnold, 3; *F. Bridger, 4; *W. Sadler, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, March 16th, a 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3; F. Bridger, 4; *E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler, 6. And a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 24½ mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, March 16th, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 24½ mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; W. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

CODDENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 3rd, the following members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich, with H. English, one of the local society, attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 31 courses it came to grief through a change-course having taken place. E. Pemberton, 1; W. Motts, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; H. Howell, 4; A. R. Aldham, 5; E. Reeve, 6; J. Motts (conductor), 7; H. English, 8.

COLCHESTER.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, April 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, on handbells, retained in hand, a course each of six different methods, viz.: Double Court Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, Grandsire Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. W. Scott, 1-2; W. J. Nevard, 3-4; *J. Kettle, 5-6. *Totally blind. W. J. Nevard hails from Great Bentley.

COLN ST. ALWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, March 23rd, at St. John's church, a 720 of Bob Minor. E. Webb, 1; J. Williams, 2; C. Bate, 3; R. Jeffries, 4; J. Preater, 5; J. Kitchener (conductor), 6. And on Monday evening, April 5th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. W. Fowles, 1; E. Webb, 2; J. Williams, 3; R. Jeffries, 4; C. Bate, 5; J. Kitchener (conductor), 6; J. Preater, 7; W. Kibble, 8.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 4th, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. H. Cart, 1; J. Plant (conductor), 2; M. Murphy, 3; T. Verry, 4; S. McCullough, 5; W. Verry, 6. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Monday, April 5th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27½ mins. T. Hillman, 1; W. Jones, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And another 720 in the same method (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 26½ min. T. Vaughan, 1; the rest as above.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Tuesday, March 23rd, for practice at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Plain Bob, with twenty-eight bobs and two singles. F. H. Chapman, 1; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 2; E. Mayes, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; G. H. Roberts, 5; T. Roberts, 6. And 360 of Double Court. G. H. Roberts, 1; J. Braybrook, 2; R. Shipley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also on Saturday, April 3rd, for practice, 720 of Double Court, with eighteen bobs and two singles. J. Sawford, 1; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 2; R. Shipley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts, 6. And 360 of Yorkshire Court. F. H. Chapman, 1; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 2; E. Mayes, 3; J. Sawford, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also 360 of Oxford Bob. E. Mayes, 1; T. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Sawford, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5; J. Braybrook, 6.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Muffled Peal.*—On Tuesday, March 30th, the Cathedral Society rang the first part of Reeves's variation of Holt's 10-part peal, and the usual whole pull and stand, as a mark of respect to Nathaniel Turner, who was buried that day. Deceased was many years sexton at the Abbey, and died at Guy's Hospital, after undergoing an operation for cancer in the tongue. J. C. Mitchell, 1; W. H. Buckingham, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; H. Lewis, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; W. Battle, 8.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, April 4th, for afternoon service at St. Mary the Virgin, six of the local company rang a 720 of Bob Minor, with nine bobs and six singles, in 26 mins., taken from *Rope-Sight*. G. Prior, 1; *W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior (jun.), 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. *First 720.

STAPLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday evening, April 5th, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), with tenor covering. J. Gransbury, 1; W. Taylor, 2; J. Tillmon, 3; H. G. Pope, 4; W. Brattle (conductor), 5; E. Pope, 6; T. Colvin, 7. And a 363 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and one single). W. Taylor (conductor), 1; W. E. Pope, 2; W. Pope, 3; J. Tillmon, 3; W. Brattle, 5; H. G. Pope, 6; E. Croft, 7. Tenor 22 cwt.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, March 28th, for Divine Service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. G. Hayes, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; F. Hayes, 3; G. Martin, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And on Thursday evening, April 1st, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; Wm. Martin, 5; Wm. Harper (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method with a bob bell by J. Broom.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 4th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1296 changes, in 46 mins. H. A. Barnett, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; E. F. Strange, 3; T. Langram, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; J. Waghorn, sen., 6; G. S. Bower, 7; W. Pye-English, 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells.

WORDSLEY (Staffordshire).—*Muffled Peal.*—On Thursday, April 1st, by the kind permission of the Rector (Rev. J. J. Slade), a 720 of Bob Minor and a 720 of Grandsire Minor were rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect for the late John Hayward, who was for many years a change-ringer of Stourbridge. Bob Minor: E. G. Hesselbee (Wordsley), 1; J. Jones (Kingswinford), 2; J. Guest (Brierley Hill; conductor), 3; W. H. Hughes (Wordsley), 4; W. Lawrance (Wordsley), 5; E. Bourne (Kingswinford), 6. Grandsire Minor: J. Guest, 1; W. Hughes, 2; W. Jones, 3; J. Lewis (Wordsley), 4; W. Lawrence, 5; E. S. Chapman (Wordsley; conductor), 6.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 4th, the local company rung for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob, and a 240 of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; W. Denman, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 of College Single. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And after evening service, a 360 of Oxford Bob. W. Brown, 1; E. Streeter, 2; F. Streeter, 3; *J. Cheeseman, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 240 of Oxford Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; *H. Meads, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford Bob. *A. Stonor, 1; H. Meads, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; F. Rice, 5; G. Illman (conductor), 6. *Hails from Balcombe.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Derby, on Easter-Monday, April 26th, 1886, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m.:—All Saints', ten bells; S. Andrew's, eight bells; S. Luke's, eight bells; S. Werburgh's, eight bells; and S. Alkmund's, eight bells. Visitors, on arrival, are requested to proceed to S. Andrew's School (near Midland Railway Station), where the local Committee will be in attendance to assist in forming bands to proceed to the various towers. Committee meeting in the above school at 3.0 p.m. Service in S. Andrew's Church at 4.0 p.m., during which time all towers will be closed. Tea in the Schoolroom at 5.0 p.m. General meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year at 6.0 p.m. All ringers and friends are earnestly invited to attend.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

At a Committee Meeting held in Hereford, on Thursday, April 1st, the following officers were elected—*Master*, G. H. Phillott, Esq., *Treasurer*, Rev. Preb. Phillott,—*Secretary*, Rev. G. M. Custance, Col-wall Rectory, Malvern. J. W. Washbrook, of Oxford, has been appointed as chief Instructor to the Guild.

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."

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will you kindly ask, through your next issue where peals are likely to be rung on Easter Monday, so that ringers who cannot get in a peal may have the pleasure of going somewhere to listen to one. Second, what kind of soil is under the tenor bell at Canterbury Cathedral. Up to 1884 its weight was 32 cwt.; in 1885 it grew to 34 cwt., and on Monday, March 29th it reached 36 cwt. I should imagine the bell was cast in leap-year.

R. S.

SPARE COPIES.

SIR,—I shall be glad to hear from any of your readers who have any odd copies of "THE BELL NEWS" to dispose of.

ONE IN WANT.

THE PUBLICATION OF PEALS.

SIR,—I should like to persuade those of your contributors who send notices of peals, to go to the further trouble of giving the musical qualities of the compositions they ring. Peals of Triples are usually sufficiently described by the name of the composer and the number of parts into which the production is divided, but as regards Major and the higher numbers, it is comparatively seldom that we are favoured with the necessary information to enable us to judge of the merits of the composition. The fact is that a large number of peals are rung, in the music of which the performers take little interest, but simply ring to get the peal. That every ringer should have a love of music is perhaps not to be expected, yet I cannot help thinking that, if the qualities of performances were regularly published, the ringing public would become more critical of the taste of conductors, and thus lead those who are not particular in the selection of a composition to use a little more discrimination; and on the other hand it would tend to give additional credit to those who will ring nothing that has not some musical or other merit.

If your occasional page of compositions could be made a reliable source for conductors to draw upon, it would become a valuable aid to this end, but until some of those who forward productions for insertion bestow a little more attention on what they send, few conductors will care to avail themselves of what is offered, for they are not all composers, and of such as are not, the most that can be expected is that they should run over the course-ends, to ensure that these are correctly given; the truth of the peals they are obliged to take on trust, contenting themselves with seeing a good name below. What, for instance, are we to think of the peal of Superlative published in your last issue, which any one acquainted with the rudiments of composition can see at a glance is absurdly false in more than one place? Yet the gentleman whose name follows this peal gave us just lately a

novel and true peal in the really difficult method of Cambridge Surprise. Clearly it is simply a case of carelessness, and it is for this reason that I strongly endorse the remarks that you, Sir, have more than once made on the subject. Whether it is possible that the page should undergo revision at the hands of some competent ones of your ringing friends who would divide the labour between them, I cannot of course tell; but I will say this, that in its present form it is a useless encumbrance of valuable space, for the good productions are usually submerged by the bad company in which they find themselves.

At the present time there are able ringers who are doing their best to raise the standard of the methods as well as of the compositions that are rung, and if we can get their productions in a reliable form it will tend greatly to a general elevation of the art. Such interesting research as is evidenced by Mr. Bulwer's new method, cannot be too highly valued, especially when, as in this case, it results in what from every point of view is the most original system that has been placed before the Exercise for many years. I have not as yet had time to examine further than to see that its music can only be surpassed by that one most beautiful of Treble Bob methods—Superlative; the solitary apparent fault being the place-making in 5-6 at a bob. Its composition will seemingly be on lines completely new, but I am afraid, although at present I only hazard the remark, that there will be some difficulty in obtaining anything like the extent with the tenors together, which is unfortunate, as the possibility of a long peal is one of the chief advantages of a "clean proof-scale." In Kent Treble Bob, for instance, it would be of little use to clear the proof, as the music can be got very well as it is, and if cleared, the extent with the tenors together would not be attainable, nor indeed in any method in which the calls that have to be used alter the length of the courses. A complex method, providing the music can be had, has at all events this in its favour, that none but fair composers are likely to tackle it, while where composition is simple there will probably be endless rubbish produced; in methods, however, in which obstructive courses reduce the possible musical positions they are most objectionable. But as it is unwise to criticise without full knowledge, I will only say that the new method is evidently a very excellent production, and I sincerely wish Mr. Bulwer every success, commending the care and accuracy of his work as an example to those who wish to make their achievements public.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

DOUBTFUL PEALS.

SIR,—As a constant reader of "THE BELL NEWS" I have noticed several 5040's on six bells in one method recorded as peals. I think that such parties ought to make themselves rather more proficient in the art before they take up your valuable space for such records as peals. I don't mean to infer that they should not be recorded at all, far from it. In Yorkshire we do not think of recording a performance on six bells as a peal unless it comprises seven or more methods. I do not quite go to the length of your correspondent, E.W., in considering a three hours' length of Tombstone Surprise equal to forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, but I am glad to hear that "Amateur" is so confident that our Brockworth friends will ring seven peals in a short time. I am always glad to see and hear of any young band making progress in the science, but I hope that we shall see fewer of these peals of repetitions, and that an honest pride in good performances will make itself seen in the increased number of the genuine article, namely peals of seven methods and upwards.

D. BREARLEY.

THE DATE TOUCH AT MIDDLESBOROUGH.

SIR,—In your issue of Saturday last I perceive a band at Middlesboro were disappointed in a date touch of Treble Bob Major of my composing, owing, it appeared, to a mistake on my part or on that of your compositor in not marking the bobs before in the fourth and fifth courses in the score given January 2nd, but I find the touch again given correctly on the 6th of March, and I am at a loss to know how the conductor overlooked the fact of the bells working so differently in the fourth course from the third when the calling was alike in both courses, as set down on January 2nd. Whatever may have been the cause of the mishap I am sorry it happened.

SAML. MARSH.

A FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—The peal of Superlative Surprise given by Mr. Washbrook, 5184, in last week's issue is false. A friend in Burton-on-Trent has had a similar peal of mine in 5056 changes, for about six months. The 5088 Treble Bob Major, given by Mr. John Thorp, in three parts, in the same number, is my composition, and as such it has been rung upon about a dozen occasions in about ten different counties during the last five or six years, and within the last ten months another Ashton gentleman gave it as his own composition, to a London friend of mine. This peal has within the mentioned period been published in both the periodical ringing papers, and the most influential and flourishing county associations also.

HENRY DAINS.

THE LATE MR. HALEY.

SIR,—After the kind remarks inserted by you in "THE BELL NEWS" respecting my father, I feel it my duty to thank you for the same. I also wish to return my sincere thanks to all those gentlemen who have come forward and took part in ringing muffled peals throughout the country, as the last token of respect that could be paid to an old and esteemed ringer. I am only surprised that this mark of respect has not been paid at the church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, in which parish my father was born, and a resident the whole of his life. Many gentlemen sympathise with me in saying there has been a great lack of gratitude shown to a departed brother, who was always ready to assist in paying the last respect to a brother ringer that passed away.

H. C. HALEY.

PRIZE-RINGING.

SIR,—I read in your issue of March 20th, a very striking performance of ringing headed "Prize Ringing." I see the second best rung 720 changes, with only ten faults and had to suffer defeat, the winning company having only four faults. I am very inquisitive about anything extraordinary, and appreciate wonderful performances in ringing as I have been a ringer for thirty years, and rung at as many contests, but I must confess that in all that time, I never heard a 720 rung with so few faults. If it has been done, I am sure the companies are a great credit to the district where they hail from, and must have done a deal of practice to come so near perfection. I remember an old gentleman, Mr. Broadley, who died near Dewsbury about twelve years since at the ripe age of eighty. He used to give an amusing statement of extraordinary ringing, which was something similar to the above, but he had half faults in it. I think if Mr. Crane had taken half faults and called two halves one, he would have added a great deal more to his list of faults, and not bedewed the two companies with his flattery. I wish them every success; and would be glad to meet them at a six-bell contest in Yorkshire.

A RINGER.

FIRST STEPS.

SIR,—I am truly glad you have devoted a small portion of your valuable space to a "probationers' column." I feel sure it will be useful to others besides, who fancy they know because they have been a long time at change ringing. Now Sir, with regard to hunting, I was once one of those unfortunate individuals who in hunting down "pulled over the last of them," and so on till I had to strike my course bell—but it will not do except with a very light bell and ringers who can ring well, it may do on five or even six, but we must ring on five by some rule which will hold good on ten if we are to begin, and have nothing to unlearn. If a man goes into a tower where the rope-sight is bad, he cannot strike properly by "pulling over the last." He must learn at the very beginning to strike next time the bell which his course-bell strikes this time. I mean, having hunted up to the last place but one, he now knows which to strike next, and while he strikes that bell he sees which she strikes, and that will be the one over which he will strike his last blow behind. Now while he strikes the last blow behind, he must see which his course-bell follows, he will easily see it because it is the last of the others, and while he strikes that he must see which his course-bell strikes, and that will be the one for next time, and so on, this makes ringing very easy because the ropes are divided into two sections. You have the course-bell, the one you are striking, and there is the one you are ringing, which makes a considerable space, so that there is not the least difficulty in seeing which are below and which above you as you ring. The ropes are thus divided into two divisions, with three places between the two, and nothing is easier than to see the bell which "your course bell strikes." It is a most pitiable sight to see a man hunt up all right to his first blow behind, and then to see him look round like a wild man to find the last of the others to strike over by hunting in the manner I have explained, and which was explained to me it makes hunting down far easier than hunting up, and far more certain. A beginner who strikes moderately well when hunting up, strikes in my experience abominably when coming down in the manner which is explained in our books on ringing. In teaching a young band to hunt, I make every bell work like a treble, and when they can ring that, I say 3 to 4, at which they strike 124356, when I say go, the bells in the odd places go up, and those in the even go down. When they can do this well several times over, I say "that is all,"—when they continue to strike 124356 till I again change them by a call, perhaps 3 to 5, then I cry go, and they proceed to ring the ten changes—by this doing you can get some good music, and thoroughly teach them all to hunt in the proper way. When the band are all beginners, I do not know how else you can begin, except they have more than ordinary ability. If these remarks are too long to be printed at length, you might let the probationers have an extract of my meaning.

C. F.

P.S.—No man can possibly strike well unless he has due notice of which bell it is he has to strike, and a half pull's notice is quite little enough even for a plain method.

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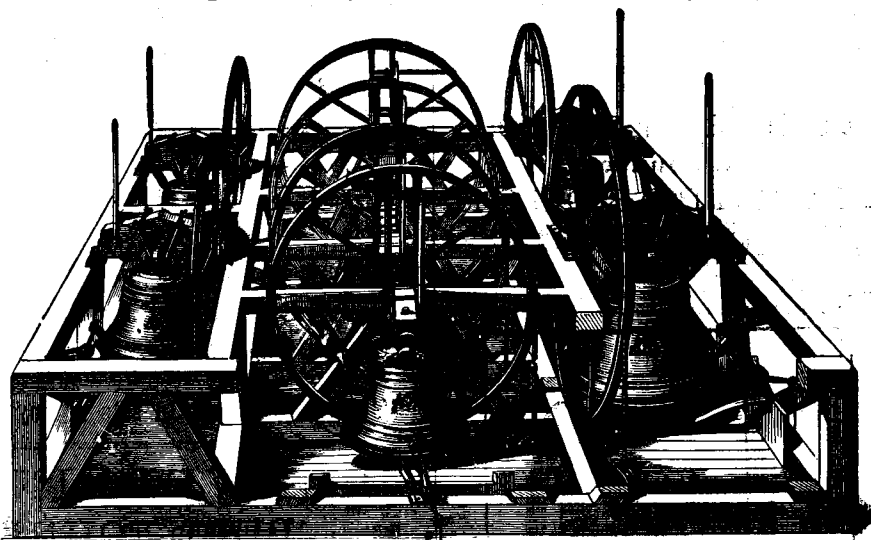
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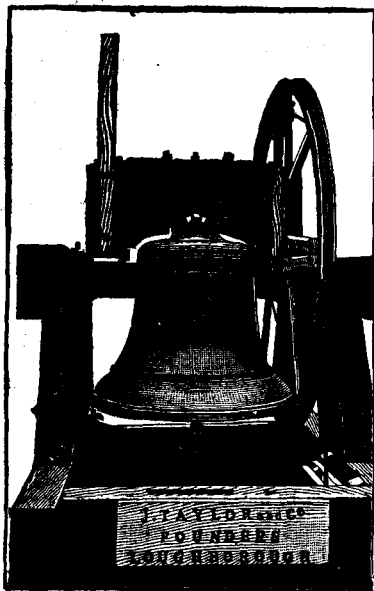
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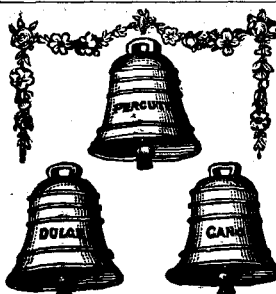
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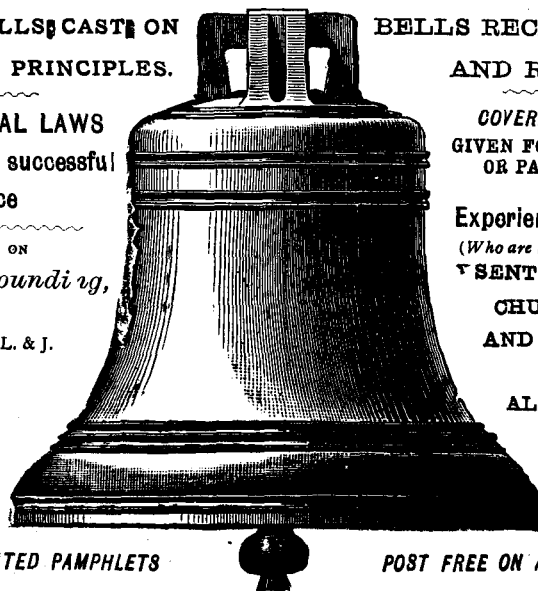
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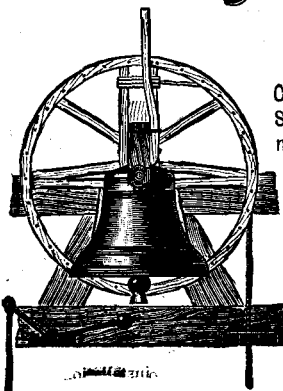
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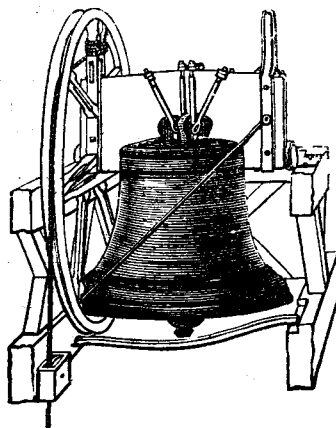
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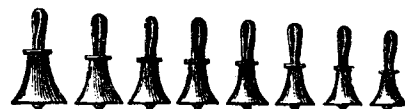
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Chauncy also says:—"This church is situated near the middle of the town. It is a fair building containing in length 153 feet and breadth 67 feet with three fair chancels, and north and south aisles, and a square tower about 21 feet diameter, in which hang a deep ring of six bells, cast in the year 1689, with a short shaft or spire erected upon the tower; which church was anciently dedicated to the honour of St. Andrew's, but as the church of St. Mary the Less in Hertford upon the rebuilding thereof was dedicated to St. John, so this church upon the like occasion was dedicated to the Virgin Mary." From the *Christian's Penny Magazine*, for August 1834:—"The parish church of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, was built in the year 1305. It stands on the site of a former church dedicated to St. Andrew, which sustained great damage by the shock of an earthquake in the year 1298, one side and part of the roof falling in. In the following year it was repaired, but so inefficiently, that in 1304, the roof again fell in, mutilating in its descent many valuable relics of antiquity. The present church is built in the pointed Gothic style, and is a grand and noble edifice. It is 153 feet in length, and 70 feet in breadth, and contains a nave, two side aisles, three chancels, two beautifully carved oak screens, and a great many ancient monuments. The font is a rare piece of antiquity, and has been very elegant. The twelve Apostles are sculptured in niches around it. It formerly stood upon three steps, but about 100 years ago these were removed. This removal has greatly diminished the effects of the whole. The picture by Rubens "The wise men's offerings," and which formerly was the altar piece, is now placed over the north door. The tower is situated at the west end of the church, and contains a fine ring of eight bells. Previous to the year 1762, there were but six, but in that year these were taken down and the present ones hung in their stead. From an antiquarian point of view, the part of the church most admired is the south porch: it is a rare specimen of ancient architecture, and decorated with singular devices, one of these being an attempt to represent the Holy Trinity. This representation exhibits three persons, at the feet of whom, are a man and woman in the attitude of prayer; by their side lies an open book.

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5th—"Laudo Deum verum: plebum voco: congreo clerum:
Defunctos ploro: pestum fugo: festo decoro, 1762."

6th—"Joseph Eayre, St. Neots, cast us all eight, A.D., 1762.
†Omni pndant glorum Dei."

8th—"I to the church the living call, And the grave do summon all.
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Edward Arnold, St. Neots, fecit, 1784."

"I praise the true God: I summon the common people: I assemble the clergy: I lament the dead: I repel pestilence: I adorn the feasts.
†Let all things be done to the glory of God."

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Report for the three weeks ending April 11th:—

By the Billingshurst branch at Billingshurst.—On Sunday, April 11th, for morning service, a 360 of College Single Minor, and a 540 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. Also after service a 720 of Grandsire Minor (the first by all the band). P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. Voice, 5; T. Chantler (conductor), 6.

By the Brighton branch.—At St. Nicholas', Brighton, on Tuesday, March 30th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. Jesse Neves, 1; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 2; J. Searle, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; G. King, 7; James Neves, 8. And at St. Peter's church, on Sunday, April 4th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Jay, 2; J. Searle (conductor), 3; C. E. Golds, 4; G. King, 5; A. Marshall, 6; G. F. Attree, 7; W. Vernon, 8. Also on Monday, April 5th, a 503 in the same method. A. A. Fuller, 1; H. Weston (conductor), 2; J. Searle, 3; J. Gasson (Balcombe), 4; G. King, 5; J. Jay, 6; — Rickman (Lewes), 7; E. C. Attree, 8. Also at St. Nicholas' church, on Tuesday, April 6th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18½ mins. W. Palmer, 1; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 2; G. F. Attree (conductor), 3; Jesse Neves, 4; H. Boniface, 5; J. Gasson, 6; G. King, 7; A. Butler, 8. And a 504 in the same method. W. Harvey, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; E. Fox (first 500), 3; J. Gasson, 4; G. King, 5; W. Palmer, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. F. Attree, 8. Also at St. Peter's church, on Friday, April 9th, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Jay, 1; J. Searle, 2; J. Gasson, 3; G. King, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 11th, for evening at St. Peter's, eight members of the St. Peter's branch rang a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; A. Marshall, 2; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 3; H. Weston, 4; J. Jay, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; E. C. Attree, 7; W. Vernon, 8.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Thursday, April 8th, in 2 hrs. and 58 mins., a peal of 5040 changes on six bells, comprising two 720s each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Oxford Single Bob, and one 720 of College Single. For names see peal column.

By the Eastbourne Branch at the parish church (St. Mary's).—On Friday, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. E. Willoughby, 1; W. Siggs, 2; H. P. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. West, 4; L. Huggett, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart, 7; S. Lewes, 8. And a 280 in the same method. E. Willoughby, 1; W. Siggs, 2; J. West, 3; C. Harfey, 4; T. Willoughby, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; J. Lewis, 8. And on Friday, April 2nd, a 224 of Grandsire Triples. J. Rollison, 1; W. Siggs, 2; C. Harfey, 3; A. Childs, 4; E. Willoughby, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; T. Willoughby, 8. And a 280 in the same method. J. Rollison, 1; W. Siggs, 2; C. Harfey, 3; L. Huggett, 4; J. West, 5; T. Willoughby, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. Also on Sunday, April 4th, for service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Lewis, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; T. Willoughby, 3; L. Huggett, 4; T. Hart, 5; J. Potter, 6; A. Bennett (Cuckfield; conductor), 7; J. Rollison, 8. And a 560 in the same method by the same band, conducted by L. Huggett. Also by the members of the Christ Church, Eastbourne branch, on Sunday, April 4th, for morning service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. H. Goddard, 1; F. Harding, 2; H. Colbran, 3; G. Smith, 4; G. Howse, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Knight (first half-peal), 1; H. Colbran, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Howse, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 11th, for afternoon service, a 360 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. H. Goddard, 1; G. Howse, 2; H. Colbran, 3; G. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6.

By the Fletching branch at Fletching.—On Saturday, March 20th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Earl of Chichester. And on Sunday, March 21st, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, for both morning and afternoon services.

By the Battle Branch, at Battle.—On handbells, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Matthis, 1; F. Harding (conductor), 2; Joshua Matthis, 3; W. Franks, 4; C. Eidridge, 5; — Author, 6. First 6-scores by the band. G. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

NOTICE OF A LONG PEAL.—It is the intention of eight members of the United Counties' Association to attempt (all being well), on Saturday, April 24th, 1886, the long peal of Treble Bob Major, 17760 changes, composed by Mr. W. Sottanstill, of Sowerby, Yorkshire. The attempt to be made at the church of All Saints', Old Glossop, in the County of Derby.

THE PROBATIONER'S COLUMN.

(Continued from page 3.)

We had, in our previous paper, reached that part of the science known as hunting, and gave the observations laid down by Hubbard for its execution. Our experience teaches us to believe that the most difficult part (to a learner) of the operation known as being "in the hunt" is the gradual descent from behind to lead; the ascent from front to back being easier acquired. Therefore our remarks shall bear chiefly upon the former. And here again we would impress most emphatically upon those who wish for advice and counsel upon this elementary but important particular, to spare no pains or time in doing what they are about *scientifically*. It is absolutely necessary that at every blow of his bell, the ringer should see plainly the bell he is striking after. There is a very unscientific guess-work mode practised by some people, who endeavour to gauge the blow of another between their own bell and a third bell, and to the latter they only look, preserving a stolid indifference towards the various bells they have to pass on their way down to lead. Now we will suppose that according to the rule of Hubbard, we have succeeded in getting up behind, and are about to make the first blow there, *i.e.* "the first blow in 5th's." As this blow is being made, notice, and do not fail to recollect the bell after which this first blow in 5th's is struck. This bell is termed "the course-bell." This course-bell is thus turned from behind by the bell which we will suppose is just making her first blow behind, and if the reader will just refer to the plain course he will see how the treble turns the 5th from behind in the manner here spoken of. The 5th bell therefore, in this instance, has become course-bell to the treble, and as they both journey down to lead, it cannot fail to be seen there is but one bell intervening between them all the way. Therefore when the 5th is leading her first blow the treble is in 3rds; when she is leading her second blow the treble goes into 2nds, and then at once takes the 5th off the lead. This description, and what follows, will show the value of *knowing* the course-bell. The same thing will happen each successive lead; on getting behind there will be a bell turned away, which bell becomes a course-bell to the one that turns it away, and which is eventually taken off the lead by it. The knowledge of the course-bell is of use should the practitioner, on going down to lead, fail to remember his position. In many cases when ringing, the performer's memory fails him, and in the midst of some confusion he for the moment forgets whether to go up behind or down to lead. In such cases a knowledge of the course bell is of great service, for if attention is directed to it, the ringer can find the position in which his bell should be. Another benefit of knowing his course-bell is, if the ringer of that bell should wander, the one who is following can, if he is an attentive ringer, put her right, push his course-bell down before him, so to speak.

We have dwelt upon the great necessity there exists for the practitioner always well knowing the bell he is following down to lead. Now it is possible to make improper use of this knowledge. It has previously been stated that at every blow of a bell the ringer should distinctly see the bell (or rope) he is pulling after. Some persons, who have evidently been imperfectly educated in their first steps, manage to hunt up in fair order; when they get behind and having discovered their course-bell they adopt a very unscientific mode of getting back again. They keep their eyes fixed upon the ringer of the course-bell, and pull after him, allowing what they think sufficient space between the movement of the two ropes for the blow of another bell to come between. Such practice as this in our opinion is to be condemned, as producing invariably defective striking.

We presume that what we have written above has enabled the probationer to understand the theory of hunting a bell up and down. To put into practice what we have written requires the faculty of reading the ropes, in other words "rope-sight." The pupil threads his way up behind, apparently with ease, counting each blow as he makes it and arrives behind all right. Then perhaps his difficulties begin. "First blow behind; 5th my course-bell," he mutters to himself, and then tries to go back again. Having struck upon his course-bell, he should know that there are only three others left to look after, he covers (*i.e.*, acts as tenor behind) these, noticing the one he strikes upon; now there are only two left, he covers them in the same manner, still bearing in mind which of them he struck after; there is only one now left, he strikes upon that, and by cutting in at backstroke after his course-bell, finds himself at lead. This is one, and we think a very good mode to practice getting down to lead. In our next paper we will notice what additional help the probationer may summon to his aid in "hunting down."

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG IN THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH, 1886.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
Midland Counties' Association ..	6	12	2	20
Yorkshire Association ..	3	8	4	15
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	5	5	4	14
Ancient Society of College Youths ..	6	3	4	13
St. James' Society, London ..	4	3	5	12
United Counties' Association ..	2	6	3	11
Birmingham and District and Amalgamated Societies ..	3	1	5	9
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths ..	3	2	3	8
Lancashire Association ..	0	2	5	7
Kent Association ..	3	0	3	6
Surrey Association ..	2	1	3	6
Liverpool Youths' Society ..	2	2	1	5
Sussex County Association ..	0	2	2	4
Holt Society ..	2	1	1	4
Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	2	1	1	4
Norwich Diocesan Association ..	2	1	1	4
Rochdale and District Association ..	0	2	1	3
Hertford Association ..	1	1	0	2
Association for Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	2	0	0	2
Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Assocn. ..	1	0	0	1
Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Assocn. ..	0	1	0	1
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Assocn. ..	0	1	0	1
Worcester and adjoining Districts Assocn. ..	0	0	1	1
Independent Societies ..	6	21	10	37
Less peals entered under two Assocns. ..	3	1	2	6
	55	76	59	190
	3	1	2	6
	52	75	57	184

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—

Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 9; Treble Bob Caters, 1; Treble Bob Major, 42; Stedman Cinques, 2; Stedman Caters, 3; Stedman Triples, 18; Grandsire Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters, 8; Grandsire Major, 7; Grandsire Triples, 64; Grandsire Doubles, 1 (5040); Bob Major, 8; Bob Triples, 3; Bob Minor (seven 720's), 2; Union Triples, 1; in 7 methods on six bells, 12; in 3 minor methods, repeated, on six bells, 1; Total, 184.

Greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,000. Quickest 5040 on church bells, 2 hrs. 32 mins. GEO. F. ATTREE.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

We have the pleasure to announce that the two new bells, the magnificent gift of W. E. B. Farnham, Esq., now being added to make a complete peal of eight, will be rung for the first time at a solemn service of dedication, on Easter Tuesday, the 27th April, 1886. The Rev. Thomas Pitts, M.A. (rector of All Saints, Loughborough), will preach on the occasion. The service will commence at 2.30 p.m. Immediately after the service, a sale of plain and useful needlework will be held in the national schoolrooms, where tea can also be procured; tickets 6d. each. The following ladies will assist on the occasion: Mrs. Farnham, Mrs. Hole, Mrs. Paget, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Harris and others. In addition to the generous gift of the two new bells and the very handsome subscriptions promised by the principal residents, and owners of property in the parish, a considerable sum is yet required for the re-hanging or re-casting of the old bells, repairs to the interior of the tower, removal of the clock, &c. The offertory at the service, and the proceeds of the sale of needlework, &c., will be placed to the bell fund. It may also be mentioned that an improvement will be made in the clock, by the addition of a minute-hand to be provided at the expense of Mrs. John Paget.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at Carshalton (by the kind permission of the Rector), on Easter Monday: April 26th. The business meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, at six o'clock, and all ringing members attending at that hour will be allowed 1s. 6d. for expenses. The tower (eight bells) will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 and from 7 to 8 p.m. The peal of ten, at Beddington, will also be open for ringing, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Bridges. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING, by the kind invitation of the Vicar and Churchwardens, at All Saints, Newmarket, on Easter Monday, at 12 noon. Dinner and business meeting afterwards. Members intending to be present will oblige by kindly communicating with the Hon. Sec., Cambridge Road, Ely.

NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

ANALYSIS OF THE PLAIN COURSE.

any one undertaking to explain the working of a bell in a change-ringing method, new to the learner, has to encounter two risks; either the risk of not explaining enough and with sufficient clearness, or the risk of making his explanation too elaborate and minute, and thus confusing the mind of the learner instead of informing it. I will endeavour to avoid both these risks, by first taking a general view of the plain course and describing its principal features; next, by explaining the order in which the different parts of the work follow each other; and lastly, by pointing out the signals or indications which will serve to warn the ringer in various places, of the coming duty of his bell. And since the mode of explanation employed by the late Mr. Snowdon, is no doubt familiar to my readers. I shall follow as closely as I can the lines he has laid down, and use, as far as possible, the terms he used.

Now if we examine the plain course of New Cumberland, and better still, if we line out the path of one bell, say the 2nd, and of the treble, we shall observe that the working of that bell is, for the most part, regular and straightforward throughout. We shall observe also, that the method being a *double* one, precisely the same work is done from behind as is done from the front. The main feature of the method is plainly the work in front and behind. And this is very simple. It is in fact the work of a Treble Bob bell behind at a bob. It consists, that is, of a three pull dodge either before or after the lead, or the blows behind, and a single dodge in the other side. This work occurs eight times altogether in the course, four times in front, four times behind. Of these, two in each position are with the treble, and two in each position without the treble. We will call these respectively, first work, last work, with the treble, in front, or behind, as the case may be; and first work, last work, without the treble in front, or behind. Besides this main work, it will be seen that there are two points, one at the lead, and one behind, where a bell does simple Treble Bob work, i.e., single dodge, whole pull, single dodge. These are the two turning points in the work; and it will be as well to remember them by this name. There are, then, the turning point at the lead, and the turning point from the back, at which the bell does simple Treble Bob work. Having now seen what the work is in 1-2 and 7-8; we will examine the intermediate positions in 3-4 and 5-6. We shall observe at once that the greater part of the work here consists in nothing more elaborate than Kent places in one position and a single dodge in the other. These 'places' are sometimes 'near' places, and sometimes 'far' places, there being two of each kind from either end; and we shall not be long in finding a rule to guide us in choosing the one or the other in ringing. We observe also that twin Oxford places are made on each side of the 'turning points' in the nearest position, preceded and followed by a dodge with the treble in the same position; this dodge following, and leading to the Kent places in the other position. In addition to this main work in 3-4 and 5-6, we shall notice in two leads a very peculiar and unaccustomed piece

of work, which looks as if the bell were playing at hide and seek with the treble. In one of the leads this game takes place 'going up,' and in the other 'coming down.' In each case after being turned from the lead, or from behind, by the treble, the bell is hunted by the treble place for place till it gets to sixths (going up), or thirds (coming down), where it makes that place (hand and back) doubles back, crosses the treble in 4-5, makes thirds, or sixths, doubles back again, and now hunts the treble place for place, till it comes to dodge with it in 7-8, or at the lead. It will be seen that in doing this work, the bell runs three times between thirds and sixths places, and makes both those places. For want of a better name, I will call this work the '4-bell hunt.' The work is simple enough in itself, and might almost be called work with the treble, as there is a dodge with the treble at each end of it. So much for a general view of the plain course. Now let us ascertain the order in which the different features of the work follow each other. Starting from the point where a bell turns the treble from the lead, we shall find it runs thus:—First work with treble in front, 'near' places, 'far' dodge; first work without treble behind; 'near' places, dodge treble 3-4, 'Oxford' places 3-4, turning-point in front, Oxford places 4-3, dodge treble 4-3, 'far' places, last work without treble behind, 'near' dodge, 'far' places, last work with treble in front. Four bell hunt up, first work with treble behind, 'near' places, 'far' dodge. First work without treble in front, 'near' places, dodge treble 6-5, Oxford places 6-5, turning-point 6-5. Oxford places 5-6, dodge treble 5-6, 'far' places, last work without treble in front, 'near' dodge. 'Far' places, last work with treble behind, four bell hunt down. The task of learning this 'duty' will be much simplified by remembering that the dodges with the treble, and the Oxford places in 3-4 and 5-6 immediately precede and follow the turning points, and may be considered as parts of that work. Also that first work in front or behind, is followed by 'near' places; last work (without treble), and turning-point by 'far' places. Last work with treble ushers in the 4-bell hunt. There are other rules and indications which will serve a ringer in practising this method. The treble we have seen is a great signal maker; a dodge with the treble in 3-4 down being the signal for the turning-point in front; in 3-4 up for the turning-point behind. A dodge with the treble at the end of work in front is the signal for the 4-bell hunt up; a dodge with treble at the end of work behind is the signal for 4-bell hunt down. Crossing the treble in any other position except 4-5, is the signal to dodge as soon as possible, then and there in fact. This will often help a ringer to know whether he has to make 'far' or 'near' places. In starting to go up or down, if he does not meet the treble at once, he must make his places; but if he meets the treble immediately, he must dodge and make his places in the next position. Further, it will be seen that first work is followed by first work; last work by last work; the breaks between the pairs being the turning-point and the 4-bell hunt. Again, a ringer may wonder whether he is to begin his work in front or behind with a 3-pull dodge, or a single one. Here is an infallible rule. If you leave with three dodges, begin at the other end with 3: if you leave with a single dodge, begin at the other end with a single dodge. A careful examination of the path of a bell through the plain course, with the aid of these hints and indications will enable any ringer to ring this method without the least difficulty or hesitation.

H. EARLE BULWER.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6048.

By N. J. FITSTOW, *Saffron Walden*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
6	3	5	4	2	-	-	2	-
4	6	3	2	5	-	-	2	-
2	4	3	6	5	I	-	2	-
6	5	2	4	3	2	-	I	-
5	3	2	4	6	I	-	2	-
3	4	2	5	6	I	-	-	-

This peal is with the 6th placed twice each way in each part in 5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

6240.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	2	2	2
2	5	4	6	3	2	2	2
2	4	6	5	3	I	2	2
5	6	4	2	3	2	2	2
6	3	4	2	5	I	2	2
4	5	2	3	6	I	I	2

Repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5184.

By SAMUEL WOOD, *Ashton-under-Lyne*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
3	6	4	5	2	2	-	I	2
4	6	5	3	2	-	-	2	I
6	3	4	2	5	2	-	2	-
2	5	3	4	6	2	-	2	-
4	2	5	3	6	I	-	2	-

Twice repeated.

Rung at Mottram on April 7th, 1886. Conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By JOHN J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth*.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	M	H
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	I	-
5	2	4	3	6	I	-	I	-
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	I	-
4	3	5	2	6	I	-	I	-
4	3	2	6	5	-	-	I	-
2	6	4	3	5	I	-	I	-
4	2	3	5	6	-	-	I	-

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5280.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
3	6	4	5	2	2	-	I	2
5	3	4	6	2	I	-	2	-
3	2	4	6	5	2	-	I	2
6	3	4	2	5	I	-	2	-
2	4	5	3	6	2	-	2	-

Twice repeated.

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All communications respecting advertisements must be addressed to the office of "THE BELL NEWS," Walthamstow, London.

G. NEWSON.—We should like to know the cause of the report of the peal being delayed.

F. LINLEY.—Write to Mr. B. Keeble, Waterloo Road, Romford.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1886.

A NOTICE has appeared in our columns, having for its purport the attempt, on Saturday next, to ring a long peal of Treble Bob Major, which, if successful, will completely put in the shade the feat performed at Mottram, Cheshire, by the men of Ashton-under-Lyne. Whoever among our readers has become acquainted with the paragraph notifying that this attempt will be made, will certainly admire the pluck and intrepidity of the band who will strive to wrest those honours which are inseparably connected with successful attempts at great lengths, from their brethren in a neighbouring town, and will wish them good luck in their undertaking. No small amount of surprise has been created at the number of changes this peal is said to possess, and we may well hope that the "grand old man" of the north—Mr. W. SOTTANSTALL—has, in his last production, given to the Exercise a composition worthy of his ability. Various speculations have been rife already concerning the composition, especially with respect to the probabilities of it containing bobs not of the usual fourth's place character. We are not in a position to say anything about the composition, for we have not been favoured with a view of it; but it may safely be said that if it possesses any other than the usual fourth's place bobs, it will not, despite the number of changes, earn the character and esteem which the compositions of the late THOMAS DAY enjoyed. Of course this will not detract one iota from the performance of the peal, should it be secured; if successful, the feat will be a proof of the endurance and pluck of our countrymen in the north, who will doubtless take care, as far as they are able, that the striking shall not be open to adverse criticism.

There is one feature of this attempt for a long peal to which our attention has been called, and that is the particular season of the Church's year. The Church is now keeping a season, till the end of which many of our readers postpone the ringing of peals, unless under very

peculiar circumstances. And it has been regarded by some of these that in that part of this season which ought to be considered the most sacred and holy—the period when our Lord lay in the tomb—it is a great mistake (we put it mildly) to attempt such, or, in fact, any other performance of the kind. We certainly agree in the main to such an objection. In many places, where the practice of ringing is allowed through Lent, it is altogether ceased during the week preceding Easter Sunday. And it is of no use to shut our eyes to these objections. They will be heard, and if obstinately disregarded in the future, those who ignore them will find themselves not the masters of the situation they imagine themselves to be.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday next.—Particulars of the Hon. Sec., Mr. C. Herbert, Woburn, Beds.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 3rd, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES:

Tenor 31 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	HENRY SWAIN 6.
ARTHUR JACOB 2.	GEORGE HARVEY 7.
THOMAS TITCHENER 3.	HENRY HOPKINS 8.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS* .. 4.	HENRY DAINS 9.
JAMES HANNINGTON 5.	JAMES BARRETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal of Royal. This peal has the 5th and 6th three courses each in the tittum position, and the 6th is also there four courses in the home position. It was rung to celebrate the anniversary of 12,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung on March 27th, 1784, at the same church, by the same society.

The Provinces.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

On Wednesday, April 7, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HARRY HEAP* Treble.	JOHN SIDEBOTTOM 5.
JOHN LEIGH* 2.	WILLIAM MIDDLETON .. 6.
ROBERT WRIGHT 3.	GEORGE BRADDOCK 7.
JOHN HARROP 4.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. The above peal contains all the 857's and 86's rung on the 29th birthday of the Conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN 4 DIFFERENT MINOR METHODS;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob; two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure; two 720's of Oxford Single Bob; and one 720 of College Single.

T. SEARLE Treble.	E. BRACKLEY 4.
G. SMART 2.	J. WOOLGAR 5.
G. GATLAND 3.	C. TYLER Tenor.

Conducted by C. TYLER.

First 5040 by all except the Conductor, and first 5000 on six bells by the Sussex County Association.

BISHOPS STORTFORD.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1886, in Four Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 6384 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	FREDERICK SWORDER .. 5.
ALFRED TUCKER.. .. 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT .. 6.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. 3.	HENRY N. DOUGHTY .. 7.
HERBERT BAKER.. .. 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th twelve times wrong and eighteen times right, and the 6th twelve times right and eighteen times wrong. This is the longest peal on the bells; the first peal of Grandsire Major by all the band, and is believed to be the first ever rung in the county of Hertfordshire.

WHITFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD HAIGH Treble.	SAMUEL WILKINSON .. 5.
EDWARD ROSTRON 2.	SAMUEL LEVER.. .. 6.
WILLIAM MARSDEN 3.	JOHN BRADBURY 7.
ALFRED RANGELEY* 4.	SAMUEL STAFFORD Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, of Ashton, and Conducted by EDWARD HAIGH.

*First peal. A. Rangeley hails from Hayfield; the rest belong to the local company.

WAKEFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

RICHARD WRIGLEY Treble.	JOHN T. HOLLIS 5.
JAMES FIRTH 2.	THOMAS ORMOND 6.
WILLIAM FIRTH 3.	THOMAS MOORHOUSE .. 7.
TOM PRINCE.. .. 4.	JOHN STYLES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN T. HOLLIS.

This is the first peal of Triples on the bells, and is supposed to be the first in any method on the heavy eight.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 10, 1886, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HENRY HEAP Treble.	CHARLES WILLOCKS .. 5.
JOHN LEIGH.. .. 2.	THOMAS MOSS 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN 7.
JOHN HOPWOOD 4.	JOSEPH MELLOR Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEO. LONGDEN.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL HARROP Treble.	SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN. .. 5.
DANIEL JAMES 2.	JOSEPH MALONEY 6.
WILLIAM HARROP 3.	HARRY COOPER.. .. 7.
CHARLES BROOKE 4.	JOHN PYE, JUN.. .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL WOODS, and Conducted by SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN.

This peal contains the 6th its extent wrong and home at six courses each way.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Sunday, April 11th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity Church, a date touch of Bob Major (1886 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. C. Bennett, 1; W. Southwick, 2; R. Chaffer, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; H. Cutter, 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 8. The above was rung on the occasion of the 600th anniversary of the foundation of Holy Trinity Church, the preacher being the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man. Tenor 25 cwt.

LEEDS (Yorkshire).—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday evening, March 25th, at Mr. S. Mitchell's, "Nag's Head" inn, a date touch, 1886 changes, of Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung on handbells retained in hand, in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. West, 1-2; T. Lockwood, 3-4; W. Walker, 5-6; J. Hutchinson, 7-8. Composed and conducted by T. Lockwood. Witnesses: Jas. Lockwood, R. Binns, and Mr. Needham (late of Nottingham).

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORD SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HERTFORD (Herts).—On Sunday, April 11th, for morning service, eight members of the above company rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. James Jauncey, 1; Matthew Ellsmore, 2; Herbert Baker, 3; William Goodchild, 4; William A. Tyler, 5; Joseph Cull, 6; Jasper G. Crawley, 7; Frederick George, 8. Composed by John Wright, of King's Norton, and conducted by Jasper G. Crawley. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Sunday, April 4th, at the parish church, 600 of Grandsire Doubles, 3rd and 5th the observation. W. Maclean, 1; J. W. Shipp, 2; W. E. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; J. Brown, 6. Also on Saturday, April 10th, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles. †W. Maclean, 1; †J. W. Shipp, 2; †W. E. Johnson, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; †D. Shipp, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. And 420 of Bob Minor, nine bobs and two singles. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. E. Johnson, 3; J. W. Shipp, 4; D. Shipp, 5; J. Brown, 6. Also on Sunday, April 11th, 480 of Bob Minor, six bobs and six singles, and 240 of College Single, standing the same as in Doubles, †First 720 of Oxford. G. J. Clarkson hails from Stockton, and J. Moncaster from Darlington. Tenor 13 cwt.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, March 28th, for practice at St. Peter's church by the voluntary band, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes (conductor), 2; H. Hill, 3; E. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also a 360 in the same method, with nine bobs, H. Hill (conductor). And on Sunday, April 11th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins. *J. Brett, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Merrishaw, 4; H. Allen, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also another 720 in the same method, by the same company, with R. Grimes (conductor). Tenor 14½ cwt. *First 720 in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, April 11th, the local branch of the above Association rang for evening service a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Brewer, 4; H. Deal, 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 by the first and fourth men, and the first in the method by all except the conductor. It is supposed to be the first in this method ever rung at Rayleigh. Tenor 14½ cwt. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was afterwards brought home, in which F. Strugnell rang the fourth.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MARKET RASEN.—On Sunday, April 11th, six members of this branch of the above Association, rang for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Boulton, 1; S. Marshall, 2; H. Gadd, 3; W. Lunn, 4; *J. Hackney, 5; H. Burkitt (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

PERRY BARR (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, April 10th, at the church of St. John, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Bastable, 1; C. Stanbridge, 2; B. Wittell (conductor), 3; T. Reynolds, 4; M. Murphy, 5; J. W. Cartwright, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Thursday, April 8th, for practice at St. Andrew's Church, 570 of Bob Major, in 21 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; G. Mottashaw, 2; T. Alton, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; J. W. Thompson, 5; C. Hart, 6; A. E. Thompson, 7; W. H. Found, 8. Also 532 of Bob Triples in 20 mins. G. Mottashaw, 1; T. Alton, 2; J. W. Thompson, 3; W. Midgley, 4; W. H. Found, 5; C. Hart, 6; A. E. Thompson, (conductor), 7; W. Shardlow, 8.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled, out of respect to Miss May Harvey, youngest daughter of Robert Harvey, Esq., of Derwent House, an hon. member of the company. G. Dawson, 1; E. Moreton, 2; W. Hickling, 3; A. Robinson, 4; R. Johnson, 5; G. Hingley, 6; J. Howe (conductor), 7; J. Johnson, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEADINGTON (Oxon).—On Wednesday, April 7th, for practice, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, by the following: Rev. F. Du Boulay, Messrs. G. Tolley, C. Tolley, J. Powell, C. Dalloway, W. Jacob, C. Halton, of Headington, assisted by Messrs. H. J. Castle, and J. W. Washbrook (conductor), of Oxford. Also some plain courses, and a short touch of Grandsire Minor. J. Powell, 1; G. Tolley, 2; Rev. F. Du Boulay, 3; C. Tolley, 4; J. W. Washbrook, 5; H. J. Castle, 6. And on handbells, a six-score of Stedman Doubles. Rev. F. Du Boulay, 1; J. W. Washbrook, 2-3; C. Tolley, 4; H. J. Castle, 5-6. This tower has lately joined the Guild, and in company with many others in the diocese is greatly indebted to Mr. Washbrook for his unfailing patience and good temper and skill as instructor. Also on Wednesday, April 7th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. G. Tolley, 1; T. Kirby, 2; H. Castle, 3; C. Tolley, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; F. Castle, 6.

IFFLEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, April 4th, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Jeffery, 1; T. Kirby, 2; F. Williamson, 3; A. Fox, 4; J. Payne, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. These bells go very bad, and it is with the utmost difficulty the 5th and tenor are rung.

KIDLINGTON.—On Monday, April 5th, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. W. Cox, 1; H. Judge, 2; F. Shirley, 3; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 4; J. Franklin, 5; J. Baker, 6. Tenor 36 cwt.

OXFORD.—On Saturday, April 3rd, at the Cathedral, a half-peal of Stedman Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 37 mins. F. Payne, 1; F. Castle, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; J. Field, 4; C. W. H. Griffiths, Esq., 5; W. Finch, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; A. Barney, 8. Tenor 42 cwt. And on Sunday, April 4th, at the church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Kirby, 1; T. Payne, 2; F. Castle, 3; C. Hounslow, 4; O. Thomas, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON.—On Saturday, April 10th, at the parish church, after the Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Johnson's 6-part), in 54 mins. W. Dudley, 1; G. Russell (conductor), 2; H. C. Haley, 3; U. Holman, 4; A. B. Carpenter, Esq., 5; W. States, 6; T. Verrall, 7; G. Rosier, 8. The tenor clogged, not being ringable.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—On Wednesday, March 3rd, at St. Peter's, by four members each of the Eastbourne and Brighton branches, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1886 changes), in 1 hr. and 7 mins. J. Day, 1; J. Searle, 2; H. P. Bennett (conductor), 3; L. Huggett, 4; G. King, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; T. Hart, 7; J. Rollison, 8. Also a 504 in the same method. G. Attree (conductor).

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, April 4th, at the church of St. Mary and All Saints, 1246 of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Bennett, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; W. Broomfield, 3; J. Crane, 4; H. Broad, 5; H. Williams, 6; R. Broomfield (composer and conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. Messrs. W. and R. Broomfield hail from Bromsgrove, and H. Broad from Chaddesley Corbett.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BROMSGROVE.—On Monday, April 12th, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing about 800, it came to grief owing to the fourth and sixth changing course. W. Broomfield, 1; T. Miller, 2; O. James, 3; T. Allbutt, 4; W. Rea, 5; G. Bourne, 6; G. Hayward (conductor), 7; R. Broomfield, 8. T. Miller hails from Birmingham.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Monday, April 12th, on the occasion of the Confirmation by His Grace the Archbishop of York, 1312 of Kent Treble Bob Major, 504 of Grandsire Triples, and a course of Stedman Triples. C. Bennett, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; W. Southwick, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; H. Cutter, 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Jackson (conductor), 8. *Muffled Peal*.—On Tuesday, April 6th, at St. James' church, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. J. Partington, for many years churchwarden and synodman of the above church, who was interred that day, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1800 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins., the bells were brought round by the conductor through the sudden illness of one of the members. G. M. Brownrigg, 1; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 2; F. Drabble, 3; H. Cutter, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; T. Stockdale, 6; R. Chaffer, 7; R. Haire, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 11th, for evening service (which is being held in the schoolroom whilst the church is being restored), the local company rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with fifteen bobs, in 25 mins., and 120 of Violet. G. Lidster, 1; R. S. Fox, 2; J. Bland, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; S. Smith, 5; T. Silvester (conductor), 6.

DINTING (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, April 10th, at the church of Holy Trinity, 2160 changes, in three different methods, in 1 hr. 18 mins. J. W. Booth, 1; J. Harrop, 2; S. Knott, sen., (conductor), 3; S. Shaw, 4; C. Jubb, 5; J. Pye, sen., 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. Messrs. Harrop, Knott, and Pye, belong to Glossop, the rest belong to Dinting. Mr. Charles Jubb is late of Cawthorn, Yorkshire.

FARNWORTH, BOLTON, (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, April 6th, the local company rang several 120's of Grandsire Doubles. W. Brundle, (conductor), 1; E. Howard, 2; W. Lever, 3; T. Ratcliffe, 4; W. Pitchforth, 5; J. Lever, 6. First 720 by all the above, who have not been ringing above two months under the tuition of Mr. Edward Cash, of Eccles.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Monday evening, April 12th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. P. Gridley, 1; C. Lee, 2; J. Lee, 3; G. Maxim, 4; R. Mingay, 5; D. Ward (conductor), 6.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 11th, after the afternoon service at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. P. C. S. Scott (conductor), 1; W. Howell, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; A. Symonds, 4; G. Hammond, 5; J. Bird, 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor. A. Symonds, 1; H. Bowers, 2; H. Smith, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; G. Hammond (conductor), 5; H. Diggins, 6. And a 360 of Grandsire Minor. F. Tolliday, 1; J. Campin, 2; G. Brown, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Howell, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. This is the longest touch in this method on these bells, also the longest by all the above. Tenor 14 cwt. Messrs. Sillitoe, Howell, Brown, Silvester, Campin, and Tolliday, hail from Sudbury; Scott, Bird, and Hammond, from Long Melford; Symonds and Smith, from Lavenham; Bowers and Diggins belong to Waldingfield.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, March 7th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Griffin, 1; T. Gleed, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; J. Leach, 4; J. Nixon, 5; T. Titchener, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 11th, at St. Mary's Church, before Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. J. Hannington (conductor), 1; T. Gleed, 2; J. Nixon, 3; T. Titchener, 4; E. Chapman, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Also 540 of Plain Bob Minor, in 19 mins. G. Griffin, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; T. Titchener, 3; T. Gleed, 4; J. Nixon, 5; E. Chapman, 6. And after Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 24 mins. E. Chapman, 1; J. Nixon, 2; T. Titchener, 3; G. Griffin, 4; G. Newson, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 25 mins. *C. Crampton (Hendon), 1; J. Nixon, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; G. Griffin, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Newson, 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Martin (Hendon), 1; T. Titchener, 2; G. Griffin, 3; J. Nixon, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; E. Chapman, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. *First 720.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, (Lancashire).—On Thursday, April 1st, a mixed company rung at St. Thomas's Church a 720 of Grandsire Minor, forty bobs and eight singles, in 29 mins. J. Hilton, 1; F. Crosland (conductor), 2; J. Greenwood, 3; *W. Sutcliffe, 4; *J. Street, 5; *T. Barrett, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. *First 720 in the method. Messrs. Hilton, Crosland, and Greenwood hail from Lees.

SOUTH HACKNEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 11th, the Bishop of London held a Confirmation at the church of St. John of Jerusalem, before which the last 700 of Holt's Original was rung. W. D. Smith, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; A. Cutmore, 3; H. Springhall, 4; R. J. Turner,

5; E. Turner, 6; S. Joyce, 7; J. H. Barrett, 8. And after Service six courses of Stedman Triples, G. Marriott, 5; R. J. Turner, 6; E. Turner, 8, the others as before. Also for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, (1260 changes), in 47 mins. W. D. Smith (conductor), 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; R. J. Turner, 3; H. Springhall, 4; A. Cutmore, 5; S. Joyce, 6; E. Turner, 7; J. H. Barrett, 8. *First quarter-peal.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Thursday evening, April 8th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Martin, 1; F. Ring, 2; F. Hayes, 3; G. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. G. Hayes' first peal in the method with a bob bell.

TUE BROOK, NEAR LIVERPOOL.—On Saturday, April 10th, at St John's Church, by the kind permission of the Vicar, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of Mr. J. R. Pritchard, who that day completed his 31st year, (and who through illness was unfortunately prevented from attending), but after ringing 1932 changes in 1 hr. 7 mins., it came to grief. R. Diggle, 1; W. Booth, 2; T. Donnelly, 3; W. Bond, 4; J. Donnelly (conductor), 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; I. Clarke, 7; W. Brooks, 8. Composed by J. R. Pritchard. After which 500 of Union Triples by the same band, conducted by J. Aspinwall. And a touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by William Booth.

WOODFORD (Essex).—Muffled Peal.—On Sunday evening, April 11th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins., in memory of Mr. T. Lowe, many years church clerk, and who died on Friday, April 9th, aged 72 years, deeply regretted. H. Nunn, (sen.), 1; H. W. Nunn, 2; J. Nunn, 3; J. Marks, 4; E. Cornell, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, April 11th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), on the back six. H. Pamplin, 1; J. Everard, 2; F. Radley, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; C. J. Dennison, 6. Also two 6-scores called differently. J. Everard, 1; F. Radley, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; R. Wood, 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; A. Barrington, 6. The company (who are all new to ringing within the past eighteen months) have begun practising Grandsire Triples, but irregular attendance sadly delays progress. The bells are a fine ring of eight (tenor 18 cwt.), but for many years past there has been no attempt to form a local company of change-ringers, and no interest has been felt in the art in the neighbourhood. To create such an interest, and acquire the necessary skill, will be a work of time; but a fair start has been made.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

On Wednesday, April 7th, 1886, the bells of Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, were re-opened. These bells have for the last few years been in almost an unringable condition, but have now been put into splendid "going" order, with everything new except the bells themselves and the frame; this has been strengthened and is now quite as good as a new one. Four of the bells have been quarter-turned. The Manchester cathedral company of ringers were requested by the rector, the Rev. Francis Gore-Booth, to ring the opening touches. At 6.30 p.m. the ringers met outside the tower, and preceded by the rector, churchwardens and sidesmen, ascended to the belfry. The rector there stated as the bells had been dedicated once to the service of God, he would only say a few prayers suitable for the occasion. These over, the ringers at once "stripped" and proceeded to raise the bells in peal. The bells up, and doublings put in, "go" was given for a 720 of Bob Minor, with sixteen bobs and two singles, which was accomplished in 25 mins. T. Thorp, 1; T. G. Downs, 2; J. E. Pollitt, 3; S. West, 4; A. E. Wrecks, 5; John Eachus, 6. After the usual evening service, the ringers again ascended the belfry and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with twelve bobs, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor, each rung respectively in 24½ mins. and 24 mins. Samuel West, 1; G. E. Turner, 2; J. E. Pollitt, 3; J. Thorp, 4; J. Eachus, 5; A. E. Wrecks, 6. Weight of tenor 11½ cwt. in G. The whole of the ringing was conducted by A. E. Wrecks. The bells were cast in the year 1706, by A. Rudhall, of Gloucester.

We have to record the death of Mr. Richard Shorter, who died on Saturday, April 3rd, and was buried on Sunday, April 11th, aged 71 years. He was an old ringer, who had taken great interest in bell-ringing at Leeds in Kent, for upwards of fifty years, seldom ever missing a practice. A great number of ringers attended the funeral, at 1 o'clock, at Hollingbourne, and in the evening, at Leeds church, with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect, 1008 of Bob Major were rung in 42 minutes by the following ringers: R. Simmonds, 1; J. Furgusson, 2; A. Knight, 3; F. Hollands, 4; H. Hollands, 5; W. Slowman (conductor), 6; F. Gibbins, 7; H. Pearce, 8; tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. Simmonds, Pearce, Furgusson, hail from Maidstone, the rest belong to the local company.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The next Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 26th, in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Rev. Canon Melville, D.D., rector of Great Witley, has kindly consented to preside. All members who arrive at Worcester earlier, (and all are specially invited), are requested to meet at St. Helen's church, and to note that all contributions not yet paid are due at this meeting. All towers open for ringing.

Order of business: confirming (or otherwise) minutes of last meeting; to propose new members; to receive contributions; to take into consideration minutes five and seven, of meeting held at Worcester, September 19th, and minute two of meeting held at Bewdley, November 21st, 1885; notice of motion from Dudley that three trustees be appointed; notice of motion from the Rev. W. R. Carr, vicar of St. John's, Worcester, to bring forward a set of belfry rules for adoption by the association; election of president in the place of Lord Alwyne Compton, Bishop of Ely, resigned: election of lay vice-presidents, committee of management, including master, secretaries, and treasurer in the place of the late Mr. W. Duffill; each society in union to present a copy of their own belfry rules, and to take this as a proper notice, should they receive no other.

Netherton, near Dudley.

JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At a special committee meeting of this Association, held in St. Peter-at-Gowts schoolroom, at Lincoln, on Saturday last, the Rev. A. G. Musson, presiding, it was resolved that the annual meeting be held at the head quarters (Lincoln), on Saturday, the 1st of May. It was decided to have divine service at 3 o'clock, business meeting at 4 o'clock, and tea (in St. Peter-at-Gowts schoolroom) immediately after; the details of the arrangements were left in the hands of the local reception committee. The retiring president (F. A. Dorrington, Esq.) having signified his inability to act as president again, it was unanimously resolved that the Rev. A. G. Musson be requested to wait upon the Dean of Lincoln with a view to his becoming president of the Association. The Dean has lately manifested great interest in the cathedral ringing, and since the meeting on Saturday, he has consented to become president, and will honour the annual meeting with his presence. It was decided to recommend the annual meeting to reduce the annual subscription to 1s. 6d., efficiencies and probationers to pay the same amount. The committee agreed to invite the presence of members of the South and East Lincolnshire Associations to the annual meeting. The bishop of the diocese (Dr. King) is to be invited to become patron of the North Lincolnshire Association, and it is proposed to have vice-presidents at the various centres of the association, instead of only two, as the rules specify.

W. LUNN, Hon. Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 26th, at Blackpool. A train leaves Victoria Station, Manchester (platform No. 6), at 7.10 a.m., reaching Blackpool at 9.10 a.m., and returns from Blackpool at 7.15 p.m. The bells of St. John's church (eight) will be at the disposal of the members. The business meeting will be held at the schoolroom connected with the church at 5.30 p.m. Return fare from Manchester; 2s. 6d.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
J. REDFORD, }

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE next Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Bourne, on Easter Monday. Dinner will be provided at the "Nag's Head," at 2 o'clock, 2s. each. Members intending to be present must send in their names to the Hon. Sec. on or before Saturday, the 17th inst., or the usual allowance will not be granted them. The annual subscription will be then due, when members are respectfully requested to pay the same.

Monks Lane, Spalding.

R. CREASEY, Hon. Sec.

ST. PETER'S MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH SCHOLARS.

The Annual Dinner will take place on Easter Tuesday, April 27th, when the following churches will be opened for ringing:—St. Peter Mancroft, 12 bells; St. Giles, 8; St. Gregory, 6; St. Lawrence, 6. Dinner at 2 o'clock at the White Hart, near St. Peter's church. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Any friends wishing to attend the dinner, must send word on or before April 22nd.

Heigham Street, Norwich.

F. KNIGHTS, Master.

Correspondence.

[While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, I 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."

DOUBTFUL PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—In reference to the Southport peal, your correspondent Mr. Fielding seems in doubt as to whether I am a ringer or not. Possibly I have rung peals and called them in more methods than he has rung peals all put together. I also know about peals being rung in less time than the one in question. He admits there were ringers outside who timed the peal, but has forgotten to state what the changes per minute were, when counted. Would he favour me by saying what they were, and then I shall be better satisfied? If I should ever have the opportunity of going to Southport, I shall be glad to take part in a peal there, and would have no objection to calling it. Mr. Varley says "there is no doubt it was a true peal, and the other ringers would agree with him in his statement." There is no doubt they do, or else why have they not contradicted it? It was his first peal, so I will excuse him for what he says in his letter. My remarks on the Brockworth peal has evidently troubled Mr. Pates more than the record did me, and I do not think at all what he imagines I do. "Amateur" has not read my letter over carefully, as he credits me with saying that Grandsire Doubles is a fancy name. I said "Tombstone Surprise." He says the 6-scores were each called differently, so much the better the performance; but the account does not say so; why did it? I should like to ask, with your permission, Mr. Editor, if "Amateur" would publish the calling of the forty-two 6-scores, as personally, I only know of about ten. I would refer "Amateur" to the last portion of my first letter with reference to my opinion of 5000s on five and six bell performances. E. W.

THE PROPOSED LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

SIR,—Surely there is some mistake about the date of the long peal mentioned on page 10. No true ringer, I am sure, would think of breaking the stillness and silence that pervades the life of the Church during those hours when our Lord lay in the tomb, in such a way. I trust this is an oversight which will speedily be rectified.

C. C. CHILD.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I read with much pleasure Mr. Heywood's excellent letter in your last issued, and fully endorse all his remarks. Knowing as I do the simple proof of Superlative, it must have been utter carelessness on my part to have published such a peal, and must ask the pardon of those concerned for so doing, but still it is a mistake not altogether inadvisable, as it tends to make one careful in the future, for it is true the composition column ought to be a reliable source to conductors, which at present it is not, especially from a musical point of view, but still I for one will be more careful in the future, and I hope others will be the same and not send such rubbish as we often see there, which of course are neither musical nor original, and it would be greater credit to any composer to turn his mind on the more intricate methods, which claim so few compositions, for instance, Cambridge Surprise, perhaps one of the oldest of the complex variations, and by far the most perplexing to deal with. We know that musical qualities are simply out of the question in this method because of its small scope, but still I think if we all pull together we may yet produce some compositions worth our while, for in my mind it is the only method really wanting compositions. J. W. WASHBROOK.

NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

SIR,—It was not until to-day that I had sufficient time to do more than glance at Mr. Bulwer's method "New Cumberland Surprise." The encomium accorded to it by Mr. Heywood must, I think, be allowed by everyone to be thoroughly well deserved. Indeed with the three prominent advantages which it possesses—that it is a Treble Bob method, that it is a Double method, and that it has a "clean proof-scale" with the tenors together—it may well be questioned whether it is surpassed, if it be even equalled, by any method that we at present possess. But it is a great pity that the bobs are made in fourth's place. By this means the back bells are hurried four leads forward in their work. It has always struck me that this is the great drawback to the otherwise perfect method of Grandsire, where a bob hurries on the back bells one lead. This last is bad enough, and practically amounts to a general confusion, which is pardonable only because the bell in the hunt could not be otherwise removed from that position. My theory has always been that it is better never to move more bells at a bob than is absolutely necessary, that is to say, three. Mr. Bulwer notices the fact that a sixth's place bob is practicable in his method, but prefers the one at fourth's place. His preference rests on two grounds. (1) A sixth's place bob does not bring up the accustomed alteration in the coursing order. (2) It does not give such good

results in composition. As to his second reason I must, for the present at least, bow to his judgment, not having made personal trial. With regard to his first reason I am not perfectly sure that I quite grasp his meaning. One thing I can see would be lost by a sixth's place bob, which is that in the bob scale we should lose sight of the bob-leads produced in the bob scale of Plain Bob, and which at present appear in the bob scale of New Cumberland. But surely this is a trifling and fanciful consideration. Mr. Bulwer mentions bobs at 1, 2, 5, 7 as occurring when sixth's place bobs are employed. Taking the bob-lead end as 5738642, I find that to keep the tenors together the bobs would come at 1, 2, 3, 5. Of these the bob at 3 produces a course-end, and shortens the course by four leads, as in the case of a fourth's place bob, and much the same also as in Double Norwich. Would not this arrangement bring up the full H's in as few changes as by means of fourth's-place bobs? Mr. Heywood objects to the fourth's place bob on the ground of the place-making in 5-6. My last letter to your columns a few weeks ago will shew that I do not look on this as so great an objection. But a sixth's-place bob gets rid of it, while maintaining the full dodging in 7-8, which I always contend is a great advantage—at least when the tenors are behind. The only drawback that I can at present see to the sixth's-place bob is that it causes a bell to lie four blows in sixth's place. It is because I think Mr. Bulwer's method such a truly excellent one that I have taken such lengthy exception to what seems to me its sole and only blemish. April 13th, 1886. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

THE LATE H. W. HALEY.

SIR,—Seeing a paragraph in your last week's impression from Mr. H. C. Haley, about being surprised that a muffled peal was not rung at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, I beg to inform that gentleman that at a meeting of the Society a resolution was passed that a muffled peal should be rung as a mark of respect to his late lamented father. The Society have about ten churches to ring at, Bethnal Green being one of them; the choice fell upon St. Michael's, Cornhill, and a very excellent peal of Stedman Cinques was rung, conducted by Mr. James Pettit. I would counsel Mr. Haley, that if he has any complaint to make, the headquarters of the Society, the "King's Head," Winchester Street, St. Saviour's, Southwark, is the proper place to do so, and not go into print, as that leads to things very disagreeable. I must also inform that gentleman there has not been a great lack of gratitude shown to the departed. ARTHUR HAYWARD.

[Correspondence on this subject must now cease.—ED.]

THE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AT ECCLES.

SIR,—I see in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday last an account of a peal of Treble Bob Major, 6144 changes, in the Kent Variation, being rung at Eccles, in 3 hrs. and 27 mins., conducted by A. Ed. Wreaks. I counted them several times during the peal, but at no time were they going above twenty-nine changes per minute, but oftener at twenty-eight, and as low as twenty-seven per minute, and how they can get 6144 changes in 3 hrs. and 27 minutes, at the above rate of ringing is not very clear to me. Perhaps the conductor or some ringing friend will be able to explain, and oblige J. S.

THE ART AT BICESTER.

SIR,—In your issue of March 6th, I find a letter under the above heading, signed by "A Ringer," commenting on the ringers at Bicester. I beg to inform him that although we do not hold certificates as change-ringers, it is not because we are not competent of doing so, it is merely because we have not taken the trouble to obtain them. If ringer will take the trouble to arrange a visit to Bicester he will find the Guild consists of quite as good ringers as the two gentlemen named in his letter who own certificates, whom I may state are not members of our Guild. I may further state that it is the intention of the Guild to obtain certificates as soon as they can. ONE OF THE BAND.

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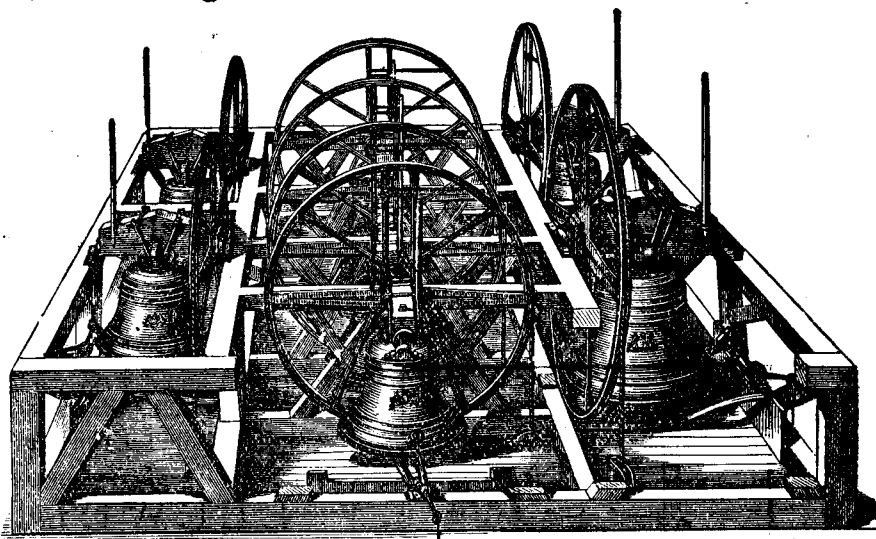
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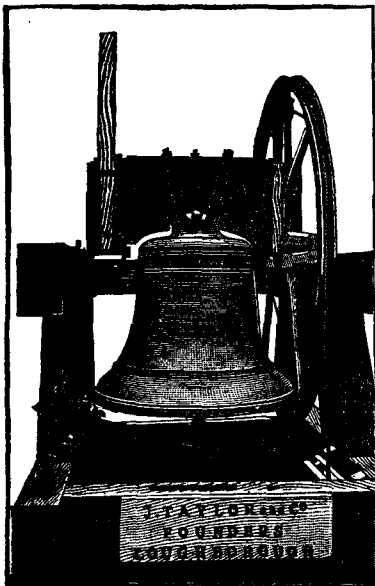
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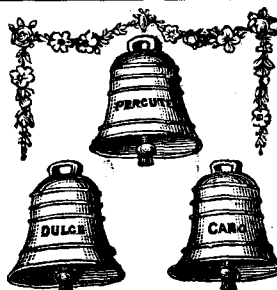
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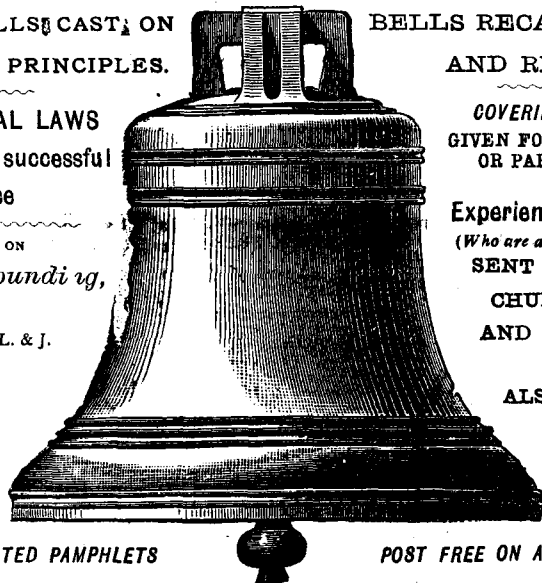
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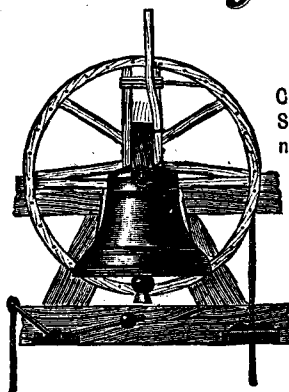
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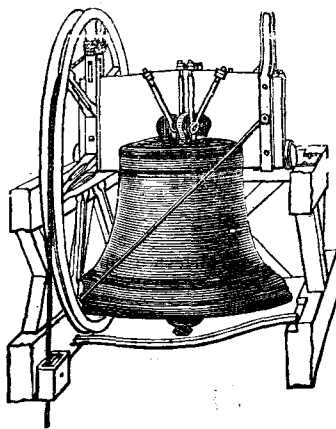
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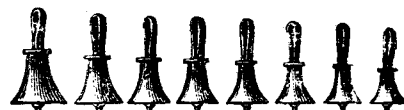
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By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

As a very large proportion of the musical peals in the above method have already been rung, and as from its confined nature there is some difficulty in obtaining new peals of any value, I venture to make public some researches of mine which may, perhaps, give a stimulus to composition on this beautiful system, and the result of which, judging from existing peals, can scarcely be known to the majority of composers.

The usual manner of detecting false changes within the leads is to compare the bells in 5-6 at the course-ends; if there is no course-end which has the bells in 5-6 reversed, as compared to any other course-end, that is, as 6-5 is to 5-6, the composition cannot be false without showing it at the bob lead ends. But although the absence of reversals in 5-6 at the course-ends is evidence of truth, their presence does not always imply the contrary. It well known that if a course-end—as 23456—comes at a plain lead, 24365 coming also at a plain lead will not be false with it, because the false course-ends that act against 23456 are 32465 and 43265. Mr. Pittow was, I believe, the first to make use of such pairs of reversed course-ends, but Mr. Dains has gone further, and by this means hit off the first two-part peal ever composed in the method. Here, apparently, the use of what I shall call reversed course-ends has stopped, one 5-6 and one 6-5, both plain lead course-ends, being seemingly deemed the extent to be had out of a pair of bells in these positions. Now there are four places in a course where false internal changes may occur, viz.: rows with the treble in 7-8 up and down in the second lead may repeat with one another, the same may occur in the sixth lead; also rows with the treble in 1-2 down and up between the second and third leads may repeat with one another, and the same may occur between the fifth and sixth leads. But in any course in which a bob is called there can be no false changes with the treble in 1-2, because the leads that would contain them are cut out, so that by a judicious use of bobs it will be found possible to bring these reversed course-ends not only such at a plain lead, but also at a bob lead, or one at a plain lead and the other at a bob lead, and further, in this latter case, to use a second 5-6 or 6-5, as the case may be. In order to shew how much may be done on these lines I append a table giving the various reversals that may be had, taking the course-end 23456 to work from. The marks to the left and right of the course-ends show where it is necessary that they shall be preceded or followed by bobs before, and the course-ends marked a must come with a bob, those not so marked being plain leads. The first column shows the possible arrangements where 23456 is a plain lead, the second where it is a bob lead. The horizontal lines divide the various sets.

Preceded by bob B.	Course ends.	Followed by bob B.	Preceded by bob B.	Course ends.	Followed by bob B.
	23456			23456 B	
	24365			32465 B	
	23456			23456 B	
	24365 B			24365	
	23456			23456 B	
	32465 B			32465	
	23456			23456 B	
	24365 B			42356 B	
	32465 B			24365	
				23456 B	
				34256 B	
				32465	

On examination it will be found that several of the above arrangements are only the converse of others, but I have thought it simpler to present them thus to avoid confusion. To use the table it is only necessary to take any course-end which it is required to reverse, and transpose it as the course-ends above are transposed from 23456, taking care that the bobs at B and at H are brought in exactly as in the tabular arrangement selected. Reversed course-ends of a peal already composed may be proved by transposing any one of them to 23456, the remaining course-ends with the same bells in 5-6 being transposed by the scale obtained in transposing the first; thus if 43652 be the course-end selected, the scale for its transposition to 23456 will be 63254, and by this scale the remaining courses with 5 2 or 2 5 in 5-6 must be transposed. If the resulting course-ends can be found together in the table under one arrangement, with the bobs B and H the same, such course-ends will be true; if they are not so found they are false. The actual proof of reversed course-ends may be worked out, if required, in the following way. For proof in the second and third leads after the course-ends transpose the course ends that have the same bells in 5-6 by each of the false course-ends 32465 and 43265;

note where the original course-ends are followed by a bob B, and strike out from these the false course-ends coming from 32465, because the false changes it brings would be in the third lead which a bob B cuts out. If none of the remaining false course-ends repeat with the course-ends which were transposed, there will be no false changes after the course-ends. For proof in the fifth and sixth leads before the course-ends it is necessary that where there are bobs at H these should be unmade in order to have the bells in the position which they occupied previous to the course-end. Thus if 23456 is a bob course-end, with the bob unmade it would be 34256. Having reduced all the course ends to plain ones they must be transposed as before by 32465 and 43265. Note again where they are preceded by bobs B, and strike out from such the false course-ends coming from 43265, because the bob B cuts out the fifth lead, and with it the false changes which come from this course-end. Compare the remaining false course-ends with the plain course ends which were transposed, and if none repeat there will be no false changes in the fifth and sixth leads before the course ends.

No course-end can possibly be false with another that has not the same bells in 5-6, the labour therefore of thus proving reversed course-ends is not great, but the table given above will be found more convenient as presenting all possible arrangements at a glance and so avoiding not only the trouble of proof but also all guess work. I may remark that where 5-6 and 6-5 both come at a bob, other reversed course ends will be found to precede and follow them, which must be treated accordingly. Composers will probably understand the above brief explanation, but I shall be happy to give by private letter any further information that may be desired.

There is, unfortunately, in Superlative no means of producing, either by reversed ends or otherwise, more than half the courses with the tenors together, owing to the false changes with the treble in 2-3 and 7-8; I wish, however, to lay before the Exercise a variation of the method in which I have succeeded in getting rid of all liability to falseness within the leads. Before taking this step I have consulted a good many of those best able to advise me on the subject, and it is owing to the favour with which it has been received that I now bring the matter forward. I am sanguine enough to believe that the time is not far off when the higher methods will be more generally rung, and in some conversation which I had with the late Mr. Snowdon, he told me that he hoped his book on Double Norwich would be the means of getting that finest of plain methods more widely known, "in which case," he said, "there is every probability that many of the more energetic bands will push on to Superlative." Now when this time comes it will soon be found, as before remarked, that the variety of musical peals as well as their extent is limited, and under these circumstances a simple variation of the method permitting the whole of the musical positions as well as the extent with the tenors together may be found acceptable. I therefore give a short explanation of what I have ventured to call, with the permission and out of regard for the energy of that company, the Burton variation.

During the whole time that the treble is in 1-2 in Superlative, two bells dodge together continuously in 7-8, and the converse takes place when she is behind; it is at these times that there is a liability to falseness, but if the course of four of the changes in each of these places be turned, all possibility of falseness with the tenors together is cleared away; such a result can be accomplished by the "long dodge" bells changing part of their dodging to place-making, and to make this clear, I annex some rows from the first lead of the plain course when the treble is behind, both in the Superlative method and in the Burton variation, so that the alteration in the work may be clearly understood, this alteration being entirely confined to the two bells engaged in the long dodge, and these approach and leave the front or back as usual, nor are any other bells disturbed.

Superlative.	Burton Variation.
68241537	68241537
86425173	86425173
68245713	68245713
86427531	*68427531
68472513	*86472513
86745231	86745231
68472531	68472531
86745213	*68745213
68754231	*86754231
68572413	86572413
68752143	68752143
86571234	86571234

It will seen that the four rows marked are the only ones which differ from the original, and that as the places then made are at back and hand while all other places in the method are at hand and back, there will never be more than two places made in any two consecutive rows. The long dodge behind while the treble is in front, is treated in the same manner, making a total of eight new rows in each lead. The practical ringing is so simple to those acquainted with Superlative, that we easily rang a touch at Burton after little more than a few

minutes' explanation, and found the music, from the fact that the additional places are made at back and hand, not nearly so much impaired as would be expected.

In anticipation of the severe, and therefore healthy criticisms that will doubtless be forthcoming, I may perhaps be allowed to state as fairly as possible both the advantages of and the objections to this treatment of the original method. That it is a slight upon, or mutilation of the original method, I deny, the Burton variation is a distinct method from Superlative just as Kent is from Oxford Treble Bob, and it has never been considered by the Exercise as unlawful to practice any of the many variations on these latter methods. The case of "Burton" is so far different that there is but little originality about it; this however only reduces the credit due to the discoverer, and does not affect its claim to rank as a new method. Superlative itself was, it can scarcely be doubted, an improvement by Reeves on Cambridge, not only clearing the latter of much of its falseness, but also vastly improving the music. While laying claim in my case to the former of these advantages, I unfortunately cannot do so to the latter. But although "Burton" is much inferior, musically, to Superlative, it still remains better than the only other Treble Bob method in which it is possible to attempt the extent with the tenors together, viz.: "Albion." My sole object in placing this variation before the Exercise is to enable those who have already become proficient in Superlative, and have exhausted its best compositions, to obtain by means of Burton the full extent of the musical positions, and also the extent, if required, with the tenors together. Whether the extent with the tenors can be composed is, however, at present an open question. I have only succeeded in obtaining an exact 12,000, and also a 13,024 containing fifty-nine of the 60 course-ends; possibly some more able hand may work out the whole 13,440. In conclusion, I must express my thanks to the members of the St. Paul's society, Burton-on-Trent, without whose countenance and assistance I should not have brought the matter forward, as well as to several London friends, who have aided me with their advice; and if what I have advanced in any way conduces to further composition in Superlative, or to a desire to practise more generally a method so full of interest, this paper will have accomplished its purpose.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BELLS, ST. ALBANS.

The following correspondence relating to these bells has recently appeared in a Hertfordshire paper:—

SIR,—Many of your readers will be sorry to hear that one of these bells (through the severity of the weather) has been cracked. The bell in question is the fifth, the middle one, and therefore spoils the whole peal. The cost of recasting would be between £40 and £50, and I trust that some of your readers will make efforts to complete this grand old peal of bells, which are admired by so many.

THOMAS WALLER.

SIR,—In a letter in your paper of the 20th March upon the above subject, it stated that one of these fine bells had been cracked through the severity of the weather. I cannot believe this to be a correct statement of the case, for these bells are enclosed in a good brick tower, with lattice windows to let the sound out. Now, if this statement was correct, how is it that bells hung upon schools and other buildings, without any protection whatever, should escape the same fate? As a ringer of many years' standing, let me say that my firm opinion is that these fine bells are being cracked through clogging them for Sunday service—that is to say, the ropes are tied to the clappers and pulled to the bells with unnecessary force, instead of swinging the bells in the proper way. I know that there are many ringers who could testify to the truth of my statement, and I would advise the churchwardens to put a stop to this dangerous practice of using the bells before any further damage is done.

BELLMAN.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Bellman," referring to the above subject, says that the St. Peter's bells are enclosed in a good brick tower, with lattice windows to let the sound out. No one disputes that, but the lattice windows are insufficiently made to keep the rain and snow from drifting in among them, and in proof of this, other ringers besides myself can testify that at the time this particular bell was found to be cracked there was on the mouth of every bell ice to the thickness of an inch or more, caused by the snow drifting in, and the severe frost that followed. At this time the bells were left up for ringing for the members of a local club, and when we came to use them on the Sunday after the severe weather, we found the bell was cracked, so "Mr. Bellman" is quite wrong in saying he believes these fine bells are being cracked through clogging them for Sunday service. Now, in this city alone, bells have been clogged for over a hundred years without the least damage to them whatever, so until "Mr. Bellman" can give a better proof that clogging cracks church bells, I am afraid his knowledge of them is very scant. In conclusion, I think if "Mr. Bellman" would advise the churchwardens to put a

stop to so many local ringers using this fine peal of bells so shamefully as they do use them "when they ring them" he would save the parishioners from a great annoyance, instead of wanting them to stop what he cannot prove to be wrong.

T. WALLER.

SIR,—In answer to a letter in your paper of the 3rd upon the above subject, I should like to know where "Bellman" gained his practical experience to be able to state so positively that the bell he refers to was cracked by having the ropes tied to the clapper and pulled to the bells with such unnecessary force. This he states is not the proper way of chiming; they should be chimed on the swing. If he knows from practical experience that this is a ruination to bells, why has he paid so many visits up the cathedral and chimed there with the clappers lashed in the same way? As an experienced ringer he should be the first to object to any improper system being carried out. It is absurd to compare small school bells with the bells in question. There are many amateur ringers who, I am aware, would coincide with his statements, but if a person has not had practical experience I fail to see how he can make such positive statements. Thanking you for allowing me so much space in your valuable paper.

LITTLE BEN.

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent T. Waller, let me inform him that the tower and lattice windows referred to, have been sufficient protection for the bells during the past century, and the winters of late have not been so severe as they were years ago. If he knew that the snow was drifting in among the bells, why did he not exert himself to sweep it off? The "local club" he speaks of is a band of respectable young men of this city, who have rung a few changes upon these bells and have not required the company or services of T. Waller. He says I am wrong in saying I believe "clogging is the cause of the cracked bell." Now, I am able to prove that these bells were rung by the St. Peter's ringers on Wednesday, the 3rd March, and that they were then perfectly sound, and that the bell in question was cracked on Sunday afternoon, March 7th, while being chimed "clogged" for service. If he can deny this, he would deny his own existence. He further says my knowledge of bells is scant; let me say his knowledge of letter writing is very scant; for he convicts himself by saying, "The bells have been shamefully used." If he knew this, why did he not make it known in his letter of March 20th, instead of putting all the blame on the weather, or why did he not inform the churchwardens of the fact? but it appears he intended to withhold this piece of information had I remained silent. I would advise the churchwardens to place someone over the bells who would sweep the snow off (if it drifts in) and protect them, and not allow them to be "shamefully used" without reporting it. I will just refer to "Little Ben" to say how amused I was by his mistake in supposing me to be another person, for I never enter the cathedral belfry nor do I chime bells if they are "clogged." He says it is absurd to compare small school bells with the bells in question. Let me ask "Little Ben" if he was to receive a severe blow, would he not feel it as much as Big Ben would. I would advise "Little Ben" to wait until he grows bigger, or to consult Big Ben before he rushes to the press and makes such blunders as he did in his letter last week.

BELLMAN.

SIR,—It is well known to bell-ringers and others interested in the art of ringing, that "clogging" (i.e., pulling the clapper against the sides of the bell) tends to crack bells. This slovenly and pernicious system (if system it can be called) is a caricature on the noble art of campanology, degrading it to a mere mechanical amusement, and filling our belfries with a class of amateurs whose sole ambition soars no higher than playing fanciful tunes, to their own diversion, but to other people's disgust. The custom, along with other questionable "improvements" which characterized the eighteenth century's Protestant craze, notably the parson and clerk duet, was introduced during the Georgian period. Owing to the unhappy disputes between the clergy and ringers, on account of the latter's irreverent behaviour, it was partially adopted in some of our parish churches as a means of putting to an end unseemly disturbances. But education has produced a class of ringers of a considerably higher status. Many of our clergy are members of ringing associations, and take as great an interest in the art as ringers themselves. The bells in many cases are well looked after, and in many towers cleanliness prevails; whereas, in former years, the floors were covered with an accumulation of dust, centuries old, and stewn with pieces of rope and other litter. The "clogging" system is dying a natural death. Denounced by all authorities on the subject, it will sink into the oblivion it deserves. As for those who persist in ringing contrary to the established system, they deserve to be punished, by being preserved in the British Museum as a relic of a bygone age. Ringers, indeed! I would as lief call a ship's steward a sailor as a bell clogger a ringer. If the correspondent who admires the system desires further information of the art, which to him is a sealed book, he had better read the *Bell News and Ringers' Record*, published weekly in London.

G. W. MILLER.

SIR,—Seeing some correspondence in the *Herts. Advertiser* con-

cerning the "clogging" of church bells, I thought it might be of interest to your readers to know what Lord Grimthorpe (Sir E. Beckett) has to say on the subject. In his work on "Clocks, watches, and bells," page 365, sixth edition, he says, "It is still necessary to warn clergymen and churchwardens against allowing the lazy and pernicious practice of 'clapping,' i.e., tying the bell rope to the clapper and pulling it instead of the bell. More bells have been cracked in that way than by all other causes together, and there is not the least excuse for it." The late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, an authority on church bells, in his "Practical Remarks on Belfries and Ringers" (Bell and Sons, 1878, fourth edition), denounces "clogging" as a "lazy trick." He also gives a letter written to the "Ecclesiologist" in August, 1863, entitled "How bells are cracked," which contains a list of bells in the metropolis, that within the memory of a single individual, have been cracked through "clogging." The list includes 27 bells at 22 churches, no less than five having been cracked at St. George's-in-the-East in one year—viz., 1820. Mr. J. Hollis, writing to the *Bell News* of Nov. 17th, 1883, states that the sixth bell of St. John's church, Wakefield, has been cracked for nine or ten years, and that upon inquiry he found it was cracked through "clogging." Another writer to the same paper states that the tenor bell at Holy Trinity, Long Melford, Suffolk, was cracked about 20 years ago, while being tolled for a funeral, by the sexton, the bell being "clogged."

N. N. HILLS.

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Correspondence.

[While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, I 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."

NEW CUMBERLAND EXERCISE.

SIR,—Allow through your columns heartily to thank Mr. Heywood and Mr. Davies for the favourable opinion they have expressed of my new method, as a whole, I should like to answer Mr. Davies' objection exhaustively and at length. I feel that I could write quite a long dissertation on the merits of the rival bobs. But I forbear. I hear by anticipation the remonstrances, loud and bitter, of yourself and the majority of your readers against the absorption of valuable space by a subject bristling with technicalities which only a few comparatively could understand or take any interest in. I will simply say, therefore, that Mr. Davies' objection to the fourth's place bob appears to me overdrawn; and examination of the results of the sixth's place bob, which he recommends, confirms me in my previous opinion, that the adoption of the latter would more than half destroy the value of the method as a vehicle for composition. With the sixth's place bob five combinations only could be had in 5-6. A bob B at the 5th lead would only be available as a single call for filling the H's. In combination with other calls it would be superfluous, as the course-end would not be affected by it in any way. Calls at H. (3rd lead), might be useful for general purposes; but would have to be rejected altogether in any attempt at a long length, or the extent, as they would seriously impair the balance of the leads. With the sixth's place bob, composition would be of the simplest possible character, involving no skill compared with that evoked by the fourth's place bob. It would amount to a simple stringing of courses together; whereas with the fourth's place bob this is out of the question, considerable care and skill being required to avoid lead repetition. As a matter of fact, the very consideration which disposes Mr. Davies to favour the sixth's place bob, disposes me to condemn it. It only disturbs three bells; and with the working of this method this is not enough; it does not produce sufficient variety. There is no canon of the science, so far as I am aware, which obliges three bells, and three bells only, to be moved at a bob; it can therefore hardly be ground of serious objection that in this case five are moved; the same number in fact as in Kent and Oxford. I had originally thought of a different form of sixth's place bob, which would have begun to take effect at the hand-stroke of the treble lead, and would have obviated the four blow bob in sixth's place, to which I have a strong objection. This would have kept the tenors together, as I at first stated, at 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 7th lead ends. After all, Sir, the claims of the rival bobs on our allegiance must be tested by results, and not by form. The great proof to my mind of the soundness of a method, is the possibility of reaching the "extent with the tenors together" in it, or as near as possible to the absolute extent. The examples of peals of New Cumberland, which will appear in your columns in due course, will afford a sufficiently broad basis for judging of the fruits of the fourth-place bob. And the long peal I have sent you, and which I hope will appear this week, will show how perilously near to the absolute extent the same bob will take us. With regard to this peal I wish to give a word of timely caution to the critics. The ordinary Treble Bob rule for detecting false leads are not applicable to New Cumberland, when as in this case, bobs intervene in the courses.

I have proved and reproved this peal in the most exhaustive manner, and your readers may take my word for it, that there is no repetition in it, of so much as a single change.

I had forgotten to say that I cannot agree with Mr. Davies that my first objection to the sixth's place bob is a trivial one. To my mind it is an important one. A new method is an innovation in itself, and to have any chance of acceptance at the hands of the Exercise, should be accompanied by as few subsidiary innovations as possible; by none which are not absolutely necessary. The retention, therefore, of the old familiar bob changes, which are common to almost all existing methods, should be secured, if possible, as a matter of appreciable importance.

H. EARLE BULWER.

P.S.—There are two misprints in my paper in last week's issue, which may cause confusion. About the middle of the second column, "turning-point 6-5" should obviously be "turning-point behind." Two thirds of the way down the same column "in 3-4 up for turning point behind," should be "in 5-6 up," etc.

AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—I have been taken to task for using in my letter which you published on the 10th inst., words implying that I thought the peal of Cambridge there mentioned a new one. I had proved it, but had not taken the trouble to compare it with Middleton's peal, as it did not occur to me to think that a one-part peal might be a variation of a five-part. I shall be obliged if you will allow me to apologise for my want of care through your columns, for otherwise I fear what I wrote may mislead.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

THE BOB IN NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

SIR,—While looking over New Cumberland Surprise the other day, I was rather struck with its merits, which caused me to look very deeply into the method, and I find that as the Bob is made in the 4th's place it retains the bells in 5-6 and 7-8 dodging. Now perhaps our worthy author had not thought of the practice of the method. As the easiest way of ringing these methods are by learning the whole work by heart, I think it would be extremely hard to pick up your work after a call has been made, affecting as it does five bells; you see one would have to know what work to do if he were in either of those places, which I consider would be very difficult. Now, if we could advise our worthy author to alter the Bob from 4th's to 6th's place it would only interfere with three bells, the same as other Surprise peals, and thus in my mind and many other practical members it would be greatly enhanced. I cannot see that the music would be much disturbed with, as it is all over in two blows. I hope our many ringing brethren will think over these few remarks, especially the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, the worthy author of such a splendid method, which I am sure will be extensively practised.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Tamworth, on Saturday, May 1st. Members to assemble at the church at 2.30 p.m. The names of all who wish to attend should be sent not later than April 28th, to Mr. S. Reeves, 10 Bull Street, West Bromwich.

J. R. KEBLE, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Alton, Hants, on Monday, May 10th. There will be a Committee Meeting at the Vicarage, at 4.30 p.m., at which important business will be transacted. The belfry will be open to members from 5 to 9 p.m. Members wishing to be present are requested to communicate with the Secretary before Saturday, May 8th.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.—MIDLAND RAILWAY.—The booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Saturday, April 24th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can also be obtained beforehand at the Midland Company's offices, 445 West Strand; 5 Charing-cross (corner of Northumberland-avenue); 10A New Bond-street; Gloucester office—495 Oxford-street and 272 Regent-circus, Oxford-street; Cook's tourist offices, Ludgate-circus, and 99 Gracechurch-street; 28 Regent-circus, Piccadilly; 8 Grand Hotel-buildings; (L. B. and S. C. Co.'s offices). Tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station; will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. There will be express train services from St. Pancras to Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester, Liverpool, Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds and Bradford, and corresponding trains will be run in the opposite direction. For particulars see time-tables issued by the company. The 5.15 a.m. Newspaper Express from St. Pancras will be run on Good Friday to Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Derby, and Manchester. Other trains on Good Friday will run as appointed for Sundays.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1886.

IN another part of our paper will be found some very entertaining correspondence relative to the cracking of the 5th bell at St. Peter's Church, in the city of St. Albans. This correspondence, as we have remarked, has appeared in an Hertfordshire newspaper, which has been forwarded to us for our perusal, and we have for the edification of our readers inserted it in extenso. Very few will read the effusions of Mr. THOMAS WALLER without a smile, accompanied with a tinge of scorn for the writer who attempts, in his simplicity or ignorance, to make anyone believe that the bell in question has been fractured by excessively severe weather. It is well known to practical men—men who are ringers in the true application of the word—that more bells have been ruined by this wretched practice of "clogging," than from any other known cause. Where it is habitually carried on, the absence of real good ringers is more frequently shown than otherwise; and we can well imagine non-scientific ringers refusing to listen to any condemnation of the only thing at the execution of which they can show their adroitness. The letters of Mr. MILLER and Mr. HILLS will be welcomed as throwing light upon the effect of "clogging," and showing the untenableness of Mr. WALLER's hypothesis. Who the last-named gentleman may be we do not know; we believe there is a person in St. Albans bearing a similar name who officiates in the important and time-honoured capacities of sexton and gravedigger, and if this be the one, we should advise him to imitate the cobbler whose tenacity of purpose led him to devote his sole attention to matters only about which he was fully cognisant.

As no doubt a goodly sum will have to be found for the recasting of this fractured bell, we would—despite Mr. WALLER's sagacious counsel—strongly urge upon the Church authorities at St. Peter's the desirability of putting a stop to this "clogging" business for ever. And it would be another step in the right direction to hand over entirely the care of the bells to a competent ringer—one who will feel an interest in preserving their fittings from decay, and the bells themselves from fracture.

The Metropolis.

SOUTHWARK.—THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, April 15, 1886, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN GIBBS Treble.	ARTHUR JACOB 5.
THOMAS TITCHENER 2.	JOHN M. HAYES 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 3.	GEORGE NEWSON 7.
HENRY DAINS 4.	*FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

This peal contains the 6th its extent in 5-6, and has not previously been rung. It is also the first in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 15, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY W. GROUT Treble.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 5.
WILLIAM PEAD 2.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	JAMES S. EASTGATE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ABRAHAM GEORGE FREEMAN.

The ringers beg to thank the Vicar, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," for his kindness in granting them the use of the bells. Messrs. Thornton and Grout belong to St. Alphege, Greenwich; Messrs. Freeman and Eastgate to St. Mary, Lewisham; Messrs. Weatherstone, Taylor, and Pead, to Rotherhithe.

The Provinces.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN CALLAGHAN Treble.	JOHN TINSLEY 5.
REUBEN HALL 2.	JOHN CARTER 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	WILLIAM SMITH 7.
JAMES JONES 4.	THOMAS SMALL Tenor.

Composed by T. BROOK, and Conducted by J. CARTER.

This is the first peal on Stedman's principle ever rung on the bells, and is the first by any of the above except J. Carter. Messrs. J. Carter and J. Callaghan hail from Birmingham; R. Hall and T. Horton from West Bromwich; J. Jones from Wolverhampton; and the rest from Darlaston.

TUE BROOK, LIVERPOOL.

On Saturday, April 17, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD Treble.	*JOHN DONNELLY 5.
WILLIAM BOOTH 2.	JOHN ASPINWALL 6.
THOMAS DONNELLY 3.	ISAAC CLARKE 7.
WILLIAM BOND 4.	RICHARD DIGGLE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by JOHN DONNELLY.

*First peal as Conductor.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TONG (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 18th, at St. James's Church, a date touch, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., in the following methods: 206 of Oxford, and 240 each of the following: College Triples, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure,

Duke of York, and Violet. C. J. Salloway, 1; C. B. D. Farrow, Esq., 2; S. Oddy, 3; W. Bolland (conductor), 4; G. Bolland, 5; H. Oddy, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

MONKWDEN (Essex).—On Saturday, April 17th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., in the following methods; 446 of Grandsire, 480 of Antelope, 480 of Magog, and 480 of Gog. J. Harvey, 1; A. M. Key (conductor), 2; G. Harvey, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5. This is the longest length ever rang on the bells, and also the longest length by all except H. Prior, jun. Messrs. H. and G. Prior are from Stanstead. Tenor 11 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

OXFORD.—On Saturday, April 17th, at Merton College, nine members of the above Society attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing about 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 33 mins. Considering the weight of the bells, and other awkward drawbacks, the striking all through was excellent, and is considered worthy of record. J. Field, 1; H. Castle, 2; C. Finch, 3; C. Hounslow, 4; T. Payne, 5; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; A. Strange and A. Barney, 8. Tenor 36 cwt. in D.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday evening, April 15th, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. G. Maxim, 1; F. P. Adams, 2; S. Slater, 3; Z. Slater, 4; J. Lee, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Messrs. Maxim and Lee hail from Foxearth.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FREISTON.—On Monday, April 5th, at St. James' Church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Sharp, 1; C. Randall, 2; A. Barber (conductor), 3; J. Sharp, 4; S. Steeper, 5. Tenor 19 cwt. The above was rung as a farewell touch to J. Sharp and C. Randall, who are leaving Freiston, J. Sharp going to Market Deeping, and C. Randall to Fishoft, and they take with them the best wishes of their brother-ringers.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, April 13th, at St. Laurence's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Barnes, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; D. Aston, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6.

ASHTED (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 4th, at the parish church of St. Giles, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. G. Sayer (conductor), 1; C. Boxall, 2; T. Miles, 3; G. Williams, 4; W. Marks, 5; J. Hawkins, 6; S. Brooker, 7; H. Sayer, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in F. All except Hawkins and Miles are members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, April 17th, at St. Mary's Church, the St. Mary's company rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25½ mins. W. Joinson, 1; E. Davies, 2; G. Caldwell, 3; S. Barton, 4; R. Curry, 5; T. Bethell, 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Joinson, 1; R. Mills, 2; G. Caldwell, 3; E. Davies, 4; R. Curry, 5; T. Bethell (conductor), 6. Tenor 23 cwt. in D. The above was rung in honour of the 22nd birthday of R. Mills, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CHILDWALL.—On Wednesday, April 14th, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. G. Meadow, 1; E. Rigg, 2; J. Finney, 3; W. Meadows, 4; T. Elsom, 5; G. W. Hughes (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. *First 720.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—Chiming.—On Wednesday, April 7th, for evening service at the cathedral, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; E. Hulks, 4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7-8. The above was intended as a compliment to the Rev. Canon Wigram, who preached at the special Lenten service that evening. Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, April 8th, at 3, St. Peter's Street, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; H. Lewis, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7-8. And on Saturday, April 10th, a 210 of Grandsire Triples, with J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. Also on Monday, April 12th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (Hammant's). *G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; H. Lewis, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6. *First 720 double-handed. On Thursday and Friday, April 15th and 16th, 210, 224 and 168 of Grandsire Triples. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; H. Lewis, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. On Saturday, April 17th, a 336 of Grandsire

Triples (Queens and Tittums), with W. H. L. Buckingham, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; H. Lewis, 5-6; N. N. Hills, 7-8; J. C. Mitchell, 9-10.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 27th, at St. Margaret's Church, for practice by the local company, 840 of Bob Triples. J. Flegg, 1; H. Button, 2; C. Smith, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; G. Baxter (conductor), 5; R. Stannard, 6; J. Button, 7; T. E. Shearing, 8. And on Saturday, April 10th, 938 of Bob Triples. T. Staulkey, 1; H. Button, 2; G. Baxter (conductor), 3; A. Rodwell, 4; J. Button, 5; R. Stannard, 6; W. Button, 7; J. Flegg, 8. Also on Tuesday, April 13th, 1554 of Bob Triples, with Queens and Tittums, in 54 mins. G. Baxter (composer and conductor), 1; H. Button, 2; W. Button, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; J. Button, 5; R. Stannard, 6; T. Staulkey, 7; H. Staulkey, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. This is the longest length rung by the local company, whose ages range from 15 to 20, except the Master, J. Button, and none of whom could ring rounds till last Easter, the company not being formed till the beginning of the year 1885.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, April 6th, at the parish church for practice, 350 of Grandsire Triples, in 13 mins. J. Sholicar, 1; J. Pilkington, 2; W. Ellis, 3; W. Benthall, 4; G. Larkey (conductor), 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott, 7; W. Lloyd, 8. And on Tuesday, April 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Union Triples, in 45 mins. G. Larkey, 1; H. Ellis, 2; W. Ellis, 3; J. Sholicar (conductor), 4; W. Benthall, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott, 7; W. Lloyd, 8. Composed by J. R. Pritchard, of Liverpool, and is the longest length in the method by all the above. Also 350 of Grandsire Triples in 13 mins. W. Benthall, 1; G. Larkey, 2; W. Ellis (conductor), 3; J. Sholicar, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; H. Ellis, 6; G. Prescott, 7; W. Lloyd, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of this Association is fixed to take place at the City of Lincoln, on the Saturday in Easter week, viz., May 1st. The appointments include special Divine Service in St. Peter-at-Gowts church at 3 o'clock p.m.; business meeting at 3.45 and tea at 4.45. The latter meetings will, through the kindness of the vicar of St. Peter-at-Gowts parish, take place in the Victoria school-room. All members are urgently requested to attend in order to welcome the very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln as the new president. The various steeples will be open for ringing throughout the day. The Committee will be glad to see any Ringers from other Associations. Intending visitors will please communicate at once with the Rev. A. G. Musson, 22 Altham Terrace, Lincoln. N. LUNN, Hon. Sec.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at Carshalton (by the kind permission of the Rector), on Easter Monday, April 26th. The business meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, at six o'clock, and all ringing members attending at that hour will be allowed 1s. 6d. for expenses. The tower (eight bells) will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 and from 7 to 8 p.m. The peal of ten, at Beddington, will also be open for ringing, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Bridges. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING, by the kind invitation of the Vicar and Churchwardens, at All Saints, Newmarket, on Easter Monday, at 12 noon. Dinner and business meeting afterwards. Members intending to be present will oblige by kindly communicating with the Hon. Sec., Cambridge Road, Ely.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 26th, at Blackpool. A train leaves Victoria Station, Manchester (platform No. 6), at 7.40 a.m., reaching Blackpool at 9.10 a.m., and returns from Blackpool at 7.15 p.m. The bells of St. John's church (eight) will be at the disposal of the members. The business meeting will be held at the schoolroom connected with the church at 5.30 p.m. Return fare from Manchester, 2s. 6d. Members will please take notice of the change in time of the train leaving Manchester: 7.40 instead of 7.10.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
J. REDFORD, }

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday next.—Particulars of the Hon. Sec., Mr. C. Herbert, Woburn, Beds.

A TABULAR LIST OF PEALS RUNG BY THE LATE JASPER W. SNOWDON.

No.	Date.	Changes.	Method.	Time.		Where rung.
				Hrs.	Mins.	
1	December 7th, 1872	5040a	Seven Minor Peals	3	14	Ilkley.
2	May 12th, 1873	5088	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	10	Otley.
3	October 14th, 1873	5120	" " "	3	18	Sheffield.
4	May 2nd, 1874	5088	" " "	3	16	Earlsheaton.
5	July 12th, 1875	5120	" " "	—	—	Bishopsgate, London.
6	November 15th, 1875	5088	" " "	2	58	Holbeck.
7	November 18th, 1875	5184	" " "	3	10	Dewsbury.
8	November 20th, 1875	5024	" " "	3	8	Ilkley.
9	December 4th, 1875	5184a	" " "	3	2	Holbeck.
10	December 11th, 1875	5120	" " "	3	15	Birstall.
11	December 27th, 1875	5088	" " "	3	10	Holbeck.
12	January 1st, 1876	5088a	" " "	3	7	Guiseley.
13	January 14th, 1876	5088	Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	56	Holbeck.
14	January 15th, 1876	5120a	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	7	Shipley.
15	January 22nd, 1876	5024a	" " "	3	4	Ilkley.
16	January 29th, 1876	5088a	" " "	3	2	Calverley.
17	February 1st, 1876	5152	" " "	3	10	Birstall.
18	February 5th, 1876	5184	" " "	3	5	Holbeck.
19	February 12th, 1876	5024	" " "	3	10	Bingley.
20	February 14th, 1876	5018	" " "	2	59	Holbeck.
21	February 19th, 1876	5088	" " "	3	11	Hunslet.
22	February 21st, 1876	5088	" " "	2	57	Holbeck.
23	October 17th, 1876	5024a	" " "	2	54	Holbeck.
24	October 28th, 1876	9120	" " "	5	15	Holbeck.
25	November 4th, 1876	5021	Grandsire Caters	3	33	Sheffield.
26	November 11th, 1876	5248a	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	7	Holbeck.
27	November 21st, 1876	5088a	" " "	2	55	Holbeck.
28	December 12th, 1876	5248a	" " "	3	18	Hunslet.
29	December 20th, 1876	6016a	" " "	3	28	Holbeck.
30	December 27th, 1876	5056a	" " "	2	59	Holbeck.
31	February 1st, 1877	5056a	" " "	2	57	Holbeck.
32	February 13th, 1877	5152a	" " "	2	58	Otley.
33	March 17th, 1877	5088	" " "	3	10	Holbeck.
34	April 3rd, 1877	5024a	" " "	3	0	Holbeck.
35	April 6th, 1877	5040	Grandsire Triples	2	53	Holbeck.
36	April 17th, 1877	5056a	Kent Treble Bob Major	2	59	Holbeck.
37	April 21st, 1877	5040a	Bob Major	2	55	Holbeck.
38	April 24th, 1877	5568	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	22	Hunslet.
39	June 30th, 1887	5024a	" " "	2	59	Ilkley.
40	July 7th, 1877	5024	" " "	2	54	Calverley.
41	July 21st, 1877	5024a	Bob Major	2	54	Guiseley.
42	July 28th, 1877	6016	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	31	Guiseley.
43	July 30th, 1877	5248a	Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	3	Holbeck.
44	August 4th, 1877	5088a	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	1	Holbeck.
45	August 13th, 1877	5056	" " "	2	56	Holbeck.
46	September 8th, 1877	5120	" " "	3	1	Ilkley.
47	October 2nd, 1877	5024	" " "	2	55	Holbeck.
48	October 5th, 1877	5088	" " "	2	59	Holbeck.
49	October 6th, 1877	5088a	" " "	3	16	Halifax.
50	November 17th, 1877	5248a	" " "	3	2	Otley.
51	December 11th, 1877	5248a	" " "	2	57	Holbeck.
52	December 15th, 1877	8000a	" " "	4	28	Otley.
53	December 22nd, 1877	5056a	" " "	3	8	Headingley.
54	January 5th, 1878	5184a	" " "	3	6	Shipley.
55	January 12th, 1878	5056	" " "	2	59	Otley.
56	January 19th, 1878	5000	Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	35	Wakefield.
57	February 2nd, 1878	5040	Bob Triples	3	5	Hunslet.
58	March 20th, 1878	5040	" " "	2	55	Ilkley.
59	April 22nd, 1878	5040	Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	50	Leeds.
60	May 4th, 1878	5056	Kent Treble Bob Major	2	57	Holbeck.
61	June 17th, 1878	5408	Bob Major	3	12	Holbeck.
62	August 20th, 1878	5056a	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	4½	Huntsham, Devon.
63	August 27th, 1878	5040	Grandsire Triples	3	8	Cheltenham.
64	September 7th, 1878	5376	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	10½	Otley.
65	September 21st, 1878	5024a	" " "	3	16	Knarborough.
66	October 4th, 1878	5392a	Bob Major	3	26	Hunslet.
67	October 5th, 1878	5248	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	5	Holbeck.
68	October 11th, 1878	5024	" " "	2	48	Hull.
69	October 23rd, 1878	5024a	Bob Major	2	54	Otley.
70	October 26th, 1878	6144	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	43	Pudsey.
71	November 16th, 1878	10176	" " "	5	59	Bolton, near Bradford.
72	December 7th, 1878	5376	" " "	3	4	Otley.
73	February 8th, 1879	5472	Bob Major	3	31	Ilkley.
74	August 25th, 1879	5184	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	2	Holbeck.

No.	Date.	Changes.	Method.	Time.		Where rung.
				Hrs.	Mins.	
75	December 27th, 1879	5056	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	2	Otley.
76	January 2nd, 1880	5184	" " "	3	1	Holbeck.
77	January 10th, 1880	5024	" " "	3	12	Headingley.
78	January 17th, 1880	5184a	" " "	3	2	Guiseley.
79	January 29th, 1880	5024	" " "	3	2	Pudsey.
80	February 5th, 1881	5184	" " "	3	11	Drighlington.
81	April 18th, 1881	5120	Oxford Treble Bob Royal	3	36	Leeds.
82	April 23rd, 1881	5024a	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	4	Bingley.
83	April 30th, 1881	5024	" " "	3	0	Pudsey.
84	September 10th, 1881	5024a	" " "	2	59	Guiseley.
85	September 17th, 1881	5184a	" " "	3	4	Otley.
86	October 1st, 1881	5024a	" " "	3	4	Drighlington.
87	October 8th, 1881	5024a	" " "	2	56	Mottram, Cheshire.
88	October 22nd, 1881	5120a	" " "	3	0	Guiseley.
89	October 29th, 1881	5024a	" " "	2	58	Bolton, near Bradford.
90	November 19th, 1881	5056	" " "	3	1	Otley.
91	November 26th, 1881	5024a	" " "	3	11	Lindley.
92	December 10th, 1881	5008a	Bob Major	3	1	Ilkley.
93	April 22nd, 1882	5216	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	2	Holbeck.
94	May 6th, 1882	5088a	" " "	2	59	Denholme Gate.
95	May 23rd, 1882	5019	Stedman Cinques	3	40	Birmingham.
96	June 3rd, 1882	7008	Kent Treble Bob Major	4	5	Guiseley.
97	June 10th, 1882	5024a	" " "	2	56	Bolton, near Bradford.
98	June 24th, 1882	5024a	" " "	3	1	Ilkley.
99	July 1st, 1882	5024a	" " "	3	1	Gargrave.
100	July 4th, 1882	5040a	Bob Triples	2	58	Ilkley.
101	July 8th, 1882	5024a	Kent Treble Bob Major	2	58	Guiseley.
102	July 15th, 1882	6624a	" " "	4	8	Keighley.
103	July 20th, 1882	5040	Double Norwich Court Bob Major	3	26	Burton-on-Trent.
104	July 22nd, 1882	5120	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	3	Otley.
105	July 29th, 1882	5042a	" " "	3	6	Ilkley.
106	August 5th, 1882	5024a	" " "	2	57	Guiseley.
107	August 12th, 1882	5440	Bob Major	3	10	Otley.
108	August 19th, 1882	5024a	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	3	Pudsey.
109	August 22nd, 1882	5088a	" " "	2	55	Gargrave.
110	September 5th, 1882	5248a	" " "	3	12½	Drighlington.
111	October 7th, 1882	5024a	" " "	3	2	Drighlington.
112	October 14th, 1882	5056a	" " "	3	1	Kirkburton.
113	October 25th, 1882	5056a	" " "	3	18	Derby, All Saints.
114	November 18th, 1882	7200	Double Norwich Court Bob Major	4	22	Beeston, Notts.
115	November 25th, 1882	5056a	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	3	Bingley.
116	December 2nd, 1882	5024a	" " "	3	3	Aldmondbury.
117	December 16th, 1882	5024a	" " "	3	3	Brighouse.
118	December 23rd, 1882	5024a	" " "	3	6	Shipley.
119	December 26th, 1882	5024a	Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	54	Guiseley.
120	December 26th, 1882	5024a	Kent Treble Bob Major	—	—	Guiseley.
121	October 20th, 1883	5024a	" " "	3	2	Rothwell, near Leeds.
122	November 10th, 1883	5024a	" " "	2	59	Sowerby.
123	December 1st, 1883	5024a	" " "	2	56	Liversedge.
124	December 15th, 1883	5024a	" " "	2	52	Guiseley.
125	December 26th, 1883	5024a	" " "	3	0	Birstall.
126	December 29th, 1883	5024a	" " "	2	59	Bradford, St. John's.
127	January 5th, 1884	5024a	" " "	3	2	Dewsbury.
128	February 2nd, 1884	5080	Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	20	Bradford.
129	November 8th, 1884	5024	Kent Treble Bob Major	3	0	Pudsey.

Those marked (a) are the peals that were conducted by Mr. SNOWDON. Compiled by Mr. SAML. SLATER, Glemsford, Suffolk.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The next Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Bourne, on Easter Monday. Dinner will be provided at the "Nag's Head," at 2 o'clock, 2s. each. Members intending to be present must send in their names to the Hon. Sec. on or before Saturday, the 17th inst., or the usual allowance will not be granted them. The annual subscription will be then due, when members are respectfully requested to pay the same.

Monks Lane, Spalding.

R. CREASEY, Hon. Sec.

ST. PETER'S MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH SCHOLARS.

The Annual Dinner will take place on Easter Tuesday, April 27th, when the following churches will be opened for ringing:—St. Peter Mancroft, 12 bells; St. Giles, 8; St. Gregory, 6; St. Lawrence, 6. Dinner at 2 o'clock at the White Hart, near St. Peter's church. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Any friends wishing to attend the dinner, must send word on or before April 22nd.

Heigham Street, Norwich.

F. KNIGHTS, Master.

NOTICE OF ATTEMPTS AT PEALS.

The Birmingham Amalgamated Society intend starting for a peal of upwards of 10,000 Grandsire Major, at Harborne, Staffordshire, on Easter Monday.

By the kind permission of the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Michael's, Cornhill, City, a band of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt (D.V.) to ring a peal of 10,030 Stedman Cinques, on Monday, April 26th.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the above association will be held at Todmorden, on Saturday, May 1st. The bells will be open for ringing at one, the meeting at four. The Todmorden ringers have placed their splendid peal of hand bells, 80 in number (Mears) for the use of ringers, members and non-members, and will play selections during the evening.

NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE, NOTES ON COMPOSITION IN THE METHOD.

In my last paper I omitted to explain the alterations which a bob makes in the work of the bells concerned. The bob itself was described, and an example given in the first paper. As however, it is the peculiar effect of the bob which imparts such great interest to this method from the composer's point of view, the alteration in the work which it causes will come very properly under the heading of the present paper. For the reasons given in the opening paper, the fourth's place is much to be preferred to the sixth's place bob; it is the former, therefore, which I would recommend for adoption. In it the bell that has just come away from *last work without the treble in front*, and dodged in 3-4 *makes fourth's place*, and immediately dodges in 3-4 again and goes down to do *first work without the treble in front*. This bell is, therefore, set back in its work two leads. The work of the bells behind fourth's place is affected in the following way. The bell that is leaving the *turning point in front*, and has just made 'Kent' places in 5-6, makes *those places again*, and goes up to do *last work with the treble behind*. The bell that has just come away from *first work with the treble behind*, and has made its 'Kent' places in 6-5, makes *those places again*, and comes down to dodge with the treble in 3-4, the signal for the *turning-point in front*. The bell doing the work of the *turning-point behind*, and which would have made its whole pull at the treble lead, makes *two extra dodges in 7-8* instead before lying the whole pull, and then becomes the bell doing *last work without the treble behind*. The bell that has just finished *first work without the treble behind*, makes *two extra dodges in 7-8*, and completes the work of the *turning point behind*. The work of all these four is therefore set back three leads. The alterations in work may be thus summarised: 1. The bell going up to make 'Kent' places in 5-6, makes 4ths, dodges in 3-4, and comes down to first work without treble in front.

2. The bells in 5-6 repeat their 'Kent' places; and go up and down respectively, the one to last work with treble behind, the other to turning point in front.

3. The bells in 7-8 make two extra dodges; the one that would have laid the pull behind at the turning point, proceeds with last work without treble behind, the other takes up and completes the turning-point work behind.

Now let us observe how powerfully and curiously this bob affects the task of the composer. A reference to the table of lead ends will show that all the calling positions of the tenors are comprised in the last five leads of the plain course. And since at the M W H positions the tenors are behind 4th's place, it follows that each call in those positions will set the tenors back in their work three leads, and enable calls to be made again in every one of the positions, *excepting H*. For instance, supposing the first six lead ends of the plain course be allowed to go plain, the calling position for the M will be passed; a call w may however be made at the seventh lead end, and this will throw the tenors back to the position of the plain w three leads before, so that when the M calling position is reached again after two leads, a call may be made there, and a fresh combination obtained. An M call can in fact be made either before or after a w call, as the composer may require; and in addition calls at B may be introduced if desired as often as the B lead comes up after other calls. Under certain limitations, therefore, which experience will teach, not only two, but several calls may be made in each position before the plain H comes up.

I believe this result to be unexampled in any other method. In Treble Bob, calls at M and w can only be given twice in their fixed order: neither a w, nor a B can be called before the M, and only one B can occur in the course, the number of 7-8's before in a peal being thus limited to a very small proportion, as compared with the M w and H leads, and the combinations which can be brought up in 5-6 at the course-end are comparatively few. But in New Cumberland, by a judicious selection of successive and varied calls, the bells can in a few leads be brought into any coursing order that may be desired. The appended table of course-ends will illustrate this, and will also show how in most instances a required course-end can be brought up in a variety of ways. It will be seen that a very wide field is opened by this method to the ingenuity of the composer: all that he has to take care of (and he must take good care of it), is that his lead-ends do not repeat. To avoid this he must take stock of the position leads that are obliged (or are allowed) to go plain as well as of those produced by a call. If he neglects this precaution, he may, more likely than not bring up a lead-end by a call in one place, which has passed, or will pass, as a plain lead. A little practice will enable him to read off many of these leads from the previous course-end. He must also bear in mind that the setting back of the tenors three leads at M and w calls makes it impossible to use either of these calls as the last call of a course. A call in either of these positions must be followed either by a B or H, or otherwise more than seven leads will go without a call, and repetition be inevitable. And in the case of a B being the last call of a course (or of a touch or peal), the same result will happen unless the

next course (or the touch or peal), have a B for its first call. In a succeeding paper I will continue this subject with remarks upon the attainment of 'qualities.' Some examples of peals, and of lead-end proof, and also a scale by which the latter can be easily and quickly pricked.

In the following table I do not pretend to have exhausted all the combinations which may be had; but there are sufficient here for practical purposes, and composers as a rule will do well to avoid elaborate courses, as they are apt to be risky. Some old friends will be missed, as M.B. 2W. 2H. 2M. B W, 2H; the reason being that they will not run true in this method. The combination M.B.W., must be avoided. I have given course-ends with full calls at H., for the most part, as it is easy to prick back for H. if necessary. Courses ending with a B call are exceptions to this rule, being often usable without H calls.

NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

Table of course-ends.

Alternative calling without B.	Course-end.	Calling.	Course-end.	Mixed calling.
M W H	2 3 4 5 6	B M W H	2 3 4 5 6	H
I 2	2 4 5 3 6		3 2 5 4 6	4B 2M W M 2
2 2	5 4 3 2 6	IB 2	5 3 2 4 6	4B W M 2W 2
	3 5 2 6 4	I 2B	3 5 4 2 6	2B 2W B
2 2 I	2 3 5 6 4		4 2 3 5 6	W M W B
2 2 2	5 2 3 6 4		5 2 3 6 4	2W B
	5 4 2 6 3	- I 2	2 3 5 6 4	W B
	5 3 4 6 2	- 2 2	2 3 6 4 5	W 2M B
	2 4 3 6 5	2 2 I 2	6 2 3 4 5	W 2M W B
	6 4 2 3 5	2 2 2	2 6 4 3 5	WM 2
2 2	3 4 6 2 5	2 2 2 2	4 6 3 2 5	W M W 2
	3 2 6 5 4	I 2	2 5 6 3 4	W 2M 2
	2 4 6 5 3	- I I 2	5 3 6 2 4	2W 2M
	4 3 6 5 2	- 2 I 2	6 5 3 2 4	W 2M W 2
I 2	3 6 4 5 2		5 2 6 4 3	2W 2M B
2 I 2	6 2 5 3 4	- 2 2 2	5 6 4 2 3	2W M 2
	6 4 5 2 3	2 I 2	6 3 5 4 2	2M W B
I 2 2	5 6 3 4 2	- I 2 2	5 6 3 4 2	2M 2W B
	6 3 5 4 2	- 2 2 2	3 5 6 4 2	2M B
I I 2	4 6 5 3 2			

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2 3 4 5 6 B M B H	(Continued.)
3 5 2 6 4 -	3 6 5 2 4 B M B H
5 6 3 4 2 -	2 4 3 6 5 - I -
6 5 4 2 3 -	4 6 2 5 3 -
4 2 6 3 5 -	6 5 4 3 2 -
4 3 5 2 6 - I - I	6 5 3 2 4 - I
3 2 4 6 5 -	5 2 6 4 3 -
2 6 3 5 4 -	2 4 5 3 6 -
6 5 2 4 3 -	4 3 2 6 5 -
5 4 6 3 2 -	3 6 4 5 2 -
2 5 3 4 6 - I - 2	5 2 3 6 4 - I -
	2 6 5 4 3 -
2 5 4 6 3 -	6 4 2 3 5 -
5 6 2 3 4 -	6 4 3 5 2 - I
4 6 5 3 2 2 2 -	4 5 6 2 3 -
	5 2 4 3 6 -
6 3 4 2 5 -	2 3 5 6 4 -
3 2 6 5 4 -	3 6 2 4 5 -
5 4 3 2 6 - I -	
4 2 5 6 3 -	3 4 5 6 2 - I - I
2 6 4 3 5 -	4 6 3 2 5 -
6 3 2 5 4 -	6 2 4 5 3 -
6 3 5 4 2 - I	2 5 6 3 4 -
3 4 6 2 5 -	2 3 4 5 6 - I - I
4 2 3 5 6 -	
5 6 4 2 3 - I -	
6 2 5 3 4 -	
6 2 3 4 5 - I	
2 4 6 5 3 -	
4 5 2 3 6 -	
5 3 4 6 2 -	
3 6 5 2 4 -	

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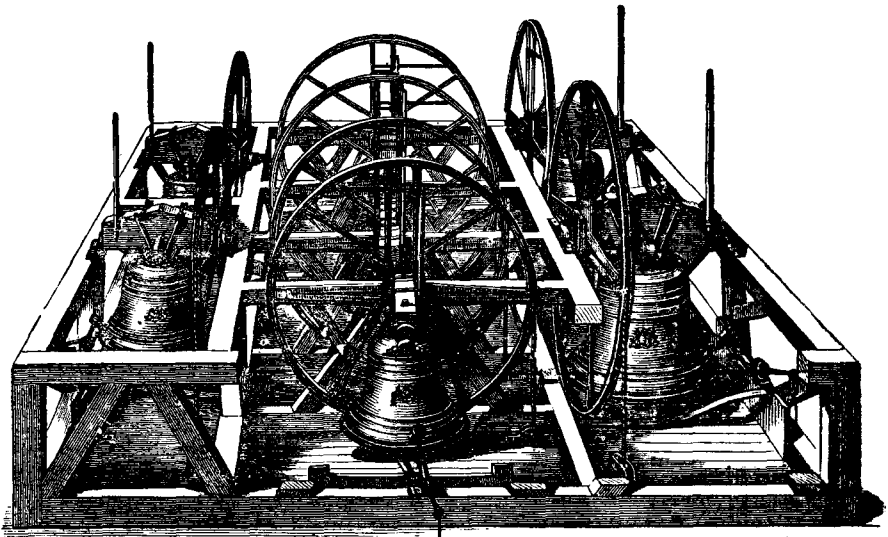
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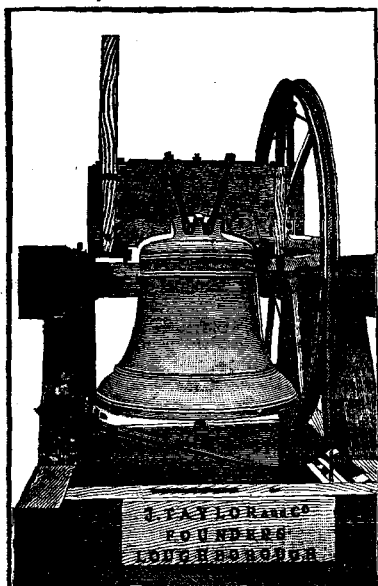


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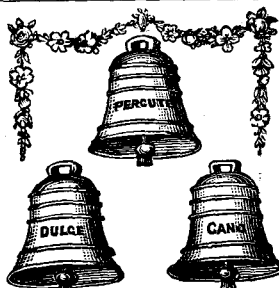
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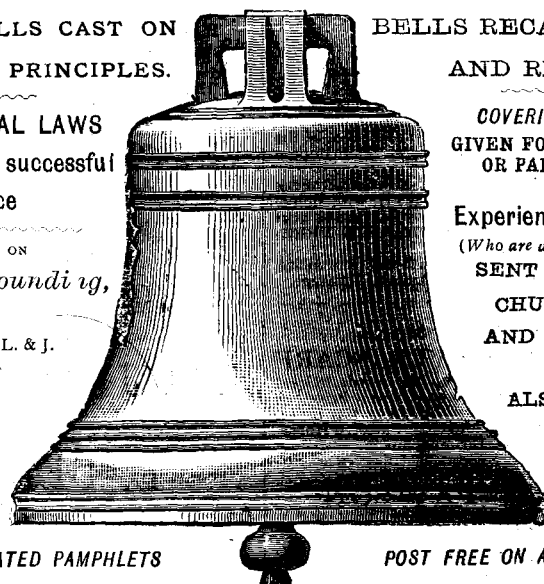
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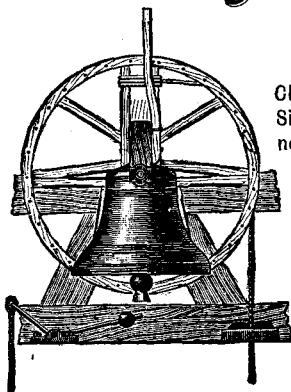
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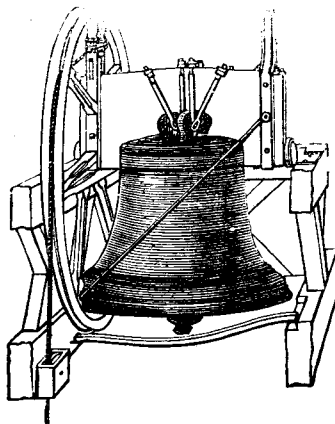
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NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

BY THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

An inspection of the table of course-ends given in the last paper might lead one to suppose that many of the existing peals of Treble Bob would be available in this method as they stand; for it will be seen that many of the course-ends in the two methods are identical. Nevertheless, this is very far from being the case. Indeed, it will be found rather the exception than the rule to find a peal which is true in Treble Bob true in New Cumberland. The reason of this is, that although the lead-ends and bob changes being the same, the courses appear identical, the extra leads with tenors in position which turn up after a call in New Cumberland, and which do not turn up in Treble Bob, introduce an element of risk, which must be reckoned with, before it can be assumed that a calling that runs true in the one method will also run true in the other. Hence a careful system of lead-end proof is absolutely essential in New Cumberland before any composition can be pronounced true. Lead-end proof in Treble Bob is a very simple matter; and any practised prover can run his eye down a series of course-ends, and tell almost at a glance whether the position-leads are true or not. It requires some experience to be able to do this with the w leads, but with the m and h leads it is quite easy; and the b leads in Treble Bob we take no account of, as there is only one in each course, and if that be false it will be shown at the subsequent w. But in New Cumberland so many extra leads, and so many new combinations are liable to be introduced, that it is impossible to rely upon sight merely to check the lead-ends. Moreover the b leads of a course are apt to be numerous, and need more careful watching than any of the others. There is no help for it therefore, but to prick the lead-end proof in detail, and compare together the leads which turn up in the various "positions" to see that no repetition occurs. Nor is this, by any means, a tedious operation. On the contrary, it will be found very easy, and very interesting; and capable of rapid and ready execution, as soon as the transposition-scale is mastered. For let it be remembered that it is only the lead-ends with tenors in "call position" which need to be pricked. A repetition, if one occurs, will begin at one of these leads, and can be detected and corrected at once, before it goes further. Of the position leads the *Homes* can be checked by sight, no other call interfering with them. The m leads can also be checked by sight, if no m call follows a b call: the w leads can also be read off if no b calls are intermixed; the scales by which to read off being the same as for Treble Bob in the case of m w and h leads respectively. The introduction of b calls, however, alters the conditions; and as there are b leads to take into account after every call at m and w, it is safest to prick all in the manner that will now be described.

The operation called 'transposition' is one which is not generally understood, and has never to my mind, been described in a manner which is sufficiently clear. Let me, therefore, first of all explain what it means, and how it is performed. 'Transposition' is the changing of the figures of a row representing a course, or lead-end, so as to show the *sequence* of the bells at a subsequent course, or lead-end: the *sequence* being the order in which the bells follow each other. Every row of figures which is to be transposed is taken as 23456; and according as the sequence of the figures 23456 has to be changed to produce the required course, or lead-end, so must the sequence of any other row of figures be changed, to arrive at a corresponding course, or lead-end. In all transpositions for lead-ends, the treble and tenors, whose positions are known and fixed, are omitted, and the sequence of the "working" bells alone is set down. For example, the plain m lead from 23456 is 42635. This is therefore, the sequence which must be followed in finding the plain m lead from any other row of figures. As the sequence 42635 differs from the sequence 23456, so must the sequence required to be found differ from the sequence of the row operated on. Take the row 32654, and find the plain m lead from it. Following the sequence 42635, and reading the 32654 as if it were 23456 we must obviously take the figures in 4th's, 2nd's, 6th's, 3rd's and 5th's places and set them down as

the plain m lead required: thus, 63425. Note well that the 3 in the above row is not in 1st's place, though it stands first in the row as given; as the Treble, which is at the lead is omitted.

Now in pricking a lead-end proof in New Cumberland we use according to the above plan the following "transposition," or "sequence" scale, every row of figures operated on being treated as if it were 23456.

	23456	
For a plain m lead, prick the sequence 42635 from previous course-end		
" w " " "	56324	" m lead
" b " " "	36254	" w "
" Bob b " "	65342	" w "
The plain h " "	64523	" b "
For successive bobs at m w h when		
other calls do not intervene	42356	" lead in same position
For a Bob m after a b prick the sequence 35642		" b lead
" w " " "	64253	" b "
A Bob m after a w is "pricked" from the b which follows the w.		

It would of course be possible to construct a scale which would enable the various leads to be pricked from the previous course-end; but it would have to be a very extended scale, and when bobs were numerous in a course, would be more confusing than useful. Personally, I much prefer to prick every lead from the lead previous.

We will now take an example of lead-end proof, to show how the above scale is used.

To prove the course 2B, 2M, 1W, 2H from 24365:—

Set down the plain m from 24365 according to the scale sequence 42635. Draw a vertical line to the right of it; to the right of this line, and alongside the m lead prick the plain w according to scale: a little way below, according to the number of m and w leads that have to appear, draw a short horizontal line, and under it prick from the w the bob b lead: the next call is m after the b, prick from the b according to scale, and place it under the first m. It is 32465. Prick alongside its companion plain w, 65234. From it, under the first b the second bob b: now the second bob m in its proper place, from the b just got; with its companion w alongside. Under the other b the plain b following the last w. The next call is w; no other call intervenes, so we prick it from the previous w according to sequence 42356 without repeating the bells which work with the tenors: under the other b the plain b following the last w. We have now got all the m, w, and b leads, so we draw a horizontal line under the last b, and prick below a little to the left the h leads; the plain h from the last b according to sequence 64523 is 42356, the other calls following in the usual manner.

All the "position" lead-ends of a composition being set down in this way, according to the calling of the courses, the h leads having been previously proved by sight, if the leads under their respective headings are compared, and no repetition found, the whole is true: for, while the tenors are kept together, no error can occur in the interior changes.

The lead-end proof is also valuable in another way; that it gives a clear insight into the working of the bells, and shows what courses it will be safe to employ, on the contrary, when a particular result is aimed at. And it is quite possible, not only to aim at, but to obtain special qualities in New Cumberland, and often within a reasonable length. The method will compare favourably with other methods in this respect. It has a tendency to run to long lengths; but the exercise of a little judgment will usually regulate and check this. Long courses and complex callings should be avoided as much as possible. Very good results are readily obtainable with simple calling and courses of moderate length. The ordinary Treble Bob method is still unequalled for yielding qualities in short compass; but I have already succeeded in obtaining from New Cumberland some results which have never yet been yielded by Treble Bob.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Tamworth, on Saturday, May 1st. Members to assemble at the church at 2.30 p.m. The names of all who wish to attend should be sent not later than April 28th, to Mr. S. Reeves, 10 Bull Street, West Bromwich.

J. R. KEBLE, Hon. Sec

THE LAST OF THE CARRS, OF WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

With very much regret we have to record the death of Mr. James Carr, the head of the well-known firm of James Carr and Sons, which sorrowful event occurred at his residence at Waltham Abbey, on Saturday evening, April 17th, after a severe and protracted illness. Mr. Carr who, had he lived, would have attained his 80th birthday on Tuesday last, was a native of Waltham Abbey, and had lived all his long life in the town of his birth. He was probably the oldest native inhabitant of Waltham Abbey, his family having been known to be connected with the place for upwards of a century. More than one hundred years ago the office of parish clerk at Waltham Abbey was filled by Mr. James Carr's grandfather; and subsequently Mr. Carr's father succeeded to the office. On the 27th October, 1816, Mr. William Carr, an elder brother of the late Mr. James Carr, who was then within three or four weeks of coming of age, succeeded to his father's post, and retained it through the long period of fifty-eight years (until the day of his death), with the greatest amount of credit. This venerable parochial officer, who died in February, 1875, was, however, not only noticeable for the length and faithfulness of his services as parish clerk, but also, together with others of his family, for his mastery of the art of ringing, and for what he and they had done in past years to keep in existence a local band of ringers. When a schoolboy, only eleven years of age, Mr. William Carr rang a touch of 1008 changes of Grandsire Triples with Shipway and a Mr. Flints, from London, who considered him a wonder for his age, and wished him to ring another touch, but that he could not do, as the young ringer had to go to school. His brother John, then fifteen, himself, and others once rang a long peal of six thousand changes of Bob Major, which occupied three hours and a-half, and to record which a song was composed by a local "poet." Soon after the ringing of this peal, 5040 Grandsire Triples were rung under the leadership of Mr. Henry Woodbridge. The performance of this feat, in which the Carr family were represented, occupied nine minutes under three hours. About 1820 the Waltham ringers performed on the handbells at various towns in the neighbourhood; and two years later entertained audiences by accompanying on handbells an instrumental band, the leader of which (a ringer) had tuned the instruments to the bells. Some time after this Mr. William Carr and his brother John got a peal of handbells, and practised ringing four bells each. After many weeks practice they could ring a touch of 350 Grandsire Triples, composed by the younger brother, and then they commenced to practice Oxford Treble Bob Major. In the same year they also chimed on the bells of the Abbey Church, of Waltham Holy Cross, 1050 changes—576 Oxford Treble Bob, 350 Grandsire Triples, 112 Bob Major, and 112 Grandsire Major. In 1866, when Mr. William Carr had discharged the duties of parish clerk at the Abbey church for fifty years, he was presented with some gratifying tokens of appreciation of his long services. Having entered upon his duties at the Abbey, on Sunday, 27th October, 1816, Saturday, 27th October 1866, was the fiftieth anniversary of holding the clerkship. One of the presents he received on that occasion was a handsome mahogany extending easy chair, covered in morocco, the gift of the late Vicar and the past and present churchwardens. In the back of the chair was inserted a silver plate, on which had been engraved the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. William Carr by the incumbent and the present and former churchwardens, in testimony of their regard of his long service, having this day completed his fiftieth year in the discharge of his duties as parish clerk. Waltham Holy Cross, October 27th, 1866." Born on the 21st November, 1795, he was, when he died, February, 1875, within a few months of his eightieth year, having, like his brother, the late Mr. James Carr, lived close upon a decade beyond the appointed three-score years and ten years, during no less than fifty-eight of which he took part in the public services of the Abbey Church; in the marriages, christenings, and confirmations of the inhabitants; and assisted to "commit the bodies to the ground" of more than two generations of his fellow-residents. The remains of this venerable clerk were interred in the Waltham Abbey Cemetery, on the Monday following his death, when the impressive words that during his long life he had heard repeated over so many—"Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust" were spoken over one who was fifty-eight years a parish clerk.

The body of the late Mr. James Carr was carried from the house (where he had resided for many years) to the Abbey, where it was met by the Vicar and Curate, when a procession was formed up the centre of the church to the resting place, where the service was commenced, and ending with the lesson; it then passed out at the west gate, where a kind of open hearse was in waiting, the coffin being still visible, the top of which was covered with splendid wreaths. Five coaches were present, conveying Mr. J. Carr, Mr. T. Carr (sons), and other relatives and friends of the family; then the workmen of the well-known firm of Carr and Sons, members of the Board of Health, and other gentlemen. As the mournful procession passed through the town to the cemetery, not a shop was to be seen but which was partly closed as a mark of respect to the deceased. The Vicar and

Curate met the procession at the grave, and completed the service in the midst of a large gathering of sorrowing friends.

Immediately after the funeral the ringers met and rung a muffled peal (denoting the age) upon the bells of the Abbey church, as a mark of respect to not only the oldest local ringer, but to one who had proved a friend always. The muffled peal was ably conducted by Mr. T. Powell.

VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.

This year Liverpool was chosen by the Eccles company to have their Easter outing, and early on Monday morning they proceeded by train to Manchester, and arrived in Liverpool about nine o'clock. The day was beautifully fine, and quite in keeping with the glorious festival of Eastertide. After having inspected the various objects of interest in the city, we proceeded to the church of St. Nicholas, where we were kindly received by the steeple-keeper, Mr. George Helsby, Messrs. R. Williams, Davies, and other Liverpool friends, and rang touches of Kent Treble Bob Royal, Major, and 576 of Grandsire Caters, conducted by R. Williams. Having left the tower and went with resident friends to the meeting house a few courses and tunes upon handbells passed another very enjoyable hour away. Very proud, indeed, were we to have with us such a veteran as Mr. Richard Williams, and the old gentleman seemed to enjoy himself among the rest. We believe he has passed his 76th year, and is in good ringing order yet. We then wended our way to the docks, and went to inspect the s.s. America, a visit which was fully enjoyed. We also went through the tunnel which runs to Birkenhead by train, and as we were being hoisted from the tunnel on to *terra firma*, we rang a lively tune which pleased all present. We returned to Liverpool and refreshed the inner man, and before train time, we passed another hour on the handbells, and social chat. Train time being close at hand, we got to the station, and after a hearty shake of hands, the train puffed out for Manchester, after having spent a most enjoyable day. We wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank Mr. Helsby for getting the use of the bells, also to Messrs. Davies, Williams, and others for their kindness, and we hope before long they will pay a return visit to Eccles. J. B.

OPENING OF BELLS AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, EASTBOURNE.

The above recently completed peal was opened for Divine Service on Easter Sunday, the selection of a band of ringers being entrusted to Mr. W. Ticehurst, members of the several Societies forming the Eastbourne branch of the Sussex County Association of ringers were courteously invited for the occasion. The following members accepted the invitation: W. Ticehurst, T. Lewis, A. Lewis, S. Lewis, W. Lewis, E. Willoughby, and C. Childs, of All Saints' Society; H. P. Bennett, T. Hart, T. Willoughby, and J. Lewis, of the St. Mary's Society. The peal is in the key of D, tenor 25 cwt., and the musical tone of the bells are all that can be desired. The expression of opinion by those who listened outside, coupled with the ringers' remarks, fully endorses this fact. The bells were rung in well-struck rounds, interspersed with the Queen's change, for four services. At the conclusion of the evening service the same ringing took place, and the bells lowered in peal in a manner worthy the day and the occasion. On Easter-eve, for the satisfaction of Messrs. Skinner and Gordon, of the firm of Warner and Sons, who have carried out the hanging, etc., a trial touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung, Mr. C. Gordon, who is a member of the Surrey Association, and Mr. G. F. Attree, Hon. Sec. of the Sussex County Association, taking part. The four back bells with treble were placed in the tower eleven years ago, and the perfect manner in which the peal has been made complete must give great satisfaction to all interested. The well-going of the bells are all that can be desired by those that handle the ropes. On leaving the tower the ringers were met by the vicar, the Rev. Canon Whelpton, who expressed the satisfaction felt by himself and the churchwardens with the manner in which the opening of the peal had been conducted.

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS.—On Easter Monday, a band of the Ancient Society of College Youths started to ring a peal of 10030 of Stedman Cinques, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, but after ringing 1 hr. 4 mins., the rope of the 5th bell suddenly become fixed, and the bell set. Upon an inspection being made above it was found that a portion of the wheel had broke away, so all idea of any further attempt on that day had to be abandoned. We hear also that the attempt for the long peal of Treble Bob at Glossop on the previous Saturday was a failure after about two hours' ringing.

Longman, in his "History of the three St. Paul's," speaking of the time when the Cathedral was so desecrated by pedlars and shopkeepers, some portion of the crypt being even let to vintners, as wine and beer cellars, says: "In 1630 the bell-ringers for trifling fees, allowed wights to ascend the tower, throw stones, and haloo at passers by."

THE PROBATIONER'S COLUMN.

(Continued from page 18.)

It should now be understood that besides threading the way up and down by sight alone, other assistance can be called to the aid of the young practitioner. But in saying this, we hope it will not be inferred that the acquisition of a good rope-sight can be dispensed with. We think it is of the utmost importance, so much so, that it is an open question whether we should not leave the subject of hunting where we left it in our last chapter. A few additional practical observations to further elucidate the process cannot, however, do any harm to those who are striving to master the principles of the science in every way they can; therefore we will proceed.

Now if a lead is written out with all the bells in the hunt, the following will be noted. Let us take the treble for example. Having led her whole pull, she is taken off the lead by the 2nd. This fact must be borne in mind—we mean, the bell that she is taken off by must be remembered. On making the first blow behind, the course-bell is discovered, as we have previously pointed out, and then the practitioner may rest assured that the next blow behind should be upon that bell that took him off the lead. Now having made his two blows behind, and, as just described, become aware of the position, both of his course-bell and the bell which took him off the lead, there are only two bells left to look after before he strikes upon his course-bell again. He, therefore, strikes upon the last of these, then the remaining one, then his course-bell, and finds himself at lead, as previously explained; the bell that took him off the lead previously having followed him down to do so again.

In the Grandsire method, there is always another bell, in addition to the treble, "in the hunt." When a bob is made, this bell is thrown out, another bell going in and becoming the second hunting bell till the next bob is made, when this bell has to make way for another, and so on. The rule or "observation" to enable the probationer to know when he is "in the hunt," *i.e.*, when he has not to trouble about dodging or place-making till a bob is called is:—

"If you take the treble off the lead, you are in the hunt."

This observation must not be forgotten.

This is all we have to say about the process of "hunting." And though what we have said may not be said in the best way, yet we think that whoever understands the meaning our remarks are intended to convey, cannot fail to reduce the observations to successful practice.

The second matter we will deal with, then, is that called "place-making." Now if a bell lies more than one blow in any position (with the exception of being behind or at lead), she is said to "make a place." It should be understood that by the method of hunting alone, the number of changes at our disposal is but few. Therefore we may conceive that place-making, and so forth, is for the purpose of extending the number of changes to the desired length. In the method we are dealing with, there is, as a rule, only one place made throughout, *viz.*: "thirds." What we mean by the word "thirds" is, that when a bell gets into thirds, he stays there an extra blow, makes a place, in fact. Of course there must be some "observation" to inform the probationer when he should make this place, and here we give it.

"When the treble takes you off the lead, make thirds, and go back again to lead."

This observation should be committed to memory in such a manner that when the knowledge of it is to be made use of, there should be no hesitation whatever about it. Let us briefly examine it. "If the treble takes you off the lead:" that means, of course, if the treble is the bell to succeed you on the lead; "make thirds." "Making thirds," let it be observed, is not jumping from the lead into that place, but from the lead into second's place; then into thirds; thirds once more (this is making the place), again into seconds, and lead. This is a very easy operation, as will be seen if it is examined. The treble taking you off the lead of course you strike upon her, then the first blow in thirds is upon the bell which is in the hunt; the last blow in thirds over the treble, the returning blow in seconds over the bell in the hunt, and lead. From this explanation it will be seen that to assist the rope-sight it is advantageous to know what the second hunting bell may be.

These remarks will no doubt be sufficient for the explanation of "place-making," and in our next chapter we may proceed to deal with "dodging."

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 ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO TH
HON. SECRETARY.

SIR,—The above proposal having become known, will you kindly allow me through your columns to ask all intending subscribers who have not yet forwarded their subscription, to kindly do so on before Thursday, May 6th, to Mr. Davies, Linton Road, Barking, in order that we may be in a position to judge what amount will be forthcoming. We meet at Barking on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. for a short pull, and afterwards we shall proceed to business. Any member of the Association is heartily welcomed. Those, if there are any that have not received a circular can have a copy by forwarding their name and address to me.

Romford.

B. KEEBLE.

PROPOSED LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

SIR,—I most cordially agree with your remarks in to-day's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" and also with Mr. Child's letter, as to the impropriety of going for a long peal in Passion Week. I have never urged the practice of abstaining from ringing in Lent; but surely it is not too much to ask all ringers to give up their pleasure during one week in the whole year, when we commemorate the Death and Passion of our Lord. I was very glad to see your remarks in the leading article of to-day on this matter.

J. R. JERRAM.

COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—Owing to my mistaking a Bob for a Single in proving the peal of 5075 Grandsire Caters, which was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 10th, I find it is false. I have a peal possessing the same qualities, which I have enclosed for publication, when you have space for its insertion. I wish to express my sorrow to the Exercise for publishing the peal, which at a glance can be seen was a palpable oversight on my part.

JOHN CARTER.

THE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AT ECCLES.

SIR,—In your last issue J. S. wishes to know how we rung the above in 3 hrs. 27 mins. I may say that the said peal (6144) was rung from beginning to end, otherwise it would not have been published in "THE BELL NEWS" and that if J. S. could not count the changes better than he did, it was because he did not know how. My experience of the ringing of the peal was that it was quicker than as stated by J. S. I think it would be a deal better if J. S. (otherwise Mr. Joseph Slater), would attend to his duties as reporter to the *Eccles Advertiser*, and not write to "THE BELL NEWS" about a subject which he is entirely ignorant of, as I do not suppose he ever touched a bell-rope in his life. I shall not trouble you with any more replies, Mr. Editor, to this *great critic*, as this explanation is quite enough for him.

A. ED. WREAKS.

THE SOUTHPORT PEAL.

SIR,—In answer to E. W. respecting the Southport quick peal, I beg to say that if E. W. will sign his name I will give him all particulars, but I don't think he is acting in a true spirit to go beating about the bush as he has done. As a critic, I shall feel it a pleasure to answer him anything in my power if he will enquire in a right way.

G. R. HEYWOOD.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

On Easter Monday the usual friendly gathering of ringers took place here, the following places being represented:—London, Waltham Abbey, Bennington, West Ham, Bishops Stortford, Stanstead, and Loughton. L. Proctor, Esq., with his band, did some excellent ringing, and during the day a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 50 mins. J. Barker, 1; G. Thurgood, 2; J. Waghorn*, 3; W. Lebbon*, 4; E. Wallage, 5; W. Doran, 6; W. A. Alps (conductor), 7; C. Warner, 8. Mr. G. Rochester very kindly entertained the party to a substantial breakfast; he also prepared a capital dinner, at which 32 sat down. The Rev. F. W. Newman, (curate), in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, presided, supported by H. Rivers, Esq., and L. Proctor, Esq., after which some tunes were played upon the handbells by the latter and one of his men, which were well rendered. Ringing at the church then became the order of the day. The ringers wish to express their deep sense of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Rochester for the kind consideration they have shown in providing for their comforts on this as on previous occasions. *First quarter peal in the method.

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E. MATTHEWS.—The column has been well received up to the present. Many have expressed themselves greatly pleased at our treatment of the subject. If we are pressed to carry it on in the direction you indicate—i.e. the simple elements of composition—we shall of course have to do so. Other matter put into the proper hands for attention.

C. F. WINNY.—Up to the time of going to press no report of the kind has reached us.

We are unfortunately compelled to hold over several important reports, touches, &c., for want of space.

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SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1886.

The Metropolis.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt.

ERNEST E. VINEN Treble.	JOHN NELMS 5.
HENRY J. DAVIES 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
ALBERT E. CHURCH 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 4.	JOSEPH BARRY Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is W. H. Fussell's 50th peal.

The Provinces.

LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 19, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6080 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS PICKARD Treble.	W. TORDOFF 5.
JOE WORSNUP 2.	AB. WILKINSON 6.
THOMAS SIMPSON 3.	J. W. EMMETT 7.
JOE BRIGGS 4.	C. DRACUP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BUCKLEY, Earlsheaton, and Conducted by CHARLES DRACUP.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, April 25, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. P. DAVIES'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD GUEST Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT 5.
ALBERT CLEGG 2.	GEORGE H. BEEVER .. 6.
JAMES ALLRED 3.	JAMES RILEY 7.
JAMES T. KERSHAW 4.	WILLIAM RHOADS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT CLEGG.

*First peal. J. Allred hails from Tinsley. It is twelve years on the above date since the foundation stone was laid (1874).

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES BENNETT Treble.	ROBERT CHAFFER 5.
WILLIAM SOUTHWICK 2.	HENRY CUTTER 6.
TOM STOCKDALE 3.	FRANK DRABBLE 7.
HENRY JENKINS 4.	CHARLES JACKSON Tenor.

Composed by JAMES LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and will be found in page 85 of *Treatise on Treble Bob*.

BURFORD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 26, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

H. SMITH* Treble.	J. SMITH 5.
F. E. WARD, Esq. 2.	H. BOND, JUN. 6.
D. FRANCIS 3.	T. E. GLANVILLE 7.
W. LARGE 4.	W. LAUNCHBURY Tenor.

Conducted by F. E. WARD, Esq.

*First peal. The above is the first peal that has been accomplished by members of the Burford band without outside aid.

SONNING, BERKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 26, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

J. HANDS* Treble.	H. EGBY 5.
W. WILDER 2.	T. NEWMAN 6.
E. MENDAY* 3.	*E. POTTINGER 7.
G. ESSEX 4.	T. HARVEY Tenor.

Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

The above peal was rung as a farewell peal to E. Pottinger, who started on the following morning for America. His brother ringers feel his loss very much, as, though young, he was a good Stedman ringer, besides being proficient in a variety of six-bell methods. They heartily wish him *bon voyage*. *First peal in the method. W. Wilder hails from Slough; H. Egby and T. Harvey from Reading; the rest from Caversham.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEORGE GRAHAM Treble.	CHARLES PRIVETT 5.
JOHN STAPLES 2.	JOHN W. WHITING 6.
FREDERICK HILL 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
JAMES HEWETT 4.	*JOSEPH CURTIS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. Messrs. Grafham, Hill, Whiting, and Privett hail from Fareham; Hewett from Gosport; Williams from Reigate; Staples from Havant; Curtis is one of the local company.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 26, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WORSLEY* Treble.	CALEB BASSET 5.
WILLIAM HARDEN 2.	DAVID HALL 6.
GEORGE BELL* 3.	†EDWARD BONNER 7.
GEORGE NEWMAN* 4.	JAMES W. LEONARD Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

*First 5000. †First on an inside bell.

EMSCOTE, WARWICK.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, April 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY BASTABLE Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.
JOHN W. CARTWRIGHT 2.	MARTIN MURPHY 6.
CHARLES STANBRIDGE 3.	JOHN BUFFERY 7.
JAMES PLANT 4.	PETER CONLON Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

First peal of any description on the bells.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 26, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

EDWIN GALLIMORE Treble.	*HENRY SLANEY 5.
ARTHUR E. GREENWOOD 2.	FREDERICK J. COPE 6.
RICHARD ANNIS 3.	WILLIAM FEARNEYHOUGH 7.
JOSEPH KEY 4.	GEORGE WOODS Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. COPE.

*First peal. Messrs. Woods and Slaney belong to Tamworth; the remainder of the band to Lichfield.

GREAT BERKHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Easter Monday, April 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM H. MANNING Treble.	JOSEPH BARRY 5.
RICHARD FRENCH 2.	ARTHUR HAYWARD 6.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4.	EDWARD ELBURN Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

Forty-one years have elapsed since the first peal was rung here. Mr. Elburn comes from Amersham, and this is his first peal. The company desire to thank the Rector.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 26, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

C. MEE Treble.	*W. BUTTON 5.
T. E. SHEARING 2.	F. MEE 6.
A. E. ACFIELD 3.	A. S. BARRELL 7.
G. BAXTER 4.	*H. STAULKEY Tenor.

Conducted by C. MEE.

*First peal. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. C. and F. Mee are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich; Messrs. Acfield and Barrell hail from Ufford; the rest belong to the local company.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Monday, April 26, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY HIPKISS Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	CHARLES PRICE 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
JAMES HALL* 4.	†CHARLES TIMMS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. All the above are members of the Christ Church society, West Bromwich.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Seven-and-¼ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

AMOS CRESSER Treble.	S. SMITH 5.
C. SMITH 2.	E. D. TAYLOR, ESQ. 6.
J. HARDY 3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ. 7.
W. T. BILLINGHURST 4.	E. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 15, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION ON HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 42 cwt. in C♯.

ALFRED BROWNING Treble.	C. W. H. GRIFFITH, ESQ. 5.
WILLIAM JEFFERY 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
ALFRED FOX 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW 4.	WILLIAM COX Tenor.
	JAMES FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

Date Touches.

HALIFAX (Yorks).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of Bob Major, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. H. Reynolds, 1; T. Parker, 2; G. D. E. Mercer, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; A. Parker, 5; C. E. Stewart, 6; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 7; A. F. Nicholl, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Easter Sunday, April 25th, at St. John's church, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch, 1886 changes, of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. A. Knights (Chesterfield), 1; H. Mottershall, 2; W. Price (Eckington), 3; W. Worthington, 4; T. Lee (Rotherham), 5; J. Harris, 6; J. Hunt, 7; H. Madin (conductor), 8. Composed by S. Marsh. Tenor 19 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, April 25th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Hall, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). I. Hills, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; W. Hall, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And on Monday, April 26th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Cooke (Aspley), 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; *M. Lane (Aspley), 4; W. Hall, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. West, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; M. Lane (first 720 in the method), 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Allen, 6. Also at St. Paul's church, a 766 of Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; T. Foote, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. Tenor 27 cwt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EGG BUCKLAND (Devon).—On Wednesday, April 14th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles, each six-score called differently. — Taylor (conductor), 1: — Manley, 2; John Symons, 3; Batchelor, 4; James Symons, 5; — Peard, 6.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—On Sunday, April 18th, for Morning Service, at SS. Mary and Nicholas, 518 of Grandsire Triples. Also for evening service, 658 in the same method. And on Good Friday, April 23rd, for morning service, 518 of Grandsire Triples; at 2.30, 658 of Grandsire Triples; and for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. R. Jarvis, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; G. Skeef, 8. And on Easter Sunday, April 25th, for early service, the two first parts of Holt's ten-part peal, 1008 changes. Also the first part of Hollis's, 1008 changes. Also at 10 a.m., a 546; and for evening service, 518 of Grandsire Triples. R. Jarvis, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Prudence, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—On Monday afternoon, April 26th, Tucker's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Nash, 1; R. Sewell, 2; B. Keeble, 3; Y. Green, 4; W. J. Aldridge, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6; A. J. Perkins, 7; A. Pye, 8. *Chiming*.—On Easter Sunday, April 25th, 391 of Grandsire Triples, two courses of Stedman Triples, two courses of Bob Major. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8. Also three 120's of Grandsire Doubles. B. Keeble, 1-2-3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEERHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Easter Sunday, April 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. T. Everness, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts (conductor), 3; C. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the whole of the company.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY.—On Easter Day, April 25th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. †A. Poilster, 1; †L. Willshire, 2; J. H. Small, 3; †T. B. Reed, 4; *A. A. Andrews, 5; †P. A. Reed, 6; *H. G. Fairbrass, 7; *R. Goodbourn, 8. Composed by W. Day, of Ashford, and conducted by P. A. Reed. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 6th hail from Birchington. †Cumberlands. *College Youths.

LEEDS (Kent).—On Sunday, April 18th, after Divine Service, the local company rang 1008 Bob Major, in 40 mins. G. Tassel, 1; F. Hollands, 2; A. Knight, 3; E. Enfield, 4; H. Hollands, 5; W. Slowman (conductor), 6; F. Gibbons, 7; T. Russel, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Sunday, April 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 30 mins. G. Gregory, 1; W. R. Pocock, 2; J. Gardner, 3; A. Gregory, 4; A. Bunce, 5; F. May (conductor), 6. W. R. Pocock hails from Reading, and this is his first 720 in the method.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, April 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob Minor, for morning service, in 50 mins. J. Wood, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Baddeley, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, April 18th, for Divine Service, at Holy Trinity Church, a touch of 2528 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 35 mins., the composition of G. H. Hardy, of Earlsheaton. F. Scholfield, 1; Geo. Crawshaw (conductor), 2; A. Spurr, 3; M. Garforth, 4; I. A. Idle, 5; W. Dixon, 6; W. Byram, 7; D. Stephenson, 8. The above was rung to celebrate the 34th birthday of D. Stephenson.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THAMES DITTON (Surrey).—On Thursday, April 15th, the local company, with the assistance of their instructor, Mr. Strutt, rang their first 120 of Grandsire Doubles. J. Chandler, 1; J. Strutt (conductor), 2; T. Wells, 3; J. Trapmore, 4; A. Morrisson, 5; G. Brickwood, 6. This is a very fair ring of six, but as usual, being a stoney band for

years, the bells have gone from bad to worse, and may be considered in a very dangerous condition, in fact no good ringing can be depended on. They require rehangng, and new ropes, and it is to be hoped now the ringers are making such progress, the Vicar and Churchwardens will have them attended to.

BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 18th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. E. Gibbs, 1; E. Carter, 2; H. Swain, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; F. G. Newman, 7; T. Coxhead, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

BRAMFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 18th, at the parish church, 120 of Grandsire Doubles, 120 of Plain Bob Doubles, and 120 of Old Doubles, in 15 mins. H. Garnham, 1; W. Brown, 2; C. Smith, 3; W. Read, 4; A. Pryke (conductor), 5; W. Garnham, 6. Also 180 of Plain Bob. H. Garnham, 1; W. Brown, 2; C. Osborn, 3; C. Smith, 4; A. Pryke, 5; W. Read, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in G.

COPDOCK (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 17th, the Bramford company rang at the above parish church three 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. C. Osborn, 1; W. Brown, 2; C. Smith (conductor), 3; A. Pryke, 4; W. ———, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in A. All the above belong to the Norwich Diocesan Association, with the exception of C. Osborn.

HATHEROP (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday evening, April 17th, the local company rang at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 2; *T. Eaton, 3; *H. Griffin, 4; G. Smith, 5; T. Smith, 6. This is the first 720 by Hatherop men for upwards of forty-six years. *First 720.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday April 11th, at the parish church a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, and two six-scores of Plain Doubles. W. Nash, 1; W. Brown, 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; C. Smith, 5. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. C. Smith and W. Brown hail from Bramford, Suffolk.

SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).—On Easter Monday, April 26th, the Bradford (Yorks) company visited this place, and were met by Mr. Hill, with whom arrangements had been made for a peal of Treble Bob at Christ Church, but after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins., it came to grief, owing to 7th bell going badly. A. Moulson, 1; J. Fisher, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; R. Tuke, Esq., 4; J. Broadley, 5; T. Pollitt, 6; J. Angus, 7; J. H. Hardcastle, 8. The rest of the day was spent in the pier gardens, etc. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Hill and their Southport friends for their kindness.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Thursday, April 22nd, the following members of the local company met at St. Gregory's Church, and rang 1248 of Kent Treble Bob Major, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. E. Pemberton, who was churchwarden at the above church, and who was interred in Sudbury cemetery on the above date. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Sylvester, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Cross, 7; A. Scott, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, April 14th, for practice at the meeting house, Gregory Street, a 672 of Bob Major. B. Ransom, Esq., 1-2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; A. Scott, 7-8.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Easter Monday, at St. James' Church, 2520 of Grandsire Triples, being the first half of the bob-and-single peal, in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. R. Jerram, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey (conductor), 5; T. Blackburn, 6; J. E. Willshire, 7; J. Cooper, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, April 18th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Webb (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Critchley, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; E. de Prez, 5; G. Bebbington, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. Messrs. Hamblett, Johnson, and de Prez hail from Daresbury; the rest belong to Warrington.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Alton, Hants, on Monday, May 10th. There will be a Committee Meeting at the Vicarage, at 4.30 p.m., at which important business will be transacted. The belfry will be open to members from 5 to 9 p.m. Members wishing to be present are requested to communicate with the Secretary before Saturday, May 8th.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the above association will be held at Todmorden, on Saturday, May 1st. The bells will be open for ringing at one, the meeting at four. The Todmorden ringers have placed their splendid peal of hand bells, 80 in number (Mears) for the use of ringers, members and non-members, and will play selections during the evening.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 19TH, 1886.

By the *Crawley branch*, at *Crawley*.—On Sunday, April 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor, in 28 mins. S. Jordan, 1; G. Wickens, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single Minor, in 27 mins., by the same band. And for evening Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; T. Smith, 3; W. Parsons, 4; W. Collison, 5; A. F. Hillier (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, April 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. W. Parsons, 1; W. Collison, 2; T. Smith, 3; B. King, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; J. Collison, 8. And a 360 of Bob Triples. G. Wickens, 1; M. Heffer, 2; T. Smith, 3; B. King, 4; W. Collison, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pierce, 8.

By the *Eastbourne branch*.—At the parish church (St. Mary's) on Monday, April 12th, with Mr. C. Gordon, of the Surrey Association, a 1050 of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. T. Willoughby, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; C. Harfey, 3; L. Huggett (conductor), 4; C. Gordon, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart, 7; J. Lewis, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. And on Monday, April 19th, at All Saints', a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. West, 1; W. Siggs, 2; H. P. Bennett (conductor), 3; L. Huggett, 4; T. Willoughby, 5; C. Gordon, 6; T. Hart, 7; T. Lewis, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. And at Christ Church, on Sunday, April 18th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. C. Gordon, 1; T. Smith, 2; H. Colbran, 3; G. Smith, 4; G. Howse, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band. And for afternoon service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Goddard, 1; H. Colbran, 2; G. Smith, 3; T. Smith, 4; F. Harding, 5; G. Howse (conductor), 6.

By the *Brighton Branch* at *S. Nicholas', Brighton*.—On Tuesday April 13th, in 18½ mins., a 518 of Grandsire Triples. Jesse Neves, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; J. Fox, 3; A. Bennett (Cuckfield), 4; G. F. Attree, 5; W. Palmer, 6; G. King, 7; W. Davey, 8; and 120 of Stedman Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 behind. On Sunday April 18th, at S. Peter's, for morning service, a 392 of Grandsire Triples. A. Piper, 1; E. C. Attree, 2; H. Weston (conductor), 3; E. Marshall, 4; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Jay, 7; W. Vernon, 8. For afternoon service a 504 in the same method. A. A. Fuller, 1; E. C. Attree, 2; G. A. King, 3; J. Jay, 4; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; C. Golds, 7; D. Ross, 8; and for evening service a short touch in the same method. On Monday April 19th, at S. Peter's for practice a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. A. Fuller, 1; W. Palmer, 2; J. Searle (conductor), 3; A. A. Piper, 4; H. Weston, 5; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 6; J. T. Rickman, 7; J. Jay, 8; and a 326 in the same method, in which Mrs. Leeney, of Hurst rang the 6th.

GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Easter Monday, April 26th, a number of the members of the above Society decided to visit the interesting town of Warwick. Permission having been obtained for a peal on the fine ring of eight at All Saints, Emscote, a start was made for that church. Here the members of the band were taken charge of by the courteous steeple-keeper, Mr. Brown, who, having shewn and described the many beauties of the truly magnificent interior, conducted his visitors to the belfry. The peal, as described in our peal column, was then rung, and the band, with their friends were afterwards entertained with refreshments at Mr. Brown's house, where a course on the handbells was given. During a walk round the town the neighbouring towers at St. Mary's and St. Nicholas were visited.

The visitors take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the Rev. Dr. Dickens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Brown for his hospitality.

[It is hoped that the ringing of the peal above alluded to will be the means of establishing the practice of ringing in this neighbourhood.—Ed.]

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting was held at Newmarket, by kind invitation of the Vicar of All Saints', on Easter Monday. Ringers from Cambridge, Ely, Bury St. Edmunds, Swaffham, Prior, Bulbeck, Mildenhall, and Soham, as well as the local company were present. The Vicar of All Saints' entertained the members, for which hospitality, as well as for his most thoroughly practical address in church, a warm vote of thanks was given. The Secretary took occasion to impress upon the members the necessity of putting before their brother ringers the advantages of the Association, and the duty of obtaining the support of their brethren. He lamented much supineness and apathy. The next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, July 13th, at St. Peter's, Wisbeach, where is a noble peal of ten.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 26th, several members of the above Guild visited Southampton. They were met by the local company, and a move was at once made to Holy Rood Tower, and all being in readiness a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully brought round in three hours and four minutes, particulars of which appear in another column. It is thirty-three years since a peal was rung there. After refreshing the inner man touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on the handbells. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and a 336 of Grandsire Triples rung. W. Naylor, 1; F. Stevens, 2; J. Staples, 3; E. Parker, 4; J. Hewett (conductor), 5; G. Grafham, 6; T. Newnham, 7; G. Passingham, 8. Also 447 in the same method. W. Naylor, 1; F. Stevens, 2; J. Staples, 3; F. Hill, 4; J. Hewett, 5; T. Newnham, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; G. Passingham, 8. And 240 Grandsire Major. G. Grafham, 1; J. Staples, 2; F. Hill, 3; E. Parker, 4; J. Hewett, 5; T. Newnham, 6; J. Whiting, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The usual QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association was held on Easter Monday, at Blackpool. The weather was everything that could be desired; a cloudless sky and a glorious breeze helping to make the day one of the finest we have experienced this season. In spite of the consideration of the elements the attendance of the members was but meagre, a small number being present from Blackpool, Bolton, Halliwell, Manchester, Walton, and Worsley; the reason of the poor muster being that several bands had made other engagements for this date, we presume before they saw the notice of the meeting. We venture to suggest to members the advisability in future of acquainting the Secretary with any such previous engagements in order that some more convenient time may be selected. At the business meeting the Vicar of Ormskirk was elected an honorary member, and the following ordinary members—Messrs. J. Bagley, G. Lee, and J. Ridyard. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob were rung in the afternoon. The thanks of the Committee are due to the Vicar and ringers of St. John's for the arrangements they had made for the comfort of their visitors, and we wish here to express our appreciation of the tasteful manner in which the latter have decorated and furnished the ringing chamber by their own unaided efforts. A ringing meeting will shortly be held at Worsley, of which due notice will be given.

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ST. MARY'S, KINGSWINFOR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Easter Monday, this young band visited Hagley by the kind permission of the rector, the Rev. W. Gibbs. After several attempts they rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. The ringing-chamber is very dark indeed, some of the ropes being quite in the shade, hence the inferiority of the striking; however, they were not to be beaten, so they returned in the evening, and by the aid of a small lamp brought home a 720 of Bob Minor, in good style, in 25 mins., tenor 10 cwt. G. Guest, 1; W. Jones, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; J. Aillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. At Clent, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. R. Lawson, two 720's were conducted by G. Guest, with T. Vaughan at the treble, the rest as above. The ringing-chamber is worse than dark, only two small windows 6 inches by 20 (about) in very deep recesses, this was not much improved by a couple of dips, hence the striking was of varied quality. The tenor is a fine-toned bell, 16 cwt., and goes well, but several of the bells are very false and the brasses of two seem to have a few inches to play. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. W. Gibbs and the Rev. F. R. Lawson for granting permission to ring.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, OLD HILL.

This ring of eight, tenor 24 cwt., was cast and hung by Taylor and Son, of Loughborough, eleven years ago, and has just been rehung by Mears and Stainbank, London, who have left them in very good ringing order. Easter Day, April 25th, was chosen for the re-opening, when the ringers, a young band, who have not long commenced change-ringing, in the course of the day rang several six-scores, short touches of Minor, and courses of Triples, all in the Grandsire method. The striking, which was creditable throughout, was at times excellent, showing a vast improvement, partly due, it is considered, to the use of Seage's silent apparatus practice, which was fixed during the rehanging.

They did not ring the 17760 at Glossop, on Saturday, but 18000 of Tombstone Surprise Minor was completed at Putney, on Tuesday night, at least the unfortunate youth who was beguiled into ringing the tenor thought so, said youth not having touched a bell rope for the past three years, and having spent the intervening time in the Tropics.

RE-OPENING AT ORSETT, ESSEX.

EASTER, 1886, will for many generations be held as a landmark of time by the inhabitants of the primitive village of Orsett, in Essex. Situated on a considerable elevation on the left bank of the Thames, it lies about north of the historic pile of Tilbury Fort, a distance of four miles only, just a pleasant hour's ramble through the shady lanes and pleasantly undulating farm lands of the rich county from which the favourite of the Good Queen Bess took his earldom. On April 17th was inaugurated, with imposing ceremony, one of the greatest engineering works of the present century, the great docks at Tilbury, large enough to take in with ease the whole of that terrible Armada which was the cause of the visit of the Great Queen to the frowning fortress overshadowing the little riverside hamlet, for the purpose of inspiring her soldiers, by her presence, to resent to the death the expected invasion of the ruthless Spaniard with his ship loads of Inquisitors and instruments of torture, by which means he intended to crush for ever the rising light of Protestantism.

This great business of opening the huge docks, cut out of the heart of the territory of their immediate neighbours, had ruffled the usually calm pool of Orsett life to its very depths, and the few days that had elapsed had hardly sufficed to calm it down, before the occurrence of another momentous event, more immediately concerning its own inner life, again threw the quiet old village into a state of pleasant ferment, the occasion being the re-opening of the bells of the beautiful and ancient parish church dedicated to St. Giles and All Saints.

The old peal of five, tenor about 13 cwt., were cast at the White-chapel Foundry in 1791, and from that time have been in regular use without more than the usual so called repairs (?) of the village carpenter or blacksmith, a system from which so many of our fine old village peals have come to grief.

A few months ago the fittings and frame had reached such a stage of dilapidation as to become a source of annoyance to the very energetic rector of the parish, the Rev. Canon Whittington, who thereupon inspired by the recollections induced by the near neighbourhood of Tilbury Fort, entered upon a small campaign upon his own account, and with a judicious mixture of the qualities of Peter the Hermit, Ignatius Loyola, and the late Richard Turpin, of Essex, Esq., succeeded in obtaining such an amount of funds, that, naturally enough, his ideas expanded in the same ratio as the purse swelled, and he conceived the splendid idea of augmenting his very musical peal of five, by adding thereto a treble bell.

The undertaking being placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, resulted in all being in readiness for the opening ceremony on Easter Eve, and at noon on that day, at Fenchurch Street Station, Mr. W. Greenleaf, representing the bell-founders, met by appointment five other members of the Ancient Society of College Youths; these being supplemented by other two or three of the same Society, tempted countrywards by the fine weather, started by rail, and several anxious heads were thrust from the windows at Stepney Station in quest of Mr. G. Vincent, that gentleman having carried out the re-hanging. Stepney Station was however desolate as far as Mr. Vincent was concerned, and the remainder of the journey was made under rather depressing circumstances in consequence, caused by the lamentations of a compatriot of the missing gentlemen.

Alighting at Grays Station a handsome break and pair were found awaiting the party, to convey them to their journey's end, and after a sharp and pleasant drive of four miles, enlivened by the intelligent Jehu pointing out on the road the local lions, Orsett was reached, and at the George Inn was found an Essex welcome in the shape of a good dinner of the proverbial "three courses." These "course-ends" came up every one "right," and although the "conductor" was "called out" in the "middle" of the dinner, thereby causing the band to surmise that there was something "wrong," it "proved" a "false" alarm, and at the end of the touch every one felt himself "at home."

A few minutes' gentle walk led to the Church, where the Collegians were cordially received by the rector, who devoted a half hour to pointing out to his visitors the many beauties and antiquities of this ancient pile, some portions of which are pure Norman, notably the South Porch, a remarkably fine and well preserved round arch with the characteristic zig-zag and dogs-tooth ornamentations. Early English and Gothic are each well represented, but no authentic record is in existence of the various changes the building has undergone, while the many brasses that have at one time enriched the tombs are conspicuous only by their absence, the huge gaps in the stones alone showing from whence sacreligious hands have torn them.

A visit to the bell-chamber elicited remarks of admiration from the experts as to the manner in which the addition of the frame had been merged into the older part, which latter in spite of its ninety-five years looked fresh and hale, like true heart-of-oak. There has also been fitted a new chiming apparatus, and by desire of the rector, the first actual performance on the bells was by Mr. Greenleaf, who chimed a few rounds and changes, and played with great skill some two or three

hymn-tunes; the bells were then raised, and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles rung with the precision of striking, worthy of the eminent Collegians who were manipulating the ropes. They then took their places amidst the congregation, to take part in the service of dedication, which, short, but very much to the purpose, was performed by the Rev. Canon in a very solemn and impressive manner; the service included an address, which we much regret our want of space will not permit us to reproduce, it being a model of what an address should be upon such an occasion. The service concluded with the singing of the beautiful hymn:

Lift it gently to the steeple,
Let our bell be set on high;
There fulfil its daily mission
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

and the ringing of two 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor in about 54 minutes.

An adjournment followed, and after tea at the hostelry, an hour was spent in a pleasant ramble, when again returning to the church the bells were rung for evening service, upon the completion of which another 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 minutes, brought the proceedings to a close.

The ringing-room, which also forms the vestry, is on the ground floor of the tower, with doors east and west, opening respectively to the church-yard and the body of the church and during the ringing was thrown open to the public, of which full advantage was taken; among others was very noticeable an old man bent with age, but still hale and hearty, who looked on with critical yet admiring eye. This veteran had rung the tenor for many long years, and hinted at many efforts in that direction worthy of record would space permit; one of which feats however must not be allowed to pass into oblivion, this was ringing behind to some 120's on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth's visit to Tilbury Fort. This may be rather apocryphal, as the visit occurred in June 1588, and certainly the old gentleman did not look 320 years old.

After a hearty farewell from the Rector and the stirrup-cup at the George Inn, the party reinforced by Messrs. Vincent and J. M. Hayes, embarked on board the trusty break and pair, and made for Grays Station. Being a clear starlight night, the drive was not only enlivened by the harmony usual upon such occasions, but was rendered useful also, the occasion being seized upon to give an elementary lecture upon astronomy, this was followed up upon arrival at Grays by various experiments of great practical value on the science of gastronomy, said experiments being brought to an issue in the train.

Arriving at Fenchurch Street about 11 p.m. where a parting stoup concluded the adventures of this eventful day, each Collegian wended his way homeward, refreshed and invigorated by his pleasant trip to Orsett.

The members of the band, Messrs. Greenleaf, Hayes, Horrex, Mash, Pettit and Winny, together with those members 'unattached' who formed the party, desire through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to return their hearty thanks to the Rev. Canon Whittington, for the very kind treatment they received at his hands upon this occasion.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held in the National School Room, Carshalton, on Easter Monday, April 26th, by kind permission of the Rector. At six o'clock, the rector, the Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, addressed a few words of welcome to the assembled members, but was unfortunately obliged to leave immediately on account of business elsewhere. Mr. E. E. Vinen was voted to the chair. Thirteen new members were elected. The Secretary announced that he had received on behalf of the Association the current reports of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the Midland Counties' Association. He also reported that there were ten peals to be entered in the peal-book, and after some discussion it was agreed that they should be entered. On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, an amendment to Rule x was carried. The District Meeting was fixed to take place at Leatherhead, on Whit-Monday, and the Annual Meeting at Betchingley on Monday, July 19th. The meeting was attended by 50 members, coming from the following places: Beddington, Betchingley, Cheam, Croydon, Epsom, Kingston, Leatherhead, London, Mitcham, Nutfield, Reigate, Streatham, Sutton, and Wimbledon. Short touches of Minor, Triples, Major, and Caters were rung in various methods at Carshalton and Beddington during the afternoon and evening.

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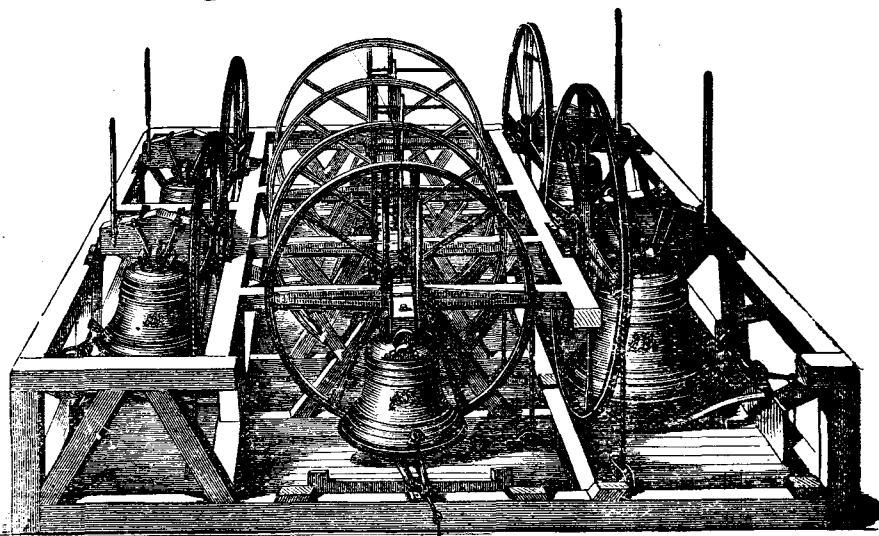
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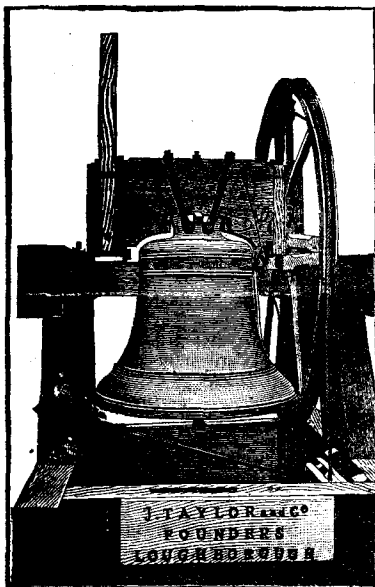
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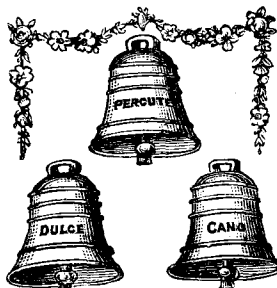
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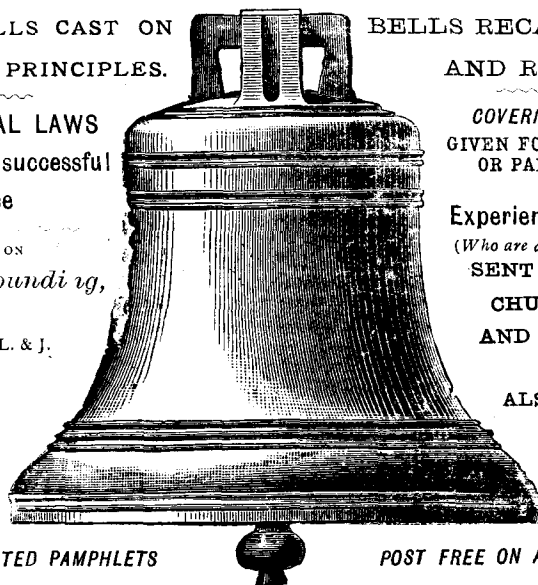
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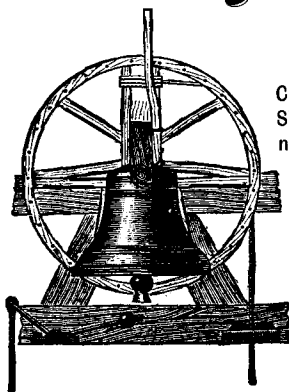
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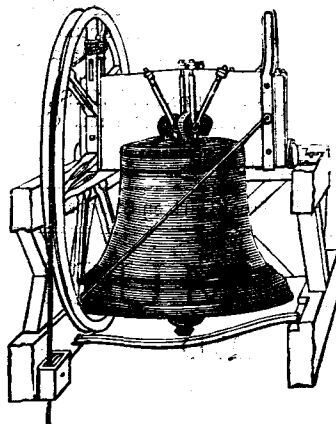
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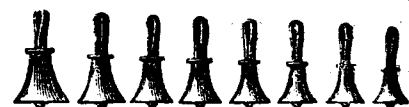


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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE above Association held its fourth annual meeting at Derby, on Easter Monday last. The day was begun by some capital touches of Stedman Caters on the bells of All Saints, by members who had travelled to Derby by early trains from Burton-on-Trent, Duffield, and Loughborough. By far the greater portion, however, of the representatives of the Association arrived in the course of the afternoon, and betook themselves to St. Werburgh's, St. Alkmund's, or St. Luke's churches, much regret being expressed that the bells of St. Andrew's (headquarters for the day), were not available for ringing owing to illness in the immediate vicinity.

A meeting of the Committee, represented by the Rev. James H. Fish, President, Mr. W. Wakley, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Griffin, Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. A. Percival Heywood, J. W. Taylor, jun., A. B. Ward, G. Robinson, J. Hickman, and J. Jaggard, was held in St. Andrew's Parish Room at 3 o'clock, and this was followed by a short service in St. Andrew's church, at which an address was given to the Association by the retiring President, the Rev. James H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. The rev. gentleman taking as his text 2 Peter 15, 16, said:—

So far as I am personally concerned, brethren, I am glad to have this opportunity, although I confess it has come upon me somewhat unexpectedly, of addressing the members of the Midland Counties' Association of change ringers, on this occasion of their 4th Annual Festival.

It is for your own sakes chiefly, that I wish you had secured the presence of another clergyman to speak to you; because, judging from what we have heard from them on previous Anniversaries, the clergy as a body mean us well, and give us wise and sound, and I may add also very practical advice, whether they be ringers or not; and I also wish it, because I feel that as I shall probably have a good deal to say to you elsewhere during the course of the day, my preaching to you here may seem to be presuming too much upon your good nature and forbearance. However, not to weary you with apologies, you will understand that I am addressing you this afternoon, solely by way of stopping a gap at this busy time of Easter, for Easter although perhaps a holiday time for you, is yet a very busy and a very anxious time for the clergy, and I am very glad, I repeat, to stop the gap if by so doing I can be of any service.

Now I am going to address you this afternoon in what will seem, I doubt not, to some people rather extravagant language: I am going to address myself to you as being to-day the Premier Association of Change Ringers in the kingdom. Whether you will continue to be so for long in the future, will of course depend upon Providence and yourselves, but I say that to-day, unquestionably and without exception, you are a long way ahead of all similar associations in the country.

You are by no means the largest society, nor any where near it, though I trust you may some day be; you are not the richest society, though if to be rich be good for you, I trust you may even some day be the richest society; but judging you by the number and the character of your performances in the past year, you are in my judgment I repeat, a long way ahead of every similar association.

And I think every unprejudiced mind who reads the report of your achievements, amounting as they do to the hitherto unprecedented number of 68 peals of 5000 changes and upwards within the 12 months; or who looks at what in my opinion is even more remarkable than that, viz., the character of the different methods and the unique style and musical properties of the compositions, will readily endorse what I have said. I am sure there has never been, at any rate on eight bells, such music heard ever before in England as has been heard during the past year within the four corners of our Midland Counties, and there have never been so many excellent compositions achieved since the days when bells were first hung "sally-way," and change-ringing was first rendered possible.

And here I trust I may be allowed to throw out a suggestion, that perhaps too little distinction has been hitherto drawn by conductors of companies between musical and unmusical compositions, and musical and unmusical methods. Any method has too often been thought good enough in times gone by to do duty for a solo, provided the peal were a true and not a false composition, the striking good, and the compass kept. Now, of course this is all very necessary so far as it goes, brethren, and I have not a single word to say against it. I should be the very last person to attempt to detract from the merits of any performances in the past.

We all of us owe far too much to the genius and the ability and the perseverance and the skill of a bye-gone generation of ringers to call in question anything they did; much of which, as done by the First Masters, will probably never be surpassed so long as the world stands. But I have no hesitation in saying that if those time-honoured names with which you and I are so familiar had lived in our days, with our advantages, and our additional experience, they would have themselves confessed that in some instances, if not in many, the methods they practised, and the compositions they performed were, from a musical point of view, unworthy of the men who took part in them. Now this cannot be said either of you, or of yours, brethren. Peal after peal in your report is of the highest class, and composed after the best and most approved pattern. Many of them, indeed, are compositions in which whoever took part, may feel proud to have taken part, because they are compositions of the very highest order, and your conductors deserve all the praise that can be given them, for the care and the discrimination they have exercised in the choice of them.

Now I have said thus much on your behalf, brethren, not as you may believe, for any purpose of flattery; but with the intention of commending to you the words and the warning of my text. And I commend them to you not only as Christian men and Churchmen, but as men who by your performances in the past year have proved yourselves to be men of more than ordinary ability and of more than common intelligence, and therefore men likely to exercise a considerable weight of influence amongst the world around you. You know our association was founded some six years ago in this town where we are now assembled, under the title of the Derby and District Association; and it was established under the patronage and by the direction of one or two of the leading spirits in this parish for the purpose of insisting upon, amongst other things, a ringer's rights.

To quote from your report it was established "to obtain full recognition of the ringer's office, as essentially a branch of the Church's work, that they and their services (which demand much time, skill, and mental labour) may be placed upon a true and acknowledged basis."

Now, I am happy to say that six years have done much throughout these Midland Counties to establish a better notion than prevailed before, of what a ringer's status and a ringer's position ought to be. Your place is now I believe an acknowledged place, the high character of your services I believe everywhere becoming better recognised, your belfries are many of them like the belfry of this church, models of what belfries ought to be, your art is becoming more and more appreciated. I

should like before vacating my position as president, to turn your attention for a moment from your rights and your privileges to review some of a ringer's responsibilities.

As Ringers of course you are Church people; and by your own confession very important Church people too. Now St. Peter wrote with reference to Church people when he wrote his Epistle from which I quote, and he told them that it was part of God's will concerning them that "with well-doing they should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." You too live amongst "foolish men." There are men you meet with every day of your lives who are foolish enough to believe what designing people tell them, that if they alienate your Churches, and do away with your belfries, and banish your parsons, they will be advancing the cause of liberty and freedom, and promote universal peace and happiness. And such talk is nothing new. More or less of it there has always been. The Church of Christ has ever been the mark for spite, and envy, and malice. The Bible tells Church people it is what they must expect, and therefore that they are to be prepared to meet it. Now, it is part of your responsibility to put to silence the ignorance of such people. There is no one who can do it better, there is no one who can do it so well as you can. You are every one of you, or ought to be, a leading influence amongst your neighbours. Your knowledge is a power, your ability is a power, your perseverance is a power, your patience is a power, your example is a power, your religion is a power. All these you have proved yourselves to be possessed of to a marked degree. Now, the Bible says you are to use your power, and to exercise your responsibilities. And in order to do this the better, I will ask you in the first place to regard your Churches as well as your belfries, as belonging to yourselves. You have as much right in them as anybody else, nay you claim sometimes to have more; then, what I say to you is, if they are yours, then use them. Occupy your ringer's seats more frequently and more regularly. You are officials of the Church, therefore the Church cannot spare you on Sundays, or on week-days either, for that matter, least of all on days like Good Friday, or Ascension Day and such like, for if her officials are not to be found at their posts, how can you expect the parishioners and the congregation.

And my next advice to you is to try and look upon your parson as your friend. Take my word for it, he means well towards you. He may not indeed always be right in everything he does or says, what man ever is; but he is a man you may trust, and his advice is honestly given, and he acts upon high Christian principle. And even when you and he may differ, you will generally find him if you go to him to be amenable to reason and open to argument and conviction. And in the next place, stand up both for your church and your parson before your fellows. Don't be ashamed to own either of them. Be a true friend to them as they are true friends to you; and whenever you hear what is untrue said of them, or what is unkind, or what is unfair, set your foot on it. And lastly, for time presses, aim at some further sphere of usefulness in your Churches. Be a Sidesman. If you have an opportunity be a Churchwarden. Don't always hang back and wait for others to come forward, but cheerfully volunteer and readily undertake to do whatever wants doing. If not already confirmed, be so. If not a communicant, become one. Shew yourself by your behaviour, that you are what you claim to be, a Churchman. Encourage Church feeling. Applaud Church action. And when the world around you once sees that you are, everyone of you, in earnest, that you really mean business and intend bringing the peal round if you can, then they will listen to you and follow your example in a way they will listen to nobody else. And I am sure the Church will find no better supporters anywhere, no truer friends, no more reliable officials, than (as I am glad to say, speaking from my own personal experience I have myself found) she will find amongst the rank and file of her own Change-Ringers.

Tea was served in St. Andrew's Schools at 5, and after tea the General Meeting was held, at which the following, amongst other business, was transacted:—

On the motion of Mr. Thomas (Birmingham), seconded by Mr. A. B. Ward (Derby), the Report for the year 1885-6, together with the Treasurer's accounts, were passed and adopted.

Mr. Griffin (Burton), proposed, Mr. Jaggard (Burton), seconded, and it was carried by a majority of twelve, over an amendment proposed by Mr. Hickman (Nottingham), seconded by Mr. Abbotts (Nottingham) "That it is necessary for the further good government and organization of this Association, to have a practical Vice-President for each district, to be elected annually with local Secretary and Committee, as per rule 8."

On the motion of Mr. Griffin (Burton), seconded by Mr. A. Percival Heywood (Duffield), it was unanimously resolved to constitute Loughborough a separate district of the Association.

Mr. W. Wakley (Burton), proposed, and Mr. A. Percival Heywood (Duffield) seconded, to substitute for rule 5 the following rule: "That any person wishing to become a ringing member must be able to ring the treble or tenor bell in 120 changes on the tower bells, or to ring two handbells, retained in hand, through the plain course of any method on five or more bells." This was carried unanimously, and thereupon Mr. Heywood proposed, and Mr. Wakley seconded "That Miss Muriel Heywood, Miss Ella Heywood, and Miss Dorothy Heywood be admitted members of the Association," a proposition which was carried amidst great cheering. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers having been passed, on the motion of Mr. Cartwright (Wombourn), seconded by Mr. Leach (Burton), the retiring President proposed Mr. A. Percival Heywood as President, Mr. William Wakley as Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. J. Griffin as Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Mr. Picker (Nottingham), and carried unanimously.

Mr. Simkin (Nottingham) proposed, Mr. Ward (Derby), seconded, and it was carried "That the first Quarterly Meeting of the year be held at Burton-on-Trent, in the month of July, the date of the meeting being left in the hands of the committee of the Burton-on-Trent District."

An unanimous vote of thanks to the Rev. James H. Fish for preaching the sermon on this occasion, together with a request that it be printed in next year's report, and also to the Vicars and Churchwardens of the Derby churches for the use of their bells, was carried, on the motion of Mr. Griffin (Burton), seconded by Mr. W. Wakley (Burton). With reference to the proposed "Snowdon Memorial Fund," it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Abbotts,

that the Midland Counties' Association cordially approves of the above Fund, and requests its local secretaries to co-operate in the immediate collection of subscriptions in aid of the same.

One honorary member and thirteen ringing members were unanimously elected as members of the Association.

The meeting then proceeded to make a presentation to the Rev. James H. Fish, the retiring President.

The presentation, which was made by Mr. A. Percival Heywood, the President-elect, who spoke in terms of the highest praise of their late President's services to the cause of change-ringing in the surrounding district, and more especially of the energy displayed by him in the conduct of the affairs of the Midland Counties' Association from the very first period of its foundation, took the form of a handsomely fitted travelling bag, subscribed for by the members of the Association. A silver plate bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to the Rev. James H. Fish, Easter, 1886, by the members of the Midland Counties' Association of change-ringers, as a mark of appreciation of services rendered as their President since the formation of the Society."

Mr. William Wakley followed Mr. Heywood, and bore personal testimony to Mr. Fish's unwearied exertions in years past in the interest of ringers at Burton-on-Trent, and his determination, in spite of all obstacles and hindrances, to establish change-ringing in that district, and more especially at his own church of St. Paul's.

Mr. Fish in replying, thanked the individual members of the Association for their handsome gift, and said that he should always value it not only for its intrinsic worth, but also as an united expression on their part of good will and affection towards him. He hoped that although he was retiring from his position of President, he should yet be able to come amongst them sometimes, and help them with his services whenever he had an opportunity, and he felt assured from what he knew of him, that in their new President they had secured a gentleman who was not only a good practical ringer and a talented composer, but also a tried friend and an enthusiastic supporter of the Association. He trusted that Mr. Heywood would lead them on to even higher heights of distinction than they had hitherto attained.

The meeting then terminated.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS AT QUORNDON.

On Easter Tuesday afternoon a large and aristocratic congregation assembled in the parish church of St. Bartholmew, at Quorndon, to take part in the service of the dedication of two new bells which have recently been hung in the tower. The peal formerly comprised six bells, but these had become so dilapidated that it was decided to have them re-cast, and Mr. W. E. B. Farnham thereupon generously undertook the cost of two new bells to complete a peal of eight. The work of casting the bells was judiciously entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, the eminent Loughborough bellfounders, and it is needless to say that they have accomplished the task in the most creditable and satisfactory manner. The cost of the two new bells will be £112, and this will be the handsome gift of Mr. Farnham. The re-casting and re-hanging of the other six bells, and some alterations to the belfry, have necessitated a further considerable outlay, towards which several liberal contributions have already been made. Mr. Warner (Quorn Hall), gave £50; Mr. Hole, £30; Mrs. Craddock, £20; Mrs. Perry Herrick, £25; and other smaller amounts brought up the total sum promised to £140. This it was anticipated would leave a balance of about £65 or £70 to be raised, in order to clear off the entire cost. It should be mentioned that the clock in the church tower has also been repaired, through the kindness of Mrs. J. Paget, and it was started again on Tuesday.

The dedicatory service, as we have already intimated, was held on Tuesday afternoon at the church, the interior of which had been very tastefully decorated by Mrs. Farnham, Mrs. J. Paget, Mrs. Hawkes-Woodward, Mrs. Pares, and Mrs. Evans. On the communion table were a cross and some bouquets of choice white flowers and foliage, while the pulpit and reading desk were beautifully adorned with arum lilies. The processional hymn with which the service opened was "Saviour, blessed Saviour, listen while we sing." Prayers were said by the Rev. R. Stammers, vicar, and the psalms selected were the 47th, 81st, and 150th. The proper lessons were read by the Rev. Joshua Evans (curate), the first being Numbers x. to verse 11: and the second, 1 Corinthians xiii. to xiv. verse 11. The *Cantate* and *Deus Misericatur* was nicely sung by the choir, and after suitable prayers had been offered, the new bells were formally dedicated by the Vicar, a short touch having been rung on the bells, the choir and congregation sang the hymn commencing:—

"Set between the earth and heaven,
Now our bells are raised on high;
In the name of Him who giveth
Skill and strength and industry."

The Rev. T. Pitts (rector of All Saints', Loughborough), preached an appropriate sermon, and the service concluded with the recessional

hymn, "On our way rejoicing." In addition to the officiating clergy, the following were present:—The Rev. W. Breutzer (Woodhouse Eaves), the Rev. J. E. Jones (Woodhouse), the Rev. O. Glover (Loughborough), the Rev. J. H. Killick (Prestwold), the Rev. R. A. Parsons, and the Rev. T. V. Evans (Loughborough). The offertory at the close of the service amounted to £11 9s. 8d.

Immediately after the service a sale of plain and useful needlework (promoted mainly by the praiseworthy exertions of Mrs. J. Paget), was held in the National Schoolroom, whither the majority of the congregation proceeded about four o'clock.

The opening peal upon the bells was rung by the bellfoundry band of ringers, who were stationed as follows:—Amos Cresser, 1; M. T. Billingham, 2; R. Lane, 3; J. W. Taylor, Esq., sen., 4; Sam Smith, 5; E. D. Taylor, 6; J. W. Taylor, Esq., jun., 7; E. Wightman, 8. Conducted by J. W. Taylor, Esq., jun.

There was a large attendance of ringers belonging to the Midland Counties' Association, from Leicester, Syston, Nottingham, Derby, Duffield, Long Eaton, Birmingham, &c., and the bells were kept going until after seven o'clock. The ringers take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the very hospitable manner in which they were entertained.

We understand that the success of the sale of work was beyond the most sanguine expectation, the sum of £72 8s. 4d. being realised by the effort. A moiety of this amount is, however, to be reserved for the proposed new organ chamber at the church.

WORCESTER & ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Monday, April 26th, in a large room belonging to the old rectory-house of St. Helen's, Worcester, where a good number of members from Worcester, Bromsgrove, Hagley, Wollaston, Kidderminster, Wolverley, Areley Kings, Dudley, Netherton, etc., presented themselves. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Canon Melville, D.D., Rector of Great Witely, who was supported by the Revs. W. R. Carr, C. Chaytor, B. Arthure (Worcester), C. D. P. Davies (Redmarley), W. C. Gibbs (Hagley), I. G. Smith (Malvern), etc. Before the commencement of business, prayer was offered by the Secretary of the Worcester branch, Rev. C. Chaytor, Rector of St. Helen's.

The Chairman said he was very pleased to be there that day. He would have liked the new dean (Dr. Gott) to have taken his place, but owing to a previous engagement could not possibly attend. He called on the Secretary to read over the minutes of the meetings held during the year, which having been done, were confirmed. A code of rules submitted to the meeting by the Rev. W. R. Carr, were accepted, for use in the different belfries, the same to be printed on cardboard, and a copy sent to each society in union, but not to take the place of local rules where any exist. It was unanimously resolved that a peal-book be obtained for the use of the Association; and that an annual report be made, and printed in book form, to contain the names of all officers, clerical and lay, all performing members' names, list of all churches and peals rang, balance sheet, etc. A letter having been read by the Secretary, containing the resignation of the President, Lord A. Compton, D.D., owing to his elevation to the Bishopric of Ely, it was resolved that the new Dean, Dr. Gott, be President of the Association, and that the Revs. Canon Cattley and W. R. Carr be re-elected Vice-Presidents; Messrs. W. W. Frost (Netherton), T. Brown (Worcester), re-elected lay Vice-Presidents; Mr. S. Spittle, Master, and Mr. J. Smith, Secretary, were re-elected. Mr. E. Crump (Bromsgrove), was appointed Treasurer; Messrs. E. Fellows (Dudley), W. Blandford (Worcester), and J. Crane (Kidderminster), were appointed Trustees. The Committee of management consists of the Rev. S. J. Marriot (Netherton), E. J. Hall (Bromsgrove), T. Chaytor (Worcester), W. E. Gibbs (Hagley), B. Arthure (Worcester), and one representative from each company in union. A report was read by the Secretary, showing the great evils the Association had had to contend with since its formation, and this especially from Worcester. We are pleased to say that things are on a move here, and we trust for the better, and would suggest that unity may make itself prominent amongst the ringers of Worcester, and by so doing help to build up the Association to which they belong. It is gratifying to know, that out of over thirty names submitted at this meeting as performing members, twenty-two were from Worcester. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding was unanimously passed. In responding, the Rev. Canon Melville thanked the members of the Association most heartily for the same, and said he felt a great pleasure in being there to take part in such a good work, and he should be always pleased to help the Association in every way possible. During the day the bells of the different churches in the city were rang at intervals, but it was very disheartening to the members when it became known that the officials at the Cathedral had prevailed over the Dean, and stopped the use of the bells to the members of the Association, owing to it being Easter-Monday. We hope this will be remedied in future.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual reunion of this Association was held in Bedford, on Easter Monday, and the members were generously entertained at luncheon by the Mayor (Mr. E. Ransom), at the Assembly Rooms. In the morning the members rang a touch of Bob Major (766 changes) on St. Paul's bells. The Mayor presided at the luncheon, the vice-chair being filled by Mr. T. G. E. Elger. There were also present: the Rev. R. E. R. Watts, the Rev. J. Copner, the Rev. E. J. Hillier (Cardington), and the following performing members—Woburn, Mr. C. Herbert (the indefatigable hon. sec.), Mr. W. E. Turney, Mr. A. Morrison; Bedford: Mr. I. Hills, Mr. T. Foote, Mr. J. Spencer, Mr. F. A. Chasty, Mr. S. J. Cullip, Mr. C. W. Clarke, Mr. W. Allen, Mr. J. N. Frossell, Mr. M. Warwick, Mr. F. Keech, Mr. C. Pass; Aspley Guise: Mr. W. Chibnall, Mr. J. Carwell-Cooke, Mr. M. Lane, Mr. W. Maynard; Biddenham: Mr. A. Wood, Mr. C. West, Mr. W. Biggs, Mr. W. King, Mr. C. Stafferton, and Mr. J. Ellis; Cardington: Mr. W. Mayes; Elstow: Mr. W. Hall. After luncheon the Woburn men, with handbells, rang a plain course of Bob Major, and the Bedford company a plain course of Grandsire Triples, double-handed. The Chairman said that on the Bishop receiving an application from him with reference to his taking the position of the previous prelate as their patron, he had signified his great pleasure in assenting to the request (applause).

Mr. Herbert then read the report for the year.

Mr. Elger read the statement of accounts for the year. They started with the balance in hand of £10 10s. 7d., and after meeting the expenditure of the year there was a balance in hand of £14 9s. 4d. This was a very satisfactory state of things (hear, hear). The only question was whether it was not a little too satisfactory. He thought some other societies he had to do with would go on better if they were not quite so rich (laughter).

The Rev. J. Copner proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. The report was satisfactory, and the financial statement beyond satisfactory (laughter). When any of the churches in the neighbourhood were inclined to set up new bells he thought they might safely come to the Society for help (laughter). When he began to set up another bell at Elstow, which he hoped to do, he should come to them to help him (laughter).

The Rev. E. J. Hillier had great pleasure in seconding. He thanked them for the kind expressions towards him in the report for the little he had been able to do in furthering the purposes of the Association in Cardington. They had really magnified the little services he had been able to render. He quite sympathised with the object they had in view; he thought it was a very good training in every way. It occurred to him to be like St. Paul's parable of the body and its members. If any one of the members suffered, all the members suffered with it. If any one of the ringers broke down all broke down (laughter).

The following officers were elected:—Patron, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ely; President, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Bedford; Vice-Presidents, the Rev. R. E. R. Watts, vicar of St. Paul's, Bedford, the Rev. Canon Brereton, vicar of St. Mary's, Bedford, the Rev. J. Copner, vicar of Elstow, Beds.; Committee, the Rev. C. J. E. Smith, vicar of Bromham, Beds., the Rev. E. J. Hillier, vicar of Cardington, Mr. Edwin Ransom, Mr. I. Hills, Mr. J. N. Frossell, Mr. S. J. Cullip, Mr. Thos. Foote, Mr. C. W. Clarke; Hon. Auditors, Mr. T. Bull and Mr. H. Thody.

The Rev. R. E. R. Watts then proposed the re-election of Mr. Elger as treasurer, which was seconded by the Rev. J. Copner, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. Elger, in responding, expressed his gratification at the vote of confidence they had passed to him. His humble labours during the three or four years the Society had existed had been in a great measure a labour of love. Though he was not a practical bell-ringer he had from his earliest youth taken a great interest in theoretical bell-ringing. As one of the humble instruments in starting the Society he felt very proud in seeing to-day so many performing members. He little thought he should ever hear the bells of St. Paul's or St. Mary's rung properly, but he had heard them rung properly during the last three years (applause). Before he sat down he should like to propose the re-election of a gentleman who was the real backbone of the Society—Mr. Charles Herbert, their secretary (applause). Mr. Clark seconded.

Mr. Herbert expressed his thanks for his re-election and said that so far as his humble services were of any use to them they were welcome. They seemed to appreciate what he did, and so he would continue in office for another year (applause).

Mr. Elger drew attention to the peal-boards alluded to in the report. They recorded a feat which he believed, at all events during the last 100 years, had not been performed in the town of Bedford. Whatever might have been done in the early days of change-ringing in the latter end of the 17th century, nothing of the sort had occurred during the 18th century nor during the early part of the 19th century.

Mr. Herbert then tendered to the Mayor the thanks of the members for his kind hospitality. He had graced their work with the dignity of his office by his presence there to-day (applause). Whatever the outside world might think of bell-ringing they knew what its beauties were. They were quite content for other people to go their way, but theirs was a pleasant path and if they made a noise in the world they did very little harm. It was certainly very gratifying to be taken in hand so well in Bedford; it was an honour to them that the Mayor of Bedford should do as he had done, although he had hitherto come personally amongst them. It was with much pleasure and gratification that he thanked the Mayor on behalf of the members for his great kindness towards them (applause).

The Rev. R. E. Watts, in seconding, expressed their indebtedness to the Mayor; as did also the Rev. E. J. Hillier.

The Mayor said it had been a pleasure to meet them. On the present occasion he happened to be in the capacity of Mayor. His worship also referred to the festival in connection with bell-ringing which was taking place at Derby, and concluded by giving the members his best wishes.

The gathering then broke up. At five o'clock a short service was held at St. Paul's Church, at which the Vicar gave a short address.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

The above village, pleasantly situated in the picturesque valley of the Darent, about midway between Seven Oaks and Dartford, and in the very midst of the vast fruit-growing districts of West Kent, is one which, to the tourist or pleasure-seeker, cannot fail to well repay a visit. To the student versed in historic lore it possesses several points of interest. The ruins of an old castle of vast dimensions, now, alas, fast falling a victim to Time's unsparing hand; but, even now, the mighty walls, some of which have already fallen, show clearly the great strength which seems to have been the chief point in the architecture of our forefathers. About a mile farther on is situated the ruins of what was probably an old monastery, but now decayed beyond identifying. And last, but not least, its ancient church, probably dating back to the earliest Norman period. Situated in the centre of the village, its ivy-mantled tower and graceful tapering spire rising to an height of about 150 feet, are visible from all points. The general edifice consists of a main aisle, ending at the eastern end, in a chancel; also two chancels on the northern side, and one containing a fine organ, on the south side. Its tower contains a made-up ring of six bells; tenor about 14 cwt. in G.

The band of ringers in connection with the above church celebrated their sixth anniversary by a supper, at "The Harrow" inn, on Wednesday evening, April 28th. The supper, together with all refreshments, was the generous gift of J. C. Crossley, Esq., of Saddler's Hall, Eynsford, and was placed upon the table in excellent style by the host, H. Lerner, the "course" being brought round in about forty minutes. After the removal of the cloth the chair was taken by J. C. Crossley, Esq., and the vice-chair by Mr. J. Wellard, the esteemed captain of the band. The usual loyal toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured, and the proceedings enlivened with several well-rendered songs, by Messrs. Wellard, Wickenden, Childs, Eves, &c. These being disposed of, the Vice-chairman rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Success to the Eynsford Society," coupled with the name of the worthy secretary, Mr. E. Norman Howard.

Mr. Howard, in response, said it gave him sincere pleasure to reply on behalf of the Society, to the toast with which his name was coupled. In briefly reviewing the past history of the Society, he said they must all feel a pardonable pride in the knowledge that, previous to the present band being formed, change-ringing proper had been entirely unknown in the village, and that without the aid of any instructor, save Mr. Snowden's books, they were now proficient in two methods, and hoped soon to add more. He congratulated the band that although almost voluntary, all who sat down that night had sat down to their first anniversary six years ago. In conclusion he said he felt he should not be doing his duty to himself or the band if, before sitting down, he did not propose a toast, which he felt assured they would all drink with heartfelt sincerity, viz., "The health of the worthy donor of the evening's entertainment, Mr. Crossley." This was received with ringing cheers, and drunk with musical honours.

The Chairman, in reply, thanked Mr. Howard kindly for the way in which he had proposed his health, and the band for the hearty way in which they had received it, and expressed the pleasure he felt in meeting them all there that night, and he hoped that it might not be the last occasion of a like nature on which they might meet; a hope which the band heartily re-echoed, and again take this opportunity of thanking him for his generous kindness.

On Thursday evening the band met for practice, and rang 10½ six-scores (1260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, in 48 minutes, standing as follows:—J. Eves, 1; E. Norman Howard, 2; F. Wickenden, 3; F. Head, 4; W. Wash (conductor), 5; W. West, 6. Longest length by all the above, and longest known length on the bells.

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SATURDAY, MAY 8. 1886.

The Provinces.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, April 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At St. Thomas's Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN HILTON Treble.	JAMES PRIESTLEY 5.
FRED CROSLAND 2.	WM. SUTCLIFFE 6.
GEO. HY. BEEVER 3.	JOHN GREENWOOD 7.
ALBERT CLEGG 4.	JOSHUA M. PLATT Tenor.

Conducted by FRED CROSLAND.

Messrs. Hilton, Crosland, Priestley, Greenwood and Platt, hail from Leesfield; Beever, and Clegg, from Glodwick; and Sutcliffe belongs to Moorside company.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 26, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. in D.

E. MARSHALL* Treble.	†A. MARSHALL 5.
G. F. ATTREE 2.	H. WESTON 6.
C. TYLER 3.	J. JAY, SEN., 7.
J. SEARLE 4.	C. E. GOLDS Tenor.

Conducted by G. F. ATTREE.

*First peal. †First on an inside bell. The above is said to be the only peal rung on these musical bells for the past thirty years.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. 5.
WILLIAM H. WOOD 2.	HERBERT J. CASTLE .. 6.
CHARLES TRINDER 3.	C. W. H. GRIFFITH, ESQ. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	CHARLES QUELCH Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Treble.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. 5.
W. H. WOOD 2.	C. A. CLEMENTS 6.
C. W. H. GRIFFITH, ESQ. 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
H. J. CASTLE 4.	FREDERICK CLINCH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.

Handbell Ringing.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At the Abbey National Schools, Spicer Street,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 size in D.

HENRY LEWIS* 1-2.	*NEWMAN N. HILL .. 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 3-4.	*GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

*First peal on handbells. Umpires: Mr. W. Battle and E. A. Hulks, who had every change written down and marked off the treble leads as they came up. This is the first peal on handbells by the Hertfordshire Association. C. F. Winny hails from London, the rest are members of the Abbey Society.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1886, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of S.S. Mary and Nicholas

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY NEWMHAM Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS 5.
WILLIAM MESSAM 2.	EDWARD HULL 6.
HENRY WOOD 3.	STEPHEN BROOKER 7.
REV. H. A. SPYERS* .. 4.	JOSEPA LISNEY Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN BROOKER.

*First Peal. The Rev. H. A. Spyers hails from Weybridge; the rest are members of the Leatherhead Society.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

Muffled Peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, April 29, 1886, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE BURTON VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

SAMUEL GRETTON Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 6.
JOHN JAGGAR 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and conducted by

WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal which has never been previously performed, contains the 6th twelve times, and the 4th eleven times, in 6th's place, and no other bell there, and is composed in 23 courses. It is the first peal in the Variation, and was rung at the first attempt with half muffled bells on the second Anniversary of the death of M. T. Bass, founder of the Church and donor of the bells.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BELLFOUNDRY BRANCH).

On Thursday, April 29, 1886, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

AMOS CRESSER Treble.	C. SMITH 5.
W. T. BILLINGHURST .. 2.	E. D. TAYLOR, ESQ. .. 6.
R. LANE 3.	J. W. TAYLOR, ESQ. JUN. 7.
J. W. TAYLOR, ESQ., SEN. 4.	E. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were opened on Tuesday, April 27th, after the addition of a treble and tenor, to complete the ring of eight. All the performers in the above peal are engaged at the Loughborough Bellfoundry, and it is presumed to be the first peal rung by representatives of one firm.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 29, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23½ cwt.

ERNEST E. NAPPER Treble.	HERBERT J. CASTLE 5.
JAMES RD. JERRAM 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
FRANK NAPPER 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
CHAS. A. CLEMENTS 4.	DENNIS NAPPER Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

BIRMINGHAM.—BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY,

Handbell Ringing. Birthday Peal.

On Friday, April 30, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. J. CARTER, BRACEBRIDGE STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 size in Eb.

JOHN CARTER 1-2.	THOMAS MILLER 5-6.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3-4.	JOHN T. PERRY 7-8.

RICHARD HACKLEY 9-10.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was rung to celebrate Mr. J. Carter's 32nd birthday, and contains the same quality and quantity of changes as the last peal rung on handbells, viz., 6th twenty-two times right and twenty-four times behind the 8th, and the 5th twelve times right, Referees; Messrs. J. Callaghan, H. Gorman, G. W. Townsend, and B. Stevens, who marked every course-end off as they were rung. The above are all members of the Birmingham and District Association.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 1, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM ALLEN Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 5.
JAMES R. HAWORTH 2.	JOHN M. HAYES 6.
FRANCIS E. DAWE 3.	JOHN HARE 7.
FRANK FURR* 4.	F. G. NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. HARRISON, of Mottram, and Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells, and the first in the method by all except Newman and Haworth. *First Peal.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

AMOS CRESSER Treble.	R. LANE 5.
CHAS. SMITH 2.	REV. W. C. PEARSON 6.
E. D. TAYLOR, ESQ. 3.	W. T. BILLINGHURST 7.
J. W. TAYLOR, ESQ., SEN. 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by

J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. ESQ.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The Rev. W. C. Pearson hails from Syston. All the rest are from Loughborough; (the Bellfoundry Company).

WOOLWICH, KENT.—THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 1, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

HENRY BRIGHT (aged 77) .. Treble.	ALBERT E. CHURCH 5.
JOSEPH BARRY 2.	*EDWARD E. RICHARDS 6.
RICHARD FRENCH 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7.
HENRY J. DAVIES 4.	WM. W. THORNE Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

*First Peal. This is J. Barry's 50th peal. The ringers, through the medium of this paper, wish to tender their thanks to the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM SOUTER 5.
W. H. READ, ESQ. 2.	FREDERICK SMITH 6.
JAMES SOUTER, JUN. 3.	JAMES SOUTER 7.
CHARLES SOUTER 4.	CAPTAIN MOORE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

First peal by Messrs Read, James Souter junr., Charles Souter, and William Souter.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOTHS.

On Saturday, May 1, 1886, in Three Hours Eight and Half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lbs.

EDWARD CHAPMAN Treble.	GEORGE GRIFFIN 5.
A. C. FUSSELL 2.	N. ALDERMAN 6.
W. H. FUSSELL 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
EDWARD F. COLE 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal on the bells. The whole of the band hail from London with the exception of the Fussell brothers, of Slough, and they desire to give their thanks to the Vicar.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 1st, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT ST. EDITHA'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

EDWIN CASHMORE Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 6.
HENRY SLANEY 3.	W. FEARNEYHOUGH 7.
HENRY MEACHAM 4.	GEORGE WOODS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Messrs. Slaney, and Woods hail from Tamworth; Meacham and Fearnelyhough from Lichfield, and the rest from West Bromwich.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, May 4, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

HARRY WM. GROUT Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 5.
WILLIAM PEAD 2.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	A. GEORGE FREEMAN 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR 4.	JAMES S. EASTGATE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

The quickest peal on the bells; rung in honour of the election of Churchwardens.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 4, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

H. J. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. .. Treble.	JOSH. NAPPER 5.
ERNEST E. NAPPER 2.	WM. NAPPER 6.
FREDK. FIELD 3.	JAS. W. WASHBROOK 7.
HERBERT J. CASTLE 4.	HARRY COBB Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 5, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

F. WARWICK	Treble.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. 5.
F. FIELD	2.	H. J. CASTLE 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 3.		W. NAPPER 7.
C. TRINDER	4.	J. W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The first occasion on which this peal has been called by an incumbent on his own bells.

Date Touches.

DARLSTON.—On Sunday, April 25th, a mixed band rang for Divine Service in the evening at St. Lawrence's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Gough, 1; S. Jesson, 2; G. Morgan, 3; J. Loyde, 4; J. Tinsley, 5; J. Fullwood (composer and conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; T. Small, 8. The above contains the tittums and the twenty-four 6/7's. Messrs. Gough, Morgan, Tinsley, Smith, and Small, hail from Darlston, Jesson from Tipton, Loyde from Wednesbury, and J. Fullwood from West Bromwich. Tenor 20 cwt.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Monday, April 19th, at All Saints' Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. West, 1; W. Siggs, 2; H. P. Bennett (conductor), 3; L. Huggett, 4; T. Willoughby, 5; C. Gordon, 6; T. Hart, 7; T. Lewis, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

LONGDEN (Worcestershire).—On Easter Monday, April 26th, five members of the Hanley company with Mr. F. Jelf, of Malvern, visited the above church with the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. D. Thomas, and rang a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. W. Tarling, 1; H. Willis, 2; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 3; F. Jelf, 4; A. Arpey, 5; G. Willis, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HACKNEY.—On Easter Monday, April 26th, eight members of the above society attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing thirty-four courses, in 1 hr. 45 mins., it was unfortunately lost. Wm. D. Smith, 1; Arthur Cutmore, 2; John Bonney, 3; Henry Springall, 4; Samuel Burton (of Nottingham), 5; Isaac G. Shade (conductor), 6; Richard Turner, 7; Thomas Baker, 8.

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On the 30th ult. the election of churchwardens took place, for the parish of St. Clement Danes, Strand, W. The bells as customary, were rung by the scruffe ringers at intervals. In the evening, by the kind permission of the rector, the Rev. T. Lindsay, an attempt for a 5039 of Grandsire Caters came to a stop through the 9th casting rope after 1008 changes were rung by members of this company, viz.:—W. H. Manning, 1; W. Thorne, 2; W. Watherstone, 3; K. French (conductor), 4; H. Langdon, 5; T. Barry, 6; R. Hopkins, 7; W. H. Fussell, 8; W. H. George, 9; C. F. Winney, 10. The meeting-house of the society, "The Crown," was afterwards resorted to, and a course each of Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells, by Messrs. Fussell, 1-2; French, 3-4; Winney, 5-6; and McLaughlin, 7-8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY.—On Easter Monday, April 26th, a party of ringers visited the church at this village and rang 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and a 720 in the same method in 30 mins. W. Reed, 1; J. Hern, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Story, 4; E. Wallis, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Double Court Bob Minor. E. Wallis, 1; J. Hern, 2; W. Reed (conductor), 3; W. Story, 4; R. S. Story, 5; G. J. Clarkson, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. This is the first 720 rung on these bells for at least five or six years.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, April 25th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Margaret's Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 24 mins. W. Baker (conductor), 1; J. Raynor, 2; G. Chantler, 3; *O. Sullivan, 4; J. Kidd, 5; J. Tulett, 6. *First 720 on an inside bell. And in the evening, 720 of Bob Minor in 24 mins. O. Sullivan, 1; J. Tulett (conductor), 2; G. Chantler, 3; A. Osborne, 4; J. Kidd, 5; W. Baker, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Thursday, April 29th, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. L. Digweed, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. King, 3; J. Broom, 4; F. Hayes, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 of Grand-

sire Minor in 25 mins. L. Digweed, 1; F. King, 2; F. Hayes, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Harper, 5; *G. Hayes (conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor. Also on Sunday, April 25th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Hayes, 3; F. King, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. L. Digweed, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. King, 3; F. Hayes, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH.—On Sunday, April 18th, for evening service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27½ mins. G. Smith, 1; J. Johnson, 2; F. Haslam, 3; F. Brewer, 4; H. Deal, 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 6. And on Sunday, after the evening service, a 720 of College Single in 27 mins. W. Dowsett, 1; F. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Deal, 4; A. S. Barrell, 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 6. W. Dowsett and A. S. Barrell, hail from Prittlewell. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Saturday evening, May 1st, the yearly vestry meeting for the meeting for the election of churchwardens was held at St. Andrew's Church. On the two churchwardens being re-elected, the following band adjourned to the tower and rang a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 51 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. W. Thompson, 4; H. C. Woodward, 5; W. H. Found, 6; A. E. Thompson, 7; C. Sidley, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb. It was also the 30th birthday of Mr. W. H. Found.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, April 27th at the parish church, the local society met and rang a 360 of Bob Minor in 13 mins. J. R. Wood, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Vicars, 3; F. W. Cooke, 4; T. Hollingsworth, 5; G. C. Tunnichiff (conductor), 6. The above was rang on the fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells. And on Saturday, May 1st, the above society were honored with a visit from Derby by seven members of the Association who rang a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Shardlow, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Thompson, 3; A. E. Thompson, 4; W. H. Found, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6. Also short touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire Minor were afterwards rang. A. Taberer, 1; H. C. Woodward, 2; A. E. Thompson, 3; W. H. Found, 4; J. Thompson, 5; R. Bosworth, 6. The visitors were then entertained by the local society at the "Blue Bell Inn," to an excellent tea, to which one and all did ample justice, the Rev. W. Rice, and Mr. W. Cook (churchwarden), presiding. After which the local company, with Mr. Found, rang a 240 of Bob Minor, and 120 of Bob Doubles. The following then attempted a 720 of Bob Minor which unfortunately failed at the half way single. J. R. Wood, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Vicars, 3; J. Thompson, 4; A. E. Thompson, 5; G. C. Tunnichiff (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in F#.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, April 27th, eight members of the above attempted 5088 of Oxford Treble Bob, but after ringing 4192 changes in 2 hrs. 34 mins., it came to grief. W. Ward (conductor), 1; A. S. Whitman, 2; A. S. Barrell, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; A. E. Acfield, 5; D. G. Whitman, 6; C. Ward, 7; P. Meadows, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, April 18th, at the parish church for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Yorkshire Court Minor. J. Hands, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; T. Newman, 5; E. Pottinger (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. *E. Young, 1; G. Essex, 2; E. Menday, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; E. Pottinger (conductor), 6. *First 720.

EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday, April 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1008 of Grandsire Triples. E. Pether, 1; E. Napper, 2; T. Hibbert, 3; D. Napper, 4; J. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; C. Allen, 7; A. Woodley, 8. And on Monday, April 26th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; E. Napper, 2; F. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; J. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; J. Hibbert, 7; A. Woodley, 8.

HOLYWELL.—On Sunday, April 18th, at the parish church, 360 of Cambridge Surprise Minor. W. Finch, 1; C. W. H. Griffith, Esq., J. Field, 3; F. E. Dawe, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

OXFORD.—On Saturday, April 17th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Finch, 1; A. Fox, 2; C. W. H. Griffith, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; F. Castle, 6. Also 120 of Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. Fox, 1; T. Payne, 2; J. Field, 3; F. E. Dawe, 4; J. W. Washbrook, 5; F. Castle, 6.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Wednesday, March 24th and 31st, 720 of Oxford Bob in 26 and 26½ mins. respectively. W. Leader, 1; W. Fussell, 2; T. W. Udell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; A. Fussell (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, April 25th, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25½ mins., in which Messrs. Leader, Fussells, Wilder, Pursey, Flaxman (conductor), took part.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON.—On Tuesday, April 20th, for practice at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24½ mins. C. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; B. E. Battrum, 3; C. Cooley, 4; A. Garrett, 5; E. F. Strange (conductor), 6. And 360 of Woodbine Treble Bob. E. F. Strange (conductor), 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; C. Cooley, 4; A. Garrett, 5; B. E. Battrum, 6.

DRAYTON (Berks).—Recently an attempt was made at the parish church for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing over 4000 changes in 2 hrs. and 20 mins. it unfortunately came to grief. J. R. Jerram, 1; W. H. Wood, 2; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 3; H. D. Betteridge, 4; J. W. Washbrook, 5; H. J. Castle, 6; C. A. Clements, 7; C. W. H. Griffith, 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Monday, April 12th, at St. Mary's Church, seven members of the Sussex County Association, with Mr. C. Gordon, of the Surrey Association, rang 1050 of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. T. Willoughby, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; C. Harfey, 3; L. Huggett (conductor), 4; C. Gordon, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart, 7; J. Lewis, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

EXETER.—On Good Friday, April 23rd, at St. Sidwell's Church, with the bells half-muffled, 1050 of Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. W. Mundy, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; E. Pitt, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. J. Lake, 8.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—On Thursday, April 29th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. M. Hicks, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Boase (conductor), 4; J. Hodder, 5; T. Hicks, 6; C. Boase, 7; R. Kelynack, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. First 1260 conducted by John Boase, one of the junior members of the St. Mary's company.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, April 29th, at St. Laurence's Church, for the wedding of Dr. Maurice, a 575 of Grandsire Caters in 25 mins., and a 701 of the same in 30 mins. A. E. Reeves, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. Johnson, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; G. Talbot, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; J. T. Waldron, 10. And on Sunday, May 2nd, for evening service, 575 of Grandsire Caters in 25 mins. A. E. Reeves, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; H. White, 3; J. Potter, 4; W. Johnson, 5; G. Talbot, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; J. E. Willshire, 8; W. J. Williams (conductor), 9; R. T. Hibbert, 10. Also on Tuesday, May 4th, 540 of Bob Royal in 25 mins. W. H. Holloway, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; J. Potter, 4; W. Johnson, 5; W. J. Williams, 6; R. T. Hibbert, 7; W. Goseltine, 8; W. Newell, 9; H. Egby (conductor), 10.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 2nd, being the school anniversary, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brooks, 6. Also for afternoon service another 720 by the following. In 26 mins. J. Welsby, 1; R. Ridyard, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; W. Denner, 5; J. Brooks, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. R. Ridyard hails from Worsley, the rest belong to the local company.

OPENING OF BELLS AT CHARLTON HORETHORNE, NEAR SHERBORNE, DORSET.

On Easter Monday (bank holiday) April 26th, the St. Sidwell's band (Exeter), journeyed to the above village to open a peal of eight bells, for the vicar, the Rev. J. F. S. Phabayne. There was a dedication service at noon, during which a short touch was rung, after which the bells were fired, and some touches of Grandsire Triples rung. The bells are a very nice peal, the tenor being about 16 cwt. Four of them are new, from Messrs. Warner's foundry, London, who also have put in a new oak cage and all new fittings to the old bells, which work has been carried out very satisfactorily. The only objection is that the ringers have to stand so close under the bells that it is almost impossible to hear the calls. Touches of Triples, Major, and Caters were rung on the handbells. The ringers desire, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar for his kind invite and reception, and they also wish to make known that the work, so thoroughly carried out, has been done at his own expense, he being such a dear lover of church bell music.

On the homeward journey the band stopped at Axminster for two hours, to try a touch on the parish bells. These have been repaired, and two new trebles from the Whitechapel foundry added to the old six. The work has been done by Mr. Aggett, of Chagford. Raising them in peal, a short touch of 168 Grandsire Triples were rung on them, which, with the falling of them again, brought to a close a very pleasant day's ringing.

The following ringers took part in the day's proceedings:—W. Goss, E. Pitt, J. Moss, T. Lake, W. Richardson, W. Mundy, C. Carter, R. Caryl, F. R. Shepherd, E. Shepherd, A. Shepherd, and F. Shepherd.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Todmorden on Saturday, May 1st, when there was about fifty members present from the following places: Rochdale, Milnrow, Newhey, Newchurch, and Walsden. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, after which the meeting was held, when the bells were kept going till 9. The All Saints' company rang three touches of Bob Major, and the local company rang several selections on the handbells, the rest of the evening was spent in change-ringing and singing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Alton, Hants, on Monday, May 10th. There will be a Committee Meeting at the Vicarage, at 4.30 p.m., at which important business will be transacted. The belfry will be open to members from 5 to 9 p.m. Members wishing to be present are requested to communicate with the Secretary before Saturday, May 8th.

RE-OPENING OF ST. HELEN'S BELLS, ABINGDON.

On Saturday, May 1st, the bells of this church, which were originally cast by Lester and Pack, have been partially recast and augmented from eight to ten, and rehung by Mears and Stainbank, were re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m.; Matins was sung at 11.15; a course of Grandsire Caters being rung after the dedicatory prayers, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. A sermon by the Bishop followed, and as the vast congregation dispersed three courses of Stedman Caters were rung by the Guild. After luncheon at the new Corn Exchange, a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted by the Guild, but as the 11th course was being rung at 55 minutes from the start, it became evident that three and a half hours ringing the ninth and tenor would be too severe a task even for the able men who had undertaken it, and the attempt had to be abandoned. A touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by A. Thomas, was brought round before the band dispersed. F. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; W. Bennett, 4; A. F. M. Custance, Esq., 5; G. Holifield, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. Avery, 8; J. W. Washbrook, 9; A. Thomas, 10. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THE JOHNSON TESTIMONIAL FUND.

There is still a surplus balance in the hands of the treasurer, and in order that this may be equally distributed amongst the subscribers, arrangements have been made for a supply of photographs, which will be posted by the Secretary to their respective addresses on the following conditions, viz.:—That each subscriber sending 4d. with his name and address to the Secretary, will receive a portrait of Mr. Johnson at an early date.

Non-subscribers can be supplied with similar portraits at the following rates, viz.:—Cabinet portraits, 1s. 6d. each; ordinary ditto 9d.

N.B.—It is particularly requested that anyone wishing to become possessed of a portrait of this eminent composer, through this medium, do forward the above-mentioned sum not later than Saturday, the 22nd instant, to A. THOMAS, 83, Wheeler's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Next Meeting, open to all members, at Coln St. Aldwyn's, Fairford, on Monday, May 17th, 1886. Train arrival at Cirencester, 10.25. Brakes provided free of charge. Belfries open, Coln and Fairford, eight bells; Bibury and Hatherop, six.

Dinner provided by the hospitality of the Vicars of Coln and Hatherop, in Coln Schoolroom, at 1 p.m.

Short service on arrival at Coln St. Aldwyn's. Brakes will return in time for 7.15 and 8.35 trains at Cirencester. Notice of intention to be present and numbers, to be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Ashton Gate, Bristol, by May 8th.

CALNE, WILTS.

On Thursday, April 21st, at a concert given for the Church of England Temperance Society, two handbell performances, by E. Burgess, T. Knight, Joseph Burgess, and Jno. Burgess, were included in the programme. At their first appearance they rang in capital style the "Cuckoo Waltz" and "Silver light bonny moon"; and later on, in equally good form, "There is na luck about the house," "Blue bells of Scotland," and a course of Grandsire Triples. E. Burgess conducted.

THE JASPER SNOWDON MEMORIAL FUND.

We are requested to acknowledge the receipt of the following to this fund:—

The Rochdale parish church company £ s. d.
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NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

By THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

On the question of qualities, the following peals will speak for themselves: three of them are by Mr. Dains, who has done me the honour of working at the method, and has his name attached; the remainder are my own compositions. The first peal is on a favourite plan of mine, which keeps the 2nd away from the tenor at the w leads. The second (5024) by Mr. Dains, is a very compact and excellent composition. It contains ten pairs of 86s.

5120.					5024.				
2 3 4 5 5	B	M	W	H	2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H
5 4 2 6 3	-	I	2		5 2 3 6 4	-		2	
4 3 2 6 5	I		2		2 5 4 6 3	-	I	2	
3 5 2 6 4	I		2		5 3 4 6 2	I		2	
6 2 3 4 5	-	I	2		3 2 4 6 5	I		2	
6 3 4 2 5		I	2		3 4 6 2 5		I	2	
3 5 4 2 6	I		2		4 3 5 2 6	2		2	
5 6 4 2 3	I		2		2 5 3 4 6			2	2
2 4 5 3 6	-	I	2		3 4 2 5 6		I	I	
2 5 3 4 6		I	2		5 2 4 3 6			2	2
2 3 4 5 6		I	2		2 3 4 5 6		I	B	

H. DAINS.

The following one-part peal has also the 6th the extent in 5-6, all the 867s and eight pairs of 86s. An inspection of the course-ends will lead to the supposition that there is an 867 missing: it occurs, however at the M call in the sixth course.

5312.				
2 3 4 5 6	B	M	B	W B H
5 2 3 6 4	-			2
2 5 4 6 3		2		2
5 6 3 4 2		2	-	
4 3 5 2 6	-			2
2 5 3 4 6			2	2
4 3 2 6 5	-	I		2
3 4 5 6 2		2		2
6 5 4 3 2	I	-		2
5 2 4 3 6	I			2
2 3 4 5 6	I		I	- 2

The two peals which follow are examples of mixed calling. The first is a two-part peal in eight courses with the 6th the extent in 5-6 at alternate course-ends. The second, in one part, has the 6th the Extent in all positions. I have tried to extend it to 8000, but without success, as it is a very ticklish composition.

5440.					7520.				
2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H	2 3 4 5 6	B	M	B	W B H
5 4 2 6 3	-	I	2		5 2 3 6 4	-			2
5 3 2 4 6*		W	M	2	2 5 4 6 3		2		2
4 5 3 6 2		2	2	2	3 5 6 4 2		2	-	I
4 5 2 3 6†		W	2M	WB 2	5 4 6 3 2		I	I	- 2

Repeated.

*Call w before M.

†Make calls in the order given.

Can be reduced to 5056, by calling last course but one in first part B 2H.

5280.					6144.				
2 3 4 5 6	B	M	B	W H	2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H
3 2 6 5 4	-			I 2	2 4 5 3 6				I 2
4 3 5 2 6	-	I	-	2	3 2 4 6 5	-			2
3 4 6 2 5	-			I 2	5 4 3 2 6		2	2	2
4 2 3 5 6	-				2 3 5 6 4	-	I		2

Twice repeated.

5th and 6th the extent home.

Twice repeated.

4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6ths.

Of the following two-part peals, the 5440 by Mr. Dains has the 6th the extent home at ten course-ends: the 8000 the same quality at twelve course-ends, with all the 8-6's and 7-8-6's before.

6976.					5696.				
2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H	2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	-			2	2 4 5 3 6				I 2
2 5 4 6 3	-		I	2	3 2 4 6 5			2	2 2
5 3 4 6 2		I		2	3 5 4 2 6			WM	2
6 2 3 4 5	2		I	2	2 3 5 6 4	-			2
6 3 4 2 5			I	2	2 5 6 3 4			I	2
6 4 2 3 5			I	2					
3 2 4 6 5		IB		2					

Repeated.

5th and 6th the extent each way in 5-6.

5120.				
2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	-			2
2 4 3 6 5		I		2
2 3 6 4 5			I	2
3 2 5 4 6	-		I	2
4 5 2 3 6			2	2

Repeated.

6th the extent in 5-6.

H. DAINS.

5440.				
2 3 4 5 6	B	W	B	H
5 2 3 6 4	-			2
5 2 6 4 3	-			I

Repeated.

4th and 6th the extent in 6ths.

By calling 2nd course in either

part B 2H, the number is reduced to 5312.

8192.				
2 3 4 5 6	B	W	B	H
5 2 3 6 4	-			2
2 6 3 5 4		2	2	-
5 2 6 4 3	-			2
2 4 5 3 6	-			
4 3 5 2 6		2	2	-
3 2 5 4 6		2	2	-
2 4 3 6 5	-			
3 4 6 2 5		2	2	- I
4 2 3 5 6	-			
2 5 3 4 6		2	2	-
5 4 3 2 6		2	2	-

Repeated.

So far as I can remember, I think this is the greatest length that has yet been got on the two-part plan; and the first with the 6th home at twelve separately called courses with tenors together. This peal can be reduced in length to 7744 changes by omitting the 7th course in each part, and calling the following course, B. 2W. 1H. It can be further reduced to 7232 by omitting (in addition) the second course in either part, and calling the following one B. 1H. By omitting the second course in both parts, and calling the next B. 1H. it is reduced to 6720. It is in its best and completest form as given above.

H. EARLE BULWER.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GARSTON.

Easter Monday, April 26th, being the 8th Anniversary of the opening of the bells of the above Church, ringers met from Liverpool, Widnes, Runcorn and Childwall, and indulged in various touches of Grandsire Minor and Triples, Bob Major, &c. During the afternoon a 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 minutes, was rung by S. Gough, Garston, 1; R. Diggle (1st 720), Liverpool, 2; J. R. Pritchard, Liverpool, 3; C. Newton, Garston, 4; J. Aspinwall, Liverpool (conductor), 5; F. Turner, Garston; Tenor. This was followed by an attempt to ring the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1806 changes in 1hr. 5mins. J. R. Pritchard, 1; Joshua Large (conductor), 2; J. Aspinwall, 3; C. Newton, 4; T. Donnelly, 5; J. Clark, 6; J. Donnelly, 7; R. Diggle, Tenor. Mr. Large hails from Widnes, and this was his first attempt at calling Triples, C. Newton belongs to Garston, the remainder to Liverpool. Various other touches, in which Messrs. T. Beacall, Liverpool; S. Hoxworth, Runcorn; and T. Ellison, Childwall, took part, were rung during the afternoon.

Messrs. Gough and Turner very thoughtfully provided refreshments for the visitors, and in the evening the whole of the company present adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, when a cold collation was served up under the presidency of Mr. S. Gough, the genial superintendent of Garston Church, and after the cloth was removed, the remainder of the evening was devoted to singing, recitations, &c. Votes of thanks having been passed to Messrs. Gough and Turner for their hospitality, both of whom suitably responded, their healths were drunk with musical honours, thus bringing to its termination a very pleasant day.

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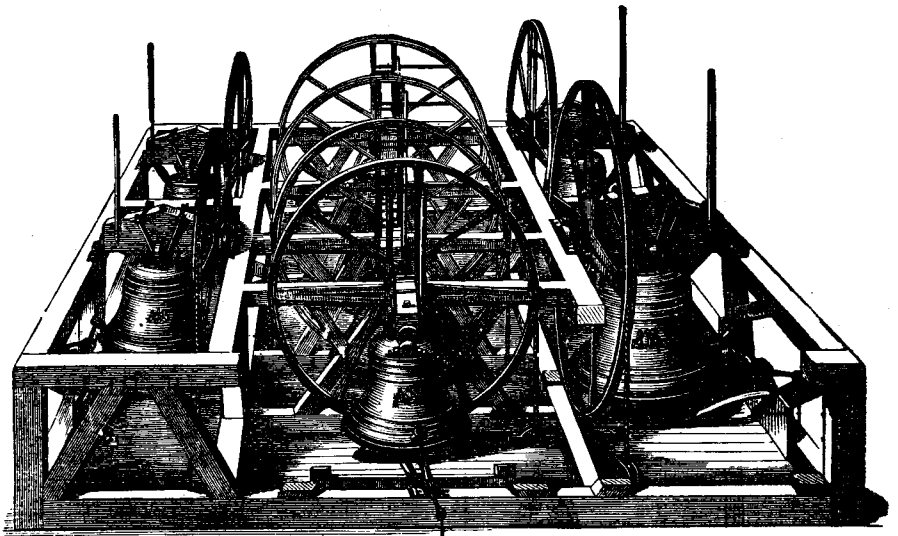
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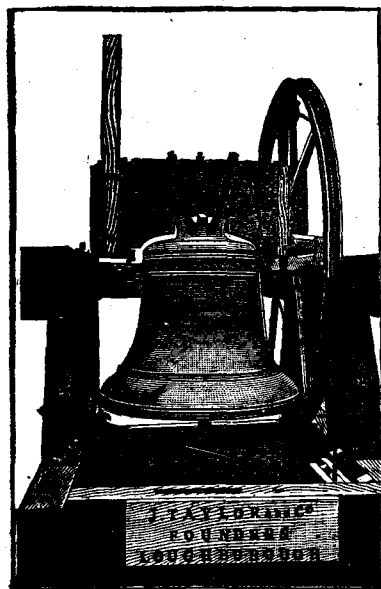


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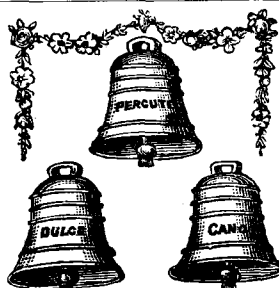
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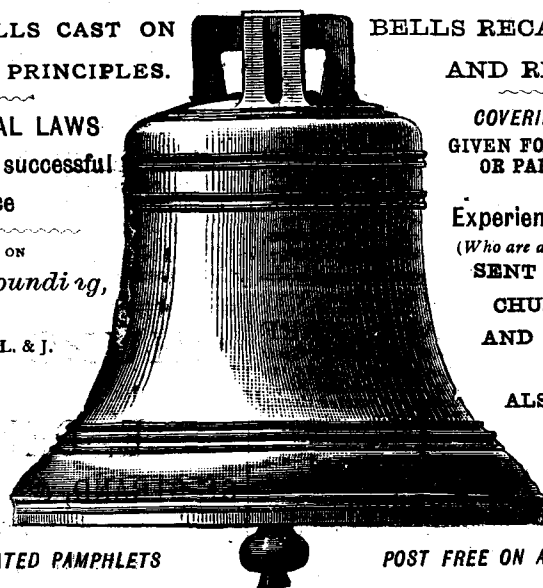
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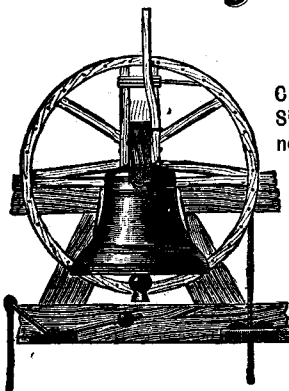
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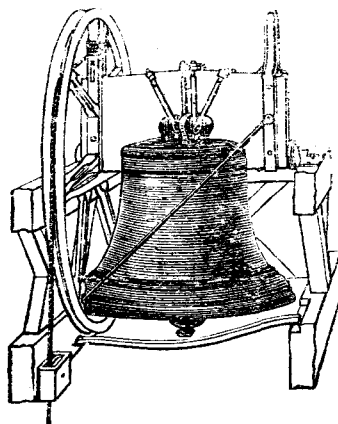
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At three o'clock in the afternoon a shortened Evensong service was held in St. Peter-at-Gowts' church, which was attended by members of the four city companies of ringers, and by brethren from Gainsboro', Market Rasen, Branston, and other places.

At the conclusion of the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. G. Musson, (one of the vice-presidents), the meeting for business purposes took place in the school-room previously mentioned. After the minutes of the last quarterly meeting had been read and confirmed, the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Lunn, of Market Rasen), presented the report for the past year. The financial statement showed that, after paying all expenses, there remained a balance in hand of between £9 and £10. The numerical statement proved that the Association numbers about 60 ringing members, and 25 honorary subscribers, the latter of which includes Sir Chas. H. J. Anderson, Bart., and several of the clergy and gentry of the county. The next business was the election of officers; the retiring president (F. A. Dorrington, Esq., of Nettleton, Caistor), having expressed his inability to fulfil the duties of the office, it was unanimously resolved that the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (Dr. Butler), who takes a lively interest in scientific campanology, be the President of the Association for the ensuing year. The newly-elected president a few minutes afterwards entered the room, and met with a most cordial greeting from the forty brethren assembled. The very rev. gentleman at once took the presidential chair amid cheering. The Rev. A. G. Musson was re-elected vice-president for Lincoln; F. F. Linley, Esq., vice-president for Gainsboro' (re-elected); and the Rev. S. W. Andrews, rector of Claxby, the vice-president for Market Rasen. Mr. H. Gadd, of Market Rasen, was re-appointed hon. treasurer; and Mr. W. Lunn, of the same place, honorary secretary. Mr. J. W. Watson, of Lincoln, and one of the vice-presidents, were appointed auditors for the ensuing year. On the proposition of Mr. Linley, seconded by Mr. J. C. Tinker, it was resolved that in future the annual subscriptions of efficient members be 1s. 6d., and probationers 1s. Several new members were duly proposed and enrolled. The proposition of offering a prize or prizes for the greatest number of complete peals rung by any one society connected with the Association during the year was discussed, and eventually, owing to considerable difficulty in the matter, it was decided to postpone the question. The discussion on the subject of an Association peal-book was cut short by the President generously volunteering to present the Association with one, the choosing of the same to be left in the hands of Mr. Linley. The company then adjourned to an adjoining room, where a capital tea had been provided out of the Association funds.

The PRESIDENT addressed the meeting. He first thanked them for the warm reception which had been accorded to him, and said he took great interest in bell-ringing—scientific bell-ringing—because it was a science. Abroad and on the Continent they did not hear change-ringing, but only dangling of the bells in an irregular discordant manner; the fact was, the foreigner was afraid of a little sweat. To his mind there was something very charming in the harmonious sound of bells; he knew no music more delightful. It seemed to make people think that ringing was a very important and useful office, and that it was an office which everybody ought to look upon with sympathy, if not with solemnity and devoutness. He was glad to think they had, as a rule, a set of ringers who would take pride in ringing, pride in the house of God, and pride in themselves as men. There was a great change, which he hoped would go on. He considered these Associations were to make ringers know what to do, and how to do it; he apprehended first of all it was to ring the bells on scientific principles. It was a comparatively easy thing for strong men to simply pull, pull, pull, but he wanted the members of this Association to ring in a scientific way. An old proverb said, "everything worth doing is worth doing well," and so it was with ringing. So far as he understood the subject, change-ringing took a lot of pains, much knack, and a good deal of judgment; it took hold of a man all round—his eyes, his ears, his muscles, and his head; thus a great many faculties were actively brought into play in good change-ringing. He came from a place where the people were almost mad about bells. They were quite

wild on the subject, and he should like to bring some of them down to Lincoln. He might say he had in his possession at the present moment a letter from one company of ringers, asking for permission to ring a peal of 5040 changes during the month. There was a great freeness and friendliness amongst ringers, and such associations as the one in whose interests they were gathered together that day were calculated to emulate those good feelings, and stimulate them in the science of ringing. He urged them to stick to their bells, and ring them in good style. There was one text which he should like to see put up in every belfry, and that was "Be ye pure." The bells were a very important part of the instruments of every church, and those who handled bells ought to be men of good lives—men who were known in the neighbourhood in which they lived as straightforward, upright, honest men; men who spoke the truth, never used bad language, and men who would not take that which did not agree with them. All present know perfectly well what he meant. Above all he wanted them to be men of prayer, and to begin every day's duties with prayer; They should be regular men at their parish churches, and bell-ringers ought to be men who regularly went to the Lord's table. In concluding he again thanked them for the reception he had met with, and he wished the Association every success.

Mr. F. F. LINLEY expressed the great pleasure it afforded the members of the Association to see amongst them that day the Dean, the Precentor, and one of the Churchwardens of St. Peter-at-Gowts. He said the object of the Association was to provide some means of unity for all classes of lovers of bells. Antiquarians loved bells because of their old and interesting associations; while all classes of the community liked to hear the sound of bells. From the earliest childhood there were some to whom the sound of bells had been associated with supernatural and undeniable power. Children had wondered at first what wonderful beings those were that existed in the old church tower. Bells were calculated to arouse feelings of delight at one time, and at other times to impress with their mournful tones feelings of sadness and pain at the loss of a dear departed friend, or some great public calamity. Then to some the bells served as a calendar, and fulfilled many other offices. There were some who took delight in the manly occupation of ringing, and these delighted in making the bells the means of rejoicing with those who rejoiced, and mourning with those who mourned, and also in calling people to church to worship God. To all these classes of people the Association offered a means of unity in order that they might combine together for the preservation of bells, the application of bells to their proper uses, for the preservation of church towers, and for the proper conduct and ordering of the belfries themselves. In the church there were three distinct parts, with which the ringers were united—the Vicar, the Churchwardens, and the Ringers; and if these three were united they would have good peals of bells, good ringers, and the belfries would be in good order. He urged that the clergy and churchwardens should take the greatest possible interest in the comfort and well-being of their ringers. He had great pleasure in welcoming the visitors.

The PRECENTOR said the Dean had remarked upon the pleasure it had given him to be present, and he (the precentor) might say he had equal pleasure in being here also. He thought with the Dean, that the sound of church bells on a summer evening was most exquisite music. He was sorry there were not more peals of bells in Lincoln: formerly there was a peal of bells in the old St. Swithin's church; but there were times when bells were looked upon as marketable commodities, and if anything wanted doing at the church, they used to sell the bells. In this way the St. Swithin's peal got to Washington. He wished the Association well, and he hoped it would serve to promote the worship of God, and he should be most happy to come again to their meetings.

The company then dispersed, the ringers, dividing themselves into companies, and visiting the various church towers, where they rang touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, &c.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

ON Easter Monday, April 26th, eight members of the Kenn band, being also members of the above Guild, were invited to Bradninch by the vicar, and the Rev. G. D. Melhuish to spend the day with the Bradninch ringers. Arriving at Bradninch Station at 11.15 a.m., they were met by the Rev. G. D. Melhuish, who had got permission to shew them over the paper mills at Hele, which they much enjoyed. After viewing the works, they proceeded back to Bradninch, where they were well received by the ringers. Some touches of Grandsire Doubles were then rung in good style. Returning to the house of Mr. Melhuish at 1.30, they were most hospitably entertained to dinner by that gentleman. During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the Bradninch band on the tower bells. At 6 p.m. they returned to tea, after which they indulged in tune-ringing on handbells. Having spent a very pleasant day, they returned by a late train for Exeter, which was reached at 10 p.m. The ringers wish to express their thanks to the clergy and ringers for their kindness and hospitality.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.

By kind permission of the Rev. H. Vyvyan, the vicar, a company of the Royal Cumberland Society were allowed to attempt a peal of Treble Bob at the parish church, on Saturday, May 1st. The weather was beautifully fine, and "May Day" in the country during such is at any time very acceptable, but to the half-dozen "Royals" who selected Chertsey for a visit, highly so, as this part of the country presents a very pretty river scene, usually found along the banks of the Thames between Oxford and Staines. The band met at the church very punctually at 4.20, our London acquaintances arriving at the neighbouring station of Shepperton, 2½ miles distant, a direct route from Waterloo and Richmond, while those of Slough, rode from Windsor to Staines, and enjoyed a 3-mile walk to Chertsey, along ye "Banks and Braes" and over the Laleham Ferry.

In 1869 the church, which is an interesting stone structure, with square embattled tower and four pinnacles, was reseated with open oak sittings and the interior restored by voluntary contributions, a tablet to this effect, also mentioning the restoration of the bells, is seen at the west end of the nave.

A band of ringers from Kingston-on-Thames were engaged to open the bells, after ringing they were personally presented with a new £5 note by Lady Burdett Coutts.

Originally a ring of six existed at Chertsey, with a broken tenor weighing 21cwt. 2qrs. 7lbs. but through the munificence of a lady well known in ringing circles—the Baroness Burdett Coutts—the tenor was recast and two trebles added. The seventh bell is a good specimen casting of the first Bell Founder of Whitechapel (Robert Miot), who began business in 1570, the cannons are perfect, and it is in good preservation, though it has been in use for 208 years.

Amongst numerous instances of the Baroness's munificence in adding to existing peals, and bearing the expense of casting and presenting various bells, appears the following gifts:

complete peal of	for	weight of tenor
8	Westminster	24 cwt
8	Highgate	14 "
8	Carlisle	14 "
6	Boroughbridge	14 "
5	Bethnal Green	9 "
35	Bells in all weighing	75 cwt.

Notwithstanding the handsome present that either of the above peals would be to any church, it has been affirmed, I know not how truthfully, that a certain incumbent in the north of London declined an offer of a ring of eight bells for his tower suggesting his need of other requirements in the church, with the hope of attaining his object in view. This is a similar instance to that reported from Barnwood, in a recent issue of "THE BELL NEWS." But to proceed. At Chertsey the visitors were met by the local ringers, their Captain, Mr. P. Percy, and the old sexton, Mr. Russell, who has served office for many years, every facility for the success of the peal was afforded by them, and hearty greetings at the conclusion of the performance, met the band as they left the tower—not only from brother ringers and friends, but from a large congregation of people and inhabitants who had crowded the High Street immediately in front of the church; the hurried and eager inquiries about the ringing and ringers, shewed their interest in the peal, and when the name of "Cumberland Youths" went out, they gradually dispersed as the performers quietly walked to the Sun Inn. At this hostelry an hour was spent in refreshing and handbell ringing the local ringers cheering their visitors with several well known airs, until the hour of leave-taking was nigh. W. H. F.

NEW CHURCH CLOCKS.

A large clock has just been erected upon Blyth Church Tower, Notts. It shows time upon one dial six feet across, strikes the hours and chimes the quarters. It is fitted with all the latest improvements brought out by the makers, John Smith & Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

The same firm have also just completed a large Church Clock at Dinton, Wiltshire, which shews time on a skeleton dial five feet across, and strikes the hours on a ton bell.

THE PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO THE HON. SEC. OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—This question was discussed at a meeting of members of this Association at Barking, on Saturday evening. Mr. Davies having read the list of subscriptions to hand, suggestions were made as to the form of the testimonial, and after a decision had been arrived at, Messrs. Davies and Keeble were requested, at the close of the fund, which remains open for a few days longer, to arrange for the purchase of the testimonial, which is to be presented at the Annual Meeting on Whit-Monday.

RINGERS' OUTING.

Although ringing tours are now-a-days a common occurrence among the Exercise, perhaps a few remarks on the outing of the "All Saints Society, Sheffield," will not be out of place. It having been previously settled that their Easter out should be to Patteringham, a village about six miles from Wolverhampton, the necessary arrangements were made with the Midland Railway Company to convey us there. So at 4 a.m. on Monday, the 26th, we all met at the station in the best of spirits. Punctually at 4.25 we were on our journey, the first stopping place being Derby. Having 40 minutes to wait here, a cup of coffee was indulged in, and then a short walk to St. Andrew's Church, of noted belfry reform, and then back again for the train. Handbell ringing and singing constituted the greater part of the programme as the train sped along. Having reached Wolverhampton about 9.30, we thought it would be advisable to have a waggonette to take us to Patteringham, but being Bank Holiday, and such a glorious day, getting one was out of the question, we did manage to arrange for one to fetch us back. After a talk round, we decided to do it on "Shanks' Pony," so off we trudged through Tetterhall, past the once famous "Tetterhall green," through Compton, and reaching Patteringham about 12 noon. Here a halt was called at the "Pigot Arms," where Mr. Harper, the parish clerk (who is also one of the local ringers) was waiting to receive us. Of course the first thing to do was to refresh the inner man, that being done, we rang a few tunes on the handbells (by request), and then adjourned to the belfry, to ring a date touch of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing upwards of 1820 changes, a change of course occurred, and the conductor called stand. W. Hammond, 1; W. Gardiner, 2; J. Rowley, 3; F. Rippon, 4; H. Thompson, 5; F. Willey (conductor), 6; W. Smithson, 7; J. Rew, 8. Some Grandsire Major and Stedman Triples were also rung during the day. The bells are a splendid peal with a tenor of 14 cwt., and the go of them being all that could be desired. After tea, we adjourned to the vicarage, to thank the worthy vicar (the Rev. W. G. Greenstreet), for the use of the bells, and a more hearty reception than that given us by the vicar it would be impossible for a class of men to have. We rang him some tunes, and he appeared very much interested in it. It was now getting time for us to be moving, having to catch the 8.50 from Wolverhampton, which we managed all right, from thence to Birmingham, which we did not manage all right, it taking us 3½ hours to do the journey, consequently on getting into Birmingham at 12.30, we found all the trains for the North had gone, so had to stay till 6 a.m. on Tuesday morning. We managed to struggle on till daylight, and about 4 a.m. we might have been found parading the streets of Birmingham, about the municipal buildings, (the Chamberlain memorial), &c., St. Philip's Church, and the one of Johnson renown, St. Martin's. At 6 a.m. we started again, and reached home about 10, after a thorough enjoyable day, and much less enjoyable night's outing, hoping to pay Patteringham another visit "later on." J. R.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The Quarterly Meeting in connection with the above Association, was held on Saturday, May 1st, at Tamworth, when members from the following towns were present; Burton-on-Trent, Lichfield, Old Swinford, Perry Barr, Tamworth, Wednesbury, Wombourne, and West Bromwich. In the morning, a mixed band assembled in the belfry of the parish church, and rang Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, particulars of which appeared in our last issue; after which some touches were rung. At 5 p.m. there was a short service in the Church, when a very excellent address was delivered by the Rev. H. Dale, curate of Tamworth. Tea was served at the Coffee House when the Hon. Sec., in making a few remarks, announced that there had been five new members elected, and that it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 26th. A vote of thanks having been passed to the preacher of the day, the ringers again visited the tower and rang some touches of Grandsire Triples, returning to their respective homes in the evening very much pleased with their outing, as the weather was everything that could be wished for.

THE RINGERS' MEMORIAL FUND TO THE LATE JASPER SNOWDON.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. R. S. Storey, Newcastle-on-Tyne	1	1	0
.. Robert Tuke, Manningham	1	1	0
The President of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers	1	1	0
Mr. Frederick Swarder, Bishops Stortford	0	2	0
.. Richard Hill, Southport	0	2	6
The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, per	0	15	0
Mr. I. S. Alexander			

THE ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY (READING) AT NEWBURY, BERKS.

On Saturday, May 8th, several members of this Society, accompanied by their tower warden, the Rev. W. Banting, visited Newbury, and after inspecting the grand old church, which was built by Jack of Newbury, a wealthy cloth merchant, the party proceeded to the belfry to see whether it would be possible to ring a 5000. It was not long before it became evident that owing to the bad condition of the bells this was quite an impossibility, and to make matters worse the 7th rope came down nearly in the centre of the belfry, consequently the ears had to be kept well open so as to get good striking, for you could not see all the bells you were dodging with. Notwithstanding these difficulties a 504 of Grandsire Triples was brought round in 20 mins. G. Talbot, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. H. Holloway, 3; T. Hibbert, 4; W. J. Williams (conductor), 5; W. Johnson, 6; W. Newell, 7; J. E. Willshire and a Newbury ringer, 8. After lowering the bells a start was made for Speen, a village about one mile from the town. Here permission was soon obtained for a pull, and a pretty peal of six was set swinging to a 720 of Bob Minor, the time occupied being 27 mins. W. H. Holloway, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. Johnson, 3; T. Hibbert, 4; J. E. Willshire, 5; W. J. Williams (conductor), 6. Returning to Newbury they met the local ringers at the "Queen's Hotel," and by 7 o'clock the two companies were busily engaged, a knife and fork tea having been kindly provided by the Revs. W. Banting and Williams (curate of Newbury). After tea the St. Laurence's company thanked the reverend gentlemen for their hospitality, and expressed a wish that their Newbury friends would return the visit, and then they would have an opportunity of ringing on ten bells in good going order. The Reading ringers left by the 9.50 train, and reached home by 10.30, having thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Newbury.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT MEETING was held on Monday, May 10th, at Alton, Hants. At the Committee Meeting at 4.30 p.m., which was well attended, six new life members and twenty honorary members were admitted, and 29 new performing members, including one new band (Ringwood), were elected. Amongst the life members is His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who has also graciously consented to become a Patron of the Guild. This we believe is the first instance of the formal recognition of the Exercise by Royalty for many generations, and should be welcomed by the whole body of ringers throughout the kingdom with thankful appreciation. Other business with regard to the coming Annual Festival to be held this year at Farnham was satisfactorily arranged. The belfry was then mounted, and short touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung. A meat tea was kindly provided by the liberality of the vicar, the Rev. F. Whyte, at the "Shaftesbury" Coffee Room, at half-past six. The ringing was resumed at half-past seven and continued to nine o'clock. The bells are a fine ring of eight, tenor 20 cwt., and go fairly well, with the exception of the tenor, who at times seemed to have a will of her own and required delicate handling. If her manager ventured upon a rude remark, she promptly reminded him "that though her rope was long her temper was short." Members were present from the following bands: Alton, Basingstoke, Bishops Waltham, Bournemouth, Farnham, Godalming, Weybridge and Winchester.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, EASTBOURNE.

On Tuesday, May 4th, in St. Mary's Tower (for practice), 1120 Grandsire Triples, in 40 minutes. S. Hart, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; C. Harfey, 3; L. Huggett, 4; T. Willoughby, 5; J. Potter, 6; S. Hart, 7; J. Rollison, 8. On Saturday, May 8th, the same band and conductor attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. After a well struck 3000, in 1hr. 50mins., the peal collapsed through one of the band missing third's place. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells and the local ringers for their courtesy. The excellent go of the bells and the distinct manner in which they are heard in the ringing chamber, is suggestive of the adaptability of the same for a long peal, providing permission could be obtained for that purpose. The whole peal is in capital ringing order, tenor about 14 cwt.

ATTEMPTED LONG PEAL AT HARBORNE.

On Easter Monday, writes a correspondent, after ringing a little over 3000 changes of Grandsire Major, a change of course occurred, which caused it to come to grief. The ringers wish through the columns of your valuable paper to thank the vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in granting us permission, and hope to make another attempt in a short time.

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."

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will any of your readers kindly send me a line or two giving me information on the following subjects?

1. The name of any church containing a ring of bells, in which, from whatever structural or other causes the sound of the bells strikes the houses in the immediate vicinity with so great an effect as to be in the nature of a nuisance to the inhabitants, and even in cases where bells and their music are admired.
2. What mechanical or structural plans, if any, have been adopted in the bell-chamber to prevent the annoyance, and with what success?

Any information will be gladly received by

St. Andrew's, Derby.

GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Churchwarden.

NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

SIR,—Mr. Bulwer, quite apart from his answer to my letter, has amply justified his preference for the fourth's place bob. The peal of 13000 with the tenors together shews the value of it, and therefore I quite yield the point. I yield it however strictly on the score of utility. There may be no canon of the science obliging us to alter only three bells at a bob, but I always maintain that simplicity is near akin to beauty, and that it is a great advantage at a call for the majority of the bells to run on uninterruptedly. The effect of the call can then be clearly seen in the altered coursing order of three bells, and three only. But when it is otherwise there is no apparent connection of the situation after the call with that before it. "Where on earth have we got to?" is the natural question. And so while entirely concurring in Mr. Bulwer's choice, I still say that could the same results have been obtained by the other bob, the method would have been so much the better. But as it is it is a capital one. The argument for the fourth's place bob as calling out the powers of the composer is well worthy of the greatest consideration. I still think the retention of the familiar bob changes a very trivial thing. At best it is a matter for pencil and paper, and in the case of New Cumberland their order and sequence is so altered that the connection with Plain Bob is scarcely even perceptible. Before concluding I should like to say that I look forward to publishing, with your kind permission, a paper on the method of Albion, explaining the manner of ringing it, and also its musical qualities. If I remember rightly there is a long peal of Plain Bob with the tenors together. Such a peal would be true on Albion, and of double the length. Perhaps one of your readers would kindly tell us what is the longest peal of Plain Bob Major with the tenors together. But before I undertake the Albion I must finish an article on Grandsire Triples, promised long ago, and on which I have been engaged now for some time. This I hope soon to ask you to allow to appear in "THE BELL NEWS," of which may we often have an issue as interesting as No. 212.

C. D. P. DAVIES.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE.

SIR,—It might be hard to prove that I was not at Hatherop in the spirit on the 17th ult., but I was certainly not there in the flesh. In the report of the Plain Bob Minor, my name has probably been put for that of my friend and namesake, Rev. R. P. Davies, Rector of Hatherop, whom I hope to have the pleasure of meeting on the 17th instant.

Redmarley, Gloucester.

C. D. P. DAVIES.

THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1st, the half-yearly meeting of this Association was held at Holy Trinity Church, Queensbury, when the following companies were represented: Haley Hill, Lightcliffe parish, and Lightcliffe Congregational, Low Moor, Halifax (late parish), Brighouse, Sowerby, Queensbury, and Denholme. The welcome peal was rung by the Low Moor ringers. During the afternoon and evening, short touches in various methods were rung by the different companies upon the tower bells. At 5.30 a good tea was provided at Mr. Mitchell's, the "Granby Inn," to which ample justice was done. Afterwards a meeting was held, the President of the society, Mr. Wilson, of Brighouse, ably presiding, when the minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. It was also decided to hold the Annual Meeting at Sowerby in October next. Selections in different methods were given in good style upon the handbells, some of which were warmly applauded. Votes of thanks to the host and hostess and to the chairman brought a most successful meeting to a close, after which ringing was resumed until a late hour.

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The Metropolis.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 10, 1886, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S 5-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON Treble.	E. E. VINEN 5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	THOMAS TAYLOR 7.
GEORGE B. LUCAS 4.	W. PYE ENGLISH Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.

This is the first peal of Bob Triples by all the band, and with the peal of Bob Major rung here on February 15th, 1886, are the only peals in the method by the Society. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for his kindness in placing the bells at their disposal. Much credit is also due to Mr. D. Living, the steeple-keeper, for the manner in which he keeps the bells, bell-gear, &c.

The Provinces.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 5, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

F. W. WARWICK Treble.	FREDK. FIELD 5.
HERBERT J. CASTLE 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 6.
J. W. WASHBROOK 3.	H. D. BETTERIDGE 7.
CHAS. TRINDER 4.	WILLIAM NAPPER Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This, and the peal of Grandsire Triples which appeared in our last issue, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, were both rung on the same day.

LIVERPOOL.—ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY.

Wedding Peal.

On Thursday, May 6, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD S. MANN Treble.	RICHARD BRANAGAN 5.
PETER BARTON 2.	WILLIAM JAMES 6.
WILLIAM G. MANN 3.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD 7.
FREDERICK MOORE 4.	JNO. ASPINWALL Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD S. MANN.

The above was rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. A. E. Barnes Lawrence, Incumbent of the church.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 6, 1886, in Three Hours and Four and a half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

*JOHN CROUCHER Treble.	HENRY CROUCHER 5.
REV. F. J. HELMORE 2.	HARRY PEARCE 6.
JAMES FISHER 3.	*FREDK. SLINGSBY 7.
*FREDK. FINN 4.	*WILLIAM BOOTH Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned).

*First peal. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore hails from Canterbury; and H. Pearce from Maidstone; all the rest are members of the local company.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. BRIERLY Treble.	JAMES SELLARS 5.
JOHN HOLDEN, ESQ. 2.	JOSEPH MALONEY 6.
THOMAS WILDE 3.	JAMES S. WILDE 7.
JAMES WRIGLEY 4.	JOHN PYE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BRIERLY, and conducted by J. S. WILDE.

Messrs. Brierley, Holden and Wrigley, hail from Saddleworth; Sellars, Maloney, and Pye, from Glossop; and Wilde Brothers from Hyde.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, May 8, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	ROBT. HAWES 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	EDWARD REEVE 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	JAS. MOTTS 7.
HENRY BOWELL 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM Tenor.

Conducted by JAS. MOTTS.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rang in the county, and the above are all members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

BIRMINGHAM.

Handbell Ringing.

On Monday, May 10, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. J. CARTER, BRACEBRIDGE STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 size in Eb.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2.	THOMAS MILLER 5-6.
JOHN CARTER 3-4.	CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY 7-8.

RICHARD HACKLEY 9-10.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Mr. Hattersley hails from Sheffield, and this is his first peal on handbells. Referee Mr. H. Bastable, who marked off every course-end as they came up. Witnesses, Messrs. A. Hackley, C. Barnacle, C. Sparks, H. Gorman, and H. Shore. Afterwards 416 Bob Major. C. H. Hattersley, 1-2; J. Carter 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; H. Bastable, 7-8.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 10, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS THORPE Treble.	SAMUEL WEST 5.
JOHN E. POLLITT 2.	CHARLES CASH 6.
THOMAS YATES 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
JAMES BARRATT 4.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. ROYLE, of Manchester, and conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 10, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WORSLEY Treble.	CALEB BASSET 5.
EDWARD BALDOCK 2.	DAVID HALL 6.
GEORGE NEWMAN 3.	JAMES W. LEONARD 7.
WILLIAM HARDEN 4.	*JOHN ROGERS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, with the exception of E. Baldock. *First peal.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 10, 1886, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM GOODCHILD .. Treble.	HENRY J. TUCKER 5.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE 2.	JOSEPH CULL 6.
WILLIAM A. TYLER 3.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
FREDERICK SWORDER 4.	*JOHN GRAY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First peal. This peal was rung to commemorate the anniversary of the long peal of Bob Major, 12,240, which was rung at this church by the Braughing company, on May 10th, 1779; and also as a re-opening of the bells, which have been thoroughly rehung.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, May 11, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN SANDERS Treble.	BERNARD WITCHELL 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 6.
HENRY BASTABLE 3.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 7.
JAMES PLANT 4.	JOHN BUFFERY Tenor.

Composed by G. W. BALDWIN, and conducted by JOHN BUFFERY.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the sixth 22 times wrong and 22 times right, and was composed in 1859; it is the first peal in the method by the Holt Society, and the first peal in the method on the bells.

Date Touches.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, for evening service, eight members of the above rang a date touch of 1886 Grandsire Triples, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Saniger, 1; J. Carter (composer), 2; T. Russam, 3; J. Callaghan, 4; R. Hackley, 5; J. T. Perry (conductor), 6; A. Hackley, 7; E. Hickman, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN CUILD.

WINTERBORNE EARLS (Wilts).—On Monday, May 10th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., in the following methods: six changes on the front bells, 4 and 5 covering, 80 and ten 6-scores of Grandsire and five 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Judd, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; T. Blackburn, 5. Tenor 10 cwt.

IPSWICH.—Recently for the Easter meeting, at St. Clement's Church a date touch, 1886 changes, in the following methods: 38 of Stedman, 48 of Grandsire Minor, 360 of Double Court Minor, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Motts (conductor), 1; C. Saul, 2; R. Hawes, 3; H. Howell, 4; E. Pemberton, 5; F. Tillett, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 2nd, for the Confirmation Service at St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green, 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 37 mins. T. Dupen, 1; H. Wood, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Bonney, 4; J. West, 5; M. A. Wood (conductor), 6; W. Prime, 7; J. Dupen, 8.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Saturday evening, May 8th, at St. Mary's church, eight members of the above society rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes) in 39 mins. H. J. Shade, 1; S. Joyce, 2; J. Bonney, 3; E. Wallage, 4; I. G. Shade (conductor), 5; H. Springall, 6; Y. Green, 7; H. Bright, 8. The above was rang after an unsuccessful attempt at a peal of Kent Treble Bob. The band, through this medium, wish to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells on this occasion.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, May 9th, at the church of St. George the Martyr, for Divine Service, in the morning, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. M. I'Anson, 1; H. Langdon, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; A. E. Church, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; B. E. Battram, 6; F. Bate, 7; G. Woodage, 8. Composed by the late H. Booth, and conducted by F. Bate. This was rung as a compliment to the outgoing Churchwarden, through whose kindness a handsome tablet was erected in the belfry during the preceding week, recording the last peal of Grandsire Triples rung at this church.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday, May 2nd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Maxim, 1; S. Slater (conductor), 2; W. Gridley, 3; J. Lee, 4; O. Garwood, 5; P. C. S. Scott, 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. Maxim, 1; Z. Slater, 2; S. Slater, 3; O. Garwood, 4; P. C. S. Scott, 5; D. Ward (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. Gridley (conductor), 1; Z. Slater, 2; S. Slater, 3; P. C. S. Scott, 4; J. Lee, 5; G. Maxim, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Thursday, May 6th, at St. John's Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Bolton, 1; *W. Lister, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. Semple, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G. J. Semple hails from Hurworth. Also on Sunday evening, May 9th, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Bolton, 1; J. W. Blakiston, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; R. Moncaster (conductor), 5; W. Lancaster, 6. *First 720.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—Recently, at St. Peter's church, by this branch of the above Guild, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes (conductor), 2; Hy. Hill, 3; Hy. Allen, 4; Hy. Merrishaw, 5; Wm. Wright, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Brett, 1; H. Hill (conductor), 2; R. Grimes, 3; H. Allen, 4; Hy. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. And two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 and 29 mins. respectively, with Hy. Hill (conductor).

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING.—On Saturday evening, May 8th, the last 742 of Holt's Original. J. Mumford, 1; R. Sewell, 2; B. Keeble, 3; S. Hayes, 4; W. Mead, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; E. A. Davies, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD.—On Wednesday, May 5th, at St. Laurence's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. Baines, 1; J. Yates, 2; A. A. Waite (conductor), 3; G. Miles, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

DEERHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 2nd, the local company rang, for Divine service in the evening, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. T. Everness, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts, (conductor), 3; G. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett, 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, April 29th, eight members of the local society and the above Association, rang at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, containing eighteen 6-7's, in 44 mins. *W. Rickett, 1; G. Brand,

2; *C. Martin, 3; *G. Martin, 4; W. H. Tucker, 5; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 6; H. N. Doughty, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. *First quarter-peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINSBURY, ROCHESTER.—On Easter Sunday, after Divine Service in the evening, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. D. Winsor, 1; A. Ring, 2; W. Baker, 3; G. Hutchins, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. This is the first performance of the above with the exception of W. Baker who has been instructing the above band. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Easter Tuesday, April 27th, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of 5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 4192 changes in 2 hrs. and 35 mins., it came to grief. W. Ward (conductor), 1; A. S. Wightman, 2; A. S. Barrell, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; A. E. Acfield, 5; D. G. Wightman, 6; C. Ward, 7; P. Meadows, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, May 2nd, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Essex, 1; H. White, 2; E. Menday, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. H. White hails from Basingstoke, and R. T. Hibbert from Reading.

READING.—On Easter Monday, April 26th, at St. Giles' Church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 24 mins. H. Smart, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; G. Gibbard, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. J. Wright, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Canterbury Pleasure that has ever been rung in Reading and the first by all the ringers. And on Thursday, April 29th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. *F. Sweetzer, 1; A. H. Evans, 2; W. J. Williams, 3; A. J. Wright, 4; G. Gibbard, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 25 mins., W. Gosling taking the place of F. Sweetzer. Tenor 18 cwt.

OXFORD.—On Saturday, May 1st, at St. Mary Magdalene, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with the bells deeply muffled at back stroke, in memory of the late Mr. Webber Patterson, in 25 mins. C. Quelch, 1; C. Hester, 2; J. Howes, 3; J. Collier, 4; F. A. Castle, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON.—On Tuesday, May 4th, for practice at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Woodbine in 25 mins. J. Cooley, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; B. Battrum, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, May 9th, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, with fifteen bobs, in 25½ mins. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also, on Tuesday, May 4th, for practice, at the parish church, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Cooley, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; B. E. Battrum, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Saturday evening, May 8th, eight members of the above attempted Shipway's 6-part peal (5040, of Oxford Bob Triples), but the sixth bell went so bad, it was found impossible to ring more than a quarter-peal, which was rung in 48 mins. by the following persons:—F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; G. Rapley, 4; T. Andrews, 5; F. Knight, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8.

THE ST. JAMES'S REFORM SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Wednesday, May 5th, six members of the above society rang, for practice, four six-scores of Bob Doubles, for the first time since the formation of the society. A. Howell, 1; H. Porch (conductor), 2; W. Porch, 3; W. Hill, 4; H. Tucker, 5; G. Pearse, 6.

BENGEO (Herts).—On Monday, May 10th, at Holy Trinity, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. T. Barker, 1; W. Bennet, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Odell, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6; and on Sunday, May 9th, for service, a 720 in the same method. W. Childs, 1; W. Bennet, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Odell, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6; and for service in the evening, a 720 of College Single, standing as before.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Easter Monday, a party of ringers from Sudbury and Long Melford paid a visit to the above town, and rang on the bells of St. Peter's a touch of Grandsire Triples, 672 changes. G. Hammond, 1; W. Howell, 2; M. Silvester, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; W.

Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8; also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, J. Campin, F. Tolliday, W. Smith, J. Bird taking part. A course of Grandsire Caters was also rung in the steeple on handbells (not the best peal ever heard), by F. Tolliday, 1-2; W. Howell, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; W. Smith, 7-8; H. Harper, 9-10; also another 504 Grandsire Triples on the tower bells by J. Campin, 1; W. Howell, 2; M. Silvester, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Both the above touches were conducted by C. Sillitoe. Messrs. Bird and Hammond hail from Long Melford; Smith from Heigham; the rest from Sudbury.

DODDINGTON (Cambridgeshire).—On Easter Sunday morning, April 25th, at the parish church of St. Mary, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles by the local company. T. Ellington, 1; R. Wade (conductor), 2; W. Bester, 3; H. Watts, 4; C. Bester, 5. Tenor 8 cwt. in A. It is believed to be the first time a 6-score has been rung on the bells.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—Monday, May 10th, being the seventh anniversary of the death of the Rev. D. H. Haigh, the following band rang at SS. Thomas and Edmund's church, with the bells muffled, a 755 of Grandsire Major. C. Stanbridge, 1; A. Hales, 2; J. Benn, 3; W. Kent, 4; W. Cartwright, 5; B. Witchell (conductor), 6; M. Murphy, 7; J. Plant, 8. Also a 405 of Grandsire Triples. P. Conlon, 1; B. Witchell, 2; C. Stanbridge, 3; W. Kent, 4; M. Murphy, 5; J. Murphy, 6; J. Plant (conductor), 7; F. Hales, 9.

EXETER (Devon).—On Thursday, April 29th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Pitt, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. R. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. G. Goss, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. Moss, 8. Also, on Sunday evening, May 9th, for Divine service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Moss, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Munday, 8. Weight of tenor, 24 cwt. [This seems an imperfect record.—Ed.]

FULHAM (Middlesex).—Recently at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. F. W. Kelley, 1; J. Green, 2; B. Battrum, 3; H. Gale, 4; J. W. Kelley (conductor), 5; W. Weare, 6; C. F. Winny, 7; S. How, 8. The above was rung in honour of Mr. J. W. Driver's wedding, a member of the society.

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, May 1st, the following met at St. Michael's church, for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2688 changes in 1 hour and 30 mins., it unfortunately came to grief. John Aspinwall, 1; James Donnelly, 2; John Allen, 3; William Booth, 4; Thomas Donnelly, 5; John Donnelly (conductor), 6; John R. Pritchard (composer), 7; R. Diggle, 8. Mr. J. Allen belongs to Garston, the remainder to Liverpool.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 6th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of New London Pleasure in 28 mins. G. Maxim, 1; S. Slater, 2; C. Honeyball, 3; F. Wells, 4; P. C. S. Scott (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. First 720 in the method by Maxim and Lee.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, after Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 26½ mins. T. Vaughan, 1; W. Jones (conductor), 2; J. Cackfield, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourn, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom, 6. And on Monday, April 3rd, a 360, conducted by W. Jones. The same evening, several courses of Kent Treble Bob were rung by all the above on their first attempt and several touches of Kent were conducted by Rowland Cartwright, of Wombourn.

LLANBADARN (South Wales).—On Monday, May 3rd, a 6-score of Bob Doubles was rung at St. Padarn's church, Llanbadarn, South Wales. W. Evans, 1; C. Clarke, 2; J. Richards, 3; D. Jenkins, 4; F. Hoffman (conductor), 5; E. Jones, 6. Time, 6 mins. Tenor 19 cwt. This is the first 6-score of any kind ever rung on these bells, which have hung in this tower since the 17th century. Three months ago the above men were round ringers, except F. Hoffman, who is instructor.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 8th, at Holy Trinity Church for practice, 1120 of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 45 mins. G. Maxim, 1; J. Bird, 2; W. Gridley, 3; S. Slater, 4; G. Hammond, 5; J. Lee, 6; P. Scott (conductor), 7; O. Garwood, 8. Longest length in the method by Maxim, Gridley, and Lee. Also 504 of Bob Triples. G. Maxim, 1; J. Bird, 2; W. Gridley, 3; S. Slater, 4; O. Garwood, 5; P. Scott, 6; G. Hammond (conductor), 7; J. Lee, 8.

PRESOT (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 9th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, 518 of Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. J. Chesworth, 1; T. Byron, 2; J. Renshall, 3; T. Abraham, 4; J. Cook, 5; J. Case, 6; J. Finney, 7; J. Moston, 8. Conducted by T. Byron. Also for evening service 518 of Grandsire Triples in 30 mins. J. Chesworth, 1; J. Renshall, 2; J. Case (conductor), 3; T. Byron, 4; J. Finney, 5; T. Abraham, 6; J. Cook, 7; J. Moston, 8.

RAMSBOTTOM (Lancashire).—On Friday, May 7th, at St. Paul's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26½ mins. J. Haydock, 1; J. Wolsten-

holme, 2; A. Clegg, 3; J. T. Rostron, 4; J. W. Laycock, 5; H. H. Nutter (conductor), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. This is the first 720 by the local ringers, and they wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to give their best thanks to the Church Kirk ringers for the kindness they showed to them during a recent visit there.

RINGSTAD (Northants).—On Easter Sunday, April 25th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Oxford Bob, with eighteen bobs and two singles. F. H. Chapman, 1; J. Sawford, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And 360 of Plain Bob. F. H. Chapman, 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Sawford, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, May 6th, for practice, 720 College Single, with eighteen bobs and two singles. F. H. Chapman, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Shipley, 3; G. H. Roberts, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also 240 of Yorkshire Court. E. Mayes, 1; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 2; R. Shipley, 3; G. H. Roberts, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts, 6.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, May 2nd, for evening service at the parish church, eight members of the St. Michael's society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. P. Boyles, 1; E. Gower, 2; P. Simms, 3; J. G. Elliott, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; S. Snelling, 6; W. H. Judd (conductor), 7; J. Jordan, 8.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Easter Sunday, April 25th, at the Cathedral, 1008 of Grandsire Triples. T. Grant, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington and R. T. Kent, 8. Also on Easter Monday, April 26th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but owing to the tenor casting rope, only 1000 was rung. And on Easter Tuesday, April 27th, for practice, 168 of Stedman Triples. W. Buckingham, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. First touch of Stedman by all except the third and seventh men. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, sixth and seventh ringers changing places. First course for all. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, April 30th, 210 of Grandsire Triples. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; H. Lewis, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Easter Sunday morning, April 25th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, six of the local company rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior, jun. (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, May 1st, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; *A. M. Key, 2; W. Prior, 3; C. Prior, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles and a 120 of Antelope. J. Harvey, 1; H. J. Tucker, 2; G. Harvey, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior, 6. The Grandsire was conducted by H. J. Tucker, and the Antelope by H. Prior, jun. Also on Sunday, May 2nd, for morning service, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior, jun. (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. (forty-two singles), composed by Mr. Penning, of Saffron Walden. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And afterservice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. (fourteen singles) and four bobs, composed by Benjamin Annable. W. Prior, 1; J. Mumford, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Minor. Messrs. J. and G. Harvey and A. M. Key hail from Manuden; H. J. Tucker from Bishops Stortford; and J. Mumford from Henham. Tenor 13 cwt.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, April 25th, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples were rung at St. Gregory's church, for morning and afternoon services, and at All Saints' in the evening two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The following took part in the ringing: Messrs. Scott, Sillitoe, Harper, Tolliday, B. Ransom, Esq., Silvester, Howell, Campin, Brackett, Griggs, Cross, and Brown. Also for practice on Saturday, May 1st, at St. Gregory's church, a 768 of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted, but on getting into the last lead, the clapper flew out of the 3rd bell, causing a general stampede amongst the ringers. W. Howell, 1; H. Harper, 2; G. Hammond, 3; P. C. S. Scott, 4; J. Bird, 5; W. Griggs, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; A. Scott, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

TIVERTON (Devon).—On Wednesday, April 28th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. R. Grater, 1; E. Munday, 2; T. Harvey, 3; J. Grater, jun., 4; J. Grater, 5; John Grater, 6; *R. Grater, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Babbage, 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Tuesday evening, for practice, at the parish church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 minutes. James Laugran, junr., 1; J. W. Barrs, 2; George B. Lucas (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, junr., 5; W. Pye English, 6.

TYFORD, WINCHESTER (Hants).—On Easter Tuesday, 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Mary's church for the first time. C. Hawkins, 1; G. Brown, jun., 2; F. Hewlett, 3; W. West, jun., 4; A. Ashford, 5; G. Brown, sen., 6.

WEST HAM (Essex).—*Muffled Peal.*—On Tuesday, May 4th, at All Saints' Church, the usual whole pull and stand, and afterwards two touches of Grandsire Triples, as a last mark of respect to the late John Clark, aged 86, who was a ringer at the above church upwards of 50 years, and was also a member of the Royal Cumberlands for a like period. G. Potter, 1; H. Randall (conductor), 2; S. Hayes, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; G. Pearl, 5; G. Cornell, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; F. Searle, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Easter Sunday, April 25th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Everard, 1; F. Radley, 2; R. Wood, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; C. Dennison, 6. On Tuesday, May 4th, for practice, three 6-scores, each called differently. J. Everard, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Lincoln (conductor), 3; R. Wood, 4; G. E. Hilliard, 5; C. Dennison, 6. And on Sunday, May 9th, for service, five 6-scores in the same method, each called differently. H. Pamplin, 1; J. Everard, 2; F. Radley, 3; R. Wood, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; A. Bonnington, 6. Also two 6-scores with W. Lincoln, 3; G. E. Hilliard, 5.

ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

The Annual General Meeting of this Society was held in the Ringing Chamber, on Thursday, April 29th, the Rev. H. Venn, the president, in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the accounts, showing a balance in hand, were passed, several alterations in the rules and bye-laws were made, the chief being the substitution of the word "Master" for the word "Conductor." The officers for the ensuing year elected were: Mr. F. Grayling, Master; Mr. W. G. Gordelier, Deputy-master; Mr. S. Snelling, steeple-keeper, and Mr. J. G. Elliott, Hon. Sec. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. M. Cooper and Mr. W. Judd (who were about to leave Sittingbourne), for the great services they had rendered the Society.

On Thursday, May 6th, the Annual Supper in connection with the above meeting was held at the Shakespeare Hotel. In the absence of the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Secretary of the Kent County Association, who had been invited to take the chair, but who could not attend, Mr. G. Payne kindly presided, while Mr. F. Grayling, Master of the Society, acted as Vice-chairman. There was a good attendance of members and friends. A very pleasant evening was spent, the proceedings being enlivened by vocal music. A course of Grandsire Triples on hand-bells was rung by Messrs. Elliott, Snelling, Cooper and Simms.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROTHWELL BRANCH.

The following is the ringing done by this branch, at Holy Trinity Church during the month of April—April 4th: 720 of Arnold's Victory, 360 of Duke of York. April 11th: 360 of College Exercise, 360 of City Delight, 240 of Violet, 720 of Arnold's Victory, 360 of College Pleasure. April 18th: 720 of Primrose, 360 of Duke of York, 360 of London Scholars' Pleasure. April 25th: 360 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 360 of City Delight, 504 of Oxford Treble Bob, 360 of Arnold's Victory, 240 of Duke of York. April 26th: 360 of Arnold's Victory, 240 of City Delight. J. Verity, 1; J. C. Abbishaw, 2; A. Chapman, 3; W. Abbishaw, 4; S. Stacey, 5; J. M. Chadwick, tenor. First 720 by Primrose by all.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

Members are requested to note that the meetings at St. Margaret's Westminster will be discontinued during the summer months; also that the meeting time for Waterloo is 8 o'clock sharp.

HENRY J. DAVIES, Secretary.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Saturday, May 29th. Details in next week's paper.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

ON THE SUFFOLK COAST.

Between the fishing village of Kessingland, four miles to the south of Lowestoft, and the parish of Easton Bavents, the cliffs of the Suffolk coast give place to a low lying tract of rough common marshland. In the centre of this country, on the verge of a gorse-covered common, which slopes down to the sea, stand the ruins of the ancient church of St. Andrew, Covehithe. A farmhouse and a few cottages are all that now represent a once populous town, but the extent of the noble ruins attest the wealth and importance of the place in bygone days. The whole land, indeed, is full of memories of the past. Five miles to the south the tower of Southwold church rears itself above the houses, which cluster on the summit of their gravel-capped and island hill. Walberswick, a mile further on, for centuries a busy port, with its fleet of sea-going vessels and fishing boats, is now a quiet village, without trade or bustle, hardly known, save to the artists who come to sketch the ruins of the great church, and to enjoy the red-roofed cottages and the yellow poppies on the beach. A short distance inland stands the magnificent church of Blythburgh, amply large enough now to house the entire population of the village, and finally, three miles further south, across the salt marshes, the interest of the neighbourhood is centred in what scanty remains the ocean and the hand of time have spared to us of the historic city of Dunwich. But we are getting far away from Covehithe, the object of a pilgrimage by my brother and myself, on Easter Monday last. The lofty tower of the old church is still in good preservation, and is a familiar landmark to the skippers of those dingy steamers and picturesque little brigantines, which all the year round ply to and fro between the Thames and the north country coal-ports. In the south-west angle of the ruins stands the present little church, built in 1672, after the destruction of the old church in the Civil Wars. The woman who has the care of the church pointed out to us the font, which she said emphatically "belonged to the ruins." It certainly had seen stormy times. The carving all round was sadly defaced, some of the faces having been chiselled down to points. It was a sight to make one think seriously of times when Englishmen gained much, but at a terrible and needless sacrifice. There are five bells in the tower, and the belfry is on the ground floor. The ladders up to the bell-chamber—formed of massive planks with stout cross-pieces for steps—certainly "belonged to the ruins" also. They seemed to have been made for giants, in days when timber could be had for nothing. We were told the bells were seldom raised, though the frame did not appear to be in a very bad condition. The latticed windows of the tower gave us sufficient light to read the inscriptions on the four larger bells. They are all from the old Norwich foundry. The second is dated "Anno Domini 1616," and bears on the crown the monogram AB over W. This bell, with the 3rd, which is dated "Anno Domini, 1628," was cast by William Brend, of Norwich, who, in conjunction with his wife Alice supplied a number of bells for Norfolk and Suffolk churches, in the early part of the 17th century. The Brends still used the familiar shield of the earlier Norwich founders, known as "Brasyer's shield," a coronet between three bells, which, in one of three slightly varying forms, is found on more than a hundred of the bells of Norfolk. Wm. Brend died in 1634. The fourth and fifth bells at Covehithe are of a much earlier date, and may be the work of Richard Brasyer, of Norwich, whose will was proved in 1482, or of his son of the same name, who died in 1513. The fourth is inscribed in beautiful black-letter characters, "Petrus Ad Eterne, Nos Ducat Pasena Vite," an invocation found on some fourteen bells in the neighbouring county of Norfolk. The tenor is a fine bell, measuring 40 ins across the mouth, and bears the well-known legend, "Sum Rosa Pulsata, Mundi Maria Vocata." From the bell-chamber we easily gained the roof above by a substantial ladder in good repair. This final emergence on the leads, however, is in some old towers the critical point of the whole ascent; for a heavy and close-fitting trap-door must often be forced up while one hardly dares to exert the least downward pressure on the rotten rungs of the ladder, on which one is balanced. The view from the summit of the tower was very interesting. A strong east wind was blowing in, fresh and keen from still frozen steppes and tundras. The grey waters of the North Sea sparkled cheerfully under the bright sun. Blue these waters rarely are. You cannot have true colour without depth; and the spire of our cathedral of Norwich would stand out clear of the waves, were the old tower planted on any spot of the sea floor between Yarmouth and Antwerp. To the north our view was bounded by a sharply rising cliff, crowned with the compact village of Kessingland: inland and to the south the eye ranged over a wide tract of undulating and wooded country, and below us the plover were wheeling and pitching over the marshes. The keen breeze drove us down long before we were weary of the scene, and we set off, refreshed in wind and limb, to walk the seven miles which separated us from Lowestoft and the Railway Station.

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BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION.

In order to mark the ringing of a peal on his birthday, which occurred on Friday, April 30th, Mr. John Carter invited some of his most intimate acquaintances in the ringing circle, and some lady friends, to partake of his hospitality, and Tuesday evening, May 4th, found assembled beneath his roof in Bracebridge Street, several local handbell celebrities. It was hoped that a double event would have been celebrated, as a peal of Grandsire Cinques was attempted on the previous evening, but it proved abortive after some excellent ringing. Supper was on the table at 8.30, and was presided over by Mr. Carter, senr., who was evidently in a bountiful mood, and plied the carving knife unsparingly. Thanks to the originality and quaint comparisons of Mr. Tom Miller, the company were kept in a continuous state of mirth, his description of the manner in which some attempted peals came to an untimely end, being particularly amusing. Supper over, the toast of the evening, "Many happy returns of the day" to Mr. J. Carter, was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. T. Russam, who remarked that for five successive years a peal had been attempted on Mr. Carter's birthday, but this was the first occasion they had been successful. The toast was heartily drunk.—Mr. Carter, in responding, wished, in the first place, to express his regret to his brother ringers for the false peal of Grandsire Caters which they had recently rung upon the handbells. It would cause him to be more careful in the future, and not to be so self-confident of the truth of peals. He thanked the company for the manner in which the toast had been drunk, and concluded with a poetical quotation, in which the hope was expressed that all good ringers would meet in "the realms above."—Mr. G. Townsend proposed "Success to THE BELL NEWS," and impressed upon the company the necessity of more extensively making known the vast benefits derived by ringers from that publication. Some capital songs were rendered during the evening, interspersed by occasional sketches by a prominent member of the company, from the adventures of a well-known local quack named "Dr. Dyer." The "small hours" of the morning had well set in before the company broke up, all having passed a very enjoyable time, the hope being expressed that this would be a forerunner of many such pleasant evenings.

CHURCH BELL RESTORATION IN WILTSHIRE.

The peal of five bells, tenor 10 cwt. at Britford, Wiltshire, has just been rehung with new fittings, by Mr. Thomas Blackburn, of Salisbury. The frame has been placed on new main bearing beams which have been inserted at a height of three feet above the old bell chamber floor. The bells were tested on Thursday, May 6th, when a great many six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung. The "go" of the bells is everything that could be desired. Mr. Blackburn has also just completed re-hanging the fourth and tenor bells at Codford S. Peter, and is at present engaged on the peal of six at S. Martin's, Salisbury. The old frame and the bells at the latter place have just been removed; but owing to extensive repairs to the masonry of the tower, it is estimated that it will be several months before the work of re-hanging can be commenced.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Next Meeting, open to all members, at Coln St. Aldwyn's, Fairford, on Monday, May 17th, 1886. Train arrival at Cirencester, 10.25. Brakes provided free of charge. Belfries open, Coln and Fairford, eight bells; Bibury and Hatherop, six.

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In Memoriam.

JOHN BARRATT.

On Tuesday the 4th inst., the remains of the late John Barratt were taken to their final resting place at Eccles parish church, and were borne there by his fellow ringers. Deceased had been a ringer at the said church for upwards of forty years, and had rang many peals both at Eccles and neighbouring churches; he was in his 66th year. After the interment, a touch of Grandsire Triples were rung, as the mourners were leaving the grave, consisting of 791 changes, this being the number of months which deceased had lived. The touch was composed and conducted by Mr. T. Yates; the following took part, C. Cash, 1; A. Eggington, 2; M. Walton, 3; J. Grimshaw, 4; C. Cash, 5; R. Ashcroft, 6; T. Yates, 7; W. Ashcroft, 8. Deceased rang his last touch for service on Easter Sunday morning.

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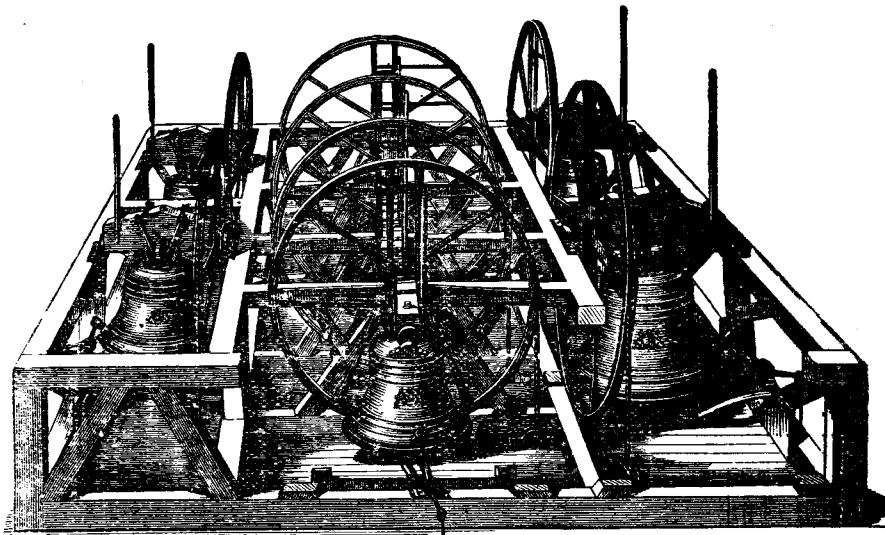
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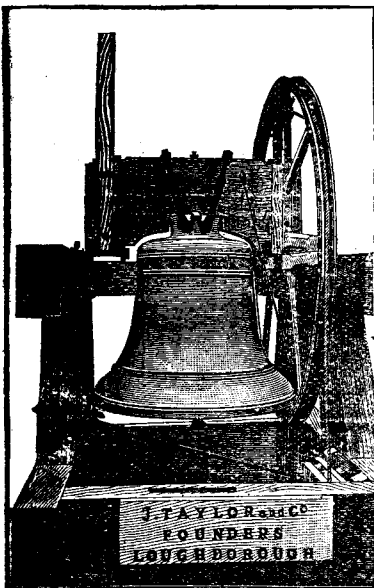
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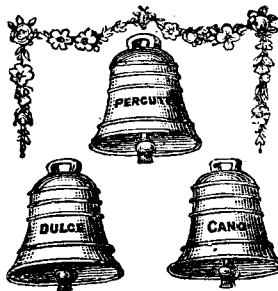
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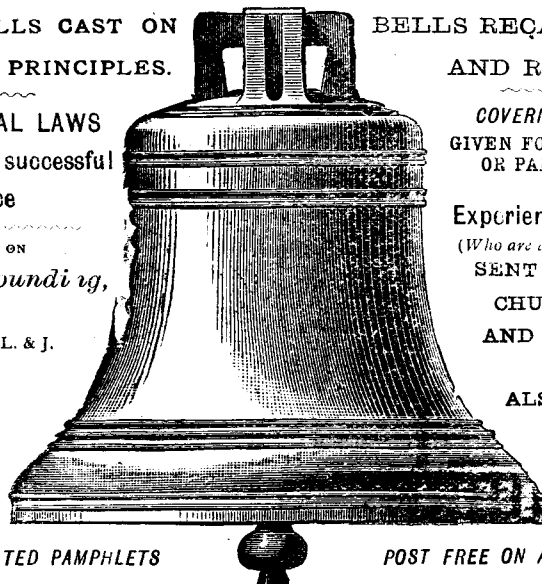
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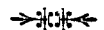
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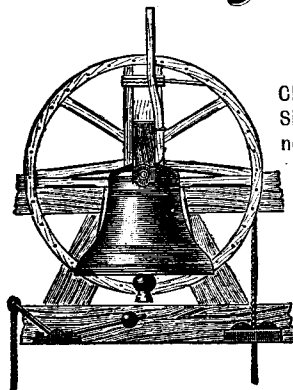
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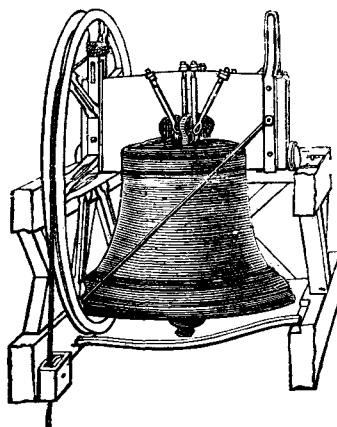
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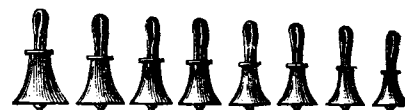
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"WHERE WE WENT."—EASTER MONDAY, 1886.

Great Berkhamstead possesses a commodious station on the main line of the N. W. Railway, running from Euston, through Willesden and Watford. It is situated in a portion of the county of Hertfordshire, which forms a narrow but considerable inroad into the heart of Buckinghamshire, of which county it is on the immediate borders. The town consists principally of two thoroughfares, Castle-street, leading from the station to the High-street, and the main road from Watford to Aylesbury and Buckingham. The antiquated old church, dedicated to S. Peter, consists of nave, north and south aisles, chancel and transepts, and has a prominent position, it stands up boldly with a square embattled stone tower, containing eight bells, surmounted with a flagstaff, which is flag'd on every suitable occasion; the interior of the edifice is highly interesting, the carved oak pulpit, stained glass windows, classical and Elizabethan monuments, altar arrangements, powerful organ and other accessories of a well-organised English church, being objects of study; Easter decorations profuse and tastefully arranged, the coloring of the large west window is very beautiful, an aged tattered banner, which once waved o'er the tower in years gone by, and a long brass tablet was of great interest, giving as it does a list of the 56 rectors who for past generations have ministered within its sacred walls, up to the time of the present incumbent, the last minister (the late Rev. W. Cobb), having faithfully served his office for 12 years. Respecting the bells, they were cast at the foundry of Mears and Stainbank, in 1838, and are a good peal, hung in an oak frame, which stands well clear of the tower walls all round; the lettering on them all is nothing more than the founder's name and date; there's also a small "Sanctus Bell" 1851. With a good overlooking the bells go very well, and the only known peal rang upon them was by members of the College Youths in 1845, it was Grandsire Triples, time, 3hrs. 5mins. By kind permission of the rector (the Rev. Arthur Johnson, M.A.), a peal was attempted on Easter Monday, by a company, who are all members of the S. James' Society, of London, and their attempt was successful, as will have been seen by our peal records.

Before beginning the peal, a short touch was rung in the presence of the rector and curates, who came up to the belfry to wish us success. We hope, were it possible, that our simple but well struck peal might be rewarded with a suitable board fixed in the belfry, which is a roomy well-lighted apartment, the ropes fall in a good circle, convenient draught, and every encouragement appears to promote the production of a change ringing company.

It is not desired to protect our title to this article, "where we went" is very well known now and "what we did" also. Almost opposite the church is—

A house named the "Crown,"
It's landlord John Brown.

This is another place where we went, and what we did was to refresh ourselves—

"With a sluice of cold water without.
And a swig of mild ale within."

courteously attended to by the obliging host, in a most comfortable parlour, with musical accompaniments on the piano, by Professor Manning. According to arrangements, Berkhamstead was quitted at 4 o'clock, and a pleasant country walk through Boxmoor (a locality that will long be remembered by the writer, not only on account of the enjoyable company on this occasion, but the experience of a 20 mile midnight walk from Watford in 1882), and so on to Hemel Hempstead, which was duly reached at 5.30 p.m. Here everything was in readiness for ringing, the local ringers having made preparations for the visitors, as the bells were up, a touch was rung, but the tenor is really unringable, and would be too much for a Fussell-George-Newsnan. A touch of Minor was also rung, but all attempts to "ring the tenor out of the tower" failed, she's there now, notwithstanding the conducting "a la Newman." This defect prevented anything like a long story, so a sociable and quiet hour or so was spent at a neighbouring inn, conversation freely flowing, the topic chiefly consisting of ringing, and peals on past bank holidays, the long peals, conjectures as to their several chance of success, and arrangements for future meetings. Leisurly walking to the station, the train, though very late and crowded, was at last entered and the return journey began from Boxmoor, several closely packed compartments resounding with songs, "bobs," singles, &c., and occasionally several of the company alighting to say good-bye with hearty hand-shaking and brotherly wishes, until at last all that remained of the "We" was only your humble servant, not O. P. Q. (query—"old pewter quart"), nor the long coated author of "Sweet seventeen and a tit bit," but none other than "W. H. F." who desires to be remembered to his brother authors of "In and out and round about," "Two more out of town," the latter however, reminded me of the Cumberland Jester's story, "Here's another off to America."

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. H. A. COCKEY.

On Wednesday, May 12th, being the last day the Rev. H. A. Cockey would have the pleasure of spending at Rayleigh, several members of the Rayleigh Cricket Club, including Mr. F. D. Grayson (Treasurer), Mr. T. W. Offin, jun., (Secretary), Messrs. Barnard, Dean, Hawkes, Parker, Sparrow, and other friends and change ringers, including Messrs. Deal, Johnson, Brewer, Smith, Barrell, and Dowsett, met together at the "Golden Lion," Rayleigh, to spend this last few hours with their Captain and conductor respectively, and at the same time to present to him a parting gift as a token of their esteem and regard. A meat tea being provided for the occasion, ample justice was done to it, notwithstanding they were going to lose one who had done invaluable service to the Cricket Club, and who had strived untiringly to promote the noble art of change-ringing. After supper, toasts, songs, handbell ringing, and recitations, were included in the programme.

Dr. GRAYSON (chairman), first proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was drunk with musical honours. He (the chairman), then spoke of the invaluable services the rev. gentleman had rendered the club (of which he is captain), since he joined it. He believed that it was entirely through his energy that the club was in its present flourishing condition, and thought him to be about the sole founder of it. As captain of the club, he had fulfilled that office very efficiently. He then on behalf of the cricketers presented to the rev. gentleman a dispatch case and writing desk in morocco combined, also a Gladstone bag, as a token of their esteem and regard. He then proposed the health of the rev. gentleman, which was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. DEAL (a member of the Rayleigh company of change-ringers), then presented to the rev. gentleman, a beautiful nickel-plated handbell (in E flat), cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, with a wooden stand. The inscription (which is printed on a white card in red and black with Oxford border) is as follows:—"Presented to the Rev. H. A. Cockey, by the Rayleigh company of change-ringers, as a token of their esteem." He then said, I have great pleasure in asking you to accept this small present on behalf of our company of change-ringers as a token of our great respect; and in the name of all to thank you for your kindness and attention at all times, and we trust that you may long be spared to remain a member of the Essex Association, so that in future times we may have an opportunity of meeting and enjoying a pull together. I must also add that we wish you every success in your new appointment.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey then responded by first thanking the cricketers for the present they had given him, and was glad to know that they had such good feeling towards him, and hoped that after a time his health would permit him to come and settle down again amongst old friends. He then turned his attention to the ringers, and thanked them for the present which they had given him, as a token of their esteem, and hoped they didn't mind the "scolding" which they deserved occasionally. The rev. gentleman thanked them both once more for their kindness, and sat down amidst loud applause.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the health of the visitors, which was drunk and suitably responded to by Mr. Pettit.

The evening was then brought to a close by singing the National Anthem, and each bidding the rev. gentleman good-bye, good health and God speed.

The rev. gentleman is going on board one of H.M. ships as chaplain.

STEDMAN TRIPLES ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND.

At length the four members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild have reached the height of their ambition, that being the exceedingly hard task of ringing a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, retained in hand. Now, perhaps, it will interest some of your readers, if I were to give a short account of the attempts made. The first attempt was made after a little practice, at the latter end of last year, which proved fatal after ringing nine parts, through the inability of one of the band to attend practice, and it had to be abandoned till lately, when without any practice, another start was made on Tuesday, May 11th, which resulted fatally after ringing 18 parts, or 4536 changes, in 2 hrs. 20 mins. in excellent style. A. F. M. Custance, Esq., who heard the attempt, can vouch for the quality of the ringing throughout, not a single hitch occurring. Another start was made the following Friday, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins., however, the last and final attempt was made on Monday, May 17th, when the peal was accomplished in neat style in 2 hrs. 27 mins., "go" being called at 8.35, the bells being brought round admirably at 11.2 p.m. We leave it to the Exercise at large to judge the merit attached to this performance, but in our minds it is unique in the annals of handbell ringing, considering it was conducted off two working bells, which as everyone must admit is a hard task, and is the first time it has been accomplished since the establishment of "THE BELL NEWS."

H. J. C.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan.	Feb. & Mar.	April.	Total.
Midland Counties' Association	20	3	23	
Oxford Diocesan Association	14	6	20	
Yorkshire Association	15	3	18	
Ancient Society of College Youths	13	3	16	
St. James' Society, London	12	3	15	
United Counties' Association	11	3	14	
Birmingham & District & Amalgtd. Societies	9	2	11	
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	8	1	9	
Liverpool Youths Society	5	3	8	
Kent County Association	6	1	7	
Lancashire Association	7	0	7	
Sussex County Association	4	2	6	
Surrey Association	6	0	6	
Winchester Diocesan Guild	4	2	6	
Holt Society	4	1	5	
Norwich Diocesan Association	4	1	5	
Association for Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	2	2	4	
Hertford Association	2	2	4	
Rochdale and District Association	3	0	3	
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association	1	0	1	
Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association	1	0	1	
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	1	0	1	
Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association	1	0	1	
Society of Trinity Youths	0	1	1	
Independent Societies	37	8	45	
	190	47	237	
Less peals entered under two Associations..	6	1	7	
	184	46	230	

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Treble Bob Royal, 11; Treble Bob Caters, 1; Treble Bob Major, 50; Stedman Cinques, 2; Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Triples, 23; Grandsire Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters, 9; Grandsire Major, 8; Grandsire Triples, 86; Grandsire Doubles, 1 (5040); Bob Major, 11; Bob Triples, 3; Bob Minor (seven 720s), 2; Union Triples, 1; in seven methods on six bells, 12; in four Minor methods, repeated, on six bells, 1; in three Minor methods, repeated, on six bells, 1; total 230. Greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,000. Quickest 5040 on church bells, 2 hrs. 32 mins.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

BRAINTREE.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Recently, Messrs. J. Starling (Great Bentley), and W. J. Nevard (Great Bromley), paid a visit to the Baintree company and rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, for Matins. F. Bumpstead, 1; J. Aust, 2; J. Starling, 3; S. Hammond (conductor), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; W. J. Nevard, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Also on handbells, in Mr. Hammond's garden, a 336 of Bob Major. S. Hammond (conductor), 1-2; W. J. Nevard, 3-4; F. Rudkin, 5-6; J. Starling, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Triples, and a course of Oxford Treble Bob, double-handed. In the afternoon a move was made for Bocking, and a 360 of Kent Treble Bob was rung. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; J. Starling, 3; S. Sargeant, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; S. Hammond, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. A start was then made for Stisted, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. A. Chaplin, 1; S. Hammond (composer and conductor), 2; J. Starling, 3; J. Savil (Rayne), 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; E. Radley, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. The visitors were very pleased with their day's outing.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HOLLOWAY (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, May 5th, eight members of this Society rang at the chapel of ease, a deeply muffled peal, as a last mark of respect and esteem to the late Joseph Samuel, Esq. The deceased was a great admirer of the bells. He was also one of the greatest subscribers towards the bells, which were placed in the tower about six or seven years ago. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the family for the kind and generous manner in which they were treated upon the completion of the peal. The above peal consisted of 2624 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 45 mins. Thos. Titchener, 1; E. Chapman, 2; B. Foskett, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; G. Griffin, 5; N. Alderman, 6; A. Jacob, 7; J. Barrett, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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NEWS FROM ABROAD.

The ringers of the Christ Church Cathedral Bell Ringer's Society, New Zealand, beg to tender their sympathy to the friends of the late Jasper W. Snowdon, and sincerely regret his death, as they recognise the loss the societies will sustain through his decease. The following is a copy of the Annual Report of our society, and also a list of its members up to date. The Rev. A. Lingard (President), J. Andrews (Master), J. Guntrip, F. S. Parker, W. E. Lingard, J. Fisher, S. White, — Heasman, (Treasurer), C. H. Hamilton, C. E. Robison, E. J. Painter (Secretary), H. McTubosh, W. Steward, — Anderson (Tower Keeper), W. Baker, — Beechey, H. Smith, — Marriott. On December 29th, 1885, the Annual General Meeting was held at the tower at 8 o'clock p.m., the Ven. Archdeacon Lingard in the chair, at which thirteen members were present. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and confirmed. The secretary, Mr. Beechey, presented a statement of accounts, showing a balance of £7. 0s. 5d, not including seven hon. members' subscriptions which amounted to £3 10s. 0d. Mr. W. E. Lingard moved, and Mr. C. E. Robison seconded, "That the accounts be adopted (Carried).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 28TH, 1886.

Mr. Heasman moved, and Mr. Parker moved "That Mr. J. Andrews be re-elected Master (Carried). Committee.—Messrs. W. Lingard, C. Hamilton, J. Guntrip, and S. White. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.—Mr. W. E. Lingard moved, and Mr. Baker seconded "That Mr. J. Heasman be elected Treasurer (Carried). Mr. W. E. Lingard moved "That Mr. E. Painter be elected Secretary (Carried). A vote of thanks to the rev. chairman and officers of the previous year terminated the business, after which, Mr. J. Andrews (Master), was presented with a small sum of money by the new members, for his patience and perseverance in teaching them to handle their bells. The following members also lately rung several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. J. F. Colgrove, 1; J. Beechey, 2; J. Andrews (conductor), 3; T. Marriott, 4; F. Parker, 5; J. Guntrip, 6.

E. J. PAINTER, Hon. Sec.

RINGERS' VISIT.

On Saturday last, a visit was made by six members of the Worcester and adjoining districts change-ringing association, to the parish church, Coseley, where they were met by the curate (Rev. W. Tibbetts) and the members of the local society. The tower contains a peal of eight bells, tenor 19½ cwt. The bells being raised, several courses of Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob were rung on the back six, also a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 minutes, by the following: J. Mills (Dudley), 1; J. Prestidge (Netherton), 2; I. Smith (Netherton), 3; W. Pardoe (Tipton), 4; W. Micklewright (Dudley, conductor), 5; J. Goodman (Dudley), 6. Also several 120's of Grandsire Minor, with some of the members of the local society in, who, with some little instruction done their part creditably, and would soon be able to take an inside bell. The bells being lowered, an adjournment took place to the school-room, where the Rev. W. Tibbetts and the society had prepared a capital spread of light refreshments. After partaking of the bounteous supply, some courses of Grandsire Triples were rung upon the handbells. In the course of the evening a conversation was held relating to the objects and benefits to be derived by joining the above Association. The secretary (Mr. J. Smith), in a short address, pointed out the necessity of them becoming members, and showed that the association was formed with the idea of spreading the art and science of change-ringing where such did not exist, and that those who were there that evening, and others who were prevented from being there, would do what they possibly could for them to obtain the same. The rev. gentleman, in response, said he thought after the remarks just made, they could not do better than become members of the association, and we are pleased to say that they have promised to submit their names at the next meeting for approval, and the rev. gentleman promised to become a hon. member, saying he should be very pleased for their friends to pay another visit shortly, and bring their handbells, which he was sure would be highly appreciated, which was accordingly promised. We may here state that there is a very promising band of young men who need encouragement. After thanking them heartily for their hospitality, the visitors returned home highly pleased with their visit.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A RINGING MEETING of the above Association will be held by kind permission of the clergy on Saturday, June 5th, at Worsley. The tower will be open from 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many members as possible will make it convenient to attend.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
J. REDFORD, }

REVIEW.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—We have been favoured with the fourth Annual Report of the above Association, and are extremely pleased to learn the progress made in every way during the past year. Most heartily do we congratulate them on their achievement of sixty-eight peals during the year, besides numerous date touches and 720s, a number never yet equalled by any similar society during the same period, so many of which were in the more difficult methods, nine being of Superlative Surprise, fourteen of Double Norwich, one of Treble Bob Royal, and one of Union Triples. This wonderful number of peals is chiefly contributed to by the indefatigable Burton-on-Trent men, who are unremitting in their regular practices together, which is the secret of all success, especially in the more difficult methods, while the composition of many of the peals rung is the work of members of the Association, which is a special cause for congratulation. The attendance at their meetings has been good throughout the year, while the books shew an increase of thirty-one new members, the total number reaching 206. Conspicuous in the obituary of the Association is the name of Jasper Snowdon, whose loss not only they but the whole of the ringing world deplores. The Association has been presented with a new and handsome peal-book, by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., an example which might well be followed by influential members of other Associations. One of the objects of this Association seems to be, to say the least, peculiar, "to refrain from using the bells on the Lord's Day." Now, provided that no practice is done on Sundays, which, of course, is contrary to the principles of our Associations, what reason is there for debarring men from ringing on Sundays? We know a band of ringers each of whose great ambition is to be able to take part in the "Sunday Touch" which they have practised in the week. Provided the ringers attend Divine Service there is no reason why the bells should be silent on Sundays, apart from chiming or ringing for service, any more than the organ; both are part of church furniture, and Sunday is a particularly appropriate day on which to use them. It is a day set apart by the Church for the special praise and glory of God; and the motto of every ringing association should be, "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise Him upon the loud cymbals." Hence the tuneful ringing of bells on Sundays is a particularly appropriate accompaniment to the services of praise and prayer. We would, with all due deference, suggest that an amendment be made to this object of the Association. Finally we wish them every success during the ensuing year. Now that Superlative Surprise is mastered, the forms of Cambridge, London, and New Cumberland Surprise are looming before them, only waiting to be practised and mastered; and we shall hope to see, ere long, reports of peals rung in some of these methods. But be it ever remembered that in the midst of these difficult "fugues and canons" of change-ringing, there are beginners eager to learn their "scales and five-finger exercises," without which no success can be hoped for. Let not these be neglected: *sic itur ad astra*. The beginners are the peal-ringers of the future; and the more attention that is given to them, the more likely they are to carry on the prestige of the Association in the days to come. We must remember that we cannot last for ever; "others will fill our places," and "we shall seem to the boys old fools;" so that it behoves us to do our best to improve those who are fated to supplant us. *Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis*.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A COMMITTEE MEETING of the above association will be held on Saturday, May 29th in the school-room of S. John the Baptist, Hagley, at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of adopting reports, rules, balance sheets, &c., in book form. All representatives are specially requested to attend. JNO. SMITH, Hon Sec.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE PAST MONTH:—

By the Arundel Branch, at Arundel.—On Wednesday, April 7th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Fry, 1; C. Blackman, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; H. Haggett, 4; G. Baker, 5; W. Chamberlain, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; O. Evershed, 8. And a 560 in the same method. O. Evershed, 1; C. Blackman, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; G. Baker, 4; H. Haggett, 5; W. Chamberlain, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; A. Packham, 8. And on Thursday, April 15th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Fry, 1; G. Balchin, 2; C. Blackman, 3; W. Chamberlain, 4; H. Haggett, 5; F. Luxford, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; O. Evershed, 8. And a 560 in the same method. O. Evershed, 1; H. Haggett, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; G. Baker, 4; C. Blackman, 5; W. Chamberlain, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; A. Packham, 8. Also a 350 in the same method. O. Evershed, 1; G. Baker, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; H. Haggett, 4; W. Chamberlain, 5; H. Burstow, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; H. Packham, 8. And on Monday, April 26th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Luxford, 1; W. Short, Warnham, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; W. Wadey (Billinghurst), 4; C. Blackman, 5; W. Wilkinson, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; G. Baker, 8. And a 504 in the same method. F. Luxford, 1; W. Short, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; W. Wilkinson, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. Haggett, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; G. Baker, 8.

By the Brighton branch.—At St. Peter's, on Sunday, April 18th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Fuller, 1; E. C. Attree, 2; G. King, 3; J. Jay, sen., 4; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; C. E. Golds, 7; D. Ross, 8. On Sunday, April 25th, for 7 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. A. Fuller, 1; J. Searle, 2; C. E. Golds, 3; E. Marshall, 4; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; J. Jay, sen., 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. And for morning service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Marshall, 1; A. Marshall, 2; J. Jay, sen., 3; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 4; H. Weston (conductor), 5; G. F. Attree, 6; C. E. Gold, 7; D. Ross, 8. Also at St. Nicholas, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. Jesse Neves, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; J. Searle, 3; James Neves, 4; H. Boniface, 5; W. Palmer, 6; C. Tyler, 7; W. Davey, 8. And at the parish church of Hurslepierpoint, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17½ mins. H. Reeves (Hurst), 1; A. Marshall, 2; J. Searle, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; C. E. Golds, 7; A. Piper, 8. And at Bolney, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. (particulars in peal column). And at Cuckfield, a 504 in the same method. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Searle, 2; W. Fox, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; R. Waters (Cuckfield); conductor, 5; C. Tyler, 6; H. Weston, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. On Tuesday, April 27th, a 742 of Grandsire Triples. Jesse Neves, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; J. Fox, 3; A. Bennett, 4; H. Boniface, 5; G. King, 6; C. Tyler, 7; W. Palmer, 8. Also a 504 in the same method. Jesse Neves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; H. Boniface, 3; A. Bennett, 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; J. Searle, 6; G. King, 7; W. Davey, 8. And at St. Peters, on Sunday, May 2nd, for morning service, in 17½ mins., a 503 of Grandsire Triples. A. A. Fuller, 1; C. Tyler, 2; J. Searle, 3; E. Marshall, 4; H. Weston (conductor), 5; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 6; C. E. Golds, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. And for afternoon service, a 504 in the same method. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Searle, 2; H. Weston, 3; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; C. E. Golds, 7; E. Marshall, 8.

By the Eastbourne branch (Church Church).—On Easter Sunday, for 8 a.m. service, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. H. Goddard, 1; G. Smith, 2; G. House, 3; G. Smith, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And for 11 o'clock service, 1404 changes, being a 720 of Grandsire Minor, 444 of Plain Bob, and 240 of Oxford Single Bob. H. Goddard, 1; S. Smith, 2; T. Smith, 3; H. Howse, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6.

RINGING MATCH AT LANREATH.—A most successful ringing match was held at Lanreath on Monday, May 3rd, sixteen sets of ringers competing for eight prizes of the value of £11 11s. The following were the successful sets:—St. Maby, 1; St. Sampson, 2; Blisland, 3; St. Neot, 4; Lanteglos, 5; Eglosayle, 6; St. Tudy, 7; St. Veep, 8. The rules were very strict and well carried out, one being that no man was allowed to ring twice. Before the commencement of the prize ringing there was a short service with an appropriate address by the rector, which was attended by all the ringers. A public tea was provided, presided over by Mrs. Harris, the Misses Harris, and the Misses Bryant. After the prizes and all expenses were paid, the balance, £9 6s., was handed over to the Church Restoration Fund.

The late Thomas North was engaged at the time of his decease on a "History of the Church Bells of Hertfordshire and their Founders." His unfinished mss. were placed in the hands of Mr. Stahlschmidt, the author of "Surrey Bells and their Founders," who has edited and completed the work. It will be issued in a few days by Mr. Elliot Stock.

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We have a letter Mr. T. Titchener, of the Cumberlands. If he will send his address, it shall be forwarded.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1886.

We have more than once felt it our duty to comment upon those grand displays of skill and ingenuity, termed "ringing matches," which now and then come off in the Western counties; and this week we have the extreme delight in being able to publish, for the special edification and benefit of our readers, a report of another of these "scientific" tournaments, which has been held at the village of Lanreath, in Cornwall. A peculiarity of this contest is the fact of its being arranged and conducted by the Vicar of the parish, who evidently feels no small amount of satisfaction at its result, if we may judge by the following remarks sent by him to a local journal:

"I have long wished to have a well-conducted ringing match; and this one, which we took in our own hands, went off very well and quietly. There was not the slightest noise or irreverence, and our churchwardens and farmers did not allow anyone to enter the church or belfry during the ringing except the set competing at the time. I am sure that if the clergy took more interest in the ringing and ringers generally (who are a large and difficult portion of our Cornish parishes) they would have more ringing for services, and win over many to the Church who now ring only as a pastime. I invited the clergy of most of the parishes competing here to come to the short 12 o'clock service."

Of course it is very gratifying to feel that throughout such an anxious and trying affair as this, there was not the "slightest noise or irreverence." Though the pleasure of being on the spot to hear the talented efforts of the ringers employed in their struggle for supremacy was unfortunately denied us, we cannot help taking exception to such a comforting assertion. Those who read the report of this match, to be found in another column, will be inclined to think there was a great deal of noise; and surely, holding a contest for money prizes within the walls of the church constitutes a very gross act of irreverence. What would the vicar of Lanreath say to a contest of organists in his church in which the most clever would be rewarded with £5 or £10? Or a choir-contest therein for money prizes? Is he of opinion that in these latter instances many organists and choirmen, who certainly in some cases play and sing for mere pastime—or pay—would be "won over to the Church" by such a proceeding? Such a notion he would no doubt scout as prepos-

terous, and choirmen would be among the first to resent our presumption at such a suggestion. Then why should the phrase apply to ringers any more than they?

The desire of the Vicar of Lanreath to win over ringers to the Church, is of course, laudable, but in identifying himself with such a contemptible thing as a match for the best "rounds and rounds," and "ups and downs," he has begun at the wrong end. We would advise him that his ringers should strive, not in contests of this description, but to emulate their fellows in many neighbouring parishes, where real ringing is efficiently done without the inducement of a prize, but only that of honour and fame. No doubt he has meant well in prompting this ringing match, but it is to be hoped he will never again lend his countenance to such an affair. We would advise him to put himself in connection with the Hon. Sec. of the Devonshire Guild, who will we doubt not, be most happy to show him the best way to manage his ringers, both for their own and the Church's benefit.

The Metropolis.

CAMBERWELL, SURREY.—THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 17, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON Treble.	HENRY LANGDON 5.
JOSEPH BARRY 2.	ARTHUR HAYWARD 6.
RICHARD FRENCH 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7.
WILLIAM W. THORNE 4.	HENRY W. FLOWER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

The above was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. W. Thorne, he having attained his 23rd year on this day, many happy returns being wished him by his brother strings. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to Mr. Churchwarden Sugden, for granting permission to ring, and also to Mr. Windley, for having all things ready at a minute's notice.

STRATFORD-ATTE-BOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE.. .. Treble.	*HENRY SPRINGALL 5.
SAMUEL JOYCE* 2.	HENRY J. SHADE 6.
JOHN BONNEY 3.	YORK GREEN 7.
EDWARD WALLAGE 4.	*RICHARD TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC G. SHADE.

*First peal in the method. This peal was composed by the late T. Day, of Birmingham, and is a one part composition with the 5th and 6th their extent in all positions. The band, through this paper, wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells on this and previous occasions.

The Provinces.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

AMOS CRESSER Treble.	REV. W. C. PEARSON 5.
CHAS. SMITH 2.	E. D. TAYLOR, ESQ. 6.
RICHARD LANE 3.	JOS. HARDY 7.
SAM SMITH 4.	JOHN WARD Tenor.

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by JOHN WARD.

First peal in the method on the bells. The Rev. W. C. Pearson hails from Syston; J. Ward from Long Eaton; the rest from Loughborough.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1886, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
EVAN MORETON 2.	WILLIAM HICKLING 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	ROBERT JOHNSON 7.
ALFRED ROBINSON 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and conducted by
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which is in one part, and now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent home at nine course-ends, and the 2nd never in 6th's place.

BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

5040 CHANGES: IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE
BOB METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Violet; New London Pleasure; Cambridge Surprise; Morning Exercise;
Woodbine; Kent Treble Bob; Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

W. WANPOOL Treble.	A. S. WIGHTMAN 4.
H. BALDAY 2.	D. G. WIGHTMAN 5.
H. BEDINGFIELD 3.	S. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

On Thursday, May 13, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. HOLLIS'S 5-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

R. JARVIS Treble.	G. L. RICHARDSON 5.
J. W. JARVIS 2.	R. MACKMAN 6.
J. S. WRIGHT 3.	J. BROWN 7.
G. SKEEF 4.	J. PRUDENCE Tenor.

Conducted by R. MACKMAN.

First peal of Grandsire Triples rung in Spalding, and the first by any of the Company. R. Jarvis, treble man, 16 years of age.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1886, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

SAMUEL WEST Treble.	JOHN EACHUS 5.
JOSEPH MELLOR 2.	JOSEPH ROGERS 6.
GEO. E. TURNER 3.	JOHN THORP 7.
ALBERT E. WREAKS 4.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Messrs. West, Turner, Wreaks and Eachus belong to the Cathedral company; Rogers hails from Birmingham; the rest from Ashton.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.—THE
UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by the late JOHN REEVES, and conducted by
JOHN SIDEBOTHAM,

*First peal.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT
SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 15, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. Treble.	JOHN MULLIGAN 5.
JOSEPH MULLIGAN 2.	ARTHUR BREARLEY 6.
C. H. HATTERSLEY 3.	WILLIAM SMITHSON 7.
CHARLES BOWER 4.	WILLIAM CHALLONER .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples rang on the bells. After the peal was accomplished, the party and some ringing friends from Sheffield were invited to a substantial supper, by Edmund Hemmingfield, Esq., one of the local ringers.

BEESTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

SAMSON BURTON Treble.	REV. W. C. PEARSON 5.
J. C. DICKENS 2.	J. WARD 6.
REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 3.	H. W. ABBOTT 7.
JOHN HICKMAN 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., Esq. Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., Esq.

The Rev. W. C. Pearson hails from Syston; J. W. Taylor, jun. from Loughborough; The Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Messrs. Burton, Hickman and Abbott, from Nottingham; Messrs. Ward and Dickens from Long Eaton.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 15, 1886, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S 5-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN SLATER Treble.	OLIVER GARWOOD 5.
JOHN LEE† 2.	PERCY C. S. SCOTT 6.
WILLIAM GRIDLEY† 3.	*GEORGE HAMMOND 7.
SAMUEL SLATER 4.	†GEORGE MAXIM Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HAMMOND.

†First Peal. *First Peal in the method as Conductor. Messrs. Lee, Gridley and Maxim, hail from Foxearth, the rest are local ringers.

OXFORD.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Handbell Ringing.

On Monday, May 17, 1886, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE TOWER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 14 size in C.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 1-2.	WILLIAM CHAS. BASTON .. 5-6.
HERBERT JOHN CASTLE .. 3-4.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 7-8.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

Referee: Mr. S. Hounslow, who took all the part and course-ends as they came up. Attention is drawn to a paragraph in another column.

STALEYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CASTLE HALL,

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

JOHN POWNALL Treble.	MATTHEW PAILTHORPE 5.
HUGH SHAW 2.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 6.
WILLIAM FAWCETT 3.	JAMES BRADLEY 7.
EDMUND SCHOFIELD 4.	CORNELIUS KENWORTHY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HUGH SHAW.

Date Touch.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM MARKET (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, the local company rang a date touch, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., in the following methods: 86 of Plain Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 of Oxford Single Bob. J. Reeve, 1; W. Reeve, 2; F. Reeve, 3; G. Reeve, 4; E. Todd, 5; J. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in G.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOOTTON (Beds).—On Saturday, May 8th, five members of the Bedford company of the above Association paid a visit to the above village, and by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Foster, they were enabled to have a pull on the ring of five, tenor 17 cwt. in F. After raising the bells in peal 120 of Bob Doubles was rung. F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Allen, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Chapman (conductor), 5. Also six 6-scores, three of Bob Doubles, and three of Grandsire, each called differently. F. Keech, 1; W. Allen, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Chapman, 5. And another six 6-scores of Grandsire, each called differently. F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Chapman, 3; W. Allen, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5. And a 120 of Bob Doubles. C. W. Clarke, (conductor), 1; *F. Keech, 2; H. Chapman, 3; W. Allen, 4; I. Hills, 5. *First 120 in the method with a bob bell. And another 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. The visitors then turned the ropes up to the local ringers who rang some set changes, and some "cobbling," as they call it. It is to be hoped that when the Hon. Sec. of the Bedfordshire Association can find a little time he will pay a visit to Wootton and see the Vicar and his ringers, and get them to become members of the Association, and thus get another belfry in this county reformed.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD ASSOCIATION.

The St. Benedict's Society, Wombourne, rang on Wednesday, May 12th, 1886, a peal of Treble Bob Minor, 720 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 27 minutes. G. Deans, 1; H. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright, 6. Tenor about 12 cwt. The peal contains 9 Bobs and was conducted by R. Cartwright.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

LONG SUTTON (Lincolnshire).—On Friday evening, May 14th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles, in 25 mins. G. Stennett, 1; G. Watson, 2; J. Mawby, 3; J. Stennett, 4; W. Cunningham, 5; J. W. M. Brown (conductor), 6. The above was rung to welcome home from his wedding tour, Mr. Thomas M. Brown, a Sutton ringer. All the above hail from Sutton with the exception of J. Mawby.

LUTTON (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday evening, May 13th, for practice at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins., and 360 of Grandsire Minor in 13½ mins. J. Russell, 1; G. Watson, 2; W. Cunningham, 3; G. Stennett, 4; J. W. Brown, 5.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ILFORD.—On Sunday evening, May 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Mumford (conductor), 1; S. Deal, 2; C. Marriott, 3; W. Mears, 4; W. Mead, 5; B. Deal, 6.

RAYLEIGH.—On Tuesday, May 18th, at the parish church, the local company assisted by Messrs. Barrell, Bedwell, Dowsett, and Judd, rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. H. Judd, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Deal, 4; W. Bedwell, 5; A. S. Barrell (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. W. Bedwell, 1; F. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Deal, 4; A. S. Barrell, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. And a 360 of College Single. W. Dowsett, 1; H. Deal, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Brewer, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; A. S. Barrell (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells, and the first by all except A. S. Barrell and W. H. Judd; also the first 720 by Messrs. Bedwell and Dowsett on an inside bell. Messrs. Barrell, Bedwell, and Dowsett, hail from Prittlewell. Mr. Judd is also a member of the College Youths.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME LACEY.—On Tuesday, April 27th, eight members of the above Association attempted to ring at the parish church Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing about 1050 changes. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was afterwards successfully brought round in 45 mins. J. T. Horton (Colwall), 1; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Redmarley), 2; J. Wall (Ross), 3; E. Barnett (Monmouth), conductor, 4; C. Young (Ross), 5; A. F.

M. Custance, Esq. (Colwall), 6; G. H. Phillott, Esq. (Staunton-on-Wye), 7; A. Bird (Ross), 8. Tenor about 18 cwt. This is the first achievement of the above Guild.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday, May 2nd, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. *E. Price, 1; F. Hannis, 2; †H. Downham, 3; *G. Price, 4; *E. Smart (conductor), 5; *W. Gregory, 6. *First 720; †first 720 with a bob bell.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRAMFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 15th, at the parish church, six members of the above attempted a peal of 5040, consisting of seven 720's of Bob Minor, but after ringing 3060 changes in 2 hrs. 10 mins., it unfortunately came to grief. W. Brown, 1; F. Mee, 2; A. Pryke, 3; W. Read, 4; C. Mee (conductor), 5; C. Smith, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in G. C. Mee and F. Mee belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, the rest belong to the local company.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM.—On Monday, May 3rd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. G. Russell, 1; D. Springall, 2; C. E. Malim, 3; E. F. Cole, 4; G. Welling, 5; J. Fayers, 6; S. Greenwood (conductor), 7; H. Pates, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Saturday evening, May 15th, eight members of the above, after giving the sixth bell a good oiling, made another attempt at the parish church to ring Snipway's six-part peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 5040 changes, but when the half-peal was rung in 1 hr. 38 mins., the conductor called them round. It will be useless to make another attempt until something has been done to the bell. F. Garman, 1; W. Snort, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Chandler, 4; T. Andrews, 5; F. Knight, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8.

THE WEST RIDING ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

QUEENSBURY (Yorks).—On Saturday, May 1st, the members of the above association of change ringers rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 minutes. H. Wilson, 1; F. Crossley, 2; J. F. Pearson, 3; G. Lawton, 4; C. Nield, 5; W. F. Prince (conductor), tenor.

ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

On Wednesday, May 12th, 1886, seven members of this Society, assisted by Captain Wood, of Faversham, rang at the church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Borden, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes in 47 minutes. P. Boyles, 1; E. Gower, 2; P. Simms, 3; J. G. Elliott, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; Captain Wood (conductor), 6; S. Snelling, 7; J. Jordan, tenor. Tenor 22 cwt.

BRISTOL.—*Muffled Peal*.—On Sunday evening, May 9th, at St. Stephen's Church, a muffled touch of Grandsire Triples was rung as a token of respect to John Brain, who for many years was a member of the St. James' society and who died on Thursday, May 6th. J. Falser, 1; A. Anderson, 2; H. Porch, 3; E. Duckham, 4; F. Price (conductor), 5; E. Beake, 6; W. Emery, 7; R. Watkins, 8. Another touch was rung at St. Nicholas Church when the deceased was interred at Greenbank Cemetery. G. Staden, 1; A. Anderson, 2; H. Porch, 3; E. Duckham, 4; G. Morgan, 5; W. Emery, 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; E. Jones and J. Goodland, 8.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Tuesday, May 11th, at the church of St. John, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 6-7's, in 38 mins., as a last token of respect to the late John Brain, who died in Bristol on Wednesday, May 5th, and who was a ringer in Bromsgrove for several years. A. Holday, 1; G. Hayward, 2; W. Broomfield, 3; T. Allbutt, 4; O. James, 5; W. Rea, 6; R. Broomfield (conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8.

FOLKESTONE (Kent).—As customary on Good Friday the bells were rung deeply-muffled at each service. At the evening service a well-struck 672 Grandsire Triples was rung in 26 mins. Jno. Croucher, 1; Jas. Harrison, 2; James Fisher, 3; Fredk. Finn, 4; Henry Croucher, 5; Harry Pearce (conductor), 6; Fredk. Slingsby, 7; Wm. Booth, 8. On Easter-day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., the band stationed as before; and on Tuesday in Easter week, at the usual practice, a touch of 1092, taken from *Troyte*. J. Croucher, 1; J. Harrison, 2; J. Fisher, 3; F. Finn, 4; H. Croucher, 5; S. Brooker, 6; H. Pearce (conductor), 7; W. Booth, 8. This touch was rung to commemorate Mr. James Harrison's 78th birthday, wishing him strength and health to join in succeeding anniversaries.

HURSTPIERPOINT (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 16th, for evening service at the parish church, 1260 of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins., 7.6.8, covering. A. Pierce, 1; T. Mansbridge, 2; H. Reeves (conductor), 3; T. Leney, 4; W. Lander, 5; H. Sayers, 6; W. Davey, 7; A. Davey, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

KINGSWINORD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, May 9th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 minutes, T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; W. Jones (conductor), 4; J. Hillman, 5; E. Bourne, 6.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 9th, at St. Margaret's Church, for Divine Service in the morning, 588 Bob Triples. J. Flegg, 1; H. Button, 2; T. Staulkey, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; T. E. Shearing (conductor), 5; G. Baxter, 6; W. Button, 7; H. Staulkey, 8; for service in the afternoon, 518 Grandsire Triples (first part of the first half of Holt's ten-part). H. Button, 1; G. Baxter, 2; C. Smith, 3; T. Staulkey, 4; T. E. Shearing (conductor), 5; J. Button, 6; W. Button, 7; J. Flegg, 8; and for service in the evening 518 of Grandsire Triples (first part of the second half of Holt's Ten-part). J. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; G. Baxter, 3; T. E. Shearing (conductor), 4; W. Button, 5; R. Stannard, 6; T. Staulkey, 7; J. Flegg, 8.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, May 12th, at St. Peter's Cathedral, Church, in honour of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to the city; upwards of 700 of Grandsire Caters. S. Gough, 1; H. Meadows, 2; J. Brown, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Moore, 5; E. Rowlands, 6; T. Hammond (conductor), 7; W. Booth, 8; R. Williams, 9; W. Brooks, 10. Also 537 of Stedman Caters. R. Williams, 1; J. R. Pritchard, 2; W. Booth, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Moore, 5; J. Brown, 6; T. Hammond, 7; F. H. James, 8; R. Williams (conductor), 9; W. Brooks, 10. S. Gough belongs to Garston, E. Rowlands to Wrexham, and F. H. James to Birmingham. And on Wednesday, May 12th, at St. Francis Xavier's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 40 mins. W. Bond, 1; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 2; H. Ellis, 3; W. Ellis, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; H. Winrow, 6; G. Prescott, 7; R. Diggle, 8. Messrs. Bond and Diggle belong to the local company, the rest belong to Ormskirk.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Easter Sunday, April 25th, for early service at St. Peter's Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, with fifteen bobs. J. Willmott, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; W. Hall, 6. And a 720 of Double Court, eighteen bobs and two singles. A. Coles, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; J. Willmott, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also for service at 10.30 a.m., 720 of Plain Bob Minor, twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles. A. Coles, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; B. W. Allen, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, May 8th, for practice, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, nine bobs. A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; *R. Dunkley, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; H. Hall, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Plain Bob, with nine bobs and six singles. R. Pendered, 1; B. W. Allen, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; J. Pettitt, 4; N. Martin, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

READING.—On Thursday evening, April 30th, for practice at St. Giles' Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Sweetzer, 1; A. H. Evans, 2; W. Williams, 3; A. H. Wright, 4; G. Gibbard, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, by the same band, excepting W. Goseltine at the treble.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Monday, May 10th, at St. Mary's church, a 360 of Plain Bob. J. Sawford, 1; F. H. Chapman (first 360 with a bob bell), 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; *G. H. Roberts (conductor), 6. *First 360 as conductor. And a 360 of Yorkshire Court (nine bobs and six singles). W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; G. H. Roberts, 4; J. Sawford, 5; T. Roberts, 6. And a 360 of Double Court. W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; G. H. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts, 6. And on Saturday, May 15th, a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. H. Chapman, 1; G. H. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Sawford, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 16th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) standing as before.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, evening, May 11th, at the Abbey National Schools, Spicer Street, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. A. Hulks, 1; R. Fowler, 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; W. H. Buckingham, 4; *W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 7-8. *First 504 double-handed. And on Saturday evening, May 15th, at the offices of the *Hertfordshire Standard*, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. A. Sibley, 1; W. H. Buckingham, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. And a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Sibley, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. Buckingham, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6. This is the longest touch by the whole of the band.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, May 9th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; W. Harper (conductor), 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Martin, 6. And on Thursday, May 13th, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. G. Elcombe, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Hayes, 3; J. Brown, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Harper, 6. G. Elcombe's first 720. Also a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. L. Digweed, 1; F. Ring, 2; F. Hayes (conductor), 3; G. Conyard, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper, 6. G. Conyard hails from Crayford.

TUE BROOK, NEAR LIVERPOOL.—On Saturday, May 15th, the following attempted a peal of Bob Major at the parish church, which collapsed after ringing 2688 changes in 1 hr. 48 mins. R. Williams, 1; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 2; W. James, 3; J. Brown, 4; W. Booth, 5; R. Williams, 6; W. Davies, 7; T. Hammond, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—ALTERATION OF DATE.—Notice is hereby given, that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit Monday, June 14th, instead of Saturday, May 29th. GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday evening, May 10th, a General Meeting of the members of the Derby District of this Association, was held in All Saint's belfry, Derby, for the purpose of appointing officers, and after several propositions had been made and withdrawn, the under-mentioned gentlemen were unanimously elected, vice-president, Mr. T. Beresford, 61 Regent-street, Derby; local hon. secretary, Mr. H. C. Woodward, 21 Twyford-street, Derby; local committee, Mr. S. Maskrey, 67 Alexandra-street, Derby, Mr. W. Shardlow, 49 Bloomfield-street, Derby. A. B. WARD, *late Hon. Sec.*

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRAINTREE BRANCH OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The following is an account of the ringing done by the Braintree branch from Easter 1885 to Easter 1886:—111 720s have been rung in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, 15, Oxford Treble Bob, 19, Bob Minor, 11, Double Court, 5, Kent Treble Bob, 17, College Exercise, 13, Woodbine, 7, London Scholars' Pleasure, 3, New London Pleasure, 6, Court Single, 1, Oxford Delight, 6, Morning Exercise, 3, Double Oxford Bob, 1, London Surprise, 2, Durham Surprise, 1, Duke of York, 1. Also the following touches in the above methods: three 552s, two 228s, one 504, one 480, one 432, fifteen 360s, one 300, nine 240s, six 180s, five 144s, ten 120s, one 108, one 96, three 72s, eight 60s, one 48, five 36s, one 24. Also nineteen 120s of Bob Doubles, and five 120s, one 49, and one 30 of Grandsire Doubles. The tower has been visited by ringers from the following places during the year: Romford, Ipswich, London, Stisted, Rayne, Stebbing. During the seven years that the Braintree company have been in existence, they have rung 836 720s.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS.—There is probably not a newspaper office in the land that is not in constant receipt of anonymous communications of various kinds. As a general thing they are malicious thrusts at somebody's reputation, or setting forth statements which have no foundation in fact. In a properly conducted office these letters are promptly consigned to the waste basket, where they repose, evidences of some man's cowardice and meanness, alongside the harmless spring poem and the machine-made joke, which are the tangible results of the weak-mindedness and conceit of the human race. Rarely, very rarely, they creep into print and the aim of the writer is attained. Such a letter is one of the gravest insults which can be offered to an editor, and it is remarkable that it is not more frequently resented. The writer says in effect:—I wish to use you and your paper to gratify my personal spite or vanity, but I have no confidence in your honour, therefore I don't sign my name. This is probably the true statement of the feeling which prompts anonymity. A man who has no honour himself has no confidence in the honour of others. He is incapable of understanding the feeling which would prompt a newspaper man to go to gaol rather than divulge the sources of his information, as a plucky reporter did in Rochester not very long ago. Utterly cowardly and contemptible he will attempt to stab a man in the back if he has an opportunity, and would as soon play a dirty trick upon the editor who serves his ends as upon the person or persons he attempts to injure in his communication. There are but two explanations for a sane man writing an anonymous letter. One is that he is a coward and fears to meet the result which his work will cause. The other is that he is false and knows that the statements he makes can be disproved to his own disgrace. These observations, as will be seen, chiefly apply to those writers who are afraid to entrust their names to the editors of journals from whom they beg the favor of appearing in print.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of this Society took place at West Keal, on May 1st, when 24 ringing members and nine honorary members attended from various villages in the district. The tower of West Keal is a new one; the former tower fell about the year 1880, and has been substantially rebuilt chiefly by the liberality of Colonel Amcotts and Colonel Grantham. When the old tower fell the six bells were involved in the ruin, but were found to be almost uninjured when they were extricated from the masses of crushed stone and fallen debris. They are now well hung in the new tower, the tenor weighing about 16 cwt. Various peals were rung between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., consisting of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, and also two 720's of Bob Minor, one with 18 Bobs and 2 Singles, and one with 9 Bob and 6 Singles. T. Rogers, 1; W. F. Harwood, 2; J. M. Rylatt, 3; J. Mawer, 4; G. F. Smith, 5; E. Mason (conductor), 6. Three 6-scores of Bob Doubles were rung by the West Keal Company in a very creditable manner. We hope to be able to record a 720 of Bob Minor before long; the company has only been practicing about nine months. A party also visited East Keal, and with the kind permission of the Rev. T. Spence, rector, rung several 6-scores of Grandsire and London Doubles, upon the heavy ring of five bells there. At 12.30 a short service was held in East Keal Church, the preacher being the Rev. Canon Fisher, rector of Hagworthingham, taking his text from part of the Psalm xxix. 9, which he said should be rightly translated "In his temple every whit of it crieth glory." The fabric of the church and the arrangement of its various parts teaches us of higher truths: the nave may be taken to represent the militant church of Christ on earth, we pass from the nave to the chancel, which represents the church triumphant, and between the two is a step or a screen which symbolises the step that we must take by death to pass from one to the other. So with every other part of a rightly built church, every part teaches: the porch, the font, the three aisles, the altar, and last of all, the tower with its peal of bells; every bell tells us of the glory of God. The tower and the bells are part of the church, and are dedicated to God, and the way in which they are dealt with, and the reverent conduct in the belfry, may be made a means of telling the glory of God. At two p.m. dinner was provided by Colonel Grantham, on the premises adjoining the Hall. Through the absence of the president, the Rev. H. J. Cheales, who was prevented through the death of a relative, from being present, the Rev. F. Besant, one of the vice-presidents, presided. After dinner, the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, who also stated that the Hon. M. E. G. Finch-Hatton, M.P., had become a vice-president, and also during the quarter two honorary and three skilled members and two probationers had been admitted; he also stated that he had the honour to propose the Right Hon. Edward Stanhope, M.P., member of this division, as a vice-president (cheers). The chairman then thanked the Rev. Canon Fisher for his able address, and also the Rev. J. S. Ladds, rector, for the use of the bells. Afterward the committee unanimously requested the secretary to write to Colonel Grantham, to thank him for his kindness in entertaining the society to dinner, and also to the rector, for placing the rectory grounds at the pleasure of the members, and providing them with tea. A letter was also read from the North Lincolnshire Association, inviting some of the members to attend, which would have been the case had not the meeting taken place on the same day; the secretary to communicate with the North Lincolnshire Society, in order to bring about a County Association, to be held at Lincoln.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

The peal of six bells, which for many years has been in a dilapidated state, and almost unfit for ringing, has been thoroughly restored on a new iron frame for eight bells, by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk. The bells, which were old and very much worn, have been turned so that the clappers strike in an opposite direction. They have been rehung on the newest and most modern principles, and pronounced a great success by all who have examined them. The striking feature of the work is that the frame is made for eight bells on one level, and yet the tower is only 12 ft. 4 ins. by 12 ft. 2 ins., and the tenor measures 3 ft. 7½ ins. and weighs 16 cwt. Thursday, May 15th, being the day fixed for the opening, the neighbouring ringers were invited. The following places were represented: Norwich, Beccles, Redenhall, Fressingfield, Mendham, Whenaston, Eye, Pulham Market, etc. Dinner was provided at the "King's Head Inn," and about forty sat down, and did ample justice to the good spread provided by Host Fish. Before and after the dinner the different ringers rang touches in different methods, which greatly pleased the parishioners. At 6 p.m. evensong was read by the Rev. F. C. Hibbard, in the absence of the Rector, and a collection made in aid of the bell fund. It is pleasing to note that amongst the visitors were the Rev. Dr. Raven, Vicar of Fressingfield, the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, of Norwich, and Captain A. P. Moore, of Syleham House, Scole.

Correspondence.

[While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A SLIGHT ERROR.

SIR,—A short time ago I heard such an amusing account of change-ringing on large numbers of bells from a round-ringer, that I cannot forbear sending it up. A ringer at a town I happened to be visiting, where they have been trying for about a year to learn change-ringing in whole pulls, but make no progress, showed me the report of the opening peal at St. Paul's, in Taylor's catalogue. It does not specify the method, but I believe it was Stedman Cinques. My friend proceeded to explain that the changes were rung out on the top seven, while the back five lay still! I tried to explain that you might ring Cinques on twelve bells, but he would none of it. "No," he said, "don't tell me, you can get your 5000 on seven bells, and you don't want to bring in any more, the rest always lie still." W. C. B.

OPENING OF A NEW PEAL AT ALVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, April 27th, this parish was the scene of excitement, the occasion being the opening of a new ring of six, with the exception of the 2nd and 3rd bells, which were removed from the old tower, as stated in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 10th, 1885.

The Thornbury company were invited to ring the opening touch, and after raising the bells in peal, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, was rung in 27 mins. in the presence of some ladies and Mr. Bush, by the following: W. Davis, 1; A. York, 2; G. Iles, 3; J. Hinton, 4; F. Howell (conductor), 5; J. Phillips, 6. A move was afterwards made to the "Mason's Arms," where a substantial dinner was provided through the liberality of Edward Bush, Esq., the donor of the new bells, to which about twenty sat down, presided over by Mr. F. Smith. After two or three well-struck courses with knives, forks, plates, etc., the performers came to the abrupt determination that they could go on no further, so stand was called by the conductor, time fifty minutes. After the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed, including the toast of the evening, "The Health of Mr. and Mrs. Bush," which was drunk with musical honours. The following of the company responded to other toasts: Messrs. York, Hinton, Smith, Webb, Lippiatt, and Howell, after which the handbells were brought into requisition. It was then time to make a move to the tower again, where some more well-struck 6-scores were rung, in which H. Howell, H. Harvey, and F. Symes took part, conducted by A. York, J. Hinton, and F. Howell respectively, tenor 15 cwt. in F. Mr. York and Mr. Hinton hail from Bristol. It was suggested to Mrs. Bush to have a good ceiling placed above the ringing chamber, which it is to be hoped will be done, as it is very deafening. At the expense of considerable inconvenience and trouble to the ringers, and disfigurement to the ringing chamber, a good clock has been put up, the case of which quite spoils the sight for change-ringing. It strikes the quarters on treble and third, and the hours on the tenor. This is also the gift of Mr. Bush.

Obituary.

We regret to hear that Bristol has lost another of her ringers—John Brain—who died at the age of 68, on Thursday, May 6th, after a severe illness of three months. On Thursday, the 17th, the deceased was conveyed to his last resting place, at Greenbank Cemetery. Messrs. R. Knill, J. Hinton, C. Waters, and J. Norton, were his bearers. After the body was lowered into the grave, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells. J. Norton, 1-2; R. Knill, 3-4; G. Morgan, 5-6; J. Hinton, 7-8. In the evening muffled peals were rung at S. Matthew's, at which church the deceased was steeple-keeper for many years; muffled peals were also rung at S. Peter's, S. Nicholas's, and other churches. During his life he rang over fifty peals, his first was in 1836, his last in 1879.

On Saturday, May 15th, the remains of William George Nash, whose death occurred on the 11th inst., at the age of seventeen, after a short but painful illness, were interred in the grounds of the extra-mural cemetery, Brighton. Among the floral tributes which accompanied the deceased to his last resting place, was a beautiful wreath with the inscription "From the S. Paul's Guild of Ringers, with sympathy." In the evening the members met at the tower and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, including a 350, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to their late ringer, who had endeared himself to all whom he came in contact with. He rang the treble through a 504 of Grandsire Triples, on Sunday evening, the 2nd inst., this being his last performance, and the greatest achievement rung upon the bells by the S. Paul's band.

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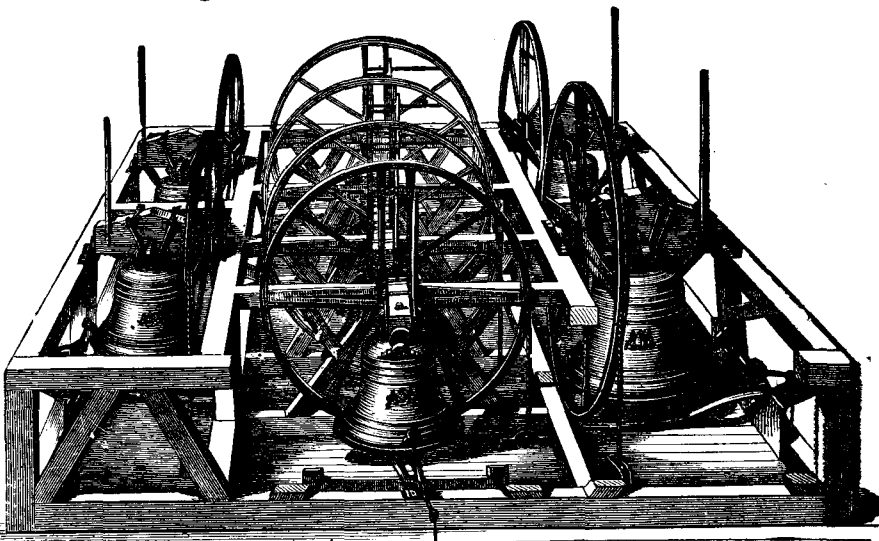
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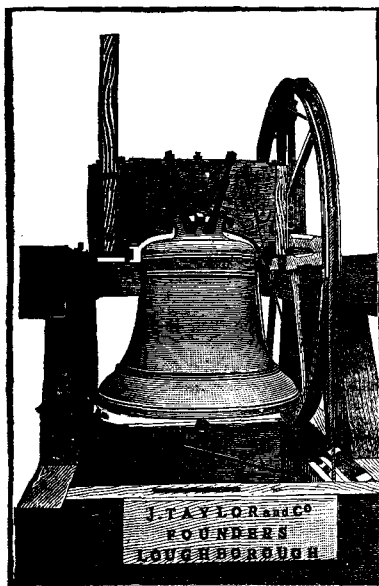


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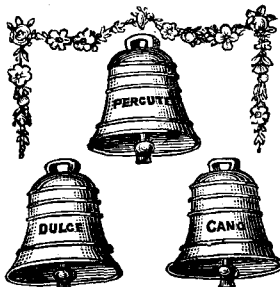
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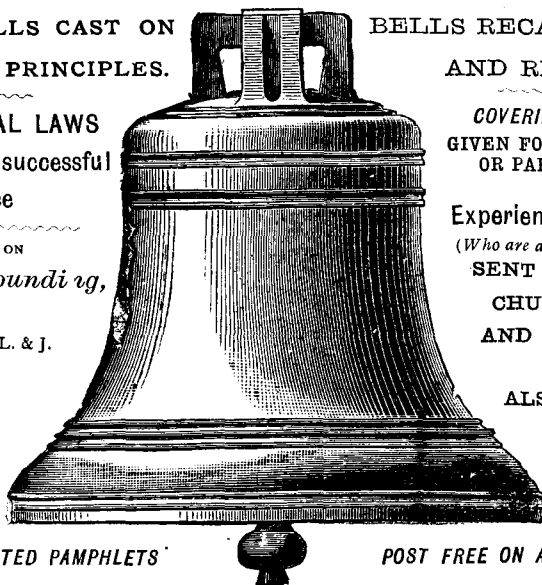
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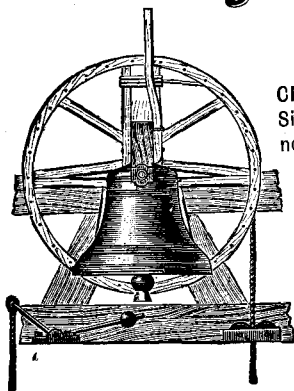
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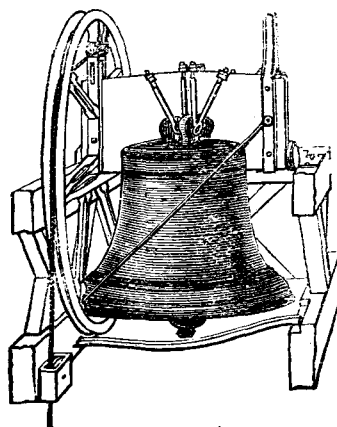
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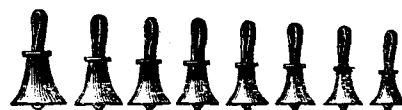
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—BURTON-TRENT DISTRICT.

A GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Burton-on-Trent District was held in St. Paul's Institute, Burton-on-Trent, on Thursday evening, May 20th, 1886, at 8.30 o'clock.

The chair was taken by the Rev. James H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, who explained that in accordance with a new rule passed at the Annual Meeting of the Association, held in Derby on Easter Monday last, it would now be necessary to elect a Vice-President for the Burton District, in addition to a local Hon. Secretary and two members of the Local Committee. Hereupon Mr. Griffin proposed, Mr. Robinson seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That the Rev. James H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, be requested to accept the post of Vice-President of the district for the ensuing year."

Mr. Robinson proposed, Mr. Orme seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That Mr. J. Jaggard, 145 Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, be requested to act as Local Hon. Secretary."

Mr. Jaggard proposed, Mr. Stone seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Mr. A. Wakley, 156, Waterloo Street, Burton-on-Trent, Mr. G. Robinson, 37, Wood Street, Burton-on-Trent, be re-elected to serve on the Local Committee.

The Chairman also drew the attention of the members present to a resolution passed at the annual meeting to the effect that the first quarterly meeting of the year be held at Burton-on-Trent, the date of the same being left to the decision of the Burton-on-Trent district. On the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. W. Wakley, it was unanimously resolved that Saturday, July 3rd be fixed, subject to the President's approval, as a suitable day for the meeting. One ringing member was elected, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

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For some years past it has been evident that the portion of the spire above the highest window was much out of repair. Early in the spring, Mr. Wright Parker, of Oldham, offered to ladder the spire and examine into its state for a small fee. His offer was accepted by the Churchwardens; he reported the condition to be so bad that he was apprehensive of most disastrous results unless something was immediately done. Mr. St. Aubyn was communicated with, and he sent down Mr. Wadling, who, by investigation from the ladders, found that Mr. Parker's report was correct. He recommended that the spire should be scaffolded, and a thorough examination made. On May 7th, Mr. St. Aubyn made this examination, and after careful measurements had accurate drawings prepared of the topmost twenty feet, and submitted the following suggestions to the Committee:—"That the 20 feet of the top of the spire must be taken off and lowered to the ground, that at least ten to twelve feet of this 20 must be entirely new, and the remainder rebuilt and made good where necessary with new stone."—"That the remaining 80 feet of the spire must be carefully examined inside and out, and all defective stone cut out and replaced with new, the joints being carefully raked out and repointed."—"That other necessary repairs to the windows, parapet, and pinnacles should be done." The estimated cost of this work is about £250. It was decided at a Public Meeting, held on April 20th, that this would be a fitting occasion to carry out other works connected with the tower and spire: viz., new clock and chimes, repair of bell cage and bells. Their cost was estimated at about £225. At the public meeting held on April 20th, the following gentlemen were appointed to assist the vicar and churchwardens in carrying out the work.—Mr. J. Crew (Mayor); the honourable Thomas W. Fitzwilliam; Messrs. W. H. Pope, C. H. Simpson, G. Shelton, and W. Spong. A subscription list has been opened, and it is hoped that all who are interested in, or associated with the parish of Higham Ferrers, will take an early opportunity of subscribing to the restoration fund.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 14th. Divine Service with an address at 12.30; dinner at 1.30; business meeting at 2.30. The tower of St. Mary's (8), will be open from 9 a.m. to 12.20 p.m., and from 4 to 9 p.m. The belfries of Galleywood (8), Springfield (6), and Widford (6), will be open from 9 to 11.30 a.m., and from 4 to 9 p.m. Writtle (8), from 4 to 9 p.m. Members will be able to travel on the G.E.R. at reduced fares provided that they shew their E.A.C.R. receipts for 1885-1886 at the booking office, and inform the Secretary before Tuesday, June 8th, from what stations they travel. Dinner tickets may be obtained from the Secretary at 1s. each up to June 8th: after that date the price will be 2s. All letters must in future be addressed to the Secretary at Bitton, Bristol. H. A. COCKEY, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—OPENING OF BELLS AT OLTERSHAW, SURREY.

W. E. Gibbs, Esq., of Sheerwater, Byfleet, having presented the Parish of Ottershaw with a new tower to their church, and a ring of bells, the well-known firm of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, were employed to carry out the work, and on Thursday, May 20th, the opening took place. The dedication service was held at 3 o'clock, the church was crowded, a large body of the neighbouring clergy taking part in the ceremony, and the Right Rev. Bishop Cramer Roberts preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon. Two special hymns were sung, the musical portion of the service being under the direction of Mr. J. Mallett Jones, organist of St. Matthias, South Kensington. There was a second service in the evening, at 7 o'clock, when the Rev. Hugh Chapman, vicar of St. Luke's, Camberwell, was the preacher. Before each service and during the afternoon, the bells were rung by the Capel band, who rang several 720's, including one of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Superlative Surprise and one of Kent Treble Bob. A short "touch" was sounded (72 of Kent Treble Bob), during the dedication service. All six-bell ringers, who were members of the Guild, were invited to take part, and there were ringers present from Walton, Weybridge, Farnham and Chobham. The tone of the bells was much admired. They are a heavy ring of six tenor 18½ cwt. and go well.

WELLINGBOROUGH (NORTHANTS).

The committee of the Old Folks' Treat having sent £5 to the Master of the Union Workhouse to provide a treat for the inmates, an excellent meat tea was provided on a recent afternoon, of which upwards of 130 partook. After tea a miscellaneous entertainment took place, several of the inmates contributing recitations, songs, &c. The St. Luke's handbell ringers (Messrs. E. J. Dennes, G. Turnell, T. Craddock, W. Wood, H. Clayson, S. Randall, and F. Underwood) kindly attended and gave several admirable performances, some of the ringers also giving songs. A capital recitation was given by Mr. C. Nicholson; and Mrs. Cobb gave two songs, which were much appreciated. Songs were also given by Mrs. Shortland, George Phillips, and Elizabeth Boddington, three of the inmates; recitations by Harry Douglas, Goodwin A. Page (two boys), and James Bolton, an aged inmate; and some pretty pieces were sung by Kate Gertrude Simmons (daughter of the master), Florence and Louisa Silby, Janet Murdin. During the evening there was a plentiful distribution of tobacco, snuff, and sandwiches, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Monday, May 24th, the Redenhall branch of the above Association, rang at intervals during the day to celebrate the birthday of our beloved Queen according to custom. They began soon after 9 o'clock a.m., and rang about every hour up till 7 o'clock in the evening and enjoyed themselves very much. They rang during the day touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the longest touch being considerably above 2000 changes. The following members took part in the ringing. Edward Smith (conductor), W. H. Read, Esq., John Bently, William Shildrake, George Prime, George Mobbs, Fred Smith, James Souter, and Captain Moore.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday morning last, the ringers of the Rochdale Parish Church commenced ringing a little after six o'clock, to celebrate the 67th anniversary of the birthday of the Queen. The ringing consisted of Queen's change, firing the age, and a 514 of Grandsire Triples. The ringers were stationed as follows: W. Schofield, 1; J. T. Lucas, 2; Thomas Bamford, 3; Geo. Hoyle, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; A. Hurst, 6; F. Birtwistle (conductor), 7; Wm. Butterworth, tenor. It will be noticed that the ringers had the assistance of Thomas Bamford, a veteran who has reached the age of 82, and considering his age he is well and hearty, and rings with apparent ease and ability. In the evening a 1920 of Kent Treble Major was rung, the time being 1 hr. 12 mins. The ringers were stationed as in the morning, with one or two exceptions.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE JUNE MEETING of the above Association will be held at Keighley, on Saturday, June 5th. The Keighley branch will provide tea for all members who signify their intention of being present at the meeting, to Mr. James McGoun, 31 Bradford-street, Keighley, not later than Monday, the 31st instant. W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

THE PROBATIONER'S COLUMN.

Continued from page 35.

A somewhat longer gap than usual has occurred since our last observations under this head were published, owing to the demand upon our space. The thread of the subject can however be easily taken up by those who find this column of service to them.

As will be seen on reference to page 35 of the current volume, we had come to consider the matter of "dodging," being the third article under treatment, "hunting" and "place making" having been satisfactorily disposed of. We have arrived at the most difficult position; "dodging" being, of the three subjects mentioned, the one generally the most confusing, though a careful examination of the process will reveal that it is as easy to understand and put into practice as the other two.

It has already been stated that when the treble takes a bell off the lead, that bell only travels as far as third's place-making two blows in that place. Now this place-making prevents the bells who are in 4-5 from proceeding on their course, and the method teaches them therefore to "dodge" while the place is being made. Let us see what this "dodging" really is. It is merely a retrograde movement; a step backwards, which having been done, the onward position is resumed. Imagine that you have to take five steps along a path, counting them as you proceed, you get to the fifth place where the foot should rest, when you make one step back into the place you had already trod—the fourth step—then proceed on regularly. Such we may call a "dodge" without any stretch of the imagination and this appears to be a fair illustration of what a "dodge" in ringing actually is. Now if the first lead of the plain course is consulted, which is here given:

2 1 3 5 4
2 3 1 4 5
3 2 4 1 5
3 4 2 5 1
4 3 5 2 1
4 5 3 1 2
5 4 1 3 2
5 1 4 2 3
1 5 2 4 3
1 2 5 3 4
2 1 5 4 3
2 5 1 3 4
5 2 3 1 4

an example of "dodging" will be observed. At this period the 5th is making the place, and the 3rd and 4th are dodging together. If the course of the 3rd is followed, from the lead up behind, it will be seen that she lays her two blows behind, one blow in 4ths, as if coming to lead, then the dodge, which is one backward movement only, and then hunts down to lead. But if the course of the 4th bell is traced, it will be seen that directly she gets behind she makes this retrograde step—the dodge—before staying to lay her whole pull behind, and lays the pull afterwards. This is called "dodging after you have been behind," and "as soon as you get behind," respectively. We suppose it is very well understood by the probationer by this time that unless he is in the hunt, or has to make a place, he has to "dodge," and if this is so, the only thing remains for him to become acquainted with the observations which shows whether he is to dodge before or after laying his whole pull behind. It is thus:

If you take one and the treble, dodge as soon as you get behind.
If you take two and the treble, dodge after you have been behind.

The phraseology of this rule may not be plain to some of our readers. Let us endeavour to make it so. The treble having a regular hunting course, is necessarily a kind of landmark or guide for the others. Her position when observed must be watched, so that the probationer may know how and when this and previous observations given, apply. The observation how to dodge correctly, is entirely dependent on the position the treble is met with on going up behind. Thus if after leading you pass only one bell before you meet the treble, that is "taking one and the treble;" but if in the progress up behind you strike upon two bells before the treble is met with, you are said to "take two and the treble," and the observations above given will show what is to be done under the circumstances.

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."

SUNDAY RINGING.

SIR,—Being very closely connected with the Midland Counties' Association of Change Ringers, I noticed with considerable interest, your review of its fourth annual report, which appeared in last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS." I was surprised to find it stated, that one of the objects of the association is "to refrain from using the bells on the Lord's Day." This sentence would naturally lead anyone to suppose that it is the aim of the association to put a stop to any kind of ringing on the Sabbath Day, and if this were really the case, I quite agree with you that it would be "peculiar." If you will again refer to the report, you will find that the second object reads "to refrain as far as possible, from using the bells on the Lord's Day, except for the services of the Church" and now that the object is clearly stated, I have no doubt that those persons who read your review, will place an entirely different construction upon it. There is no desire whatever to debar men from ringing on Sundays; far from it, but it was felt that one of our principles should be to discourage peal-ringing on that day, and that is the real object of the clause under notice, which I do not suppose anyone will disapprove of. As regards ringing for service, I believe there is as much (if not more) of it done at the different churches within the bounds of the M.C.A. as any other association in the country, so that any ringer whose great ambition is to take part in a "Sunday touch" need not be disappointed. I am sure that you can have no wish that the objects of this association should be misrepresented, and trust you will publish this letter in your valued paper, in order to place the matter in its true light.

10, Industrial Street, Derby.

A. B. WARD.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In the list of peals that was given in "THE BELL NEWS" a few weeks ago that was rang by the late Mr. Snowdon, there is a few errors which I wish to point out, they are as follows: peal No. 20 should be 5088 not 5018; peal No. 32 should not be counted, as that was a false peal, it was first given in the Yorkshire Association report for 1876-7, and in the report for 1877-8, it is pointed out as false, so was not counted by Mr. Snowdon; in place of it add the following: November 20th, 1880, 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 hrs., at Gargrave. This peal was accidentally left out, so this would form peal number 80; the peal No. 79 was rung January 29th, 1881, not 1880; the peal No. 82 should be 5056 not 5024.

Glemsford.

SAMUEL SLATER.

REPLY TO QUESTIONS.

In reply to Churchwarden, many remedies have been suggested in "THE BELL NEWS;" openings can be made in the leads if the tower has no spire, which will not let the driving wet or snow in. The belfry windows may then be fitted internally with inexpensive shutters like barndoor. Then one side only or all four faces at once may be closed. Edinburgh Cathedral, which has a high spire, is thus effectually treated. Sittingbourne Church, which has no opening in the leads on the flat roof, is most satisfactorily fitted with internal shutters, being a low tower in a busy town.

M. R. C. S.

THE RINGERS' MEMORIAL FUND TO THE LATE JASPER SNOWDON.

Amount already announced.	.. .. .	£ s. d.
The Manchester Cathedral Society	.. .. .	7. 8. 6.
Mr. W. Whitaker, Leeds	.. .. .	10. 0.
	.. .. .	5. 0.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A RINGING MEETING of the above Association will be held by kind permission of the clergy on Saturday, June 5th, at Worsley. The tower will be open from 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many members as possible will make it convenient to attend.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
J. REDFORD, }

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—ALTERATION OF DATE.—Notice is hereby given, that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, June 14th, instead of Saturday, May 29th.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

5075.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

2 3 4 5 6	1	2	3	4
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-	-
3 4 5 2 6	-	-	-	s
5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-	s
2 3 4 5 6	-	-	-	-
3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-	-
4 2 5 3 6	-	-	-	s
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-	s
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-	-
2 5 4 3 6	-	-	-	s
4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-	s
5 2 3 4 6	-	-	-	s
2 4 3 5 6	-	-	-	-
4 5 3 2 6	-	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-	s
5 4 2 3 6	-	-	-	s
4 3 2 5 6	-	-	-	-
3 5 2 4 6	-	-	-	-
2 4 5 3 6	-	-	-	s
5 3 4 2 6	-	-	-	s
3 2 4 5 6	-	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-	s
2 3 5 4 6	-	-	-	s
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-	s
6 4 3 5 2	s	-	-	s
2 6 4 5 3	-	-	-	s
3 2 6 5 4	-	-	-	s
6 3 2 5 4	-	-	-	-
2 6 3 5 4	-	-	-	-
4 2 6 5 3	-	-	-	s
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-	-
6 5 4 3 2	-	-	-	-
5 3 4 6 2	-	-	-	-
4 5 3 6 2	-	-	-	-
3 4 5 6 2	-	-	-	-
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-	s
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-	s
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 6 5	-	-	-	s
5 4 2 6 3	-	-	-	s
2 5 4 6 3	-	-	-	-
3 2 5 6 4	-	-	-	s
4 3 2 6 5	-	-	-	s
5 4 3 6 2	-	-	-	s
3 5 4 6 2	-	-	-	-
4 3 5 6 2	-	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-	s
5 2 4 6 3	-	-	-	s
4 5 2 6 3	-	-	-	-
2 4 5 6 3	-	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-	s
5 3 2 6 4	-	-	-	s
2 5 3 6 4	-	-	-	-
4 2 5 6 3	-	-	-	s
3 2 5 4 7 6	-	-	-	s

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times right and twenty four times behind the 8th, and the 5th twelve times right.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

5003.

By CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

2 3 4 5 6

4 2 3 5 6	7th in and out at three.
3 4 2 5 6	9th in three.
5 4 6 3 2	8th in two and 7 8.
4 3 6 5 2	8th in three.
6 4 3 5 2	9th in three.
3 6 4 5 2	9th in three.
5 6 2 3 4	8th in two and 7 8.
6 3 2 5 4	8th in three.
2 6 3 5 4	9th in three.
3 2 6 5 4	9th in three.
5 2 4 3 6	8th in two and 7 8.
4 3 2 5 6	8th in three with s.
2 4 3 5 6	9th in three.
3 2 4 5 6	9th in three.
5 2 6 3 4	8th in two and 7 8.
2 3 6 5 4	8th in three.
6 2 3 5 4	9th in three.
3 6 2 5 4	9th in three.
5 6 4 3 2	8th in two and 7 8.
6 3 4 5 2	8th in three.
4 6 3 5 2	9th in three.
3 4 6 5 2	9th in three.
5 4 2 3 6	8th in two and 7 8.
2 3 4 5 6	8th in three with s.
3 5 4 2 6	8th in three.
4 3 5 2 6	9th in three.
3 2 5 4 6	8th in three.
2 4 5 3 6	8th in three.
6 3 4 2 5	8th in two.
5 2 3 6 4	8th in two.
3 5 2 6 4	9th in three.
6 5 4 3 2	8th in two and 7 8.
5 3 4 6 2	8th in three.
4 5 3 6 2	9th in three.
3 4 5 6 2	9th in three.
6 4 2 3 5	8th in two and 7 8.
4 3 2 6 5	8th in three.
2 4 3 6 5	9th in three.
3 2 4 6 5	9th in three.
6 2 5 3 4	8th in two and 7 8.
5 3 2 6 4	8th in three with s.
2 5 3 6 4	9th in three.
3 2 5 6 4	9th in three.
6 2 4 3 5	8th in two and 7 8.
2 3 4 6 5	8th in three.
4 2 3 6 5	9th in three.
3 4 2 6 5	9th in three.
6 4 5 3 2	8th in two and 7 8.
4 3 5 6 2	8th in three.
5 4 3 6 2	9th in three.
3 5 4 6 2	9th in three.
6 5 2 3 4	8th in two and 7 8.
2 3 5 6 4	8th in three with s.

9th in and out at two.
8th in three.

Rung upon handbells on May 10th, 1886. Conducted by J. Carter.

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

11,200.

By REV. H. EARLE BULWER, *Stanhoe, Norfolk.*

2 3 4 5 6 B M H

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

Four times repeated. This peal contains the sixty course-ends, ten pairs of 8-6-7's, 8-6's, and 7-8-6's.

THREE PEALS OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

By REV. H. EARLE BULWER, *Stanhoe, Norfolk.*

6880.

2 3 4 5 6 B M B W B H

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

The 6th the extent wrong at twelve course-ends. The 4th the extent in 6ths at 6 course-ends. All the 8-6-7's, 8-6's, and 7-8-6's before.

6816.

2 3 4 5 6 B M B W B H

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

The 6th the extent home at 7 course-ends, and the extent wrong at 6 course-ends. All the 8-6's and 7-8-6's before.

10,176.

2 3 4 5 6 B M B W B H

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

Twice repeated.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th each the extent each way in 5-6.

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ALBERT CLEGG.—You are the cause of delay; the report was sent to the publisher, instead of direct to our office.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1886.

The Provinces.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM (LANCASHIRE).

On Tuesday, May 11, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD GUEST Treble.	JAMES PRIESTLEY 5.
JOHN GREENWOOD 2.	JAMES T. KERSHAW 6.
SAMUEL STOTT 3.	JAMES RILEY 7.
ALBERT CLEGG 4.	GEORGE H. BEEVER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN NOONAN and Conducted by GEORGE H. BEEVER.

J. Greenwood and J. Priestly hail from Lees. This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—THE ORMSKIRK SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, May 18, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25¾ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT Treble.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 5.
JAMES SHOLICAR* 2.	*HENRY WINROW 6.
HENRY ELLIS 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7.
WILLIAM ELLIS 4.	WILLIAM B. LLOYD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. The above is the first peal by a local band for over seventy years; the previous peal by local ringers having been rung on January 1st, 1813.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Thursday, May 20, 1886, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

CHARLES CASH Treble.	SAMUEL WEST 5.
JAMES BARRATT 2.	*R. ASHCROFT 6.
THOMAS YATES 3.	A. ED. WREAKS 7.
EDWARD CASH 4.	W. ASHCROFT Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CASH.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late John Barratt, father of the above James Barratt, an account of whose death appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 15th inst. Messrs. West and Wreaks hail from Manchester, the rest are of the local company. *Aged 72.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 20, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. SNOWDON'S VARIATION OF HOLLIS'S 5-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

AMOS CRESSER Treble.	SAM SMITH 5.
CHAS. SMITH 2.	REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 6.
JOS. HARDY 3.	J. W. TAYLOR, ESQ. .. 7.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN., ESQ. 4.	E. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ.

The Rev. W. C. Pearson hails from Syston; the rest belong to the Loughborough Branch.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday May 22, 1886, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

W. WARD* Treble.	ALFRED E. ACFIELD .. 5.
A. S. WIGHTMAN 2.	D. G. WIGHTMAN 6.
HARRY BALDRY 3.	*CHARLES WARD 7.
WILLIAM C. GARRETT .. 4.	*PETO MEADOWS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

*College Youths.

TROWBRIDGE.—SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

COX'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM ALLEY* Treble.	*W. McCAFFREY 5.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
JAMES RICHARD JERRAM .. 3.	W. W. GIFFORD 7.
JOHN HAYWARD* 4.	*JOSEPH COOPER Tenor.

Conducted by W. McCAFFREY.

*First peal. This is also the first peal ever rung by all members of the Salisbury Guild, and the first in Wiltshire by local men since 1856.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, May 22, 1886, in Three Hours and Five-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES HAWES Treble.	JOHN BUMPSTEAD 5.
GEORGE MURTON 2.	GEORGE FORD 6.
WALTER GOODERHAM .. 3.	H. TORBLE 7.
FRED. WRIGHT 4.	J. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE MURTON.

The above is the first peal on the bells since the tenor has been re-hung.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1886, in Three Hours and Six-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

IN ONE MAIN COURSE. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS* Treble.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. 5.
JOSEPH NEWNHAM† 2.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 6.
THOMAS SMITH, ESQ. .. 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 7.
EDWARD MOSES*† 4.	JAMES COLLISON Tenor.

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER, of Croydon, Surrey, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" No. 172, page 127, and is the second time it has been rung. Williams and Moses hail from Reigate, the rest are local men. *Cumberland Youths. †First peal in the method; and the conductor's first attempt at calling Union Triples.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 24, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. SNOWDON'S VARIATION OF HOLLIS'S 5-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

AMOS CRESSER	Treble.	SAM SMITH	5.
CHAS. SMITH	2.	E. D. TAYLOR, ESQ. ..	6.
JOS. HARDY	3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ.	7.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN., ESQ.	4.	E. WIGHTMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, May 24, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS THORPE	Treble.	SAMUEL WEST	5.
THOMAS G. DOWNS	2.	JAMES THORPE	6.
JOHN E. POLLITT	3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS ..	7.
GEORGE E. TURNER	4.	JOHN EACHUS	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and
Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal has the 6th its extent in all positions, and that bell at home at the last twelve course-ends (Snowdon's *Treatise*, part 2, page 88), and was rung to celebrate the 65th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, also for the enthronement of Dr. Moorhouse, the new Bishop of Manchester; the previous attempt for a peal being frustrated.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 24, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN HOWE	Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY	5.
GEORGE DAWSON	2.	WILLIAM HICKLING ..	6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON	3.	ROBERT JOHNSON	7.
ALFRED ROBINSON	4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD	Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and conducted by
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ.

This peal, which is in three parts, was rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday. It is a variation of the original, and contains the 6th the extent home at nine course-ends, the 2nd never in 6th's place, and only once in each part in 5th's place.

WEST BROMWICH.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, May 24, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM COOPER*	Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL ..	5.
EDWIN CASHMORE	2.	SIDNEY SMITH*	6.
BENJAMIN HILL*	3.	SAMUEL REEVES	7.
REUBEN HALL	4.	GEORGE GRIFFITH* ..	Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the 40th birthday of the conductor and his brother ringers wished him many happy returns of the day.

AN OMISSION.—In the account of the opening of the Alveston bells, in our last issue, we omitted to mention that Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, were the founders and hangers of the bells.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, May 25, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

5080 CHANGES: IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS ON EIGHT BELLS:—

Being 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 Bob Major, 1260 Stedman Triples, 1260 Grandsire Triples.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F#.

SAMUEL REEVES	Treble.	JOHN SANDERS	5.
HENRY BASTABLE	2.	WILLIAM R. SMALL ..	6.
JOHN W. CARTWRIGHT ..	3.	BERNARD WITCHELL ..	7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS	4.	JOHN BUFFERY	Tenor.

Composed by HY. JOHNSON, and Conducted by HY. BASTABLE.

This peal, which was rung at the first attempt, is the only known performance in these four methods on eight bells.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, May 22nd, the following members of the Hull Branch of the Association rang a date touch of 1886 changes, comprising 446 Bob Minor and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Dixey, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; W. Southwick, 3; C. Bennett, 4; F. Drabble, 5; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, May 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1886 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. John Prescott, 1; William Bentham, 2; Henry Ellis, 3; William Ellis, 4; George Prescott, 5; Henry Winrow, 6; William Taylor, 7; William B. Lloyd, 8. Composed by J. R. Pritchard, of Liverpool, and conducted by William J. Taylor (aged 19), and was rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, May 18th, at St. Alban's church, the local company rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Adshead, 1; J. Adshead, 2; J. W. Healey (conductor), 3; W. Nixon, 4; W. Brierley, 5; W. Howarth, 6; W. Phillips, 7; W. Adshead, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Tuesday evening, May 11th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 24 mins., with thirty bobs and two singles. G. Usher, 1; *E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6. First 720 with a Bob Bell.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST (Beds).—On Saturday, May 15th, by the kind permission of the rector, seven members of the Bedford company of the above Association paid a visit to the above place, and rang at All Saints' Church, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Foote, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, nine bobs. F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Foote, 3; W. Hall, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; I. Hills, 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles. T. Foote, 1; W. Hall, 2; *H. Chapman, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, nine bobs. F. Keech, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Foote, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; T. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell (conductor), 6; also a 720 Oxford Bob Minor with eighteen bobs and two singles. F. Keech, 1; W. Hall, 2; *H. Chapman, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; I. Hills, 6. *First 720 in the method and first attempt. These are the first 720's in the method on the bells. Tenor about 14 cwt. in F#.

WOBURN.—On Friday evening, May 21st, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles in 24 mins. E. Keech, 1; C. Herbert, 2; A. Morrison, 3; W. Mynard, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

SEELY OAK.—On Tuesday, May 18th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. E. Bryant, 1; T. Lewis, 2; H. Smith, 3; E. Boylin, 4; T. Gibbs, 5; J. Nix (conductor), 6. T. Gibbs hails from Harborne, and this is his first 720 with a bob bell.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday evening, May 24th, 1886, at St. Andrew's church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Bob Minor (21 bobs and 12 singles), in 28 mins. C. H. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. Pallister, 3; J. W. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. And 192 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; J. W. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JARROW.—On Sunday, May 23rd, for service at Christ Church, 720 Court Bob in 28 mins. R. Smith (first 720), 1; R. Oliver, 2; W. Holmes, 3; A. Sharp, 4; J. Campbell, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 24th, at St. Peter's church, a 720 Double Court Bob, W. Henderson, 1; A. English, 2; R. Oliver, 3; A. Sharp, 4; W. Holmes, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Monday, May 24th, on the occasion of her Majesty's birthday, the following 720's were rang at the parish church: Woodbine, York Surprise, Durham Surprise, Evening Exercise, and Kent Treble Bob. The ringers were T. Burdon, J. Clarkson, W. Newton, T. Stephenson, W. Stephenson, and T. W. Waller. The four first 720's were conducted by T. Stephenson; the fifth by T. Burdon.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, May 23rd, after morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 24 mins. E. Brazier, 1; C. Waskett, 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. Porter (conductor), 4; H. Deal, 5; E. Scotcher, 6. The above band which included members from Galleywood, Little Heath, Romford and Rayleigh were afterwards entertained at the rectory by Dr. Sedgewick, and before leaving in the afternoon rang other touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Minor, with Mr. F. Brewer.

ORSETT.—On Sunday evening, May 23rd, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Nash (Romford), 1; E. Lewis (Stanford-le-Hope); 1st 720 in any method, 2; A. J. Perkins (Romford), 3; C. Waskett (Galleywood), 4; B. Keeble (conductor; Romford), 5; A. Porter (Little Heath), 6. The above was the first 720 in the method upon the bells. Touches in the same method and Oxford Treble Bob were also rung with Messrs. Brazier and Scotcher, of Galleywood.

ILFORD.—On Saturday evening, May 22nd, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), J. Mumford, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; W. Doran, 3; S. Hayes, 4; W. Mead (1st 720 in the method), 5; A. Porter (conductor), 6. We regret to add that the brickwork of the tower has apparently separated from the adjoining masonry, and owing to the rocking of the tower, opinions are expressed that the same is unsafe for ringing. This is to be regretted, as the local band includes some promising young hands who are making fair progress, but it is certain that unless immediate attention is given to the matter, ringing must shortly be entirely suspended.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—On Monday, May 24th, being Her Majesty's birthday, at SS. Mary and Nicolas, at 7 a.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. Also at noon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. R. Jarvis, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Peck, 8. And at 7.15 p.m., the first half of Holt's ten-part peal, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 31 mins., by the same company, with the exception of G. Skeef at the tenor, R. Mackman, conductor. The total number of changes rang during the day was 5040. This also being the birthday of the Vicar, Canon Moore, the ringers were afterwards regaled at the Vicarage.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DOVER (Kent).—On Thursday evening, May 13th, a 720 of Bob Minor (42 singles), in 27 mins. Percy Greenstreet, 1; Frederick Rolfe, 2; Samuel Barker, 3; Edmund Potter, 4; Frederick Slingsby, 5; Harry Pearce (conductor), 6. And 240 Grandsire Minor, tenor 12 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Monday evening, May 24th, being Her Majesty's birthday, the local company rang at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins., with the 7th behind. *E. Smith, 1; †W. Hall, 2; W. Smith, 3; D. Francis, 4; H. Bond, jun., 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; T. H. Shayler, tenor. *First 720; †longest touch.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT.—On Monday, May 17th, eight members of the above Association started for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire

Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. and 50 mins. one of the men had to give up. E. Glover, 1; L. Miller, 2; S. Walker, 3; A. Walker, 4; H. Page (conductor), 5; S. Spencer, 6; W. Miller, 7; J. Kamester, 8.

ELLASTONE (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, May 20th, the local company rang six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, with the bells muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Thomas Preece. W. Udall, 1; B. Cox, 2; G. Harding, 3; J. Udall, 4; J. Hodgkinson (conductor), 5; A. Udall, 6. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday, May 13th, for practice, at Christ Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; *E. Burtenshaw, 2; *D. Burtenshaw, 3; R. Moss, 4; A. Garrott (conductor), 5; C. Hyde, 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob. The Burtenshaws belong to Mitcham; the rest hail from Wimbledon.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLTERSHAW (Surrey).—On Thursday, May 20th, at the church of Christ, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. K. Worsfold, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; G. Williams, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Superlative Surprise. T. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; G. Williams, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. T. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; R. Worsfold, 3; G. Williams, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 360 of College Pleasure. C. Weedon, 1; A. Tidy, 2; A. Mills (conductor), 3; R. Worsfold, 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Williams, 6. And a 240 of Plain Bob Minor. G. H. Barnett, 1; T. Stedman, 2; R. Worsfold, 3; A. Mills, 4; D. Jordan, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. C. Weedon, 1; A. Tidy, 2; T. Stedman, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; E. Jordan, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

THE ANCIENT ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, May 24th, at St. Michael's Church, on the occasion of the Queen's birthday, two 720's of Grandsire Minor. H. Tuchlar, 1; C. Walters, 2; J. Davies, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; R. Knill, 5; C. Boutflower, Esq., 6. And another 720 in the same method. H. Tuchlar, 1; C. Walters, 2; J. Davies, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; E. Beake, 5; C. Boutflower, Esq., 6.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, May 19th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. H. Cave, 1; *C. Larkey, 2; J. Taylor, 3; N. Speneer, 4; W. Fairclough, 5; *W. Bentham (conductor), 6; *C. Sharples (composer), 7; T. Gardner, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. *Members of the Ormskirk Society. The above was rung as a mark of respect to Mr. Robert Foster, one of the ringers at the above church, who had that day been married.

BASLOW (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, May 22nd, the Darley Dale society visited the above place and rang 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. S. Groom, 1; J. Derbyshire, 2; W. Taylor, 3; C. Whymark, 4; C. Gwatkin, 5; E. Hallows (conductor), 6.

BENGEO (Herts).—Recently at Holy Trinity Church by the local company, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and two 720's of College Single. And on Sunday, May 16th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Also on Monday, May 17th, 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. Barker, 1; H. Phillips, 2; W. Bennett, 3; W. Childs, 4; H. Brown, 5; J. Pomfret (conductor), 6. And on Friday, May 21st, 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. W. Childs, 1; W. Bennett, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Odell, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6. This is the first in the method on the bells, and the first in the method by all.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 11th, for practice at St. Michael's Church, 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, May 18th, 720 of College Single, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, and a 360 of College Single, the same as above. And on Sunday, May 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24½ mins., by the same band.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, May 23rd, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. A. Spurge, 1; *W. Moore, 2; *W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; *E. Radley, 5; *C. Bearman (conductor), 6. E. Radley hails from Stisted. And after service a 720 in the same method by the same company, C. Bearman, conductor. *Members of the Essex Association.

CHURCH KIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday morning, May 24th, being the 67th birthday of her Majesty the Queen, the local company rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with sixteen bobs and two singles, in 27½ mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; H. Hayes, 2; J. Bentley, 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, May 22nd, six members of the St. Mary's Society paid a visit to Eccleston near Chester, and rang at the parish church a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. W. Joinson, 1; E. Davies, 2; G. Caldwell, 3; C. Price, 4; R. Curry, 5; T. J. Bethell (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. T. Bethell (conductor), and C. Price changing places.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday evening, May 24th, eight members of this society rang at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins., in honour of the 67th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. J. Goodwin, 1; W. G. Cook, 2; G. Toplis, 3; J. Hunt, 4; D. Farthing, 5; H. Nuttall, 6; A. Knights (conductor), 7; T. Mee, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, May 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Rose, 1; E. W. Snowden, 2; F. Hayes, 3; G. Hayes, 4; G. May, 5; J. Blackman, 6; W. Harper (conductor), 7; E. Everson, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 20th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Maxim, 1; S. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; R. Mingay, 4; W. P. Gridley (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. And another 720 in the same method. E. W. Downs, 1; Chas. Honeybell, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; G. Maxim (Foxearth), 4; J. Lee, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. It was twenty-one years ago on the above date since S. Slater rang his first 720 of Bob Minor, which was on the bells of the parish church, Stanstead, Suffolk.

HADLEIGH (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday several touches of Bob Major were rung at St. Mary's church, during the day. A. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; G. Bateman, 3; J. Bigg, 4; J. Scowen, 5; W. Bateman, 6; W. Green, 7; T. Mann, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Green, Parker, Keeble and Bigg hail from Monkseleigh; the rest are local men.

HIGHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, May 11th, a 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Reed, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. Ranson, 3; T. Wood, 4; J. W. Smith (conductor), 5; C. Ablitt, 6. T. Reed and T. Wood hail from Polstead, Suffolk, and this was T. Reed's first attempt at a 720.

HIGHER WALTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, May 24th, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, at All Saints' Church, a 720 of London New Bob in 27 mins. G. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Harwood, 2; H. Hunt, 3; H. Brewer, 4; J. Eccles, 5; J. Mather, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, after Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; T. Gleed, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; A. Jacob, 5; G. B. Griffin, 6. Also a 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Ward, 1; G. Thurlow, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; A. Jacob, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, May 23rd, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. T. Vaughan, 1; W. Jones, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Brown, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6.

LAVERNHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a 448 of Bob Major. T. Bruce, 1; C. Fisk, 2; W. Boby, 3; A. Symonds (conductor), 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; J. Boby, 7; W. Moore, 8. And 1008 in the same method, in 44 mins., by the same band, with the exception of the Rev. E. Symonds, who rang the third instead of W. Boby.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 16th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's Church, 672 of Bob Triples. T. Staulkey, 1; H. Button, 2; G. Baxter (conductor), 3; A. Rodwell, 4; J. Button, 5; R. Stannard, 6; W. Button, 7; J. Flegg, 8. Also 560 of Grandsire Triples. J. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; G. Baxter, 3; T. Staulkey, 4; W. Button, 5; R. Stannard, 6; T. E. Shearing (conductor), 7; J. Flegg, 8. And on Tuesday, May 18th, for practice, 1680 Bob Triples. W. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; J. Button, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; G. Baxter (conductor), 5; R. Stannard, 6; T. Staulkey, 7; J. Flegg, 8.

LINCOLN.—*Muffled Peal.*—On Monday evening, May 17th, the local company rang at St. Peter-at-Arches, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Harry Hunter, who was a ringer at the above church. J. Dixon, 1; C. Wells, 2; J. Vickers, 3; W. Dixon, 4; J. Adlard, 5; W. Mitchelson, 6; W. Knowles, 7; E. Carnell, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

LOWER HARDRES (Kent).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, May 17th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Brine, Esq. (conductor), 1-2; Miss M. Brine, 3; Miss E. Brine, 4; Miss Brine, 5; Miss L. Brine, 6. First 720 in the method by all the above.

MONKSELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob (26 singles), in 28 mins. R. Keeble, 1; T. Mann, 2; J. Scowen, 3; J. Bigg, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green

(conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. J. Scowen and T. Mann hail from Hadleigh; the rest are local men.

NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, May 15th, at Lower Isover church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. William Forster (conductor), 1; Samuel Forster, 2; Richard Chantler, 3; Thomas Forster, 4; Joseph Bell, 5; Thomas Moore, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. The above is the first 720 ever known to have been rung on the bells.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, May 24th, being Her Majesty's birthday, the local company rang at St. Albans church, the first part of Mr. J. Adshead's peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 30 mins. T. Adshead, 1; J. E. Howarth, 2; J. W. Healey, 3; W. Nixon, 4; W. Brierley, 5; W. Phillips, 6; W. Howarth (conductor), 7; J. Waugh, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, May 15th, at Belmont Villa, a 720 Bob Minor, (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 18 mins. C. A. Clements, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; Tom Blackburn (conductor), 5-6. On Sunday, May 16th, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. A. Clements, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; *W. E. Tydeman, 7-8. *Late of Stowmarket, Suffolk. And on Thursday, May 20th, at the house of Mr. Jerram, 720 Bob Minor (22 singles). C. A. Clements, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5-6.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, May 19th, at the Hertfordshire Standard offices, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. And on Saturday, May 22nd, a course of Grandsire Royal. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6; H. Lewis, 7-8; W. H. L. Buckingham, 9-10. And a course of Grandsire Major. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; H. Lewis, 5-6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7-8. And a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. E. R. Mitchell (first 120), 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 5-6.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, May 9th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, six of the local company rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 360 of College Single, with G. Prior at the treble, the rest as before. Also 360 of Plain Bob Minor. I. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, May 15th, 720 of Bob Minor in 26½ mins. H. Prior, jun., 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; *G. Prior, 4; G. Gray, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 16th, for afternoon service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26½ mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. And on Saturday, May 22nd, assisted by Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. †G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; C. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; *W. Prior, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 23rd, for afternoon service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, May 24th, being Her Majesty's birthday, 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Gray, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Plain Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; C. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior, jun. (first 720 as conductor), 6. Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. †First 720 in the method; *First 720 with a bob bell.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, May 18th, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Mary, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, with 6,8, covering. C. Bedwell, 1; C. Mee (conductor), 2; J. E. Wright, 3; E. Buckle, 4; F. Plumber, 5; F. Brett, 6; H. Mills, 7; J. Benham, 8. Also 180 in the same method. C. Bedwell, 1; C. Mee, 2; G. Ponder, 3; E. Buckle, 4; J. E. Wright, 5; H. Mills, 6; F. Brett, 7; O. Brett, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

SYSTON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, May 23rd, seven members of the local company, assisted by Mr. J. Barrow, of Long Eaton, rang for Divine Service 672 Grandsire Triples, in 28 mins. William Bail, 1; Joseph North, 2; George Freeman, 3; Joseph Pickard, 4; George Watton, 5; John Hall, 6; Joseph Barrow (conductor), 7; John W. Freeman, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Saturday, May 8th, six of the Loughton ringers took part in some Grandsire Triples at the above place, and four of their own party rung three courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells retained in hand. E. Bacon, 1-2; F. Freeman, 3-4; W. Lebbon (conductor), 5-6; W. Clark, 7-8. "I think," says our correspondent, this speaks well for the progress made during the last twelve months, and I congratulated them, exclaiming 'Well done

Loughton.' I should like to point out that none of these young men belong to the company or party that are recognised as the ringers on Sunday; they are entirely a separate body, but they get the use of the tower occasionally."

WINSHILL (Burton-on-Trent).—On Tuesday May 18th, at St. Mark's church, 720 Bob Minor (9 bobs 6 singles), in 28 mins. S. Gretton, 1; J. Austin, 2; F. Dimpleby, 3; G. Robinson, 4; J. Jaggar (conductor), 5; T. Holmes, 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor (34 bobs and 2 singles), in 28 mins. C. Brown, 1; G. Robinson, 2; J. Austin, 3; S. Gretton, 4; T. Holmes, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, May 20th, at St. Paul's church, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 22 mins. Rev. J. H. Fish, 1; J. Austin, 2; J. Jaggar, 3; S. Gretton, 4; H. Wakley (conductor), 5; T. Holmes, 6; G. Robinson, 7; W. Orme, 8. Afterwards some short touches, with L. Bullock and W. Smith.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 18th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs 2 singles), in 24 mins. A. Kirby, 1; F. Weare (conductor), 2; A. Tennant, 3; A. Pittam, 4; R. Kilby, 5; J. Jackman, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

WROTHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, May 23rd, before evening service, seven members of this branch rang 720 of Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 24 mins., with the tenor covering. F. Taylor, 1; T. Shoolbridge, 2; W. Taylor, 3; G. A. Osborne, 4; R. Edge (conductor), 5; E. Taylor, 6; H. Osmer, tenor. The above was rung to commemorate the 31st birthday of the conductor.

RINGING AT S. LAURENCE'S, READING, BERKS, ON THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

In the morning, a 503 of Grandsire Caters, in 22 minutes. A. E. Reeves, 1; W. J. Williams (conductor) 2; W. Johnson, 3; H. M. Bawden, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; G. Talbot, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; J. E. Willshire, 8; W. Newell, 9; R. T. Hibbert, 10. At mid-day a royal salute was fired, followed by a 395 of Grandsire Caters; the band same as above, excepting 8 and 9, who changed places, and in the evening Her Majesty's age was fired, after which a 827 of Grandsire Caters was brought round in 35 minutes. A. E. Reeves, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. Johnson, 3; Tom Hibbert, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; G. Talbot, 6; J. E. Willshire, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Goseltine, 10. Concluding with a plain course of Bob Royal, being the first by the society. G. Talbot, 1; W. H. Holloway, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; W. R. Pocock, 4; W. Johnson, 5; W. J. Williams, 6; R. T. Hibbert, 7; W. Goseltine, 8; W. Newell, 9; J. E. Willshire, 10. The bells were then lowered in peal.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN.

Travellers on the Chatham and Dover Railway are familiar with the church of this parish, which is so pleasantly situated among hop gardens, just before reaching Selling Station. The interior of the edifice contains nothing of special interest beyond the oak screen in the chancel arch. The tower is lofty and of the usual Kentish type, viz., square, and the staircase turret terminating above the battlements of the lead platform. The six bells are by Pack and Chapman. Mr. Samuel Snelling of Sittingbourne is re-hanging the entire ring, and has undertaken the re-casting of the tenor in his contract. The re-opening will be shortly announced; the surrounding country is very beautiful.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, DERBY.

On Wednesday evening, May 12th, 1886, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Ethel Hey, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Canon Hey, M.A., vicar of Belper, to the Rev. Frederick Davies Brock, M.A., vicar of Kirklevington, Yorkshire, the following members of the above society rang a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 47 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; G. Mottashaw, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; J. W. Thompson, 5; W. H. Found, 6; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 7; C. Hart, tenor. Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 24th, at the parish church, Rayleigh, Essex, the local company, assisted by Mr. W. H. Judd, who is a member of the College Youths, visited the belfry about 5 a.m. for the purpose of ringing a 720 of College Single on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday. A start was made about 5.15, and all went on well, with capital striking for about 20 minutes, when it unfortunately came to grief, and a second attempt was made for a half peal, as time would not allow us to ring a 720, owing to some of the ringers having to leave to attend to the duties of the day. The band stood as follows: G. Smith, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; H. Deal, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), tenor. Time 13 minutes. In the evening we again made a start for a 720 of College Singles, and were successful, the band standing the same as before, with the exception of the treble, which was rung by F. Strugnell, being his first 720. Time 26 minutes; conducted by W. H. Judd—also a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 minutes as follows: F. Strugnell, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; W. H. Judd, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; H. Deal (conductor), tenor. This is the first 720 on an inside bell, by G. Smith, and the above two 720's are the first by F. Strugnell, and the 720 of Grandsire Minor is the first peal conducted by H. Deal, which he did in a very able manner, and his fellow-ringers take this opportunity of congratulating him on his success. After ringing the above 720's we finished up by saluting the Queen with a few good *Fires* and *Queen's* right loyally, we then adjourned to the Rectory, where by the kindness of the rector, the Rev. J. D. Macvicar, we had the pleasure of drinking both the Rector's and the Queen's healths, and after a quiet and pleasing chat, we congratulated one another on the success of the evening, and bid one another a good night all round. We take this favourable opportunity, through the columns of our genial and widespread journal, to thank the rector for his kind hospitality; also to thank Mr. W. H. Judd (who is ever ready to oblige and help us whenever he is in Rayleigh), for the kind interest he takes in our behalf.

F. W. H.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 18th, being the day appointed for the enthronement of Dr. Moorhouse, the new Bishop of Manchester, the bells of the cathedral were rung at intervals during the day, by the cathedral ringers, with two or three of the Eccles company. The first touch before the service commenced, was Grandsire Caters, which occupied about an hour and a quarter. The service concluded, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Royal were then rung, which was followed by three courses of Plain Bob Royal for the usual afternoon service. This service ended, a peal (6320), of Kent Treble Bob Royal was started for, but after ringing 3760 changes, in 2 hrs. 25 mins., further ringing was stopped by loud knockings at the door. On opening the door, the cause of the said knockings informed the ringers that there would be practice of the voluntary ringers that night, much to the annoyance of the ringers, this not being the first peal coming to grief through the same parties. Thomas Thorpe, 1; T. G. Downs, 2; John E. Pollitt, 3; T. Yates, 4; G. E. Turner, 5; C. Cash, 6; S. West, 7; E. Cash, 8; A. Ed. Wreaks (conductor), 9; John Eachus, 10.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association will be held at Sedgley, this day (Saturday). All members are requested to attend, as it is hoped the report will be ready for distribution. Business will, by kind permission of the Vicar, be transacted in the church schools, subsequent to ringing in the tower, which will be open during the afternoon.

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EASTERN COUNTIES GUILD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Spalding, when punctual attendance is requested. Business: To pass the accounts; To elect the officers for the year; To elect new members and to transact any regular business of the Guild. A dinner will be provided at the White Hart, at 2 o'clock, for all members who send in their names not later than the 16th June.

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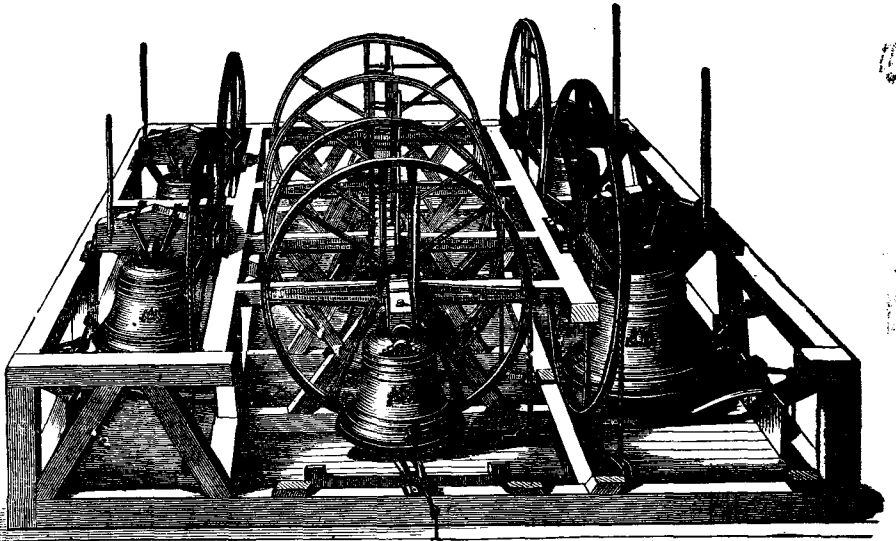
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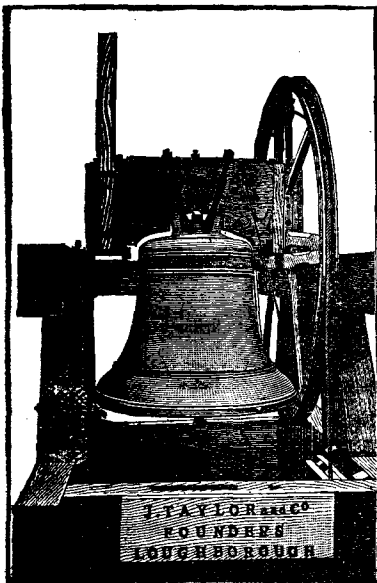
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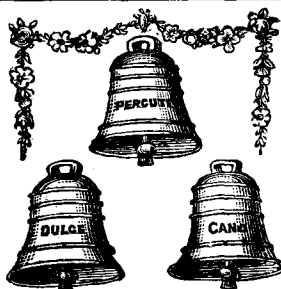
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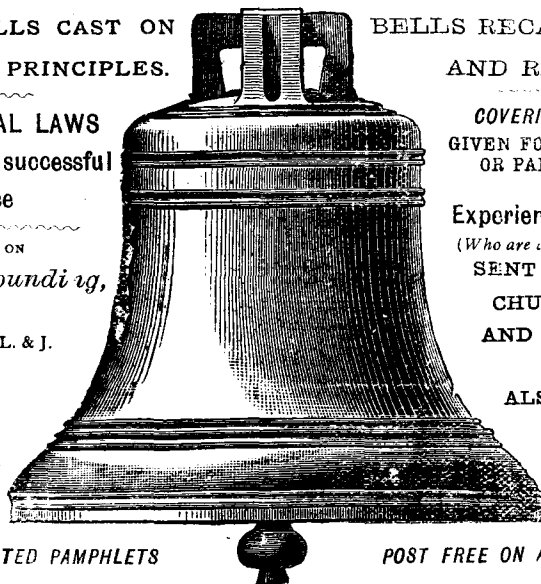
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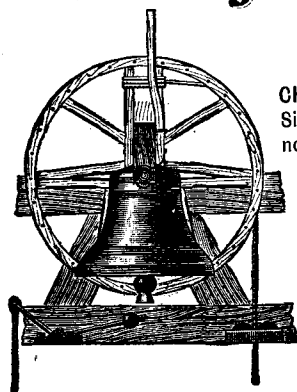
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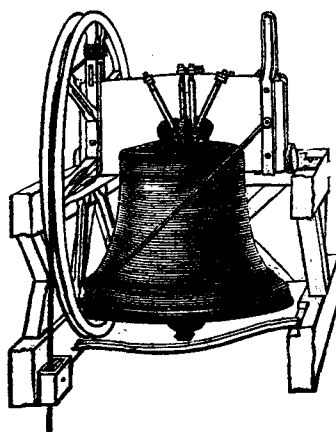
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WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a Committee meeting of the above Association was held, by the kind permission of the rector (the Rev. W. C. Gibbs), in St. John the Baptist School-room, Hagley. The meeting was a good one, as each representative was present from each company in union. The master (Mr. S. Spittle) presided, and called upon the Secretary to read over the minutes of the last annual meeting. This being done, they were confirmed. Since the last meeting a peal book has been obtained from Messrs. Baynes, of London, and was presented at this meeting for the representatives to see same, and this, we believe, will be the means of stirring up up the different companies in union (which have hitherto been so dormant) to see which can make themselves the most prominent in the art and science of change-ringing. A report was read by the Secretary (Mr. J. Smith) showing, in brief, what the Association had had to contend with since its formation, the great difficulties it had undergone, and the disappointments it had overcome. A balance-sheet, which was included, shewed the Association to be in a prosperous condition. The Committee resolved that the same be printed in book-form, with rules, names of members (hon. and performing), list of churches, with times of practice, &c. Other business of a miscellaneous character was gone through, and a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding, and to the Rector for his kindness in allowing the use of the School-room, brought the meeting to a close.

After refreshing the inner man, an adjournment was made to the church, and with mixed companies, some touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob were rung. The members who had not visited the place since the bells have been hung, expressed themselves highly pleased with the same, and all hoped to pay another visit shortly.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT SUDBURY.

On Friday, May 28th, on the occasion of the opening of a new Masonic Hall, the following members of the local company, rang at S. Gregory's, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 1540 changes in 1 hr. 5 mins. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Howell, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Cross, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major was also rung with Messrs. E. and F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, who were on a visit to the neighbourhood. Two other touches of Grandsire Triples then concluded the day's ringing, which amounted to over 3000 changes. Also on Saturday, May 29th, a touch of Bob Major, 672 changes, was rung with Mr. Hume, of Bures. F. Tolliday, 1; A. Scott, 2; M. Silvester, 3; J. Campin, 4; J. Hume, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Cross, 7; C. Sillitoe, (conductor), 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

NEW TREBLES AT SLOUGH, BUCKS.

On Monday, May 17th, the two new trebles for St. Mary's church, duly arrived at Slough, and were hoisted externally on the west side of the tower, the following Wednesday afternoon. The work of hanging them was entrusted to the skilful hands of Mr. J. Collier, by the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, who have given satisfaction in every way. On Wednesday, 26th ult., a trial touch was rung by the local ringers, numerous visitors and ringing friends meeting at the church, including the vicar and churchwardens. The opening performance was rung by the following. W. Leader (steeple-keeper), 1; W. Fussell, 2; R. Flaxman, 3; A. Fussell, 4; F. Simkins, 5; Wm. Wilder, 6; J. Perryman, 7; J. Hale, tenor. Messrs. Woodley, Udell and Hodges also rang. Hatch and Millal, photographers, of Slough, have succeeded in producing an excellent photo of the church, shewing one of the bells being hoisted.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association was held at Sedgely, Staffordshire, on Saturday last, but owing to the position of Sedgely relative to the other districts, a very meagre attendance was the result. Very little ringing could be done, as the Birmingham contingent did not arrive till six o'clock, services being at 6.30, after which, while ringing a touch of Bob Triples an accident occurred to the 3rd, which prevented any further ringing, all present being greatly disappointed. Business was transacted in the schoolroom near the church. Several new members were made, and the next meeting fixed for Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. The members take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, at the same time thanking the curate, the Rev. W. Graham for the kindness he displayed in making arrangements for the meeting.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The Intermediate Meeting of the above Association will be held at Balderstone, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 4.

THE PROBATIONERS' COLUMN.

(Continued from page 66.)

Besides a knowledge of the observations given for dodging correctly and the proper application of this knowledge, the probationer will observe various other infallible guides during the practice of the method. One fact in particular we should like to lay great stress upon, and it is this: when the dodging has to be done before the whole pull behind has been made, the cutting blow is always at handstroke, but if the whole pull behind has been done, the cutting blow is at backstroke. What is meant by the cutting blow is when two bells are dodging together, the bell that strikes before the other is said to "cut," hence the phrase "cutting blow." Now this may seem a very simple and almost unnecessary point to know, but many have found its value, nevertheless. Some persons, who have been practising for years, find a difficulty, perhaps, in one or two particular spots within the dodging route; we once knew a very old ringer who always made a hitch in the dodging places when going down, though he could dodge behind correctly. If this "cutting blow," together with the necessary observations already given, is thoroughly understood, certainly dodging ought not to be a difficult matter, at any rate, it should be one to be got over. If the probationer on going up behind—on any number of bells—is aware that he has not yet been there, he will know that when the dodging process has to be gone through, he has to "cut" at handstroke. And if he is aware, therefore, that he has to "cut," he will also know that he has made his requisite blows behind.

When two bells are dodging together behind, the one that "cuts" is the first bell down to lead. In any other dodging place than behind the "cutting bell," when the dodging is over, goes down, the other bell up. If the course of the dodging bells is traced, and if the probationer will note while ringing, this "cutting" and holding up, it will hereafter prove of some service.

It is understood that to obtain the extent of the changes, something else than the bare method which we have been attempting to describe must be resorted to. And therefore additional work—a fresh departure, as it were, must take place. This is the making of a "bob," and which at the proper time the conductor signifies when such bob is to be carried into effect. We will take a lead of the course and see how a bob is made:—

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4 3 5 2 1
4 5 3 1 2
5 4 1 3 2  Bob
5 1 4 2 3
1 5 4 3 2
1 4 5 2 3
4 1 5 3 2
4 5 1 2 3
5 4 2 1 3
5 2 4 3 1

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In the first place it will be seen that the bob is "called" as the treble is striking her blow in third's on coming down to lead. She is, therefore practically in the middle, two bells above and two below her. The two bells in front (the 4th and 5th) each make third's place and go back to lead, while the two bells behind make a double dodge. In the dodging here will be found the utility of knowing which way to "cut." The cutting-bell (the 2nd), the last "cut" she makes, strikes on the treble, and that at any rate should teach the probationer that the dodging is over, and that he should take his bell out of the way, so as to enable the treble to advance. As in the dodging process of this bob his has been the cutting bell of the two, he should know upon meeting the treble that the time has arrived to go down to lead. The bell he dodged with (the 3rd) remains behind (one blow) to complete its whole pull behind, and then follows the 2nd down to lead in hunting order. One of the effects of this bob has been to throw the 2nd out of the hunt, and therefore the ringer of that bell will, as he proceeds up behind the next lead, take care where he meets the treble, so as to accurately define his dodging position.

We will notice the work of the front bells at a bob in our next chapter.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Gravesend, on Monday, June 21st. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., at Mr. Drawbridge's Offices, in New Road. Service in the parish church, at 12. Dinner at the "New Falcon Hotel," at one; members intending to dine must apply to me for tickets. Those who wish for reduced railway fares, should let me know not later than June 15th. It is necessary they should state the number of passengers, the station they start from, and the trains they mean to go and return by. It is intended to ring at Gravesend, Milton, Swanscombe, Cliffe, Shorne, and Dartford.

A. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, Hon. Sec.
Winsted Court, Sittingbourne.

S. LAWRENCE'S SOCIETY, (READING) AT BASINGSTOKE. ERECTION OF A PEAL-BOARD.

On Saturday, May 29th, a peal-board was erected in S. Michael's belfry, Basingstoke, to commemorate a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by the S. Laurence's Society, on December 5th, 1885. Several members came from Reading, and a 350 of Grandsire Triples was brought home in 16 mins. G. Capron (captain of S. Michael's ringers), 1; Tom Hibbert, 2; W. R. Pocock, 3; W. J. Williams, 4; H. White (Basingstoke, conductor), 5; W. Goseltine, 6; J. E. Willshire, 7; J. Kirby, 8. An attempt was then made for Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately it proved a failure after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins. A. E. Reeves, 1; Tom Hibbert, 2; W. J. Williams (conductor), 3; H. White, 4; W. R. Pocock, 5; J. E. Willshire, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; J. Kirby, 8. As there was time to spare before evensong, a course of Bob Major and three courses of Bob Triples was rung; also a 826 of Grandsire Triples (being the first part of Holt's six-part) was successfully accomplished in 33 minutes, Mr. Capron ringing the treble. The ringers were afterwards entertained at tea by Mr. White, ample justice being done to the good things provided, all owing to their previous exertions. Before going to evensong the vicar, (the Rev. Canon Millard, D.D.) entered the belfry, and expressed great satisfaction with the peal-board, remarking that it was a most suitable record, and was quite in harmony with its surroundings. It may here be mentioned that S. Michael's belfry Basingstoke is one of the model belfries of England. The fund for this board was raised by subscription, S. Michael's ringers kindly sending a sum from their incidental fund, followed by a donation from the vicar, and also a donation from the Rev. W. Banting, curate and tower warden of S. Laurence's, the remainder being made up by the members of S. Laurence's Society. The board was made by Mr. W. Holloway, and written by Mr. A. C. Fussell, of Slough, both members of this Society. We wish, through the medium of this paper, to publicly thank the vicar and ringers of Basingstoke for their hearty co-operation in rendering assistance to record the second peal rung in their tower, and we also wish the ringers every success in the art they have lately undertaken to learn, taking for their motto, "Onward and Forward," never resting until they have reached the goal to which every true student of this wonderful art aims, which is to have his name emblazoned in gold, on the walls of the belfry, maybe where he first learnt to handle a rope.

ST. NICHOLAS, BRIGHTON.

On Saturday, May 30th, seven members of the local society paid a friendly visit to Ringmer for the purpose of having a pull on the new bells. The party, after a most enjoyable drive from Brighton, were soon after their arrival joined by members of the local band, who have for the past three months been instructed by Mr. J. Searle. Having raised the bells in peal, they rang 168 of Grandsire Triples, with J. Tasker, of Ringmer, ringing the tenor, followed by several 120's of Doubles with 7,6,8, behind, in which Messrs. Banks, G. and A. Washer, Starks, Tasker, and Pelham, of Ringmer, took part, followed by another 168. W. Palmer, 1; C. Tyler, 2; T. Fox, 3; J. Neves, 4; H. Boniface, 5; J. Searle, 6; G. Washer, 7; E. Butler, 8. After enjoying a few pleasant hours together and a comfortable tea at "The Anchor," a start was made for home, arriving at Brighton shortly before midnight. The Brighton men take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, the Rev. — Simmonds, for granting them the use of the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROTHWELL BRANCH.

The following is the ringing done by this branch at Holy Trinity church, during the month of May: May 2nd: 360 of Arnold's Victory, 240 of City Delight, 240 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 360 of College Exercise, 240 of Duke of York, 240 of New London Pleasure; May 8th: 360 of College Pleasure, 360 of College Exercise, 360 of New London Pleasure, 720 of Duke of York; May 14th: 720 of Primrose, 720 of Woodbine, 360 of Arnold's Victory; May 16th: 720 of Violet, 360 of Primrose, 720 of London Scholars'; May 23rd: 720 of Oxford; May 24th: 720 of Duke of York, 360 of College Pleasure; May 30th: 360 of Primrose, 360 of College Exercise, 340 of Violet, 360 of City Delight, 360 of New London Pleasure, 240 of Arnold's Victory.

EASTERN COUNTIES GUILD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at Spalding, when punctual attendance is requested. Business: To pass the accounts; To elect the officers for the year; To elect new members and to transact any regular business of the Guild. A dinner will be provided at the White Hart, at 2 o'clock, for all members who send in their names not later than the 16th June.

BENJAMIN MATHEWS, Sec.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—The following is the ringing done at St. Mary's church during March, April, and May; 9052 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 7612 Oxford Treble Bob, 3760 Plain Bob, 220 Grandsire Doubles, 120 Bob Doubles, 600 New London Pleasure. E. Dains, J. Dains (conductor), A. Shuttleworth, W. Harvey, A. Tarbun, W. Piper, all belong to the local company, assisted on a few occasions by E. Scotcher and Master de Lisle, of Galleywood.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association, for ringing only, will be held at Leatherhead, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Utterton, on Whit Monday, June 14th. The tower, which contains a good peal of ten, will be open for ringing from 3 p.m.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE JUNE MEETING of the above Association will be held at Keighley, on Saturday, June 5th. The Keighley branch will provide tea for all members who signify their intention of being present at the meeting, to Mr. James McGoun, 31 Bradford-street, Keighley, not later than Monday, the 31st instant. W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting will be held on Monday, June 14th, (Whit Monday), at Hexham, when the bells of the Abbey (peal of 8, tenor 21 cwt.), will be at the disposal of the ringers. A dinner will be provided at 1.30 p.m. at the "Grey Bull Hotel," at 1s. per head to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Members requiring dinner are requested to send in their names to the Secretary not later than Monday, June 7th. Members of the Committee will meet at the Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

16 Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

OUR MEETING will be held at the Abbey, on Saturday next, June 5th, at 6 a.m. and every alternate Saturday after, instead of Tuesdays. We shall be pleased to see as many friends as can come at any time.

W. A. ALPS, Hon. Treasurer.

STOKE-UPON-TKENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

THE FORTNIGHTLY MEETING was held at Horton, on May 29th. Touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor were rung (the tea was free). Meetings for June.—12th, Wolstanton; 14th, Cheadle and Kingsley; 26th, Leek (annual meeting). For July.—10th, Ellaston; 24th, Biddulph.

ENDON GLOVER, Hon Sec.

In Memoriam.

CHARLES YOUNG AND GEORGE PRICE,

Both of whom belonged to the Ross society, and the newly-formed Herefordshire Guild of change ringers. The former had been ailing for some months, but did not seek medical advice till the day before his death, when he was told that his disease was far advanced, and that he could not possibly live more than six months. He was compelled to take to his bed the following day, and was in a semi-unconscious state until his death. He was an average ringer, and had rung one peal, that being a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ross in 1884. He was the bob-caller of his society, and will therefore be very much missed. He was 44 years of age, and leaves a widow and a large family to mourn his loss.

The latter met with an accident and rather strange death. He was carrying a lamb in his arms, which in struggling suddenly knocked its head against his temple, and in half an hour afterwards he became unconscious, in which state he remained until his death, which occurred a few hours afterwards, dying within twenty-four hours of his comrade. He was an old man, being nearly seventy years of age. On Friday, May 28th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted with the bells half-muffled, in memory of both of the deceased, but failed after an hour and a quarter's ringing. T. M. Preece, 1; W. Honeyfield, 2; J. Atkins, 3; J. Wall, 4; A. Bird, 5; H. Bird, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; R. Clark, 8.

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND
SURPRISE.

6112.

By REV. H. EARLE BULWER, *Stanhoe, Norfolk.*

2 3 4 5 6	B	M	B	W	B	H
2 5 6 3 4	I	-	I			
5 3 2 4 6	-					
3 4 2 5 6	2		2	-		
4 5 2 3 6	2		2	-		
5 3 6 2 4	-		I	-		
3 2 5 4 6	-					
2 4 5 3 6	2		2	-		
4 3 5 2 6	2		2	-		
3 2 6 5 4	-		I	-		
2 5 3 4 6	-					
5 4 3 2 6	2		2	-		
4 2 3 5 6	2		2	-		
4 6 2 5 3	-		I		I	
4 3 6 5 2	-		I		I	
3 5 4 2 6	-					
5 2 4 3 6	2		2	-		
2 3 4 5 6	2		2	-		

The 6th the extent home at twelve course-ends. All the 8-6's and 7-8-6's before.

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND
SURPRISE.

5024.

By JOHN JAGGAR, *Burton-on-Trent.*

2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	-		2	
6 3 2 5 4		2	2	
2 5 6 3 4		I	I	
3 6 5 2 4		2	2	
3 4 6 2 5	-	I	I	
6 4 2 3 5		I	B	I
4 5 2 3 6		I		2
3 2 5 4 6		2	2	
5 4 3 2 6		I	I	
2 3 4 5 6		2	2	

The above peal, which is the first peal ever rung in this method, contains the 4th and 6th eleven times each in 6th's place, with neither the 2nd nor 3rd bells there.

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A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB
MAJOR.

5376.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
6 4 2 3 5	I	I	I
2 6 5 4 3	I	I	
5 2 3 6 4	I	I	
3 2 4 6 5	I		
4 2 5 6 3	I		
5 4 3 2 6	I	I	
2 5 3 4 6	I		
4 2 3 5 6	I		

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB CATERERS.

5076.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
4 6 5 3 2	I	I	2
4 5 3 6 2		I	2
6 3 5 4 2		2	2
5 2 4 3 6	I	I	2

Twice repeated.

FOUR PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.By HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

In each of the two following three-part peals the 2nd bell is never in 6th's place at a course-end.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6	I	4	5	6
4 2 6 3 5	-			
3 6 2 4 5	-			
6 2 3 4 5	-			
2 6 5 4 3	-			
5 2 3 6 4	-			
2 3 5 6 4	-			
3 5 2 6 4	-			
3 2 5 6 4	s			
2 5 3 6 4	-			
5 3 2 6 4	-			
2 5 4 3 6	-			
5 4 2 3 6	-			
4 2 5 3 6	-			
4 5 2 3 6	s			
5 2 4 3 6	-			
2 4 5 3 6	-			

Twice repeated.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6	I	4	5	6
2 6 4 3 5	-			
3 4 6 2 5	-			
4 6 3 2 5	-			
2 3 6 4 5	-			
3 6 2 4 5	-			
2 3 5 6 4	-			
3 5 2 6 4	-			
3 2 5 6 4	s			
2 5 3 6 4	-			
5 3 2 6 4	-			
2 5 4 3 6	-			
5 4 2 3 6	-			
4 2 5 3 6	-			
4 5 2 3 6	s			
5 2 4 3 6	-			
2 4 5 3 6	-			

Twice repeated.

The first of the two following peals contain all the 6-5's and 5-6's with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place at course-ends. The last one is obtained without the 2nd ever being in 6th's place at course-ends.

5008.

First part.

2 3 4 5 6	I	4	5	6
6 5 3 2 4	-	-		
2 3 5 6 4	-			
3 5 2 6 4	-			
6 2 5 3 4	-			
2 5 6 3 4	-			
5 6 2 3 4	-			
3 2 6 5 4	-			
2 6 3 5 4	-			
6 3 2 5 4	-			
3 2 5 6 4	-			s
6 5 2 3 4	-			
5 3 2 6 4	-			
6 2 3 5 4	-			
2 5 3 6 4	-			
6 3 5 2 4	-			
4 3 2 6 5	-	-		s
3 2 4 6 5	-			
2 4 3 6 5	-			
2 3 4 6 5	s			
3 4 2 6 5	-			
4 2 3 6 5	-			
3 4 5 2 6	-			

5008.

First part.

2 3 4 5 6	I	4	5	6
5 3 6 2 4	-	-		
3 2 6 5 4	-			
5 6 2 3 4	-			
6 2 5 3 4	-			
3 5 2 6 4	-			
5 2 3 6 4	-			
2 5 4 6 3	-			
5 4 2 6 3	-			
4 2 5 6 3	-			
2 4 3 6 5	-			
4 3 2 6 5	-			
3 2 4 6 5	-			
2 4 5 6 3	-	s		
4 5 2 6 3	-			
5 2 4 6 3	-			
2 5 3 6 4	-			
5 3 2 6 4	-			
3 2 5 6 4	-			
2 3 4 6 5	-			
3 4 2 6 5	-			
4 2 3 6 5	-			
3 4 5 2 6	-			

Second part of each peal.

3 4 5 2 6	I	6
2 5 4 3 6	-	
5 3 4 2 6	-	
3 2 4 5 6	-	
5 4 2 3 6	-	
4 3 2 5 6	-	
3 5 2 4 6	-	
4 2 5 3 6	-	
2 3 5 4 6	-	
4 5 3 2 6	-	
5 2 3 4 6	-	
2 4 3 5 6	-	
4 3 5 2 6	-	s
2 5 3 4 6	-	
5 4 3 2 6	-	
4 2 3 5 6	-	
5 3 2 4 6	-	
3 4 2 5 6	-	
4 5 2 3 6	-	
3 2 5 4 6	-	
2 4 5 3 6	-	
3 5 4 2 6	-	
5 2 4 3 6	-	
2 3 4 5 6	-	

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1886.

"NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE" has now become an established fact. The indefatigable Society of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, has, by the performance of the first 5000 in this new method, paid a lasting tribute to the ingenuity of its inventor, the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER. We are glad this is so; though it would have appeared, perhaps, more in accordance with the fitness of things, that the first peal should have been rung by members of the Society who are honoured by its title, and conducted by its talented inventor. No better recognition of its merits could, however, have been shown than the alacrity which the Burton gentlemen have displayed in attaining the performance recorded this week in our columns, and we are sure our friend Mr. BULWER will, after reading the record, be among the first to discover that his labours in the working out of his new System has been worthily appreciated by competent hands.

At any time there is room for gratification when it is found that men of birth and scholarly attainments are enthusiastically attached to the Exercise; in fact we pride ourselves upon having many such as these among its most skilful practitioners and warmest advocates, and whose names appear frequently in connection with ringing achievements of no ordinary character. This satisfaction is heightened by the success attained by the gentleman whose work we are now referring to. All will acknowledge that he has made a valuable contribution to the art; and those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance will discern at once that the entertaining qualities of the new method is on a par with the pleasure always derived from personal intercourse with him.

There is further proof of the value of unity conveyed in the performance of this peal of "New Cumberland." Within a short period of its appearance, the Society have at the first attempt succeeded in scoring a peal. Perhaps it may be argued that many other companies could have done the same. Very likely; but the society in question have done it; and this fact established, it is puerile to talk about what others could have done. "Talk about what you have done, not what you can do;" is the sage

counsel of an old London veteran now living, and there is both rhyme and reason in the advice. We are afraid that there are even among ringers to be found those who talk of what they are going to do, and who would keep on in the same strain till doomsday, but who never make an attempt to unite with others to effect any desired object. The reason is that a craving for unity and cohesion, such as is evidently felt by the men of Burton, is absent from the aspirations of such people. The case points a moral which those whom it concerns should profit by.

The Provinces.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILARS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

H. D. BETTERIDGE Treble.	S. HOUNSLOW 6.
J. W. WASHBROOK 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
C. HOUNSLOW 3.	W. SMITH 8.
H. J. CASTLE 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 9.
F. CASTLE 5.	W. JEFFERY Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by the
 REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

The first peal on the ten bells,

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN HOWE Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLING .. 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 2.	ROBERT JOHNSON .. 6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
ALFRED ROBINSON 4.	GEORGE HINGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

This was the first attempt for a peal of Stedman on the bells.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1886, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBT. CHAFFER Treble.	JNO. WM. STICKNEY .. 5.
CHAS. BENNETT 2.	JAMES DIXEY 6.
TOM STOCKDALE 3.	FRANK DRABBLE 7.
HENRY JENKINS 4.	CHAS. JACKSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

The above peal, which was rung to celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday, contains the 6th twenty times wrong and right, and is the longest peal in the method by the Association.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

NEHEMIAH W. TARLING .. Treble.	*WILLIAM MORRIS .. 5.
HENRY J. TUCKER 2.	†HENRY SABAN 6.
THOMAS SABAN 3.	*PHILIP SPRINGHAM .. 7.
ARCHIBALD BROWN 4.	*FREDERICK TARLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First Peal, †First peal with a bob bell.

SONNING, BERKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTH'S.

On Saturday, May 29, 1886, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

A. JACOB	Treble.	E. F. COLE	5.
JAS. LEACH	2.	W. ALDERMAN	6.
A. C. FUSSELL	3.	W. H. FUSSELL	7.
GEO. GRIFFIN	4.	GEO. NEWSON	Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. NEWSON.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells, the previous performances all being Grandsire Triples. The careful attention of Mr. Ford, to his duties as steeplekeeper, was appreciated by the visitors, who hail from London, excepting the Fussell Brothers of Slough.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14cwt. 2qrs. 18lbs.

S. BURTON	Treble.	JOS. HARDY	5.
AMOS CRESSER	2.	E. D. TAYLOR, ESQ.	6.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN., ESQ.	3.	J. HICKMAN	7.
REV. W. C. PEARSON	4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ.	Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by

J. W. TAYLOR, JUNR., ESQ.

This is the longest length yet rung on the bells. The Rev. W. C. Pearson hails from Syston, Messrs. Hickman and Burton from Nottingham, the rest belong to the Loughborough Branch.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, May 30, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ADAM BUTTERWORTH	Treble.	JOSEPH TAYLOR	5.
*THOMAS GREENWOOD	2.	WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE	6.
SAMUEL STOTT	3.	THOMAS BARRATT	7.
JAMES T. KERSHAW	4.	LUKE HAMPSON	Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

This was the 14th anniversary of the opening of the above church. *First peal. Stott and Kershaw hail from Glodwick; the rest are of the local company.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Monday, May 31, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN AUSTIN	Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY	5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE	2.	JOHN JAGGAR	6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY	3.	THOMAS HOLMES	7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN	4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal contains the 4th and 6th eleven times each in sixth's place, with neither the 2nd nor 3rd bells there. It is the first peal ever achieved in the method, and was rung at the first attempt.

Date Touches.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, May 25th, at St. Margaret's church, a date touch of Bob Triples 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; J. Button, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; G. Baxter (composer and conductor), 5; R. Stannard, 6; T. Staulkey, 7; J. Flegg, 8.

Diss (Norfolk).—On Monday, May 24th, Her Majesty's birthday, the Diss company rang at St. Mary's church, during the day, about

6000 changes, including a date touch of 1886 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Batram, 1; J. Rudd, 2; B. Francis, E. Hayward, 4; C. Webster, 5; W. Ireland (conductor), 6; A. Hart, 7; J. Souter, 8. Composed by Rev. H. E. Bulwer.

FAR HEADINGLEY, Leeds (Yorks).—At the church of St. Chad. on Thursday evening, 6th May, rung a date touch, 1886 changes of Plain Bob Major, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Farrar, 1; J. A. Roundhill, 2; F. G. Robinson, 3; G. Noble, 4; A. Naylor, 5; F. Robinson, 6; W. Child, 7; J. Whitaker, tenor. Weight of tenor 20 cwt. The peal was composed by W. Walker, of Leeds, and conducted by J. Whitaker.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, May 25th, eight members of the local society, after a lock-out of over three years, rang for practice at the first attempt a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., containing the tittums and the twenty-four 6,7's. S. Jesson, 1; H. Mallborn, 2; G. Hughes, 3; A. Mallborn, 4; J. Loyde, 5; J. Fullwood (composer and conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; T. Small, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOMBURN.—On Wednesday, May 19th, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, with sixteen bobs and two singles, in 27 mins. G. Deans, 1; H. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. G. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. Tenor about 12 cwt. This is the first in the method by the ringers, and the first by the Association. On Wednesday, May 26th, a plain course, three courses, and six courses of Double Oxford Bob Minor, standing as above.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Tuesday evening, May 18th, a 720 of Bob Minor, with sixteen bobs and two singles, in 23 mins. G. Usher, 1; W. Mynard, 2; E. Lewin, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6. On Saturday, May 29th, being the third anniversary of the opening of the new ring of six bells, in the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung. *E. Norman, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; *W. Mynard, 3; *J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. First peal Treble Bob. *First 720 in the method, time 24½ minutes. Tenor 10 cwt. Also during the afternoon, a 216 of Bob Minor, in which E. Norman rang the 2nd, and E. Lewin the 3rd; 120 plain Bob Doubles, and 120 of Oxford Bob Minor, in which G. Usher took part.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, May 27th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). M. Warwick, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech (first 720 on a bob bell), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Cullip, 5; H. Chapman, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Cullip, 6.

TURVEY (Beds).—On Saturday, May 22nd, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Allen, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Hall (conductor), 5; J. Frossell, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and the first by the 1st, 3rd, and 4th men. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Chapman (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Allen, 2; J. Frossell, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BADGEWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 9th, four members of St. Lawrence's company from Barnwood, assisted by two of the St. George's company of Brockworth, visited the above parish church, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (with eighteen bobs and two singles), the 6th being the observation, in 27 mins. J. Yeates, 1; F. Hannis, 2; H. Downham, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the above method rung upon the bells since the restoration of the peal, which have been all rehung with new framework, and likewise the tenor recast by Warner and Sons, 16 months ago; the bells all go well.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY.—On Monday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, was rung in 45 mins. in honour of Her Majesty's 67th birthday. R. H. Witherington, 1; S. Cleal, 2; C. W. Dyson, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; Thos. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 29th, at St. Margaret's church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a peal of Bob Triples was started for, but after 2 hrs. 18 mins. (3780 changes) of good striking, a change-course occurred, which brought them to grief. T. Staulkey, 1; H. Button, 2; J. Button, 3; G. Baxter, 4; W. Button, 5; R. Stannard, 6; T. E. Shearing (conductor), 7; J. Flegg, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, May 26th, on bells, retained in hand, 321, 350, and 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. And on Friday, May 28th, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. W. H. L. Buckingham, 1-2; H. Lewis, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD.—On Saturday, May 29th, several members of this Association paid a visit to St. Mary's Church, and rang on the fine little peal of six a 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. H. Buckingham, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; E. P. Debenham, 4; W. Battle, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6. Also some Grandsire Doubles and Minor with R. Fowler, 2.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Sunday, May 30th, at St. Mary's church, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major were rang after the morning service, which was attended by the members of No. 5 company, 1st Bucks Rifle Volunteers, in review order. In the evening, the rector delivered a farewell sermon to a very crowded congregation, previous to going to Chalfont St. Giles. G. Newson, 1; Leach, 2; Fussell's, 3-4; E. F. Cole, 5; Griffin, 6; Alderman, 7; Jacob, tenor. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

POLTON-LE-MOORS.—On Saturday, May 29th, four of the Manchester Cathedral company, with four of the Eccles company, visited Holy Trinity Church in the above town, for the purpose of ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. The peal went on smoothly until after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins., when one of the strands of the tenor rope was noticed to have broken and to be untwisting. After ringing another 18 mins., it was deemed advisable to call "stand," to the disappointment of the ringers. C. Cash, 1; J. E. Pollitt, 2; T. Yates, 3; S. West, 4; J. Barratt, 5; J. Eachus, 6; E. Cash (conductor), 7; A. E. Wrecks, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, May 20th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. H. Blisset, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; J. W. Williams, 3; A. Evans, 4; G. Gibbard, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, May 22nd, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Sweetzer, 1; A. Evans, 2; G. Gibbard, 3; G. Essex, 4; J. Hands, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, May 24th, a 720 of Plain Bob. H. Smart, 1; H. Simons, 2; G. Gibbard, 3; A. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 30th, for evening service at the parish church, 840 of Oxford Bob Triples, the first part of Shipway's six-part peal, in 32 minutes. C. Vaughan, 1; J. Browne, 2; G. Ropley, 3; *H. Wood, 4; F. Knight, 5; H. Burstone, 6; *H. Chandler (conductor), 7; E. Waller, 8. *Warnham branch; the rest of the Horsham branch.

THE WORCESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, May 7th, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. Samuel Cotton, 1-2; G. Cleal (conductor), 3-4; William Powell, 5-6; Fredk. Owen, 7-8. And on Wednesday, May 26th, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. W. Jenkins, 7-8; the others as before. Also on Thursday, May 27th, a 560 of Grandsire Triples, standing the same as on the 26th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, May 25th, at St. Martin's Church, six members of the above rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. John Francis, of Smeeth station, on Tuesday, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Folkestone, to Sarah, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Cobb, of that town), a 720 of Bob Minor, with fourteen singles and four bobs. C. Slingsby, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; W. Post, jun., 3; F. Wanstall, 4; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Also another 720 in the same method, with nine bobs and six singles, in 29 mins. W. Post, jun., 1; E. Hyder, 2; F. Wanstall, 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; F. Wanstall, 6. And on Saturday, May 29th, a 720 of Bob Minor, with forty-two singles, in 26 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; E. Hyder, 2; W. Post, jun., 3; *H. Pearce (conductor), 4; F. Slingsby, 5; W. Post, sen., 6. H. Pearce hails from Maidstone, and F. Slingsby from Folkestone. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob with fifteen bobs, in 29 mins. W. Post, jun., 1; E. Hyder, 2; F. Wanstall, 3; H. Pearce, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. This is the first 720 in the method for H. Pearce. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Monday evening, May 31st, eight members of the above visited this place and, by the kind permission of the vicar (the Rev. Canon Alcock), rung a 1008 of Bob Major, at St. Mary's

church. Frank Wanstall (Aldington), 1; David Hodgkin (Aldington), 2; Daniel Paine (Mersham), 3; George Paine (Mersham), 4; Edward Hoile (Ashford), 5; Fred Wanstall (Aldington), 6; William Ryder (Aldington, conductor), 7; Philip Hodgkin (Aldington), 8. First 1008 for the ringers of 1, 2, 5 and 6. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

ELMSTED (Kent).—On Sunday, May 30th, five members of the Lyminge branch of the above Association visited the above place and rung at the parish church, with the assistance of Mr. J. Hooker, of Hastingsleigh, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 of Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 28 mins. Also after service a 720 in the same method, with 26 singles, in 27½ mins. J. Prebble, 1; R. Andrews, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Hooker (conductor), 6.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, May 29th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor, with fourteen singles and four bobs, in 29 mins. J. Prebble, 1; R. Andrews, 2; A. Beer, 3; W. Fordred, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Andrews (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLESBORO.—On Wednesday, May 19th, three of the Mersham company and three of the Aldington company paid a visit to St. Mary's Church, where a new treble has been hung by Messrs. Llewellyns and James. They were met by the homo band and two from Ashford. The ropes were kindly handed over to the visitors and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins., notwithstanding the new treble being hung between the 4th and 5th. F. Wanstall, 1; W. Jay, 2; W. Post, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; D. Paine, 5; G. Paine (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells. Afterwards a 216 in the same method. F. Wanstall, 1; F. Wanstall, 2; C. Viggers, 3; E. Hoile, 4; D. Paine, 5; G. Paine (conductor), 6.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Sunday, May 30th, for Divine service, in the morning, a 700 of Grandsire Triples. Robert Mellors, 1; John C. Dicken, 2; George Bradley, 3; Joseph Spray, 4; William Gilson, 5; John Ward (conductor), 6; Samuel Mellors, 7; Joseph Moody, 8. Messrs. Dicken, Bradley, Gilson, and Ward hail from Long Eaton, the rest belong to the local company.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, May 29th, at St. James's church, three 120's of Grandsire Doubles. *H. Wood, 1; *W. Orpin, 2; *C. West, 3; J. West, 4; *C. Stafferton (conductor), 5; J. Trueman, 6. And a 120 of Geg Magog. W. West, 1; W. Orpin, 2; C. West (conductor), 3; J. West, 4; *C. Stafferton, 5; J. Trueman, 6. Also, on Sunday, May 30th, some Grandsire Doubles were rung for morning service, and for the afternoon service an attempt was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, but proved a failure, after some very good striking. *Members of the Beds. Association.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 23rd, at the parish church, for afternoon service, 360 Oxford and 360 Kent Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; R. Worsfold, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; J. Newnham, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob. E. Jordan (conductor), 1; J. Newnham, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; R. Worsfold, 5; W. Collinson, 6. Messrs. Newnham and Collinson are from Crawley, the rest are local men.

DRAYTON (Berks).—On Monday, May 31st, five courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 560 changes. T. Fulker, 1; G. Jones, 2; F. Field, 3; C. Trinder, 4; F. W. Warrick, 5; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, May 30th, six members of the Stanstead branch rang at the parish church a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25½ mins. G. Prior, 1; I. Cavill, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells. Tenor 11 cwt.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, May 30th, for Morning Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Gillett, 1; A. Biggs, 2; J. Barnard, 3; J. Cooper, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; W. Arnold, 7; H. Hogben, 8.

GLOUCESTER.—On Friday, May 28th, at St. George's Church, on the occasion of the burial of Mr. W. H. Flook, for many years sexton and also one of the ringers of the above church, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, after which the usual whole pull and stand was rung and the age of the deceased was tolled out. C. Walters (conductor), 1; J. Davies, 2; M. Sparks, 3; R. C. Cossins, 4; C. Beak, 5; W. H. Whitelock, 6.

GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Saturday, May 29th, at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. W. H. Royston, 1; J. W. Aitkin, 2; H. D. Davis, 3; H. J. Shade, 4; B. Spinner, 5; G. Hayes, 6; W. Harper, 7; G. Martin, 8. This was composed and conducted by H. J. Shade, of Greenwich, and rung on the occasion of the Queen's birthday.

GARBOLDISHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, May 27th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. West, 1; H. Axis, 2; C. Webster (Diss), 3; J. Bennett, 4; E. Bennett, 5; Jno. Bennett (conductor), 6. Tenor about 13 cwt.

HARWICH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 2nd, at St. Nicholas church, for services, a touch of Grandsire Doubles, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, and a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). Knight, 1; Aldis, 2; Huff, 3; Peachey, 4; W. Green, 5; Easter (conductor), 6. And another 720. Brewster (conductor), 1; Knock, 6; the others as before.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, May 23rd, at St. Martin's church, for Divine Service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, fifteen bobs, in 25 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; T. Gleed, 2; G. Harvey, 3; J. Nixon, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; G. B. Lucas, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, May 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. T. Vaughan, 1; J. Sackfield, 2; T. Hillman, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; W. Jones (conductor), 6.

OLD WINDSOR.—A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, at St. Peter's church, was rang for the evening service (vi. ar the Rev. E. Harwood). Fussell's, 1-2; Jacob, 3; Griffin, 4; Alderman, 5; Newson (conductor), tenor. Some Grandsire Doubles were well struck by the local ringers. Tenor 11 cwt.

LEIGH (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 30th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. E. Sprague (Malvern), 1; G. Pearcey (Malvern), 2; W. Powell (Worcester), 3; S. Cleal (Tewkesbury), 4; F. Jelf (Malvern), 5; G. Cleal (Worcester; conductor), 6. Tenor about 17 cwt.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, the 27th, ten members of the Liverpool Youths, started for a peal of Stedman Caters, on the cathedral bells of St. Peter, after ringing 42 courses, 4204 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins, a change course occurred, so stand was called. Richard Williams, 1; George Helsby, 2; John Brown, 3; Charles Williams, 4; William Booth, 5; John Pritchard, 6; George Fisher, 7; Robert Williams, 8; Thomas Hammond (conductor), 9; R. Diggle, 10.

MARGATE (Kent).—On Saturday, May 29th, for practice at St. John the Baptist, 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. *H. Wootton, 1; G. Cain, 2; — Jarman, 3; T. Reed, 4; J. Rumbold (conductor), 5; F. Carroway, 6. Also two scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Wootton, 1; G. Cain, 2; T. Reed, 3; F. Carroway, 4; J. Rumbold (conductor), 5; — Jarman, 6. Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb. *First 120.

NORTHENDEN (Cheshire).—On Sunday, May 30th, at St. Wilfred's church, after the evening service, two 720's of Plain Bob Minor, first with 9 bobs and 12 singles; second with 15 bobs and 6 singles, in fifty-four minutes. W. Wilde, 1; T. Brickell, 2; P. Brickell (conductor), 3; J. Wilde, 4; T. Price, 5; S. Brickell, 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 30th, at All Saints' church, the local company rang a 720 of Minor, no method mentioned (with twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles), in 28 mins. J. Hartley, 1; A. Bamford, 2; B. Bamford, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley, 5; Albert Crossley (conductor), 6. Tenor 14½ cwt.

RINGSTEAD (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, May 22nd, at St. Mary's church, for practice, Penning's 1-part 720 of Bob Minor (with 46 calls). F. Chapman, 1; G. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6. And a 720 of College Single (with eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Chapman, 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, May 27th, a 720 of College Little (with eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Chapman, 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; R. Dunkley, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (with nine bobs). *T. Roberts, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; *R. Dunkley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; *J. Braybrook, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. And on Saturday, May 29th, a 720 of Oxford Bob. T. Roberts, 2; A. Martin, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; G. Roberts, 4; W. Parker, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of London Singles. A. Coles, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; E. Mayes, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. A. Martin, and W. Parker, hail from Higham Ferrers; R. Dunkley from Bythorn; W. J. and F. Gilbert F. Slade, W. Hall and A. Coles from Raunds; the rest are of the local company.

SHIRE OAKS.—On Sunday afternoon, the 23rd May, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung on the Shire Oaks bells by the following ringers, in the space of 26 minutes. D. Russon, 1; R. Goacher, 2; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 3; H. Watkinson, 4; R. Knowles, 5; J. Hargreaves, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. The above 720 is the first in which D. Russon and R. Knowles have taken part in, and

considering that the ringers at Shire Oaks, to which band they belong, have had less than six months' practice in change-ringing, they are to be congratulated on their success. Great credit is due to W. Hargreaves for the trouble he is taking in teaching the Shire Oaks ring rs.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, May 29th, at St. Mary's the Virgin, six of the local company rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Gray, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

STISTED (Essex).—On Thursday, May 20th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 24 mins. And on Thursday, May 27th, a 720 in the same method in 23 mins. E. Chaplin, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; W. Beaman, 3; F. Saunders, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6. And on Sunday afternoon, May 30th, a 720 in the same method (fifteen calls). C. Duncomb, 1; W. Bearman, 2; W. Moore, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Saunders, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6. And after service, another 720 in the same method. S. Hammond, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; W. Moore, 3; S. Sargent, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6. The above 720s were each called differently. W. Bearman hails from Bocking.

STRATFORD ST. MARY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 15th, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Winny, 1; J. Levitt, 2; W. Ranson, 3; J. Scowen, (Hadleigh), 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; C. Ablitt, 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—And on handbells, a 720 Bob Minor. J. Levitt, 1-2; J. Scowen, 3-4; W. Smith (conductor), 5-6. On Sunday, May 16th for service in the evening, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Ablitt, 1; W. Nevard, 2; J. Starling, 3; H. Howell, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. W. Smith (conductor), 6.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Thursday, May 20th, for practice, at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. W. Cook, 1; F. Hayes, 2; M. Jacobs, 3; G. Conyard, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Messrs. Cook, Jacobs, and Conyard, hail from Chayford. Also on Sunday, May 23rd, for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob in 25 mins. A. Conford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Hayes, 3; F. Long, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, May 8th, at the parish church 508 of Grandsire Triples. W. Alley, 1; *E. A. Prescott, 2; A. Anderson (Bristol), 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; A. Palmer, 7; *C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. *First touch.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, May 24th, seven members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, assisted by J. Mills, rang at the parish church, 518 of Grandsire Triples, in honour of her Majesty's birthday, in 18½ mins. J. Middlecote, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell (conductor), 3; G. Mills, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; R. A. Barrett, 6; A. A. Waite, 7; J. Miles, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, May 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 6/7's. A. Mallborn, 1; H. Mallborn, 2; G. Hughes, 3; S. Jesson, 4; J. Bates, 5; J. Fullwood (conductor), 6; J. Loyde, 7; J. Mallborn, 8.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 18th, for practice, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. J. Fayers, 1; B. Battram, 2; C. Hyde, 3; *G. Welling, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Oxford. Fayers and Welling hail from Mitcham; Battram from Fulham; the rest belong to the local band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 14th. Divine Service with an address at 12.30; dinner at 1.30; business meeting at 2.30. The tower of St. Mary's (8), will be open from 9 a.m. to 12.20 p.m., and from 4 to 9 p.m. The belfries of Galleywood (8), Springfield (6), and Widford (6), will be open from 9 to 11.30 a.m., and from 4 to 9 p.m. Writtle (8), from 4 to 9 p.m. Members will be able to travel on the G.E.R. at reduced fares provided that they shew their E.A.C.R. receipts for 1885-1886 at the booking office, and inform the Secretary before Tuesday, June 8th, from what stations they travel. Dinner tickets may be obtained from the Secretary at 1s. each up to June 8th; after that date the price will be 2s. All letters must in future be addressed to the Secretary at Bittou, Bristol.

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[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."

CORRECTION.

SIR,—The 5040 at Trowbridge on May 22nd, is the first 5040 in Wilts by local ringers since 1837, not 1826. It may interest some readers to know that the last peal in the county by local men was at Aldbourne on March 27th, 1837, by James Barratt, 1; James Palmer, 2; William Taylor (called the bobs), 3; John Baxter, 4; William Andrews, 5; Joseph Palmer, 6; James Smith, 7; Jno. Beazley, 8. Time 3 hrs. 15 mins. The only peal at Trowbridge previous to the one on May 22nd last, was by James Bendell (conductor of the peal), 1; William Dyer, 2; John Wicks, 3; James Pollard, 4; Isaac Parsons, 5; Jacob Hawkins, 6; William Drewett, 7; James Earle, 8. Time 3 hrs. 16 mins.
W. W. GIFFORD.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of to day, May 29th, there is an account of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Trowbridge, Wilts. It is also stated that this is the first peal in Wiltshire by local men since 1826. I beg to inform you that in the belfry at Aldbourne, Wilts, there is a peal board on which is stated that peals of Grandsire Triples were rung there on Monday the 20th, and again on Monday, March 27th, 1837. Then follows the names, etc. Now I can vouch for the truth of the above statement, as I was one of the ringers at the time. I rung the fourth on the 20th, and the third on the 27th, and the peals rung were Holt's ten-paet. I may add that seven of those who rang on that occasion are now living. The 27th of March that year was Easter Monday. There are two other peal-boards in the belfry of peals rang in 1791 and 1806.
JOHN BAXTER.

SIR,—In the report of the ringing at Manchester Cathedral on May 18th, published in your issue of May 29th, there is a mistake which I ask you to correct. The words "voluntary ringers" should read "voluntary choir." Thanking you for the insertion of this correction.
A. ED. WREAKS.

SIR,—In your last issue I noticed a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, by the Northwich (Cheshire) company, at Lower Isover, and stating that it is the first 720 ever known to have been rang on the bells. Should it not be "Lower Peover," as I do not know of any "Isover" in Cheshire? If so, then I may say that the Macclesfield company rang a 720 of Bob Minor, and a 720 Grandsire Minor, when the bells were opened by them—I believe (speaking without examining our book) in 1855. I do not write this to detract in any way from the Northwich company, but am exceedingly glad to see that they are making such progress, and hope it will continue, and that we shall hear more of them very soon.
ED. MATTHEWS.
110, Bond Street, Macclesfield.

SIR,—I wish to call your attention to a mistake made in publishing a peal of Plain Bob Minor. The name of the church is put "Lower Isover." It ought to be "St. Oswald's church, Lower Peover."
Northwich, Cheshire. WILLIAM FORSTER.
[We must ask some of our friends to write legibly.—Ed.]

DOUBTFUL NOMENCLATURE.

SIR,—I notice in the peal column of your issue of the 29th inst., the record of a performance in four different methods, said to be 5080 changes on eight bells. I fail to see how it can be either: two of the methods were rung upon seven bells, and as I presume rounds completed each touch before beginning the next method, the change 12345678 occurred four times during the so-called peal; consequently the number of changes could not be 5080, as one round cannot be considered a change from another. I am aware that the same might be said of seven peals of Minor on six bells, but then the case is different, it being impossible to ring more than 720 different changes upon six bells; while a true peal of 5000 changes might have been

obtained in either of the four methods rung by our able Birmingham friends. It is stated, that this *peal*, etc., is the only known performance in these four methods on eight bells. Let us hope that it may also be the last time such a mongrel affair is allowed to appear in the columns of our valuable paper, or we may eventually have some company ringing ten distinct 500's of Grandsire Triples and calling it a peal.
N. N. HILLS.

WHAT IS WANTED IN THE WEST.

SIR,—I am sure all clergy who know what these ringing contests mean, must endorse your remarks on the subject. The motive of the Rector of Lanreath was doubtless excellent, but the measures he undertook to promote the interests of ringing are to be deplored. The ringing in the West is certainly a most insignificant performance, but there is this to be said—there are very few peals that go well; they either hang as they were first put up, or the village smith and his colleagues have executed the work. In two such counties as Devon and Cornwall, second to none for the sterling qualities of their sons, it is sad to find ringing in such a state. It is strange that such a manly art is so little known in the West, for if any counties in England have men whose qualities are adapted to change-ringing, certainly Devon and Cornwall have. The sons of the West are as firm in body as the iron-bound coast of their native land. When they undertake a work, they are as persistent as the waves of the Atlantic in their endeavours to master it; their minds are as fresh, keen, and subtle as the Atlantic waves which sweep their rocky moorlands. I have lived over twenty years in the West, and have seen their energy. I know many a young farmer who will begin mowing at 3 and 4 a.m., that he may finish his work and be off to a cricket match at 2 p.m., and play with the energy of an athlete. That energy would be thrown into ringing, if they had the instructors. We want co-operation among the existing clergy, an association for both counties, and influence brought to bear upon some of our young ringing clergy, that they may be induced to work for a few years in the West. The clergy must do this work, or it will never be done. It is useless to wait for the wave to roll westwards, for the character of the inhabitants has ever been against this; infection runs much quicker the other way. We must start in the heart of Cornwall and in South Devon. These two counties are ready to receive the art, and a few of our young clergy could give the necessary impulse. Let a manly young curate, who does not think too much of himself (we cannot stand pride in these parts) start ringing in any parish, and I am confident he will have in a few months a band more promising than which no conductor could desire. Here we are shut off from many frivolities and childish amusements which are so common in other parts of England, and are ready to enter heart and soul into such a manly exercise, but we want the leaders. A dozen ringing curates stationed at proper intervals in Cornwall, would, in three years' time, have done quite sufficient for us to have an instructor of our own county, and at convenient distances for all. The Devonshire Guild is influential in its own part, and is progressing, but at present it is stuck in a corner. It must come out into our midst, or even to the west of that, if it to make its work felt.
C. F. C.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.—ALTERATION OF DATE.—Notice is hereby given, that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, June 14th, instead of Saturday, May 29th.
GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

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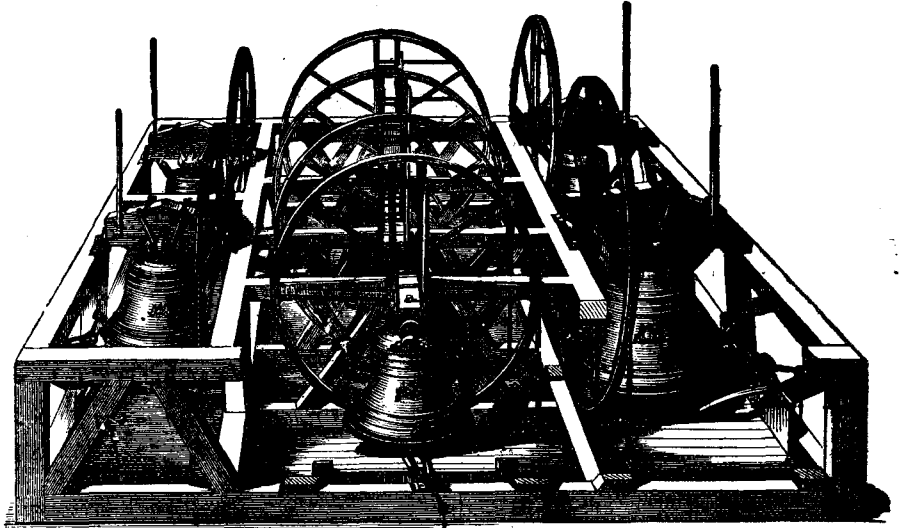
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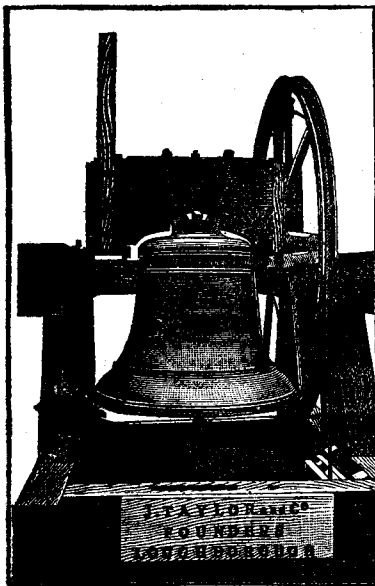
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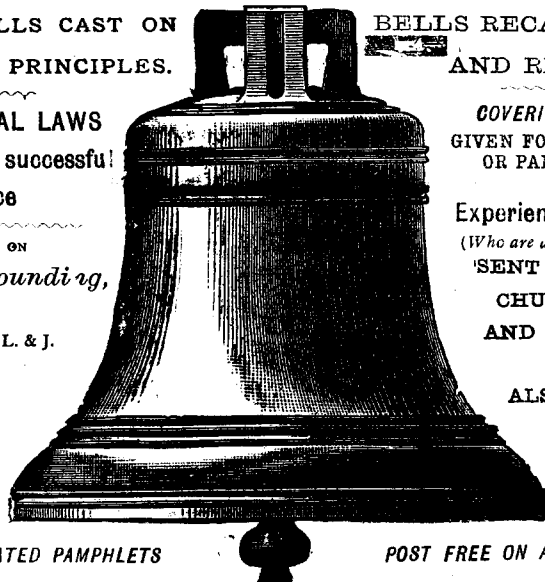
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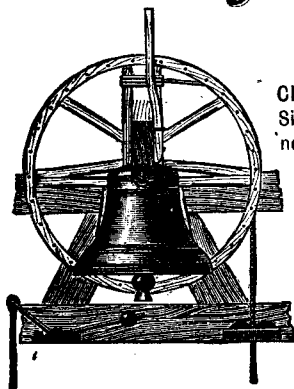
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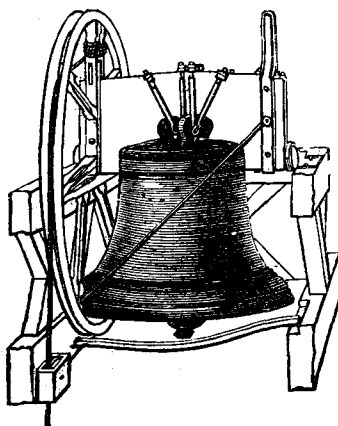
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A VISIT TO BODDELLWYDDAN, DENBIGHSHIRE,
NORTH WALES.

BY FRANCIS E. DAWE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Although it has been my privilege to visit many noteworthy places during the last "seventeen days and a bit," I have ventured to describe the following in the hope that it may be read with some interest by many of the courteous readers of "THE BELL NEWS."

On Monday morning, May 31st, the Wrexham change ringers were astir early, and each one's button hole having been gaily decorated with exquisite flowers through the kindness of Mr. Kendrick, from the choicest plants in his garden, all set out by railway for Chester. Having changed trains and settled down, the handbells were produced, and the harmonious changes of Stedman Triples passed away the journey along the sea coast until Rhyl was reached. The town, strange to say, appeared deserted, so after having produced a brake and pair, and carefully replenished our stock of creature comforts, we again made a move, and after travelling five or six miles by road, arrived at a valley to the north of the Vale of Clwyd, well known from its natural fertility and beauty as the "Garden of Wales," in fact fit to be the abode of Hygeia herself. In the centre of this valley is situated, like a gem, the church of St. Margaret, Boddellwyddan, commonly called "the marble church," a structure of elegance of design and richness of materials not to be equalled elsewhere; built in the decorated Gothic style of the fourteenth century, and is fitted up most elaborately. The exterior is almost a pure white, excepting the blue slates, and the most remarkable feature is the spire, 202 feet high, a very elegant piece of workmanship, rising from eight beautiful pinnacles which are relieved by flying buttresses; it is pierced by several ornamental tracery openings all the way up, that can be seen through at certain angles, giving it an air of extreme lightness and elegance. The dimensions of the nave is 66 feet by 48 feet, the chancel 30 feet by 20 feet, and the Sanctuary 12 feet by 20 feet. On entering, the effect is calculated to give rise to feelings both of admiration and enthusiasm; the rich Aberdeen granite, and excellent specimens of Serpentine, black Irish, and other polished marbles, with the superb stained glass and tessellated flooring is truly marvellous, also the clustered columns of very fine veined rouge royal marble, surmounted by foliated capitals carved out of limestone. The ceiling is of carved oak, and formed into square panels by moulded ribs, rosettes, and bosses. The chancel is quite a wonder; above the choir stalls on either side are superbly carved canopies of Caen stone, which are surmounted by slender shafts of Languedoc marble, the panels at the back being alabaster. The reredos is extremely chaste in design, divided into seven compartments with panels of polished Dove marble, upon which in letters of gold are inscribed the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. The various subjects in the stained glass windows are faithfully carried out, one representing a scene from Christ's sermon on the mount, where he says "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these"; this window is considered by visitors to be the finest in existence for its size; the lilies, trees, sky, figures, dresses, features, and entire effect being the admiration of all who have the good fortune to behold it, and all present returned to have another look before leaving. The hexagonal pulpit is of carved oak, supported by figures of angels holding scrolls, on which are carved various Scripture sentences. A very striking feature is the lectern, which cost 400 guineas, representing an eagle perched on a rock with both wings outspread, and head turned half round to enable it to obtain a survey in every direction, being just on the point of taking flight, and so very natural is the poise of the bird, so wonderful and exquisite the rendering of each particular feather, so piercing the glance from the eyes, that except for the colour one could easily imagine it to be a living specimen. The weather worn rock is also artistically treated, representing a projecting crag, in the fissures of which are carved ferns, mosses, fox-gloves, blue-bells, and other wild flowers, very artistically arranged and wrought. The font is a departure from anything yet attempted in ecclesiastical form, representing two of the children of Sir Hugh and Lady Williams, carved in white marble, the elder girl is kneeling, while the younger one is standing to assist her sister in supporting a large shell in position for holding the water; the features of both are most accurate, and underneath are the words in English and Welsh, "Suffer little children to come unto me, etc."

It is a curious fact that not a single nail or screw can be found in the whole building, which is capable of holding 350 persons. On entering the porch a suitable inscription on a brass plate, in English and Welsh, describes that the donor is Margaret Willoughby de Brooke, in memory of her husband.

On going up the belfry steps, the ringing-chamber is found to be a well lighted apartment, but rather noisy; the bells are considered one of the finest rings in the principality, tenor 17 cwt. in F., and by ascending the wooden stairs above the frame, a somewhat difficult

task was found to be in raising a heavy trap-door, covered with lead; this was by no means easy, in spite of the heavy counterpoise affixed to it. However, the view outside, at the base of the spire, was certainly most delightful, everything appearing like a beautiful rich flower garden, with a charming view of the blue sea beyond. On preparing for ringing, a fine example of what should be done by ringers in economizing time, was most striking; one greased the bearings, another looked to the ropes from top to bottom, while a third was ready with a large bag, to fasten on new ones from home, where it was deemed advisable, another screwed up the nuts and bolts, and someone else saw that all clock-hammers were secure, so for a wonder the bob-caller did not have to worry about all these minor details, as is generally the case at some places when going for peals, all being left to that individual while the others wait about doing nothing outside. However everyone knew his work, and at once did it. The door being locked, and the key left in, and in almost less time than it takes to tell, the bells were pulled up and set swinging, and at 12.12 p.m. "go" was called, and Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples brought round without a hitch of any kind, at 3.11 p.m. This was the third as yet achieved on the bells, and the quickest as regards time. The band, strange to say, were precisely the same, and stationed in the same places, as when they accomplished the "centenary peal" at Oswestry twelve months ago. Afterwards some firing was indulged in, and the bells lowered, when the chiming apparatus was put in order, and I was allowed to chime several well-known national melodies, such as are played by the principal carrillons in the kingdom. In all parts of the valley the bells can be heard to advantage, "filling all the arch of space," and as there are no houses except the Vicarage and two or three others anywhere to be seen, the ringing cannot possibly annoy anyone; in fact, when the two or three resident families are away, the bells really play to the rooks and crows. The church is, however, well filled on Sundays, the people coming many miles to the services. On leaving the church, as no place of resort is anywhere near, one of the band (noted as a punster) inquired if either of the party had brought a "bottle with un."

After packing up and leaving this charming spot, myself and Mr. Evans left the main party, and visited the ruins of Rhuddlan Castle, and from thence to Denbigh, where, on the summit of a very high hill, stands a splendid ruined castle, lately restored and turned into an excellent pleasure resort, with nicely kept lawns, walks, swings, &c., at a cost of £2,000. We also visited the belfry of the principal church, and having chimed with the apparatus (an indispensable appendage here), was astonished to find that, although the eight bells have been hung there for years, the ropes lie in a coil under each bell, and the mouse-holes are as yet not made in the ceiling, the authorities apparently having no idea of how bells are rung, or in any way anxious to find out what harmony could be produced by their being handled by skilful ringers, instead of being chimed, as they now are, by a railway guard, who knows nothing of the science, but positively asserts that he can "ring Stedman-Grandsire with any man in England." It is doubly surprising that for a very few pounds this fine ring of bells could be rescued from such a dilapidated condition, and the place converted into a very decent belfry.

So ended one of the most pleasant outings possible to imagine.

THE PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH AT DRAYTON, BERKS.

As will be seen in the list of peals this week, eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild accomplished a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, being the second ever rung in the diocese. It will, I am sure, be of great interest to the many readers of "THE BELL NEWS" to hear of the ringing of the peal. After the accomplishment of a peal of Stedman Triples, at Drayton, a short time ago, the vicar, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, in his usual genial manner, hinted that Double Norwich was rather left out in the cold in this part of the country. However, the hint was taken, and on Tuesday, May 26th, eight members met at Drayton to practice that method. Mr. Betteridge and his men from Drayton, Oxon, and Mr. Washbrook, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson—the latter two the only ones knowing anything of the method. However, after a little beating about, some very good Plain Courses were rung, which was considered a very good practice. It was then arranged for Monday, 31st May, for the next practice, which was concluded with a 560. The next meeting was arranged for June 5th, when a quarter-peal was successfully brought round. After these three wonderful practices we thought we would attempt the peal, which was arranged for Monday, June 7th. At the time fixed every man was at his post, and the peal was rung at the first attempt, in a very creditable manner. This is certainly a very novel performance on the part of Mr. Betteridge and his men, who, it must be remembered, have only learned change-ringing 18 months, and have only six bells to practise on. After the busy time of haymaking and harvest, it is hoped to deal with Superlative, New Cumberland, &c. In the same way let us hope some other country bands will take a lesson from this one, and let us see what can be done, and not let the names of methods frighten them.

J. W. W.

A VISIT TO A BELFRY.

Mr. A. Percival Heywood sends us the following, which he has come across while reading "The Life of Mr. Frank Buckland," the Naturalist. It may interest and perhaps somewhat amuse our readers:—

"A long enquiry of nine days, in December, 1874, into the bye laws for the Wye Fishery, was diversified by an examination of the beautiful bells of Ross. One evening during the progress of my enquiry when inspecting the shops, a magnificent peal of bells began to ring. Having but once before seen a church belfry, when they were ringing a peal, I determined, if possible, to get up into the belfry. With some difficulty—having no light—we found the little door at the base of the tower, and, after shouting awhile, a man came down with a candle in an ancient horn lantern. I then went up—and up—and up some very narrow and much-worn stairs, till I arrived at the belfry. Imagine a largish room quite square, four bits of a candle burning a dim light, from the ends of a very primitive chandelier made up of laths, a creaky floor, a roof of antiquated timbers, an old man, and a charity-boy on a form in the middle, the solemn tick, tick, tick of the church clock, and eight men, each standing by a rope, and you will have some idea of the scene which presented itself to my view. The chief of the ringers gave me a very kind welcome; and after giving some mysterious orders to the ringers, who went each to his rope, at a given signal, off went the merry bells—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, again, and again for about five times. The leader then cried loudly, "Bob!" and the bells instantly altered to (as I understood afterwards) 2, 1, 3, 5, 4, 7, 6, 8, then to 3, 2, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and so on for a considerable time, interspersed with the orders, loudly given every now and then, "Single!" "Bob!" till at last the poor bells seemed suddenly to recover their senses, and away they went loudly, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; and then "Halt!" This peal-ringing was evidently hard work, but the music was beautiful. It was a peal of "Grandsire Triplets," whatever that may mean. Grandsire, I believe, is the name of a man who was a great authority on bell-ringing. An inscription on the wall was pointed out to me with evident pride, which reads as follows: 'Feb. 11, 1851 was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triplets, containing 5,040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 minutes, being the first true peal ever rung in this country.' Then came the names of the ringers. I was then permitted to ring a bell, and was surprised to find the tremendous velocity and power with which the rope, at a certain stage of the pull, rushes upwards. This is very dangerous to novices, who might get entangled in the rope, and smash by it against the roof above. It requires great knack to pull the rope at a certain instant, so as to make the bell speak. How the men manage, under these circumstances, to ring a peal, especially with changes, I cannot understand. I was told that the bells were then 'raised'; that is, they were standing with their mouths uppermost; and as time was getting on, the ringers must 'fall them,' i.e. bring them very gradually back to their original position, with the mouths downwards. This 'falling the bells' took some time, during which many musical combinations took place, most enchanting to the ear; they ended, as usual, with a half-faint 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. I spread the news of my discovery of the bell-ringers at Ross Church, among those present at the enquiry, and the ringers promised to ring us another peal the following evening. We had to wait till the evening church service was over, when a goodly number of strangers visited the belfry. The ringers then took extra pains with their complicated change-ringing, which is far beyond my comprehension, and, even, I have reason to know, past the understanding of the learned lawyers assembled. They cross-examined the ringers again and again, but could make nothing of it. I never saw lawyers so completely stumped before, and this by eight honest hard-working men, a mason, a wheelwright, a tailor, a tallow-chandler, a shoemaker, a ploughman, &c.

"*Trahit sua quemque voluptas*, was here well exemplified. The lawyers knew their business, the ringers knew theirs. When the men had rung a beautiful peal, they offered to muffle the bells in our honour. The bells are generally only muffled at Christmas. Muffling the bells, I was told, means tying a bit of leather on to the clappers, so that the sound is subdued. While two men went up to muffle the bells, the ringers sat down in a row on a form, each with a handbell in his hand. By interchanging these bells they rung a very pretty peal, and then, standing up, played several good tunes on these handbells. The bells being now muffled, the men rang another peal, the effect of which was exceedingly beautiful. I then with my colleague, Mr. Walpole, went right up into the steeple, and stood upon the beam, close over the eight great bells, as they were giving out their iron voices. The noise here was tremendous. By signs alone could we speak, but it was a grand sight to see the bells swinging in great circles, with tremendous power and swiftness; and then, to see them instantly stop in their wild career, and made to speak by the comparatively feeble hand of man at the rope below. The sight of these eight bells all swinging, apparently madly, and without order, and yet give out a most musical

peal, which (when the bells are not muffled) can be heard eight miles off, was grand in the extreme. After looking well at the bells, I sent down word to ask the ringers to 'fall them'; and it was very interesting to see how neatly and gently the bells began to lessen their speed, then seemed to despair of their work, then labour heavily at it, then begin to slumber, and at last fall into the deep, heavy sleep, which they have enjoyed more or less for 180 years.

"Only fancy! 180 Christmas Days! Taking a generation at 30 years, these bells must have rung their Christmas Peal to no less than 6 generations of the inhabitants of Ross. Since the reign of King William III. 1695, when the 'Man of Ross,' John Kyrle, gave the big bell. It is said that a Man of Ross was present at the casting of the Tenor or Great Bell, and that he took with him an old Silver Tankard, which, after drinking claret and sherry, he threw in, and had cast with the bell. By a curious coincidence this bell unexpectedly fell off the wheel soon after John Kyrle's funeral."

ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

The following is the ringing done by this Society during the last week of April and the month of May, 1886:—April 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Moss, 1; E. Pitt, 2; W. Goss, 3; W. Richardson, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; T. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Mundy, 8. April 29th: 504 Stedman Triples. E. Pitt, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. R. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; T. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. Moss, 8. Also a course of Grandsire Major. W. Mundy, 1; E. Pitt, 2; W. Goss, 3; W. Richardson, 4; T. R. Shepherd, 5; A. Shepherd, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; F. Shepherd, 8. May 2nd: 168 Grandsire Triples. T. Townsend, 1; T. R. Shepherd, 2; W. Richardson, 3; W. Goss, 4; E. Pitt, 5; A. Shepherd, 6; E. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. J. Lake, 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. J. Moss, 1; E. Pitt, 2; F. R. Shepherd (conductor), 3; W. Richardson, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; W. Goss, 6; E. Shepherd 7; W. Mundy, 8. May 9th: 504 Stedman Triples. J. Moss, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; W. Richardson, 5; W. Goss, 6; T. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Mundy, 8. And on May 11th, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Pitt, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. R. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; T. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. Townsend, 8. May 16th: 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Mundy, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; W. Richardson, 3; W. Goss, 4; E. Pitt, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; T. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. Luscombe, 8. And 120 Stedman Doubles, on the back six. E. Pitt, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; W. Richardson, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; T. Shepherd, 5; W. Mundy, 6. May 18th: 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Luscombe, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; W. Goss, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Pitt, 6; E. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. J. Lake, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. E. Pitt, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. R. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. J. Lake, 8. May 23rd: 210 Grandsire Triples. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitt, 2; W. Richardson, 3; T. Shepherd, 4; E. Shepherd (conductor), 5; A. Shepherd, 6; W. Goss, 7; C. Carter, 8. Also 168 in the same method. T. Townsend, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; T. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Pitt (conductor), 6; W. Richardson, 7; J. Luscombe, 8. May 27th: At the church of St. Thomas, Exeter, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and one 6-score of Stedman, by the following: E. Shepherd, 1; E. Pitt, 2; T. Shepherd (conductor), 3; W. Goss, 4; W. Richardson, 5; T. J. Lake, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. Handbell Ringing.—On April 27th: 168 Grandsire Triples. T. Shepherd (conductor), 1-2; E. Shepherd, 3-4; F. R. Shepherd, 5-6; E. Pitt, 7-8. May 2nd: 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Shepherd, 1-2; F. R. Shepherd, 3-4; T. Shepherd (conductor), 5-6; E. Pitt, 7-8. May 23rd: 168 Grandsire Triples. E. Shepherd, 1-2; T. R. Shepherd, 3-4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5-6; E. Pitt, 7-8.

DEATH OF AN ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE RINGER.

The Ashton company regret to announce the death of one of their members, viz., Mr. Joseph Boocock, which took place on Monday week. The deceased, who was a factory operative, and was thirty-six years of age, had enjoyed but poor health for a long period, though still able to follow his employment. About a month ago, however, he caught a severe cold, which compelled him to keep to his bed, and ultimately consumptive symptoms manifested themselves, to which he succumbed as above stated. His death, though not entirely unexpected, had a saddening influence upon his brother ringers in the town. The deceased was acknowledged to be a skilful ringer, and had taken part in a great number of peals, and some years ago assisted at several prize-ringing contests. The funeral took place on Saturday last, May 29th, and was largely attended. The coffin was borne to the grave by eight of the deceased's ringing friends, and at the conclusion of the burial service, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung upon the handbells, which apparently made a deep impression upon the relatives and friends congregated at the grave side. Later in the evening a muffled touch was rung upon the bells of St. Peter's church. A wife and two young children are left to mourn his loss.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE GENERAL MEETING of this Association was held at Keighley on Saturday, June 5th, at which there was a good attendance of members, the companies represented were; Anston, Bingley, Birstall, Burnall, Bradford, Bolton, Denholme, Drighlington, Gargrave, Guiseley, Haworth, Holbeck, Hunslet, Leeds, Rotherham, Saltaire, Sheffield, Shipley, Staveley, Tong, York, etc. The proceedings commenced with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5024), by eight members from Keighley, Gargrave, and Bradford, particulars of which will be found in another column. In the afternoon a Committee Meeting was held, at which sixteen new members were admitted. At five o'clock, the members were entertained by their Keighley friends to a very substantial meat tea in the schoolroom, when over 100 sat down. The general business meeting followed, at which the President (W. Snowdon, Esq.), occupied the chair, who was supported by the Rev. H. J. Longsdon, M.A., rector of Keighley, and the officers of the Association. The minutes of the previous meeting at Rotherham were read and confirmed.

The PRESIDENT then asked for propositions for the place of the next meeting, but none being forthcoming, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Committee.

Messrs. John McKell (Gargrave), and James Angus (Bradford), were next elected as auditors and returning officers at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

The PRESIDENT, after calling the attention of the members to some of the rules and new regulations, asked for the assistance and forbearance in the difficult position in which he and the Committee were placed through the loss of his brother, the late president, and announced that the officers whose time expired in October were Mr. G. Bolland (Vice-President), Mr. B. T. Copley (Steward), and Mr. W. Whitaker (Hon. Sec.). He stated that the Hon. Sec. had expressed a desire to resign, having filled the office for the past ten years, and after referring to the great services Mr. Whitaker had rendered to the society during that time, said he was sure he expressed the general feeling of the members in hoping that their secretary would continue in his office. The applause which followed fully corroborated these remarks. He concluded by proposing a cordial vote of thanks to the rectors of Keighley and Haworth, and the churchwardens, for the use of their bells during the day, assuring the Rector of Keighley of the great pleasure felt by the members in having him amongst them at that tea and meeting.

The motion was seconded by the Vice-President, Mr. W. H. Howard (York), and carried amid loud cheers.

The Rev. H. LONGSDON, who received a very hearty greeting, replied to the vote. He said he had come from Derbyshire that day expressly to meet them, and was pleased that he had done so. He hoped that one good result of that meeting would be to make the clergy and ringers more intimate, and that they would meet together oftener both in the bellry and in the Church. He was also pleased to think that the Church possessed such a fine body of men throughout the country in her ringers, and trusted that should ever the Church be in peril through her enemies, she would find in her ringers a brave army of defenders. He was glad to know that the members had been well entertained, on this their first visit to Keighley, assuring them of a hearty welcome should they meet there again. He paid a graceful tribute to the late president, whom he had the pleasure of knowing, and expressed a desire to become an honorary member of the Association, and resumed his seat amid loud applause. A cordial vote of thanks to the Keighley members for the generous entertainment they had provided, and the very satisfactory arrangements they had made for the members, and also to the ladies who had presided at the tables, was proposed by Mr. B. T. Copley (Bradford), seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield), and carried with cheers.

Mr. W. Elliott (Birstall), proposed, and Mr. T. Lockwood (Leeds) seconded a vote of thanks to the President, who briefly replied, and then declared the meeting closed.

During the day several touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, and various six bell methods, were performed on the rings of eight at Keighley and six at Haworth, the bells being kept going till a late hour.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of the above Association for ringing purposes was held on Saturday, June 5th, at Worsley. About fifty members were present from Bolton, Eccles, Manchester, Pendlebury, Swinton, Walkden, and Worsley. Touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob Major, and of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed bands in turn during the afternoon and evening. The weather and the condition of the bells were everything that could be desired, and the visitors, without exception, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The thanks of all are due to the Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave (who was elected an honorary member), for his kind permission to use the bells, and to the local ringers for the excellent arrangements they had made for their fellow members' comfort.

OPENING OF A NEW RING AT ALL SAINTS', RYDE, BY THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough having put up a magnificent ring of eight, tenor 264 cwt. in Eb, at the above church, eight members of this Guild undertook the task of ringing them on the dedication day, Ascension Day, June 3rd. The Ascension Day usual Matins service commenced at 11.30 a.m., when an appropriate sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Sumner, D.D. At the conclusion of the service the choir, the clergy, and several members of the Committee of the bell fund, proceeded to the ringing chamber, and the dedication of the bells took place. The dedication service was with the addition of the collect for Ascension Day similar, to that used at the dedication of the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral. At the conclusion of the service a short touch was rung, and the ringers were afterwards entertained at one of the hotels to dinner, which was provided by the kindness of the churchwardens, who, with the Curates, the Rev. F. P. Napier, and the Rev. S. Stevens, presided. Owing to the length of the morning service the ringers found that there would be scarcely time to ring a complete peal in the afternoon, as they were obliged to return by the six o'clock boat. They had therefore to content themselves with half a peal, Reeves's Variation of Holt's ten-part, which was brought round in 1 hr. 37 mins. As is often the case with rings put up by Messrs. Taylor, the labour of ringing is comparatively light by the superiority of the mechanism. A large crowd was assembled outside the church to listen to the ringing, and many persons expressed themselves well satisfied with the precision of the striking and the grand tone of the bells. The inhabitants of Ryde have just cause to be proud of this new ornament to their town, and we trust that before long a local band will be organised to ring them well in true scientific fashion, as we understand that there is at present a scarcity of scientific ringers in the island. The men who rang the half-peal stood thus: J. Staples, 1; F. Hill, 2; J. Hewett, 3; G. Grafham, 4; C. Privett, 5; J. Whiting, 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. J. Staples hails from Havant; J. Hewett from Gosport; E. Clapshaw from Farnham; S. Brooker from Leatherhead; and the rest from Fareham.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—The booking offices at St. Pancras and Moor-gate-street stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, June 11th and 12th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can also be obtained beforehand at the various London offices. Tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras station; will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Express train service from St. Pancras (week days only), to Scotland, leaves St. Pancras at 5.15 a.m., 10.35 a.m., 8.25 p.m., 9.15 p.m.; arriving at Edinburgh 4.32 p.m., 8.40 p.m., 7.25 a.m.; and Glasgow 4.37 p.m., 8.55 p.m., 6.35 p.m., 7.40 a.m.; for Manchester and Liverpool leaves St. Pancras at 5.15 a.m., 10.10 a.m., 12.0 noon, 3.30 p.m., 3.40 p.m., 5.0 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 12.0 night; arriving at Manchester 10.0 a.m., 2.35 a.m., 4.20 p.m., 7.45 p.m., 8.25 p.m., 9.30 p.m., 2.0 p.m., 5.10 p.m.; and Liverpool at 10.50 a.m., 3.35 a.m., 5.10 a.m., 8.50 p.m., 10.20 p.m., 2.50 p.m., 5.55 p.m.; to Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds and Bradford: leaves St. Pancras at 5.15 a.m., 10.0 a.m., 10.35 a.m., 12.20 p.m., 3.0 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 8.25 p.m., 9.15 p.m., 12.0 night; arriving at Nottingham at 8.3 a.m., 12.33 a.m., 1.30 a.m., 2.50 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 8.10 p.m., 11.15 p.m., 12.25 p.m., 3.15; arriving at Sheffield 8.54 a.m., 1.35 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 9.10 p.m., 11.54 p.m., 1.0 p.m., 4.17 a.m.; arriving at Leeds 10.15 a.m., 2.30 a.m., 3.5 a.m., 4.45 p.m., 7.25 p.m., 10.5 p.m., 2.15 a.m., 5.20 a.m.; and Bradford 11.5 a.m., 3.0 a.m., 3.30 a.m., 5.15 p.m., 7.55 p.m., 10.35 p.m., 1.15 a.m., 2.45 a.m., 6.26 a.m.; and corresponding trains are run in the opposite direction; for particulars see time-tables issued by the Company.

THE GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY will run cheap excursions for six days from London (Liverpool Street), on Saturday, June 12th, 1886, as under:—At 7.8 a.m.: to Braintree, Maldon, Sudbury, Bury, Clacton-on-Sea, Walton-on-Naze, Hadleigh, &c. At 8.10 a.m.: to Colchester, Harwich, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Stowmarket, Diss, Bungay, Beccles, Lowestoft, Halesworth, Yarmouth, &c. At 8.45 a.m.: to Haverhill, March, Wisbech, Spalding, Sleaford, Lincoln, Gainsborough, Doncaster, &c. At 8.50 a.m.: to Cambridge, Newmarket, Ely, St. Ives, Chatteris, Downham, Lynn, Hunstanton, Swaffham, Thetford, Dereham, Fakenham, Norwich, Cromer, &c. At 11.0 a.m.: to Hull, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Oldham, Ashton, Staleybridge, Manchester, Selby, York, Scarborough, Whitby, Pontefract, Leeds, Wakefield, Bradford, Halifax, &c. For further particulars see bills.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The Intermediate Meeting of the above Association will be held at Balderstone, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 4.

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(By Reeves, Jones, and Blakemore.)

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The subscribers to Shipway will receive their copies in the course of a few days; the sheets being now in the hands of the binder. These gentlemen will also be entitled to a copy of the CLAVIS, free, when completed.

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All communications respecting advertisements must be addressed to the office of "THE BELL NEWS," Walthamstow, London.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1886.

THE ringers of St. Margaret's church, Lynn, are on strike. So a paragraph which appears in another portion of our paper informs us. The establishment of a species of Trades Union, embracing the difficult and complicated questions annexed to "scruffers," has not, so far as we know, been yet developed, or these gentlemen who are dissatisfied with the regulations of the above-named church would doubtless have met with sympathy and encouragement. Their contumacy has led the authorities to call in the aid of a neighbouring band of ringers, who, if report speaks truly, have discovered that the fittings of the bells have been tampered with, to their injury, by the introduction of a foreign matter in the shape of sea-sand! This is a wonderful and also serious allegation, and if true, deserves condign punishment. We forget the cause of dispute between the ringers and the authorities of St. Margaret's church, but no grievance on earth is sufficient to warrant such an offence as this, if it has been perpetrated. Circumstances happen occasionally when we can almost sympathise with aspirations not exactly in accordance with that charity we should always exhibit, but the act of damaging bell-fittings has not the least ray of excuse, or hope of forgiveness to the miscreant who performs it. In the case before us, however, we hope the punishment, when awarded, may not be meted out to the innocent. If it is established that the injury has been done by the ringers who are said to be "on strike," we hope the

actual perpetrator only will receive his reward; for surely the whole of a ringing company cannot be so lost to all sense of honour as to combine in such a nefarious transaction.

There should be, nevertheless, in any unfortunate difference between ringers and the ruling authorities of their church, a certain amount of discretion used by neighbouring ringing companies. And it should be borne in mind that the unhappy relationship which sometimes exists between ringers and the clergyman is not always to be laid at the door of the former. Yet we fear there are cases to be found, where neighbouring ringers would work hard for admission into and control of their neighbour's steeple, though the previous occupiers had done nothing to warrant their expulsion. This is not wise, to say the least. Have we never heard of applications being clandestinely made to clergymen or churchwardens, accompanied with a host of specious promises, to expel the present ringers and confide the arrangements of the belfry to the writers? We think we have. And we may say with the compiler of the paragraph alluded to above, that this "is rattening extraordinary, and deplorable."

Disputes between ringers and the authorities of the church where they ring should never be allowed to become a stepping-stone to consummate a long-coveted admission to their belfry. We should want to be made acquainted with the true facts of the case before we accompanied a party of invasion into the belfry of brother-ringers, whether invited or not. To ride rough-shod over the feelings of men who for years have been attached to their belfry, in which they have done good service, and which they love as a home, is a proceeding that should not be done without sufficient cause, or in too great a hurry.

The Provinces.

BELCHAMP WALTER, ESSEX.

On Sunday, May 30, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW Treble.	FREDERICK WELLS 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL 2.	OLIVER GARWOOD 6.
SAMUEL SLATER 3.	CHARLES SILLITOE 7.
ZACHARIAH SLATER 4.	HARRY HARPER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by NATHAN JOHN PITSTOW.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, is in 15 courses, contains the 6th the extent wrong and right at five course-ends wrong, and six at home, and has all the 8-6's.

BODELLWYDDAN, NORTH WALES.—THE WREXHAM SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 31, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE "MARBLE CHURCH" OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ROBERT JONES Treble.	*EDWARD ROWLAND 5.
RICHARD W. EVANS* 2.	THOMAS NEWELL 6.
FRANCIS E. DAWE* 3.	EDWARD EVANS 7.
CHARLES PRICE* 4.	JAMES KENDRICK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

* Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. All the above hail from Wrexham, except the conductor, who belongs to London.

KEIGHLEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES BRADLEY Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5.
ABRAHAM MOULSON 2.	JAMES MCGOUN 6.
MIDGLEY MOORE 3.	JOHN MCKELL 7.
WILLIAM WHITAKER 4.	JAMES SCOTT Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by J. MCKELL.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the sixth the extent in 5-6, at six course-ends each way.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.—THE
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 5, 1886, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS MOSS Treble.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT .. 5.
JOHN LEIGH 2.	GEORGE LONGDEN 6.
JOHN HOPWOOD 3.	JOHN THORP 7.
WILLIAM SMITH 4.	JOSIAH ROGERS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by JOSIAH ROGERS.

HAUGHTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS;

Being two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob; three 720s of Kent Treble Bob;
and two 720s of Plain Bob Minor.

Each 720 called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

WM. WILDE, JUN.* .. Treble.	JAMES A. THOMAS 4.
JOHN HOWARD 2.	WM. WILDE, SEN. 5.
SAMUEL WOOD 3.	PETER SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by PETER SMITH.

*First peal. Samuel Wood hails from Ashton.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 7, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS FULKER* .. Treble.	*WALTER WARRICK 5.
GEORGE JONES* 2.	*HARRY D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. 6.
FREDERICK FIELD* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES TRINDER* 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal in the method. This peal, which has never been previously rung, has the 4th, 9th and 6th each twelve courses in 6th's place in the last 36 courses, and is the first half of a 10144 with those bells the extent in that position.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1886, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBT. H. BRUNDLE .. Treble.	CHARLES MEE 7.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 2.	HENRY BOWELL 8.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	*PHILIP SADLER 9.
JAMES MOTTS 4.	FREDERICK TILLET .. 10.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 5.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 11.
ROBERT HAWES 6.	WILLIAM MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by
CHARLES MEE.

P. Sadler hails from Norwich, and the rest are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. This is the same peal as the one rung on St. Paul's Cathedral bells.
*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F#.

WILLIAM LONG* .. Treble.	JOHN SANDERS 5.
FRANCIS H. BANKS* 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 6.
HENRY BASTABLE 3.	JOHN BUFFERY 7.
BERNARD WITCHELL 4.	*CHARLES FLUCK Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BUFFERY.

*First peal.

Date Touch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, (Yorks).—On Thursday, June 3rd, at the church of St. John, eight members of the above Association rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., containing the twenty-four 6,7's. T. Hattersley, 1; C. H. Hattersley, 2; T. Froggatt, 3; F. Allen, 4; J. Mulligan (conductor), 5; S. Hines, 6; G. Plant, 7; R. Collier, 8. Tenor about 14 cwt. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. The above touch was rung on the third anniversary of the formation of St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.

Miscellaneous.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 5th, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. John Slater, 1; J. Lee, 2; J. Bird, 3; G. Maxim, 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5; G. Hammond, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 29 mins. F. Wells, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; G. Hammond, 3; G. Maxim, 4; J. Bird, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE (Near Woburn, Beds).—On Tuesday, 1st, in 24 mins., a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by the following (all members of the local company). *G. Usher, 1; *E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

BEDFORD.—On Wednesday, June 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Chapman, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; M. Warwick, 3; W. Allen, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, June 1st, at St. Paul's church, for practice, a 308 of Grandsire Triples. F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 3; W. Allen, 3; T. Foote, 4; S. Cullip, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 8. And a 252 of Bob Triples. C. Pass, 1; W. Allen, 2; M. Warwick, 3; T. Foote, 4; S. Cullip, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Chasty, 8. Also two touches of Grandsire Triples, 168 changes each, in which H. Chapman rang the 3rd and 5th bells respectively, which was his first touches in the method and the first attempt.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, June 5th, at St. Owen's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs; tenor variation). F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Allen, 3; I. Hills, 4; T. Foote, 5; H. Chapman (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Chapman 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Allen, 3; T. Foote, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). I. Hills, 1; C. Pass (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. Biggs, 3; W. Allen, 4; H. Chapman, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

GOLDINGTON (Beds).—On Sunday, May 30th, for Divine Service, four members of this Association rang five 24's of Bob Singles. C. W. Clarke, 1; T. Foote, 2; H. Chapman, 3; M. Warwick, 4. Tenor about 12 cwt. This is supposed to be the first change-ringing done on the bells. Owing to the very short pull (which does not exceed 7 feet), it is impossible to have sallies on the ropes.

HUSBORNE-CRAWLEY (Beds).—On Friday evening, June 4th, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Charles Herbert, 1; W. Mynard, 2; A. Morrison, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; Mark Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Weight of tenor 20 cwt. C. Herbert and A. Morrison of Woburn, the rest of Aspley Guise. Regular practice is made on these beautiful bells, which are in fair condition, on Friday evenings, at 7 p.m., the practitioners generally being members of the Aspley company.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE.—On Wednesday, May 26th, at St. John's, eight members of this Association attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but having failed, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 44 mins. F. Lees, 1; R. W. Wignell, 2; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 3; E. Wallis, 4; C. L. Routledge, 4; H. Ross, 6; T. Clark, 7; R. S. Story, 8. And on Monday, June 7th, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung for practice, in 26 mins. *William Harry Milner, 1; Henry Ferguson, 2; William Eggleston, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; Wm. Story (conductor), 6; Robert S. Story, 6. *First 720 of Minor. During the night's practice, a visit was paid to this belfry by a young member of the Hertford College Youths, Mr. Tyler, son of Mr. W. A. Tyler, of Hertford, with whom a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. After this a touch of 768 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 30 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Eggleston, 3; E. Wallis, 4; W. G. Routledge, 5; R. Winterbottom, 6; R. S. Story (conductor), 7; F. Lees, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HEXHAM ABBEY (Northumberland).—On Thursday, May 27th, eight members of this Association attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 27 mins. F. Harrison (Jarrow), 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. W. Wignell, 3; E. Wallis, 4; T. Clark, 5; W. Story, 6. R. S. Story, 7; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

WINLATON (Durham).—At St. Paul's, on Wednesday, June 2nd, 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 minutes, eighteen bobs and two singles. *J. Laidler, 1; *John Pattison, 2; Joseph Pattison, 3; *J. Daniels, 4; William Bennett, 5; G. Atkinson (conductor), 6. *First 720. †First 720 as conductor; member of Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Tenor 10 cwt. The above is the first 720 rung at Winlaton by all local men.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday evening, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs, two singles). B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, (first 720 double-handed), 5-6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEERHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, June 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the local company rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Everness, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts (conductor), 3; C. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett, 6.

BARNWOOD (Gloucester).—On Tuesday evening, June 9th, six members of the St. Lawrence's company rang for practice, 720 changes of Association Exercise Minor (nine bobs), was rung in 26½ mins. W. Sevier, 1; A. A. Waite (conductor), 2; G. Miles, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. Barrett, 6. And a 360 of plain Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 13½ mins. J. Yeates, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; R. A. Barrett, 3; G. Miles, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Sevier (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G. This is the first 720 of Association Exercise Minor rung on these bells, and the first rung by any member of the Association. This method appeared several months ago, and probably this may be the first ever rung by any Association since its appearance.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, May 30th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. L. Digweed, 1; A. Cornford, 2; W. Harper, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 25 mins. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; John Blackman (Dartford), 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, June 6th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. B. Spinner, 1; A. Barrell (Southend), 2; F. Hayes, 3; G. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM MARKET (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, May 26th, for practice at All Saints' Church, the local company rang a 720 of Double Court in 28 mins. J. Howard (conductor), 1; E. Todd, 2; *F. Reeve, 3; *G. Reeve, 4; H. Matten, 5; *W. Reeve, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in G. *First 720 in the method. Also several touches in various methods were rung during the evening.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON.—On Friday, June 4th, at St. Helen's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes. H. Sheard, 1; J. Viner, 2; A. F. M. Custance, Esq., 3; W. Sandell, 4; T. Short, 5; H. Holifield, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; A. Burgess, 8. Also on Sunday, for evening service, a 324 of Stedman Caters, and 3 courses of Grandsire Caters. H. Sheard, 1; J. Viner, 2; F. Castle, 3; F. Williamson, 4; Oliver Thomas, 5; W. Sandell, 6; T. Short, 7; H. Holifield, 8; Jas. W. Washbrook (conductor), 9; C. Quelch, 10. After

service, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major. Conducted by J. W. Washbrook. On Tuesday, June 1st, at St. Mary Magdalen, Oxford, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. R. S. Rowland, 1; J. Howes, 2; A. Fox, 3; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 4; W. Baston, 5; F. Castle, 6. And the last 700 of Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells. O. Thomas, 1-2; W. Baston, 3-4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5-6; W. Wakelin, 7-8.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Tuesday, June 8th, at the parish church, eleven courses, 1232 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Woodwards, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; W. Bennett, 4; J. Avery, 5; G. Holifield, 6; F. White, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8.

DRAYTON (Berks).—On Saturday, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1344), in 46 mins. Thomas Fulker, 1; G. Jones, 2; F. Field, 3; C. Trinder, 4; F. W. Warrick, 5; H. D. Betteridge, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

OXFORD.—On Saturday, June 5th, at Holywell church, Oxford, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. C. Hallett (Oriel), 1; C. W. H. Griffith (C. C. C.), 2; G. C. Joyce (B. N. C.), 3; C. W. Bassano (Balliol), 4; C. S. Rowland (St. John's), 5; A. F. M. Custance (B. N. C.), conductor, 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. W. Bennett (Worcester), 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; C. S. Rowland, 3; C. W. H. Griffith, 4; A. F. M. Custance, 5; G. C. Joyce, 6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Wednesday, June 2nd, six members of the above guild rang a 720 of London Surprise Minor, in 25 minutes. A. Tidy, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; G. Williams, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. This is the first peal by any of the performers, and the first on the bells.

ST. ALBANS.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, May 31st, 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. H. L. Buckingham, 1-2; H. Lewis, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. Also another 504. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. On Tuesday 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 30 minutes. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. On Wednesday, 504. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2 (first touch double-handed); W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; G. W. Cartmel, 7-8. On Friday, 504. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; H. Lewis, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7-8. On Saturday, 720 of Grandsire Minor (34 bobs and two singles). *J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; *W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. *First 720 double-handed. On Sunday, June 6th, for evening service at the cathedral, 686 of Grandsire Triples. T. Grant, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; R. A. Fowler, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; W. Battle, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington and — Stibley, 8.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Saturday, June 5th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor, thirty-four singles. R. Bourn, 1; E. Streeter, 2; J. Cheesman, 3; G. Illman, 4; *H. Weston, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, eighteen bobs and two singles. H. Meads, 1; *H. Weston, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Gasson, 4; F. Rice, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. *First 720 in the method. H. Weston hails from Brighton.

CHORLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, June 5th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. H. Gartside (conductor), 1; W. Heaps, 2; J. Marsden, 3; W. Croston, 4; J. Higson, 5; J. Worthington, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday, June 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Maxim, 1; D. Ward, 2; G. Maxim, 3; R. Mingay (conductor), 4; W. P. Gridley, 5; J. Lee, 6. And after service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. P. Gridley (conductor), 1; J. Lee, 2; G. Maxim, 3; R. Mingay, 4; *D. Ward, 5; S. Slater, 6. *First 720 of Kent.

GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Sunday, June 6th, for Divine Service, 1260 of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. H. Royston, 1; J. W. Aitkin, 2; — Barrell, 3; B. Spinner, 4; F. Hayes, 5; G. Martin, 6; W. Harper (conductor), 7; W. Louth, 8.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, June 6th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, fifteen bobs, in 25 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; G. Harvey, 3; J. Leach, 4; G. Griffin, 5; J. Nixon, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday evening, June 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, in honour of the marriage of H. B. Cookson, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26½ mins. T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; W. Jones (conductor), 4; J. Hillman, 5; E. Bourne, 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. T. Vaughan, 1; J. Sackfield, 2; G. Guest, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; W. Jones (conductor), 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, June 6th, at St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins. H. Springall, 1; S. Joyce, 2; C. Relton, 3; L. Green, 4; A. Cutmore, 5; Y. Green (conductor), 6; R. Turner, 7; J. H. Barratt, 8. Tenor 31 cwt. The above was composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

NORTHFIELD (Warwicks).—A visitors' peal was rung on Sunday, 6th inst., in 28 minutes. H. Bradley, 1; E. Boylin, 2; T. Lewis, 3; J. Day, 4; E. Bryant, 5; A. Thomas, 6. E. Boylin, T. Lewis and E. Bryant hail from Selly Oak; J. Day and A. Thomas, from Birmingham, and H. Bradley from Harborne. On their return from Selly Oak, another 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 minutes. J. Day, 1; E. Boylin, 2; A. Thomas, 3; T. Lewis, 4; H. Bradley, 5; E. Bryant (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at Selly Oak, a 720 of Treble Bob Minor, in 27 minutes. E. Bryant, 1; J. Nicks, 2; A. Thomas, 3; J. Boylin, 4; E. Lewis, 5; A. Cole (conductor), 6.

SELLY OAK (Warwicks).—On Tuesday, 25th May, a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 minutes. J. Nicks, 1; E. Boylin, 2; T. Lewis, 3; H. Smith, 4; H. Bradley, 5; E. Bryant (conductor), 6. *Hails from Harborne, and this is his first 720.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Sunday, May 16th, St. Peter's church, by the voluntary band, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; Hy. Merrishaw, 5; Wm. Wright, 6. Tenor 14½ cwt. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (with eight bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. J. Hendry, 1; W. Wright, 2; Hy. Hill, 3; Hy. Merrishaw, 4; Hy. Allen, 5; R. Grimes, 6. On Sunday, May 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. R. Grimes, conductor. On Sunday, May 30th, in the evening, for practice, a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with nine bobs. Henry Hill, conductor. On Sunday, June 6th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with Hy. Williams, conductor.

MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

A large clock was formally started here in the parish church, on May 26th, by Mrs. Snell, the wife of the rector. A good clock for the church has been the desire of the inhabitants for a long time, and now the desired end has been attained by an energetic committee, who placed the order in the hands of Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have carried out the work to the complete satisfaction of the committee. The clock is fitted with all the improvements brought out by this firm and it is expected to perform very accurately. It strikes the hours and half-hours, and has one five feet dial. Messrs. Smith are making similar large clocks for Chard, Somerset, Burnley parish church, Ingestre hall, &c.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—NOTICE.

All members who may have changed their residence since last summer are requested to notify the same to me as soon as possible, in order that there may be no mistakes in the Annual Report, which is about to be drawn up. G. C. JOYCE, Hon. Sec.

Brasenose College.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.—ALTERATION OF DATE.—Notice is hereby given, that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, June 14th, instead of Saturday, May 29th. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

A large church clock has just been erected at Southery, Norfolk, by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It strikes the hours and shows time on two dials, each four feet across. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, all the wheels are of the finest hard hammered brass, and the pendulum bob is 1 cwt. It is expected to keep accurate time, and so will prove a great boon to the inhabitants, for the village is a long way from a railway station. Miss Julius, the daughter of the rector, formally started the clock.

AN INSTANCE OF BELFRY REFORM.—On Easter Sunday last, and on Ascension Day, the bells of St. Thomas, Salisbury, were rung, and it is intended also to ring on Whit Sunday. Hitherto these bells have never been heard on the greater Church festivals, but only on secular occasions and for practice.

HOLYWELL CHURCH, OXFORD.

A scheme has been set on foot for augmenting this musical peal of six, tenor about 9½ cwt., to eight, by the addition of two trebles. By this means Oxford will have what it greatly needs, a light and handy peal of eight bells, situated some little way out of the town, and thus especially suitable for peal-ringing. The firm selected to undertake this work is that of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The estimated cost is £150, which including as it does the two bells, and entirely new oak frame, and the carriage of the bells to and from London, is very moderate. Subscriptions will thankfully be received by any of the committee. All who are interested are earnestly invited to contribute to a scheme whereby the interests of the Exercise will be so very much advanced. Committee: The Rev. Canon Freeling, Vicar of Holywell, Merton College, Oxford; The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Drayton Vicarage, near Abingdon, Berks.; A. F. M. Custance, B.N.C., Oxford; G. C. Joyce, B.N.C., Oxford. A. F. M. CUSTANCE, Hon. Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above will be held on Saturday in Whitson week at Chorley, when punctual attendance is requested. A Tea will be provided in the parish schoolroom at 5.30. After tea the usual business meeting will be held to pass accounts, to elect the officers for the year, to elect new members, and to transact any regular business of the Association. JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

57 Chorley Road, Blackrod, Near Chorley.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association, for ringing only, will be held at Leatherhead, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Utterton, on Whit Monday, June 14th. The tower, which contains a good peal of ten, will be open for ringing from 3 p.m.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting will be held on Monday, June 14th, (Whit Monday), at Hexham, when the bells of the Abbey (peal of 8, tenor 21 cwt.), will be at the disposal of the ringers. A dinner will be provided at 1.30 p.m. at the "Grey Bull Hotel," at 1s. per head to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Members requiring dinner are requested to send in their names to the Secretary not later than Monday, June 7th. Members of the Committee will meet at the Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

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G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

EASTERN COUNTIES GUILD.

THE Annual Meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Spalding, when punctual attendance is requested. Business: To pass the accounts; To elect the officers for the year; To elect new members and to transact any regular business of the Guild. A dinner will be provided at the "White Hart," at 2 o'clock, for all members who send in their names not later than June 16th.

BENJAMIN MATTHEWS, Sec.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE First Quarterly Meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, July 3rd, full particulars of which will appear in our issue of the 26th instant. As this will be the first meeting held under the Presidency of A. Percival Heywood, Esq., it is particularly requested that all members will make an effort to attend.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

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The ringers of St. Margaret's church, Lynn, are on strike, and the disagreeable quarrel has developed most unpleasant consequences. The church officials, determined not to be outdone, imported a set of ringers from Downham, only to find, however, that the bells had been tampered with, the joints of the machinery filled with sea sand, and injury done which will entail a cost of some £20 or £30 to repair. This is rattening extraordinary, and rattening deplorable, too, surely! —Spalding Free Press.

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."

LETTER FROM THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

SIR,—I beg to thank you sincerely for the kind expressions you have used regarding me in your last leader. It is, of course, a matter of great gratification to me to find that my new method has met with the appreciation of so accomplished a band as that of the Society of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. As, however, I have conveyed my acknowledgements to them privately, it is unnecessary to say more now, save that I trust, the way having been so well shown, other companies may be induced to try their luck with New Cumberland, especially the Royal Cumberlands at headquarters. I see that I am credited in your last issue with the composition of a date touch of Treble Bob, rung at Diss, which I am afraid I cannot claim. It was no doubt taken from the collection of Treble Bob touches which I edited in "THE BELL NEWS" two years ago. Now although I supplied the composition of several of the touches in that collection, I find, on referring to my note-book, that I did not supply one of those which could be used as date touches for the present year. These were for the most part sent me by Mr. John Thorp, of Ashton-under-Lyne, one was from the note-book of the late Mr. W. Harrison, and one was sent me by Mr. J. W. Wilson, of Leicester. I only supplied the reverse variations of these, which, of course, cannot be counted as original compositions.

H. EARLE BULWER.

Stanhoe, June 7th, 1886.

HAGLEY BELFRY.

SIR,—Having been away for a month's holiday, my attention has only just been drawn to a paragraph in your issue of May 1st, headed "St. Mary's, Kingswinford, Staffordshire." The writer of that paragraph informs us that "on Easter Monday, this young band visited Hagley, by the kind permission of the Rector. After several attempts they rung 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. The ringing chamber is very dark indeed, some of the ropes being quite in the shade, hence the inferiority of the striking. However, they were not to be beaten, so they returned in the evening, and by the aid of a small lamp brought home a 720 of Bob Minor in good style." Now no one is more pleased than I am to hear that a young band of ringers should be able "to bring home a 720 of Bob Minor in good style in twenty-five minutes," but what I must protest against is the cause given by the writer for "the inferiority of the striking" of this young band of ringers, viz., the darkness of the tower chamber at Hagley. Many good ringers have rung in our tower since the opening of the bells last November, and they will, I think, one and all agree with me, that unless a man has something radically wrong with his eyes as well as his hands, he ought to be able to ring perfectly in the Hagley tower as far as the light is concerned; it is therefore a pity such an excuse should have been made, as it lays the writer open to the application of the old proverb about bad workmen and their tools. The remarks about the tower of Clent in the same paragraph were even less happy than those about our own, but the tower of Clent is so well known to good ringers, and such good work has been done in the past upon those bells, that I feel the tower requires no words of mine to defend it.

The Rectory, Hagley, June 4th, 1886.

WILLIAM C. GIBBS.

THE ART AT WRITTLE, ESSEX.

SIR,—In looking at some back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS" I see a report of ringing at Writtle, on April 18th, which has these remarks: "The bells are a fine ring of eight, but for many years past there has been no attempt to form a local company of change-ringers, and no interest has been felt in the art in the neighbourhood." Not so many years ago—within ten I believe—although the bells and cage were in a state of substantial repair, ten to twelve pounds were spent in putting bells and gear into good ringing order, and a sum of money was subscribed in order to induce three or four still living in the parish who knew something of change-ringing, to join and take in hand some others for instruction: this succeeded in some degree, but the band held together only for a short time. From 1878 to 1883 there was a continuous attempt to get a band together, which met with varying success. At one time with good prospects, then came the loss of the most efficient by removal, at another three promising young ringers left the parish within a short time of each other, to "better themselves." An attempt was then made with men settled in the parish, but in the absence of a duly qualified instructor, only those who have tried it can appreciate the difficulty in acquiring the art of change-ringing. But though little was done beyond round-ringing and call changes, those who engaged in it did it as taking part in church work, and on one Easter-morn, and on Ascension Day, all were communicants, and as

we stood rope in hand I said a short prayer before giving the word "go." That there was interest felt was evident enough, for the churchwardens had the belfry made "decent and in order." Mrs. Usborn presented a set of new ropes, I found mats and some other things, and kept the bells in good going order. I am truly glad that, as your correspondent says, a fair start has been made at Writtle, thanks to the Vicar's being able to provide an Oxford Instructor, but unless there are supernumerary ringers instructed to fill the gaps of those who move away, there will most assuredly be grievous disappointment. It must not be forgotten, too, that the first steps to found the Essex Association were taken at Writtle, and the first anniversary held there, and I think these meetings, and the visits on Easter Monday of the College Youths, are still remembered by ringers as very pleasant days.

JOHN B. SEAMAN.

Late Secretary of the Essex Association, and Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

SUNDAY RINGING.

SIR,—I have read with great interest the review on the Midland Counties' Association Report, and the subsequent letter on Sunday Ringing. I fail to agree with your correspondent that ringing on Sunday should be stopped except for Divine Service. In a great many places there is no time for anything but short touches between services; but where there is time, why should there not be a peal rung? A peal is the best that the ringers can do, the most perfect service they can render to God in their particular capacity; and that they should not on a Sunday render the best service they can, appears to me to be most inconsistent with the recognized objects and motives of our ringing Associations and Guilds. Of course if a peal is to be rung with the idea of furthering the honour and glory of the ringers taking part in it, then peals should not be rung upon church bells either on Sundays or upon any other days; but if it is rung, as all peals should be, for the furtherance of the honour and glory of God, then Sunday is a peculiarly appropriate day on which to ring a peal, provided such ringing does not interfere with Divine Service. I hope, Sir, this letter may give rise to a correspondence on this most interesting and important point, and so bring forward the views of others who know much more about the matter than

A. F. M. CUSTANCE.

B.N.C., Oxford.

PEALS RUNG IN WILTSHIRE.

SIR,—I was glad to see Mr. Baxter's correction as to when the last peal (previous to the one at Trowbridge), was rung. May I ask him whether there is any change-ringing at Aldbourne now. I remember going into the belfry there once, when I was a boy, and seeing the peal boards he mentions, but I did not then take any notice of the dates. I visited Aldbourne some ten years later, and found the boards gone. This was after the restoration of the church. Where are they now since the old ringing floor has been pulled down?

J. R. JERRAM.

A PEAL IN FIVE METHODS.

SIR,—In looking over "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, May 29th, 1886, I see our Birmingham friends have rung a peal in four different systems, but I beg to inform them that the Sheffield ringers rang a peal in five systems on the bells of Retford, in Notts. for which I refer you to *Church Bells*, of April 10th, 1880 belfry records. I will give you the copy of the performance.

JOHN LOMAS.

"1857. Change ringing, on Thursday, the 31st December. The Society of change ringers of Sheffield rang in this tower a true and complete peal of 5024 changes, consisting of the following intricate systems, viz., 1008 of Stedman Triples, 960 of Grandsire Major, 1056 of Bob Major, 992 of Treble Bob Major, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, which they accomplished at the first attempt, in the short space of 3 hrs. 12 mins, being the only peal of this description ever rung by any set of men at one time, and was performed by the following persons. J. Sandford, 1; Thos. Whaley, 2; John Lomas (conductor), 3; Chas. Walker, 4; Chas. Bateman, 5; Geo. Wilson, 6; James Walker, 7; Robert Heald, tenor. Tenor 24 cwt. This tablet was placed here by consent of the Rev. A. Brooke, vicar. H. B. Milner, F. White, churchwardens."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Notice is hereby given, that the Second Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Monday next, at which the arrangements will be as follows: 9.30 a.m.—Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas opened for ringing till 11 o'clock. 12 noon.—Special short Service, with an address by the Vicar, at St. Nicholas' church. All members are requested to attend. 1 p.m.—Cold collation at Page's Restaurant, 127, St. James's Street. Tickets, if ordered through local Secretary prior to Thursday, 10th June, 1s. 3d. each. 2.30 p.m.—Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas re-opened for ringing till 4.45. 5 p.m.—General Business Meeting at the Royal Pavilion. 6.30 p.m.—Tea at Page's Restaurant, 127, St. James's Street. Tickets 6d. each. 7 p.m.—Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas re-opened for ringing till 9 o'clock.

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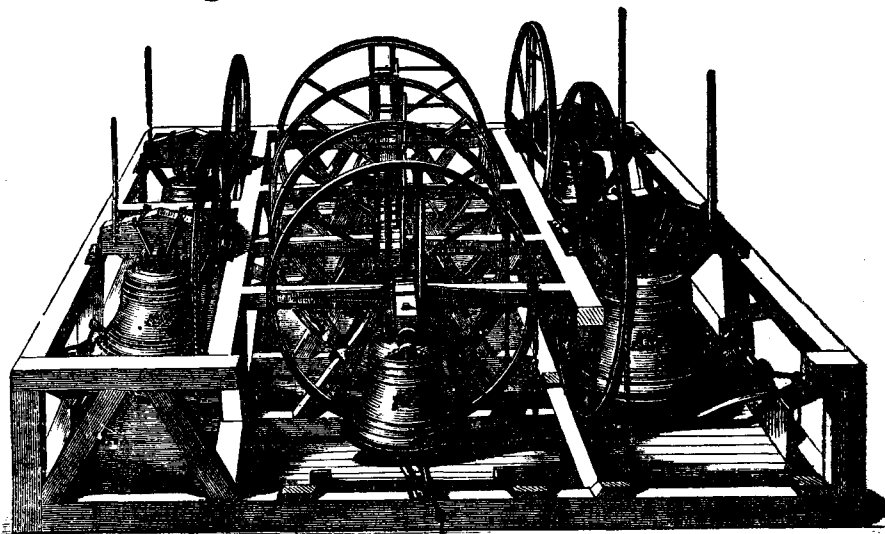
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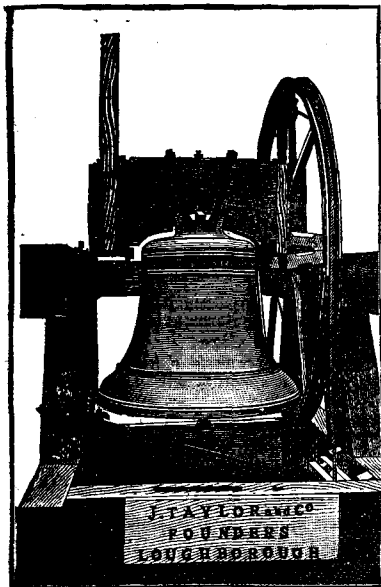


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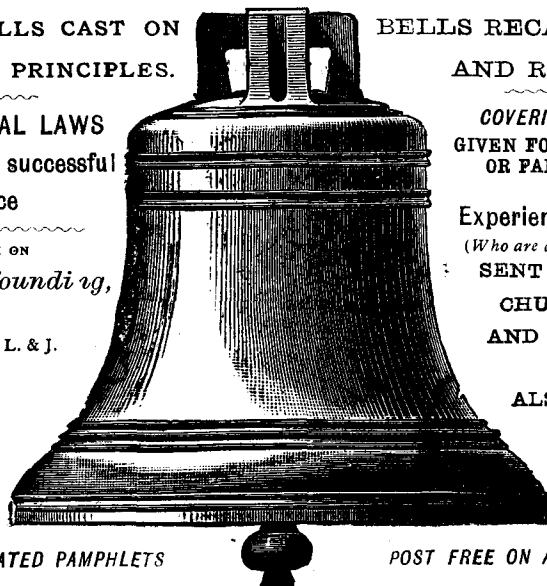
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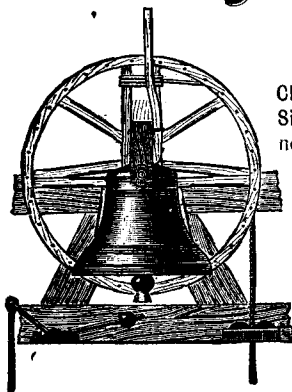
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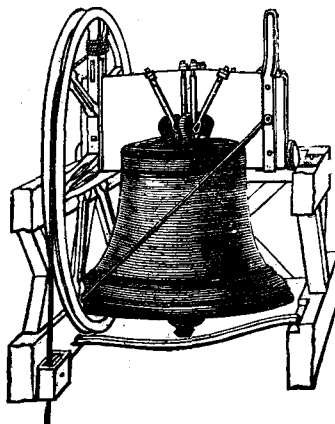
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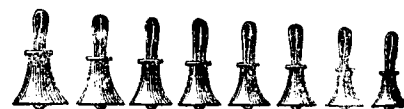


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This being the *début* of this young band, in our pages, it will not be out of place to slightly sketch their history. St. Saviour's, like the great majority of the metropolitan churches, has no paid ringers, with the single exception of the steeple-keeper. As it is obvious that this hardworking official cannot do more than chime, at most, three bells, it follows that, except on particular occasions for which funds are provided to pay a full band of ringers, the special function which the bells should perform must remain unfulfilled. But for many years Mr. George Mash has used strenuous efforts to overcome this unsatisfactory state of affairs, generally by availing himself of the desire shown by so many young men to become proficient in our beautiful art. Having therefore the material to hand, Mr. Mash has, with much tact and skill, moulded it into a well organised society, governed by a set of rules which may with advantage be copied by others of older standing. An infinitesimal weekly subscription is paid, and with the (self-imposed) fines accruing from non-attendance, a fund is formed, which fund is made to cover the expense of the annual outing and dinner. It is only due to Mr. Mash to state that for his services as instructor to the society, not only on Sundays, but also one night per week with the handbells, his own, he accepts of no remuneration whatever, it being with him entirely a labour of love, and that the word *labour* in this sense is no mere figure of speech is a very patent fact to all who know anything of bell-ringing. Naturally the members of the St. Saviour's Youths, having attained a certain proficiency, aspired to be admitted members of the parent society, and their ambition was gratified by being elected *en masse* some three or four weeks ago as members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. It may be mentioned, *en passant*, that it was originally proposed by some of the youngest of the members, that entrance into the mother society should not be sought until they had rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, and at least one peal of Stedman Cinques, but some little difficulties interposing, this idea was not carried out to the strict letter.

Henley-on-Thames having been suggested as a pleasant spot, communication was made with the proper authorities, and a courteous and favourable reply from thence received, the rendezvous was given for Moorgate Street Station, and the hour 8 a.m., and at the time named, to the number of a baker's dozen the party assembled, the worthy Master in a triumphal car with two aides-de-camp, each bearing a noble hamper, being one of the earliest to arrive. He was received with the honours due to his rank, by the officials of the Railway Company, and some little preliminary ceremonies having been gone through which involved the exchange of coin of the realm and card board, was escorted to a special saloon car (third class), by a porter in full uniform, and being seated, the remainder of the band with the two hampers and one stranger, were jammed into the same compartment and began to enjoy themselves by standing on each other's toes, and most of them viewing the glorious expanse of their friends' backs.

A run, more or less pleasant, of about an hour and a half brought the party to Henley, where having made choice of a caravansarai, the hampers were deposited, a modest luncheon, with an equally modest quencher, partaken of, and a move made to the church, where each of the party, together with some of the local ringers, had a modest pull; and a very modest pull too, for the bells are in a very deplorable state of "go," quite unfit to start for the peal of "London Surprise" which it was the intention of the party to ring, and there is no doubt but that most Londoners would have been very much surprised indeed, if they had rung it.

The bells are a fine-toned peal of eight (and a ting-tang which is nearly, or quite large enough to make the treble for a peal of ten, hung for ringing, and an adjacent empty pit) by Thomas Mears, 1813, and with the exception of the second are all maidens. No record exists in the belfry of any peal having been rung, and it must have been many years since the bells were pealable; but this unfortunate state of affairs is on the eve of remedy, a contract having been made with a well-known firm of bell-hangers to put them in repair, and to bring the ropes into a good circle, the clock-case at present interfering with the "sight" of the ropes. The visitors received the most courteous treatment from the Rector, the Rev. M. Maule, who expressed a wish that a band would pay him a visit upon the completion of the repairs, which will be effected in about a month from date.

The lovely view from the summit of the lofty tower was much enjoyed, but any adequate description of it is quite beyond the powers

of this present writer: it must suffice to say that it is admitted to be amongst the most magnificent of English rural and river scenery, and we can only advise those who are lovers of such, to take the earliest opportunity of seeing it for themselves. St. Mary's church is a very fine and imposing edifice, portions of which are twelfth or thirteenth century work, with a lofty turretted tower supposed to have been designed by Cardinal Wolsey. Lady Kneller, Richard Jennings, the master-builder of St. Paul's Cathedral, and Lady Perrian, the sister of Lord Bacon, lie buried within its precincts, there are also some other fine monuments, and a good library belonging to the town.

The visitors having brought the ringing to a conclusion, and duly admired the beauties of the scene from the tower and the antiquities of the church, hastened to discuss the banquet, with appetites sharpened by the unaccustomed fresh air, and exercise of the heavy going bells. The Mamelon of cold beef and Redan of ham, held out nobly for some time against the attacks of the assailing forces, the lines of lettuces and ramparts of cucumbers were assaulted again and again without seeming effect, but in this case as in most others, the old motto, "youth will be served," (assisted on this occasion by two or three veteran henchmen) held good, and after several spirited attacks the defenders were reduced to ruins, while the attacking party sang paeons of victory and quaffed goblets of various mixtures in honour thereof.

After having somewhat recovered from the excitement of battle, some small matters of business were transacted, the balance sheet of the past year read and commented upon favourably, and some suggestions thrown out for future consideration. The "Health of the Master" being proposed, Mr. Mash, in reply, took occasion to deliver an eloquent address, touching upon the duties the members had voluntarily undertaken in connection with church work, while at the same time advancing themselves in the science and art of change-ringing; pointing out with much felicity of language that while he ungrudgingly gave them his time and experience, and thus laid the foundation of the work, it depended entirely upon themselves, by assiduity and perseverance to so follow in the track pointed out to them, to attain such a knowledge as would lead them to the summit of that road of which they were at present but upon the threshold. A few words somewhat to the same effect, from Mr. J. M. Hayes, in reply to the toast of "The Guests," brought the proceedings to a close, and the party dispersed to seek amusement. This was found by the younger members by investing some of their spare half-crowns in the hire of boats, and rowing gently down to Hambledon Lock, whether they rowed gently back, against the stream, this deponent knoweth not, but sundry whispered maledictions anent "blisters," which were not caused by ringing (and it is here where the hardship comes in) were heard, which gives cause to infer that the *gently* did not apply both ways.

The "Ancient" (in both senses of the word) members, or veterans, of the party not feeling aquatically inclined, crossed the bridge into Berkshire, and ascended the beautiful hill of Remenham, on the London high posting road. This about a century ago was cut out and the valley embanked, thus making a comparatively easy ascent of what must have before been like climbing a precipice; from the foot of the bridge to the brow of the hill is about two miles of one regular grade, still steep enough to cause the Cycling clubs to go the expense of erecting a warning of "Dangerous," so what must it have been when the same height had to be surmounted within a distance of less than half-a-mile may be surmised. The view from the summit well repaid the labour of mounting and the return journey was made in quicker time, the Master especially finding it a much gentler job going down hill than up. A joyous meeting between the scattered visitors ensued at the hostelry, where a good cup of tea, backed up by substantial comestibles, was followed by songs rendered with much taste by various members, who are attached to different choral societies connected with the church and otherwise; the worthy (and weighty) Master gave another "Joyous Meeting," as the final solo, which brought the visit to Henley-on-Thames to a happy termination.

At the railway station the train was found to be crowded to a very uncomfortable extent, but a little delicate negotiation conducted in person by the Master, who is nothing if he is not diplomatic, resulted in a large first class saloon being placed at his disposal, and the return journey, enlivened by harmony, was made much more comfortably than the journey down had been.

The Southwark St. Saviour's Youths desire, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rector for his courteous permission to use the bells, and the steeple-keeper and ringers for their efforts to make the visit a pleasant one.

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C. JOYCE, Hon. Sec.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday last, June 12th, nine members of this society met at Victoria station for the purpose of again visiting that picturesque little village in Kent, Birchington-on-Sea, where in years past, (and they sincerely hope in years to come) they have spent and may spend many happy hours. Journeying in a special compartment, by the 5.15 p.m. express, they arrived in excellent spirits only to find such a welcome accorded them by the local band and brother Cumberlands as can be offered to and accepted by old friends, who look forward to and reciprocate their congratulations on past achievements. Being accompanied to head quarters by their friends, the visitors were heartily welcomed at the New Inn, by host and hostess Fright, who, thanks to their foresight, had ready for their travellers a good and substantial meat tea, which received the approbation of all present, by the rapidity with which it disappeared. The repast being over, steps were turned to the seashore, where an agreeable hour passed away in speaking of former visits and doings, and touches of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, by Messrs. H. Hopkins, W. Baron, W. H. Doran, J. Rogers, and J. Mansfield, which being ended, the parties turned into bed and fell asleep amidst the roaring of the waves and the noise of moving goods overhead. Being up betimes on the Sunday morning, a good walk was succeeded by a better breakfast, which being done justice to, the visitors, joined by the local ringers, made towards the Quex Park ringing tower and rung several touches of Grandsire Caters, including a 720, conducted by W. Baron, and a 500 by J. Rogers, in which Messrs. Willshire, J. B. and P. Read, and J. Bristow took part, and it is the wish of the latter friends that they will accomplish a peal of the same. Ringing being finished, some of the party drove a few miles round the country, the rest betaking themselves to the coast to obtain the needful good appetite for dinner, which was served at 2.30, and for which the hostess deserves the greatest credit, and which was duly given her by the onslaught that was made on the viands, and the many changes that were rung on the plates during the period allowed for losing appetites. The meal being ended, the host announced his readiness to take the visitors for their usual drive in his brake, travelling by way of Margate and Ramsgate to Pegwell Bay, where tea was served; the party returning home by way of Minster after a most enjoyable drive, the host pointing out to his friends all the spots of interest and bell towers for miles around, much to the enlightenment of all, except those who slept on the way. After a better night's rest than was enjoyed the previous evening, some of the early risers took advantage of a sea bath, and invigorated by the same, took a drive in a pony trap round Quex Park into Margate, returning to headquarters through Westgate, and having finished their first repast, adjourned once more to the belfry, when a start was made by five of the visitors and three of the Birchingtonites for Holt's Original, which was well finished in 3 hrs. 4 mins., particulars of which appear in another page. Returning to an excellent dinner, which was enhanced by the presence of Messrs. J. B. Read, J. Bristow, L. Willshire and J. Fulcher, it was done justice to by all present, the Cumberlands' jester being well to the fore; handbell ringing was indulged in by Messrs. S. Jarman, W. H. Doran, H. Hopkins, J. Rogers, and some excellent tapping of the plain course of Grandsire Triples and tunes by Mr. Percy Read, showed that there is plenty of ability and brain power in the provinces, which claims St. Martin's lane as headquarters. Being somewhat retreshed by the music of the bells, the party made for the sands, when they spent their energy in the annual game of rounders, Mr. John Rogers being a most conspicuous player, and greatly amusing the company by his salubrious remarks and activity, but bob being called by the conductor, a course of Grandsire Cinques was then rung by Messrs. W. Baron, H. Hopkins, W. H. Doran, S. Jarman, J. Rogers, and J. W. Mansfield, and on returning home after this accomplishment, assisted in helping to turn a person out of his house, although he had previously received notice to quit. After a most refreshing cup of tea, which invigorated the body for the long journey that was to follow, Mr. Baron in a few well chosen words, thanked the local band for their company, and the pleasure it gave him to have rung the peal with them, and hoped it would not be the last time he should handle the rope with them; which remarks were heartily reciprocated by them, and the time arrived for friends to part once more. Adieu having been pronounced and good wishes having been freely circulated for the future, the visitors steamed out of the station at 7.25, having thoroughly enjoyed their annual outing in every respect, and take this opportunity of tendering to Birchington friends and ringers, through the medium of these columns, their hearty thanks for the reception they met with, and the company they enjoyed, and hope before long to be able to congratulate them upon other further achievements, and last, but not least, to their respected friends Mr. and Mrs. Fright, their host and hostess, their very best thanks for the attention they one and all received at their hands, the cordiality with which their every wish was gratified, and to assure them that these tokens of respect will never be forgotten.

A. G. T.

VISIT OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD TO HIGH WYCOMBE.

On Whit Monday, June 14th, ten members of the above guild visited High Wycombe, for the express purpose of ringing a peal of Stedman Caters, on the melodious ring of ten, in All Saints' tower, duly arriving at 10.10 a.m., the party, after a little refreshment, repaired to the tower to try their luck, knowing it would be a very heavy job. However, the bells were set swinging very soon, into the musical system of Stedman Caters, but it was soon found that it would be utterly impossible to accomplish a peal on the ten bells, owing to the very bad sound in the ringing chamber, it being impossible to hear the trebles when all ten are going, so it was abandoned after eleven courses had been rang by H. Sheard, W. Baston, H. D. Betteridge, C. Hounslow, F. Castle, F. Williamson, S. Hounslow, W. Washbrook, W. Smith, and W. Jeffery. However, determined not to be done, it was arranged to start for a peal of Stedman Triples, two of the band standing out. A start was made, which resulted after a lot of pluck and determination in a sound peal. It was without doubt a formidable task, some of the bells along the middle of the peal being some of the roughest I have ever handled, in fact it was thought an utter impossibility to ring three hours with them. This being a town seldom visited by change ringers, it is not surprising to know that this is the first peal on record since the time of Mr. John Povey, and is certainly the first peal of Stedman rang there. The last record is as follows: (A tablet in All Saints' Tower, High Wycombe, April 8th, 1792). On the evening of the 8th inst., was rung in this steeple, a complete peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5,111 changes, by a party of the Society of London College Youths, which they completed in 3 hrs. 42 mins. in the masterly style for which they are famous. John Povey, 1; Mr. Joseph Holdworth, 2; James Lance, 3; W. Wilson, 4; R. Wilson, 5; J. Woosler, 6; J. Inyill, 7; E. Sylvester, 8; D. Jenkins, 9; J. Lyford, tenor. Conducted by J. Povey. It seems a great pity that such a fine peal of bells should be in such bad order, for indeed, were it not for the energy of the steeple keeper, it is doubtful if they could be rung at all. I am sure the inhabitants ought to feel proud of their bells and have them properly re-hung, and have a band of ringers worthy of them. We take this opportunity of thanking churchwarden Lucas for his kind hospitality, and also the vicar, for permission to use the bells, and hope these gentlemen will think over these noble instruments of God's house, and have them properly hung on a modern system.

J. W.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Whit-Monday, June 14th, eight members of the Cheltenham society, assisted by Mr. G. Holifield of the Appleton society, and Mr. H. Swain, of the Cumberland Youths, who is also an old Painswick Youth, met at the parish church for the purpose of attempting a peal of Stedman Caters, but after ringing an hour and a half it came to grief. F. Musty (Cheltenham), 1; H. Swain (London), 2; H. Hodges (Cheltenham), 3; G. Holifield (Appleton), 4; F. Ward (Cheltenham), 5; H. Karn (Cheltenham), 6; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Cheltenham), 7; W. T. Pates (conductor), 8; G. H. Phillott (Cheltenham), 9; A. Humphries (Cheltenham), 10. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs. The ringers wish to return their sincere thanks to the churchwardens and ringers of Painswick for their kind permission to use the bells, and for the trouble taken to accommodate them. They also wish to express their belief that all change ringers are welcome at Painswick. The Vicar of Painswick has lately resigned, and a new Incumbent has not yet come into residence.

ALL SAINTS', FULHAM.

On Tuesday, June 8th, eight of the St. James' Society rang at this church Holt's Original. The proper account of its performance will be found in its usual place, but we are asked to supplement the record by the following additional particulars:—"The peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Lewis, of the 'Durrell Arms,' Fulham Road. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the above hotel and joined the wedding party, where they thoroughly satisfied the inner man, and after viewing the numerous articles presented to the bride (it being nearly midnight) the company separated, wishing every happiness and long life to the newly-married couple."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, at Chorley, when punctual attendance is requested. A Tea will be provided in the parish schoolroom at 5.30. After tea the usual business meeting will be held to pass accounts, to elect the officers for the year, to elect new members, and to transact any regular business of the Association.

JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

57 Chorley Road, Blackrod, Near Chorley.

THE BELLS OF MINSTER TOWER.

The bells themselves are the best of preachers
 Their brazen lips are learned teachers,
 From their pulpits of stone in the upper air
 Sounding aloft, without crack or flaw,
 Shriller than trumpets under the law,
 Now a sermon and now a prayer.

Longfellow.

St. Mary's, Minster, the mother church of the Isle of Thanet, is one of the most interesting monuments to be found in England. When you have crossed its stately porch-way, you stand in the very Saxon chapel built by the earliest of English craftsmen, in the days when Egbert, great-grandson of Ethelbert, was King of Kent. The merest glance at the two first columns on either side will show that they are quite distinct from the Norman rows that were added to them when the chapel was first enlarged. If you will step into the aisles, and look carefully at the stonework of the second pillars (right and left), a large slice of the Saxon pillar will be seen protruding out of the level of the Norman line. The small Saxon windows may also easily be made out by anyone standing in the aisles; and when, in recent years, St. Mary's was "done up" according to the ideas of our day, a broad and massive Saxon foundation was found to run between the two first pillars on either side of the nave. This proved that the old monastic Saxon chapel ended there—just where the first Norman column is found cleaving to the Saxon one. It was soon after the year 1031 that the row of Norman columns and the porch were added to the old square chapel, which had been hallowed by St. Theodore, of Canterbury, for the Benedictine nuns of Minster. (*Gul. Thorn. Apud. Decem. Script. Col. 1907*). Later on, as the population grew larger, the present aisles, chancel, vestry, and side-chapels were built in the prevailing Gothic of the day. And thus, St. Mary's, Minster, presents to us a complete example of all the chief styles of architecture used by old English church builders, and it has an even greater claim on our veneration from the fact that it has never been closed to public worship since the earliest dawn of Christianity on Saxon England.

But it is not with the history of Minster church that we are immediately concerned. Our task is rather with its belfry and its bells. And here arises the question, was there a bell-cote attached to the Saxon chapel? Subject to correction we answer "Yes;" and the old Saxon bell-cote is none other than the little stair-turret with a triangular cap of rough stones, which is seen to the right of the Norman tower as you face it.

Look at the way in which, from inside the church, this turret is placed at the S.W. angle of the Saxon building; go up its winding steps and you will find that the stairs reach to the very top of the turret, showing that, once on a time, it was higher than it now is; and when you examine its small irregular windows and coarse massive fabric, and mark the connection which has been rudely cut out (not built), between the stair-turret and the tower, the conclusion will be that it is older than the Norman tower and of undoubted Saxon handicraft. One small bell probably swung from that turret, at what date one cannot precisely say; but it is quite evident that large bells (*Campane*), as distinguished from the small *Nole*, were swung from turrets at the time when St. Mary's, Minster, was built (670-690), for we read in Venerable Bede that when St. Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, was dying, (A.D. 680) an aged nun, named Begu, "being then in the dormitory of the sisterhood, heard, all of a sudden, the well-known sound of a bell in the air, which used to awake and call them to prayer when anyone of them was taken out of the world."—(*Bede iv., 23*).

This is a distinct allusion to the "Passing Bell," which must have surely been a big *Campana*, thus to rouse the nuns out of sleep. It is quite clear also that these bells were hung in towers, for we find a bell-cote specified as a *sine qua non* of a thane's house.

"If a churl," according to Saxon law, "so managed as to have five hides of his own land, a chapel and kitchen, a bell tower, a seat and office in the king's court, from that time he was equal in honour to a thane."—(*Spelman Concil., i. 406*).

Not till the church bell of Minster turret rang forth its call to Christian prayer had the sound of bells been heard in Thanet, since the days when the Roman garrison used their *tintinabula* in keeping ward and watch between the fortified camps of Richborough and Reculver.

In mediæval times there was probably a set of bells in Minster tower, each having its separate and particular use; but there is now only one bell of pre-reformation date in the belfry, viz., the "Holy Mary" bell, which probably rung the daily Angelus. Unfortunately we find no mention of Minster, or of any place in Thanet, in the inventory of church goods of Kent taken in Edward VI.'s day, and we cannot, therefore say what time the old bells disappeared.

Edward VI.'s Commissioners were ordered to confiscate "for ye Kinges use" all the bells of each parish church, except one. Protector Somerset might also be able to tell us something of these old bells. But we do not wish to be hard on Edward VI.'s councillors, for perhaps they may have been anticipated in the confiscation of the Minster bells by that monarch of the tender conscience, Henry VIII. "When any sacred building," says the Rev. Mr. Haweis, an Anglican

author, "was in the pithy term of Henry's Commissioners 'deemed superfluous,' the next thing was to ascertain the collective weight of the bells, and estimate the lead on the nave, aisles, and cloisters, that the King might know how much they would represent in a wager or a gift."—(*Sketches of the Reformation, p. 110*).

At all events only the one old bell remains in Minster tower, and its date is no earlier than the fore-half of the sixteenth century. The other four bells at present in Minster tower may have survived the royal appropriations of Henry VIII. and Son, and they may have been recast in the seventeenth century, when change-ringing came into vogue. In that case it is most curious that the "Holy Mary" bell should have been the only one spared in its original form. Of the five bells now at Minster belfry, No. 1 bell, as Mr. R. Bubb, of Minster, informs us, is dated 1636; No. 2, was cast in 1626; No. 3, in 1660; No. 4, is the "Holy Mary" bell, and without date; No. 5, is the tenor bell, dated 1636, and is the bell now rung (not chimed) for the curfew. The "Holy Mary" bell may be taken to weigh approximately 13½ cwt. It measures 3ft. 4in. from the centre of the crown to the tip of the orifice, and its diameter is 3ft. 5in. The Gothic inscription "Holy Maré pray for us" is in bold high relief, and runs round the whole bell, girdling it like a zone. Between each word is a six-tongued device somewhat resembling a star-fish, and between the last and the first words of the inscription stands an upright figure of a person in a garment not unlike a Roman *cotta*. The hands of this effigy are joined in prayer, and the figure ends at the knees. After the figure, and immediately before the words "Holy Maré," is a monogram "W.O.," which refers to William Oldfield, of Canterbury, and there is another bell at Stodmarsh, near Grove Ferry, by the same founder. These two are the oldest bells in this neighbourhood, both being characteristic of the transition period in which their founder lived. We are likely soon to hear more of these old bells from a distinguished campanologist who visited this neighbourhood last year. We hope to learn something interesting about the separate use of individual bells, such as tolling the Curfew, ringing the Angelus, knolling the passing bell, and the like; for the mediæval bells were not, as a rule, capable of being chimed, as they were not in tune.

The present Vicar of Minster deserves the thanks of his parishioners for having introduced chiming the day of the month, immediately after the ringing of the Curfew, for the sound of the bells at eventide always falls pleasantly on the ear, and often awakens the dearest memories:—

Those vesper bells! those vesper bells!
 How many a tale their music tells
 Of youth and home!

Nor was the Church insensible to the charm of musical calls to devotion, and hence we find the joyous Angelus bell daily recalling to the faithful, Gabriel's message to Mary Immaculate, which led to the adorable Incarnation of the one Lord and Saviour of us all:—

"That from mouth of brass, as from mouth of gold,
 May be taught the Testaments, New and Old."

Local Paper.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The seventh anniversary of the Essex Association took place on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford, when there was an increased attendance of members. Ringing actually commenced the previous Saturday evening at Chelmsford, and on Monday morning between 7 and 8 o'clock a start was made for a peal at Writtle, which like another attempt made at Galleywood in the afternoon has to be numbered with the unsuccessful. The towers of Widford and Springfield were also visited by numerous six-bell companies and various methods rang.

The usual service was held at St. Mary's and an eloquent address given by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, of Writtle. The dinner was attended by about ninety-five members, the Archdeacon presided, and at the meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary's report for the year was of a highly favourable character, and the same was adopted. The Rev. E. A. Cockey having resigned as Hon. Sec. owing to his leaving the country for the post of Navy Chaplain, the Rev. T. L. Papillon was elected Hon. Sec.; Mr. Hennah was elected assistant Sec.

The Chairman, on behalf of the principal towers of the county, and a few of the Hon. members, presented Mr. Cockey with a handsome travelling case and address, the latter having been inserted as a frontispiece to a splendidly bound peal book. The same was acknowledged in feeling terms by the Rev. gentleman who promised that Essex should be his first visit upon his return. The election of members and various items of business having been transacted the meeting concluded with the usual compliment to the chairman. A detailed report will appear next week.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above will be held on Monday, July 12th at Wisbech. Further particulars will appear. K. H. SMITH,
 Hon Sec.

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W. W. GIFFORD.—23, Tachbrook Road, Leamington.

T. BRIGGS.—Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will answer your question.

J. M. COOPER.—Quite right, but we have mislaid your letter.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1886.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON Treble.	RICHARD FRENCH 5.
JOE WILLIAMS 2.	JOSEPH BARRY 6.
HENRY LANGDON 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7.
ALBERT E. CHURCH 4.	ARTHUR HAYWARD Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

J. Williams hails from Wrexham, Denbighshire. It was intended to start for a peal of Caters, but meeting one short the above was rung instead.

The Provinces.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 9, 1886, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES MEE Treble.	PHILIP SADLER 5.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MOTTS, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

J. P. Sadler belongs to the St. Peter Mancroft Society, Norwich, and the rest are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. First peal in the method upon the bells.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

On Sunday, June 13, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

W. BARON Treble.	J. B. REED 5.
L. WILLSHIRE 2.	J. BRISTOWE 6.
J. ROGERS 3.	W. H. DORAN 7.
C. E. MALIM 4.	J. W. MANSFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by W. BARON.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1886, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS FULKER Treble.	WALTER WARRICK 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 6.
FREDERICK FIELD 3.	HARRY D. BETTERIDGE, Esq. 7.
CHARLES TRINDER 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each sixteen courses in 6ths place, the 2nd and 3rd never being there. It has never been previously rung.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL HOUNSLOW Treble.	HARRY D. BETTERIDGE, Esq. 5.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 2.	WILLIAM C. BASTON 6.
HARRY SHEARD 3.	WILLIAM SMITH 7.
JAMES W WASHBROOK 4.	WILLIAM JEFFREY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first of any sort since 1792.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Birthday Peal.

On Whit-Monday, June 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 COX'S VARIATION OF THE BOB AND SINGLE PEAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES RD. JERRAM Treble.	WILLIAM MCCAFFREY 5.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN 6.
JOSEPH EDWARD WILLSHIRE 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 7.
JOHN HAYWARD 4.	JOSEPH COOPER Tenor.

Conducted by W. MCCAFFREY.

Rung also in honour of the birthday of Mr. W. W. Gifford.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
EVAN MORETON 2.	WILLIAM HICKLING 6.
JOHN HOWE 3.	ROBERT JOHNSON 7.
ALFRED ROBINSON 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which is the third in the method and the first by the Association, was rung at the first attempt, and contains in three parts the 4th, 5th, and 6th each twelve times in 6th place without singles; the 2nd never dodging with the tenor in front or behind.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

On Whit-Monday, June 14, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD* Treble.	WILLIAM BOOTH 5.
JOHN ASPINWALL* 2.	†DAVID RIMMER 6.
RICHARD HILL 3.	THOMAS HAMMOND 7.
ROBERT TUKE, Esq.* 4.	RICHARD DIGGLE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

*College Youths. †Cumberland Youth. R. Tuke, Esq. hails from Bradford; Messrs. Hill and Rimmer are of the local society, the remainder hail from Liverpool. It was intended to start for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but, meeting one short, the above was accomplished instead.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1886, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5232 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt. in C#.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	ROBERT BRUNDLE 7.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	ROBERT HAWES 9.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 4.	PETO MEADOWS 10.
FREDERICK TILLET 5.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 11.
CHARLES MEE 6.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

P. Meadows hails from Woodbridge; and F. G. Newman from London.

Date Touches.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, June 10th, at the Acorn Hotel, four members of the above society rang upon handbells, retained in hand, a date touch of Grandsire Major, 1885 changes, in 1 hr. B. Witchell, 1-2; G. W. Townsend, 3-4; M. Murphy, 5-6; J. Plant (conductor), 7-8. Composed by Mr. W. Kent. Referee: Mr. J. Murphy. The above contains the 6th twelve times wrong and right.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETERS
AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

SHEFFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Monday, morning, June 14th, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service, eight members of the above Association rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Hammond, 1; F. Willy (conductor), 2; S. Seed, 3; W. Gardiner, 4; J. Rowley, 5; E. T. Kippon, 6; W. Smithson, 7; J. Lloyd, 8. The above contains the twenty four 6-7's, and was composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. Tenor 15 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH.—On Whit-Sunday, June 13th, the local company, assisted by Mr. W. H. Judd, who is also a member of the College Youths, rang for evening service at the parish church a 720 of College Single in 27 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; H. Deal, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. And after service a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, but after ringing for about 23 mins., it unfortunately came to grief. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Deal, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. This is the first attempt in the method by F. Strugnell. Also on Whit Monday, June 14th, at 5 a.m., 720 of College Single in 26½ mins., standing as before the evening service, conducted by W. H. Judd. After ringing this 720, four of the company ascended the steeple and rang a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, double-handed, to the great annoyance of the jackdaws. F. W. Haslam, 1-2; H. Deal, 3-4; W. H. Judd, 5-6; J. Johnson, 7-8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTBURY.—Recently the following members of the above Association, with their friend Mr. G. Holifield, a College Youth, of Appleton, Berks, rang at the Parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. T. Steel (Prestbury society), 1; W. T. Pates, 2; H. Hodges, 3; G. Holifield, 4; G. H. Phillott, 5; H. Karn (conductor), 6.

HUNTLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, June 14th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1885 changes, in 1 hr. W. Williams, 1; T. Reece, 2; H. Brawn (conductor), 3; C. Turner, 4; J. Dobbins, 5; J. Lloyd, 6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, June 12th, the local society, with the assistance of Mr. H. C. Woodward, of Derby, rang a 720 of Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles. J. Vickers, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Warren, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, June 13th, for

service in the morning, 240 and 180 of Bob Minor; in the afternoon, 300 Bob Minor, and two 120's Bob Doubles, and for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. J. R. Wood, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. *First 720.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 13th, for divine service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 27½ minutes. F. Hancock, 1; W. Worthington (Staveley), 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; J. S. Price, 5; G. Marsden, tenor. Also 720 of Violet, J. Shaw ringing the second bell, the others as above. G. Marsden, conductor. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lbs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, June 13th, for Divine service a 504 of Grandsire Triples, 19 mins. *E. Smith, 1; †W. Hall, 2; D. Francis, 3; W. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 6; J. Large, 7; *H. Shaylor, 8. A 720 of Grandsire Minor, was brought round in 27 mins, on Monday evening (Whit-Monday). *Longest touch of Triples. †Longest with a bob bell. Tenor about 20 cwt.

HAGBORNE (Berks).—On Sunday, June 6th, seven members of the above society, with the assistance of Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, rang for divine service in the evening, 377 Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; E. Pether, 2; F. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; J. Napper, 5; W. Napper, 6; W. Newell (conductor), 7; A. Woodley, tenor. Also after the above service, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples by the same band, except E. Napper ringing the third instead of F. Napper; conducted by W. Napper.

READING (Berks).—On Whit-Monday, eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, met at S. Laurence's to ring Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately, after ringing nearly two hours, it was brought to an abrupt termination, owing to a shift. W. R. Pocock, 1; H. White (Basingstoke), 2; H. Egby (S. Giles, Reading), 3; W. Johnson, 4; W. J. Williams (conductor), 5; W. Newell, 6; J. M. Routh, Esq., 7; W. Robbins (Henley), 8.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH (Surrey).—At the church of S. Nicholas, on Wednesday, June 9th, a 360 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, was rung by the following members. Rev. H. A. Spyers, 1; W. Charman, 2; G. Farnfield, jun., 3; J. Charman, 4; G. Farnfield, sen., 5; W. Streeter (conductor), 6; also a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Streeter, 1; W. Henson, 2; G. Farnfield, jun., 3; J. Charman, 4; Rev. H. A. Spyers (conductor), 5; J. Helsey, 6.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 25th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 24 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridgers, 4; W. Sadler, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 30th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Bob, and a 720 of Plain Bob, standing as before. Also on Sunday, June 13th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 25 mins. J. Whiting, 5; the others as before. J. Whiting hails from Fareham.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Whit Sunday, June 13th, the above society rang for early morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45½ mins. G. Brown, 1; F. Smith, 2; L. Killick, 3; J. Bashford (conductor), 4; W. Hawkins, 5; J. Tidy, 6; T. Boniface, 7; A. Wallis, 8. All the above belong to the Surrey Association with the exception of J. Tidy.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, June 13th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 350 of Grandsire Triples. W. Palmer, 1; H. Boniface, 2; J. Fox, 3; J. Neves, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. A. King, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; J. George, 8. *J. George hails from Coventry.

CHIPPENHAM (Wilts).—On Monday, June 14th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Alley (conductor), 1; J. Hayward, 2; J. E. Willshire, 3; E. A. Foster (Corsham), 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; (6th ringer omitted), C. A. Clements, 7; J. Cooper, 8. And a 336 in the same method. W. Alley (conductor), 1; C. A. Clements, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; E. A. Foster (Corsham), 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; Isaac Cleaver (Chippenham), 8.

HALEWOOD (Lancashire).—On Saturday, June 5th, an attempt was made to ring Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 4704 changes, in 2 hrs. 40 mins., it came to grief. John R. Pritchard, 1; William Booth, 2; William James, 3; John Aspinwall, 4; George Fisher, 5; William Davies, 6; Thomas Hammond (conductor), 7; Richard Diggle, 8.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 13th, for morning service, a touch of 540 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal. S. Tillet, 1; F. Tillet, 2; J. S. Alexander, 3; W. Motts, 4; C. Saul, 5; H. Bowell, 6; W. L. Catchpole, 7; J. Motts, 8; R. Hawes, 9; F. G. Newman, tenor. Also three courses Stedman Caters. Tenor 32 cwt.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 6th, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Bown, 1; A. Devereux, 2; F. Potter, 3; H. Payne, 4; C. Smith, 5; E. Wallace (conductor), 6. And on Whit-Sunday, June 13th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. C. Bown, 1; A. Devereux, 2; H. Payne, 3; F. Potter, 4; E. Wallace, 5; E. Devereux (conductor), 6. This makes a total of nineteen 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 250 6-scores of St-dman Doubles in twelve months, and some Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. Also on Monday, June 14th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Devereux, 1; A. Devereux, 2; H. Payne (conductor), 3; S. Cleal, 4; C. Smith, 5; E. Wallace, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

KINGSWOOD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 8th, the Betchworth society paid a visit to this place and rang a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 27 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridgers, 4; W. Sadler, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Sanders, 1; G. Barnes, 6; the rest as before.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, June 5th, at St. Saviour's Church, seven members of the Midland Counties' Association, assisted by the steeple-keeper, Mr. George Needham, rang 1540 of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins., with the bells muffled, to the memory of the late Miss Burnaby. G. Burrows, 1; T. Wilson (conductor), 2; J. Wilson, 3; W. A. Clayton, 4; J. Needham, 5; J. Walton, 6; A. Millis, 7; G. S. Tenor 27 cwt. in E.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, the 6th June, at St. Mary's church, for afternoon service, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 29 minutes. F. Foster, 1; C. Parker, 2; R. Keeble, 3; J. Biggs, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, a 720 in the same method, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 29 minutes. F. Foster, 1; C. Parker, 2; R. Beddingfield (Bildeston), 3; J. Taylor (Bildeston), 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday evening, June 9th, in 1 hr. 28 mins., a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles; and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, with nine bobs; also a 720 of Plain Bob, with eighteen bobs and two singles. R. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; J. Taylor, 3; J. Biggs, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. J. Taylor hails from Bildeston; the rest are local men.

NEWPORT (Essex).—On Sunday, the 13th inst., the following members of the Newport Society, rang three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Searle, 1; J. Harvey, 2; J. Bennett, 3; W. Searle, 4; W. Bright, 5; S. Reynolds, 6; H. Searle, conductor. The above are, it is believed, the first 6-scores rang by Newport men. The company has lately been instructed by Mr. F. Pitstow.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Saturday, June 5th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Yorkshire Court, with eighteen bobs and two singles. F. Chapman, 1; A. Groom, 2; J. Braybrook, 3; J. Sawford, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also 360 of College Little. F. Chapman, 1; G. Roberts, 2; E. Mayes, 3; T. Roberts, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; A. Groom (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, June 8th, 720 Plain Bob, with 18 bobs and two singles. T. Roberts, 1; F. Chapman (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Sawford, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, June 12th, 720 Yorkshire Court, with eighteen bobs and two singles. G. Roberts, 1; C. Clarke (conductor), 2; E. Mayes, 3; J. Sawford, 4; A. Groom, 5; H. Chapman, 6. And 360 Oxford. E. Mayes, 1; F. Chapman (first 360 in the method), 2; J. Braybrook, 3; C. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. Chapman, 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also on Whit-Sunday, in the early morning, 360 Oxford Bob. F. Chapman, 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; G. Roberts, 4; J. Sawford, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And for divine service in the afternoon, 720 College Little, with eighteen bobs and two singles. G. Roberts, 1; J. Sawford, 2; R. Shipley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6.

SALISBURY.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, June 1st, at the house of Mr. Jerram, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). C. A. Clements, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; T. Blackbourn (conductor), 5-6.

SYSTON (Leicestershire).—On Whit-Sunday morning, before the early celebration, 826 changes of Grandsire Triples (being the first part of Holt's 6-part peal with an extra bob at home to bring the bells round). W. Bail, 1; J. North, 2; J. Freeman, 3; J. Pickard, 4; J. Walton, 5; J. Hall, 6; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 7; J. W. Freeman, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F. This is the first long touch by the local company unassisted.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 6th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Nicholas Church, 720 of Bob Minor, with forty-two singles. *A. Piper, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; G. Illman, 4; H. Weston, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Minor. And after the afternoon service 720 of College Single, eighteen bobs and two

singles. A. Piper, 1; F. Streeter, 2; W. Collison, 3; *H. Weston, 4; F. Rice, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, forty bobs and two singles. J. Collison, 1; H. Meads, 2; H. Weston, 3; B. Payne, 4; E. Streeter, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also an attempt for 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, but came to grief after ringing 680 changes in 22 mins. H. Meads, 1; W. Denman, 2; W. Collison, 3; H. Weston, 4; F. Rice, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. This is the longest touch of Oxford Treble Bob by all except W. Collison. Messrs. Piper, and Weston hail from Brighton, W. and J. Collison from Crawley. *First 720 in the method.

WEST DERBY (Lancashire).—On Whit-Sunday, June 13th, at St. James' Church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. J. B. Davis, 1; W. Leyland, 2; W. Hughes, 3; G. Acton, 4; G. Wearing, 5; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. W. Hughes hails from Halewood, the rest from West Derby.

WRITTE (Essex).—On Whit Sunday, for divine service, by the local company, assisted by Rev. H. A. Cockey, and a stranger, 168 of Grandsire Triples. H. Pamplin, 1; J. Everard, 2; ———— 3; F. Radley, 4; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. Also on the previous Wednesday, for practice 168 Grandsire Triples, with H. de Lisle, Esq., of Galleywood, and W. Harvey, of Widdford, at the 3rd and 5th respectively. These are the first attempts by the local ringers at anything beyond the plain course of Grandsire Triples.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association was held at Leatherhead by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Whit Monday, June 14th. Ringing began about 4 o'clock and continued until about half-past eight. The following methods were practised: Grandsire Caters, Stedman, Grandsire and Union Triples, and Treble Bob Minor. Notwithstanding that the day and place were chosen by a very full meeting at Carshalton on Easter Monday, the attendance at Leatherhead was very poor indeed. This is the more surprising, as the day was a general holiday.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of this Association was held at Kingsley on Whit Monday, where dinner and tea was given by the rector. After which a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 28 mins. Rev. A. Hitchcock, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; J. Baddeley, 5; S. Spencer (conductor), 6. Also touches of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob were rung. After tea all went to Cheadle, where touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, were rung, and thence home after a very pleasant day.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Association will take place at Saddleworth, on Saturday, July 3rd. The bells of St. Chad's will be at the disposal of the ringers from 9 o'clock a.m. Dinner will be provided at the Church Inn, at 4 o'clock p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each. The business meeting will take place at 6 o'clock p.m. Those intending being present at dinner are requested to notify the same to Mr. Joseph Radcliffe, Pob Green, Saddleworth, near Oldham, on or before the 29th June.

JAMES S. WILDE, *Hon. Sec.*

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

The practices at St. Peter's parish church, are the first Tuesday in every month, at 7.30. At St. Marie's, the Monday following, at 7.30. At All Saints, on Saturday, the week following, at 6.30. At St. John's, Kanmoor, on Thursday, the week following, at 7.30. These practices take place all the year round. Should any ringers visit Sheffield during these practices we would be very pleased to meet them, and be sure to have a touch.

JOHN MULLIGAN, *Sec.*

NOTICE.

We again beg to call the attention of correspondents to the necessary regulation of affixing their signature to everything they forward for insertion in this paper. Neglect of this will only lead to disappointment.

S. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

On Saturday, June 12th, seven members of this society met Mr. A. J. Perkins, of Romford, Essex, and started for a peal of Grandsire Triples at the parish church. Before ringing long, however, the fourth rope stranded, another rope was put in and a second start made. Having rung about 200 changes, the 7th rope broke. Here also a new rope was put, but not having time to ring a complete peal, a quarter peal in the same method was rung by the following: W. Mundy, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; W. Goss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; J. E. Luscombe, 8; time 45 minutes. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." Also on Sunday, June 13th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Richardson, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; E. Shepherd, 7; T. Halse, 8. And on Monday, June 14th, fourteen members assembled at Queen-street station and took train for Plymouth, arriving there at 10.30 a.m., we made our way to St. Charles' church, where hangs a very good ring of eight, tenor about 24 cwt., cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Having raised the bells, 504 of Grandsire Triples were rung. J. Moss, 1; E. Pitt, 2; W. Goss, 3; W. Richardson, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. J. Lake, 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. J. Moss, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Marsh, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. Townsend, 8. W. Marsh belongs to the Plymouth society. We also started for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, with Messrs. Marsh, Taylor, and Batchelor, this we failed to accomplish. We then visited St. Andrew's church, here there are a ring of ten, cast by Mears and Stainbank. We here rang short touches of Grandsire Triples on the front seven, with 9, 8, 10 covering, and having failed the 10 in peal, we adjourned to the "Lion," where the handbells were brought into use, and a 391 of Grandsire Triples "Tapped" out, which is inserted below, some of us indulged in songs, handbell ringing, &c. arriving at Exeter by 10.30, all having spent a very pleasant day. Mr. A. J. Perkins wishes through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the members of St. Sidwell's Society, for meeting him to start for a peal, which so unfortunately came to grief through the breaking of two ropes, but he hopes to meet them on some future occasion with more success. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, June 12th, 223 of Grandsire Triples. E. Shepherd, 1-2; F. Shepherd, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pitt, 7-8; and a six-score of Stedman Doubles. A. J. Perkins, 1-2-3-4; E. Pitt, 5-6. Also on June 12th, 504; June 14th, 504 and 391, all of Grandsire Triples, the men were stationed as in the previous 223. S.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of this society took place on June 7th, at the Queen Hotel, High-street, the meeting being declared open by the president, Mr. J. Lomas, and the business of the evening was proceeded with. The balance sheet was read and proved satisfactory to all, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. S. Hines, to all officers of the past year, and seconded by C. Bower, was carried unanimously. The officers for the ensuing year are J. Lomas, President, T. Hattersley, Treasurer, J. Mulligan, Secretary, Messrs. J. Sandford, Wm. Smith, F. Willey and G. Plant, Stewards. During the evening Mr. C. H. Hattersley read a letter of invitation from the Ashton-under-Lyne ringers, which is to take place on July 3rd, to commemorate an event of 100 years ago; their kind offer was unanimously received. Two ringing members were admitted, and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business of the evening.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of this society will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 26th. The Secretary wishes to know as soon as possible how many of each visiting band will be able to attend, and the names of any new members to be proposed. The Tea will be provided free of charge to those only who have paid their subscriptions, and whose names are sent in before the 21st inst., to others it will be one shilling. The following steeples will be open to members of the society during the afternoon: Cathedral, ten bells; St. Mary's, eight bells; Shenstone, eight bells, St. Michael's, six bells.

Subscriptions are now due, and may be sent to the Rev. J. R. Keble, Perry Barr Vicarage, Birmingham; or paid at the Meeting.

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Correspondence.

[While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

HAGLEY BELFRY.

SIR,—I am truly sorry to occupy your valuable space, and try the patience of my brethren in the art by writing about such a trivial subject as the above, for who on earth cares whether the rector of Hagley considers his belfry to be well lighted, or that the St. Mary's conductor differs from him. I will take a reverse variation of the worthy rector's letter, and begin the destructive. He says "the remarks about the tower of Clent were even less happy than those about our own." In plain English this means that Clent tower is even better lighted than Hagley. One of my men (a collier), had no sooner entered Clent than he said "I'm just right now, it's like being in a pit." I certainly did not measure the two small windows, but there may have been three superficial feet of glass in the two, and half of one window was entirely blocked by the clockcase, the walls are also very thick. There were some good 700's done at Clent many years ago, I am told, but Mr. Gibbs does not seem to know that all kinds of things get wrong with bells in a very few years through inattention. I have no doubt that the Clent ringers, like all reasonable men would do, used candles, but we had none worthy the name. Mr. Gibbs' conclusion from former performances is simply a childish piece of rhetoric, and with practical men will pass for what it is worth, these superficial arguments are often resorted to in the absence of accurate knowledge. Further up he says "And they will, I think, one and all agree with me, &c." We have here simply the rector's own opinion and nothing else, which in such a case is simply worthless, for we have not yet heard that he has mastered "Churchyard Bob," or the "goose step." As the rector is such a critic, I hope he will soon have some peals of his own (for the bells will go well if cared for), and bring his men over here and give us a hint or two. Hagley ringing chamber is neat and clean, but rather like a small pill box; one of the bells (I forget which) cannot be easily heard at all places, I must however still remain of the same opinion that the light is not good, and that at Clent it is simply abominable. Ringers who know us and wish to satisfy themselves and decide between Mr. Gibbs and the St. Mary's conductor can easily do so if they wish, those at a distance do not care a straw. It will take considerable provocation in the future before I will trespass on your readers with an answer to such trivial remarks.

Kingswinford.

THE ST. MARY'S CONDUCTOR.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Can any kind reader of "THE BELL NEWS" inform me of name of any work containing interesting accounts of bells and towers, or anything belonging to them, as bell-lore is a thing quite unknown in this locality. It would be some assistance to me if the name of the publisher, and the price was stated.

T. BRIGGS.

Barnoldswick, near Leeds.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Jerram's enquiry, I regret to say there is no change ringing at Aldbourne now. When the church was restored the belfry was removed to show the west window. The bells are now rung from the floor of the tower, and the long draught causes the bells to go so bad that under the present arrangement I do not think it possible for a three hours' peal to be rung there. When the church was restored, the peal boards were removed up into the bell floor out of sight, where they still remain.

J. BAXTER.

"THE CLAVIS CAMPANALOGIA."

(By Reeves, Jones, and Blakemore.)

ON SATURDAY NEXT, JUNE 26TH,

THE FIRST PENNY NUMBER OF

THE "CLAVIS,"

WILL APPEAR.

PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHN HOLDEN.

ON Saturday evening, June 5th, the ringers and choir of Saddleworth church, together with a number of friends, assembled in the Oddfellows Hall, Uppermill, for the purpose of presenting Mr. John Holden, one of the late churchwardens, with an illuminated address. Mr. Holden has been prominently connected with Saddleworth church in various capacities for many years, and on Easter Monday last he completed a three years' service as people's warden. It was announced on that occasion, that Mr. Holden was about to go and reside at Mossley, and under the circumstances he declined re-election to the office he had so worthily filled. Previous to the presentation being made, an excellent tea was partaken of by about seventy persons. The chair was afterwards occupied by Mr. Ellis Meanock, and he was supported on the platform by the Rev. Hugh Doig, J. T. Bradbury, J. W. Radcliffe, B. B. Bradshaw, and other gentlemen. The Saddleworth church choir sang a number of songs, glees, etc., Mr. Albert Hudson officiating as accompanist.

The Chairman said they had to do honour, and to show their respect and kindly feeling to Mr. John Holden. He felt pleased to be present among them, for as a brother churchwarden he had served with Mr. Holden, whose worth he knew, and also that it would be difficult to surpass him in the way he had discharged his official duties, he had always striven successfully to discharge the office, and he could not but think how very often he must have neglected his own business to discharge the work of the parishioners, and to serve the interests of the Church. He was leaving Uppermill, but he hoped and believed the respect in which he was held throughout Saddleworth, would precede him to Mossley, and he did not doubt that the same good and kindly feeling which was felt for him in Uppermill would not be wanting in his new residence. When the report of that meeting reached Mossley, he hoped it might induce the parishioners ere long to put Mr. Holden in a similar position there.

The Rev. Hugh Doig said they had all heard the old adage that "virtue is its own reward," and it undoubtedly was so. No testimonial could ever fully reward an honest genuine man for the performance of duty, if his own conscience did not. There was nothing so permanent and prolific of good, as the knowledge that the discharge of duty brought with its own reward in the approval of conscience. Do not let his friends suppose from this that he undervalued testimonials of the kind they had met that evening to present to his esteemed and dear friend. He did not. On the contrary, he attached a very high value to them, and he knew from his own experience (that he had been the recipient of such honours) that such gifts, coming as they did in the nature of tokens of regard and friendship were most grateful. But what he meant was, that if Mr. Holden had left their district without such testimonial, he would enjoy a rich reward in the approval of his own conscience. His friends, no doubt, would think it strange, but he could not help saying that he failed to realise his old friend being churchwarden anywhere else than Saddleworth. For himself he would say that he entertained the liveliest satisfaction of having for three years been associated with Mr. Holden, and he could also say the same of the respected chairman, whose hospitable residence he spent his first evening in when he came to Saddleworth. He then made the presentation of the address, which read as follows:

To Mr. John Holden, late churchwarden of the parish of Saddleworth.—Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned, on behalf of the ringers and choir of Saddleworth church and friends, having heard with deep regret that you are about to leave the district, cannot allow you to depart without some expression of our appreciation of your many kindnesses. During your occupancy of the office of churchwarden your able, kindly, and impartial performance of its duties has won you golden opinions, and the testimony of the vicar at the Easter vestry has been endorsed by the parish generally that you have been a model churchwarden. Your enthusiasm and skill in the art of campanology are well known, and it is with no little pride and satisfaction that your brother bell-ringers remember that your election to the office of churchwarden gave an impetus to the new bell scheme, and the year 1884 saw the accomplishment of a long cherished wish, the addition of two new bells to the Saddleworth peal. The choir, having a lively appreciation of your uniform kindness and courtesy and the value of your counsels, unite with the ringers in wishing that God's richest and choicest blessings may rest upon you and yours.

HUGH DOIG, Vicar.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE.
JAMES WRIGLEY.
JOHN FIRTH.

June 5th, 1886.

Mr. Holden, in reply, said, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Doig, ringers, singers, and friends, I claim your indulgence for a short time, whilst I, with feelings I cannot describe, endeavour to thank you for this beautiful address, which I gratefully accept as a token of your appreciation of my services, and a pledge of your friendship. I can assure you it will be highly prized by me, and handed down as a heirloom in my family. Three years since I was I was almost casually elected your churchwarden, the appointment came upon me somewhat unexpectedly, but from the very first I determined that, having accepted this responsibility, I would endeavour to discharge the duties of the office cheerfully, willingly, and faithfully, to the best of my ability, and I ventured to hope satisfactorily, and I think now I may say that hope has been realized; I also endeavoured to so discharge the duties appertaining to the office, and to conduct myself in such a manner that I might be enabled to hand over the office to my successor unsoiled and untarnished by any act of mine.

When I first took my seat in the wardens' pew I found two prayer books, inscribed with the wardens' names who purchased them in the year 1838, Samuel Wrigley and John Shaw. The said John Shaw, of Dobcross, was my grandfather's brother, and my grandfather succeeded him in the office, so you see that after a lapse of almost half a century the office was again in the same family, and I have used the same books my ancestors used 48 years before. During the time I have been in office two new trebles have been placed in the tower to make our ring of six into eight; now I am aware some of the parishioners prefer six bells to eight. I wish to remind such that where there is eight there is six, and the old six are as ringable to day as they were before, and nothing in my opinion sounds better than six well rung, only eight well rung, were I to try to explain the advantage of eight bells over six, only those initiated in the mysteries of change-ringing would understand me. As far as the manual labour is concerned it is much easier to ring eight than six, a greater number of changes can be rung on eight, eight afford more scope for the composer, and more variety for the conductor, and personally I am very thankful to all those friends who have assisted us to make this improvement. The burial grounds have also been improved by being laid out in walks, the stones relaid, trees planted, and the fences improved, and I beg specially to thank the ringers, choir and friends who have assisted us by so frequently giving their services. I also beg to thank my colleagues in office, and all our friends who have subscribed so liberally towards these improvements. Although I am going to reside at Mossley I have not the remotest intention of severing my connection with Saddleworth church, for home is not merely roof and room, it needeth something to endear it, and the ties of endearment which bind me to Saddleworth church are many and very dear. I cannot read the gravestones round the sacred edifice without being reminded that it is the church of my ancestors; my grandfather's gravestone reminds me that he was for over 50 years the parish clerk, in addition to which he was both a ringer and bass singer; my uncle, James Radcliff, succeeded him in the office, which he held for twenty-six years, previous to which he was a member of the choir from his youth. I have also an uncle still living who has acted as organist for forty years, and a cousin a member of the choir who has been regular in his attendance for fifty years. My wife's grandfather's gravestone tells me that he was for three score years a counter singer, and longer still a first rate ringer, and her father's stone tells me that he too was a ringer at Saddleworth church for over fifty years, and in addition every male member of the family either are or have been ringers at Saddleworth church. There is also the tower and the bells which I am connected with, and have been a ringer at for twenty-four years, I have assisted in ringing 23 peals of 5000 changes, and one peal of 7200 occupying 4 hrs. 20 mins., which is the longest length ever rung at Saddleworth church, and near it is the home where I have lived the greater portion of my life, and connected therewith are found memories which distance and time can never erase.

Like as a child, when scaring sounds molest,
Hangs closer and closer to its mother's breast,
So the whirlwind's torrent and the tempest roar
But bind me to my native mountain more.

In conclusion, I wish to address a few words to the ringers and choir. Let unity exist in your midst, may one general feeling warm the bosom of all, one general sympathy emanate from the heart of each and every one of you, thereby enabling you so to discharge your respective duties that your united action may cheer the heart of your vicar, lighten his labours, and encourage him in his work. Dear friends, I once more finally thank you all most sincerely.

Mr. Doig concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

Mr. Holden seconded the resolution, which was carried amid applause, and Mr. Meanock briefly replied. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and social enjoyment.

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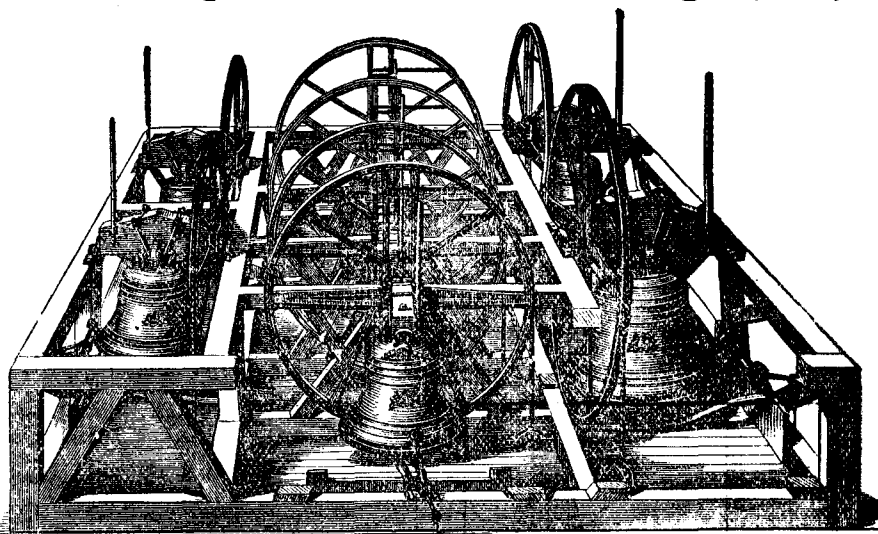
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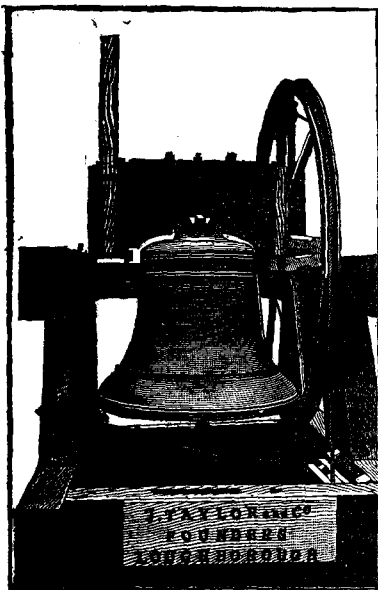


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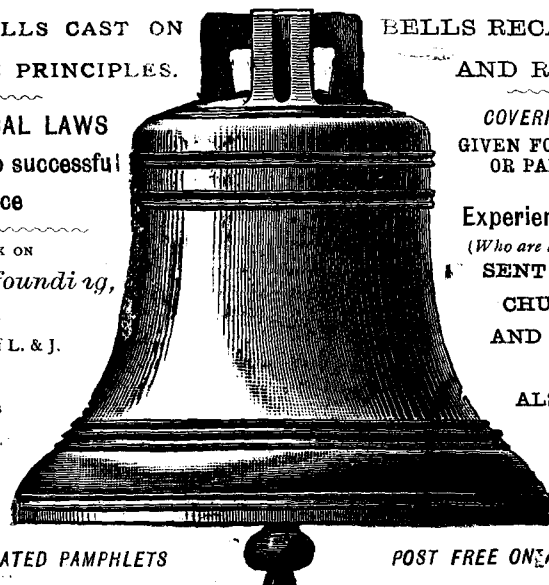
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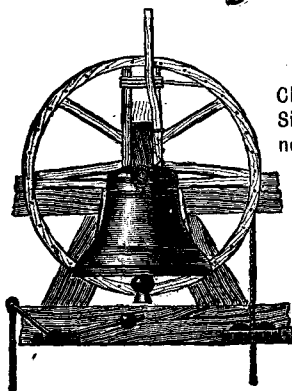
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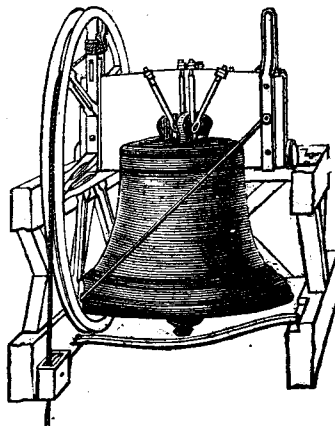
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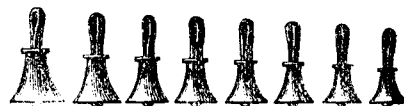
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO THE REV. H. A. COCKEY.

We have again to record a very successful Annual Meeting—the seventh—of the above Association, which, as briefly noticed in our last issue, took place at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, when upwards of 100 members put in an appearance. This gathering—the largest the Association has as yet had, was no doubt due to the desire of many members to be present to witness the presentation to and to bid the Hon. Sec., who was resigning, a hearty farewell, with the best of wishes for his future advancement in life. Mr. Cockey, who is leaving England for the post of a Navy chaplain, was elected Assistant Secretary in 1881, and upon Mr. Seaman's resignation in 1883, was unanimously chosen Hon. Sec., since which time the entire work of the Association has fallen upon him. This he has carried out in such a satisfactory manner that he has won the highest respect of the whole body of the Association, and some idea of the success of his labours can be formed from the following extract from the circular which was issued after it became known that the rev. gentleman was going to leave the county.

"During the period that Mr. Cockey has officiated as Hon. Sec., his services have been rendered in a manner that has made them invaluable; the Association has extended itself throughout the County; through his thorough earnestness in the work its influence has been brought to bear in many towers, hitherto neglected; and a general advancement accomplished in the art of change-ringing; while last, but not least, in addition to the number of towers that have been restored, the return of the two trebles to the Chelmsford Tower is owing to his tact in carrying out the arrangements between the authorities among whom the transactions took place. Services thus rendered are considered to be well worthy of recognition; and it is proposed to open a fund for the purpose of presenting the rev. gentleman with a testimonial at the next Annual Meeting."

Extreme regret was expressed at the announcement of the resignation, and it is not surprising to find that the fund amounted to £10 12s. an amount, which considering the majority of the members of the Association, was very satisfactory. The testimonial consisted of a massive travelling case, fitted with all the latest improvements, and bearing a handsomely engraved plate, and after defraying the expenses of postage, etc., the surplus was devoted to a neatly printed address followed with a list of thirty-one subscribing towers, and the names of about a dozen of hon. members that had sent in contributions; this latter was inserted with a title page as a frontispiece in a full bound morocco peal-book, containing upon the front in elegant gilt letters, "Presented to the Rev. H. A. Cockey by the Essex Association of Change Ringers, Whit Monday, 1886." This latter part of the testimonial was a superior piece of workmanship executed by Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, whose efforts met with universal approval.

In connection with the meeting the towers of Chelmsford, Galleywood, and Writtle (8), Widford, and Springfield (6), were all open to members. To give a detailed description of the ringing that took place in each of these would be too much for our limited space. Ringing may be said to have actually commenced the previous Saturday evening when a 672 of Bob Major was rung at Chelmsford by the following band: W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Rowland, 3; W. Buckingham, 4; B. Keeble, 5; W. Hawkes, 6; E. Scotcher, 7; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 8. On Monday morning various mixed bands were successful with tunes of Grandsire Triples, among which was a 518 conducted by H. Randall, and a 336 of Stedman Triples, conducted by C. F. Winny. Courses of Bob Major and Treble Bob were also rung during the day. Early in the morning a start was made at Writtle for Holt's Original, by the following: W. Chalk, 1; C. Elliott, 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Buckingham, 4; W. Hawkes, 5; W. Battle, 6; N. Hills (conductor), 7; W. Harvey, 8. Everything went on satisfactory for about an hour, when the conductor, under the impression that the bells were wrong, called "stand," afterwards to find that all was right. The band were afterwards joined by the Vicar, who took part in a touch. In the evening the tower was again visited, and another touch rung by a mixed band which included the Hon. Sec. of the Association. In the afternoon the following band started for Holt's Original at Galleywood: W. H. L. Buckingham, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; J. W. Nevard, 5; W. Woodley, 6; W. Battle, 7; A. Porter, 8. This unfortunately also came to grief, owing to a shift. At Widford various six-bell bands displayed their skill in popular methods while at Springfield five of the Braintree company, with T. Barker of Stebbing, rung a 720 of Cambridge Surprise.

The usual service was held at the Church at 12.30, when an able discourse was delivered by the Rev. T. Papillon, Vicar of Writtle, from the text "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." Psalm cxxxix, 1. The rev. preacher said:—

My friends and brother ringers,—It is a difficult task to deliver, at such a service as this, an address which should be suitable both to the place in which it is given, and to the occasion which brings us together. I might ransack Holy Scripture for far-fetched and fancied allusions to an art which had no existence when the books of Holy Scripture were written; but such twisting of texts to a purpose which were never meant to serve, seems to me neither profitable nor reverent. You who know (as I dare say many of you know), the church bells such as we now use, were not invented till 400 years after Christ, and that the art of change-ringing is possibly not more than 300 years old, will see little use of allusion to the "bells" i.e., pro or a kind of jingling ornaments upon the hem of the Jewish high priest's robe, or to

the mode by which in those far off days the worshippers were summoned to the sanctuary. 'Tis better, I think, and likely to be more profitable to us to search the Scriptures for some general principle of conduct which may guide us as ringers who are also Christians and Churchmen. I say Churchmen, for should there be any here who has not the privilege to belong to our Church they will be the first to acknowledge that it is in connection with the Church that our science has the greater part of its life and usefulness. And the principle of conduct which my text suggests will apply to us all, whether Churchmen or not, I mean the principle of unity: "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." Now there are various ways in which we may carry out this principle of unity. First of all we are members of an Association whose object is the encouragement of change-ringing and the promotion of belfry reform within the limits of this county. To carry out this object we require unity and effort. It is needful that every member of this Association should desire and should take every opportunity to promote the objects thus set before us. Much has no doubt been done, but much remains to do. Much has been done, as we may all thankfully acknowledge, in the direction of belfry reform. The old days—and yet not very old—in which a belfry was sometimes little better than a pot-house, are gone—we may hope—for ever, and we are recognising more and more that the belfry is part of the House of God, and that conduct or language which is unbecoming in one part of the church is equally unbecoming in another. We are also recognising more and more that the ringers who call men to the church by the sweet music of their bells are doing in their way the work of the Church; that they ought to be Church workers, no less than those who sing the praises of God in the service itself. But yet it is not amiss to urge nicety of thought and of purpose in this matter. It is not amiss to ask everyone here to try to feel for himself and to help in making others to feel that our office has to do with holy things; that the place where we ring is part of God's house; that our bells are fittings of the tabernacle; and that we ourselves, if not priests, are at least doorkeepers in the house of our God. And in the promotion of the art of change-ringing in which we know that much has yet to be done, there is also need of unity of purpose; the determination of everyone to do his best to improve himself, not only for his own sake, but for the common good. And the foundation of this unity of purpose must be Christian unity. Our art may no doubt be practised at other times and for other immediate objects than that of ringing for Divine Service, but this should be its highest and best effort. It is as Christians, as Churchmen, as men who wish to do what we have to do as well as possible for the glory of God and honour of his House, that we should cultivate our art, not for personal vanity, not for individual gratification, but for the good of others. The skilful hand and eye, the keen memory, the patient attention of the practised ringer, find their highest exercise in the service of God's House, and whatever feats of skill may be performed at other times, the work of proclaiming that the House of God is open for prayer is the highest work of all; and the thought that we are thus engaged in the services of the sanctuary should always be uppermost.

"When'er the sweet church bell,
Peals over hill and dell
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Nor is the need of unity less among the ringers of each belfry and of each parish than among Christians at large. Unity we know, is strength; and the strength of this as of any other good cause in any place whatsoever, lies in brotherly unity among those who promote it. I dare say some of you have known places where the bells have hung silent in the tower for months or even for years chiefly because the ringers could not agree among themselves because there were jealousies among them as to which should take the lead, because the older men would neither learn anything themselves nor help others to learn because—and this the most miserable reason of all—because they had quarrelled over the distribution of money. Where such things had happened there has been no unity of purpose; no care for credit of the church and parish; no wish to promote the cause for which you are assembled here to day. I think that as the work of this and similar Associations grows all over the country, such cases may be few and far between. But you know, as well as I do, that they are no new fancy, but sad reality, and that there is still room in this matter to urge men to feel and act up to the full beauty of the Psalmist's teaching, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." And if we want a picture and example of what unity means, I think that we may find it in the very exercise of our art. It is an art in which a man cannot think of himself alone or work for himself alone. He must work with others and in closest connection with others. He must suit his work to theirs and time it with theirs, and if he fails to do this he spoils not only his own work but that of his companions too. If one goes wrong all must stop, and the peal breaks down. Now ringing a peal seems in some respects a sort of miniature of human life. Our life is a peal, long or short, as the case may be, but while it lasts full of changes. Every day, every hour, we are brought into different relations with our fellow men, and unless we work harmoniously and in time and tune with them, we may wreck our own lives and theirs. Sometimes we follow others; sometimes we lead others to follow; we perform the various acts of life as the ringer strikes his blow, now before, now after each other, now in regular succession, now with breaks and shifting in our course, now in front and now behind, now quicker and now slower. And then at last comes the time when the bells come home, and the great conductor calls us all to stand, and all the noise of life with its changes and its chances, its ups and downs, is hushed in the grave, in the unity of silence which is deeper far than all the harmony of sound, but also in the unity of hope that we may be raised again to other and more glorious work in the eternal union of the soul with God. You may think this a fanciful comparison. It may strike some as true but not others. But if I have drawn it out at all clearly as it strikes me, I think it may help to suggest the value of the lesson which we are considering to day, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." And not only in unity, but in Christian unity; in a unity of good lives lived not for self alone, but also for others; in a unity of desire that God may be glorified in all things, that his name may be kept holy, that his House and all that belongs to it, its belfry and its bells no less than its other parts, may be regarded and used with reverence. If we have thus practised our art in the spirit of Christian unity it will have been not merely an amusement, but a labour of love for God and for others, and perhaps when our last hour comes it chances that the sound of the bells falls on dying ears, they will seem to be calling us to an eternal worship in heaven, where in the words of the carol

"The bells of the city of God peal out
And the Angels' song still rings in the height."

I commend this thought of Christian unity as a thing essential to the progress of the cause in which you are interested. The growth of our Association gives us no reason for discouragement, but rather of good hope that its work may be faithful in the coming years. We may hope that in every parish which possesses a ring of bells, and in many which now do not, the voice on the bells rung by skilful hands may be heard Sunday after Sunday to call men to the House of God, and that in every such place there may be a band of ringers ready to take pains and work together in unity to advance their art in the cause of true religion; men who will be able to say in the words of another Psalmist, "Lord I have loved the habitation of thine House, and the place where thine honour dwelleth."

The Annual Dinner, to which 95 sat down, followed in the charity school room, the Archdeacon presiding, supported by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Rev. J. B. Seaman, Rev. H. A. Cockey, W. Gepp, Esq., and

others. The business meeting followed, the chairman having given the toast of "Church and Queen," called upon the Hon. Sec. to read the Annual Report, which stated that while fourteen hon. members had withdrawn, nineteen had been elected, and the number now was sixty-one against fifty-six last Whit-Monday. In 1883-84 the ringing members increased to eight, while in 1885 it was only seven; this year however it was eighty-eight, ninety-eight had been elected while ten had withdrawn, this left the total ringing members as 269 against 181 last year; this was a remarkable increase, and showed that the Association was doing a real work in the county—that it was becoming recognised and appreciated by all who can call themselves change-ringers, and that it was stirring up those who hitherto had been contented with round ringing and call changes to qualify themselves for admission to the ranks of the Association. Hence it could not but be regarded with lively satisfaction by all, and it was to be hoped that it would stimulate every member of the Association to still greater efforts to further the Association. Five bands had been added to the Association, viz.,—Earls Colne, Harwich, Harlow, Stanford-le-Hope, three of which were new to the work and only recently qualified. The funds of the Association were in a satisfactory state. The receipts for the year were £31 15s 9d, and the expenditure £23 11s. 0d., leaving a balance of £8 4s 9d, which added to the banking accounts brought the same up to £53 10s 3d. In addition to the Annual Meeting at which eighty-five were present, three district meetings had been held, viz., at Harwich, on July 25th, there were 36 present; at Harlow, on October 24th, there were 40; and at Barking, on February 27th, there were 41. Seven peals had been rung in the course of the year by members of the Association, but only four were rung in the county. It was to be hoped that local bands would be stirred up by the good example of the non-resident members to make a greater effort to get their names in the peal-book. Time had not permitted a record of the ringing by various local bands, but such had been up to its previous standard. Among the belfry improvements were the re-hanging of the fine peal of five at Danbury, and the addition of a new treble at Orsett. Mr. Cockey concluded his report as follows: It is a matter of great regret to me that I shall no longer be able to carry on the work which you have done me the honour of confiding to my hands since Mr. Seaman's resignation. It has been a pleasure to me to do what I could for the Association, and a still greater pleasure to meet our ringing members from time to time at the various Annual and District gatherings. This is the nineteenth which I have attended, and I can assure you that though the wind and the weather has not always been such as one would choose for an eighteen or twenty mile drive across country, each one has been a day thoroughly enjoyed by me at the time, and full of pleasant reminiscences of hearty and genial receptions at the hands of those I am proud to number among my friends—the change-ringers of Essex. I can only say in conclusion that wherever I go I shall hope to hear from time to time of the prosperity of the Association and the advancement of those good objects which it ever holds in view—the rescue of our belfries from neglect and abuse, and the recognition of ringers as an important body of Church workers. I thank you one and all for your invariable courtesy and kindness, and I trust that the good feeling which you have shown toward me may ever be the main feature of your intercourse with each other.

Mr. B. Keeble moved the adoption of the report, and that the same should be printed and circulated among the members at the next District Meeting, and suggested the desirability of having additional copies of the same sent out to clergymen who had towers not connected with the Association.

The Chairman, in supporting the same, congratulated the members upon the satisfactory and financial position of the Association in these days of depression and regretted that in giving the Association a hearty welcome to Chelmsford, that the time had not yet come when they could be greeted with the full ring of ten. [The report was adopted.] He had on behalf of the Association to present to Mr. Cockey a small testimonial. They were thankful to think that his health was not so impaired but what they had hopes, in undertaking his duties as Navy Chaplain, it might be thoroughly restored, and that before long he would be among them again to become one of their vice-presidents. In devoting his services to the Association, Mr. Cockey had been doing a real service for the Church, and for this they heartily thanked him, and asked his acceptance of a travelling trunk, and also a handsomely bound peal-book, containing the following address:

REV. SIR,—In presenting you with this Testimonial, we are aware that it is an inadequate recognition of your valuable services, but trust it may be accepted as a universal token of respect and as an expression of goodwill from the Association toward you in appreciation of your services. The success of the Association is mainly due to your noble example and thorough earnestness in the work. Its extension throughout the county, its influence in many new restored and reformed towers, and the advancement of the science among us are achievements accomplished under your skill and guidance. We therefore tender you our hearty thanks, with the assurance that your uniform kindness and unwearied labours among us will never be forgotten. Your permanent departure from the county would, we fear, prove an irreparable loss, we trust therefore, that it may be only of a brief duration, and in expressing our earnest desire that such may prove to your advantage and position in life, we bid you God-speed, and will look forward to the day when after your return to English shores, we may have the honor and privilege of giving you a hearty

welcome back into Essex to spend many happy years with the Essex Association of Change Ringers.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, who upon rising to reply secured a warm reception, said he could not tell them how much he thanked them for the present they had made him, coupled with the address, for it had given him in print that which he had always experienced, for they had at all times received him with the greatest of kindness, and he should remember the pleasant faces that he then saw before him. Although while upon the water he should hear the "watches" ring, he should not have the chance of a pull, yet he trusted such an opportunity might occur again at some of the ports where they might touch. He did not expect to return under six or seven years, but should look forward to the time when he should be able to have a pull with the members of the Association. It was very kind to attribute the success of the Association to him; he had done his best to carry on the work since Mr. Seaman's resignation, who he hoped would be spared for many years, and that when he returned he would meet him with them again. When the time came for his return, the first place he should make for would be Essex, in the meantime he was aware that he should carry their love with him.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey proposed, and the Rev. J. B. Seaman seconded, the Rev. T. L. Papillon as Hon. Secretary, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey moved the election of an Assistant Secretary which was seconded and carried.

Mr. B. Keeble referred to the large area over which the Association now extended, and suggested that the county, for the purpose of district meetings, should be divided into the upper and lower divisions, with an assistant Secretary for each, who should arrange for two district meetings each in their respective divisions. Having pointed out that this would give an extra district meeting each year, he contended such was necessary, in order to keep the influence of the Association from flagging, and to secure the entry to the Association of those in the county not yet connected with it. Such he further maintained would be an advantage by decreasing the duties of the Hon. Sec., which every member ought to be desirous of doing, now that they had elected a clergyman, having the charge of a large parish.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon and the Rev. H. A. Cockey both admitted that such a scheme appeared as one which might work, but the latter thought it required some consideration before adoption.

A suggestion having been made that the Association should be carried on by the hon. sec. having one assistant for the next twelve months, Mr. Keeble's suggestion fell through, the chairman remarking that he thought it best that it should do so.

Mr. J. C. Hennah, an hon. member, of Springfield, was elected assistant secretary. The following new members were elected: Hon. Members: Rev. D. Ingles, Witham; Rev. D. Yonge, Boreham; Mr. C. Portway, Halstead. Ringing Members: W. H. Baker, J. Bard, and C. Burrell, Chelmsford; A. S. Barrell, J. Bedwell, and W. Dowsett, Prittlewell; J. B. Coomfield, H. Brazier, C. Hawkes, G. Lemon, and W. Lodge, Galleywood; E. Chaplin, Stisted; R. Elliot, J. Gibbard, T. Wood, W. Pinsent, St. Saviour's, and F. G. Newman, St. Mary's, Walthamstow; J. Everard, J. E. Hillard, W. Lincoln, H. Pamplin, F. Radley, T. E. T. Shore, and R. Wood, Writtle; W. Nichols, and A. Potter, Coggeshall; A. Smith, Langham; T. Watson, Braintree; H. Gentry, Rayne. Non-resident Essex ringers: A. Brown, Sawbridgeworth; W. H. Buckingham, R. A. Fowler, and H. L. Waddington, St. Albans; H. Laffin, and R. T. Woodley, London; Probationers: A. Knight, Harwich; F. Denning, Dedham; and G. Deal, Colchester.

Mr. S. Hammond moved the insertion of "non-resident" in lieu of "distinguished" the rules referring to the election of ringers residing out of the county, which was carried.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey moved "that the Association should, so far as its funds permit, provide for the instruction of companies willing to join the Association as probationary members, and that members of the Association who are willing to act as instructors, are requested to send in their names to the hon. sec. at once, in order that a staff of eight or ten may be appointed by the Committee." In reply to Mr. B. Keeble, the rev. gentleman explained that if an instructor found a company under his charge did not make progress, it would be his duty to report the same to the hon. sec., who would communicate with the clergyman of the parish. Local bands would be expected to pay part of the expenses.

Mr. S. Hammond expressed himself willing to act as an instructor, provided bands would meet him, without taking any fee from the funds of the Association.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Snell, and carried, and the proceedings closed with the usual compliment to the chairman.

THE WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

There will be a GENERAL MEETING of the above Association, in the belfry of the Parish Church, Isleworth, to-day, Saturday, June 20th, at 8 p.m., to wind up the business of the past season.

S. LAWRENCE'S SOCIETY, READING, ANNUAL EXCURSION.

On Saturday, June 19th, just before eight o'clock in the morning, the members of this society assembled at the S.W. railway station, their object being a campanological tour through the south western suburbs of the great metropolis. Leaving Reading by the 8.3 train, they arrived quite safe at Putney by 10.5, and after traversing the High-street, they had the pleasure of walking over and viewing the new Putney Bridge, lately opened by the Prince of Wales, which is certainly a great improvement on the old wooden structure. Having reached the Middlesex side, the excursionists made their way to Fulham church, where they were met by one of the local ringers, who conducted them to the belfry. Here indeed was a treat for the lovers of change-ringing. A peal of ten bells in good going order and beautifully in tune, after raising the back eight in peal, a 575 of Grandsire Caters was rung in 24 minutes. A. E. Reeves, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. Johnson, 3; W. R. Pcock, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; G. Talbot, 6; J. E. Willshire, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Goseltine, 10. Also a 720 in the same method. The ringers were greatly interested with the number of boards in this tower, more particularly with the one recording a celebrated peal of Grandsire Caters containing 12,000 and odd changes, conducted by Mr. T. Tolliday, generally known as Tom Tolladay's 12,000, and amongst others could be seen recorded a peal of Stedman Caters, containing 11,111 changes; also a peal of Grandsire Caters, composed and conducted by the present vicar, the Rev. F. H. Fisher. As the time was getting short, the bells were lowered in peal, and having taken a farewell of the vicar, who kindly visited them in the belfry, they recrossed the bridge and reached Putney station in time to catch a train for Richmond, arriving there at 12.30. Mr. W. J. Williams sen., steeplekeeper of S. Mary's, was awaiting the train, and conducted his visitors to the church. Here, as at Fulham, the walls were covered with peal boards, the oldest being for a peal of "Richmond Triples" rung in 1741, the next important being for a peal of Treble Bob, containing 8,400 and odd changes, which occupied 5 hrs. 1 min. After raising the metal a 700 of Grandsire Triples was rung in 23 mins. G. Talbot, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. H. Holloway, 3; J. E. Willshire, 4; W. Johnson, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. J. Williams (conductor), 7; W. Goseltine, 8. Also a 280 in the same method, conducted by Mr. Newell. The company was here met by an old friend, Mr. G. Capron, steeplekeeper of S. Michael's, Basingstoke, who was pleased to have a pull with his brother-strings.

Two o'clock had now arrived, and on referring to the programme it was seen that dinner was to be ready by that time, consequently the campanologists adjourned the ringing and sojourned to the "Greyhound" hotel, where they sat down to a sumptuous repast. Having refreshed the inner man and allowed a few minutes for digestion, the tour was continued by breaks, Mr. Williams, sen., accompanying the party. At 3.15 the "go" was called, and off started the horses in the direction of Richmond Hill. Having reached the summit, on which is situated the public promenade known as the Terrace, the excursionists were delighted with the landscape before them. At the foot of the hill could be seen the silvery Thames, wending its way to the mighty ocean, and here and there were dotted charming villa residences, partly hidden by the foliage of the trees, which nearly surrounded them. On the south bank lies the village of Petersham, a holiday resort well known to thousands of London children, and others

"Who from London's smoke and turmoil fly
To seek a richer and a purer air."

Windsor Castle can also be seen from the Terrace on a fine day. After gazing for a while on this most magnificent picture of the Thames valley, the party journeyed onwards past "Lass of Richmond Hill," and the famous Star and Garter Hotel, entering Richmond Park, en route for Kingston. Here the eye could feast on the beauties of nature whilst passing clumps of chesnut trees, stately elms, and grand old oaks which have weathered the storm for many many years, not forgetting the group of deer that were seen grazing amongst young ferns, and on the green sward in various parts of the park. At length Kingston was reached; and driving into the market place (which was quite gay with the quantity of flowers on sale), a halt was made to give the travellers a chance to view the old King's stone, on which several Kings of England had been crowned, and from which the town takes its name. Owing to the church being restored the bells could not be rung. By 4.10 the company had mounted the brakes, and passing over Kingston Bridge, through Hampton Wick, very soon reached Hampton Court. What a contrast between now and Whit Monday! Then could be seen every kind of vehicle from general dealer's barrows to a four in hand coach, crowds of people clad in festive attire, and on the green, itinerant musicians playing popular melodies to delighted audiences, and all other kinds of amusements, giving the public a chance of enjoying themselves, but now everything is very quiet, very few vehicles, and the only occupants of the green being some cattle. Travelling on for another mile brought the ringers to Hampton

village, where it was arranged to have a pull, and after waiting about twenty minutes, until the conclusion of evening service, their wishes were gratified by ringing several short touches of Grandsire Triples. Leaving Hampton at 6 o'clock, the party pushed forward to Twickenham, via. Bushey Park and Teddington. The visitors were pleased with the drive through the grand Chesnut Avenue, and round the Diana lake, although it was too late to see the chesnuts in blossom. Twickenham was reached by 6.35, and on driving to the "Two Sawyers" found that tea was quite ready. The appetites by this time were considerably sharpened, owing to the drive, consequently ample justice was done to a capital spread. After tea the campanologists visited the tower, and rang a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. H. M. Bawden, 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; G. Talbot, 3; W. Johnson, 4; W. Goseltine, 5; W. J. Williams (conductor), 6; W. Newell, 7; R. J. Williams (Richmond), 8. Also two courses of Bob Major. The bells were then lowered in peal, and the party spent the remaining half-hour at the "Two Sawyers," where they were entertained by Messrs. W. J. Williams, sen., and R. J. Williams, of Richmond, who tapped off some excellent tunes on the handbells. The time had now arrived for departure, and hurrying off to the railway station, caught the 8.35 for Reading. During the journey home some good songs were well rendered by several members of the company, thus relieving the monotony of railway travelling. The tourists arrived quite safe in Reading by 10 o'clock, having spent a jolly day. The Rev. W. Banting, tower warden of St. Laurence's, accompanied the party, and expressed great satisfaction with all the arrangements for this outing. Thus ended the 4th campanological tour of St. Laurence's society. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicars and churchwardens of the various churches they visited, for the use of the bells, and also the steeple-keepers for their kindness in getting everything ready, and rendering what assistance they could, without this help it would have been impossible to have made this excursion such a complete success.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

This Society held its Annual General Meeting at Gravesend on Monday, June 21st. The parishes of Folkestone, West Malling, Maidstone (All Saints), St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, Shipbourne, Horsmonden, Leeds, Cliffe, Gillingham, etc., were represented, and in all there were eighty-five members in attendance. The sermon at the usual service at St. George's, was preached by the Rev. R. K. Hugessen, Secretary of the Association, who enlarged on the necessity of ringers cultivating public spirit and not aiming at their own enjoyment, but at the faithful performance of the office which exercise for the public good. The dinner was held at the "New Falcon Hotel," the chair being ably filled by Mr. Nelthingham, senior churchwarden. There were also present Mr. Drawbridge, the Rev. Mr. Candy, of Swanscombe, and the Rev. Mr. Walford, curate of St. George's. After the Queen's health had been drank, the ordinary business of re-appointing the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee, were gone through. The report and statement of accounts were read by the Secretary, by which it appeared that the Association has a balance of over £60 in hand. Four more bands have joined this year. During the afternoon ringing went on at Gravesend, Milton, Cliffe, Swanscombe, and Dartford.

VISIT TO WALTHAM ABBEY.

On Whit-Monday a party of ringers and friends visited this town and dined at Mr. Powell's, the "Three Tuns" inn. During the day the number of visitors were augmented by several well known faces from London; and several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and a 504 of Stedman Triples also, the latter conducted by Mr. W. D. Smith. In the evening some handbell ringing was gone through; a touch of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, and a course of Grandsire Cinques. One gentleman among the company promised to bring a peal of glass bells on a future occasion, so that a touch or two could be rung upon them; and some of the local ringers expressed a wish to have that pleasure.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Members of this society are earnestly invited to attend the next meeting at Head Quarters, the "Green Man," St. Martin's Lane, W.C., which takes place on Friday evening, July 2nd, when a discussion will take place interesting to all concerned.

147, Barnsbury Road, N.

HY. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1637.

The ANNUAL DINNER of this Society will take place at the Gloucester Pavilion Hotel, Greenwich, on Saturday, July 3rd. Further particulars will be announced. G. A. MUSKETT, Hon. Sec.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1886.

As every schoolboy knows, Chelmsford is the county town of Essex, and occupies a central position in the county. In the present day, we regret, there is considerable apathy toward our own particular branch of Church work shown there. We need not recapitulate the story of the two trebles, as their history for the last twenty years is tolerably known by most of our readers. Their return to their old quarters would only be a just compliment to the Association which has made Chelmsford its headquarters. Such, in fact, is essential to the welfare of the Association, for it would enable it to point to Chelmsford tower as a model one, made so under its influence, and would therefore materially assist the Association in advocating reform and restoration in other parts of the County where needed. We fail to entertain the money part of the question, for judging from the appearances of Chelmsford, it contains fifty per cent. more wealthy inhabitants than another Essex town we are about to name. What is needed is a spark of energy, some one with a determination to stamp out this apathy. Smooth sayings and compliments at Association meetings would be well if supplemented by activity in the direction we are alluding to.

Let us change the venue. A month since we received the unwelcome information that one of the bells at the town of Barking had been cracked. It appears that while practising with the clappers lashed, the sixth partly became undone and got entangled with the chiming hammer; the result of which the bell was cracked. In the absence of the Vicar, a well known member of the local company, Mr. DAVIES, at once consulted one of the Churchwardens and the matter was put in the founder's hands, with the result that the bell was recast and rehung ready for ringing on Whit-Sunday, Mr. DAVIES having in the meantime secured a sufficient sum by voluntary contributions.

Evidently there is a vitality in this little important town of Barking which is wanting in the metropolis of the county, and the contrast is anything but satisfactory to the latter. We have before referred to this question. The bells restored to their Church from whence they were taken away, and placed in an ignominious position at

the foot of the belfry steps, where they remained two years. Whether the authorities of St. Mary's, Chelmsford feel a little compunction at their bells being so scurvily treated, we are unable to say, but that may be the cause of their being taken up higher, and deposited in the ringing-chamber. Will they remain there another two years, and shall we, at each recurring Annual Meeting, be regaled with the same platitudes respecting them? We hope not. Let the powers that be take profit by the example from Barking.

The Provinces.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, June 12, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOHN POWNALL Treble.	*SAMUEL HILL 5.
HUGH SHAW 2.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 6.
WILLIAM LAKEMAN* 3.	SAMUEL WOOD 7.
EDMUND SCHOFIELD 4.	*MATTHEW PAILTHORPE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

LINCOLN.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT ST. HUGH'S TOWER, LINCOLN CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM BILLINGHURST .. Treble.	JOHN HICKMAN 5.
EDMUND D. TAYLOR, ESQ. 2.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM W. C. BAKER 3.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ. 7.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 4.	FRANCIS E. DAWE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This is the first peal yet achieved on the Cathedral bells, and the band take this opportunity of tendering their sincere thanks to the Dean and Chapter for so kindly granting permission.

Messrs. J. W. and E. D. Taylor, and W. T. Billingham hail from Loughborough; J. Hickman, H. W. Abbott, and Rev. W. W. C. Baker from Nottingham; Rev. W. C. Pearson from Syston; and F. E. Dawe from London.

EASTON, SUFFOLK.

On Whit-Monday, June 14, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES: IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON FIVE BELLS;

Being Hudibras, Earl Soham Delight, April Day, Little Bob, Grandsire, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles.

Being each one rung over six times. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

F. JAYE Treble.	J. SELF 3.
S. WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.	G. WIGHTMAN 4.
W. G. CRICKMER Tenor.	

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

First peal by all.

DERBY.

THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1886, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY WAKLEY Treble.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 5.
ARTHUR B. WARD 2.	THOMAS HOLMES 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 7.
HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. Tenor.

The peal, which is now rung for the first time, was composed by A. P. Heywood Esq., and conducted by W. Wakley.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, June 17, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN SLATER Treble.	SAMUEL SLATER 5.
CHAS. HONEYBELL 2.	FRED WELLS 6.
CHAS. SILLITOE 3.	OLIVER GARWOOD 7.
ZACHARIAH SLATER 4.	*GEORGE C. HAMMOND .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by
GEORGE C. HAMMOND.

*First peal in the method as conductor. The peal contains the 6th its extent in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. All the above belong to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths with the exception of Chas. Sillitoe, who hails from Sudbury; Messrs. Slaters, Honeybell, Wells, and Garwood from Glenisford; and G. C. Hammond belongs to the local company.

TUE BROOK, NEAR LIVERPOOL.

On Saturday, June 19, 1886 in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD* .. Treble.	RICHARD HILL 5.
THOMAS HAMMOND 2.	†DAVID RIMMER 6.
ROBERT WILLIAMS* 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES 7.
JOHN ASPINWALL* 4.	RICHARD DIGGLE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

*College Youths. †Cumberland Youth. The peal, which is now rung for the first time, is the first peal of Bob Triples by all the band, the first on the bells, and was rang at the first attempt.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION,

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY).

On Sunday, June 20, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
EVAN MORETON 2.	WILLIAM HICKLING 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	ROBERT JOHNSON 7.
ALFRED ROBINSON 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ.

This peal, which was rung in honour of the anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession, contains the 6th and 4th respectively twenty-two and twenty times in 6th's place.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, June 21, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ROBERT JONES Treble.	EDWARD ROWLAND 5.
R. M. EVANS 2.	THOMAS NEWELL 6.
JOHN GIBSON 3.	EDWARD EVANS 7.
GEORGE LONGDEN 4.	JAMES KENDRICK Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE LONGDEN.

The above peal was rung to celebrate the 27th birthday of Mr. George Longden, who hails from Ashton-under-Lyne; Mr. J. Gibson from Chester; the remainder belong to Wrexham.

Date Touches.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW.—On Whit Monday, June 14th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Minor, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure; 720 of Oxford Bob, and 446 of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 2 mins. W. Baxter, 1; A. English, 2; W. Henderson, 3; J. Chapman, 4; J. Campbell, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. The above was rung on the occasion of the marriage of the churchwarden's daughter. The 446 of Bob Minor was composed by the conductor. Also 720 of Double Court, and 720 of Grandsire Minor, the men standing as before.

DISS (Norfolk).—On Sunday morning, June 20th, in honour of Her Majesty entering the 50th year of her reign, a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. W. Ireland, 1; C. Webster, 2; J. Smith, 3; E. Hayward, 4; B. Francis, 5; E. Batram, 6; A. Hart, 7; J. Souter (conductor), 8. Composed by W. Marsh, of West Bromwich.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, June 23rd, at SS. Peter's and Paul's church, six members of the local company rang a date touch of 1886 changes in the following methods, in 1 hr. 10 mins. 326 of New London Pleasure; 120 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Primrose, Tulip, College Trebles, London Scholars Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent, Violet, and Oxford Treble Bob. Frederick Hancock, 1; †William Price, 2; †Edwin James, 3; George Norman, 4; George Marsden (conductor), 5; Thomas Lunn, 6th. Tenor 16 cwt. 14 lbs. †Members of the Yorkshire Association.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, June 19th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, six of the local company rang a date touch on six bells, in 1 hr. 6 mins., in the following methods: 446 Plain Bob, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 College Single. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; C. Prior, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This is the longest length on the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, June 19th, at St. Paul's Church, Shadwell, eight members of the above society attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2016 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins., it came to grief through two bells shifting. W. Cecil, 1; S. E. Joyce, 2; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 3; H. Springhall, 4; B. E. Battrum, 5; T. Stewart, 6; R. Woodley, 7; J. Jones, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, June 10th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 o Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Cullip, 5; H. Chapman, 6. First 720 in the method by the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th men. Also a 360 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. W. Allen, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Frossell, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 13th, for Divine Service, a 360 of Bob Minor. M. Warwick, 1; S. Cullip, 2; F. Leech, 3; W. Allen, 4; J. Frossell, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, June 17th, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Chapman, 1; I. Hills, 2; T. Foote, 3; M. Warwick, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). I. Hills, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Allen, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 20th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (forty bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Cullip, 5; H. Chapman, 6. And two 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles: 1st 6-score—C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. Chapman, 5; W. Allen, 6. 2nd 6-scores: M. Warwick, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Pass, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; H. Chapman, (conductor), 5; W. Allen, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON next (Gravesend).—On Monday, June 21st, at S.S. Peter and Paul, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Baldock, 1; J. W. Atkins, 2; H. D. Davis, 3; W. Harper, 4; F. Hayes, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Martin, 1; J. W. Atkins, 2; H. D. Davies, 3; F. Hayes, 4; J. W. Leonard, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor by the Folkstone band.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 20th, on the 49th anniversary of Queen Victoria's Accession to the throne, the following members of this society rang, for Divine Service in the morning at the church of St. Sepulchre, Snow Hill, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. J. Nelms (conductor), 1; J. Gobbett, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; G. Pearl, 4; J. Barry, 5; A. E. Church, 6; W. D. Matthews, 7; J. Rumsey, 8. W. Doran, 9; J. Wheeler and D. Lovett, 10.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, June 3rd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Honeyball, 1; Z. Slater, 2; O. Garwood, 3; F. Wells, 4; G. Hammond, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. And a 1152 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Slater, 1; C. Honeyball, 2; S. Slater, 3; Z. Slater, 4; O. Garwood, 5; F. Wells, 6; J. Bird, 7; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 8. And on Saturday, June 19th, an attempt

was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob, which was unsuccessful after one hour's ringing. G. C. Hammond (conductor), 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; J. Bird, 3; S. Slater, 4; P. C. S. Scott, 5; F. Wells, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; O. Garwood, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Sunday, June 20th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for afternoon service, a 360 of Bob Minor. A. Gregory, 1; J. Gardener, 2; F. Money, 3; G. Gregory, 4; A. Bunce, 5; F. May, 6. After evensong, in honour of the Queen's Accession, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; F. Money, 3; A. Bunce, 4; C. Page, 5; F. May (conductor), 6.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—On Monday, June 14th, 1886, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. J. Boase, 1; J. Carter (Birmingham), 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Symons, Esq. (conductor), 4; J. Hodder, 5; T. Hicks, 6; T. C. Boase, 7; M. Hicks, 8. This quarter-peal contains the Queens, Tittums, Whittington, twelve 4-6's, and twelve 6-7's, and was composed by J. Carter.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday morning, June 20th, at the eleven o'clock ordination service by the Bishop, the Cathedral Society rang 672 of Grandsire Triples. J. C. Mitchell, 1; N. N. Hills (conductor), 2; R. Fowler, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. And after evening service, in honour of the Queen's Accession, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. T. Grant, 1; J. C. Mitchell (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel (first quarter-peal as conductor), 4; W. Battle, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday evening, June 18th, at the Abbey National Schools, a 320 of Grandsire Major. A. Sibley, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; E. A. Hulks, 4; W. H. Buckingham, 5; T. Grant, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 7-8. And a 360 of Grandsire Minor. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. And on Saturday evening, June 19th, at the *Herts Standard* offices, a 360 of Bob Minor. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. And on Monday, June 21st, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; G. W. Cartmel, 5-6. And another 360 of Grandsire Minor. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, June 20th, at St. Mary's tower, (Queen's succession to the throne), several courses of Plain Bob was rung at eight o'clock in the morning, there being two young beginners. W. Nudds, jun., 1; C. Everett, 2; T. H. Barker, 3; C. Tite, 4; R. Thutton, 5; W. Nudds, 6. And after divine service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. W. Nudds, jun., 1; W. Nudds, 2; G. Manser, 3; C. Everett, 4; R. Hutton, 5; E. Websdale, 6. Also after divine service in the evening, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Hutton, 1; J. Manser, 2; W. Nudds, 3; C. Everett, 4; H. Eagling, 5; E. Websdale, 6. Manser and Websdale hail from Tibenham; the rest belong to the local company.

BENGO (Herts).—On Friday, May 29th, at Holy Trinity Church, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. T. Barker, 1; W. Childs (first 720 in the method, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Odell, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 6th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. T. Barker, 1; H. Phillips (conductor), 2; W. Childs, 3; W. Bennet, 4; J. Pomfret, 5; J. Channer, 6. And on Sunday, June 13th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. T. Barker, 1; H. Phillips, 2; W. Childs, 3; J. Canner, 4; W. Bennett, 5; H. Brown (first 720 in the method), 6. And on Friday, June 18th, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. W. Childs, 1; W. Bennett, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Odell, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 20th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. T. Barker, 1; H. Phillips, 2; W. Childs, 3; J. Channer, 4; H. Brown, 5; W. Bennett (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. T. Barker, 1; W. Childs, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Bennett, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6.

CHURCH KIRK (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service, and in honour of the Queen's entry upon the 50th year of her reign, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. W. M. Varley, Esq., 1; H. H. Hayes (conductor), 2; J. Bentley, 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Pattison, 5; T. Hollocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. T. Varley hails from Southport; the rest are local men.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—Recently, at the church of St. Peter, three members of the local company, with H. Williams, of Kidderminster, and F. Lee, and T. Salter, of Wolverley, rang for practice, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 45 mins. Hayward Adams, 1; Thomas Salter, 2; Harry Adams, 3; Harry

Williams (conductor), 4; Frederic Lee, 5; William Smith, 6. This is supposed to be the longest touch ever rung on the bells by men residing in the parish.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; F. Furr, 3; J. Hare, 4; J. Foster, 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. Also 336 standing as before and 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Randall, 1; J. Hare (conductor), 2; F. Furr, 3; H. Buckingham, 4; J. Foster, 5; S. Hare, 6; G. Halsey, 7; T. Dobbs, 8. 678 behind. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

LEEDS (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, June 20th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Peter's parish church, a 490 of Stedman Cinques. Tom Lockwood (conductor), 1; Henry Hubbard, 2; Joseph Hutchinson, 3; William Pawson, 4; Harry Lockwood, 5; Peter Snowden, 6; William Walker, 7; Joshua Woodhead, 8; Herbert Needham, 9; Thomas West, 10; Robert Binns, 11; George Fothergill, 12. Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—On Sunday, June 13th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. M. Hicks, 1; J. Carter (conductor), 2; J. Richards, 3; T. Hicks, 4; J. Hodden, 5; G. Sellers, 6; C. Boase, 7; R. Flyleck, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. J. Carter hails from Birmingham.

PRESCOT (Lancashire).—On Thursday, June 10th, at St. Mary's church, the local company rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, (sixty-five bobs and and fifty-five singles), in 1 hr. 28 mins. James Chesworth, 1; Jonathan Finny, 2; John Renshall, 3; Thomas Abraham (longest length), 4; John Case, 5; Thomas Byron (conductor), 6; John Cook, 7; John Moston, 8. Composed by R. Williams, of Liverpool.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Trinity Monday, June 21st, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung at St. Paul's Church, Fisherton Anger, eighteen bobs and two singles, in 29 minutes. J. Judd, 1; T. Blackburn, 2; W. E. Tydeman (late of Stowmarket), 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; C. A. Clements (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. (cracked).

STAFFORD.—On Saturday, June 12th, was rung at St. Mary's church, 840 of Grandsire Triples, as a welcome peal to the council of the A.M.C. of Odd Fellows. T. Cartwright, 1; W. Micklewright, 2; T. Follows, 3; R. Perry, 4; W. Grice, 5; T. Perry (conductor), 6; J. Follows, 7; W. Hall, tenor. Also on Monday, June 14th, 672. W. Micklewright (conductor), 1; *B. Dalton, 2; *E. Nickles, 3; *J. Jones, 4; W. Grice, 5; J. Follows, 6; *J. Fowler, 7; W. Hall, tenor. Tenor 21 cwt. *Belong to Wolverhampton, the rest are local men.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, June 5th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, the local company rang a 720 of Colloge Single, in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; John Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 6th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 5; H. Prior, jun., 6. And on Saturday, June 12th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 13th, 720 Double Oxford Bob (15 bobs and 18 singles), in 24½ mins. G. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun. (composer), 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Colloge Single, in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 20th, 720 Colloge Single, in 24 mins. Isaac Cavill, 1; H. Prior, jun., 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, June 13th, two 720's of Plain Bob were rung. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; W. Martin, 3; F. King, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

TWICKESBURY ABBEY (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday evening, June 17th, some members of the above society, with the assistance of Mr. Lionel Longney, of High Green, and Mr. G. Bull, of Earlscreome, rang 1036 of Grandsire Triples. G. Bull, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; L. Longney, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Hampton, 8. This is the longest touch by Messrs. Longley and Bull, they only having attempted to ring Grandsire Triples on one occasion previous to the above touch.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, NEAR BATH.—On Sunday, June 20th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, the first half of Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. Temple, 1; J. Hinton (conductor), 2; W. Davis, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Blackmore, 5; J. Wotton, 6; H. Wotton, 7; C. Bendall, 8. This is the first half-peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Owing to a mistake on the part of our printer the issue of "The CLAVIS" will not appear before next Saturday, July 3rd.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the above was held at Spalding, on Saturday, June 19th, the ringing commencing at ten o'clock and ceasing at two, when a dinner took place at the White Hart Hotel, and was very nicely provided by Host Harper. The Rev. Canon Moore, M.A., Presided, with J. T. Seccombe, Esq., M.D., in the vice-chair. It was regretted that the Canon had to leave directly after dinner to attend to other duties, when the vice-chairman acted in his place, and after proposing a loyal toast or two, called upon the Rev. B. Matthews, B.A., Secretary, to read the report. This showed that the Guild at the end of the second year of its existence was in a highly prosperous condition, both financially and numerically. Since the last annual meeting, held at Spalding on the 30th May, 1885, two regular meetings had been held, at Walpole St. Peter's with Terrington, on October 3rd, 1885, and at Luton with Sutton St. Mary, on the 30th January last. The number of subscribing members is fifty-seven, consisting of two life members, twenty hon. members, twenty-six skilled members, and three probationers, being a net increase of twenty paying members on the year. The financial statement showed a balance from last year of £1 5s. 4d.; subscriptions from life members—Lord Bishop of Lincoln, £2 2s., Mr. Sheriff Clarke, £2 2s.; hon members, £5 2s. 6d.; skilled ditto, £3 10s. 6d.; total, £14 2s. 4d. Expenditure, £6 13s. 8d.; balance in hand, £7 8s. 8d.; total, £14 2s. 4d. The report was passed unanimously. Letters were read from the Bishop of Lincoln and Mr. Sheriff Clarke, liberally offering themselves as life members with two guineas each. Votes of thanks were carried to the retiring officers, the election of new officers following, namely, Rev. Canon Moore, M.A., president; The Bishop of Lincoln, patron; Sheriff Clarke, J. T. Seccombe, Esq., M.D., Rev J. H. Spokes, M.A., H. Watkinson, Esq., and J. W. Brown, Esq., vice-presidents; T. H. Nicholls, Esq., treasurer; Rev. B. Matthews, B.A., Secretary; Rev. D. T. Bagge, Mr. R. Mackman, Mr. J. W. Swain, Mr. W. Cunningham, and Mr. D. D. Greeves, committee-men. Eight members were elected, and subscriptions received, and other usual business transacted, after which several tunes were played on the handbells, and most of the ringers proceeded to the church and rang until the close of the day.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.

ON Sunday, June 6th, five members of the Essex Association paid a visit to this parish where there is a pretty little church, with a peal of five bells, tenor 7 cwt. These bells have all recently been rehung in a new oak frame with all new fittings, and are a musical little peal. By the kind permission of T. Bourdillon, Esq., after the afternoon service, about 2000 changes were rung in different methods, viz.: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Doubles, and Nightingale. C. Ablitt (Heigham), 1; W. Smith (Heigham), 2; H. Howell (Ipswich), 3; J. Starling (Great Bromley), 4; W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley; conductor), 5. These bells have not been rung since the year 1878, when the church was restored. When the ringing was finished T. Bourdillon, Esq., invited the ringers to inspect his garden and grounds, then, on the lawn, on handbells retained in hand, some courses of Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1-2; W. J. Nevard, 3-4; H. Howell, 5-6; J. Starling, 7-8. The ringers wish to return their sincere thanks to T. Bourdillon, Esq., for his kind hospitality, and for the use of the bells. They also wish to thank the clerk of the church for the trouble he took in getting everything in readiness for them, they being one and all well pleased with the day's outing.

RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Andrew's, church, Bishop Auckland, had a pleasant outing on Whit Monday, to Lancaster, where is a nice light ring of six bells. They were hospitably entertained to both dinner and tea at the Vicarage by the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Glynn, who is himself a ringer. During the day they rung several touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Plain Bob, and a 720 of Bob Minor. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; J. W. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. In the Kent, A. J. B. Waldron rung the treble.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the above Guild, will take place at Abingdon, on Monday, 19th of July. There will be service at St. Helen's Church, at 11.15., with a sermon by the Bishop of Oxford. For particulars apply to the Secretary, Rev. Dolben Paul, Bearwood Rectory, Wokingham.

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A VISIT TO BROADCHALKE, WILTS.

On Saturday, 10th inst., a party of ringers from Salisbury, paid a visit to Broadchalke. In *Aubrey's notes of Wills.* we find the following relating to Broadchalke, "There were but four bells, till anno 1616 was added a fifth, and in 1659, Sir George Penraddock and I made ourselves churchwardens, or else the fair church had fallen, from the niggardliness of the churchwardens of mean condition, and then we added a sixth." These bells he described as "the tuneablest ring of bells in Wiltshire." A beam in the belfry bears this inscription "This church was repaired, the five bells made six, Anno 1659, George Penraddock and John Aubrey, Esq., churchwardens." On a board is "Four bells recast and six bells rehung, A.D. 1875. W. H. Whiting, vicar, C. E. Young and Robert Stevens, churchwardens." For many years the second, third and fifth bells (which bore the names of John Aubrey and George Penraddock), remained broken. These were recast by Mears with the same inscriptions, and the whole peal rehung, as stated on the board, in 1875. On one of the sills of the belfry windows is carved (name illegible), —, aged 21 years. "All you that come my grave to see, as I am now so must you be: avoid all sin, live godly still,—Then welcome death come when you will." As regards the bells themselves they are a very fair peal of six, tenor about 16 cwt. The treble is inscribed "I am the first and though but small: I will be harder above you all. Thomas Reade, Thomas Lawes, C.W. 1704." The second has the old inscription reproduced. "I in this place am second bell: He shurely doe my part as well. John Randall, John Smithe, C.W. 1659 W.P. Recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1874." The third has "George Penraddock knight, John Aubrey, esquier, C.W. 1660. Holiness unto the Lord. Recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1874." The fourth has the same names as the third, with "Gather my saints together." The fifth "We four bells recast 1874. W. H. Whitting, vicar, G. E. Young and R. Stevens, C.W. Te Deum Laudamus." The tenor, a fifteenth century bell, has in black letters "Andree campana fugiant pulsante prophana." Several 6-scores of Grandsire, Hudibras, and Bob Doubles were rung during the afternoon, by Messrs. H. C. Flower, J. R. Jerram, C. A. Clements, T. Blackburn, W. W. Gifford, and J. Ramshaw. After which the company were kindly and hospitably entertained at the vicarage by the Rev. T. W. Hutchinson. It may be mentioned that this is not the first time that the rev. gentleman has entertained strange ringers who have paid a visit to this out of the way place, which is nearly five miles from a railway. The company returned home by road about 10 p.m.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the Annual Meeting on Whit-Monday, I shall be glad to receive the names of any members of the Association who are willing, if required, to act as Instructors, as well as applications from any bands who may require the services of an Instructor. The Committee of the Association hereafter will determine the scale of remuneration to Instructors, and the proportion in which the Association shall contribute to this, and to the travelling expenses of Instructors employed by them.

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NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE next Quarterly Meeting of the members of this Association will be held at Market Rasen, on Saturday, July 3rd. The Rev. S. W. Andrews, rector of Claxby, and Vice-President for the local centre, has promised to be present. The church bells of Market Rasen and Claxby have kindly been placed at the disposal of the members for the whole of the day. Arrangements will be made for visiting brethren to go to Claxby, and the picturesque village of Tealby. Tea will be provided at Market Rasen. Ringers or societies intending to be present will please communicate at once with W. LUNN, Hon. Sec.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, June 20th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's church, Mr. W. Lincoln, of Writtle, rang his first 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; W. Piper, 6. Our correspondent adds: If all the young men who have started to learn to ring at Writtle, were to take interest in and stick to practice as Mr. Lincoln has done, there would soon be a good band there.

REVIEW.

THE BIG BELL OF MOSCOW.

What lover of bells and their music, or student of bell-lore, has not heard of the Great Bell of Moscow? and what individual coming under the head of either of the above classes, can put his hand upon his heart and truthfully declare that he has not heard at least ten versions of the story of the same monster, each story vouched for by veracious historians of the type of that ever-to-be-lamented nobleman, the Lord Baron Munchausen. For our own part, having just read one of these veracious histories which gave minute details, not only of the size and weight of the colossus, but also the height and principal dimensions of the building in which it was hung, weight and length of the clapper, the number of ropes and the number of men to each rope, the distance to which its sound penetrated, and many other highly colored particulars, having read this, we say, at about the same time we were studying (and implicitly believing) the history of Jack the Giant Killer, Puss in Boots, &c., we naturally as years rolled on, each year bringing its different story of the Great Bell, began to look upon the whole as mystical as our early loves, the aforesaid Jack, Puss and company. This being so, it came upon us somewhat as a revelation, when about ten years ago we learned from the late John Cox that the bell really existed. John was relating to us some incidents of the tour through Europe which he made, as one of a party of handbell ringers, some thirty years ago; among other cities the party had visited Moscow, and had of course seen all there was to be seen in that famous place of bells. The largest bell hung, or rather slung, John computed from information gathered on the spot at sixty tons, and this monster he, like a bold Briton, and enthusiastic lover of bells as he was, determined, in spite of all the terrors of Siberia, to hear "speak," although it was decreed that it should be sounded only upon the occasion of the death of the Monarch. As some little difficulty stood in the way of "removing" the Czar, dynamite being but a curiosity of the laboratory in those days, John resorted to strategy. Providing one of his friends with a bottle of vodka, the sentry on guard was beguiled by the potent fluid to quit the room, or floor, the abode of the monster, for a few minutes; as soon as his back was turned the other members of the party pulled on the clapper with all their force and just got one blow, and one only. The poor sentry rushed back in a great fright and stopped the performance, and although John Cox and his friends heard no more of their escapade, it is more than probable that the poor soldier's back paid a heavy penalty for the Englishmen's curiosity.

But to return to the Bell of Moscow, John could tell us no more than that it stood upon a granite pedestal, outside a huge church, and with a large piece broken out, beyond this fact he could give us no further authentic information, having heard so many contradictory legends in Moscow itself.

But at last the veil is rent, for before us, as we write lies a volume written by the French engineers who unearthed the monster from the pit in which it was cast, after lying buried for upwards of a century. From this we learn that the bell was cast in 1733 to replace another of immense size that was broken at the fire of the Kremlin in 1701. Its weight is computed at 193 tons. It was intended to build a tower over it in which to hang it, and the works were in progress when in 1737 a terrible fire occurred which destroyed a large portion of the city; the bell at the time was covered by a wooden structure of massive construction, and the blazing timber covered the bell like a mound. The inhabitants, in their zeal to save their holy bell, deluged the mass with water, which had the contrary effect to that which they desired, for the sudden cooling was the means by which it was broken.

The author relates in detail the measures which he adopted to lift the bell from the pit, and place it upon the pedestal where it now stands, which operation he successfully completed upon the 26th of July, 1836.

The translator has very modestly refrained from putting his name to the work, but every credit is due to him for the manner in which he has carried out his task, while the get up of the volume leaves nothing to be desired. Clearly and boldly printed, with handsome carmine borders on delicately tinted high class paper, it is embellished with several chromo-lithographic views of the Kremlin and the Bell itself, as well as plans and elevations of the apparatus used in the operations of lifting the colossus and placing it in its present position. The book is eminently worthy of a place on the library shelves of all students and lovers of book-lore.

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THREE DAYS IN CORNWALL.

By JOHN CARTER, BIRMINGHAM.

Being desirous of paying a visit to the farthest county on the south coast of England, I found myself on Saturday morning, June 12th, at 7.25 a.m. being whirled away from the Midland capital, well pleased to leave behind for a few days its din and smoke. Fourteen hours pent up in a railway train is not usually an inviting prospect, but as it proved to be a fine day, the journey was thoroughly enjoyed, the ever varying scenery tending to pass the time away rapidly. In fact, when going through the south coast of Devon, one almost wished the train would ease its pace, and allow of a longer look at its pretty bays and verdant valleys, which makes one appreciate all the more the romantic beauty of rugged Cornwall. Penzance was reached about 10.45 p.m. On Sunday morning I was astir early, having to meet the Penzance ringers at the church of St Mary, for their usual Sunday morning ringing. Upon making myself known to them I was heartily welcomed, and we were soon enjoying a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples upon a nice ring of eight, tenor 20 cwt. The touch was successfully brought round, particulars of which appear in its proper place. Ringing over, a walk round the bay brought us to the fishing village of Newlyn, the scenery in the immediate neighbourhood being superb. Marazion was visited in the afternoon, and I found on the edge of the beach a large fish, about five or six feet long, which appeared to have been left on the shore by the receding tide. Another visit was paid to St. Mary's before evening service, and a couple of short touches were rung. A trip to the Scilly Islands, a distance of forty miles, was enjoyed the next morning, although the weather was rather dull. Penzance was reached again safely, and permission having been obtained to ring we were again successful in another quarter-peal, conducted by J. Symons, Esq. The remainder of the evening was spent in a pleasant chat about ringing matters. Lands End was the first consideration for Tuesday, and a party were early seated on a bus, for that extreme point. On the way we passed the famous Logan Rock, which is so nicely poised, that a gentle push causes it to sway backwards and forwards. Three of us climbed to the top of another "Jehu," which easily moved us. This stone is supposed to weigh about thirty tons. A cliff of 300 ft. and a natural arch 150 ft. high then claimed our attention, and the effect produced by the waves dashing through the arch was extremely grand. The bus would carry us no farther, so we had to trust to our legs to take us another nine miles. It was an exhilarating walk, and we were well repaid when the broad Atlantic came into view, and we were at our journey's end. The rock-bound coast and enormous boulders, with a lighthouse about half a mile out to sea, dotted with an occasional sail, formed a romantic picture, which will not be easily forgotten by a Midlander. Refreshments at "The First and Last Refreshment House in England," followed, and the homeward journey was commenced with a reluctant heart. Four o'clock we reached Penzance. After tea we visited St. Ives and Marazion, where we took a boat for St. Michael's Mount, whose crest stands 230 ft. above high water-mark. The mount is crowned with a private residence. Permission being obtained we were conducted over the interior, and we were greatly interested in a large collection of relics of the ancient Celtic inhabitants. There is also a church, and a tower which contains a peal of six, not ringable. Nox now began to spread her mantle, and we were soon enjoying our journey back to our starting point. "The turning course" for Brum. was called at 6.25 the next morning, bobs being made at Plymouth and Bristol, the latter to pay a flying visit to Bath, in which I was accompanied by an old brother string, J. Hinton, jun., and some other friends. The Roman baths with their natural hot-water springs were well worth the visit. New Street Station, Birmingham, was reached safely at 10.30. If any ringer or band of ringers wish to spend a really enjoyable holiday, go down west, or to be exact, south-west. One can have a bit of good ringing, coupled with magnificent scenery, and a salubrious climate, which is crowned by a cheerful and hearty welcome. I heartily thank J. Symonds, Esq. and his brother-ringers for the spontaneous manner in which everything was done that could conduce to enhance the pleasure of a visit to Cornwall, which will be long remembered as a land-mark in my ringing career.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE First Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, July 3rd, 1886, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. viz.: Parish church, eight bells; St. Paul's, eight bells; Horninglow, six bells; and Winhill, six bells. Visitors on arrival are requested to proceed to St. Paul's Institute, where the committee will be in attendance to conduct the bands to the various towers. Committee Meeting at 5.30 p.m.; Tea in St. Paul's Institute at 6 p.m. As this will be the first meeting held under the presidency of A. Percival Heywood, Esq., I trust every member will make an effort to attend. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.
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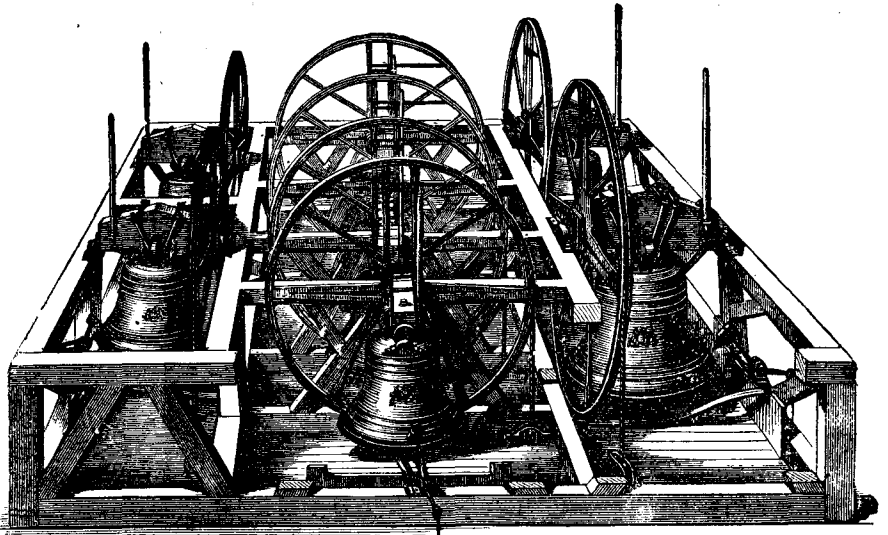
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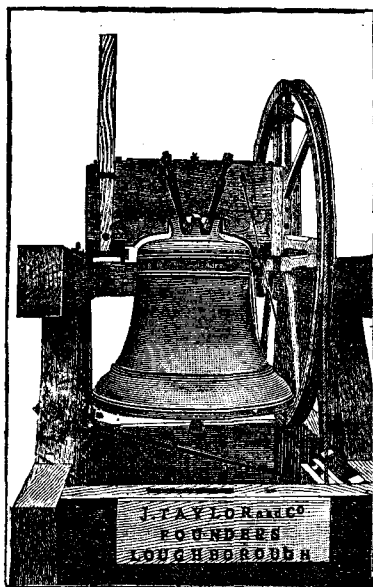
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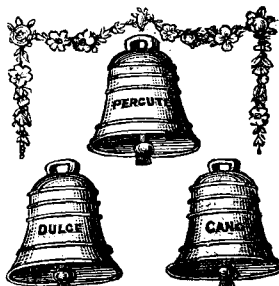
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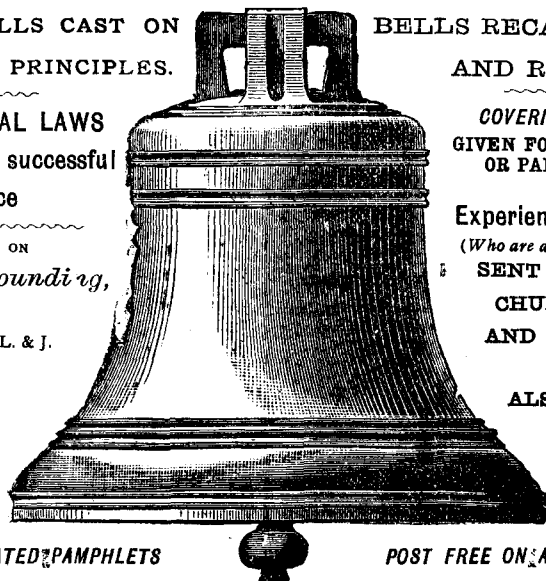
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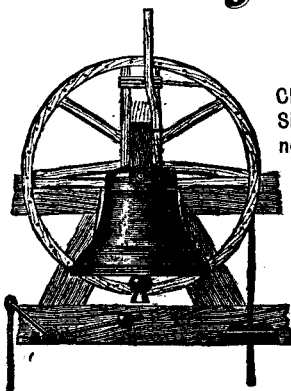
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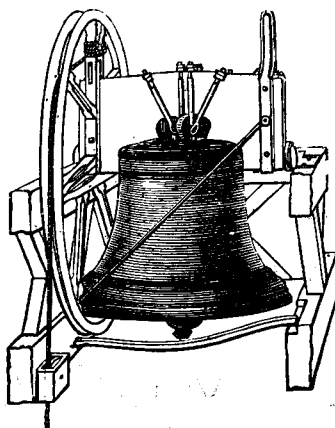
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The Chairman said that by their very kind and unexpected favour he occupied the honourable position of chairman on that occasion, and he had the pleasure to propose a toast which was always honoured in every assembly in this empire, and not only always honoured, but honoured with unanimity and enthusiasm. He begged to give the health of Her Majesty the Queen, and called attention to the fact that Sunday was the anniversary of our beloved Sovereign's accession to the throne, and next year they would have to celebrate the Queen's jubilee, when she would have sat on the throne for fifty years, and ruled this empire with unexampled dignity, purity, and nobility. As he had said, Sunday was the anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne, and he hoped it would not be the last by many. He hoped that the empire would not be any the smaller when she came to the close of her reign than it was at the beginning. In these days of party turmoil and differences of political opinion, they should be thankful that one of the advantages of monarchy was that they could always rally round one common deep-seated sentiment and deep feeling, and that was loyalty to our sovereign.

The vice-chairman gave the health of the Bishop and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle. On the present occasion they were unfortunate, no doubt, in not having Canon Barker amongst them, and speaking to them, but the rev. gentleman had been unwell, and was away from home for rest and change, and so they were debarred from the pleasure of having him with them. He was glad to see Mr. Milner in the chair, and to know that he was joining their Association as an honorary member and as a performing member. In the south many of the clergy were ringers and leaders of Associations; in fact, some of the best change-ringing was done by members of the clergy. He trusted that the clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle would do what they could to assist their cause and the objects they had in view. He coupled with the toast the health of Mr. Milner.

Before the Chairman replied to the toast, Mr. Clarkson, Hon. Sec., said he would like to read to them the following letter he had received from Canon Barker:—

"Myrtle Bank Grange, May 10th, 1886. My Dear Sir,—I gladly consent to your use of the Abbey bells on Whit-Monday, but fear that I shall not be at Hexham to hear the bells or preside at the dinner. I have been out of sorts and am here for rest and change, and may not return till the very end of June. Trusting you may have a fine day for your excursion, and find the bells in first-rate condition, believe me, my dear Sir, faithfully yours, H. C. Parker, Rector. To G. J. Clarkson, Esq."

The Chairman, in responding to the toast, said he was very much interested in their Association, and said he considered bell-ringing an important part of the attractions of the grand old Church of England, and which added to the brightness of her services. At St. John's, Newcastle, they had a hearty band of ringers, who were willing to ring at all times, and either in the early hours of the morn or late at night to send forth the merry peals of the bells. He had begun to handle the rope, and had been able to get to that degree of proficiency as to be able to pull the bell for prayers, during the illness of the vergier. He would like ultimately to become a performing member, as well as an honorary member of the Association. He was anxious on all occasions to do anything he possibly could for the Association, and he was quite sure that if the matter was brought more before the clergy, they would take more interest in it. The more he saw of bell-ringing and the more he mixed up with bell-ringers, the more he enjoyed the scientific ringing of our bells.

Fifteen new members were proposed, including Messrs. Armstrong, Conkleton, Potts, Sparke, and Younger, of the Hexham Guild of Ringers. The ringers then adjourned to the belfry of the Abbey Church, and for some hours afterwards indulged in some excellent change-ringing. The annual meeting of the Association will take place at Newcastle, in October.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The 249th Anniversary of the above society will be held at the "Gloucester and Pavilion hotel," Greenwich, to day, Saturday, July 3rd, 1886. Dinner on the table at 3 o'clock.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Amongst the visitors to Brighton, on Whit-Monday, were over a hundred members of the Sussex County Association, representing the following parishes: St. Mary's church, Eastbourne, Horfield, Crawley, Ditchling, Billingshurst, Steyning, St. Nicholas and St. Peter's, Brighton, Ringmer, Hurst, Horsham, Fletching, Arundel, Goring, etc. The occasion of the gathering was the second annual general meeting for which a somewhat comprehensive programme had been arranged. At half past nine in the morning and again in the afternoon and evening, the belfries of St. Peter's, St. Nicholas, and St. Pauls, were thrown open to members for the purpose of ringing, of which they freely availed themselves. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round at each church, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, at St. Peter's, and several 720's of Minor, at St. Nicholas. At mid-day a special service was held at St. Nicholas' church, where, in the course of a short address, the Rev. J. J. Hannah, the Vicar, and a life member, touched upon the sacred calling of the duties of a bell-ringer. The service being over, the members partook of luncheon at Mr. Page's restaurant, and at five o'clock met at the Pavilion for the business meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. F. R. Tompkins, of Arundel, the hon. treasurer to the Association. The Bishop of Chichester was unanimously re-elected as President, whilst the influential body of Vice-Presidents and Hon. Members were re-elected with some few changes, one being that the name of the Marquis of Abergavenny, was added to the list of Vice-Presidents. Thirty two active members were elected, including a lady, who it was said, had been instrumental in forming a branch at Heene. The solitary exception was Mr. Councillor W. Edwards, of Brighton, who was rejected on the ground that he was not an active bell-ringer.

The statement of accounts and report were then submitted by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. F. Attree, of Brighton. The accounts showed that the receipts during the year had been £121 4s. 4d., and the expenditure £65 rs., leaving a balance in hand of £56 3s. 4d. The report opened with the satisfactory announcement that, although only started last year, the Sussex Association was within third of being the largest Society of the kind in the kingdom. After allusion had been made to the achievements performed in the way of ringing at the district meetings held at various parts of the county during the year, the committee stated that it was hoped that some definite arrangement would shortly be arrived at between Mr. Attree and the manager of the railway, by which members would be able to attend the district meetings at reduced railway fares. As to instruction in change-ringing it was stated that up to the present time some twelve or fourteen parishes had applied for assistance, it was expected that the expenditure under that head this year would be somewhat heavy. During the past year seven peals of Triples had been rung, four by Brighton members, and one each by the Eastbourne, Crawley, Horsham and Warnham branches. Several valuable additions had been made to the bells of Sussex churches during the same period, prominent amongst them being a new ring of eight to the parish church of Ringmer, a new ring of six at Fittleworth, two new trebles at Buxted, converting the old six into a ring of eight, and a peal of eight bells at the church of Lower Beeding. The grand peal of St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, had been completed by the addition of three bells, whilst two trebles had been added to the peal of eight at Warnham. Thus within the past twelve months no less than twenty-nine church bells had been hung in six parish churches, completing five peals of eight, and forming one new peal of six. Attention had also been paid in many parishes to the condition of the belfries, a large number of which were now patterns of what church belfries ought to be, but, unfortunately, there were many still in such a dilapidated condition that it was difficult to believe that they formed part of consecrated buildings.

The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted, following which Mr. G. F. Attree was thanked and re-elected as Hon. Secretary whilst the Rev. F. R. Tompkins was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. H. Welsford Smithers, and Mr. W. Bennett as auditors. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. J. J. Hannah for receiving the members of the Association in the morning, and to the Vicars and Churchwardens of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' and St. Paul's for throwing open the towers of their churches for the use of members.

Seven members of the Eastbourne branch, and one member of the Crawley branch visited Ringmer, on their way to Brighton, and rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, at the parish church.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, July 10th. The tower of St. John the Baptist will be open during the afternoon. Business transacted subsequently in the schoolroom. All members are requested to attend the meeting in the schoolroom, as important business is expected to be brought forward.

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P.S.—Members are requested to note change of address of Hon. Secretary.

A PEEP AT ONE OR TWO LONDON CHURCHES.

Being a country ringer, with a little spare time hanging rather heavily on my hands, I thought I could not do better than take a trip to London, to feast my ears by listening to some of the famous peals that would be ringing on Accession Day, and was agreeably surprised to find that owing to the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the City, that many churches would also be ringing their bells upon that occasion. As in my younger days I had lived in London for several years, I am familiar with most of the churches, and still retain some acquaintances amongst the older generation of ringers, so had no difficulty in getting at the spots where the best music was likely to be heard. I had the satisfaction of hearing the six at Westminster Abbey but I cannot say the pleasure, as I think by the sound that the fifth was "clocked," if so, it does not say much for the state of repair they are kept in. Whether the belfry and its stairs are any cleaner than they were some years ago, when their filthy state was exposed in your columns I do not know, as on two occasions within three years, I have been refused admission upon making application to a verger. St. Martins-in-the-Fields struck very pleasantly on my ears, but I was at two great a distance to distinguish what method was rung. St. Dunstan's, in Fleet Street, I was rather surprised to hear, as I had been told that there had been no ringing there for several years. St. Clement Danes, too, I heard with pleasure. I always thought them a very sweet peal, but have but a poor opinion of the tenor taken singly, I was sorry to hear but eight being rung at St. Brides. To me, eight bells ringing in a twelve-bell steeple, have a very mournful sound; they seemed to be lamenting the loss of their old keeper, John Cox. I must however say in truth that it was when the ringing commenced on Monday afternoon that I heard but eight, as I got further away from them I fancied I heard more, so that it may have been that the full number was not there at the commencement only. At St. Paul's, on Sunday, I heard Stedman Cinques grandly rung upon the grandest peal in the world. A curious thing occurred on Monday. I ventured into the Guildhall Police Court for a few minutes, and heard the sitting magistrate, who, a policeman told me, was the late Lord Mayor, call the attention of the members of the press to the nuisance caused by the bells ringing at St. Laurence, Jewry. As I happened to know that these very bells were being rung in honour of the Lord Mayor, the order and payment for the same actually emanating from the Guildhall, it struck me as rather comical, but I did not feel called upon to explain the ludicrousness of the situation to the worthy Alderman. neither do I suppose that I should have been allowed to do so. The grand treat that I had proposed to myself in this ramble, was to hear the twelve at Bow; I have heard them but once before, and that but for a few minutes, although as a ring of ten I knew them well, having heard a peal of Stedman Caters rung on them twenty-one years ago. Much to my disappointment only call-changes were rung, and a very few minutes elapsed before the tenor began to lag, then the second was stopped and the tenor kept its time; so I supposed that the ringer of the second had to set his bell to assist the tenor-man. I learned later on that these bells go very badly indeed, the ancient frame is very much racked and weather worn, and is in a state of decrepit old age. Some tinkering was done at it when the two trebles were added some four or five years ago, but to simply state that neither of the great London companies have ever even contemplated attempting a peal on the twelve, is sufficient to show that there is something radically wrong at Bow. At All Hallows, Barking, there was certainly ringing going on, but for the credit of the church it had better been left alone. Here also the bell-frame is so utterly and thoroughly worn out, and has been for very many years, that it is a wonder the bells do not tumble down about the ringers' ears. This must be owing to the poverty of the parish, as according to the statements of the public press, the stipend of this incumbency is somewhat less than a miserable three thousand per annum. I fancy also that I heard St. Olave's, Hart Street, but as I turned to make my way there the head of the procession hove in sight, and I stopped to see the lady that I last saw on London Bridge, when she came from Denmark to get married. I thought that was twenty-three years ago, but that can hardly be, for the lady I saw on Monday last, looks about two years younger than she did then, so I suppose Old Time has gone back a bit.

A RAMBLER.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY AT ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS.—On Sunday, June 27th, the day set apart for collecting subscriptions for hospitals, some members of the above Society, with their usual patriotism, gave the attendants to evening service a gratuitous peal upon the grand ring of bells, and will be glad to know the object in view is attained, by the augmentation of the fund.

NOTE.—The peal of Bob Triples, rang at Tue Brook, on the 19th inst., was by the Liverpool Youths Society, the writer having omitted to state in sending report.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

THE First Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, June 26th. A short service was conducted in St. Mary's church at three o'clock by the Archdeacon of Salop, who also gave an interesting and instructive address, based upon Exodus xxviii. 31. The address dealt with the purposes and uses of bells in connection with religious worship, and traced the history and progress of bell-ringing from the fourth century down to the present time. The Archdeacon also observed that there were few places in which Sunday was so distinctly marked as in Shrewsbury, where, with its fifty or more bells ringing from 10.30 to 11 on Sunday morning, a sort of protest was made by them against the neglect of public worship. He urged the ringers to regard their work not simply as an opportunity for pleasurable and healthful bodily exercise, but also as a part of their individual worship, to respect the belfry as a sacred part of the church and to consider the office of a ringer to be in its way as honourable to God's service as the office of a member of the choir.

A business meeting followed in St. Mary's belfry, with the Archdeacon in the chair, and the following committee was elected for the ensuing year: Revs. A. P. Salusbury, G. Wingate, C. J. Winsor, and W. H. Egerton, with Messrs. Woodhall, Vickerstaffe, Kean, and Houlstone. The secretary, Rev. W. J. Price, of Lilleshall, produced the balance-sheet, and reported the names of the hon. members who had joined the Society. After the meeting some Triples were rung on St. Mary's bells, and at St. Alkmund's some Doubles. It was a real treat to see one of the Whitchurch ringers (a most painstaking and enthusiastic band) raise single-handed the heavy tenor, 42 cwt. at St. Chad's. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington and Wrockwardine.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

ON Monday, June 28th, the Plymouth company had their annual excursion. They left home at 7 o'clock in the morning, and arrived at Kevelstoke at 9.30. After a short interval for refreshments they adjourned to the beautiful new church lately built by Lord Kelvelstoke, where there is a new ring of eight, tenor 17 cwt., with everything in first-rate order. Four of the best performers of the company were prevented by business engagements from joining the expedition: so they could not attempt Triples, but had to content themselves with Grand-sire Doubles, 7-6-8 covering, including two 720's, each six-score called differently. They also rang Grand-sire Doubles on the very good ring of five at Newton Ferrers. They started for home at 7.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day spent among some of the most beautiful scenery in Devonshire, all of them thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing. The following members and learners took part in the ringing, which was kept up throughout the day: Messrs. John Symons, Moses and Folley, of Egg Buckland, and Messrs. Taylor, Batchelor, Manning, Gover, Farthing, Batten, and Ball, of Plymouth. Mr. Taylor conducted throughout the day.

FESTIVITY AT NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

ON Tuesday evening, June 29th, the annual supper was given to the ringers and choir of St. Lorraine's Church, North Wingfield, through the liberality of the rector, the Rev. G. W. Darby. This supper was to have taken place last Christmas, but was postponed owing to the serious illness of the rector's son. Before supper commenced, the ringers rang several six-scores of Bob Doubles. T. Allibone (conductor), 1; G. Beresford, 2; W. Hopkinson (first 120 on an inside bell), 3; J. Tarlton (first 120), 4; T. Day, 5. G. Tarlton, and W. Mills, also took part. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the ringers again rang five six-scores of Bob Doubles, each called differently, in 20 mins. A. Bannister, 1; G. Beresford, 2; G. Tarlton, 3; T. Allibone (conductor), 4; T. Day, 5; W. Hopkinson, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. The rest of the evening was spent in games, interspersed with a few songs by members of the choir. After the usual loyal toasts had been given, Mr. Churchwarden Hays proposed a vote of thanks to the rector, which was very suitably acknowledged. After spending a most enjoyable evening the company broke up at midnight after singing the National Anthem.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE next Quarterly Meeting of the members of this Association will be held at Market Rasen, on Saturday, July 3rd. The Rev. S. W. Andrews, rector of Claxby, and Vice-President for the local centre, has promised to be present. The church bells of Market Rasen and Claxby have kindly been placed at the disposal of the members for the whole of the day. Arrangements will be made for visiting brethren to go to Claxby, and the picturesque village of Tealby. Tea will be provided at Market Rasen. Ringers or societies intending to be present will please communicate at once with W. LUNN, Hon. Sec.

BELLS AS A NUISANCE.

In reply to Mr. C. Sutherland, I send an instance with reference to his inquiries—at the same time I beg to intimate that more definite advice would be forthcoming on the subject, not only from myself, but others more competent, if the following questions and facts were made known; I.—Is the tower surmounted by a spire or not? Has the spire numerous windows or openings at intervals from its base or springing point, to its apex. If a tower, is there any opening on the roof. In each case is there four windows on either side opening on to the bell frame; II.—Are the four windows to admit the light and air to the bell loft, fitted with "open" or "close" louvre boards, and has anything been done to cover them? III.—Do the mouth's of the bells when "set up" stand higher than the bottom or lower part of louvres or windows, and the whole peal hang on a "level." How many are hoisted, and is there any space between the bell-frame and the tower walls? IV.—Is there any tall buildings or trees that would prevent the wind from acting on either side of the tower, if so, state what side the windows or louvres are protected from a wind externally? and on which side is the grievance complained of most noisome? I have gone thus far into the matter because various towers requires different treatment, and no doubt there are others like Mr. Sutherland, who are anxious to avoid a nuisance, but it would be impossible for any readers of "THE BELL NEWS" to give practical information in any case without an inspection, or some details similar to the above. If a church tower is situated on an eminence or in a valley, and again in the suburbs or centre of a town or village, the sounds of its bells will more or less be affected, even as the proximity of water, of any reasonable extent or surface, greatly adds to the harmony of their sounds or vibrations.

S. Lawrence's Reading, 10 bells, tenor 24 cwt. hang on a level, with large windows on either side of the tower, fitted with open louvres. The tower is closely surrounded by numerous professional offices, market place, town hall, institute, and fronting a row of shops, the tradesmen devoting the lower floors to their business, the upper floors are used as sitting and living rooms, and the occupants hearing the bells when rung, far more than the ringers do in the ringing room. Remedy.—To each opening shutters were provided, painted lead color, ledged, braced, hung on T hinges in two halves with bolts to fasten them, when closed or open. One or more of them shut according to the position of the wind or length of time the ringing is to continue. Should there be no framework to fix the shutters to, a piece of quartering spiked to walls will suffice. The above has proved very effective, although I must add the bells are nearly always left "up," thereby avoiding a considerable amount of unintelligible noise and clanging. Except where bells are raised and fallen in peal, I must say that a most objectionable and unpleasant noise is caused by bells being "pulled up" and "let down" indiscriminately; ringers get used to this practice and do not notice it, but the outside public know not its meaning. I have heard it said outside a tower, by an educated man too, in answer to his friend, that "the ringers were tuning their bells ready for ringing." On another occasion, after listening to the finish of a good peal of Treble Bob, an old lady observed to her neighbour in my hearing as the bells were let down, "What a pity them chaps are smashed up." Aye? observed her companion, and "after ringing this three 'ours nor more." W.H.F.

The following is a cutting from the *Weekly Dispatch*, June 7th, 1885. It will serve to show what amount of respect is entertained for ringing by officials who look upon bells as a nuisance, probably the ringers on this occasion were executing a well-struck touch of Triples, which even His Honor with all his learned penetration, could not comprehend the intricacy of:—

"On taking his seat on the bench, Mr. Commissioner Kerr complained that nearly every morning the bells of a neighbouring church began ringing about half-past 10 o'clock, and constituted a perfect nuisance. Mr. Tatlock, barrister, who was engaged with a case, said the noise was simply barbarous. His Honor: The irritating tintinnulation is worse than barbarous. Mr. Tatlock: The origin of such bells is also very barbarous. His Honor: They can be of no use ringing like that. I can't hear one half of what you say. I think I had better adjourn the court for a day. Subsequently the learned judge said: I wonder by whose orders those bells are set ringing. Let one of the constables go and inquire. Constable Phillips went for that purpose, and on returning stated that the ringing would continue ten minutes longer. His Honor: Why can't they stop now? Phillips: They are celebrating the Queen's birthday (laughter). His Honor: I will make a formal complaint. The public must not suffer in this manner, I can't continue the business with such a noise. The constable went a second time to the church, and the ringing then ceased."

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

In consequence of the sudden and lamented death of the Rev. Canon Scott, Vicar of Wisbech, the meeting of this Association originally fixed for July 12th, is unavoidably indefinitely postponed.

Ely, June 29th.

K. H. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

RINGERS' ANNIVERSARY.

The Eye company have held their Anniversary for many years past on Easter Monday, but in consequence of a mishap to the tenor bell it was postponed till Whit-Monday. Visitors were more numerous than upon any previous occasion from Norwich, Diss, Beccles, Pulham, Oakley, Yaxley, Wingfield, &c. &c. The Eye company led off with a touch of Oxford Treble Bob, and during the day Stedman Triples, Grandsire, and Kent Treble Bob were rung by the visitors, ringing being kept up at intervals during the day. Dinner was provided at "The Eight Bells" Inn, to which between thirty and forty sat down. Mr. George Day presided, and after dinner gave "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," "The Bishop and Clergy," and other toasts, which were heartily drunk. During the day the ringers paid a visit to Messrs. Day and Son's yard, and inspected a new eight-bell frame for Prestbury church, Gloucestershire, and also the five bells from Brome church, which are about to be rehung in a new oak frame presented by Lady Caroline Kerrison.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Association was held at Chorley on Saturday, June 19th, at which there was a good attendance of members. The companies represented were: Leyland Parish, Leyland St. James, Blackrod, Chorley, Accrington, Preston, Standish, and Eccleston. During the afternoon and evening there were several 720's of Plain Bob and other touches of London and College Single Bob rung. At 5.30 the members were entertained by their Chorley friends to a very substantial meat tea in the schoolroom, when about forty-four sat down. The General Business Meeting followed, at which the President (Mr. W. Bowling), occupied the chair, who was supported by the Rev. E. G. James, rector of Chorley, and the officers of the Association. After a few remarks by the rev. gentleman, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the accounts showing a balance in hand were passed. The officers for the ensuing year elected, after which the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the rector and wardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom for the purpose of the Association.

A COMPANY RURALISING.

On Whit-Monday, June 14th, a mixed band of Rothwell and Woodlesford ringers paid a visit to Bramham parish church with the intention of ringing a few touches, but did not succeed. A start was made for Arnold's Victory, but came to grief after ringing about 600 changes by the 3rd rope breaking. After splicing another start was made for Duke of York, but on ringing about 100 changes the 4th rope came in two, and this happened yet a second time, and the idea of ringing was abandoned. It is hoped that before the Bramham captain invites his brother-ringers to visit his tower again some new ropes will have been procured, as the present ones are almost rotten. They then started for Thornes, a distance of about four miles, and getting the vicar's consent we ascended the tower, and finding the bells in good going order we rang a 720 of Violet. James Haigh, 1; Joe Haigh, 2; Alf Chapman, 3; Wm. Abbishaw, 4; J. Chapman, 5; J. Chadwick, 6. And 720 of Oxford by J. Haigh, J. Harrison, A. Chapman, Joe Haigh, Wm. Haigh, and J. Chapman.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING for practice will be held at Toddington, Beds., on Saturday afternoon, July 17th. The Rev. C. S. Haslam has kindly given permission to ring the church bells (8), and will provide tea and recreation for such members as may attend.

CHARLES HERBERT, *Hon. Sec.*

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, July 10th, 1886. The tower will be open for ringing the whole of the afternoon. Business meeting at six o'clock. All members and ringing friends are requested to attend.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the above Guild will take place at Abingdon on Monday, 19th of July. There will be service at St. Helen's Church, at 11.15., with a sermon by the Bishop of Oxford. For particulars apply to the Secretary, Rev. Dolben Paul, Bearwood Rectory, Wokingham.

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The Provinces.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Whit-Monday, June 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

HENRY W. STUBBS Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
RICHARD DUNKLEY 2.	JOHN WILLMOTT 6.
RICHARD PENDERED 3.	FRED GILBERT 7.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 4.	FREDERICK SLADE Tenor.

Composed by FRED GILBERT and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This peal is in six parts, and is the first on the bells, also the first peal in this method by all; the first peal of Triples by all except the conductor. It is the first time the peal has been performed, and it only contains 52 bobs and 26 singles. Messrs. C. W. Clarke hails from Bedford; and R. Dunkley, Bythorn, Hunts.; the rest are from Raunds. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Rev. F. M. Stopford, for placing the bells at their disposal.

WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.

On Sunday, June 21, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER* Treble.	*WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL 2.	*GEORGE HAMMOND 6.
WALTER GRIDLEY* 3.	*JOHN LEE 7.
JAMES BIRD* 4.	†CHARLES SILLITOE Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL SLATER, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The above peal in three parts contains the 6th the extent at home and has never been previously performed. Messrs. Bird and Hammond hail from Long Melior; Slater from Glemsford; Nevard from Great Bentley; Gridley and Lee from Foxearth; Howell and Sillitoe from Sudbury. This is the first peal of Major by W. Gridley and J. Lee. *Royal Cumberlands. †College Youths.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH).

On Wednesday, June 23, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 2.	ROBERT JOHNSON 6.
ARTHUR BERTRAM WARD .. 3.	HARRY CHAS. WOODWARD .. 7.
RICHARD JOHN TURNER .. 4.	JOHN HOWE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, of Liverpool, and Conducted by HARRY CHARLES WOODWARD.

Richard John Turner hails from London.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LIVERPOOL YOUTHS SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD WILLIAMS* Treble.	*ROBERT WILLIAMS 6.
GEORGE HELSBY* 2.	GEORGE FISHER 7.
JOHN R. PRITCHARD* .. 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES 8.
CHARLES WILLIAMS* 4.	THOMAS HAMMOND 9.
WILLIAM BOOTH 5.	RICHARD DIGGLE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by THOMAS HAMMOND.

*College Youths.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, June 24, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs. in F#.

CHARLES SMITH Treble.	A. MILLIS 5.
W. T. BILLINGHURST .. 2.	R. LANE 6.
JOS. HARDY 3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 7.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. .. 4.	E. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ.

A. Millis hails from Leicester; the rest belong to the Loughborough Branch.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.—THE RAWMARSH SOCIETY.

On Friday, June 25, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

T. WHITWORTH Treble.	T. WILD 5.
S. WHITWORTH 2.	J. ENSOR 6.
V. HAWKINS 3.	*J. FARMER 7.
J. HAWKINS 4.	J. SCHOFFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by T. WHITWORTH.

*First peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

SHIPWAY'S 6-PART PEAL.

F. GARMAN Treble.	T. ANDREWS 5.
W. SHORT 2.	H. CHANDLER* 6.
W. WADEY 3.	H. BURSTOW 7.
H. COOK 4.	H. WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by H. BURSTOW.

*Member of the Winchester Guild.

First peal of Triples on the Warnham bells, which have recently been increased from six to eight. Also first 5040 by the Warnham branch.

BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

ABRAHAM MOULSON Treble.	THOMAS POLLITT 6.
TOM LOCKWOOD 2.	HERBERT NEEDHAM 7.
HARRY RAISTRICK 3.	JOSEPH H. HARDCASTLE .. 8.
ROBERT TUKE, ESQ. .. 4.	THOMAS WEST 9.
HENRY HUBBARD 5.	ROBERT BINNS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by TOM LOCKWOOD.

This peal consists of nine courses in the titum position, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Binns, Lockwood, West, Hubbard and Needham hail from Leeds; the rest belong to the local company.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE SAYER .. .. .Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .5.
ALFRED MILLS .. .. .2.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. .. .6.
ROBERT JORDAN .. .. .3.	DAVID JORDAN .. .. .7.
EDWIN JORDAN .. .. .4.	STEPHEN BROOKER .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN BROOKER.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 28, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

HUMPHREY BIRD .. .. .Treble.	EDWARD BARNETT .. .. .5.
W. HONEYFIELD, Esq. .. .2.	ALFRED BIRD .. .. .6.
J. ATKINS .. .. .3.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. .7.
JOHN WALL .. .. .4.	ROBERT CLARKE .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal achieved by this newly-formed Association.

BARLOW MOOR, DIDSBURY.

On Saturday, June 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

THOMAS MOSS .. .. .Treble.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT .. .5.
JOHN HOPWOOD .. .. .2.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. .6.
JAMES WOOD .. .. .3.	JOHN THORP .. .. .7.
JOSEPH MELLOR .. .. .4.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN THORP.

This peal was rung in honour of the passing of the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, and the ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Roberts, the donor of the bells, for his kind and generous hospitality after the peal was rung.

Date Touch.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, June 20th, six members of the above company rung a date touch, 1886 changes, being 86 Stedman Doubles, and 360 each of Grandsire, Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford, and Violet Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 8 mins. A. B. Pearson, 1; J. Brook, 2; W. Pearson (conductor), 3; F. Moody, 4; R. Brook, 5; J. Carter, 6. The above was rung in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE.—On Saturday afternoon, June 26th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, (nine bobs), in 25 mins. C. Herbert (Woburn), 1; *J. Carwell-Cooke, 2; *W. Mynard, 3; M. Lane, 4; I. Hills (Bedford), 5; *W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Also 360 of Oxford Bob standing as before.

WOBURN.—An attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major on Monday evening, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEXHAM ABBEY.—On the occasion of the meeting of the Association on Whit Monday, the following touches were rung:—960 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Reed (conductor), 1; W. Story, 2; A. H. Clark, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; T. Clark, 5; W. Newton, 6; R. S. Story, 7; F. Lees, 8. And a 672 in the same method. C. L. Routledge, 1; W. G. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Reed, 4; T. Clark, 5; W. Newton, 6; F. Lees, 7; W. Story (conductor), 8. Also a 640. H. Fergusson, 1; W. Reed, 2; W. Egglestone, 3; W. Story, 4; T. Clark, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6; R. S. Story, 7; F. Lees, 8. And a 336 of Grandsire Triples. W. Reed, 1; W. G. Routledge, 2; F. Lees, 3;

E. Wallis, 4; T. Clark, 5; W. Newton, 6; R. S. Story, 7; G. J. Clarkson, 8. Also a 336 of Bob Major, tenor 21 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday, June 26th, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 4620 changes in 2 hrs. 52 mins., it came to grief. Y. Green, 1; C. F. Wynne, 2; J. Gobbett, 3; R. Sewell, 4; S. Hayes, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; W. H. Doran, 7; A. White, 8.

DEDHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, June 20th, being the 49th anniversary of Queen Victoria's Accession to the Throne, six members of the above Association was invited by the Rev. C. A. Jones to ring for the services during the day. At 7.30 a.m., a 720 of Bob Minor, which was rang at the first attempt; then before the 11 o'clock service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, after which another 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung; then before the 3 o'clock service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and after service a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob; then at the 7 o'clock service another 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and after service another 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, making a total of 5040 changes, every 720 being rung at the first attempt. C. Ablitt, 1; J. Taylor, 2; J. Starling, 3; W. Smith, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; J. W. Smith (conductor), 6. And on handbells retained in hand, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Smith (conductor), 1-2; J. W. Smith, 3-4; W. J. Nevard, 5-6. During the afternoon service a walk was taken over to Stratford St. Mary, where another 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung. C. Ablitt, 1; J. Taylor, 2; J. Starling, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. W. Smith (conductor), 6, making a total of nine 720's rung during the day. The ringers wish now to return their sincere thanks to the Rev. C. A. Jones, for inviting them to a day's ringing, but hope the next ringing day they shall have the pleasure of ringing the eight bells, for they only could ring the front six.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON (Kent).—On Friday, June 18th, on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells, the Faversham company rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. T. G. Gillett, 1; A. Biggs, 2; J. Barnard, 3; C. L. Graham, 4; C. Couchman, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, June 27th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH KIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday morning, June 28th, at 5 o'clock, being Coronation Day, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, sixteen bobs and two singles, in 28½ mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; H. Hayes, 2; J. Bantley, 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Pattison, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, for practice at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. A. Cresser, 1; W. T. Billingham, 2; J. Hardy, 3; J. W. Taylor, sen., 4; C. Smith, 5; R. Lane, 6; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. HELEN'S (Abingdon).—At St. Helen's church, on the anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation, the following members of the above guild attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1680 changes, two bells changed course. G. Young, 1; H. Holifield, 2; J. Diver, 3; W. Jandell, 4; T. Short, 5; H. Sheard (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; G. Hosier, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. And on the same evening at St. Nicholas' church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Young, 1; H. Holifield, 2; T. Short, 3; J. Brown, 4; H. Sheard (conductor), 5; W. Sandell, 6.

OXFORD.—On Thursday, June 17th, at the church of St. Thomas-ye-Martyr, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. E. Hind, 1; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 2; C. Tolley, 3; F. Castle, 4; W. Baston, 5; T. Gaggar, 6. And on Monday, June 28th, at the church of St. Peter's in the East, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. E. Hind, 1; C. Talley, 2; A. Browning, 3; A. Hind, 4; H. Cox, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, June 29th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, by four members of the above Guild, and two members of the Oxford University Society, rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. A. Hind, 1; C. W. Bassano, Esq., (Balliol College), 2; A. Browning, 3; A. H. Bassano, Esq., (Balliol College), 4; C. Talley, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 15th, at the church of St. Mary's, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; *E.

Burtenshaw, 2; E. F. Cole, 3; R. Moss, 4; C. Byde, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. *First in the method. Also on Tuesday, June 22nd, 720 of Superlative Surprise Minor in 25 mins. G. Byde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Byde, 3; J. W. Cooley, 4; A. Garrett, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the above method by the whole band, and the first on the bells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On June 3rd, for practice, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-two singles). J. Streeter, 1; H. Meads, 2; A. Stone, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Warnham Court Bob (twenty-two singles). A. Stone, 1; F. Streeter, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And on Whit Sunday, for morning service, 720 of Oxford Single Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs). R. Streeter, 1; D. Stoner, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; R. Bourn, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 of Oxford Bob (twenty-two singles). J. Gasson, 1; A. Stoner, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Bourn, 4; E. Streeter, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. June 20th being Accession Day, 720 Warnham Court Bob (twenty-two singles). A. Stoner, 1; R. Bowen, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, June 20th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Whittington (Littleworth), 1; †R. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, 3; †T. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson (conductor), 5; R. Bourn, 6. Also on Thursday, June 24th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirteen bobs and two singles). T. Streeter, 1; F. A. Stoner, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, June 27th, 720 of Grandsire Minor. A. Stone, 1; R. Bourn, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; H. Meads, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also on June 27th, 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). T. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the method with a bob bell. †First 120's with a bob bell. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

EASTBOURNE.—On Friday, June 11th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Willoughby, 1; C. Harfey, 2; W. Siggs, 3; L. Huggett, 4; T. Lewis, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; J. Lewis, 8. And on Saturday, June 12th, at All Saints' Church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Willoughby, 1; H. Bennett, 2; W. Siggs, 3; L. Huggett, 4; T. Willoughby, 5; T. Hart (conductor), 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Lewis, 8. And another 504. E. Willoughby, 1; H. Bennett, 2; W. Siggs, 3; L. Huggett, 4; T. Lewis, 5; T. Willoughby, 6; T. Hart, 7; A. Childs, 8.

RINGMER.—On Whit Monday, June 14th, at the parish church, half a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 34 mins. E. Willoughby, 1; C. Harfey, 2; W. Siggs, 3; L. Huggett (conductor), 4; T. Willoughby, 5; W. Collison, 6; T. Hart, 7; T. Lewis, 8. And on Friday, June 25th, at St. Mary's Church, 1008 in the same method. E. Willoughby, 1; T. Hart (conductor), 2; W. Siggs, 3; C. Harfey, 4; T. Willoughby, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Lewis, 8. T. Hart, H. Bennett, L. Huggett, T. Willoughby, C. Harfey, J. Potter, and J. Lewis, belong to the St. Mary's society; W. Siggs, J. Lewis, and E. Willoughby, belong to the All Saints' society. W. Collison hails from Crawley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Shire).—On Thursday, June 17th, six members of the above Association rang a 720 of London Surprise Minor. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; G. Williams, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 27th, for afternoon service, a 288 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 288 of Kent Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And after service a 720 of College Pleasure. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; E. Jordan, 4; H. Chandler (first 720 in the method), 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 3; T. Stedman, 3; H. Wood, 4; H. Chantler, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Superlative Surprise. C. Weeden, 1; A. Mills, 2; T. Stedman (first 720 in the method), 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BROMGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1277 changes, in 52 mins. Elijah Crump, 1; George Bourne, 2; Thomas Albutt, 3; Henry Horton, 4; Oliver James, 5; George Hayward, 6; Walter Rea, 7; John T. Parry (conductor), 8; George Morris, 9; James Parry, 10. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALDFORD (Cheshire).—On Saturday, June 12th, four members of the St. Mary's society, assisted by two friends, rang at the parish church,

a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. Joinson, 1; E. Davies, 2; G. Caldwell, 3; J. Gipson, 4; C. Thomas, 5; T. Bethell, 6. Tenor 14½ cwt.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, June 23rd, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. H. Cave, 1; *G. Larkey, 2; J. Taylor, 3; N. Spencer, 4; W. Fairclough, 5; *W. Bentham, 6; *C. Sharples (composer and conductor), 7; T. Gardner, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. *Members of the Ormskirk Society. The above was rung in commemoration of the marriage of Miss K. Dickinson, of Aughton, and the Rev. Mr. Kidson, of Prestwich.

BIDDULPH (Staffordshire).—On Friday, June 25th, for practice at the parish church, 240 of Oxford Treble Bob, and a 180 of Court Bob, and 120 of Oxford Bob. And on Sunday, June 27th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Moss, 1; M. Capper, 2; *D. Bradbury, 3; S. Mitchell, 4; S. Moore, 5; W. Carter (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. D. Bradbury hails from Horton.

BOCKING (Essex).—Muffled Peal.—On Friday evening, June 25th as a mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Benjamin Moran, late Minister Resident of the United States of America at Lisbon, and previously Secretary of Legation and Charge d'Affaires, of the United States for 25 years in England, who died on Sunday, June 20th, at Bocking Hall, the Residence of Joshua Nunn, Esq., a 720 of Bob Minor was rung, with the bells half-muffled. F. Warren, 1; W. Moor, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; J. Hayes, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And on Sunday afternoon, June 27th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). C. Duncomb, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; F. Saunders, 4; E. Radley, 5; Wm. Radley (conductor), 6.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 20th, six of the Southport society paid a visit to the above village, and by kind permission, inspected the beautiful old church, and rang several touches of Bob Minor, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples, for morning and afternoon services. They then went with the local ringers for a walk, and took the handbells with them and enjoyed themselves until tea, which they partook of at the "Grapes Inn." Afterwards they went to the tower again and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Treble Bob. They take this opportunity of thanking the Croston ringers for the kind hospitality they received, and they were very well satisfied with their days' outing.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, June 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Rose, 1; E. W. Snowden, 2; M. Jacobs, 3; G. May, 4; F. French (conductor), 5; J. Blackman, 6; E. Everson, 7; J. Upton, 8.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Monday evening, June 28th, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Lee, 1; D. Ward, 2; G. Maxim, 3; J. Lee, 4; R. Mingay, 5; W. P. Gridley (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the local company unassisted.

GREAT WAKERING (Essex).—On Thursday, June 24th, the Prittlewell company visited this place and rang at the parish church ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 45 mins. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; W. Dowsett, 2; C. Anderson, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; J. Perry, 5. And another 120 in the same method. W. Hunt, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; W. Bodwell, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; J. Perry (conductor), 5. This is the first 120 ever known to have been rung on the bells, and the first 120 by W. Hunt. The company take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, which are a sweet-toned peal of five, tenor 8 cwt.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Sunday, May 30th, at St. Nicholas Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, twenty-one bobs and twelve singles. A. Knight, 1; T. Aldis, 2; W. Huff, 3; A. Peachey, 4; W. Green, 5; G. Knock (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, June 17th, for practice, 476 of Bob Triples, and afterwards 252 of Triples. W. Green, 1; J. Brewster, 2; T. Aldis, 3; D. Huff, 4; A. Peachey, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; W. Easter (conductor), 7; G. Knock, 8.

KEYSTONE (Northants).—On Saturday, June 26th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, three 6-score of Plain Bob Doubles, and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. J. P. Goodman, wife of the rector of Keystone, who is president of the Wellingboro District Association. H. Twelvetree, 1; J. Pettit, 2; J. Twelvetree, 3; J. Martin, 4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5. H. Stubbs hails from Rannids, the rest belong to the local company. And on Monday, June 28th, on the occasion of a wedding, a six-score in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Place Doubles. F. Barwell, 1; J. Pettit, 2; E. Chapman, 3; J. Martin, 5; H. Twelvetree (conductor), 6. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

LITTLE HEATH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, June 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles by some of the Ilford company. W. J. Mumford, 1; J. Pye, 2; J. Mumford (conductor), 3; C. Marriot, 4; W. Mead, 5. Also several other touches after service, with W. Pye, 1; W. Meads (conductor).

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Friday, June 25th, at St. Mary's, a 720 of Bob Minor (8 bobs and 6 singles), in 25 mins. H. Symonds (conductor), 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds, 5; J. Levitt, 6. And on handbells, a 720 of Bob Minor, with twenty-six singles. H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5-6. This was rung to celebrate the 32nd birthday of Mr. A. Hollocks. Also on Sunday, June 27th, after Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; H. Smith, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Symonds, 4; W. Snell, 5; J. Levitt, 6.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Wednesday, June 23rd, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Beatrice Emma, younger daughter of Dr. Constantine Holman, J.P., of the Barons, Reigate, with Mr. Charles William Howard, of Alton House, Hampstead, 868 Grandsire Triples, in 35 minutes. G. Croucher, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; T. Fuller, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; J. Howard, 8. And 840 Union Triples, in 32 mins. G. Croucher, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; T. Fuller, 3; F. Linter, 4; E. Kenward, 5; E. Moses, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Howard, 8. Also 336 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Croucher, 1; C. Boxhall, sen., 2; E. Mosas, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Kenward, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; J. Howard, 8. Also 324 Stedman Triples. C. Boxhall sen., 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; E. Moses, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Kenward, 6; G. Williams, 7; J. Stedman, 8. Mr. Boxhall hails from Dorking. And on Monday, June 28th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Howard, 1; E. Kenward, 2; W. Argent, 3; E. Moses, 4; W. Webb, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday evening, June 25th, at the Abbey National School, the Cathedral society rang a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Sibley, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (composer and conductor), 5-6; W. H. Buckingham, 7-8. Also on Monday morning, June 28th, at the *Herts Standard Offices*, a 720 of Bob Minor in 21 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. First 720 in the method by all.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 20th, the following members of the local company met at All Saints' church, and rang for evening service 504 of Grandsire Triples. Also after service a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, in the same method, in 53 mins. J. Campin, 1; W. Campin, 2; G. Brown, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; H. Harper, 5; W. Howell, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Composed by H. J. Shade, of Greenwich. The above was rung in honour of the anniversary of the Queen's Accession.

TITCHMARSH (Northants).—On Monday, June 21st, for practice at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of New London Pleasure, with nine bobs. B. W. Allen, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; H. W. Stubbs (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in this method by all. And 120 of Violet, standing as before; being the first in the method by all. Also a 360 of Court Single, with nine bobs. H. W. Stubbs, 1; F. Kirk, 2; B. W. Allen, 3; N. Martin, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6.

TUE BROOK (near Liverpool).—On Thursday, June 24th, on the anniversary of the dedication of St. John-the-Baptist church, upwards of 800 Stedman Triples, for Divine Service. John R. Pritchard (conductor), 1; Richard S. Mann, 2; Thomas Hammond, 3; Charles Williams, 4; William Booth, 5; John Aspinwall, 6; Robert Williams, 7; Richard Diggle, 8. After the service 300 Stedman Triples, William James taking the place of Thomas Hammond.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Friday evening, June 25th, at St. Mary's parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, (nine bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; J. Fell, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of College Single Minor, 120 of Plain Bob Minor, 108 of Grandsire Minor, and a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; W. Short, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; R. H. Barton, 6. And on Sunday afternoon for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; W. Short, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; R. Stockley, 5; R. H. Barton, 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, 240 of Grandsire Minor (ten bobs and two singles), and a 240 of Plain Bob Minor (six bobs and two singles). J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. These are the first 720's of Yorkshire Court and Oxford Single Bob which Messrs. Short, and Barton have rung. Mr. J. Fells hails from Lytham, near Blackpool; Messrs. Barton, Short, Bradshaw, and W. Rushton, hails from Bootle, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 9 cwt.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Saturday, June 19th, at the parish church, 420 of Oxford Bob Triples. F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5. H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow (con-

ductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. Also 210 in the same method, H. Burstow, 6th, and H. Chandler (conductor), 7; the rest as before. And on Sunday, June 20th, a quarter-peal in the same method in 45 mins. F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; G. Rapley, 5; H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; F. Knight, 8. Also 420 of the same method. And the last part of Shipway's six-part peal, 840 changes in 32 mins. F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Wood, 4; G. Rapley, 5; F. Knight, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; E. Waller, 8. Also the first part, in 32 mins., H. Chandler (conductor) 7; the rest as before. And on Monday, June 21st, an attempt was made for Shipway's six-part peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but after ringing about 2400 changes it came to grief. F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; F. Knight, 5; H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. The same party also rung the last half of Shipway's 2520; also a quarter-peal in the same method. F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; F. Knight, 4; H. Wickens, 5; H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; T. Newnham, 4; F. Wickens, 5; H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. Also a 504 in the same method, with H. Chandler (conductor). And another 504. F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Wood, 3; E. Jordan, 4; F. Knight, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. Cook, 8.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar. & April.	May.	Total.
Midland Counties' Association	23	10	..	..	33
Oxford Diocesan Guild	20	..	5	..	25
Ancient Society of College Youths	16	..	5	..	21
Yorkshire Association	18	..	2	..	20
St. James's Society, London	15	..	3	..	18
United Counties' Association	14	..	2	..	16
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	9	..	3	..	12
Birmingham & District, & Amalgamated Societies	11	..	0	..	11
Lancashire Association	7	..	4	..	11
Kent County Association	7	..	2	..	9
Liverpool Youths' Society	8	..	0	..	8
Norwich Diocesan Association	5	..	3	..	8
Sussex County Association	6	..	1	..	7
Surrey Association	6	..	0	..	6
Winchester Diocesan Guild	6	..	0	..	6
Holt Society	5	..	1	..	6
Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	4	..	2	..	6
Hertford Association	4	..	2	..	6
Rochdale and District Association	3	..	0	..	3
Society of Trinity Youths	1	..	1	..	2
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association	1	..	0	..	1
Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association	1	..	0	..	1
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	1	..	0	..	1
Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association	1	..	0	..	1
Eastern Counties' Association	0	..	1	..	1
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	0	..	1	..	1
Independent Societies	45	..	11	..	56
	237	59	296		
Less peals entered under two Associations	7	3	10		
	230	56	286		

The above peals were rung in the following methods: New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Treble Bob Royal, 11; Treble Bob Caters, 1; Treble Bob Major, 67; Stedman Cinques, 2; Stedman Caters, 5; Stedman Triples, 27; Grandsire Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters, 10; Grandsire Major, 9; Grandsire Triples, 108; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 1; Bob Major, 14; Bob Triples, 6; Bob Minor (seven 720's), 2; Union Triples, 2; In seven methods on six bells, 13; In four methods on six bells, 1; In three methods on six bells, 1; In four methods (two Triples and Two Major), 1; Total 286.

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The half-yearly meeting will take place at Saddleworth, on Saturday, July 3rd. The bells of St. Chad's will be at the disposal of the ringers from 9 a.m. Dinner will be provided at the "Church Inn," at 4 p.m. tickets 1s. 6d. The business meeting will take place at 6 p.m. Those intending being present at dinner are requested to notify the same to Mr. Joseph Radcliffe, P.O. Green, Saddleworth, near Oldham, on or before the 29th of June.

JAMES S. WILDE, Hon. Sec.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH.

ON Tuesday evening, June 22nd, the Rector of St. Peter's, Walworth, and Mrs. Hazell entertained the above Society at their house, 36, Camberwell Green, at 8 o'clock. The company assembled in the drawing room. Among those present besides the twelve ringers was the Rector of St. Peter's and Mrs. Hazell, Mrs. Gidley, the Rev. J. C. Eyre Kidson, Mrs. Kidson, and the two churchwardens. Previous to going down to supper, six of the guests played a selection on twelve handbells, kindly lent by the Vicar of St. George's, Camberwell. Seventeen in all sat down to supper, including the Rector, curate, two churchwardens, and Messrs. Warrick, Flower, Wilkes, Groves, Langdon, French, Jones, Coxhead, Summers, Drury, Windley, Hayward, and Mr. Goodchild, vergers and steeple-keeper. The repast was both substantial and elegant, and full justice was done to Mrs. Hazell's kind hospitality. Supper ended, and pipes and tobacco having been handed round, the proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations. The healths of the Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Hazell were proposed by Mr. Evans, who spoke in high terms of the good work the rector had done during the two years he had been with them in Walworth. The toasts were enthusiastically received, and accorded musical honours.

Mr. Hazell, in response, thanked them for their kindness, and said what had been done at St. Peter's was greatly owing to the harmony with which they all worked together. He then welcomed the ringers, wishing every success to their Society, and saying how pleased he and his wife were to see them there that evening. Among the other toasts was the health of the churchwardens, proposed by Mr. Warrick and suitably responded to by Mr. Evans and Mr. Darling. Mr. Goodchild proposed the health of the Rev. J. C. Eyre Kidson, who in reply said he took that opportunity of thanking the ringers most heartily in the name of himself and his wife for the reception which they gave them by ringing a peal and firing a salute on the occasion of their marriage last January. Cordial thanks having been expressed to the rector for his kindness, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE NORTHAMPTON ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

ON Thursday, June 24th, the Nativity of St. John-the-Baptist, a meeting was held at Milton, under the auspices of the Ven. Archdeacon Thicknesse. Bands of ringers from Comteenhall, Milton, Blisworth, Gayton, Emberton, Stoke Bruerne, Brington, Brigbrook, Harpole, St. Edmund's, Northampton, Whilton, and Harleston, were present. After the Office used by the Oxford Diocesan Guild had been said, the ringers tried their skill on the bells of the parish church, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was present, and gave an account of his experience, and also put before the meeting the objects of such Associations, viz.: not only to improve the ringing itself, but to recognize the true position of ringers, and to teach them to ring not for self, but for the glory of God. The meeting, at which over 100 ringers were present, was also addressed by the Ven. Archdeacon, and the Rev. G. B. Hooper, Rector of Comteenhall, who was appointed Treasurer, and Secretary. A provisional Committee of six members was appointed, with power to add to their number, and it may be considered that the Association is fairly launched. Evensong, which was heartily rendered, followed at 7 o'clock. Great disappointment was felt in the neighbourhood of Comteenhall at the removal of the meeting to Milton, though the hearty welcome given by the Rector and churchwardens, and the beautifully kept church and churchyard of Milton, was much appreciated by the visitors. The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon, who very ably dwelt on the use of church bells, as in themselves eloquent preachers to the outside world, as well as heralds of God's message to the faithful.

Obituary.

We have to record the death of Sydney Barton, who, after a short illness, died at his father's residence, 30, Catherine Street, Sealand Road, in the City of Chester, on the 28th of May at the early age of twenty-one. Although still so young, he was respected and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact, his quiet, unassuming manner making him a general favourite. His abilities as a change-ringer were of no extraordinary character (as he had only been a ringer for two years), but that which he had mastered was always rung with a steadiness rarely equalled. The funeral took place at the Cemetery on Tuesday, when a large number of relatives, ringers, and friends attended him to his last resting place. A number of wreaths were placed on the coffin, amongst which was a beautiful one from the ringers, made up of white flowers and ferns. On Saturday last his fellow members of St. Mary's Society, rang at St. Mary's a touch of Plain Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last tribute to his memory, the following taking part: William Joinson, Edwin Davies, George Caldwell, Richard Mills, William Kendall, Fred Fletcher, John Gibson, and Thomas J. Bethell (conductor).

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 BOB IN NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

SIR,—A peal of New Cumberland having now been rung, it has been suggested to me that those of your readers who either took part in the "battle of the bobs," which was carried on in your columns a few weeks ago, or who were interested in the discussion would be glad to hear the opinion formed on the question by those who have taken part in ringing the method. As conductor of the peal in question, I am pleased to be able to say that our experience does not by any means bear out the opinion of those writers who objected to the bob on account of its supposed difficulty. In this, as in other Surprise methods, it is, of course necessary first of all to grasp thoroughly the general plan of the method, and the working of a bell through the plain course, and then to become equally well-acquainted with the duty taken up by each bell after a bob has been made. When this has been accomplished, the practical workings of a bob in New Cumberland will be found quite as simple as that in Kent Treble Bob, which in fact, it almost exactly resembles, the only difference being that in the former method the bell that makes the bob after having made 4th place, dodges in 3-4, instead of making 3rds. And the bells in 5-6 make extra places, instead of having extra dodges. The work of the bells in 7-8 is the same as in Treble Bob, and the effect on the coursing order of the bells is also the same as in that method. In conclusion, may I be permitted to offer my hearty congratulations to the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, on the result of his labours, and to express the hope that this very interesting method may, in a short time, become generally practised.

WILLIAM WAKLEY.

Burton-on-Trent, June 22nd, 1886.

BROOKS' VARIATION OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—I should esteem it a favour if any brother-ringer could inform me who Brooks was, and what company of ringers he belonged to as there has been a deal of controversy in and about Birmingham as to the right author of this peal. The Holt Society is about to have some peals entered up in their book, but would like to give the peal the right composer's name. We have it from veteran composers in this district that the peal in question really belongs to no other than Thurstans. If this is the case why call it Brooks' variation? It has been rung about here in former years, I believe, and called Thurstans' until recently.

WM. KENT.

HAGLEY STEEPLE.

SIR,—I am sorry the conductor of St. Mary's, Kingswinford has written as he has, firstly because he shews a temper wholly unworthy of the occasion, and secondly, because he has entirely missed the real point of difference between us, which was simply one of good manners. It seemed to me hardly courteous, having obtained leave to ring in a neighbouring church, to excuse the bad striking of his band by finding fault with the tower in the public press, and I am afraid none of your readers will think he has improved his position on this point by his letter which appeared in your issue of the 19th inst., into the details of which it is useless to follow him.

WILLIAM A. GIBBS.

The Rectory, Hagley, June 23rd, 1886.

PEALS IN FOUR OR FIVE METHODS ON EIGHT BELLS.

SIR,—In your issue of the 29th ult. I noticed a performance in four methods, by our Birmingham friends, was published in the column devoted for peals, and in the issue of the 12th inst. a letter from Mr. Lomas, who claims for Sheffield a peal in five methods. May I ask, through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," whether either of the above so called peals contained the number of true changes, i.e., no one change occurring twice throughout, either the 5080 at Perry Barr, or the 5024 at Retford. If any one change occurred twice I think that column should be closed to such performances. I can quite understand a 5000 on six bells in seven different methods, as there are no more bells to ring on, but I cannot understand a hotch-potch of various dishes on eight bells, when a 5000 in any one method can be rung.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

BODDELLWYDDAN CHURCH.

SIR,—In looking over Mr. F. E. Dawe's very interesting account of his visit to the above picturesque church, I find, with some surprise, that he gives the weight of the tenor as 17 cwt. Has the fertile soil he mentions caused this bell to gain three cwt. since she was hung? If I remember aright the bells were opened in 1873 by a band of Liverpool ringers, who then gave (in their report of the peal) the weight of tenor as 14 cwt. As I write I have Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's list before me, which also gives the weight as 14 cwt. Surely someone is wrong; is it the founder or Mr. Dawe? I am rather anxious to get the true weight of the bell, as I think if bells, and tenor bells particularly, are allowed to go on growing at this rate, we shall be obliged to raise a race of giants in the next generation to ring them.

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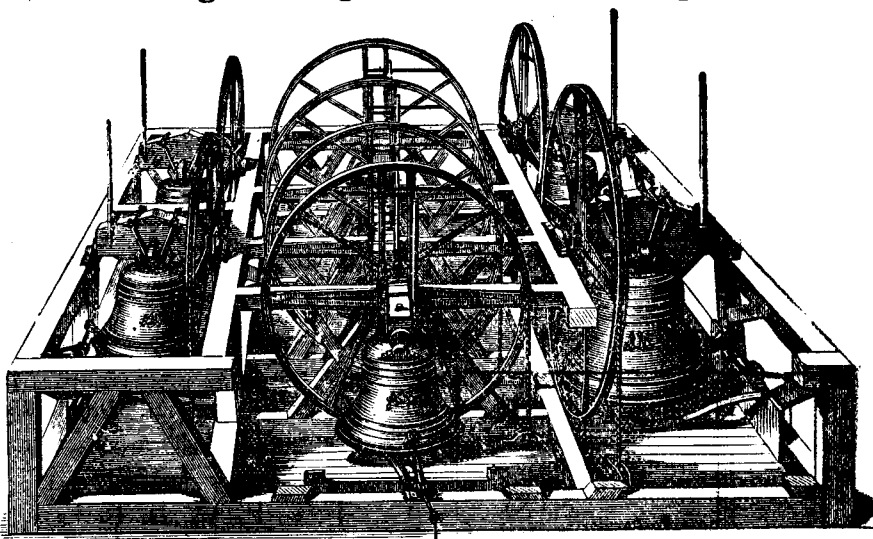
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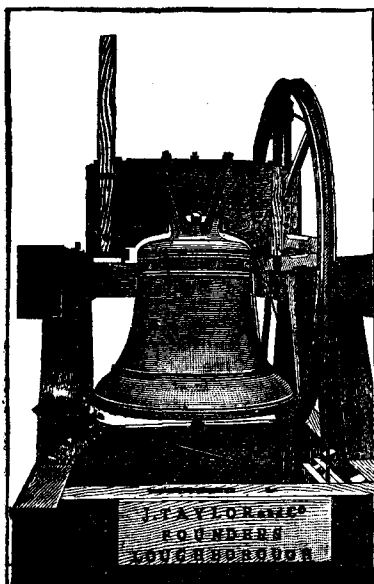
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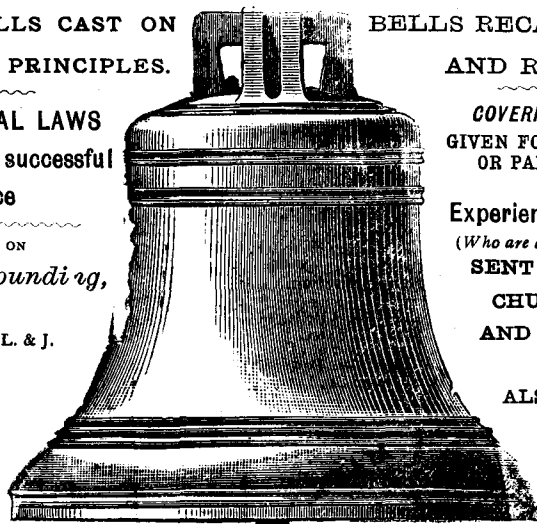
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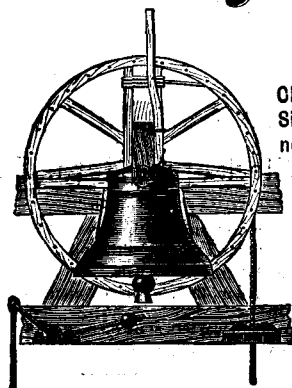
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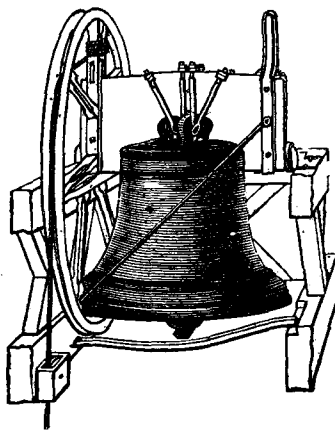
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE 249th anniversary of the above Society was celebrated on Saturday, July 3rd, by a dinner and meeting, held at the "Gloucester and Pavilion Hotel," Greenwich, about thirty members partaking of the repast, immediately after which an adjournment was made in order to permit of the various members of the company seeking their enjoyment each to his own taste, the Master naming 7 p.m. sharp as the hour to gather again for the "feast of reason and the flow of soul."

The intervening hour or two was made use of by some few to pay a visit to the steeple of St. Alphege, and some touches in various methods were rung, but the counter attractions of magnificent summer weather, and the close proximity of the beautiful park were more cogent with others, while the grand and historic pile of Greenwich College, with its picture galleries and noble collection of the relics of Britain's greatest naval hero, had also its due quantum of visitors.

At 7 p.m. the Collegians met again at the hotel, their number largely augmented by many whose business employments had prevented them from attending earlier, and the Master, Martin Routh, Esq., being duly installed in the chair, supported on the right by the Treasurer, Mr. J. Pettit, and on the left by the Hon. Sec., Mr. G. A. Muskett, at once proceeded to the business of the evening by giving a *resumé* of the Society's proceedings for the past twelvemonths.

Mr. ROUTH commenced his address by referring to the financial position of the Society, which he found to be in a most satisfactory condition, the balance at the bankers standing rather higher than it has done for the past five or six years. The increase in the number of members had been very large, and recruited as usual from all parts of the kingdom, one meeting being specially marked by the election of no less than twenty-two ringing members introduced by the vice-chairman, Mr. George Mash. On the other hand, death had been busy in the ranks, and especially two, amongst all others, the most eminent in the ringing world, had gone the way of all flesh. He alluded to Jasper Snowdon and Henry Haley, names which would be enshrined with highest honours in the annals of change-ringing for all time. A slight sketch of the most notable peals that have been rung during the year was touched upon, and then reference made to the handsome and gratifying recognition of the Society taking the form of valuable presents by some of its more wealthy members. At the last annual Dinner the Treasurer had warned the members then present that a heavy call upon their funds was about to be made for the purpose of providing a new peal-book, and the purchase of a fire proof safe; this having been published in "THE BELL NEWS" was immediately responded to: firstly by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., who with great generosity presented a beautiful peal-book, costing eight guineas, and secondly, time having elapsed for the mail to go and return from India, by F. J. Rees, Esq., the "Looker-on in India," who placed sufficient funds at the disposal of the secretary to purchase a peal-book. Mr. Heywood's offer having in the meantime been gratefully accepted, application was made to Mr. Rees to transfer his gift towards the purchase of the safe, as it was found upon examination by an expert that the company's original safe was worn out, fast repair, so that it was needful to provide two others. This had also been met, a gentleman quite unconnected with the Society, a friend of Mr. Muskett's (the Hon. Sec.), had very kindly presented them with a valuable safe that had become too small for the requirements of his business. These timely and valuable gifts had had the effect of leaving the Society's funds in the satisfactory state before alluded to, that would otherwise have suffered very serious depletion. Allusion was also made to some measures of internal discipline that had been forced upon the Society. The worthy Master spoke regretfully of such untoward incidents having occurred to mar the brightness of his term of office, while at the same time vindicating the justness and policy of the Society's act in connection therewith.

Upon the conclusion of his address, which was received by the company with strong marks of approval, the worthy Master, in giving the first toast, "The Queen," took occasion in a short but very eloquent speech to point out the close connection that existed between ringers as church officers, and Her Most Gracious Majesty, as Head of the Church, in connection with the State, calling upon them at this specially critical epoch of our history to do all in their power to maintain the integrity of that State with which the Church was so indissolubly connected.

Song and toast followed each other in rapid succession, many of the accoutments showing much taste and culture in their choice of subjects, and we are sorry to have to record a case of base desertion on the part of Mr. James Dwight, who when called upon for his annual contribution to the harmony of the evening by singing his famous "long peal," was found to be *non est*, although he had been well to the front during the banquet.

The Visitors, coupled with the name of Mr. Harvey Reeves, Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," was given by the Chairman, who stated that although there were none but College Youths present, the speaker particularly alluded to those who did not meet frequently at Headquarters. He spoke of the great benefits that had accrued to

the ringing world since the establishment of that journal, a case in point being the substantial presents received from distant members, alluded to by him in his address, the donors being made aware of their wants through the report of their last annual dinner, which had appeared in "THE BELL NEWS." What they should do without the paper he knew not.

Mr. REEVES briefly responded.

In response to the toast of the Officers, Mr. Routh, Mr. Muskett, Mr. Pettit, and Mr. McLaughlin (on behalf of himself and brother steward) each made a suitable reply, thanking the company for the expression of their kind feelings towards them, and declaring their readiness at all times to give their time and services for the advancement of the Society's interests.

The company broke up shortly after 10 p.m., being well pleased with their visit to Greenwich.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of members of the above Association was held in Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday July 3rd, under the auspices of the Burton-on-Trent District, when the bells of St. Modwen's and St. Paul's Churches, Burton-on-Trent, and also the bells of the neighbouring churches at Winhill and Horninglow were open to members.

Mr. J. Jaggard, the Hon. Secretary for the district was responsible for the day's arrangements, and under his direction the visitors were received at St. Paul's Institute, and despatched to the various belfries under the guidance of members of the local committee. A meeting of the General Committee was held in the parish room of the Institute at 5.30 o'clock p.m., for the transaction of the private business of the Association; and tea was subsequently served in the large hall.

The General Meeting which followed was presided over by A. Percival Heywood, Esq. (President), who was supported by Mr. W. Wakley (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Joseph Griffin (Hon. Secretary), The Rev. James H. Fish (Vice-President of the Burton District), J. W. Taylor, jun., Esq. (Vice-President of the Loughborough District), E. F. Daniels, Esq. (Churchwarden of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent), C. Nicholls, Esq., Burton-on-Trent, Messrs. A. Wakley and G. Robinson (members of the local committee), Messrs. Ward, Woodward and Maskrey (members of the Derby Committee), Messrs. Bastable and Thomas (Birmingham), and several other friends whose names are well-known to the ringing world.

The President began his introductory remarks by congratulating the Association on having well maintained its reputation of being the premier Association of the kind in the kingdom, and stated that since their last meeting eighteen peals of 5000 changes and upwards had been rung. Of these peals, eight had been credited to the Loughborough District, under the energetic leadership of its Vice-President. Five had been rung by the Duffield members, three by mixed companies, and two by members of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent. With reference to the Duffield peals, two of them were peals of Double Oxford Bob Major, a method hitherto unknown to the Association, and a method in which two peals only had ever been previously accomplished; and of the peals rung at Burton-on-Trent, one of them was a peal of New Cumberland Surprise, and the other a peal of Superlative Surprise, in the Burton variation. He need hardly tell them that both these latter peals were the first of their kind, or that they reflected the greatest credit upon the members of the Burton-on-Trent Society, who by these first achievements had fairly out-distanced all other rivals, and especially taken the palm out of the hands of some of the "crack" London companies. He advised the formation of distinct and separate bands of ringers in connection with the various churches, and hoped that with this end in view young ringers would be looked after and encouraged, and "scratch ringing," by "scratch" companies discountenanced. Mr. Heywood concluded by stating his intention of offering a challenge cup to the best set of handbell change-ringers in connection with the Association, and said that he hoped before the next meeting to have formulated a set of regulations for handbell competitions, which would meet with their approval.

One life member and six ordinary members were elected, and the next meeting was arranged to be held at Loughborough. A vote of thanks to the Vicars and Churchwardens for the use of their bells, and also to the Chairman for presiding, terminated the proceedings.

There was a fair attendance of members present, taking into consideration the fact of the Parliamentary elections at Derby and Nottingham being held on the same day as this meeting; and the usual methods were rung, including New Cumberland Surprise Major, on the bells of St. Paul's.

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CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE ST. PETER'S (SHEFFIELD) COMPANY.

The third annual excursion of the St. Peter's (Sheffield) Amalgamated Society of Change-ringers, took place on Saturday, the 3rd inst., when in response to an invitation from the ringers of Ashton-under-Lyne, some 34 of its members visited that town. The happiness of a glorious summer's day was not in any way mitigated by the gay appearance of the inhabitants, who dressed in holiday attire, and decorated with the colours of their favorite political party, rushed hither and thither, their words and actions roused by the excitement of an election day. Unfortunately no tower ringing could be indulged in, for the parish church is at present towerless; the bells being stowed away in a temporary shed in the churchyard, with quiet tongues and solemn silence, awaiting the erection of their new home, which at present is only a little above ground level. The bells of St. Peter's could not be used on account of sickness in the neighbourhood. A very pleasant time however was spent at the ringer's head-quarters, and during the day several good touches were rung on the handbells. At 4.30 an adjournment was made to the "Wellington coffee and cocoa rooms," where between 50 and 60 "brethren of the strings" sat down to a substantial meal provided by the Ashton ringers. At 6.30 a meeting was held at the "Crown" inn, when Mr. Wm. Smith, the president of the Ashton Society, took the chair. In his opening address he said he felt it a great honour to have the privilege of taking the chair at such a meeting as the present, for not only had they met for mutual intercourse, but to celebrate the centenary of a similar meeting of their ancestors, on which occasion the Sheffield ringers had presented a silver tankard to the Ashton society, and now, they in return were about to perpetuate the memory of the present occasion by a similar acknowledgement. Before calling upon Mr. James Wood, sen., to make the presentation, he had another pleasing duty to perform, and that was to propose a toast, which he thought would be received with good feeling by all, for although they might not all agree on questions which were at present occupying the minds of most people in the United Kingdom, he felt that they would all agree that had we the choice of a sovereign to reign over us, we could not select a more noble woman than our present Queen. "The Queen" was then drunk with right loyal good feeling. Mr. James Wood sen., in making the presentation, said: "As he perhaps knew more about the old Ashton and Sheffield ringers than anyone present, he felt proud to have the honor of presenting, on behalf of his society, to the Sheffield ringers, a tankard similar to the one received by the old Ashton ringers, 100 years ago. He gave an account of what he had been able to gather in his younger days from the old ringers, respecting the tankard. It would appear the Sheffield and Ashton ringers met for a prize-ringing contest, but instead of competing against each other, they spent a very enjoyable day together, and subsequently tried for a peal, but as one had the misfortune to overturn his bell which in those days were rung without a stay, the peal was unsuccessful. The Sheffield ringers were so pleased with the hospitality of their Ashton friends, that they presented them with the tankard they now saw before them. It had been lost for about forty years, and was eventually found at a species of drinking-house then known by the name of a "Hush-shop," and regained by the ringers, who agreed to give the landlady 5s. and a new gown in exchange for it. It has since been renovated and now looks as good as new. He hoped the Sheffield ringers would not be so unfortunate with theirs, and handed it over to the care of Mr. Wm. Booth, on behalf of the society. The tankard, which was afterwards filled with port wine and passed round the room, bears the engraving of a bell, with the inscription "Presented to the St. Peter's (Sheffield) Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers, as a token of esteem and friendship, by the Ashton Ringers, 1886." Mr. Thos. Moss proposed the health of the Sheffield ringers, coupled with the name of Mr. John Mulligan, the secretary. Mr. Mulligan responded. Mr. C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield) spoke in terms of eulogy as to the representation of the Ashton ringers, both as regards theory and practice. There needed no further proof than an allusion to the Mottram long peal, as an illustration of genuine practical ringing, and for theory, he need only mention the names of Mr. John Thorp and Mr. Samuel Wood. He hoped the cup which had just been presented, would always be a reminder of the courtesy of the Ashton ringers, and tend to cement the friendship which now existed between the ringers of the two towns. The evening was spent in a very jovial manner, songs, &c., being given at intervals, the Sheffielders returning home at a late hour, delighted with the events of the day, and doubtless long to remember the hospitality and kindness they had received.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the above Guild will take place at Abingdon on Monday, 19th of July. There will be service at St. Helen's Church, at 11.15., with a sermon by the Bishop of Oxford. For particulars apply to the Secretary, Rev. Dolben Paul, Bearwood Rectory, Wokingham.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Third Annual Report of this body has been issued, and the Committee may again congratulate themselves upon the satisfactory condition of the Guild, both as regards the number of its members and the state of its finances. As regards the work done, we should like to see more effected in the way of peal-ringing; and it must be understood by the word "peal" we mean only performances of 5000 changes and upwards. The report tells us that a peal-book has been provided for the Guild, and we should like to impress upon the members that such provision is mainly for use, not simply for ornament. Welcome news it would be indeed to hear that the quantity of peals rung during the next year was such that it would be considered advisable in the future only to book therein performances of such an extent. At present records of 6-scores of Doubles are admissible. Whether local or other circumstances pronounce the wisdom of this regulation of course we are not prepared to say; to us it seems to retard in some degree the energy which should be displayed in attending to something better, and at any rate the entry of such performances appears to skilled ringers as bordering on the ridiculous. Nevertheless the regulation may, from reasons which we know not of, appear salutary. The balance-sheet shows a sign of healthy finance, though not quite so good as that of last year. Taken altogether, those desirous of seeing the art extended cannot help feeling gratified on reading this report, and it is to be hoped that next year this satisfaction may be considerably increased.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The Twelfth Annual Report of this Guild has come to hand, and like their neighbours of Salisbury, the Committee may congratulate themselves on its satisfactory progress. But here, as in the Salisbury Guild, there does not appear to be sufficient energy in the matter of peal-ringing, five performances only appearing, all Grandsire Triples, and only one of them called by a local man. Peal-ringing is not to be regarded as the absolute *sine qua non* of success, we know, but it shows, at any rate, that the members are actuated by a steady and unflinching perseverance which does not exist where achievements of 5000 changes and upwards are few and far between. There seems, however, among the band composing this well-conducted Guild, a cohesion and unity which prognosticates better things for the immediate future.

BRIGHTON ST. NICHOLAS' SOCIETY, ANNUAL OUTING.

On Tuesday, July 6th, this society had their annual excursion at Laughton, about 15 miles from Brighton. Starting at 8 a.m. from their ringing house, with about 20 members and friends, in two well-appointed pair horse conveyances, they soon were speeding away across the South Downs and on through the old county town, Lewes. An halt was made at Malling Hill, where hampers were unpacked, and a rural picnic was indulged in for about an hour. Passing on to Ringmer, and stopping to have a pull on a new peal of bells lately hung, nothing in the way of change-ringing could be done, owing to the absence of two middle men, who were unable to go with them, but notwithstanding this disappointment, mirth and jollity became the order of the day. Arriving at their destination at one o'clock, a short visit was made to the church, five bells, a few Doubles were rung, and at 2.30 the party sat down to a very substantial repast, provided by host Holden, of the "Roebuck" inn. Many of the ringers were down in front, several in the middle, but not one out behind, several change courses occurred, but the conductor took things very quietly, not even attempting to put any one right. The chair was taken by Friend Robinson, faced by Mr. Awcock. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given and responded to, "The clergy and churchwardens of St. Nicholas, the St. Nicholas' band" was given and responded to by the secretary, who, in the course of his remarks, spoke of the many happy days the society had spent together with friends now lying in the dust, and that, when our course had run, others who followed, might speak the same of us. Trap and bat and other games were freely indulged in, until the time came round for a quiet cup of tea, and starting at 8 o'clock, the party arrived in Brighton about 10, none the worse, but very tired and very happy, after one of the pleasantest days they have spent together.

PRACTICE AT WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—Our next meeting will be August 14th, at 6 p.m., and every alternate Saturday at the same hour from this date. We shall be pleased to see any friends.

W. A. ALPS, Hon. Treasurer.

TWO PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR.By HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5440.

1st part.					2nd part.				
2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H	3 2 6 5 4				
4 5 2 3 6	-	-			6 5 3 2 4				
2 4 5 3 6					3 6 5 2 4				
5 2 4 3 6					5 3 6 2 4				
4 3 5 2 6	-	-			6 2 5 3 4				
5 4 3 2 6					5 6 2 3 4				
3 5 4 2 6	-				2 5 6 3 4				
5 2 3 6 4	-				5 3 2 4 6				
4 6 3 2 5	-	-	-		6 4 2 3 5				
3 4 6 2 5					2 6 4 3 5				
6 3 4 2 5					4 2 6 3 5				
6 3 2 5 4	-				4 2 3 5 6				
2 6 3 5 4					3 4 2 5 6				
3 2 6 5 4	-				2 3 4 5 6				

This is considered the first two-part peal ever composed in the method; it contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 5-6. It is obtained by reversing one pair of bells in 5-6. Neither 2nd or 3rd bells are ever in 6th's place at course-ends.

5056.

1st part.					2nd part.				
2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H	5 4 3 2 6				
2 3 5 6 4	-				5 4 2 6 3				
5 2 3 6 4					2 5 4 6 3				
6 3 4 2 5	-	-			6 4 3 5 2				
6 3 2 5 4	-				6 4 5 2 3				
4 2 3 5 6	-				3 5 4 2 6				
4 2 5 6 3	-				3 5 2 6 4				
5 6 4 2 3	-	-			2 6 3 5 4				
6 2 5 3 4	-				6 5 2 4 3				
3 6 5 2 4					4 6 2 5 3				
4 5 6 2 3	-				3 2 6 5 4				
6 5 3 2 4	-				6 2 4 5 3				
4 3 5 2 6	-				3 4 2 5 6				
5 4 3 2 6	-				2 3 4 5 6				

This peal contains the 6th bell the extent in 5-6 in the least possible number of changes for a two-part composition, and is obtained by reversing two pairs of bells in 5-6.

FOUR PEALS OF NEW CUMBERLAND
SURPRISE.

With the 4th and 6th the extent in 6ths.

By the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER.

5024.

2 3 4 5 6	B	M	B	W	B	H
2 4 5 3 6				I		2
3 5 4 2 6	I	-				2
2 3 5 6 4	-					2
3 2 4 6 5	-			I		2
6 3 2 5 4	-					2
6 2 5 3 4				I		2
6 5 3 2 4				I		2
5 2 6 4 3				I	-	2
2 5 3 4 6	2					2
2 3 4 5 6				I		2

This peal also contains half the course-ends, all the 6-5's and 5-6's. The 2nd and 3rd with the tenor at w for one lead only, and a plain lead in each case.

5120, or 5024
by calling the 1st course in either part
B, I W, I H.

2 3 4 5 6	B	M	B	W	B	H
2 6 3 5 4	2				I	
2 3 5 6 4					I	2
6 5 3 2 4	2			2	-	2
5 2 4 3 6		2	-			
2 5 6 3 4	-			I		2

Repeated.

The 4th and 6th the extent in 6th at five course-ends each. Nine pairs of 8-6's.

5024.

2 3 4 5 6	B	M	B	W	B	H
5 4 3 2 6	2			2	-	2
3 4 2 5 6		I	-			I
5 6 2 3 4	3	I		3	-	2
2 6 3 5 4		I	-			I
2 3 5 6 4				I		2
5 3 6 2 4		I		2	-	2
3 2 6 5 4		I	-			
5 3 2 4 6	-					2
5 2 4 3 6				I		2
2 3 4 5 6	I	-				

(Also at five course-ends each).

5568.

2 3 4 5 6	B	W	M	W	B	H
3 5 2 6 4	-					
3 2 6 5 4	3	2	I		-	2
2 5 3 4 6	-					
3 5 4 2 6	3	I	I	I	-	2

Twice repeated.

(At six course-ends each).

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

10,144.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

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

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

The last twelve courses twice repeated with a s in the 44th course, produce 3 2 4 5 6, the whole repeated completes the peal. The 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th's place.

The first half, 5072, was first rung at Drayton, on June 7th, 1886. Conducted by its composer.

FOUR PEALS OF TREBLE BOB
MAXIMUS.By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
2 4 5 3 6		I	2
3 6 4 5 2	I	2	2
6 3 2 5 4	2		2
5 2 3 6 4		2	2
2 4 3 6 5	I		2
6 2 4 5 3	2	2	2
3 2 4 5 6	I		2

5040.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	2	2	2
2 4 3 6 5	I		2
2 3 6 4 5		I	2
4 5 3 6 2	I	2	2
5 4 2 6 3	2		2
6 2 4 5 3		2	2
2 3 4 5 6	I		2

5040.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
2 4 5 3 6		I	2
4 2 6 3 5	2		2
3 6 2 4 5		2	2
5 3 4 6 2	2	I	2
3 2 4 6 5	I		2
3 4 6 2 5		I	2
2 3 4 5 6	2	2	2

5040.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
2 4 5 3 6		I	2
3 2 4 6 5	2	2	2
3 4 6 2 5		I	2
4 3 5 2 6	2		2
2 5 3 4 6		2	2
6 2 4 5 3	2	I	2
2 3 4 5 6	I		2

These peals, on inspection, will be found as one composition, and are so varied as to have in one or the other of them the 5th or 6th their extent wrong or right, and also having at each course-end either the 5th or 6th in 5-6, and are the first peals obtained on this plan in this number of changes.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

5504.

By J. H. BARRETT, *London.*

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

Seven times repeated.

Bob instead of single at the fourth and eighth part-ends. This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

At Luton on Wednesday, whilst polling was in active progress, a swarm of bees belonging to Mr. Latchmore, banker, left their hive, and made for the door of the Corn Exchange, which was the polling station, eventually settling on a lamp-post close by. The polling agents beat a hasty retreat, whilst the crowd fled in all directions. The excitement continued until a man climbed the lamp post and captured the bees by covering them with a box.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1886.

A fortnight ago we drew attention in our editorial comment to the apparent supineness of the authorities of St. Mary, Chelmsford, and contrasted with it the vigour of the people of another and less important Essex town—Barking—in the matter of ringing concerns. The contribution which appeared in our last issue, entitled, "A Peep at one or two London churches," again calls to mind the painful fact that in the metropolis instances are to be found where the same heedlessness and inattention to church bells and ringers is exhibited. The cases mentioned by our contributor whose remarks appeared under the *nom de plume* of "A Rambler," are, unfortunately, too notorious. The condition of the bells at the Churches of All Hallows, near the Tower of London, and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, is positively shameful—we had almost written a stronger word. And there is no reason to think that the want of pecuniary resources is the cause. Many of the metropolitan incumbents enjoy most wealthy benefices, and the two in question are apparently no exception to the rule. We do not say that an incumbent out of his lucrative stipend should pay for having the bells of his church restored; but it is not a terrible stretch of the imagination to suppose that where it is necessary to arrest decay among such important accessories to public worship as bells, the incumbent would be the first to promote their restoration, and out of his "miserable three thousand a year" devote a substantial contribution towards the movement. Disguise it as we may, there is no doubt that where bells and their surroundings are held in such contempt as in the case before us, the disgust at such treatment is not unnaturally heightened by the fact that the incumbency is a most wealthy one.

When we come to the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow and its bells, the cause of offence is more glaring and painfully prominent. The fabric itself, one of the masterpieces of WREN, and without doubt the principal ecclesiastical edifice—next to St. Paul's Cathedral—in the City, is an historical civic monument, and the bells are regarded as the pride and glory of all Londoners. There is no dearth of resource, from a financial stand-point, indeed

if what we hear is true the funds of this Church are of that magnitude which makes it difficult to disburse them. The interior of the edifice has undergone the process of refurbishing so frequently as to give currency to this belief. But the bells—a splendid ring of twelve—of unsurpassed tune and tone, remain in their old-fashioned and ill-formed frame totally uncared for, and if an inquiry perchance be made respecting them, the question is addressed, not to those who could give accurate and trustworthy information, viz.: the ringers; but to an official who knows nothing whatever about their condition, and for all we know does not want to be bothered with interrogatories concerning them. If the organ of the church was in need of repair or alteration, the person to be consulted upon the matter would not be the verger, but him who knew the wants and requirements of the instrument.

Cases of a like character to these are vastly too plentiful over the land. Of course bells will, in time, like everything else, get out of order, and need restoration, and in some instances there may be a difficulty in getting the necessary funds together for the purpose. But in the majority of cases it may be said that "where there's a will there's a way." The contempt in which bells and ringers are regarded by many of the clergy will, we are afraid, at no distant period bring forth evil fruit. By it an aversion to the Church is begotten, which gradually deepens into repugnance and open hostility. It would be well if Churchmen could see what a grand reserve of force they have in the general body of ringers, which in the hour of trial could be utilised. The holders of these lucrative posts in the Church who are apathetic in bell matters will be glad, when the attack is made, to avail themselves of the ringing contingent, and they should secure such co-operation before the eleventh hour. The general body of ringers are loyal to the Church. This wretched apathy, however, is alienating many of them. We hope these remarks will awaken the authorities of the above-named churches to their duty—their legitimate and lawful duty.

The Provinces.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY AND THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Handbell Ringing.

On Friday, July 2, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 size in Bb.

THOMAS RUSSAM* 1-2.	*GEORGE W. TOWNSEND .. 7-8.
JOHN CARTER 3-4.	*JOHN T. PERRY 9-10.
THOMAS MILLER 5-6.	*RICHARD HACKLEY .. 11-12.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Cinques ever rung upon handbells, and was rung without any two bells lying still in the going or coming round, which is of the case in Cinques. The peal contains the 6th fifteen times right and twelve times wrong and the 5th six times right and nineteen times wrong, with all the 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 9, 10's, and the 6, 5, 8, 7, 11, 9, 10's.

Referee: Mr. B. Witcheil, of Holt Society, Aston, who marked every course-end off as they were rung. Witnesses: Messrs. A. Hackley and J. Callaghan.

* First peal of Cinques.

MONMOUTH.—THE MONMOUTH SOCIETY.

On Thursday, July 1, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS DRECE Treble.	JAMES PRIEST 5.
W. HONEYFIELD, Esq. .. 2.	THOMAS H. JONES 6.
WILLIAM WALTERS 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
JAMES BROWN 4.	HENRY BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD BARNETT.

The above is the first peal in any method ever rung on the bells, and the second in the county, the first being rung at Chepstow by a company from Bristol many years ago.

Date Touch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLESFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, July 4th, for Divine Service, eight members of the above association, rang a date touch, 1886 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 14 mins. H. Stringer, 1; W. Turton, 2; S. Hemingfield, 3; E. Hemingfield, 4; Thos. Turton, 5; Fred Turton, 6; George Shaw (composer and conductor), 7; J. Sorby, tenor.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE.—On Tuesday evening, June 29th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23½ minutes. G. Usher, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, June 29th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Plain Bob, forty-two singles (Penning's, from *Rope-sight*). F. Keech, 1; J. Hills, 2; W. Allen, 3; M. Warwick (conductor), 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), standing as before, conducted by C. W. Clarke. And a 360 of Plain Bob. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; W. Allen, 4; S. Cullip, 5; M. Warwick, 6. Also a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; T. Foote, 3; M. Warwick, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday evening, July 5th, 1886, a 720 of Bob Minor. *F. A. Nunn, 1; H. Nunn, jun., 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6. *First 720 in any method.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEERHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, July 4th, by the local company, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (twelve bobs), in 25 minutes. T. Everness, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts (conductor), 3; C. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett, 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, July 1st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 364 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb (conductor), 1; H. Buckingham, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Roslyn, 4; A. Squires, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; Robert Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Also on Sunday, July 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, 350 in the same method. S. Webb, 1; J. Philips, 2; A. Squires, 3; J. Roslyn, 4; Robert Jackson, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Gentle, 8. Also 112. T. Webb (conductor), 1; H. Buckingham, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Squires, 5; J. Hare, 6; Robt. Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ST. ALBAN'S (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—720 of Bob Minor. *A. Sibley, 1; W. Battle, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. *First 720.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Monday, July 5th, at St. Peter's Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 30 mins., with 6-8 covering. D. Betts, 1; G. Pawley (conductor), 2; J. Horton, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; J. Ferguson, 5; W. Apps, 6; H. H. Woolley, 7; E. Price, 8. This was intended for a farewell peal of Grandsire Triples to J. Horton, who is leaving Maidstone for London, but meeting one short, had to be abandoned. His brother ringers wish him every success, both at his place of employ, and among his new ringing fraternity.

CUXTON (near Rochester).—On Sunday, July 4th, at St. Michael's church, after Divine Service in the evening, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 25 minutes. H. Greaves, 1; A. Ring, 2; W. Baker, 3; G. Hutchings, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. H. Greaves and W. Baker belongs to St. Margaret's, Rochester; and the rest to All Saints' Frindsbury. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MAIDSTONE.—On Saturday, July 3rd, at St. Michael and All Angels, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. D. Betts, 1; M. Relf, 2; A. Moorcraft, 3; J. Horton, 4; A. H. Woolley, 5; G. Pawley (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, July 6th, at the church of All Saints, the following members of this branch of the above Association rang the first half of Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples in 1 hr. 35 mins. W. T. Billingham, 1; A. Cresser, 2; J. W. Taylor, sen., 3; J. Hardy, 4; C. Smith, 5; R. Lane, 6; J. W. Taylor, jun., (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in D. This is the first half-peal in the method on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the 47th birthday of E. Wightman, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns, he having been a ringer at All Saints for thirty-one years.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Thursday, July 1st, at the parish church of St. John the Baptist, a 720 of Wells Surprise Minor, in 25 minutes. J. M. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; G. Williams, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 of London Surprise. C. Weeden, 1; the rest as before. This is the first 720 of Wells rang on the bells, also first in the method by all.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday evening, July 5th, for practice at St. Andrew's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, (eighteen bobs and two singles), with the tenor behind, in 28 mins. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Crastree, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 6; A. J. B. Waldron, 7. †First 720 as conductor.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, July 4th, at St. Nicholas' church, for Divine Service, a 756 of Grandsire Triples, in 27 minutes. J. Neves, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; H. Boniface, 3; J. Fox, 4; W. Palmer, 5; James Neves, 6; C. Tyler, 7; E. Butler, 8.

CWMCARVAN (Monmouthshire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, six members of the Monmouth society visited Cwmcarvan, and rang at the parish church a 720 each of Grandsire and Bob Minor. T. Jones, 1; W. Honeyfield, Esq., 2; J. Brown, 3; J. Priest, 4; T. H. Jones, 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6.

LLANARTH (Monmouthshire).—On Tuesday, June 15th, some members of the Monmouth society visited the above place, being kindly invited by the vicar, the Rev. — Osman, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, being the first 720 ever known to have been rung on the bells. W. Honeyfield, Esq., 1; J. Brown, 2; W. Walters, 3; J. Priest, 4; T. H. Jones, 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6. Also some touches of Kent Treble Bob, Court Bob, Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Doubles, in which H. Brown assisted.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, June 30th, being the birthday of J. Bird, an attempt was made for a 5088 of Kent Treble Bob, but after two hours' capital ringing, the fourth rope broke, which brought the peal to an abrupt termination. G. C. Hammond (conductor), 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; S. Slater, 4; F. Wells, 5; J. Bird, 6; P. C. S. Scott, 7; O. Garwood, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Thursday, July 1st, at the parish church, the local society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. J. Prescott, 1; W. Ellis, 2; H. Ellis, 3; J. Sholicar (conductor), 4; W. B. Lloyd, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. Harvey, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Monday, July 5th, at the parish church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes in 46 minutes. John Goodman, 1; David Bruce, 2; William Mills, 3; Samuel Bunn, 4; Robert Schofield (conductor), 5; Joseph Devonport, 6; John Goodman, jun., 7; Ebor Screen, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

WINTERTON (Norfolk).—On Sunday, 27th inst., at the Church of Trinity and All Saints', after divine service in the afternoon, five of the Yarmouth (St. Nicholas) company, with W. Ireland, of Diss, rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 24 minutes. W. Ireland (conductor), 1; W. T. Blyth, 2; H. Ireland, 3; T. Tooley, 4; W. Matthews, 5; G. Crowe, 6. Tenor about 10 cwt. in Bb. Afterwards some touches with Mr. Empson, organist of the church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. A. Ed. Wreaks, of Manchester, wishes to inform his friends that his address in future will be Albert Terrace, Cleveland Road, Crumpsall, Manchester.

ANNIVERSARY AT SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

On Tuesday, June 29th, the usual anniversary took place in this town. Ringing commenced at 7 a.m. at St. Gregory's, where 676 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung. After this a 504 of Grandsire Triples at All Saints'. A peal of Bob Major was attempted at St. Gregory's, but unfortunately came to grief. Touches in various methods were rung up till 2 o'clock, when the ringers and friends to the number of twenty-two, adjourned to the "Bull Hotel," where a capital dinner had been provided by Host Nauldon, to which due justice was done. The chair was occupied by the Rev. T. L. Green, rector of St. Peter's and St. Gregory's, the vice-chair being taken by Mr. Councillor Maulden. Dinner over, and the cloth being removed, the handbells were brought out, and a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung by M. Silvester, 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; F. Tolliday, 7; H. Harper, 8; W. Howell, 9-10; J. Campin, 11-12. After a smoke and a chat, an adjournment was made to the towers where two bands were made up, one ringing Bob Major at St. Gregory's, and the other Grandsire Triples at All Saints'. A touch of Stedman Triples was also rung at All Saints' by N. W. Taylor, 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Bacon, 5; W. Howell, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tower ringing was kept up till 8.30 p.m., the following methods having been rung during the day; Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Major, Bob Major, and Bob Triples. A very pleasant evening was spent at the "Bull Hotel," with songs and touches on the handbells, the company breaking up at 11 p.m., all well pleased with their day's outing.

P.S.—In the report of the peal of Bob Major at Walter Belchamp, it should have been June 27th, not June 21st.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT DUDLEY.

On Thursday, July 1st, 1886, the members of St. Thomas's Society started for a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in honour of the 15th Anniversary of the birth of Miss Cosens, daughter of the respected vicar, the Rev. Dr. Cosens. A change course prevented the completion of the touch, and time not permitting to finish a date touch if again commenced, several short touches were rung, after which (by the kind invitation of Mrs. Cosens), the company adjourned to the vicarage, where a bountiful repast was provided, to which (after the healthful exercise of an hour-and-a-half's practice in the belfry), they did ample justice. During the evening, the vicar, accompanied by Miss Cosens and the curate, the Rev. W. J. Down, graced the company with their presence. In the course of a short address, the vicar referring to the formation of Change Ringing Associations, pointed out some of the benefits to be derived by becoming members, not only in promoting the art of change ringing, but also in training the minds of the ringers in matters appertaining to church discipline and their future happiness. Being amply supplied with the good things of this life, songs and recitations (including the birthday song "Many happy returns of the day,") enlivened the evening. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Cosens and the Dr. for their kindness, with an earnest desire that Miss Cosens may live to be a comfort and a blessing to them, being carried, a verse of "God Save the Queen," brought a most happily spent evening to a close.

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."

PEALS IN FOUR METHODS ON EIGHT BELLS.

SIR,—In answer to correspondents, N. N. Hills and J. R. Pritchard, respecting the mongrel and hotch-potch peal rung at Perry Barr, on May 19th, allow me as conductor of the same, to say that any band who attempts such a mongrel affair, will find it more difficult to complete than any ordinary 5000 in any one of the four methods mentioned. This peal was rung merely as a test of the capabilities of the band to ring the four methods in one peal. With regard to the repetition of changes I am fully aware, but so long as it stated, 5080 changes in four different methods, if each method is true in itself is quite sufficient, any change-ringer knowing that a touch or peal is not completed till rounds are produced. Men that have been connected with the science upwards of thirty years, consider the performance one of merit. If the peal column is to be closed against a peal in various methods because of a repetition, I am afraid we shall have to claim the same privilege against some false compositions by J. R. P., should they be rung. Having no desire to waste your valuable space, I hope this will be sufficient to explain the views entertained upon this subject in Birmingham.

HENRY BASTABLE.

THE INCHCAPE BELL.

No stir in the air, no stir in the sea,
The ship was as still as she could be;
Her sails from Heaven received no motion,
Her keel was steady in the ocean.
Without either sign or sound of their shock
The waves flowed over the Inchcape Rock;
So little they rose, so little they fell,
They did not move the Inchcape bell.
The Abbot of Aberbrothok
Had placed that bell on the Inchcape Rock;
On a buoy in the storm it floated and swung,
And over the waves its warning rung.
When the Rock was hid by the surge's swell,
The mariners heard the warning bell;
And then they knew the perilous Rock
And blest the Abbot of Aberbrothok.
The sun in Heaven was shining gay,
All things were joyful on that day;
The sea-birds scream'd as they wheel'd around,
And there was joyance in their sound.
The buoy of the Inchcape Bell was seen
A darker speck on the ocean green;
Sir Ralph the Rover walk'd his deck,
And he fix'd his eye on the darker speck.
He felt the cheering power of spring,
It made him whistle, it made him sing;
His heart was mirthful to excess,
But the Rover's mirth was wickedness.
His eye was on the Inchcape Float;
Quoth he, "My men, put out the boat,
And row me to the Inchcape Rock,
And I'll plague the Abbot of Aberbrothok.
The boat is lower'd, the boatmen row,
And to the Inchcape Rock they go;
Sir Ralph bent over from the boat,
And he cut the Bell from the Inchcape Float.
Down sunk the Bell with a gurgling sound,
The bubbles rose and burst around;
Quoth Sir Ralph, "The next who comes to the Rock
Won't bless the Abbot of Aberbrothok."
Sir Ralph the Rover sail'd away,
He scour'd the seas for many a day;
And now grown rich with plundered store,
He steers his course for Scotland's shore.
So thick a haze o'erspreads the sky
They cannot see the sun on high;
The wind hath blown a gale all day,
At evening it hath died away.
On the deck the Rover takes his stand,
So dark it is they see no land.
Quoth Sir Ralph, "It will be lighter soon,
For there is the dawn of the rising moon."
"Can't hear," said one, "the breakers roar?
For methinks we should be near the shore?
Now where we are I cannot tell,
But I wish I could hear the Inchcape Bell."
They hear no sound, the swell is strong;
Though the wind hath fallen they drift along,
Till the vessel strikes with a shivering shock,
"O Christ! it is the Inchcape Rock!"
Sir Ralph the Rover tore his hair;
He curst himself in his despair;
The waves rush in on every side,
The ship is sinking beneath the tide.
But even in his dying fear
One dreadful sound could the Rover hear,
A sound as if with the Inchcape bell,
The Devil below was ringing his knell.

SOUTHEY.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Members are requested to take notice that the next Quarterly Meeting of the Association will be held at Baldock on Monday, August 2nd. The arrangements will be the same as on former occasions. Dinner tickets 2s. each, will be supplied by the local secretaries, to whom applications should be made on Monday, July 26th. Railway tickets will be granted at reduced fares to members upon the production of their certificates.

W. WIGRAM, General Secretary.

THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Friday evening, July 2nd, the above society succeeded in ringing upon handbells a peal of Grandsire Cinques, an account of which appears in its proper place among the records. It is with great pleasure, intermixed with pardonable pride, that the company are enabled to announce at last this feat. Thinking it would be interesting to the readers of our valuable paper, I venture to give a few statistics relative to the progress our society has made in handbell ringing, and hope it may urge other young societies to push forward in the same direction. Starting in 1881, it was in January, 1882 before we scored our first peal, and since then without intermission it has been a series of successes. We have recorded, rung upon the handbells, seventeen peals, viz., one of Grandsire Triples, five of Major, eight of Caters, one of Royal, one of Cinques, and one of Plain Bob Major, a record any society ought to be proud of. It may also interest our brother ringers to know the number of peals we have rung individually. Mr. J. Carter comes first with twenty-five peals; Messrs. Miller and Russam, seventeen each; then two of our London friends come next with eleven each, viz., Messrs. Cooter and Wood; but the most wonderful performance is, I think, Mr. G. Townsend's record (in our own society). This gentleman has in the short space of six months, rang a peal of Triples, one of Major, two of Caters, one of Royal, and one of Cinques, showing fully what can be done by perseverance. I could give a great deal more of such interesting matter, but will refrain from taking up too much space, so will bring these remarks to a close by extending an invitation, and promising a hearty welcome to any brother ringer who would like to try for a peal with us.

AMALGAMATED.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, ISLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

On Monday, July 5th, the members of the above society went for their annual outing to New Southgate. Arriving at the "Cherry Tree," they partook of refreshment, and then went to Christ Church, and rang a touch of "Gravedigger's Surprise." J. Haynes, 1; J. Marshall (aged 81), 2; W. Spicer, 3; S. Bennett, 4; S. Thomas, 5; D. Living, 6; W. Williams (conductor), 7; J. Tingatt, 8. Also a short touch of Primrose Surprise, by the same band, conducted by W. Spicer. After the bells had been lowered, a few tunes were played by D. Living. The above band wish to thank the rector and churchwardens for the use of the tower. After leaving Christ Church, the party went to Enfield old church, and rang a touch of Tombstone Surprise, conducted by F. Bennett. And from there they went to host Hingley, of the "Rose and Crown," Clay Hill, and there in a very pleasant garden, under an old yew tree, the cloth was spread, and dinner was served by Capt. W. Spicer. After dinner they took a walk through the woods, of which there are plenty at Enfield, and then returned to the "Rose and Crown," and played a few tunes on the handbells, after which a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells retained in hand, and a vote of thanks to the host, and the party returned home, every one being well satisfied with their day's outing.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

This old society celebrated its two hundred and sixty third anniversary on Monday, June 23rd. Ringers attended from Bentley, Cambridge, Stansted, Sawbridgeworth, and other places, and Squire Proctor with his celebrated band also was present. Some excellent touches in six distinct methods were rung, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Superlative Surprise Major, and the total changes brought round altogether amounted to 7300, which may be considered a good day's performance. The ringers dined at the club house at half-past two o'clock, and having done ample justice to the good things provided by Mr. Daniel Rose, the landlord, were entertained by the Squire and Mr. John Kitchener, playing some capital tunes on the handbells. The Memorial sermon was preached by the Vicar, and thus ended one of the most enjoyable anniversaries ever experienced by the present members of this ancient society.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

A party of twenty ringers from Bishopsgate and St. George's-in-the-East, visited here on Saturday last, and dined at the "Three Tuns" (Mr. T. Powell's). During the day several touches were rung; in the evening, some local and other friends joined the party. Mr. Cook, according to promise, brought his peal of glass handbells, which were considered by all present as a perfect novelty, and during the evening a course of Grandsire Triples were rung, Mr. Cook and another London friend taking part in the same; three courses of Stedman Triples was next, but unfortunately, when in the last course, the treble broke, and so disappointed all; with this exception, all appeared to have enjoyed themselves.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Last week being race-week here, there were several trips from various places, including one from Glossop, Derbyshire, which brought Messrs. J. Sellars, the genial host of the ringers' house at that place, and Mr. W. Harrop. On Tuesday, the 29th ult. a visit was made to St. John's church in the evening, where a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by the following band, it being impossible to muster eight on account of the several counter attractions. F. Lees, 1; W. Harrop, 2; J. Sellars, 3; ———, 4; W. Story, 5; R. S. Story (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. On Wednesday, a peal-board was erected at All Saints' Church in commemoration of the first peal in which the donor of the board, Mr. R. S. Story, took part, which was a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, rung in 1883. On this occasion the following band attempted a 5088 of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing for quarter of an hour, the wheel of the 7th bell completely collapsed, which put an end to ringing for the day at that church. J. Moffitt, 1; W. Harrop, 2; F. Lees, 3; ———, 4; W. Story, 5; J. Hern, 6; R. S. Story (conductor), 7; F. Harrison, 8. A move was however made for St. Stephen's, where there is a heavy peal, by Taylor, tenor 30 cwt., and having the good fortune to stumble accidentally against the obliging verger, Mr. Bell, they succeeded in reaching the belfry and ringing a touch of 960 Kent Treble Bob Major, which is one of the longest, if not the longest length of Major on the bells. The touch, which was rung in very fair style, was performed by J. Moffitt, 1; F. Lees (conductor), 2; W. Harrop, 3; ———, 4; R. W. Wignall, 5; R. S. Story, 6; J. Hern, 7; F. Harrison, 8.

PRESENTATION.

On the 19th inst., a presentation was made to the Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Syston, Leicestershire, on his leaving, after being curate four years, and he being a member of the Syston Society of change-ringers, the members of the society presented him with an electric silver inkstand, bearing the following inscription, "Presented to the Rev. W. C. Pearson, as a token of esteem, by the members of the Syston society of change ringers, 1886." The presentation was accompanied by a document bearing the following: "To the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Dear Sir,—We the undersigned beg your acceptance of this small token of esteem, and regret the loss the society will have by your removal from amongst them. J. North, J. Pickard, J. W. Freeman, E. Hichcox, G. Freeman, G. Walton, J. Hall, W. Bail, A. Swan, W. Freeman, T. Hubbard, W. Walton.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, July 10th, 1886. The tower will be open for ringing the whole of the afternoon. Business meeting at six o'clock. All members and ringing friends are requested to attend.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING for practice will be held at Toddington, Beds., on Saturday afternoon, July 17th. The Rev. C. S. Haslam has kindly given permission to ring the church bells (8), and will provide tea and recreation for such members as may attend.

CHARLES HERBERT, Hon. Sec.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, July 10th. The tower of St. John the Baptist will be open during the afternoon. Business transacted subsequently in the schoolroom. All members are requested to attend the meeting in the schoolroom, as important business is expected to be brought forward.

JOHN WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING of the South Lincolnshire Association will be held at Deeping, St. James', on Saturday, 24th inst. Dinner will be provided at the "Rose and Crown" inn, at 2 p.m., at 2s. each, with malt liquor. Members must send in their names to me on or before Saturday, the 17th inst., or the usual allowance of money will not be granted them.

R. CREASEY, Hon. Sec.

SHAUGH PRIOR DEVON.

The newly restored bells of Shaugh Prior Church were used for service on Tuesday in Easter week. The tenor had been recast by Messrs. Warner, of London, and re-hung by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury. The services in the parish church were Holy Communion at 11 a.m., and evensong at 3.45 p.m., with a sermon preached by the Rev. F. A. Sanders, B.A., vicar of Brixton, Plympton. At about 5 p.m. a public tea was held in the schoolroom, after which the usual amusements were joined in until 10 o'clock.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BLACKHILL, DURHAM.

On Whit-Tuesday evening, the members of the above Society connected with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and a few friends, partook of an excellent repast, ably provided by Mr. Christopher, at the "North-Eastern" Hotel, Blackhill. The object of the gathering was to make a small present to Mr. T. Whinney, Blackhill, and Mr. E. Wallis, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in recognition of their unlimited services and untiring zeal as instructors in the art of ringing. To supplement their endeavours to make everything a success, all the members collected together in the belfry and as a commencement of the programme rung several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and Plain Bob, conducted by E. Wallis. They afterwards adjourned to the Hotel, and did ample justice to the good things provided. Mr. E. Sloane presided. After the cloth had been removed,

The CHAIRMAN rose and said: I have every reason to be proud of the position in which you have placed me. I would much rather you had chosen some one possessed with greater ability to occupy the chair, but as the desire was unanimous I will do my best. I am sure you are all well aware of the reason you have been called together to-night. For a very long period it has been the ever-increasing wish of the bell-ringers to make some sort of recompense to those gentlemen who laboured so zealously and spared no pains for the last two years in training and bringing to such perfection the ringers of St. Mary's. About the beginning of last June it was resolved to make a step in that direction, when, as you all know and deeply regret, our dear Pastor, Father Smith, showed symptoms of a serious illness, which ultimately led to his death, consequently the idea was for the time being postponed. Matters, however, having been partially settled, we now meet to carry out, not only our wishes, but those of Father Smith. You might say, "Why mention him on this occasion?" "Well," I reply, "Tis solely through his actions we have met here." 'Twas always his great aim to make everything handsome and beautiful, and in return for the labours of others it was his constant thought to repay them—if not in one way then in another. Having all the bells affixed in the tower, his sole desire then was to secure good men, those having a love for the work, and it was after great consideration that he selected the present ones. His choice no doubt was a happy one, for we have every reason to be proud of them for their incessant labours and sacrifice of time in accomplishing the study of bell-ringing, which is pronounced by the leading ringers of Newcastle as excellent—a proof noteworthy of the labours of Messrs. Whinney and Wallis. From the commencement I have always found them to be ever ready and willing at any cost to further its advancement. I hope they won't consider the intrinsic value of the presents, but rather the heart and spirit in which they are given. I can only add one more word, and that is a hope that both gentlemen will live long to enjoy the gifts about to be offered them.

Mr. A. NICHOL, on rising to make the presentation, said that he experienced the greatest pleasure that night at being called upon to "do honour to those to whom honour was due." Mr. Whinney, as they all knew, was the first gentleman who volunteered his services to assist them in the method of bell-ringing. In fact when their bells were erected, to show how earnest he felt in the work, he came with his colleagues from Benfieldside and rung for service on Easter-Sunday. Since then he has spared no pains whatever in bringing the Blackhill ringers to the highest standard that lay in his power. Although his resolute manner and determination cause often a dread when his footsteps were heard coming up the belfry, still they openly acknowledged and thoroughly appreciated him, because they knew it would eventually lead to their success. Then as regards Mr. Wallis, he might only repeat the same of him. He never came across one in whom bell-ringing was so keen a study and pleasure. His whole heart seemed to be enwrapped in the art. Like his predecessor, his assistance was invaluable. However, as the latter gentleman was obliged to leave by the 9.0 train, he would conclude by expressing his unlimited joy in presenting to Mr. Whinney a meerschaum pipe, firmly clasped with a silver band, on which was the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. Thomas Whinney, by the ringers of St. Mary's church, Blackhill, June 15th, 1886." Also to Mr. Wallis a pipe bearing the same inscription, and he trusted they would be acceptable to both.

Mr. WHINNEY, who was warmly received, in reply, said he could not adequately thank them for their esteem, and the appreciation they held for his small services devoted to the ringers. He certainly felt he had not worked sufficiently to deserve such kindness from those whom he delighted to associate and spend a happy hour. His duties were extremely light and pleasant to him; although on some occasions he might be slightly annoyed, or his temper got ruffled, still he was glad to say all passed liked smoke. His services were given with that desire that should exist in all religious bodies, wishful of assisting in everything that was noble to the honour and glory of God. Bellringing was always his delight, and if ever prevented from following it up, he would take it greatly to heart. For his poor labours their kindness and hospitality was so full of respect and good feeling, he would never

forget it. He felt sure the reference made by the Chairman to Father Smith was so true that he assured them anyone coming in contact with him could never say an unkind word of him. However, he again tendered his sincere thanks, for their kindness had quite surprised him. Whatever he had done he trusted it would be one more addition to the services of the Church, and accept from him his warmest feelings, which they might rest assured would always remain the same.

Mr. WALLIS then rose amid great applause, and said this token of gratitude was the last thing he ever dreamt of. Seeing he was paid for teaching, he didn't consider himself worthy of any further tribute. His duties were a work of love. He would spare neither time nor patience in getting the ringers to perfection. He might utter a sharp word to them betimes, but it was all for their own good. After an absence of nine weeks, he was delighted and proud on his return to find the progress and achievement they had obtained with such a fine team of men. He might say that Mr. Whinney deserved more credit than himself. Mr. Whinney's discipline in the belfry was perfect, and that was the secret of success. No band could prosper without it. It is simply indispensable. So long as their men worked and pulled together (which he did not for one moment doubt according to past experience), adhere and carry out the instructions given them, they would undoubtedly succeed. Therefore, while thanking them all from his heart for their undeserving kindness, he assured the company that their geniality would ever remain in his memory as a token of respect and good-fellowship from the bell-ringers of St. Mary's.

Mr. WALLIS proposed "The Health of the ringers." He hoped they would ever persevere in their work, and not only become the best in the diocese, but in the north. The bells were certainly second to none in the county of Durham, and he hoped before long the remaining two would be placed in the tower, which would be an additional credit to the District. No matter what happened to him he would never sever his connection with St. Mary's, for he had ever received the sincerest kindness from the priests and those connected with the church.

Mr. M. RODGERS, on rising to acknowledge the toast, begged, in the first place, to thank Mr. Wallis, on behalf of all the ringers, for his kind expressions towards them. They felt ever grateful for the endeavours of Mr. Whinney in laying the foundation of success, and to Mr. Wallis for the slating of the roof. Both gentlemen deserved the greatest praise for their unlimited and untiring zeal. He took this opportunity of tendering to Mr. Nichol, leader of the company, the thanks of the ringers for his very valuable aid and perseverance in acquiring such perfection. Without his assistance he was afraid they would have fared very badly. Again he thanked Mr. Wallis for his toast, and in return, faithfully promised ever to do their utmost to please him, and hoped he would live long amongst them.

Mr. R. MOORE experienced the greatest pleasure in supporting the remarks of Mr. Rodgers. He certainly would feel sorry to allow the night to pass away without corroborating what had already been stated. He was no speech maker, but was glad indeed that this presentation had taken place, for the gentlemen were undoubtedly worthy of it. He was proud to be a bellringer, and felt deeply grateful for the many services of Mr. Whinney and Mr. Wallis.

Mr. J. T. DOBSON moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman for so kindly presiding over the meeting. The vote was most enthusiastically responded to with musical honours, and the Chairman thanked them for their kind appreciation of his pleasing duty, and hoped after that night they would work with increased energy, and thereby become, not only a credit to their congregation, but the whole neighbourhood.

"Auld Lang Syne" having been sung, the company dispersed, having spent a most successful and enjoyable evening.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The Third Annual Meeting of this Society was held at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 26th, in glorious weather. There were over 60 members present, and nearly all the bands in union with the Society were represented. After some ringing in the cathedral belfry, the committee meeting was held, the ven. Archdeacon Iles in the chair. The report and balance sheet were read and passed. Seventeen new members were elected, and it was decided to receive applications for grants towards instructors at the next meeting. A short evening service was held at 5 p.m., in the lady chapel of the cathedral, when a stirring address to the members was given by the Rev. A. F. W. Ingram, Bishop's Chaplain. A party of ringers were afterwards conducted over the cathedral by Archdeacon Iles. Tea was served in the coffee house at 6 p.m., to over 60 of the members, and a very enjoyable and encouraging day was closed with more ringing on the cathedral bells. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year. Hon. Treasurer, Rev. C. H. Joberns, vicar of Christ Church, West Bromwich. Hon. Secretaries: Rev. J. R. Keble, vicar of Perry Barr; Mr. S. Reeves, West Bromwich. The next meeting will be held at Wednesbury, on September, 25th.

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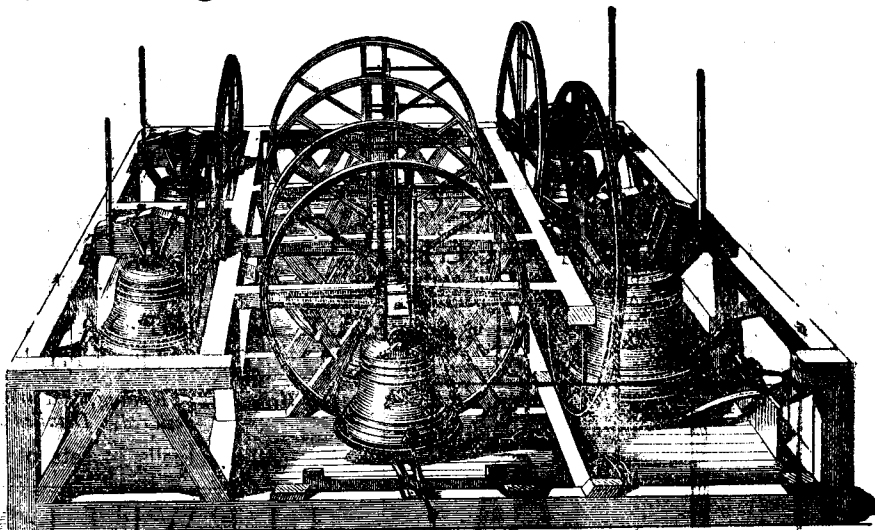


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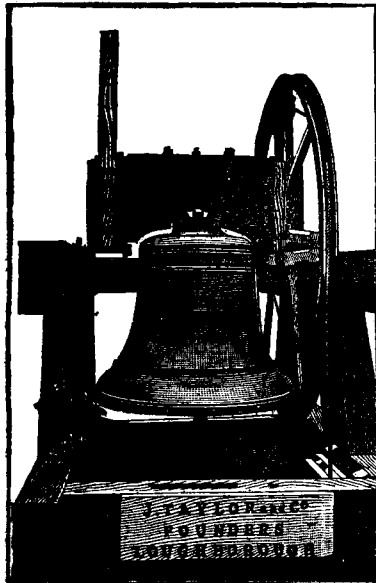
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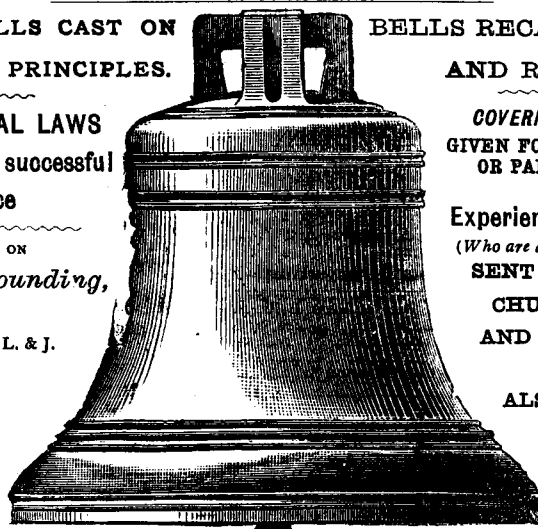
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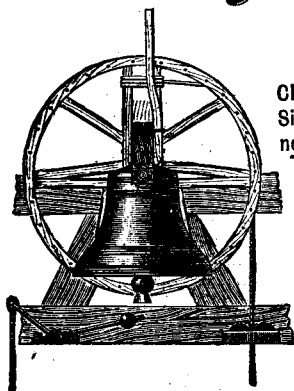
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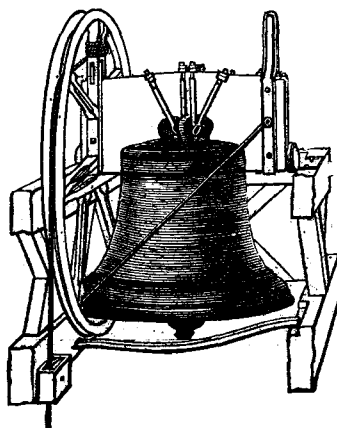
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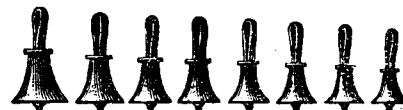


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THE TZAR KOLOKOL; OR THE GREAT BELL OF MOSCOW.

The following article, which we have had for some considerable time on hand for publication, may not approve uninteresting, and may be acceptable to those of our readers who will have copies of the book on this bell, which is advertised in another column.

Few researches are attended with more difficulty than an attempt to ascertain with accuracy the dimensions of large bells of ancient date, and in the case of the Russian giants the problem becomes almost insoluble. The veneration with which the Muscovites regard their bells is in itself a formidable obstacle. In dealing with the Tzar Kolokol, the greatest, at any rate, of European bells, special difficulties occur. The most exaggerated and conflicting accounts, accompanied in some instances by more or less burlesque representations of the mighty bell, have appeared from time to time in various books, all of which claim ample authority for their utterly irreconcilable averments. Under these circumstances it is interesting, as well as satisfactory, to meet with an account written by the particular individual who had the best of all opportunities of examining the bell, and was therefore in a position to place on record authentic and well-considered data regarding it.

The "Description de la Grande Cloche de Moscou," by Mons. Auguste Ricard de Montferrand, was published in Paris, in 1840, by M.M. Thierry Frères, of the Cité Bergère. It is an imperial folio, containing twenty-one leaves of thick paper. After the bastard title, and title page proper, comes a dedication to his Highness, Monseigneur le Prince Pierre de Wolkonsky, a dignitary whose titles and orders have an entire page to themselves. Next comes an introductory address to the reader. This, like the dedication, engrosses two pages. All these are gorgeously illuminated in gold and colors. In the printed matter contained in these introductory leaves, the author employs the ancient French idiom, on the ground that it seems to be in good keeping with the date of the bell he was about to describe. The fifth leaf is devoted to this explanation. On the sixth is a stanza from a poem upon the Great Bell. Then come eleven pages of letter-press, each surrounded by an arabesque border of Byzantine character, beautifully engraved, and lastly there are nine plates on India paper. Five of these give the details of ornaments on the bell, three shew the manner of raising it, and the last presents a general view of the bell and its surroundings, as they appeared after the completion of Mons. de Montferrand's undertaking. The letter-press begins with some general remarks about bells, of no special interest. The portion I have selected for translation extends from the middle of the fifth page to the end—more than half of the print contained in the book—and relates exclusively to the Tzar Kolokol herself.

I have thought it worth while to enter into these details, as Montferrand's work is extremely scarce, a fact explained not merely from the costly nature of the publication naturally limiting the number of copies worked off, but because for some reason that has not transpired, the Russian Government bought up the entire issue so far as that could be done. (V. Notes and Queries, 4th series, Vol. I., p. 446.)

TRANSLATION.

The Great Bell of Moscow, known as the Tzar Kolokol, the Queen of bells, is the largest of which we have knowledge. She was cast in 1733, by order of the Empress Anna Ivanovna, to replace a previous bell made by command of the Tzar Alexis Mikhailovitch, and broken during a conflagration in the Kremlin in 1701. The extraordinary size of this bell, the height being 20 ft. 7 ins. and the diameter 22 ft. 8 ins.* the beauty of her shape and of the bas-reliefs with which she is adorned, also the intrinsic value of the metal itself, combine to form a monument doubly interesting, both from its religious associations, and as a proof of the high degree of perfection in the art of casting metals, attained by the Russians at such a comparatively remote epoch.

This great bell, of which the weight is 12,000 pounds, or 480,000 lbs (Russ.) was successfully cast on the spot where she still remained. On the 25th March, 1836, the date upon which I arrived at Moscow, for

the purpose of removing the earth in which she had lain for more than a century. She had been stripped of the casting mould, and was carefully planted (régulièrement posée) on a strong iron grating, which I was able to inspect after the superincumbent soil had been cleared away. This grating was attached to twelve piles of oak, that had distinctly formed part of the lower portion of the mould. Such was the position of the bell when the chasing, yet unfinished, of the ornaments upon her, was begun. One may assume that these arrangements were in all probability made with a view to the erection of a belfry over the bell, in which she was to be suspended. This new belfry was no doubt to communicate with the tower of Ivan Velikoi, by means of several galleries, built at different levels, to serve as convenient approaches from one building to the other, and for the still more important purpose of knitting them together, and imparting stability, capable of withstanding the concussions that would be necessarily caused by the oscillation of so enormous a bell.

This plan was in course of being carried out, when the terrible fire by which at the time (1737) a part of the town was destroyed, spread to the wooden structures surrounding the bell. The timber shed within which she was, having been consumed, she was covered with a quantity of burning beams that could not be extinguished owing to the fierceness of the flames. Hence the fracture of the bell. There are traditions of the period to the effect that having become heated, she cracked when touched by the water thrown upon her by the people with over much zeal in the hope of saving her, a proceeding which had a result quite contrary to what they anticipated. The embers and charred beams I found in the surrounding soil, especially about the bell, leave no doubt as to this having really occurred. But the circumstance that more than anything else refutes the various stories, in themselves improbable, so long current about the matter, is the discovery made twenty-one years ago of two inscriptions which were brought to light in excavating the ground, in the vicinity of the tower of Ivan Velikoi.

In the first of these inscriptions it is recorded, "That in 1651 the Tzar Alexis Mikhailovitch ordered the casting of a bell of 320,000 pounds weight, and that this bell after having been in use up to 1701, was broken, through a great fire that took place in the Kremlin."

The second inscription gives us to understand "That the Empress Anna Ivanovna ordered the previous bell to be re-cast, a new one being made with the addition of 80,000 pounds of metal."

Although the weight of the present bell exceeds by 80,000 pounds, the aggregate weight of the bell Tzar Alexis Mikhailovitch, together with the metal added by command of the Empress Anna Ivanovna, it is easy to account for the discrepancy, since in the case of large castings it is always necessary to provide a surplus of metal, and it is impossible to determine precisely the weight of an article until it has been actually moulded.

If we compare the size of other great bells with that of the bell of Moscow, we may be sure because of her vastly superior magnitude, that she was destined to form one of the adornments of the Kremlin. For a long period, however, difficulties, apparently insurmountable, prevented the accomplishment of the design.

The Emperor Paul 1st, in 1797, on the occasion of one of his visits to Moscow, was pleased to invite a clever engineer of the name of J. Guirt, to devise means for raising the bell, preparatory to depositing her elsewhere. The ideas of this expert, though well conceived, were never carried out, from the fear that in raising the colossal mass it would be broken to pieces. In 1819, General de Bethancourt requested me to examine the bell and to submit plans to him. Some time thereafter, the able General Fabre was entrusted with the same commission, proving that it was the wish of the Emperor Alexander 1st, to place the bell on some fitting site. Whether, however, the same misgivings that had so long subsisted, still delayed the experiment, or some other reason altogether, the fact remains that the most beautiful bell in the world continued buried in the earth, and was only on rare occasions visited by strangers desirous of becoming acquainted with the antiquities of Moscow.

The Emperor Nicholas I. who busies himself unceasingly with everything likely to prove useful or agreeable to his subjects, was desirous to ascertain whether it would be practicable to re-unite the broken fragment of the bell, and supposing it to be so, the intention of the Sovereign was to build a belfry in which to place her. Since however the prodigious dimensions of the bell precluded the employment of the process (V. Note) now adopted for repairing bells of moderate bulk, his Imperial Majesty decided that she should be merely hoisted out of the pit and mounted upon a pedestal near the tower of Ivan Velikoi.

Having had the honour of being selected to offer a plan of operations and to direct the work involved thereby, I proceeded to Moscow where I arrived on March 25th, 1836. My first care was to remove to a depth of thirty feet, the soil round the bell, and to construct a strong wooden brattice, so as to guard against any falling in of debris. A number of pumps kept constantly at work, dried the ground in the course of a few days, so that I could easily examine every part in the

*Compare with these the measurements taken by Mr. G. W. Whistler in 1868-9. Height exclusive of top, 17 ft. Circumference 67 ft. 11 in. Diameter at top, 8 ft. 9 in. inside and 6 ft. 5 in. inside. †From the top of the bell (17 ft. from the base) to the top of the bell and cross, is 9 ft. 4 in., making the total height 26 ft. 4 in. Extreme thickness, 233 in. (measured at fracture), and 7 in. at 7 ft. from the base. V. Notes and Queries, 4th Ser., Vol. III., p. 291.

bell, and I thus ascertained that with the exception of the fractured piece that lay beside her, she was entire, and free from any other blemish,* and that she could be raised and moved without risk of breakage. This essential point having been settled, I proceeded to the formation of the wooden framework, which was finished in six weeks, together with all the other preparations. On April 30th, I received the mandate of his Excellency the military governor of the town and of the members of the board of works in the Kremlin, expressing their desire that the bell should be raised on the following day. It was just 10 o'clock in the morning, and an immense crowd filled the Kremlin and its precincts, when I received the order to begin. In the first place a *Te Deum* was sung to invoke the blessing of the Most High upon the undertaking. At the moment of my giving the signal, my workmen and the populace signed themselves with the cross, and the appliances were put in motion. Presently ominous cracks were heard as the cables tightened, but the solidity of the wood-work was such that these noises soon ceased, and the colossus rose to view, dragging with it a part of the iron frame on which it had rested. The first efforts to start into motion the mighty mass of metal were so great that two cables gave way immediately. Soon afterwards a block (moufle) which had broken, was hurled with great force against the scaffolding. The bell still continued to rise. The most profound silence reigned among the spectators, and not a sound was heard but the dull and measured noise of the capstans. Interest mingled with alarm appeared to have replaced the hope of success in the minds of the onlookers, and those who but a little before pressed around me and showered upon me their congratulations in anticipation, now one after another kept aloof. Nine capstans remained in an effective condition and continued to work freely. This even was more than enough for my purpose. Standing near the bell, which had accomplished a third of the entire distance she was to traverse, I erected a ladder for the convenience of four workmen who were posted aloft to guide the cables. The operation became complicated. As a result of the breaking of the cables, the bell had gradually assumed an oblique position, that impeded her ascent. Two cables on which there was a greater strain than on the others snapped nearly at the same moment. Upon this I gave the signal to stop. The anxiety was overpowering—of the four workmen stationed above the bell, three had gone off precipitately, one only steady at his post, awaited my orders. I sent him into the pit, beneath the Colossus, which groaned audibly, to plant some timber shores in position. As soon as this brave fellow had got out of the way, I caused the bell to be lowered and succeeded in depositing her on the space clear of earth without accident.

The non-success of this first attempt must be ascribed to the rupture of the cables. On examination it turned out that though to all appearances new and sound, they were nevertheless rotten in several places, owing to moisture having penetrated into them during their transport from St. Petersburg to Moscow, where they had lain six months before my arrival.

I now ordered new cables, and to be the more certain of success, I increased the number of capstans, fixing it at twenty. My new preparations having been completed, the operation took place on the 23rd July, in presence of a large assemblage, of his Excellency the Governor-General, of the chief authorities of the town, and of the members of the Board of Works in the Kremlin. At five in the morning, as soon as the clergy had concluded their prayers for a happy termination of the work, I stationed the soldiers at the capstans and at five minutes past six I gave the signal, and the machinery was set a-going. Presently, the bell, covered with the dust of ages, was seen to rise slowly from the pit, filling with her huge bulk the interior of the frame-work. The operation lasted 42 min. 33 secs. and succeeded to perfection, to the great satisfaction of the inhabitants, who were astonished when they saw the Colossus suspended in the air. The mouth of the pit was forthwith closed by a strong platform of wood, intended to carry the truck, upon which the bell was lowered and conveyed to the pedestal, where she was finally fixed on the 26th July.

Regarded as an object of art, this bell is remarkable both for the beauty of her shape and from the sculptures, in the style of Bouchardon and Coysevox, with which she is covered. These bas-reliefs, exhibit portraits full length and life-size, but unfinished, of the Tsar Alexis Mikailovitch, and of the Empress Anna Ivanovna. Between these portraits, on two escutcheons surmounted by angels, are the traces of two inscriptions roughly blocked out, of which only a few unconnected words can be deciphered.** The crown of the bell is adorned with

*How to reconcile this with what Mr. G. W. Whistler says about the state of the bell when he examined in 1868-9, I know not. He says "There are seven large cracks in the bell, three on one side of it extending from its base to near its top, and on this side the triangular piece seven feet high, and nine feet base, is broken out. . . . On the opposite side of the bell there are four cracks, extending 2 to 3½ feet in height." Have these resulted in some way from Mns. de Montferand's own operations?

†Bouchardon and Coysevox, two celebrated French sculptors, of whom the first flourished during the first half of the 18th century, and the latter during the last half of the 17th and beginning of the 18th centuries. From the excellency of his portrait busts, Coysevox was called the "Vandyke of Sculpture."

**It is difficult to reconcile this with what appears in the pages of Lyall,

figures of Our Lord, the Virgin, and the Holy Evangelists. The upper and lower friezes are formed of palm leaves treated with freedom and much artistic feeling.

If popular tradition is to be believed the metal of this bell must contain a certain quantity of gold and silver, which wealthy and pious individuals flung into the furnace.* The whitish colour, which is not possessed by other bells, seems to confirm the statement. Moreover, the veneration of the people of Moscow for the bell is such as to have hitherto prevented even the least particle from being taken so as to ascertain the composition of the metal.*

His Imperial Majesty having ordered that the bell should be surmounted with a cross of gilded bronze, I was obliged, in order to affix this cross and the ornaments belonging to it, to pare away the excrescences left by the moulding joints that had not been smoothed off. The analysis of the metal made at St. Petersburg, under the superintendence of Colonel Sobolevsky, at the laboratory of the College of mines, gives the following result:

Copper	..	..	..	..	84.51
Tin	..	..	..	..	13.21
Sulphur	..	..	..	..	1.25
Loss	..	..	..	..	1.03
					100 parts

The loss is attributable to zinc and arsenic, of which traces were found.

The Queen of Bells stands displayed on the great platform of the Kremlin, near the Tower of Ivan Velikoi, on an octagonal pedestal of granite. She is surmounted by four brackets, which carry a ball, with a Greek Cross, in gilded bronze. The total height of the monument is thirty-four feet.

On one of the sides of the pedestal is the following inscription, composed by myself, and graciously approved by His Imperial Majesty. The lettering is Slavonic, it is gilded, and engraved on a slab of bluish white marble known as *bordillio*.

Here follows the inscription in Russian, with a French translation beneath.

This bell, cast in 1733, during the reign of the Empress, ANNA IVANOVNA, after having been buried in the earth for more than a century, was raised and placed here on the 4th August, 1836, by command, and during the glorious reign of the Emperor, Nicholas the First.

The piece broken out of the bell has been placed beside the pedestal, but in such a position that it is easy to see into the interior of the Monument, which may be regarded as the most interesting and extraordinary of its kind in existence.

(Note). "The following is the method employed. The bell must be turned month upwards preparatory to the edges of the fracture being sawn in such a way as to make an angular gap, a piece of wood is then to be accurately fitted to the bell, and from this piece as a pattern, a casting is made in bell-metal. The fire must be kept as much as possible at a steady heat. After ten or twelve hours the blast is to be directed solely to the part that is to be mended, and at the same time the triangular piece that is to fill up the breach, must be brought to a red heat. When the edges both of the fracture and of the piece which is to fill it, have both nearly reached white heat, and are on the point of fusion, the fuel is to be cleared away, the ashes blown off, and the whole sprinkled with borax. The piece about to be inserted must now be seized with the tongs, plunged into the breach, and driven home by light hammering. The friction occasioned by the blows causes an advance in the temperature of the edges, which soften and coalesce with each other, so as to form a homogeneous mass. The operation over, the bell must be allowed to cool slowly, the rough joints must be dressed off, and it will be found that the voice of the bell is restored.

If the heat be limited to the edges it is intended to solder, the unequal expansion that results will certainly cause the bell to crack in fresh places. Unless also attention is paid to the fire, there will be danger of melting the bell."

To make the account of the great bell more complete, I now transcribe from the pages of Lyall (*Character of the Russians and detailed History of Moscow*, 4to, London, 1823). The inscriptions on the two escutcheons (v. Sup.) as copied by Mr. Wilson of Alexandrovskii, and verified by Mr. Lyall himself.

(1).

"By order of the blessed, and eternally-worthy of memory Great Gosudar, Tsar, and Great Duke, Alexei Michaelovitch, Autocrat of all Great, Little, and White Russia, this great bell was cast for the chief cathedral, dedicated to the honourable and famous Assumption of the most holy Mother of God—containing 8000 poods of copper,—in the year 7162 from the creation of the world, and from the birth by the flesh of God the Word, 1654. It began to announce Divine Service, in the year 7167, and in the year 1668, from the birth of

*"Everyone," says Hanway, "ambitious to contribute towards it threw some gold or silver into the furnaces, which were four in number: these furnaces had cocks which let off the metal into the mould."

Christ, and continued to announce Divine Service till the year 7208, from the creation of the world, and till the year 1709, from the birth of our Lord; in which year, on the 19th June, in consequence of a great fire which happened in the Kremlin, it was damaged."

"Till the year 7239, from the beginning of the world, and the year 1731 from the birth into the world of Christ it remained mute."

(2.)

"By order of the most pious, most potent, and great Gosudarina, the Empress Anna Ivanovna, Autocratess of all Russia, in glory of God in the acknowledged Trinity, and in honour of the most holy Mother of God, this bell was cast for the chief cathedral of her famous assumption from the 8000 poods of copper of the former bell that was destroyed by fire, with the addition of 2000 poods of copper, in the year 7242 from the Creation of the world, and in the year of Our Lord 1734, in the 4th year of her most prosperous reign."

(The Russian pood or poud, is equivalent to 40 Russian pounds, or 36 English pounds, auroirdupois.)

Of these inscriptions, Mr. Lyall says, that when compared with the transcripts that accompanied the drawing of the bell made for the Emperor, they were found to correspond,—“notwithstanding that a few words on the bell were almost illegible.” In the first inscription a misprint occurs in Mr. Lyall's book which I have corrected, 1761 being put for 1709. The error appears from a comparison of the two sets of dates. Presuming that with the exception of these numerals, the copy is correct, and that the information furnished by the bell itself may be relied on, it follows there is a blunder in the inscription, not quoted from the bell, but from the excavated tablet of which the substance is given by Mons. de Montferrand. For 1651, the date assigned to the bell of Alexis Mikhailovitch, must be substituted 1654, and for 1701, when the bell is said to have been broken, must be read 1709. Here we are brought face to face with a sample of the inconsistencies the bell historian is called upon to reconcile.

A question involving still more perplexity, occurs as to the data for estimating the true weight of the bell. Mons. de Montferrand unfortunately assigns no reason for stating that the weight exceeds by 80,000 pounds the aggregate weights of the bell of the Tsar Alexis, 320,000 pounds, and of the additional metal 80,000 pounds, added by the Empress Anna on the occasion of the recasting. He accepts without modification the traditional weight of 12,000 poods, or 480,000 Russian pounds. “Innumerable writers,” to use Mr. Lyall's phrase, Russian, German, French, English, etc., “have recorded the same figures. If, however, we are to believe the testimony of the bell itself, a weight of 10,000 poods only, is the correct total, equal to 400,000 Russian pounds, or 360,000 English pounds. So it is,”—sententiously remarks Mr. Lyall, “that examination leads to the elicitation of truth.”

In conclusion, I append the estimate of the value of the metal in the bell, as calculated by Hanway (v. Account of the British Trade, vol. 1. part 2, chap. 14). Assuming the weight to be 12,327 poods (!) equal to 443,772 English pounds, the value at 3/0 a pound is £65,681. He adds,—“the sound of it rather amazed and deafened than delighted the inhabitants.”

The enormous tongue of the bell was seen by Lyall on the ground at the base of the tower of Ivan. In winter he says “it is nearly covered with snow.” Its greatest circumference was found to be six feet, and its length fourteen. The measurement, however, was roughly taken, and at a time when there was snow on the ground.

NOTE.—In translating Montferrand, I have, of course, rendered the words “pieds” and “ponces,” feet and inches, though the measurements do not exactly correspond. The “pied” or “pied de roi” is equal to 12.7893 inches English, nearly 13 inches. The “ponce” is the twelfth part of the “pied de roi.” The “livre,” which is translated pound, is equal, approximately, to half a kilogramme or 1 and one-tenth of a pound avoirdupois.

G. G. CUNNINGHAME.

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THE Annual Meeting will be held at Bletchingley (by the kind permission of the Rector), on Monday, July 19th. Tea will be provided at the “Red Lion” at 6 p.m., and will be free to all ringing members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year; all others 1s. 6d. each. The tower at Nutfield (six bells) will be open for ringing as well as Bletchingley. The election of officers and committee takes place at this meeting.

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ANNUAL OUTING OF THE (ST. MARY'S) REIGATE SOCIETY.

ON Monday, July 5th, the members of this society with their sweethearts, wives, and friends, mustered at Redhill Junction, Eastbourne being the place selected. Roll was called by the Master at 6.30, the time for departure being 6.38.

Starting on the journey, the handbells were soon brought into use, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Major, also the late Mr. J. Cox's shortest touch of Grandsire Triples round at hand, was rung by F. Linter, 1-2; E. Moses, 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; G. Croucher, 7-8. Arriving at Eastbourne at 8.45, they were met by Mr. Huggett, of the St. Mary's society, old town, whom they found had made arrangements for us to have a pull at the each church, so after refreshing the inner man, those that did not come out for ringing made their way to the beach for which Eastbourne is noted, its parade and sea front being the finest on the south coast. The rest of the company started for Christ Church, where they found a nice little peal of six, all in apple pie order, tenor about 8 cwt., and rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. F. Linter, 1; W. Bone, 2; E. Moses, 3; T. Fuller, 4; W. Webb, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. And 360 of Bob Minor. G. Croucher, 1; E. Moses, 2; W. Argent, 3; W. Webb, 4; E. Kenward, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. After strolling along the parade, they found their way to St. Saviour's Church, where they found a heavy peal of eight, tenor 25 cwt., but were disappointed in not being able to ring them open so they contented themselves by ringing 210 of Grandsire Triples, and a course each of Union and Oxford Bob Triples on the silent apparatus.

The time had now arrived for them to be getting away to the old town, where dinner was to be ready at 1 p.m., so “go” was called for a “twopenny ride on a bus,” and was brought round in about ten minutes by finding themselves at the “Lamb Hotel,” where host Brown had all in readiness in the shape of a good hot dinner. Ample justice being done, and thanking the host, they visited the old church of St. Mary, which must be over a thousand years old, there being a piece of plate in the chancel dated 495, which was found when the chancel was restored in 1826. From the top of the tower a splendid view of the town, the English Channel, and South Downs is obtained. The ringing chamber is in excellent order, a very good circle, the bells go very well, but some of them feel inclined to slip occasionally, tenor 16 cwt. After several unsuccessful attempts for Stedman Triples, a 448 of Grandsire was brought round. G. Croucher, 1. W. Bone, 2; E. Moses, 3; E. Jordan, 4; T. Fuller, 5; E. Kenward (conductor), 6; W. Webb, 7; J. Howard, 8. And a course of Bob Major. F. Harding, 2; W. Argent, 5; G. Williams, 8; the rest as before. Also 447 of Grandsire Triples. G. Croucher, 1; T. Fuller, 2; F. Harding, 3; L. Huggett, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; J. Potter, 6; E. Moses, 7; J. Howard, 8. Leaving here, they made their way for All Saints' where they had arranged for a pull at six o'clock, but on getting there only six mustered, but determined not to be disappointed from having a pull, they rang 120 of Grandsire, which brought along two of the local ringers, just in time for them to ring a 447 of Grandsire Triples before leaving. F. Harding, 1; W. Siggs, 2; T. Hart, 3; F. Linter, 4; L. Huggett, 5; E. Moses, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; W. Argent, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E. After a few minutes with their Eastbourne friends, they had to hurry off for the train which was due at 7.45, and were soon on the way back to Redhill, the journey being enlivened by songs and several courses of Triples, Major, and a course of Caters on the handbells, arriving at Reigate about 10.30, having spent a most enjoyable day. The above society wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicars and Churchwardens for the use of the bells at the several churches visited, also to Mr. Huggett and the steeplekeepers for making the arrangements so satisfactory to all, and they hope this will not be their last visit to Eastbourne.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE tower of St. Mary's, a ring of ten bells, will be open on Bank Holiday, August 2nd, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the opening of the bells. All ringers invited. Tower open at 2 o'clock.

ERECTION OF A CLOCK AT CHARD, SOMERSET.

A very large clock and chimes have recently been erected in Chard parish church, Somerset, the gift of Geo. England, Esq. The clock shows time on two handsome skeleton dials, strikes the hours upon a 25 cwt. bell, and the chimes play upon the eight bells. Every improvement has been incorporated in the clock works so as to make it an absolutely accurate time-keeper and form a standard of time for the district. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work, and they are also making similar clocks for Burnley church, Ingestre Hall, Harpenden Schools, Cheltenham church, U.S.A., and others.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1886.

BETWEEN two veterans of the London Exercise a discussion has recently taken place respecting the proper mode of ringing muffled peals. This conversation merely related to the manner in which bells should be "buffed," whether on one side of the clapper only, or both; one of the worthies maintaining that the latter mode, and the other the former one, was the most regular on general occasions. The tone of the discussion, if we heard it aright, was to the effect that some distinction should be made when the decease of a ringer was indicated. And then it became a matter of contention whether for a ringer the bells should be "buffed" on both sides, and on one side for a non-ringer, or *vice versa*. It occurred to us when thinking of this interesting conversation that it would be well if some practical rule could be laid down, some regular style be followed, so that our brother-strings could feel they were doing things not only decently but correctly, and in accordance with the approved usage of members of the art whose training qualified them to judge of the best mode.

It will not be understood or taken for granted that we want to thrust our own opinions relating to this subject upon our ringing friends; nor in fact our ideas upon any subject. We are well aware, unfortunately, that there are obstinate people among ringers who will not only have their own way, but resent a suggestion as an interference with their liberty of action. But our educated and charitably-disposed brethren will concede that our experience gives us some little claim to express an opinion on this and on many other subjects connected with bells or ringing. We say, then, firstly, that the ringing of bells muffled should not be resorted to so frequently; the practice is becoming by far too common. Without attempting to define what people for whose demise the bells should be "buffed," we think some rule of conduct should obtain in the matter. And when muffled the bells should have the "buffs" on one side only. Double muffles on any occasion are simply absurd. The distinctive features of a mournful occasion are destroyed, and the contrast deemed necessary is rendered abortive by the sameness of

the tones. There is ample precedent for our objection. We do not hear the king of instruments—the organ—almost totally subdued when the "Dead March" is being performed on some appropriate occasion. And other similar instances could be adduced which would add weight to our condemnation of the practice of double muffling. But perhaps we have said enough to call attention to the want of some recognised mode of performing what should be regarded as a solemn duty. There may be a few unevenly-balanced minds who spurn our observations on this, and in fact every other subject. These sort of people cavil at anything, and object to our journal and all concerned with it, because it cannot conform to their grovelling ideas. We believe that upon this question, as upon many others we deal with, we shall meet with a response from many of the most intelligent and courteous of our readers.

The Provinces.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.—THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 12, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

HUMPHREY BIRD Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
W. HONEYFIELD, Esq. .. 2.	A. F. M. CUSTANCE, Esq. 6.
WILLIAM ATKINS 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
JOHN WALL 4.	ROBERT CLARK Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, July 10, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE HAYES Treble.	FREDERICK HAYES 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	BENJAMIN SPUNNER 6.
*HENRY DAVIES 3.	WILLIAM HARPER 7.
FREDERICK FRENCH 4.	GEORGE MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by F. FRENCH.

This band met to commemorate the erection of a new tablet for the peal rang by the same band in February last, and it also being the 21st birthday of G. Hayes, his brother ringers wish him many happy returns of the day. *First peal.

Date Touch.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorkshire).—On Friday, July 9th, at Christ Church, the local company rang a date touch of 1886 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Whitworth, 1; W. Goodall (conductor), J. Illingworth, 3; T. North, 4; H. Brook, 5; S. Goodall, 6; L. Illingworth, 7; M. Ramsden, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. This touch was rung in honour of the 86th birthday of Mr. William Sottanstill, of Sowerby, who composed it.

Miscellaneous.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, July 6th, eight members of this Society rang a muffled peal consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, and two touches of Grandsire Triples, as a last mark of respect and esteem to the late Mr. Henry Driver. S. Clarke, 1; B. Foskett, 2; B. Paine, 3; H. Tyler, 4; E. Chapman, 5; W. Hutt, 6; G. Newson (conductor), 7; W. Arscott, 8. Tenor 27 cwt.

HIGHGATE (Middlesex).—On Tuesday evening, July 13th, eight members of this Society rang at St. Anne's church, a deeply muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, and a touch of 700 Grandsire Triples, as a last mark of respect and esteem to the late Mr. Henry Driver, who had been a scruffe ringer at the above church for about twelve years. S. Clarke, 1; J. Page, 2; B. Paine, 3; T. Glead, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Hannington, 6; G. Newson (conductor), 7; T. Monks, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Sunday, June 20th, at St. Martin's Church, after Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Post, jun., 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post sen., 6. The above was rung in honour of Mrs. Blomfield's birthday, (wife of the Rector), and the 50th accession of Her Majesty the Queen. And on July 8th, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 27 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; *J. G. Elliot, 2; D. Hodgkin, 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post sen., 6. Tenor 14 cwt in G. *J. G. Elliott hails from Sittingbourne, his first 720. The Aldington ringers would be pleased to meet a visitor any evening with a few days' notice, after 7 o'clock.

MERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, June 29th, at St. John the Baptist's Church, 336 of Bob Major. William Post jun., 1; Edward Ruck sen., 2; George Paine, 3; David Hodgkin, 4; Edward Hyder, 5; Fred Wanstall, 6; William Hyder (conductor), 7; Philip Hodgkin, 8. E. Ruck and G. Paine are of the Mersham Band, the rest from Aldington. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—Recently, at the parish church, a 720 Chichester Surprise, in 25 mins. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; G. Williams, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. This is the first 740 of Chichester on the bells, the first in the method by the band, and rung at the first attempt.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Wednesday, July 7th, at St. James's church, five members of the above Society, with Mr. J. Hinton, rang a 720 of Bob Minor. *G. Pearce, 1; *H. Tucker, 2; *W. Porch, 3; J. Hinton, 4; *A. Howell, 5; H. Porch (conductor), 6. *First 720 in any method.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, July 13th, on handbells, retained in hand, a course and a 42 of Grandsire Triples. W. Hatten, 1; T. Higgins, 2; H. White (conductor), 3-4; F. Bennet, 5; G. Capron, 6; F. Bricknell, 7-8. And 168 and 336 in the same method. W. Hatten, 1; T. Higgins, 2; W. Balch, 3; F. Bennet, 4; H. White (conductor), 5; G. Capron, 6; F. Bicknell, 7-8.

BENGEO (Herts).—On Sunday morning, July 11th, for Divine Service, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. T. Barker, 1; W. Childs, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Bennett, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Double Court Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Barker, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Bennett, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. Both the above contained eighteen bobs and two singles.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, 22nd June, at the church of St. Michael's, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 minutes. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridgers, 4; W. Sadler, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, 29th, a 720 of College Single. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Also on July 6th, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles). F. Sanders, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridgers, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler, 6. Also a 720 of College Singles. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3; F. Bridgers, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses, 6.

BRISTOL.—On Friday, June 25th, at St. Stephen's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Staddon, 1; H. Tucker, 2; C. Waters, 3; H. Porch, 4; E. Duckham, 5; E. Beake, 6; J. Hinton (conductor), 7; J. Falser, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of the 50th birthday of Mr. G. Staddon, his brother ringers wish him many happy returns, and congratulate him upon his attaining his jubilee.

EXETER (Devon).—*Muffled Peal.*—On Tuesday, July 6th, eight members of the local company rang a touch of 1300 Grandsire Triples, at St. Sidwell's church, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to their brother ringer, Mr. S. B. Peardon, late Treasurer of this Society, who died of consumption on July 1st, 1886, age 34. Sidney Herbert, 1; H. Swift, 2; E. Pitt, 3; W. Richardson, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. Moss, 8.

GREENWICH (Kent). On Monday, July 12th, at St. Alphege church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 30 mins., 7-8 covering. John J. Lamb, 1; William Weatherstone (conductor), 2; William Bedwell (Stowmarket), 3; Edward E. Richards, 4; Isaac G. Shade, 5; Frederick W. Thornton, 6; William Foreman, 7; Samuel Gibbs, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 11th, at St. Mary's church, after Divine Service in the evening, a 720 Bob Minor (9 bobs and 6 singles), in 27 mins. J. Ward, 1; G. Griffin, 2; G. Lucas, 3; J. Nixon, 4; J. Barrett (conductor), 5; A. Jacob, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

LLANBADARN (Cornwall).—On Sunday, July 11th, at St. Padarn's Church, by the local company assisted by Mr. J. Comb, of London, a six-score of Bob Doubles, and a few of Bob Triples. J. Comb, 1; C. Clark, 2; J. Richards, 3; W. Edwards, 4; H. Hughes, Esq., 5; D. Jenkins, 6; F. Hoffman (conductor), 7; E. Jones, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. in F#.

MARYLEBONE (Middlesex).—On Thursday evening, July 8th, at St. Luke's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 24 minutes, with the bells muffled, as a last mark of respect and esteem to the late Mr. Henry Driver. W. D. Griggs, 1; T. Glead, 2; W. Collings, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; G. Newson, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Tenor 8½ cwt.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, July 4th, at St. Nicholas Church, for early service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Addler, 1; W. Swain, 2; A. Pye, 3; H. Horwood (conductor), 4; T. Lingard, 5; E. Izzard, 6; C. Draper, 7; T. Chapman, 8. Also on Tuesday, July 13th, for practice, five six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the back six. T. Chapman, 1; W. Swain, 2; W. Addler, 3; C. Draper, 4; F. Bates (conductor), 5; *— George, 6. A. Pye hails from Coventry.

PADDINGTON (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, July 11th, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels' a muffled touch of Grandsire Triples, as a last mark of respect and esteem to the late Henry Driver, who had been a ringer at the above church for twenty years. W. Smith, 1; G. Thurlow, 2; W. D. Griggs, 3; W. Collings, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; N. Alderman, 6; J. James, 7; W. Williams, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

SHIREOAKS (Notts).—On Sunday, July 11th, for Evening Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 minutes, by the Anston and Shireoaks company. D. Russell, 1; R. S. Fox, 2; R. Knowles, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; T. Silvester, 6. Also a 360 of Kent. D. Russell, 1; R. S. Fox, 2; T. Silvester, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; W. Hargreaves, 5; J. Hargreaves, 6. Messrs. Silvester, Fowler, and Fox are from Anston, and are members of the Yorkshire Association.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. A. Kirby, 1; †J. Jackman, 2; †H. Weare (conductor), 3; †A. Pittam, 4; †R. Kilby, 5; †A. Tennent, 6. †College Youths. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Members are requested to take notice that the next Quarterly Meeting of the Association will be held at Baldock on Monday, August 2nd. The arrangements will be the same as on former occasions. Dinner tickets 2s. each, will be supplied by the local secretaries, to whom applications should be made on Monday, July 26th. Railway tickets will be granted at reduced fares to members upon the production of their certificates.

W. WIGRAM, General Secretary.

SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING of the South Lincolnshire Association will be held at Deeping, St. James', on Saturday, 24th inst. Dinner will be provided at the "Rose and Crown" inn, at 2 p.m., at 2s. each, with malt liquor. Members must send in their names to me on or before Saturday, the 17th inst., or the usual allowance of money will not be granted them.

R. CREASEY, Hon. Sec.

THE ISLEWORTH SOCIETY.

The yearly excursion of the above society will take place on Friday, July 23rd. The members will meet at Beddington Belfry at 12.30. Dinner will be served at the "Red Lion Hotel," at Hackbridge at 1.30. Any members of the West Middlesex Association, who wish to join in this outing, are requested to communicate at once with the Rev. F. Gurdon, 57 Church Street, Isleworth.

THE PERSEVERING TENOR-MAN.

*A Glaring Absurdity.***Ambition.**

A Tenor-man of great renown for years had beat the drum,
Until to be an inside man he thought the time had come,
But wishing to delight his friends, and fill them with surprise,
He hied him to a teacher-man, who claimed to be quite wise.

Self-Laudation.

This teacher-man had taught some bands to set and toll a bell,
Had taught them how to ring in rounds, and taught them very well;
But of methods he knew nothing, and to hide his ignorance,
He led our friend the tenor-man a very pretty dance.

Chicanery.

And first of all he told him that some books he'd have to buy,
So to "BELL NEWS" advertisements he then did him apply,
And having laid his penny out, one Friday afternoon,
He sat him down to read the ringers' "blessing and his boon."

Application.

Woolmore Wigram's *Ringings Disentangled*, first he bought,
But did'nt find the whole, nor yet the half of what he sought;
Then he journeyed down to Exeter and there he purchased *Troyte's*,
But for all that he could learn from it, it was'nt worth a doit.

Locomotion.

To Yorkshire then he travelled and invested in *Rope-Sight*,
But (I cannot say with confidence his intellect was bright),
He found with weary study that he nothing yet had gained,
So to Leeds he hied again, and *Standard Methods* he obtained.

Perseverance.

When he saw the coloured diagrams this pretty volume shows,
The Tenor-man he danced with glee and struck his hands some blows,
"I've got it now, I think," said he, but alas, and lack-a-day,
He read it through some fifty times and *couldn't* see the way.

Retrospection.

So then he sat him down to think, and then he thought a thought,
"I've think I've flown too high at first, but now I'm better taught,"
First Steps is what I want at first," so straight to Cripplegate,
He rushed off in a hansom cab in fear he'd be too late.

Disappointment.

To Goslin he was introduced and said "your book I'll buy,"
Then S. B. handed him the book and winked his dexter eye;
He bound wet towels round his brow and burnt the midnight oil,
He wrestled with *First Steps* in vain, in vain was all his toil.

Re-application.

Then he toddled off to Stockport, bought the *TREATISE* by Will Gordon,
Called at Stoke, bought *Great Paul Tongue-tied*, but the skit upon that
"Bourdon"
Did'nt teach him very much, so to Leeds he went again,
And bought Snowdon's *Treble Bob* but the cash was spent in
vain.

Double-dealing.

And all the time that teacher man (an artful card was he),
Had drawn his "coms" from bookseller, and railway companee,
He had likewise tried the cabby, which his name was Chickenstalker,
But he, his thumb put to his nose, and quoted "Hookey Walker."

Discovery.

The Tenor-man thought he'd gone through the whole of BELL NEWS
cover,
But all in vain, and to his pain, he could not yet discover,
The book he sought; so look'd once more and then he did alight on,
The GREAT BIG BELL OF MOSCOW, so he book'd first class to
Brighton.

Simplicity.

Now thought the simple Tenor-man (he did'nt have much guile),
"A big bell man I've always been, at last I have struck ile,
"This Moscow bell I'll ring inside, the exercise astound,
"And leap into notoriety at one vast single bound."

Vexation and Anticipation.

But woe, alas, and lack-a-day (I state this o'er again),
This gorgeous tome, which he took home, his point did not attain;
Then in the street called Holywell, the book shops searched he all,
And much to his delight, at last he found a SOTTANSTALL.

Jubilation.

A SOTTANSTALL, a SHIPWAY too, a CLAVIS, and a HUBBARD,
This last *a la* the nursery rhyme, was found within a cupboard,
And other old ones, *sans* some leaves, he bought with all their faults,
And then the teacher-man and he lived in St. Clement's vaults.

Gloom.

Ten years elapsed and then these two emerged, both wan and grey,
The teacher-man to have some beer, the other to essay,
The half-pull ringing he had learnt (or thought he had) in gloom;
He mounted with a wistful look into that ringing-room.

Despair.

Then he grasped a rope, the seventh, and he struck in rounds full well,
But soon as "go" was called he lost the run of his course-bell,
So set his bell, all in despair, to think he should forget
His road so soon; but the caller said, "You'll make a ringer yet.

Hope.

"Join us, a band of ringing youths called by St. James's name,
"And practice get with eight and ten, on bells of ancient fame,
"Some months at this with diligence, and then I think you'll find,
"To ring inside you'll able be, and not stop out behind."

Fruition.

The tenor-man stuck to this plan, and lo! within a year,
In peal-book fine, with other nine, his name did then appear,
The proverb states, "that all things come to those who're patient
waiters."
With much ado, they pulled him through a peal of Grandsire Caters.

Condemnation.

He'd rung the treble and so gained the height of his ambition,
But what came o'er the teacher-man? he landed in perdition
He burnt his brains with common shag, he steeped his soul in porter,
And then he died a dreadful death, he drank a glass of water !!!

Explanation.—Finale.

One book he missed, that tenor-man, that BELL NEWS advertises,
But none were in the market though he offered fancy prices
A London Scot had bought the lot (he was'nt bred on porridge),
His name was George McLaughlin, and he rings good Double Nor-
wich COURT BOB.

BATTERSEA, SURREY.

On Saturday, July 3rd, the members and friends of St. Mary's Society, Old Battersea, assembled together at Clapham Junction, for further conveyance to Hampton Wick, by train, and from thence up river in a launch, bent on enjoying their annual outing. Being favoured with most glorious weather the company left Hampton, in Messrs. Burgoyne's steam launch, Amazon, with a view of reaching Windsor, about 22 miles, which was accomplished after a delightful journey of about five hours, the surrounding scenery and country looking about this time of year all that could be desired.

Lunch was served aboard at Shepperton, and thanks to the good things that were provided, and the energetic way in which two of the members served them, ample justice was done thereto, amidst which cordial greetings were expressed and reciprocated by the passing of the loving cup from another launch to the Battersea ringers.

Reaching Windsor about 3 o'clock the members betook themselves in groups to view the usual places of interest in the town, and were instructed to muster on board for Dinner at 5 o'clock, and a few were the absent ones when the clock chimed the hour. Being joined by Messrs. Perryman and Wilder, of Slough, the ship's head was turned towards London, and the members retired to the cabin to discuss what proved to be a most substantial repast.

On the return journey, when the company mustered about twenty-five, several courses of Grandsire were rung on the handbells by Messrs. Baron, H. Hopkins, J. W. Mansfield, and J. Rogers, which broke softly on the ear as the various locks were passed, and attracted many of the smaller craft to the boat's stern, as well as the attention of the many onlookers on the bank.

Quite a musical concert, under the able management of Mr. S. Spice, was being received in the fore-part of the vessel with loud plaudits, whilst in the stern conversation turned chiefly on the ringing topics of the day, amidst both of which Hampton was once more reached, and the members journeyed to the station for London, having spent a most agreeable day, and one which they have no wish to better.

WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

There will be a meeting of the above Association in the belfry of the parish church, Isleworth, on Saturday, July 17th, at 8 p.m.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

5037.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

2 3 4 5 6 7 8	I	2	3	4	5
3 2 4 5 6 7 8	-	S	-	-	-
4 3 2 5 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
2 4 3 5 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-

3 5 4 2 6 7 8	-	-	-	S	-
4 3 5 2 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
2 4 5 3 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-

5 2 4 3 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-

2 5 4 3 6 7 8	-	-	-	S	-
4 2 5 3 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
2 3 5 4 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
3 4 5 2 6 7 8	-	-	-	-	-

6 3 4 2 5 7 8	-	-	-	S	-
3 2 4 6 5 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
4 3 2 6 5 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5 7 8	-	-	-	-	-

4 6 3 2 5 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 5 7 8	-	-	-	-	-
8 4 6 3 5 2 7	-	-	-	S	-

6 3 4 2 5 8 7	-	-	-	-	-
4 6 3 2 5 8 7	-	-	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 5 8 7	-	-	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 5 8 7	-	-	-	-	-
2 3 6 4 5 8 7	-	-	-	-	-

6 2 3 4 5 8 7	-	-	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5 8 7	-	-	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5 8 7	-	-	-	-	-
4 3 2 6 5 8 7	-	-	-	-	-

5 4 3 6 2 8 7	-	-	-	S	-
2 5 4 6 3 8 7	-	-	-	S	-
4 2 5 6 3 8 7	-	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5 8 7	-	-	-	S	-
2 3 4 6 5 8 7	-	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 6 5 8 7	-	-	-	-	-

3 2 5 4 7 6 9 8 - S - -

This peal contains the 6th fifteen times right and twelve times wrong, 5th six times right and nineteen times wrong, with all the 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 9, 10's, and the 6, 5, 8, 7, 11, 9, 10's.

Rung upon Handbells by the Birmingham Amalgamated society, July 2nd, 1886. Conducted by its composer.

FOUR PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES S. WILDE, *Hyde, Cheshire.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
4 6 5 3 2	2	-	2	2
3 2 4 6 5	2	I	-	-
2 5 4 6 3	I	-	2	-
6 2 5 3 4	-	-	2	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the 6th its extent wrong.

5280.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
2 3 5 6 4	2	-	2	I
4 3 2 6 5	-	-	I	-
3 6 4 5 2	-	-	-	-
6 5 3 2 4	-	-	-	-
5 2 6 4 3	-	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	2	-
3 4 2 5 6	I	-	2	-

Repeated produces:—

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

This peal contains all the 8-6's, and the 6th its extent at home.

5184.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
5 4 6 3 2	I	-	I	-
4 3 2 6 5	I	-	2	-
3 5 2 6 4	2	-	I	2
6 3 5 4 2	-	-	2	-
3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the 6th its extent wrong.

6240.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
4 6 5 3 2	2	-	2	2
6 3 4 2 5	2	-	2	-
3 5 4 2 6	8	-	2	-
5 2 3 6 4	2	-	2	-
6 4 5 2 3	2	-	I	-
4 2 3 5 6	I	-	2	-

Twice repeated.

First rung at St. Paul's, Staleywood, Cheshire, on October 11th, 1886. Conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5280.

By F. E. DAWE, *College Youth.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	2	-	2	2
6 3 4 2 5	2	I	2	-
2 5 3 4 6	2	I	2	-
6 3 5 4 2	2	I	I	I
3 4 2 5 6	2	I	-	-

Twice repeated.

First rung by the Midland Counties' Association, at Lincoln Cathedral, on Whit-Monday, June 14th, 1886. Conducted by its composer. It was also the first peal accomplished on the bells.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5376.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
6 4 2 3 5	I	I	I	-
2 6 5 4 3	I	I	-	-
5 2 3 6 4	I	I	-	-
4 3 5 2 6	I	I	I	-
5 2 4 3 6	I	-	I	-
4 5 6 2 3	I	I	-	-
6 4 3 5 2	I	I	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	I	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

13,120.

By H. EARLE BULWER, *Stanhoe, Norfolk.*

With tenors together throughout.

2 3 4 5 6	B	M	B	H
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-	-
5 6 3 4 2	-	-	-	-
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-	-
4 3 5 2 6	-	I	-	I
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-	-
2 6 3 5 4	-	-	-	-
6 5 2 4 5	-	-	-	-
5 4 6 3 2	-	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	I	-	2

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

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

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

This peal contains every bell the extent in every position; and is practically the "extent with the tenors together." It falls short of the *absolute* extent by ten leads only, which are unavoidably wasted at the M calls.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 5	M	W	H
2 3 5 6 4	2	2	I
4 5 3 6 2	I	-	I
2 4 6 5 3	2	I	2
2 5 3 4 6	2	I	I
5 4 3 2 6	2	-	-

Repeated.

THE INCHCAPE ROCK.

The Inchcape or Bell Rock had from the remote traditional times of the northern Vikings or pirates, been an object of dread and source of disaster to the northern mariner, standing as it does in the bosom of the deep, and highway of ships navigating the east coast of Scotland. Yet but one futile attempt had been made to forewarn the sailor of his near approach to this terrible rock, which rising from the fathomless abysses as the worn summit of a submarine mountain forms a collection of jagged dry reefs at low water, whilst at the period of high water it is submerged several feet below the mean tide level. It is one of the curious historical circumstances connected with the early history of monastic establishments, such as that of the great monastery of Aberbrothock near the coast of Forfarshire, about eleven miles off the coast on which the Inchcape Rock is situate, that the abbots or chiefs of these religious corporations were men generally of intelligence and information greatly above that of most of their contemporaries, and ruled the secular affairs and estates which devolved upon them in right of their spiritual functions, with zeal, ability, and often with an enlarged charity. They built bridges, established ferries, constructed roads, from which, in the shape of tolls, or otherwise, they derived revenue, and were in the midst of surrounding darkness and barbarism, and notwithstanding the superstitious habits that ruled within their gates for a time, however indirectly, beneficent workers to the advantage of mankind. With human progress, however, which they had helped to develop in Christian lands by an institution really derived from the remote East, they were unable to keep pace, because subject to a system which bound them down by rigid rules and an obsolete and often evaded discipline; and ultimately their influence for good was lost both within and without their walls, and the monastic institution itself became mischievous, and disappeared in proportion as better lights dawned upon the world. It was during their period of vigour and usefulness that one of the abbots of Aberbrothock carried into execution the benevolent design of establishing on the Inchcape reef a bell which should toll by the movement of the waves and should warn the mariner of his near approach to the dreaded rock. Old chronicles tell us that for a time this bell, which has been the prototype of many modern beacons of the same sort, gave forth its warnings over the melancholy deep, until at last it was wantonly destroyed by a Northern pirate, as narrated with exquisite grace and graphic power by Southey in his poem of "Sir Ralph the Rover," an extract from which we gave in our last number.

THE PEAL AT MONMOUTH.

On Monday, July 1st, the Monmouth Society succeeded in ringing their first peal, particulars of which appeared in our last issue, a result due in a great measure to Mr. Honeyfield, who, with his usual kindness and generosity in all matters concerning the church, presented to the tower Seage's dumb apparatus by which means change-ringing has been so successfully learned, the tower being closely surrounded by houses and many enemies of ringing. The Society was first formed exactly three years ago, the conductor of the peal alone having any knowledge whatever of change-ringing, and since then it has had many struggles for existence. In less than twelve months from its formation the members were capable and anxious to start for a peal, but a person lay ill near the church for nearly six months, and before a start could be made three very promising ringers had left, which almost seemed to have proved fatal, but by continued perseverance the society is what it now is, and hopes by the assistance of some of the old members soon to practice other methods besides Grandsire Triples. The go of the bells was excellent from the beginning to the end of the peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROTHWELL BRANCH.

The following is the ringing done by this branch, at Holy Trinity Church, during the month of June: June 5th, 360 New London Pleasure, 240 City Delight; June 7th, 360 Tulip, 360 Oxford Delight; June 13th, 360 City Delight, 360 London Scholars' Pleasure, 360 Duke of York, 360 Arnold's Victory; June 20th, 360 College Exercise, 360 Duke of York, 240 New London Pleasure, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Arnold's Victory; June 21st, 360 Tulip, 360 Primrose; June 26th, 360 College Pleasure, 360 Arnold's Victory; June 27th, 360 London Scholars' Pleasure, 360 City Delight, 216 Duke of York, 504 Oxford.

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."

BODDELLWYDDAN TENOR, FALSE PEALS, ETC.

SIR,—In answer to the sarcastic letter from Mr. J. R. Pritchard, in your issue of the 3rd instant, all I can say is that I find on application to the Whitechapel Foundry the bell really is 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., but being ignorant of this fact at the time of the peal, was assured by the authorities there that it was 17 cwt. I always have an ambition to give the exact weight to a pound, if possible, but it is very easy to make a mistake in the manner above described, especially when not armed with the founder's list. I am very vexed to think the mistake has occurred, though it was certainly not my fault. However, if in the wrong, I am always glad to sit or stand corrected, as the case may be, and feel sure that all ringers will see at a glance that it is not my custom or to my interest to mislead your readers in any way. As to the remarks about the growth of tenors, and raising a band of giants to ring them, I am sure that our tenor-man would have been quite equal to the occasion, if the fertile soil had caused the bell to grow 30 cwt. instead of three. The letter goes on to say that the bells were opened by the Liverpool men in 1873, but as great difficulty is experienced in getting permission there, and only by special favour we managed to get a book in, it led me to enquire why our peal was only the third as yet accomplished, and the answer I received from the authorities was to the effect that certain people had not altogether behaved themselves, and would not be tolerated there again—the door being shut against all who apply owing to the conduct of this one band in question. Mr. Pritchard says he likes to see everything published correctly. Now this is where the laugh comes in. I think he might better occupy his time by examining and contradicting the wrong rows of figures that appear in that part of our paper devoted to "compositions." I mean the whole pages of muck that travel up to London by the London and North Western Railway, almost weekly, much of it being false, and what is true not worth ringing at all. I have been looking casually through the back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS," and can give four instances, without troubling to waste more time over the job. In the issue for April 17 last, at the bottom of page 19 there is a 5280 Treble Bob Major, by Mr. Pritchard, where the changes are so very good that he has many of them over twice, the repetitions occurring at the treble leads of the middles. The following peals by the same "composer" are also false: May 5th, 1883, 5040 Bob Major (this was accompanied by an absurd letter about peal-snatching). April 14th, 1883, 5076 Stedman Caters. September 6th, 1884, 5400 Stedman Caters (a very good heading over this by the Editor). He likes to see things correct, indeed, so do I, and looking at the thing as it stands, this is really beyond a joke. I think he should have been one of the last to write in the tone he has, when a well-wishing brother-ringer makes such a feasible error as I have. Now, Mr. Editor, my only wonder is that there are not more false peals published in your paper. It frequently happens on the peal page, though no one seems to take the trouble or think it their business to point out what is absurd rubbish, leaving the composers in that happy state "Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise." I trust Mr. Pritchard will not imagine this letter to be written in a vindictive spirit, as I am only desirous of pointing out facts, in order to save some company or other from the chagrin of ringing a false peal, should they attempt one of these I have mentioned.

FRANCIS E. DAWE.

THE SALISBURY GUILD PEAL-BOOK.

SIR,—Referring to your remarks about the peal-book of this Guild I must inform you that a company is only allowed to have a six-score of Doubles recorded conditionally. That is, provided it be the first 6-score by a local company without the aid of more than one experienced ringer. I myself do not like this arrangement, but we were obliged under existing circumstances to have it so. If we were to only book peals we should scarcely ever get anything to enter. We have only done two peals since the Guild was formed. Taking the county and Diocese round, we can only just manage to muster a party for Grandsire Triples, to go any length, and these live so far apart that we can only meet very seldom. As a matter of fact I may add that although we have had a peal-book for nearly three years, only one 6-score of Doubles has as yet been entered, and that is one of Stedman. There are no end of 720's of Minor, and these nearly all by the same company.

J. R. JERRAM.

P.S.—When the peal-book was first bought, the scale of performances was suggested by myself. I then thought that a peal never would be rung by the Guild, and I imagined that a 720 of Minor, or a 1260 of Triples would be about the extent of the Guild's capabilities. I am glad that time has proved it to be otherwise.

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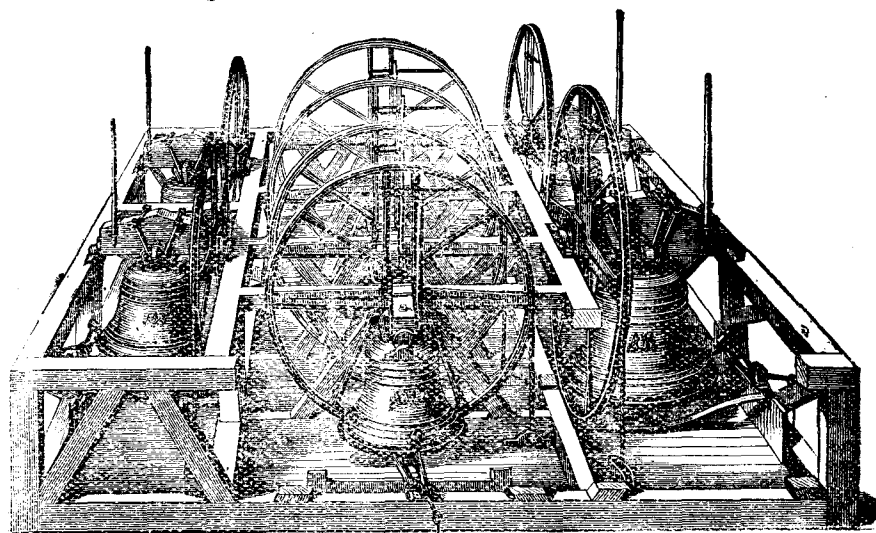
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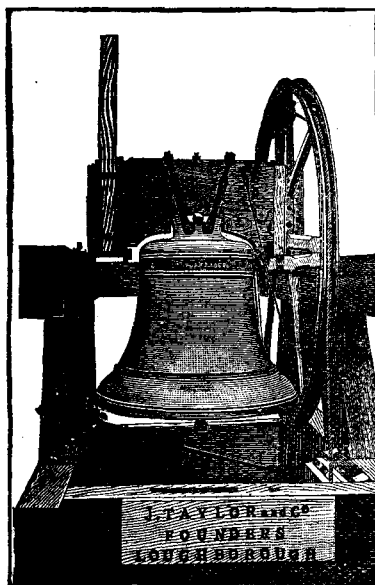
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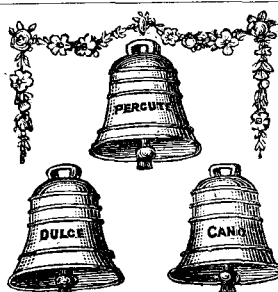
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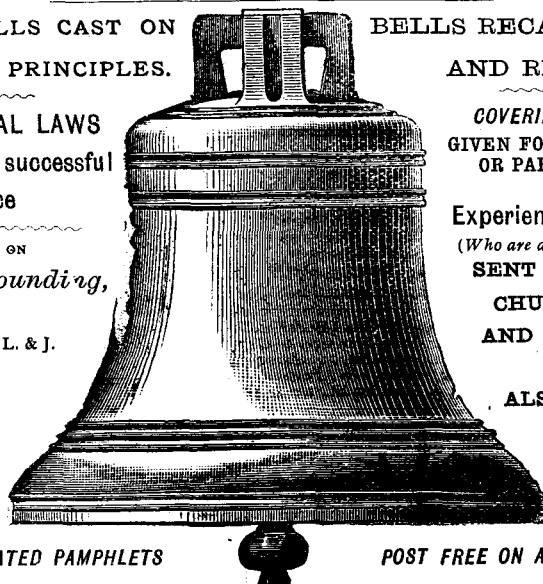
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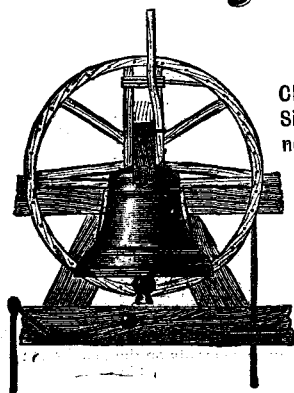
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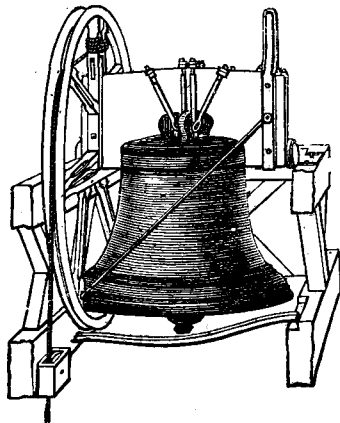
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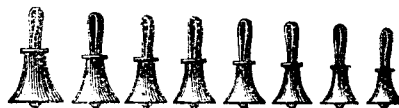
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The old Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, is situated in the heart of what might be termed wholesale London. It is an odd place for a church—in the centre of the world's market. The ancient grey tower throws its placid shadow across the busy street, and over the shadow tramps the merchant from America, from the country, from every part of the world, in fact, to buy his summer or winter stock of goods at the great warehouses whose many stories tower as high as the good old grey steeple itself. The venerable tower looks down all day on a slow, steady, but never failing flood of traffic—traffic peculiar to that part of London. It only sees great vans loaded high with boxes of goods. It never looks out at the aristocratic carriage of the West End, and rarely gets a glimpse of even the sprightly hansom. The hansom driver knows if he once gets into that stream of slow-going, cumbrous traffic that innumerable "blocks" await him, and he avoids it. The tower has never seen an omnibus, and its idea of London is that it is a city of vans and powerful plodding horses and hurrying business men. But at night, the tower has London to itself. The buyers and the sellers have gone, and the city seems a city of the dead. I wouldn't be at all surprised if the old tower thinks it has something to do with all this sudden cessation of trade and traffic. Indeed, it would be surprising if the thought hadn't occurred to an observant and thoughtful old tower, such as this one certainly is. It must have noticed how year in and year out the moment it sounded the six measured strokes on its big bell, the arm of business became suddenly paralysed; that the vans rumbled to their sheds; that the great warehouses poured out their thousands of human beings, who hurried away in every direction from the tower as if its sonorous tone had been the sound of dismissal. The belief that the tower plumes itself on all this is strengthened by the fact that while this six o'clock exodus is going on it rings out from its bells a merry tune of farewell—a good night chime—to the thousands that are hurrying off to catch train or 'bus. Some nights it is "Auld Lang Syne" that peals forth, and at the end of each week the old tower flings out the notes of "Home, Sweet Home," over a part of the city where there are few homes—or at least few very sweet ones.

Then when the moon rises the tower again sees its square shadow across the now silent street, resting there, untrampled by horse and untrodden by man. Every hour during the long night the bell sounds, but the notes are echoed back by the tall silent warehouse—silver notes returned uncashed. In the morning, at seven, at eight, and at nine, that magical bell summons up from all unknown quarters of London the different classes of workmen—those who work with muscle and those who work with brain—and the same eternal round begins again, till the tower releases its slaves. At first I used to think that the old tower and ancient church ought to be out in some quiet country village, with its gray head just shining above the green trees—an old-time land-mark for all the country side; but on better acquaintance I am sure that it would miss the human tide that ebbs and flows so regularly at its feet; that in the clearer country air it would crumble and droop and decay, and feel all the while that busy London was not going on so methodically as when it marked out the hours, and summoned or dismissed the workers.

Hearing the chimes day after day, I began to think I would like to visit the old man in the tower who rang them. I felt that he must be an old man. I could hardly imagine him as ever having been young. So I said to a friend of mine whose place of business is just opposite the church:

"I would like to interview the man in the tower. Do you think he would object?"

"Not at all."

"I suppose I ought to offer him something. He wouldn't be offended, would he?"

"I wouldn't do that," said my friend. "I doubt that he ever took a fee in his life."

"Remarkable old fellow—I suppose he is old, of course."

"Very old. You might not believe it, but he has been ringing those chimes for over ninety years—hardly missing a day."

"Ninety years! Why that's impossible. How does so old a man get up and down the stairs?"

"I doubt if he comes down very often. He has a room up in the tower and lives there."

"Well, that's remarkable. I wonder nobody has written him up."

"I think he has been. His history is in a book about Cripplegate."

"Well, can I see him?"

"I think so. I'll go over with you."

So we crossed the street, and he rang a door bell at a Gothic doorway, and told the pleasant-faced woman who answered it that this American friend of his would like to see the old bell-ringer of the tower. She gave us the keys, and we started up the narrow winding stairs that led to the belfry. The notes of the chimes ringing came jangling down the narrow, twisted, dark stair way, getting louder and louder as we went up.

"I should think the continuous clash of the bells would drive him crazy up here."

"I doubt if he could live out of their sound now. He has rung the chimes so long that he would be quite useless at anything else."

We came to a barred door like an iron prison gate, and when that was unbolted we went up a straight stair, covered thick with the dust of centuries, and entered the old bellringer's room.

"An American friend of mine," said the Londoner by way of introduction. The old chime ringer stood in the centre of the room. He answered perfectly Poe's description of the tower dwellers:

And the people, ah the people!

They that live up in the steeple

All alone.

They are neither man nor woman,

They are neither brute nor human,

They are—machines.

The old bellringer was a machine. His fingers were of steel, and attached to a drum about four feet long and three feet in diameter. It was built, so said the brass plate, in 1793. Twenty-one iron rods reached up from it to the bell chamber above.

"Go ahead," said the Londoner. "Interview him. Give him a fee. Ask him out to tea. He will probably call for a half-pint of sweet oil to moisten his old joints. Ask him where he learned music. Get his opinions on classic v. popular airs. It isn't possible that an American newspaper man has at last met a victim whom he can't get an answer out of, is it?"

I had to admit that it was. Up on the wall was the old fellow's list of tunes. Sunday—"Easter Hymn." Monday—"God Save the Queen." Tuesday—"Auld Lang Syne." Wednesday—"Hanover." Thursday—"Hark! 'tis the Bells." Friday—"Mariners." Saturday—"Home, Sweet Home."

The last tune was suggested to the old bell-ringer by the good vicar of the parish, who thought perhaps that it might suggest to some tippler in the taverns around, on Saturday night, that he might spend his time and his money in a better place than a gin shop.

I wonder if it ever caused a Londoner to leave the "bitter" for the sweet.

As we take leave of the old Cripplegate bell-ringer let us fervently hope so, and honour the good intention that causes the pathetic notes of "Home, Sweet Home," to ring out over London every Saturday night.

ST. GILES'S CHURCH, dedicated to a saint of that name born at Athens, a great patron of the poor and diseased, was built some twenty four years after the Conquest. It suffered greatly by fire in 1545 (Henry VIII.). Matilda, queen of Henry I., had founded a brotherhood there, dedicated to St. Mary and St. Giles. The church was repaired and perhaps partially re-built after the fire of 1545. "Since that event," says Mr. Godwin, "It has undergone mis-called adornments, but has not been materially changed." The tower was raised fifteen feet in 1682. St. Giles's has a peal of twelve bells, besides one in the turret. It also boasts of one of the sets of chimes in London. Those of St. Giles's were, it is said, constructed by a poor working man.

In the north aisle of this interesting and historical church lies a great benefactor to London antiquaries—the learned and

laborious John Speed, the great topographical writer, who died in 1629. He was a wise tailor whom Sir Fulke Greville patronised, and who was assisted in his labours by Cotton and Spelman. He had in his time twelve sons and six daughters. His marble monument is adorned with an effigy of Speed (once gilt and painted), holding in one hand a book and in the other a skull. The long eulogistic Latin inscription describes him as "Civis Londinensis Mercatorum Scissorum Fratris." It is a singular fact that two of the great London antiquaries should have been tailors, yet the sartor's is undoubtedly a contemplative trade, and we owe both worthies much gratitude for laboriously stitching together such a large patchwork of interesting facts.

Considering that Foxe, the martyrologist (buried, it is believed on the south side of the chancel), was sheltered by Sir Thomas Lucy, Shakespeare's traditional persecutor, it is singular to find near the centre of the north aisle of St. Giles's a monument of Constance Whitney, eldest daughter of Sir Robert Whitney, and grand-daughter of Sir Thomas Lucy, who died at the age of seventeen, excelling "in all noble qualities becoming a virgin of so sweet proportion of beauty and harmonie of parts." From this maiden's grave a lying tradition has sprung like a fungus.

The striking-looking monument represents a female in a shroud rising from a coffin. According to tradition it commemorates the story of a lady who, after having been buried while in a trance, was not only restored to life, but subsequently became the mother of several children, her resuscitation, it is said, having been brought about by the cupidity of a sexton, which induced him to open the coffin in order to obtain possession of a valuable ring on her finger. This story, however, is entirely fabulous.

A small white marble tablet within the communion rails also records another Lucy. The inscription is—

"Here lies Margaret Lucy, the second daughter of Sir Thomas Lucy, of Charlcott, in the county of Warwick, Knight (the third by immediate descent by the name of Thomas), by Alice, sole daughter and heire of Thomas Spenser, of Clarendon, in the same county, Esq., and Custus Brevium of the Courte of Common Pleas at Westminster, who departed this life the 18th day of November, 1634, and aboute the 19th year of her age. For discretion and sweetnesse of conversation not many excelled, and for pietie and patience in her sicknesse and death, few equalled her; which is the comforte of her nearest friendes, to every of whom shee was very dear, but especially to her old grandmother, the Lady Constance Lucy, under whose government shee died, who, having long expected every day to have gone before her, doth now trust, by faith and hope in the precious blood of Christ Jesus, shortly to follow after, and be partaker, together with her and others, of the unspeakable and eternell joyes in His blessed kingdom; to him be all honour, loude, and praise, now and ever. Amen."

In this church, too, after many a voyage and many a battle, rests that old Elizabethan warrior and explorer, Sir Martin Frobisher, who was brought here in February, 1594-5, after receiving his death shot at Brest. His northern discoveries, while in search of a north-west passage to China, in a mere fishing boat of twenty-five tons, his West Indian cruise with Drake, and his noble courage against the Spanish Armada, fully entitle Frobisher to rank as one of the earliest of our naval heroes.

Above all, Milton, who finished, if not largely composed his glorious "Paradise Lost" in the parish (in Jewin Street), is buried there.

In 1793, Samuel Whitbread, the friend of Sheridan and vigorous opponent of Pitt, erected a handsome bust to his memory with this inscription:

"John Milton,
Author of 'Paradise Lost.'
Born Dec., 1608,
Died Nov., 1674.
His father, John Milton, died Marc, 1646.
They were both interred in this church.

Samuel Whitbread posuit, 1793."

In this most interesting old church were buried many illustrious persons, recorded by Stow. Amongst these we may mention Robert Glover, a celebrated Elizabethan herald, who assisted Camden with the pedigrees of his famous "Britannia." John Foxe, the pious and laborious author of that manual of true Protestantism, "The Book of Martyrs," was also interred here, as well as that good old herbalist and physician of Elizabeth's time, Dr. William Bulleyn, author of the "Government of Health" (1558), and a "Book of Simples," works full of old wives' remedies and fantastic beliefs. Foxe, the martyrologist, was a Lincolnshire man, born in 1517, the year Luther first

opposed Romish errors. At Oxford he became famous for writing comedies in especially elegant Latin. For his religious opinions he was expelled Magdalen College, of which he was a Fellow, and, forsaken by his friends, he was reduced to great distress, till he was taken as family tutor by Sir Thomas Lucy, of Warwickshire, the Shakesperian traditional persecutor. With this worthy knight he remained till his children arrived at mature years, and had no longer need of a tutor.

The parish register of St. Giles's records the marriage of Oliver Cromwell and Elizabeth Bourchier, on the 22nd of August, 1620. The future Protector was then in his twenty-first year.

Daniel De Foe, the author of "Robinson Crusoe," was born in Cripplegate parish, and died there on the 26th April, 1731.

Prince Rupert, of memorable notoriety in the reign of Charles I., lived in Cripplegate, at his mansion on the south side of Beech-lane.

The "Fortune Playhouse" stood between Whitecross-street and Golden-lane; it was built by Edward Allen (or Alleyn) the founder of Dulwich College, Nov. 1599, which renders the site worthy of remembrance, as being the source from which was realized the funds for its endowment.

VICARS OF ST. GILES', CRIPPLEGATE.

Rev. Robert Crawley	died 1588
" Lancelot Andrews	(not recorded)
" John Buckridge (afterwards Bp. of Rochester)	resigned 1604
" W. Fuller, D.D. (Dean of Ely)	sequestered 1642
" Samuel Annesley, LL.D.	sequestered 1662
" John Dolken	(not recorded)
" J. Pritchett, D.D.	died about 1666-7
" Ed. Fowler, D.D. (Bishop of Gloucester)	died 1714
" Wm. Whitfield, M.A.	died 1716
" Thos. Bennett	died 1728
" John Rogers	died 1729
" William Nicholls	died 1774
" G. W. Hand, M.A.	died 1802
" W. Holmes, M.A.	died 1833
" F. Blomberg, D.D.	died 1847
" W. H. Hale (Archdeacon of London)	resigned 1857
" Ph. Parker Gilbert, M.A., present Vicar.*	

* Just deceased.—Ed.

Near to the monument to Speed, the historian, characterised by Bishop Nicolson as "a person of extraordinary industry and attainments in the study of antiquities," is a marble tablet with the following inscription:—

"Sacred to the memory of Joseph Todd, Esq., many years an inhabitant of this parish, whose remains are deposited in the north aisle of this church. He died 11th June, 1835, aged 68 years. In the same grave are interred Lucy, his first wife, who died 4th March, 1798, in the 31st year of her age; and Letitia, his second wife, who departed this life 3rd September, 1819, in the 40th year of her age; together with two of their children, who died in infancy."

Mr. Todd, who was a native of the neighbourhood of Penrith, Cumberland, and his first wife, in the latter years of the last century, were the founders of the great mercantile house of Todd & Co., afterwards Todd, Morrison & Co. in latter years Morrison, Dillon & Co., now the Fore Street Warehouse. Their daughter became the wife of Mr. Morrison, of whom in a notice of a death of an "American Merchant Prince," we read in the *Times* of April 22nd, 1876, that

"There was a time in the life of Stewart when, having visited England, and hearing of Mr. Morrison, of Fore Street, as being the enormously wealthy owner of above five millions sterling, he secretly resolved to use all diligence to try and overtake him. This London merchant was, in Mr. Stewart's eyes the *beau ideal* of a millionaire."

We are not aware whether Mr. Stewart ever had the pleasure of an interview with the Fore Street merchant, who practically retired from the business in the prime of life, but we know that the American merchant when in Europe in late years, paid frequent visits to the leviathan establishment, and was on friendly terms with the late Mr. Robert Slater, the financial partner and director, who also visited Mr. Stewart in New York.

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5440.

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1st part. 2nd part.

2 3 4 5 6 B M W H 3 2 6 5 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 2 3 6 4 - 5 3 2 4 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th bells the extent in 5-6, which position is retained by these bells throughout, the peal is the first ever obtained in the method on this plan.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6048.

By N. J. PITSTOW, *Saffron Walden.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 5 2 6 4 -

5 6 3 4 2 -

5 4 2 6 3 - 2 I

5 2 6 4 3 - 1 2

4 5 6 2 3 I - 2

5 4 3 2 6 2 - 2

4 2 3 5 6 I -

This peal is with the 6th placed twice each way in each part in 5-6.

FOUR PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

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5376.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 6 4 5 2 2 - I 2

3 4 5 5 2 I 2

6 3 4 2 5 2 - 2 2

2 5 3 4 6 2 - 2

4 2 3 5 6 I - 2

Twice repeated.

This peal contains all the 8-6's and the 6th its extent at home.

5280.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

6 5 4 3 2 I I I

3 4 5 6 2 2 2

5 6 3 4 2 I - 2 I

6 2 3 4 5 2 - I 2

2 5 3 4 6 I 2

4 2 3 5 6 I

The above repeated produces:—

3 4 2 5 6

5 6 4 2 3 I 2 2

6 3 4 2 5 2 - I 2

3 5 4 2 6 I 2

2 3 4 5 6 I

This peal contains the 6th its extent at home.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

5 2 3 6 4 2 2 2

3 4 6 2 5 I I 2

5 2 6 4 3 2 - 2 I

2 5 3 4 6 2 2

4 2 3 5 6 I - 2

The above repeated produces:—

3 4 2 5 6

4 6 2 5 3 2 - I 2

5 3 6 2 4 2 - 2

3 5 4 2 6 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 I - 2

This peal contains all the 8-6's, and the 6th its extent at home.

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

4 6 5 3 2 2 - 2 2

5 2 3 6 4 2 - 2 2

6 3 4 2 5 I I

2 5 3 4 6 2 - 2

4 2 3 5 6 I - 2

The above repeated produces:—

3 4 2 5 6

5 3 4 6 2 2 2 2

6 4 2 3 5 2 - 2

3 5 4 2 6 2 - 2

2 3 4 5 6 I - 2

This peal contains all the 8-6's, and the 6th its extent at home.

First rung at St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire, September 28th, 1885. Conducted by George Longden, Ashton-under-Lyne.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5376.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

6 4 2 3 5 I I I

5 2 6 4 3 I I I

3 6 2 4 5 I I

2 4 3 6 5 I I

5 3 2 4 6 I I I

6 2 5 3 4 I I I

4 5 2 3 6 I I

3 4 2 5 6 I

Twice repeated.

Call I wrong in the second course in any part, one course will be cut out and the number will then be 5152.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6400.

By SAMUEL WOOD, *Ashton-under-Lyne.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

6 4 3 5 2 2 - I I

6 3 5 4 2 I 2

6 5 4 3 2 I 2

3 6 5 2 4 - 2

Four times repeated.

By calling the first course in any one part 2 M I B I H brings up the second course-end, and reduces the peal to 6048, which was rung at Manchester, May 15th, 1886.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

IN THE BURTON VARIATION.

5056.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, *Duffield.*

2 3 4 5 6 B M W H

4 5 2 3 6 - -

6 3 2 5 4 - - -

5 6 2 3 4 - -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

2 6 3 5 4 - -

3 2 6 5 4 - -

6 5 3 2 4 - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

5 3 6 2 4 - -

2 5 6 3 4 - -

2 5 3 4 6 - -

3 2 5 4 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

3 5 4 2 6 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

2 3 4 5 6 - -

The 6th twelve times and the 4th eleven times in 6th's place in twenty-three courses, and no other bell there.

First rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on April 29th, 1886, by the St. Paul's Society. Conducted by William Wakley. First peal in the above variation ever rung.

THREE PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By GEORGE HAYWARD, *Bromsgrove.*

5424.

2 3 4 5 5 M W H

2 4 5 3 6 I 2

4 2 6 3 5 2 2

3 4 6 2 5 I

4 3 5 2 6 2 2

2 4 3 6 5 2 2 2

6 2 3 4 5 I

2 5 3 4 6 I 2

2 3 4 5 6 I 2

5424.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

2 4 5 3 6 I 2

2 6 4 3 5 2 I

2 4 3 6 5 I 2

2 3 6 4 5 I 2

3 4 6 2 5 2

4 3 5 2 6 2 2

2 5 3 4 6 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 I 2

5472.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

2 4 5 3 6 I 2

3 2 5 4 6 I

3 4 6 2 5 2 I I

4 3 5 2 6 2 2

4 3 2 6 5 2 2 I

2 3 6 4 5 2 I

2 5 3 4 6 2 I

2 3 4 5 6 I 2

In these peals the 5th and 6th are the only bells in 6th's place; with the 6th its extent home, the two first at four courses, and the third at five courses.

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ADDRESS WANTED of Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., of Birmingham.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1886.

Our comment of last week on the buffing of bells has elicited from more than one correspondent a rejoinder in consonance with our opinion on the subject, one of which we are requested to insert in this number, and which will therefore be found in its proper place. We are glad to find that these short comments of ours, which appear at times when our space affords the opportunity, are perused by the thinking portion of the ringing community, leading, as they appear to do, to the ventilation of ideas that would otherwise not be brought out. There is another subject that greatly stands in need of regulation—that process known as "firing" the bells. This was greatly condemned by the late REV. H. T. ELLACOMBE, not altogether on economic grounds, and the practice has met with opposition from other influential quarters. Stirring as it may be, when the bells are "fired" with some degree of judgment and skill, the fact remains that some system is wanted to regulate the times when it should be done. Ordinary occasions, such as a wedding, or even an oft-recurring state-day, does not in our opinion afford the necessity. We would as a rule limit the "firing" of bells to events of a purely National character, but to those only which may be associated with extraordinary circumstances. Such events as a great victory over the enemies of our country—the necessity of which may Heaven prevent—a day of thanksgiving for the providential avoidance of a threatened evil or national affliction; or the declaration of an honourable peace succeeding prolonged international hostilities, appear as among the most reasonable and proper occasions. There may be purely local circumstances which require something unusual in the way of bell-ringing which the laying down of any hard and fast line may make no provision for. But, nevertheless, we think it would be as well to have some code or regulation by which those who look for something like guidance in this particular may be justified.

The Exercise in fact demands that the once happy-go-lucky state of affairs in connection with many things

affecting it shall be regulated. No one who knows what ringing days are, doubts that the practice of "firing" is greatly abused, principally, no doubt, by those who are unable to ring scientifically, and "fire" by way of variety, a variety which is often the reverse of charming. It would be well, therefore, that not only the correct mode of ringing bells muffled should be defined, but also that the matter we are now dealing with should be governed with some degree of restraint.

The Provinces.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
 On Wednesday, July 11, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD BALDOCK Treble.	GEORGE NEWMAN 5.
EDWARD BONNER 2.	DAVID HALL 6.
GEORGE BELL 3.	JAMES W. LEONARD .. 7.
WILLIAM HARDEN 4.	WILLIAM BELLINGHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD BRANCH).

On Friday, July 16, 1886, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,

5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
EVAN MORETON 2.	JOHN HOWE 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 7.
ALFRED ROBINSON 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th and 4th respectively twenty-four and twenty-two times in 6ths place, no other bell being ever there

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, July 15, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

J. BELCHER Treble.	T. HOOPER 6.
W. T. PATES 2.	F. MUSTY 7.
H. HODGES 3.	H. KARN 8.
F. E. WARD, Esq. 4.	G. H. PHILLOTT, Esq. .. 9.
H. ROBERTS* 5.	A. HUMPHRIES Tenor.

Conducted by H. KARN.

*First Peal in any method.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM DYE Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 2.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 6.
REV. W. C. PEARSON 3.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 7.
JAMES MOTTS 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and conducted by W. DYE.

W. Dye hails from Helmingham; I. S. Alexander, J. Motts, E. Pemberton, and A. R. Aldham from Ipswich; A. S. and D. J. Wightman from Cretingham; and Rev. Pearson is late of Syston.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT.—On Tuesday, July 20th, eight members of the above Association rang at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. A. Brindley, 1; H. Bailey, 2; S. Churton, 3; W. B. Allison, 4; H. Page (conductor), 5; J. Siderton, 6; J. Austin, 7; T. Rose, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Thursday evening, July 8th, eight members of the Beddington branch of the above association rang for practice at St. Mary's church, 1,152 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. James W. Trappitt (conductor), 1; Edgar Bennett, 2; Edward F. Cole, 3; George Wellen, 4; Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter, 5; Charles Bance, 6; John Plowman, 7; Charles Gordon, 8. This is the longest length in the method by any of the above.

EDWARDSTONE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 18th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, being the first peal in the method on the bells. S. Slater (Glemsford, conductor), 1; N. Hawkins (Belchamp Walter), 2; C. Maxim (Foxearth), 3; R. Mingay (Foxearth), 4; G. Hammond (Long Melford), 5; J. Lee (Foxearth), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater (conductor), 1; W. P. Gridley (Foxearth), 2; G. Maxim, 3; N. Hawkins, 4; John Newman (Edwardstone), 5; A. Garwood, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 18th, a 720 of Single Oxford Bob. The first in the method on the bells. G. Hammond, 1; J. Lee, 2; G. Maxim, 3; R. Mingay, 4; W. P. Gridley (conductor), 5; O. Garwood, 6. Also a touch of Kent Treble Bob, in which A. Symonds of Lavenham, and H. Diggins of Great Waldingfield took part. Tenor 14 cwt.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, June 10th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Z. Slater, 1; C. Adams, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; G. Maxim, 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. And on Sunday, June 20th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). S. Slater (conductor), 1; C. Adams, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; J. Lee, 4; Z. Slater, 5; O. Garwood, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Wells, 1; Jos. Slater, 2; R. Mingay, 3; G. Maxim, 4; W. P. Gridley (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. Also on Friday, June 25th, a 720 of Double Court Bob. S. Slater (conductor), 1; C. Honeybell, 2; *G. Hammond, 3; F. Wells, 4; Z. Slater, 5; O. Garwood, 6. *First 720. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Sillitoe (conductor, Sudbury), 3; Z. Slater, 4; G. Hammond, 5; F. P. Adams, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Felix Tolliday (Sudbury), 1; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; G. Hammond, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, July 11th a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Z. Slater, 1; F. P. Adams, 2; J. Bird, 3; O. Garwood, 4; Nelson Hawkins (Belchamp Walter), 5; G. Hammond (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, July 14th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. John Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; Z. Slater, 3; O. Garwood, 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5; H. Harper (Sudbury), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). John Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; Z. Slater, 3; O. Garwood, 4; H. Harper, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, July 20th, at St. Mary's, a 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 51 mins. Zach. Slater, 1; Percy Scott, 2; Samuel Slater (conductor), 3; James Bird, 4; Oliver Garwood, 5; Harry Harper, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Monday, July 19th, at All Saints' Church, 540 of Bob Royal in 22 mins. G. Beeson, 1; S. Maskrey, 2; J. Thompson, 3; W. Midgley, 4; A. B. Ward, 5; A. E. Thompson, 6. W. H. Found, 7; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 8; G. Mottashaw, 9; J. Howe, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Thursday evening, July 15th, at St. Mary's, for practice, 324 and 432 of Stedman Caters, and 597 of Grandsire Caters.

BATLEY CARR (Yorks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, July 13th, for practice, 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 20 mins. J. W. Simon, 1-2; J. A. Idle, 3-4; G. H. Simon (conductor), 5-6; W. Ainley, 7-8. The above are members of the Dewsbury young company.

BENGEO (Herts).—On Friday, July 16th, at Holy Trinity Church for practice, a 720 of College Single. J. Pomfret, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; J. Channer, 3; W. Bennett, 4; W. Odell, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, July 18th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. T. Barker, 1; J. Pomfret, 2; M. Ellsmore, 3; W. Childs, 4; W. Bennett, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Childs, 1; H. Phillips (conductor), 2; M. Ellsmore, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Odell, 5; W. Bennett, 6.

DRAYTON (Berks).—On Monday, July 19th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; G. Wilkins, 2; T. Hibbert, 3; W. A. Garraway, 4; J. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; E. E. Napper, 7; E. Elburn, 8.

EXETER.—On Sunday evening, July 18th, for Divine Service at St. Sidwell's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Mundy, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; W. Goss, 3; *E. Pitt (conductor), 4; E. Shepherd, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; T. J. Lake, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor.

FRYERNING (Essex).—On Sunday, July 18th, a company from Bantley, South Weald, visited this place and rang for service in the afternoon two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. They afterwards paid a visit to Ingatestone and rang two 120's of Grandsire Doubles before evening service, and after service rang three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, and one 120 of Old Doubles. J. Surridge, 1; A. Payne, 2; R. Woollands (conductor), 3; C. Sheldon, 4; C. Harris, 5. Tenor 16 cwt.

GREAT YARMOUTH (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, July 19th, at Mr. Hayward's, St. Nicholas Road, 1008 of Bob Major was rung upon the large eight of a peal of sixteen, size 21, tenor D. Arthur Webber, 1-2; Matthew Long (conductor), 3-4; Denison Hayward, 5-6; William Fletcher, 7-8.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday, July 18th, six members of the local company, with Messrs. W. Newell and T. Hibbert, of Reading, rang for Divine Service in the evening a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; T. Hibbert, 2; F. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; W. Newell, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; E. E. Napper, 7; E. Pether, 8.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, July 18th, at St. Martin's church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 22 mins. J. Hannington (conductor), 1; T. Gleed, 2; J. Nixon, 3; J. Leech, 4; J. Barrett (Queens Park), 5; T. Titchener, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, July 11th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 543 of Stedman Caters. R. Williams sen., 1; H. Meadows, 2; E. Booth, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. W. Moore, 5; J. Brown, 6; T. Hammond, 7; W. Booth, 8; R. Williams, jun. (conductor), 9; R. Diggle, 10. Also on Thursday, July 15th, a meeting took place to ring Mr. Henry Johnson's peal of Treble Bob Caters, but meeting short owing to one of the company being detained at work, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, was rung in 49 mins. R. Williams, sen., 1; G. Helsby, 2; J. Pritchard, 3; C. Williams, 4; W. Booth, 5; J. Egerton, 6; R. Williams, jun., (conductor), 7; W. Brooks, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. The above was rang in honour of Mr. James Egerton, who that day completed his fiftieth year, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

MEREWORTH (Kent).—On Sunday, July 18th, at St. Laurence's Church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Bob Minor in 24 mins. W. Bell, 1; D. Hook, 2; W. Eldridge, 3; G. Newman, 4; G. Bell, 5; F. G. Newman (conductor), 6. Also a 720 with forty-two singles in 24 mins. Tenor 12 cwt.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Saturday, July 3rd, at the parish church, by the local company, assisted by Mr. C. Price, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, fifteen bobs, in 27 mins. J. Saladine, 1; G. Jones, 2; W. Morgan, 3; C. Price (conductor), 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Morgan, 6. The above was the composition of the late Mr. J. Reeves, and is the first by all except the conductor. And on Wednesday, July 7th, another 720 in the same method, with M. Bleazard at the 4th, and J. Morgan (conductor), the rest as before.

SHIPBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, July 18th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Giles's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 23 mins. F. G. Newman (conductor), 1; G. Bishop, sen., 2; W. Bellingham, 3; G. Bishop, jun., 4; G. Newman, 5; G. Bell (conductor), 6. Also a 720 with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 23 mins. W. Bell, 1; G. Bishop, 2; G. Newman, 3; W. Bellingham, 4; G. Bell (conductor), 5; F. G. Newman, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WHEATHAMSTEAD (Herts).—On Wednesday, July 7th, six members of the St. Alban's Cathedral Society visited the above place, and rang at St. Helen's Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. Grant, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; C. A. Hulks, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; N. N. Hills (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Stedman, and 120 of Grandsire Doubles. W. H. L. Buckingham, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; W. Battle, 3; E. A. Hulks, 4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5; T. Grant, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, July 14th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, (thirty-two bobs and twenty-two singles). W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 1-2; W. Battle, 3; T. Grant (first 720 inside), 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5-6. Also 720 of Bob Minor. T. Grant, 1; W. Battle, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6.

BELLS AND RINGERS IN 1885.

By F. W. J. REES.

LIST OF RINGS IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD.

Bedford, St. Paul	8	27	B. G.	Whitechapel.
Cardington	8	20		Whitechapel.
Dunstable	8	21		Whitechapel.
Leighton Buzzard	8	26		Whitechapel.
Luton	8			
Toddington	8	22		Whitechapel.
Woburn	8	13	B.	Made 8 in 1877.
Apsley Guise	6	8		By Taylor, 1883.
Arsley	6	12		By Warner, 1877.
Bedford St. Mary	6			
Biddenham	6	14	G.	
Bromham	6	16	G.	
Caddington	6	9		Whitechapel.
Eversholt	6	17		
Houghton Conquest	6	12		Whitechapel.
Southill	6	13		
Turvey	6	20		Reputed w'g't of tenor

The above list is sadly incomplete. I trust that some ringer of Bedfordshire will send to "BELL NEWS" the details necessary to make it complete. A great impetus has been given to change-ringing in Bedfordshire, and the practice of the art is rapidly spreading.

LIST OF RINGS IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

High Wycombe	10	23		
Aston-Clinton	8	13		
Aylesbury	8	22		Whitechapel.
Beaconsfield	8	21		Augmented to 8, 1884
Bletchley	8	17		Rudhall, 1713.
Buckingham	8	24		Whitechapel.
Denham	8			
Great Marlow	8	15	G.	
Haddenham	8	19		
Hughenden	8	12	G.	Augmented to 8, 1881
Long Crendon	8	19	G.	Whitechapel.
Newport Pagnall	8	22		Whitechapel.
Wooburn	8	18		A made-up ring.
Amersham	6	24		
Chalfont, S. Peter	6	11		Whitechapel.
Chalfont, S. Giles	6	11		
Chenies	6	10		Whitechapel.
Chesham	6	17		Whitechapel.
Cuddington	6	9		By Warner, 1884
Edelsborough	6	9		Whitechapel.
Ellesborough	6	9		Whitechapel.
Farnham Royal	6	12		Whitechapel.
Great Brickhill	6	14		Whitechapel.
Great Missenden	6			
Hambledon	6			
Iver	6	19		
Ivinghoe	6	15		By Warner, 1875.
Lane End	6	8		
Olney	6	30		
Slough	6	9	G. B. TB.	
Stoke Poges	6	16		
Stony Stratford	6	13	G.	
West Wycombe	6			
Wrybury	6	12	G.	

Another incomplete list. I hope the Messrs. Fussell will help to make it complete. Change-ringing is extending quickly in this county.

LIST OF RINGS IN CHESHIRE.

Dunham Massey	10	21		
Macclesfield	10	23	G. St.	
Bollington	8	17		By Taylor, 1880.
Bromborough	8	24		By Taylor, 1881.
Cheadle	8	16		Made 8 in 1882.
Chester Cathedral	8	33	G.	
Christleton	8	10		
Congleton	8	17		
Crewe	8	20		
Hyde	8	16	G. T. B.	
Mottram	8	12		By Rudhall.
Neston	8	14		Whitechapel, 1884.
Prestbury	8	18		
Runcorn	8	15		Whitechapel.
Sandbach	8	16		
Staly, S. Paul	8	19		Whitechapel.

Stalybridge	8	15	G. TB.	Whitechapel.
Stockport	8	25	G. St.	
Warburton	8	26		By Taylor, 1885.
Aldford	6	15	B. St. TB.	
Bartomley	6	15		
Bebington	6	7		Whitechapel.
Bidston	6	5		Treble Whitechapel.
Birkenhead, S. Mary	6	12	G.	Downham Foundry.
Bowden	6			
Chester, S. Mary	6	23		
Chester, S. Michael	6	12		
Daresbury	6	12	T. B. &c.	
Davenham	6	17		
Disley	6	8		Whitechapel.
Eastham	6	14		
Eccleston	6	13		Whitechapel.
Gawsworth	6	18	G.	
Grappin	6	13		
H'r Sutton S. James	6	12	G.	
Kelsall	6		B.	
Lawton	6	11		Treble by Taylor.
Nantwich	6			
Norbury	6	9		
Northenden	6	18	B. G.	
Northwich	6	14	B. G.	
Overton	6	18		Large wheels.
Pulford	6	11		By Taylor, 1883.
Stretton	6	15		Whitechapel.
Sutton	6	11		By Taylor, 1879.
Wallasey	6	15	G.	
Witton	6	17	B. G.	

An incomplete list: which I hope Mr. Freeman Ball and others will supplement.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held at Bletchingley, by the kind permission of the rector, on Monday, July 19th. There was a very poor attendance, only about twenty members sitting down to tea, a large proportion of these being the local ringers.

After some Grandsire Doubles had been performed, a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung at Nutfield, conducted by Mr. W. Hawkins. After tea, the usual business meeting was held, at which the officers and Committee were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year. The party then repaired to the tower of Bletchingley Church, and rang several touches in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Major, Union Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major, and Bob Triples. The meeting passed a cordial vote of thanks to the rector of Bletchingley, and also to the rector of Nutfield for kindly allowing the use of the bells.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER,
Hon. Sec.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, DERBY.

The above Society had their usual summer outing on Saturday, July 17th. The Exhibition at Liverpool was selected as at once being useful to the ringers, and accessible from Derby. The city was reached about 11 a.m. The Great Eastern Steamship lying a few miles up the river was first visited. At 2 o'clock the band sat down to a capital dinner, provided at the "Angel Hotel." The repast concluded, the Shipperies were next visited. The Exhibition was the source of great enjoyment to the ringers; the varied tastes of the Society being amply gratified. On returning to the city, a refreshing cup of tea gave new impetus to the party, who afterwards spent its spare time in securing little presents for the "loved ones at home." Derby was reached at 11.30, and all felt the better and wiser for their trip. The Rev John Allin, Curate, and Mr. George Sutherland, one of the churchwardens, kindly escorted and catered for the party. It was unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the Society be given to the vicar and churchwardens for providing the very enjoyable excursion. Regret was expressed that unforeseen circumstances prevented Mr. J. R. Pritchard, the well-known ringer and composer, escorting the members to some Liverpool belfries.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Members are requested to take notice that the next Quarterly Meeting of the Association will be held at Baldock on Monday, August 2nd. The arrangements will be the same as on former occasions. Dinner tickets 2s. each, will be supplied by the local secretaries, to whom applications should be made on Monday, July 26th. Railway tickets will be granted at reduced fares to members upon the production of their certificates.

W. WIGRAM, General Secretary.

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."

MUFFLED PEALS.

SIR,—In perusing the pages of "THE BELL NEWS," I was glad to see a leader devoted to that very essential (at times) part of ringing, viz., muffled ringing. In my opinion, the bells muffled on both sides is a great mistake, as it spoils that clear and mellow tone which is only to be obtained from half-muffled ringing. The open side of the bell sounding immediately after the muffled side gives it the grand appearance, as of a loud sweep of music and then an echo of it. I also think that whole-pull changes should be rung when muffled, as then the muffled side appears to be an exact echo of the open side. As to the question of ringing muffled for anyone who desires it for their friends who are not ringers, I do not think it is hardly a right thing, as it tends to make muffled ringing as common as ordinary ringing, and also it shows very trifling respect to your own ringers if you take to ringing for anyone. Hoping I have not intruded on your valuable space.

TERRÆ FILIUS.

SIR,—I see in your leading article of last week's issue you gave your opinion upon the muffling of bells for mournful occasions. Having been a ringer over thirty years myself, and having attended many a brother ringer's funeral, I think I may claim some little knowledge as to the muffling of bells. I will therefore give you what I consider the most impressive in all my experience. It was at the funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Ives, of the Shipley company, Yorkshire, at which church there is a peal of eight bells, the last six being very deeply muffled on both sides, and rung up at a very slow speed, during the approach of the funeral to the church, also while the corpse was being carried from the church gates into the church by six old ringers. It was such a solemn sight, as think would have touched the greatest infidel, as well as nearly all present, and I have no doubt that any ringer who was present on that occasion will be of the same opinion. I will now explain the plan we adopt with our bells at the Bradford parish church. At the death of any of its members all the bells are muffled on both sides until after the funeral, and then one side is taken off and rung half-muffled a short time, and are left so for one Sunday after the interment, after which time they are taken off. And if authorised to ring for any distinguished person, we adopt the same plan unless by special desire otherwise. Now, where the funeral takes place at the church where the ringing is, as in the case at Shipley, I must say I like their plan better than any I have yet heard; but where it takes place at a cemetery, I am of opinion that I have not heard of any plan that is better than our own; but I should like to hear what one or two more veterans, not exactly of the London Exercise, but of some of our big towns and country villages have to say on the subject.

JESSE NAYLOR.

MR. DAWE, v. MR. PRITCHARD.

SIR,—Not having anything to do with the squabble between the above gentlemen, but in reading Mr. Dawe's reply to Mr. Pritchard, does he insinuate that the Liverpool men misconducted themselves during their visit to Bodellwyddan, when they rang the first peal on Monday, August 4th, 1873. If so, how is it we should receive prior to our departure, a second invitation, which we accepted, on August 2nd, 1875, and started for a peal of Treble Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 3552 changes in 2 hrs. 16 mins. Each time of our visit we received the invitation from the Rev. Watkin H. Williams, rector, and on both occasions we were hospitably entertained both before and after the ringing. We were also conducted through the grounds of Sir Hugh Williams, Bart., and was accorded a hearty reception by Sir Hugh and his lady. On the lawn in front of the castle, we enlivened the proceedings by change and tune ringing, after which we were conducted into the castle, and were once more supplied with the good things in season. Previous to taking our departure for home, we again received a pressing invitation to pay a third visit. I think the above facts will convince your readers that the Liverpool men left no stain on their character at the church of St. Margaret's, Bodellwyddan. And it is open for Mr. Dawe to write to the rector, to dispose the above statements which I make—for our second visit I refer him to *Church Bells*, August 7th, 1875, as he says it was our first visit, that our manners were bad, would the rector receive us on our second visit in the hearty way he did. Answer this one question if such was the case.

RICHARD WILLIAMS.

BODELLWYDDAN TENOR.

SIR,—I am pleased to find my letter which appeared on the 3rd inst. has brought out the correct weight of the above bell, and also Mr. Dawe. As a provincial man, I was always under the impression (unfortunately a mistaken one), that the metropolis contained gentlemen in its ringing ranks if nowhere else, but have been sorely disappointed. In my letter I asked who was correct, Mr. Dawe or the founders of the bells, and I do not remember asking whether any one misbehaved themselves at any place which Mr. Dawe has honoured with his presence. That individual however has treated us with an account (which belies his statement as to being correct, &c.), regarding the Liverpool ringers, but as I had not the privilege of being one of the band, I leave those that had, to reply to his uncalled for and unwarrantable attack. With regard to the false peals, I apologise to the Exercise at large for a seeming indiscretion on my part, as all peals I sent up were accompanied by a request to the Editor to prove same for me before publishing, that they were published before being proved, therefore, does not lie with me, (I was then ignorant with regard to proving peals, being somewhat in the same boat as your ungentlemanly correspondent), viz., an aspiring young man.

Mr. Dawe is quite welcome to his job of muck picker, but I must caution him to be careful and not bespatter other folks with the same stuff he delights to wallow in. When I next ask Mr. Dawe a simple question through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," I trust he will confine himself to replying to me, and not reduce himself to the dog-in-the-manger fashion of making a stab in the dark at others who had nothing whatever to do with my letter, but who I am pleased to call my friends. The London and North Western Railway Company carry anything that is paid for, muck included, so when next Mr. Dawe travels out of London, if he will label himself correctly, perhaps he might get along at a cheaper rate, who knows?

I trust our friend will understand that I am writing in the same friendly tone as he himself has done, and as I do not desire to occupy your pages any further on this matter, I trust he for once will be satisfied that he has made an attack on the Lancashire lads, and comes off worst in the conflict.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Monmouth, and which appeared in a recent number of the "BELL NEWS," should have read, Thomas Preece, treble, instead of "Dreece," and conducted by Edwin Barnett instead of "Edward."

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

The general appearance of the parish churchyard is such as to elicit the admiration of all who pass through it. We who recollect the old neglected state it presented in the past, when sheep grazed among the unkept graves, perhaps notice the contrast more. The well-trimmed flower beds, the handsome shrubs and trees, the sweet-smelling wood-bines, the fragrant roses, etc., render it a pleasant place to walk in. There is in one of the western divisions a tree which is specially beautiful in shape and foliage. It is near the Grammar School and close to the palisadings, a pendent, or, as it is commonly called, a "weeping ash." It forms a natural arbor capable of sheltering a dozen people, and attracts much attention. The many choice shrubs planted chiefly under the superintendence of the former Vicar, the Rev. H. V. Broughton, have now arrived at their full stature and beauty, and the fact of their being continually added to by Archdeacon Lightfoot, who has in many ways improved the churchyard, render this old "God" acre "one of the pleasantest places in the county."—*Northampton Herald*.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Whitaker, the Hon. Sec. of this Association, writes:—

I am most anxious to remind all members of the Yorkshire Association who have rung peals during the past year, and have not sent them to the Secretary, that they should do so at once, as any peal received after the 31st of this month cannot appear in our next report. Also any obituary notice by the same date.

Covered Market, Kirkgate, Leeds.

WM. WHITAKER, Hon Sec.

FRODSHAM, SUSSEX.

A grand bazaar was recently held at this place, in aid of the parish church tower restoration fund. During the heavy gale the wind got under the bazaar tent, and completely wrecked it, fortunately doing no more damage than smashing some porcelain. The fine collection of goods was speedily conveyed to the Endowed School, where the bazaar was then held.

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OUT OF THE HUNT.

By W. D. SMITH.

ON Saturday, June 24th, I arrived at Plymouth, with the intention of spending sixteen days in its vicinity. Here I was, a complete stranger, in the Gibraltar of England, and comfortable apartments having been secured, a look round suggested itself, which was duly had, and well repaid. Living near the Hoe is a very great advantage, as regards easy access to the surrounding beautiful scenery, and likewise to the promenade pier and the other different places of departures of the pleasure steamers plying to the Eddystone, River Tamar, and to Calstock, River Yealm, Mount Edgumbe, etc. It is unnecessary to say that during my sojourn here the places enumerated above were often visited. On Sunday morning, at 10.15, the bells of St. Andrew's chimed out what at first seemed to me a melody. By Troyte's *Guide to the Steeples of England* I found the tower contained a peal of ten bells, upon which Stedman and Grandsire were practised on a given night in each week; but a method upon which I had not received any instruction was being manipulated upon the back six of the ten. I listened and listened, and could not for the life of me make out what was being enacted, so leaving my apartments, and strolling into the street, I at last caught the plaintive strains of what would be on the back six of eight, 3645736487364573648. Here was a grand introduction for a change-ringer. This was repeated for thirty minutes, and finished with half-a-dozen blows on the tenor. Well, I thought, there's not much about that to trouble myself with, and consequently did not go to see who the musicians were. Referring again to the afore named Guide, I found there was practice at Charles Church, on the Tuesday. Here I went and lingered long, when a youth, who appeared to be wanting something within the church gates, made his appearance. I enquired of him as to the practice, and was informed there was none that evening, so having obtained the address of one of the local ringers from him, I proceeded thither. Our conversation at once, as with all brother strings, turned upon the one topic, change-ringing, but being forewarned (by the chiming of the preceding Sunday), I was forearmed, and not unnecessarily so, as it was my misfortune to listen to one of the most lamentable tales ament the state of change-ringing in this locality. Churchyard Bob holds its reign supreme, and there is not a leader amongst the few half-pull men existing here strong enough to stamp it out. Change-ringing is not sufficiently persisted and persevered in to give it anything like a *locus standi* above that grand old English Stony. Well, a meeting was arranged on the following Thursday at St. Andrew's, but what took place was, I was going to say unfit for publication, simply intolerable; no leads kept, and the bells rung round as if there was not a moment longer to live, and all the persuasion in the world would not alter it. There is some little excuse for this, as the bells are in anything but peal-ringing order, so they are rung in the manner described until exhaustion takes place, when stand is called. Friday being the coming of age of Lord Valletort, eldest son of Lord Mount Edgumbe, and likewise the visit of the Marquis of Hartington to the town, some more examples of the familiar Old English method was indulged in, of which I partook, being unable to obtain nowt else, and having been threatened with confusion the previous evening should I take part in the morrow's attempts, made me anxious for the fray, that is to say, "the gallant noble leader" of this band was about staking all his worldly possessions on my losing the equilibrium of specific gravity when he called the bells in Tittums position. He did not win the wager, and I craved not his worldly possessions. On the following Tuesday and Thursday, at St. Andrew's and Charles's churches, 168 of Grandsire, with very hard work and a struggle crowned our efforts. Such is the state of the science in this district, with a peal of ten and one of eight, within call of one another, isolated by distance from any celebrated change-ringing community. Still there is no excuse why the young band who have been struggling on some considerable time against many odds, should not be at once resolute and overcome all obstacles barring their way to success. The particulars of the Monmouth achievement, which appeared in last week's issue, should be an incentive, and Troyte's *Guide to the Steeples of England*, though a very handy and valuable book, should as near as possible give the correct particulars, assigning as it does the methods of Stedman and Grandsire to the towers before mentioned, when Grandsire only is in an embryo state, and neither method seem ever to have existed long together. It is true two peals of Grandsire Triples have been rung at Charles' Church, but not by entirely local men. Thus, with not very joyous recollections of the ringing accomplished, I left Plymouth on Monday, 12th inst., hoping that if ever again in the neighbourhood it would be possible to obtain something like ringing, with the leads properly kept, and the ears used as well as the eyes. I may add that I met with every civility and attention from all the ringers, and only regret not being able, on account of circumstances, to seal our friendship with a peal. Probably this may happen when my position will be altered, and find that I shall be taking my part "in the hunt."

THE ANNUAL EXCURSION OF THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BEDDINGTON.

ON Saturday, July 10th, the members of the above, with their wives and lady loves, held their annual excursion, the place selected being Isleworth. Starting from Wallington Green at 8.20 a.m. they arrived at Mortlake about 10.30, and with the kind permission of the Rector rang a touch of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. Having thanked the steeple-keeper for his courtesy in meeting them they again betook themselves to the road. Arriving at Isleworth about 12.40, they at once made their way to the tower and rung a short touch of Grandsire Triples. It now being the hour set apart for refreshing the inner man, they, with all possible speed, made their way to the "Orange Tree," where their host had provided a most excellent dinner. Having done good justice to this, they chartered three crafts of large dimensions, and enjoyed themselves on Father Thames for three hours, rowing as far as Eel Pie Island, and back. Another visit to the church, and a touch of Stedman and Treble Bob brought the ringing to a close. Bidding their Isleworth friends good bye they made their way to Putney, hoping to hear the finish of a peal attempted there on that day, but not a sound was to be heard, the birds had flown and so had the peal. There being no other attractions left, they started for home, arriving there at 11.45 p.m., each one having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The members of this company take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of the respective churches for their kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and to the steeple keepers for meeting them and having everything ready for them.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting was held at Toddington, Beds., on Saturday, July 17th. There was a fair attendance of members. Owing, however, to the condition of the bells nothing could creditably be rung. Rounds were with some difficulty and hard labour struck during the afternoon, and one 168 of Bob Minor was accomplished on the middle six. The Bedford ringers, accustomed to handle the heavy ring of St. Paul's there, could not even manage the tenor at home, on repeatedly attempting some short touches of Grandsire Triples. The services of the bellhanger are much needed in the Toddington tower. The rector of Toddington, the Rev. C. E. Haslam, who very cordially welcomed the members, had however expended some pounds in improving the go of the bells, by the aid of local talent, the result being very disappointing to the change-ringers who attended, and who some three years ago managed to obtain several decent touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. At half-past five he very kindly invited the ringers, including the local company, to the rectory, where tea was provided, after which an adjournment was made to the lawn, where the Toddington ringers rang tunes, and the county change-ringers rang touches of Oxford Treble Bob Major, etc. on the handbells.

On the motion of Mr. I. Hills, seconded by Mr. T. Foote, the next district meeting was arranged to be held at Woburn in October next.

Mr. Chas. Herbert, Hon. Sec., on behalf of the company thanked the rector for his personal kindness and hospitality, and as the Bedford contingent had now to wend their way to the railway station, the Toddington men ceased the last seven bells at the church in peal, which, with much strength of arms they fairly succeeded in doing, greatly to their own and other local gratification. Although disappointed in the tower, the gathering was in all other respects a very pleasing one.

ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.

ON Saturday, July 17th, the above society held their 130th Anniversary, the place selected being to visit being Shenstone, and arrangements having been made with the London and North Western Railway, to stop their midday express at that station, most of the members availed themselves of this opportunity of an early arrival, and so were enabled to take a short stroll into the surrounding country before the advertised time for dinner. Soon after 3 p.m., the members assembled at the "Fox and Hounds Inn," and under the presidency of Mr. Reeves, partook of a substantial repast, after which some of the company again repaired to the fields, while a few having obtained permission, preferred to visit the tower and try the "go" of the bells, which they did to the tune of five courses of Stedman Triples, and two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. After falling the bells in peal it was found to be time to again assemble at the "house of meeting," and the president of the company, Mr. H. Johnson, sen., having taken the chair, the customary business was transacted, after which the usual and patriotic toasts were submitted, others were also submitted including the health of "Our Editor," and "Success to THE BELL NEWS," which was proposed by Mr. S. Reeves. The remainder of the evening was enlivened with the handbells, recitations, and songs, and a very enjoyable outing terminated with a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for the successful manner in which they had provided for their creature comforts.

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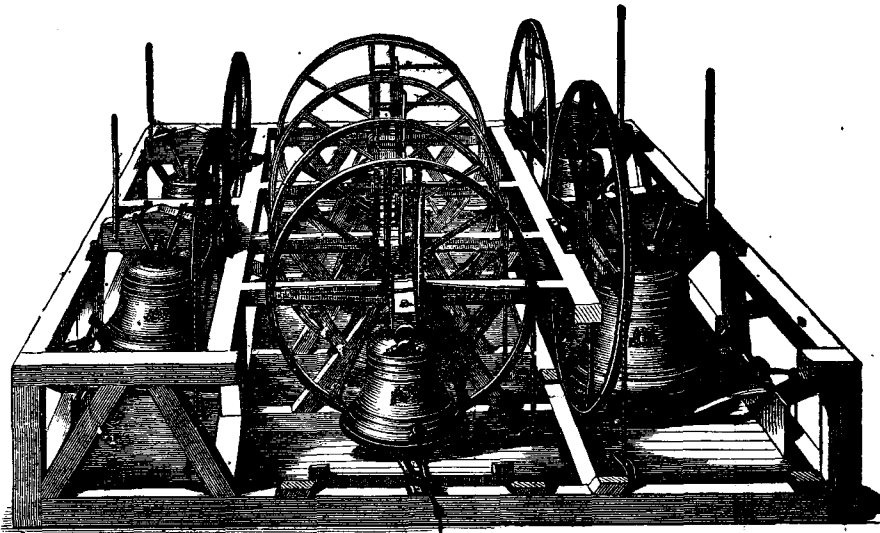
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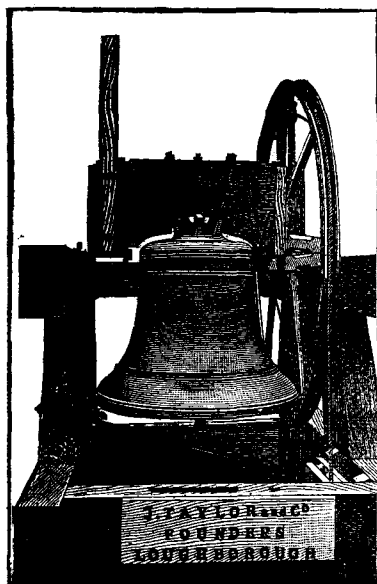


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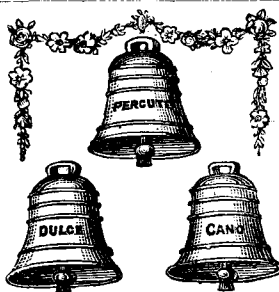
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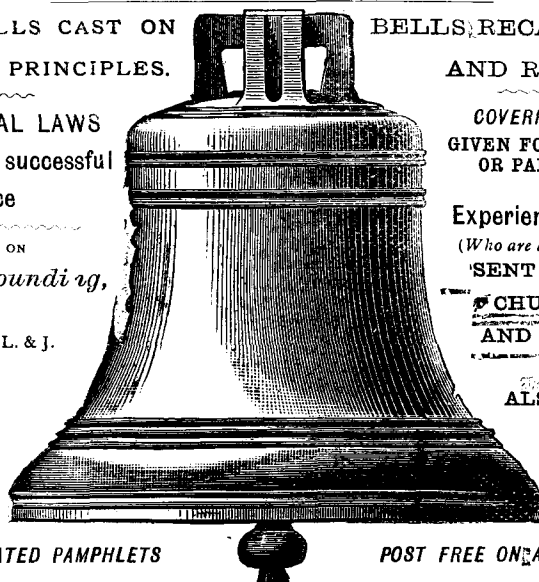
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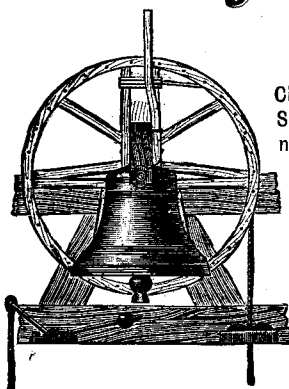
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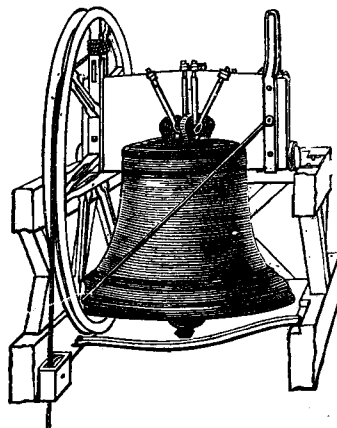
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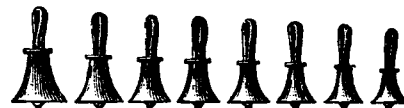
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The Sixth Annual Festival of this Guild was held on Monday, July 19th, at Abingdon, and the weather being fine, the gathering was very successful. The Guild has made great progress in every respect considering the short time it has been established, and has been the means of the members cultivating the art of bell-ringing to a much greater extent than hitherto.

The programme of the day's proceedings was a very attractive one, and representatives from most of the towers in the Guild were present. The Rev. Dolben Paul (Rector of Bearwood), the Hon. Sec., admirably carried out the arrangements, which were most complete.

At 11.15 a service was held at the newly-restored church of St. Helen's, which was well filled with ringers and others. Appropriate hymns were sung, and the service was very hearty throughout. The choral portion of the service was admirably rendered. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Dolben Paul, and the second by the Rev. G. Marshall, rector of Milton, and rural dean.

THE BISHOP OF OXFORD preached an eloquent sermon from the words "They offered them before the Lord; therefore they are hallowed" (Numbers xvi., 38). His Lordship dwelt on the fact that small gifts, if they were the best we could offer to God, were as good as the richest offerings we could make. It might be a few flowers out of the cottage garden to deck the House of God, or a poor, simple strain of music in the village choir, which we could offer, but we should not be ashamed of that which was our best; rather let us be ashamed of the richest and choicest, for all that we did was unworthy of Him. Some churches were poor little places, and some were noble ancient fabrics which had been contributed to by benefactors; but still the little, poor church, if it was the best that could be offered, was as acceptable in God's eyes as the greatest. There were few things richer and more attractive than the music of a good peal of bells, on which the founders' care and the benefactors' wealth, and the ringers who rung of their skill, were bestowed, and yet there might be some poor place, where there was nothing but one little tinkling sound, all that could be offered, which was as acceptable in His sight as the grandest peal they could have. "Every devoted thing is most holy to the Lord." It was a great part of religion to know where God revealed Himself, where His presence was, and what things belonged to Him, and good, religious people were pleased with the tokens which reminded them of God's presence. Amongst the things by which God spoke to them were the bells that pealed forth from their church towers, with their rich music, and the sound going far beyond the walls from which it was produced, and falling sometimes on the ear of the lonely wanderer, and sometimes on the ears of a person on a sick bed. After referring to the purposes for which the bells were used, the Bishop spoke of those who rung the bells and those who were associated together in the work in which they were engaged, and said that God consecrated them to His service, and they were His.

The blessing was pronounced by the Bishop, and as the procession of the clergy and choir left the church Hymn 274, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," was sung.

After the service the members assembled in the Council Chamber, where a general meeting for the election of officers and other business was held, the Rev. F. Robinson (vicar of Drayton), Master of the Guild, presiding. Several alterations in the rules having been made, the new peal book, which was last year presented by the Earl of Jersey to the Guild, was exhibited. The officers for the year were elected, the only changes being that Mr. A. H. Cocks, of Great Marlow, took the place of the Rev. E. Barber, now Archdeacon of Chester, and Mr. J. W. Washbrook, that of Mr. F. White. It was mentioned that nearly 200 members had been elected since the beginning of the year, the total number on the books being between 900 and 1000. Since the last report the following towers had joined the Guild: St. Michael's, Oxford, Bodlicote, near Banbury, Dorchester, Cropredy, near Leamington, Drayton, Berks, Henley-on-Thames, Witney and Fulmer. A donation of £5 was made towards the addition of two new bells at Holywell Church, Oxford.

A dinner, to which about 300 sat down, took place at 2.30 in a large marquee placed in the beautiful grounds of the Abbey, the use of which was kindly granted by Mr. E. J. Trendell. The repast was well served by Mr. Gough, of the "Crown and Thistle" Hotel, Abingdon. Mr. T. Morland, Mayor of Abingdon, presided, and he was supported by, amongst others, the Revs. F. E. Robinson, Dolben Paul, R. C. F. Griffith (vicar of St. Helen's, Abingdon), J. F. Maul (Henley), A. Majendie (Woodstock), A. Drummond (Boyn Hill, Maidenhead), R. Hart-Davis (Dunsden), F. J. Llewelyn (Wokingham), E. Broome (Hurst), E. I. Gardiner (Newbury), Blackburn Kane (Bicester), Mr. J. Trendell, Mr. Bromley Challenor, jun., Mr. A. H. Cocks, Mr. A. Simpson, &c. Grace was said before and after meat by the Vicar of St. Helen's.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "Church and Queen," which was duly honoured.

The REV. A. MAJENDIE, in reply, said they were all loyal subjects,

and the better churchman a man was the more loyal subject he would be.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "Prosperity to the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers." He had had a book of rules placed in his hands, and he saw that they recognised the true position of the members—that church bell-ringers were church officers. That in former days was very little recognised, as in years gone by people who rung bells did not realise that they belonged to the church. The modern system of making ringers feel that they were not only members, but officers of the church, was a great improvement, and tended to the better conduct not only of the ringers but of the work of the church in general. He coupled with the toast the names of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and the Rev. Dolben Paul.

The REV. F. E. ROBINSON (Master of the Guild), first responded. After thanking them for the cordial reception of the toast, he remarked that the Guild was prospering to a great extent, both as regards funds and members. A year ago at Bicester he was rash enough to say that they intended to accomplish another peal, and he could now tell them he had the greatest pleasure in conducting a peal of Superlative last October on his own bells. Having accomplished that they set to work to try and ring a peal of Cambridge Surprise, but they failed. He hoped they would get the team together again, and that before the next annual meeting they would accomplish the feat, which was a great one because only one peal had been rung in the world. He thought they might congratulate themselves on their performances, their members, and their funds. Although they had been banded together for 5½ years, they had only got their shoulder to the collar. Their great aim was to provide a good set of bells in the towers throughout the diocese. There were 900 towers in the diocese, and they not only tried to get ringers but they tried to get God-fearing and brotherly-love ringers, and to cultivate the art of change-ringing. The more they looked into the matter they would see how very little had been done and how much remained to be done.

The REV. DOLBEN PAUL congratulated them on assembling in larger numbers than they had ever done before. He also congratulated them on having, for the first time in their history, the Bishop of the Diocese to come and preach to them. It had become proverbial that they never had a wet and gloomy day, and that day was no exception. Mr. Robinson in his speech had left out, and naturally so, one principal cause of the prosperity of the Guild. It could not have been so prosperous as it was if they had not secured for their master one of the best ringers in England. And not only was he one of the best ringers, but also a man who had the highest interests of bell-ringing at heart. In times gone by bell-ringers used to be recruited not from the church, but from the public house, and he was sure that this and other like institutions had been the principal means, under God's blessing, of reforming that state of things, and making their ringers feel, as choirmen and others, that they were God's ministers, doing His work in His house. The more they felt that greater blessings would attend their Guild. In conclusion, he would ask them to drink the health of the Rev. R. C. F. Griffith, vicar of Abingdon, to whom they were indebted for the beautiful service in which they had taken part that day.

The REV. R. C. F. GRIFFITH, in responding, said ringers should always have as their aim and object the honour and glory of God and the good of the Church. He trusted they would carry away with them very pleasant reminiscences of Abingdon. He invited them to drink the health of the Mayor, who had presided over the dinner, and that of Mr. Trendell, who had placed his beautiful grounds at their disposal.

The Chairman and Mr. Trendell suitably replied to the toast.

The bells of St. Helen's and St. Nicholas', Abingdon, were rung merrily during the afternoon. Brakes conveyed many of the members to Appleton, Cumnor, Oxford, Drayton (Berks), Drayton (Oxon), Appleford, and Dorchester, the towers of each of the churches being occupied by the visitors.

The members returned to their respective homes well pleased with the day's excursion.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Handbell Ringing Contest.—Promoted by the St. Peter's society of ringers, Leeds, Yorkshire, will be held at their meeting-house, the "Old Nag's Head," opposite the church, Kirkgate, Leeds, early in October next. Circulars will be issued giving all particulars, date, number and amount of prizes, entrance fees, rules, &c. See future notice.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the next District Meeting of this Association will be held at Cuckfield, on Monday, August 2nd (Bank Holiday).

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

SUNDAY RINGING.

I had already written a few lines on Sunday Ringing, but had refrained from sending it to "THE BELL NEWS" until Mr. Custance's able letter appeared, thinking our Editor would not publish my dissenting views, on his rather strong editorial comment, portions of which nevertheless are especially applicable in many cases. When the love of bells first fascinated me, of all days in the week the one I most looked forward to was Sunday, when I used to attend our parish church to chime, and see the people flock to its sacred walls, and afterwards to sit in the gallery and hear the service. Like most ringers, I suppose, on being able to ring, I longed to take part in a touch before service, but these wishes have since given way to a greater wish as I advanced in the art, viz., to ring a peal or half-peal previous to Divine Service. Although I have rung over fifty peals, not one has given me a greater religious feeling than the only one I have rung on Sunday. The ringing-room in this instance was on the ground floor, and open to the interior of the church, where the dim light of two oil lamps reflected on the distant groined arches and pillars, with a hazy light, and the sound of the bells seemed to vibrate and cling round each moulding, and along the oak timbered roof, while the clash of a false blow or two would cause you to start and slightly shiver. So much of my personal reminiscences of Sunday ringing as a ringer, some may consider them imaginative, unsuitable, but to such I would reply, "Evil be to him who evil thinks." There is probably many a ringer of the present time who in his mind reverts to his boyhood days of the art spent in the tower of his native parish church.

I feel somewhat surprised some of the clergy have not given us their advice or views relative to Sunday Ringing, much of it I mean as applies to peal ringing. A line must be drawn somewhere; what grounds are the ringers to work upon? One of two positions, almost diametrically opposed must be sustained ultimately. If we consider the science and art of change-ringing as an entirely religious duty, and we cannot very well do otherwise—bells being used chiefly for religious purposes, and by their impressive sounds, and from what we learn of the past uses for which bells were ordained, we are unable to do otherwise than support both as a sacred religious duty, and one of the most appropriate and important at present in use by the Church.

This being admitted, I maintain that Sunday should be reserved as the most fitting and appropriate day for attaining the most advanced and harmonious productions of the science and art in the tower. The physical, mental, and bodily powers of all ringers should on a Sunday above any other day be observed as a fitting occasion for the glorification of the Creator of those gifts, and while surrounding each bell to his glory, the neighbouring parishioners would be reminded that—

"The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

A few years hence, and it is also in many towns at the present time, the inhabitants will look upon their parish peal as a source of attraction for such teams of men who choose to exhibit their power and skill in peal ringing, and their achievement will come to be looked upon as an athletic performance, and viewed with the same interest as cricket, football, or other active sports. Then perhaps no difficulty would exist in getting funds for additions, to and restorations of bells, as no doubt these persons whose business would increase, in one particular way especially, would give, thinking naturally the more bells the better they go, the greater the attraction. All religious feeling dying out gradually, while the long and mighty peals rang during the week, will serve only to weaken the slight effects of sounds produced on Sunday, by an irregular system of discordant chiming.

If we take the example of another body of church workers, the choir, peal ringing on Sunday would be quite proper—as a rule they practice several times during the week, yet their best efforts and most impressive productions are reserved for Sunday, one and all endeavour to do their best; are ringers then to be denied the same privilege of doing their best on Sunday? Many a working man who hurries from his work to attempt a peal in the evening, thinks more of the workshop he has left than the holy place he is in while ringing, would he do so to such a degree on the day of rest? on Sunday, when the performance of his duties as a ringer would remind him and others of God, and God's House of Prayer.

If on the other hand Sunday peal ringing is abolished, all religious Associations will be lost sight of, and the belfry will resemble a village hall, which is used for religious gatherings on Sunday on a small scale while during the other six days any company can use the place for negro or theatrical performances, however instead of such exhibitions in the tower, a notice in the local parish magazine will probably intimate to us.—

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Such a popularity as this let all ringers try to destroy, and let all the clergy give greater regard to their ringers' religious respect for their Sunday duties. In saying so much, I wish it to be understood, that it would not be fit or proper for the parish ringers of Bethnal Green to hire a waggonette and drive to Henley-on-Thames to ring a peal on Sunday—at many churches time would not allow more than half a peal to be rung between the services, yet occasionally the parish band of ringers should be allowed the opportunity of rendering their highest ability, by dispensing with, or arranging one of the earlier services—in my opinion, and that of others too, a multiplicity of Sunday Services affords no spiritual or pecuniary benefit to either the Church or congregation.

Again referring to the Midland Counties' Annual Report we read "to refrain as far as possible from using the bells on the Lord's Day except for the services of the Church"—is one of the objects of the Association; this has been further explained in answer to our Editor's opportune misunderstanding by Mr. Ward, who adds, personally I believe—"one of our principles should be to discourage *peal ringing* on that day." My reasons for troubling the ringing public so much now, is to avoid the idea so quietly assumed with regard to Sunday peal ringing in the above lines, being brought before our Guilds and Associations in such a black light, and probably adopted in their rules. So soon as Sunday peals, where practicable, are avoided, so soon will the honour and glory appertaining to God die, while the peals rung indiscriminately during the week will raise the honour and vanity of man individually. If as ringers we are to ring at all on Sundays, I for one would like to do my best on that day. The church organ never peals forth so grandly as on the Sabbath; shall the ringers be denied also the performance of a duty to the organist, that of "pealing upon the loud cymbals." Mr. Ward's expressions I do not quite understand, as Mr. Custance has said, if we discard peal ringing on Sunday we must also do the same on any other day if we regard it as a pleasure, if we are to be recognised as Church officers and have a duty to do, our duty should be to do our best on Sunday. Should the various Guilds and Associations adopt Mr. Ward's suggestion in conjunction with the Midland Counties' object as already mentioned, the public come to look upon ringing as a kind of religious pastime, the ringers will be looked upon as men endowed with a sort of Herculean mania, while the Guilds and Associations will be viewed as clubs and training societies. The clergy by coming amongst us generally have done a great deal to raise the public estimation of all ringers of every grade—at the same time I am well aware there are some pothouse loafers who think more of their favourite beerhouse than the House of God, who in their low and unintelligible way of ringing look upon the art as a pecuniary pastime—yet a great deal remains to be done, the general public does not understand the nature or meaning of a peal proper, therefore peal ringing should not be made an ordinary every day event thereby only serving the ambitious personal aims of the several performers.

Let a practice be held weekly for the benefit of the old hands, and the promotion of the young, but let the best ringing be heard on Sunday. After Sunday there are plenty of fitting occasions for other peals of longer length or otherwise, such as the Saints' Day's Church Festivals, Religious and Ecclesiastical Anniversaries, all opportunities for peal ringing which would give a distinctive appearance to their performance and afford an opportunity for all true ringers as Church officers to distinguish themselves in their religious duties.

S. MARY'S CHURCH, MAGOR, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The re-opening of the ring of bells which have been re-hung and increased from five to six, will take place on Bank-holiday, Monday August 2nd, 1886, after complete renovation by Mr. A. York, bell hanger, Bristol. A short dedicatory service will be conducted by the vicar at 9.45 a.m., before the bells are raised. The bells will then be opened by the S. Lawrence, Barnwood company—members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. At 3 p.m. there will be full choral service, rendered by the choir of S. Alban's, Ashton Gate Bristol, under the direction of James White, Esq., associate of the royal academy of musicians, hon. organist and choirmaster of Ashton Gate. Sermon by the Rev. W. H. Williams, M.A., rural dean of the central division of Netherwent, rector of Portsawett (S. Mary), with Sudbrook (Holy Trinity), and Saint Pierre (S. Peter). At four o'clock public tea in the national school, tickets 1s. each, may be procured of the vicar and churchwardens; Mr. Holt, schoolmaster and organist; Mr. W. Edwards, acting parish clerk; Mrs. Morgan, sextoness; Mr. Baker, the "Lion;" Mrs. Thomas, the "Wheatsheaf;" Mrs. William Magor; Mr. G. Ballinger and Mr. Burris, at Redwick. During the Ashton Gate handbell ringers will play a selection of music. The S. Mary's, Magor ringers will ring for the second service, which will commence at a quarter before 7 p.m., when a shortened evensong will be sung by the united choirs of Magor, Redwick, and Ashton Gate about 100 voices. The offertories will be devoted to the bell fund.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

5056.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

1st part.					2nd part.				
2	3	4	5	6	B	M	W	H	5 4 3 2 6
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-	-	5 4 2 6 3
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-	-	2 5 4 6 3
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-	-	6 4 3 5 2
6	3	2	5	4	-	-	-	-	6 4 5 2 3
4	2	3	5	6	-	-	-	-	3 5 4 2 6
4	2	5	6	3	-	-	-	-	3 5 2 6 4
5	6	4	2	3	-	-	-	-	2 6 3 5 4
6	2	5	3	4	-	-	-	-	6 5 2 4 3
3	6	5	2	4	-	-	-	-	4 6 2 5 3
4	5	6	2	3	-	-	-	-	3 2 6 5 4
6	5	3	2	4	-	-	-	-	6 2 4 5 3
4	3	5	2	6	-	-	-	-	3 4 2 5 6
5	4	3	2	6	-	-	-	-	2 3 4 5 6

This peal contains the 6th the extent in 5-6, and is the first two-part peal in the method reduced to this number.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6240.

By SAMUEL WOOD, *Ashton-under-Lyne.*

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	-	I 2
5	3	2	4	6	I	-	-	2 I
4	5	3	6	2	2	-	-	2 2
4	3	6	5	2	I	-	-	2 2
3	2	6	5	4	I	-	-	2
2	5	3	4	6	-	-	-	2
4	3	5	2	6	I	-	-	2
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-	2
2	5	4	6	3	I	-	-	2
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-	I 2
5	3	6	2	4	-	-	-	I 2
5	6	2	3	4	I	-	-	2 2
6	4	2	3	5	I	-	-	2
4	6	5	3	2	-	-	-	I 2
3	4	6	2	5	-	-	-	2
3	6	2	4	5	-	-	-	I 2
2	4	3	6	5	I	-	-	2 I
6	2	4	5	3	2	-	-	2 2
2	3	4	5	6	I	-	-	2

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 6th's place, and the 3rd, 5th and 6th their extent in 5th's place.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5504.

By Y. GREEN, *College Youth.*

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
3	6	4	5	2	2	-	-	I 2
3	4	5	6	2	I	-	-	2 2
4	3	2	6	5	-	-	-	I 2
3	5	2	6	4	I	-	-	2
5	4	2	6	3	I	-	-	2
6	2	4	5	3	I	-	-	2
2	6	3	5	4	-	-	-	I 2
5	3	6	2	4	-	-	-	2 2
3	4	6	2	5	2	-	-	I 2
3	6	2	4	5	-	-	-	I 2
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-	2 2
2	4	5	3	6	2	-	-	2
3	5	4	2	6	I	-	-	2
5	2	6	4	3	I	-	-	2
2	5	3	4	6	2	-	-	2
2	3	4	5	6	I	-	-	2 2

This peal contains the 5th and 6th the extent wrong and right,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By JOHN JAGGAR, *Burton-on-Trent.*

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

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

2 3 4 5 6 - -

This peal contains the 6th twenty-three times, and the 4th twenty three times in 6th's place.

First rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1886, by the St. Paul's Society. Conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES.

5040.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
4	3	6	2	5	-	-	-
6	3	2	5	4	-	-	-
5	6	2	3	4	-	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-
4	5	2	3	6	-	-	-
2	5	6	3	4	-	-	-
6	5	4	3	2	-	-	-
3	6	4	5	2	-	-	-
5	4	3	6	2	-	-	-
2	3	5	4	6	-	-	-

Five times repeated by omitting the last bob in the 2nd 4th and 6th parts.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By H. JOHNSON, SEN., *Birmingham.*

2	3	4	5	6	B	W	H
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-
3	5	6	4	2	-	-	-
6	3	5	4	2	-	-	-
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-
2	6	4	3	5	-	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-
3	2	6	5	4	-	-	-
6	3	2	5	4	-	-	-
2	6	3	5	4	-	-	-
2	6	5	4	3	-	-	-
5	2	6	4	3	-	-	-
5	2	6	4	3	-	-	-
5	2	4	3	6	-	-	-
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-
4	2	3	5	6	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5376.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
6	4	3	5	2	I	I	I
3	5	6	4	2	I	I	I
2	6	3	5	4	I	I	I
4	3	2	6	5	I	I	I
5	2	3	6	4	I	I	I
3	6	5	2	4	I	I	I
4	5	3	6	2	I	I	I
3	4	2	5	6	I	I	I

THREE PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By GEORGE HAYWARD, *Bromsgrove.*

5040.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
5	4	3	2	6	2	2	2
5	3	2	4	6	I	2	2
5	2	4	3	6	I	2	2
3	5	2	6	4	2	2	2
4	3	6	5	2	2	I	2
3	2	6	5	4	I	2	2
2	3	4	5	6	2	2	2

This peal has the 5th nine times home and the 6th its extent home.

5088.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
5	2	4	3	6	I	I	I
6	4	1	3	5	I	I	I
6	2	3	4	5	I	2	2
3	2	4	6	5	2	I	2

Repeated.

5184.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
4	5	2	3	6	I	I	I
5	3	2	4	6	2	I	I
6	2	3	4	5	I	I	I
4	3	2	6	5	2	2	2

Repeated.

The last two peals are with the 5th and 6th, the only bells in 6th's place.

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SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1886.

The Provinces.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S COMPOSITION.

THOMAS PAYNE Treble.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. .. 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	JOSEPH FIELD 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 3.	C. A. CLEMENTS 7.
FREDERICK FIELD 4.	FREDERICK CLINCH Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FIELD.

Mr. C. A. Clements hails from Salisbury.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

W. SOUTHWICK Treble.	T. STOCKDALE 5.
H. CUTTER 2.	J. DIXEY 6.
*J. POLLARD 3.	F. DRABBLE 7.
H. JENKINS 4.	C. JACKSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

This Peal is now rung for the first time. *Hails from Pontefract, and is his first peal in the method.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE.—On Sunday evening, July 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles, in 24 mins. G. Usher, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6. And on Sunday evening, July 18th, for Divine Service, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor, standing as before, with W. Chibnall, conductor. Also on Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service, 720 of Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles, in 24 mins. G. Usher, 1; E. Normanl 2; E. Lewin, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; W. Mynard, 5; W. Chibnal (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lbs.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, July 12th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, nine bobs, in 25 mins. W. Mynard, 1; C. Herbert, 2; A. Morrison, 3; W. Chibnall (conductor), 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Turney, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBOROUGH (Durham).—On Friday, July 16th, for practice at St. Hilda's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Macadams, 1; H. Macadams, 2; W. Wood, 3; C. Wilkinson, 4; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 5; Nicholson, 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEERHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, July 18th, three members of the St. Lawrence's company, of Barnwood, visited the above named parish church, assisted by three of the local men, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 26 minutes. A. A. Waite, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts, 3; C. Roles, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 26 minutes. G. Hern, 1; R. A. Barrett, 2; C. Roles, 3; H. Roberts, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs twelve singles), in 13 minutes. C. Roles, 1; G. Hern, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; H. Roberts, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; R. A. Barrett, 6. Several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were also rung. H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite and R. A. Barrett hail from Barnwood; G. Hern, from Gloucester and all the rest are local men.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Monday evening, July 26th, at St. Peter's church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Muggeridge, 1; H. Barefield, 2; J. Colthup, 3; R. Sharville, 4; W. Latter, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; G. Kember, 7; E. Mankelov, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs. This is the longest touch of Triples by all except the conductor, J. Muggeridge and H. Barefield.

FRITTENDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, July 25th, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. Edgar Taylor, 1; George Rootes, 2; James Potter, 3; Edmund Potter, 4; Thomas Potter, 5; Thomas Daynes (conductor), 6. Several of the Staplehurst company having put in an appearance three courses of Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major was rung. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Friday, July 23rd, for practice, at S. Werburgh's church, a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 25 minutes. W. H. Poyser, 1; T. Alton, 2; W. B. Midgley, 3; J. Howe, 4; J. W. Thompson, 5; A. E. Thompson, 6; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 7; G. Mottashaw, 8. Also 3 courses of Union Triples. W. H. Poyser, 1; A. E. Thompson, 2; W. B. Midgley, 3; J. Howe, 4; J. W. Thompson, 5; G. Mottashaw, 6; H. C. Woodward, 7; T. Alton, 8. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—Monday, July 19th, being the annual festival of the above guild, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, at St. Nicholas' church, in 20 minutes. A. Garraway (conductor), 1; J. Wilkins, 2; H. Wright, 3; A. Fussell, 4; R. Hibbert, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6. Tenor 7 cwt. At St. Helen's touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, in which the following took part. Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. J. R. Vincent, L. Proctor, Esq., H. D. Betteridge, Esq., Charles Hounslow, J. Field, W. Newell, W. and A. Fussell; W. Robbins, W. Jeffery, Finch and J. R. Haworth, of London. Tenor 20 cwt.

APPLEFORD (Berks).—On Sunday, July 25th, the Drayton (Oxon) society visited this place, and rang at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor, 720 of Oxford Bob, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 120 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Warrick, 1; G. Jones, 2; F. Field, 3; C. Trinder, 4; T. Fuller, 5; H. D. Betteridge (conductor), 6.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, July 18th, at St. Peter's church a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; *F. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, July 25th, a 720 of Plain Bob. E. Young, 1; E. Menday, 2; F. Simmonds, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also two 120's of Stedman Doubles. F. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; T. Newman, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; H. Simmonds, 6. *First 720 in the method.

DRAYTON (Berks).—By kind invitation of the master, a band attempted a peal here in the evening, it terminated after ringing 48 mins. by the 2nd rope breaking. W. H. Fussell, 1; A. Fussell, 2; H. D. Betteridge, 3; H. J. Castle, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; J. Field (conductor), 6; C. Hounslow, 7; W. Finch, 8. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Tuesday, July 20th, a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's bob and single variation), was attempted, the treble rope stranded after ringing 46 mins. J. Pether, 1; R. Hibbert, 2; A. Fussell, 3; D. Napper, 4; E. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; W. Fussell, 7; A. Woodley, 8. Tenor 23½ cwt. A very pleasant day was spent here by the Fussell brothers, in company with the Nappers. An article on Hagbourne will appear in a future copy of "THE BELL NEWS."

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Wednesday, June 2nd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 minutes. W. Leader, 1; W. Fussell, 2; A. Andrews, 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Pursey, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. rang on the back six.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOMBOURN.—On Wednesday, July 14th, the St. Benedict's society rang at St. Benedict's church, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles, in 24½ mins. G. Little, 1; H. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. This is the first 720 in the method by the above, the first by the Association, also the first upon the bells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 24th, at Christ Church, to celebrate the birthday of W. J. Harris, Esq., the donor of the bells, a 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. H. J. Schneider, 1; E. Burtenshaw, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; R. Reynolds, 4; G. Welling, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24 mins. C. Martin, 1; J. Fayers, 2; C. Bance, 3; G. Welling, 4; W. Burkin, 5; J. Trappitt (conductor), 6. Also touches of Stedman Doubles, Oxford Treble and Kent Treble Bob. And on Sunday, July 25th, 360 Grandsire Minor. H. J. Schneider, 1; J. Fayers, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; R. Reynolds, 4; G. Welling, 5; A. Nicholson (conductor), 6. And several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which C. Schneider took part in addition to the above. W. Burkin belongs to Nutfield; C. Bance, C. Martin, and J. Trappitt to Beddington; and J. Fayers and G. Welling to SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham; the rest are Christ Church ringers. There is a friendly ringing meeting held in the Christ Church tower the first Saturday in each month, and any ringers are welcome. Ringing at 7.30 p.m.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, July 15th, at Christ's Church, a 360 of College Single Minor. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Yates, 1; T. Woodward, 2; W. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; C. E. Wilson, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Saturday, July 24th, on the occasion of a visit from the Rev. Herbert A. Cockey, late hon. sec. of the Essex Association, the guild of the church of S. George met and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes. Edward Hole, 1; Rev. J. Utten Todd, 2; J. Grabham, 3; J. Tudball, 4; C. B. Craze, 5; W. W. Thrush, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 7; J. Pain, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

HARWICH.—On Saturday, July 10th, at St. Nicholas Church, 252 of Bob Triples. W. Green, 1; J. Brewster, 2; T. Aldis, 3; D. Huff, 4; A. Peachey, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; W. Easter (conductor), 7; G. Knock, 8. And on Sunday, July 11th, a 720 of Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and eighteen singles. E. Green, 1; A. Knight, 2; J. Brewster, 3; T. Aldis, 4; D. Huff, 5; W. Green, 6; G. Knock (conductor), 7; W. Easter, 8. Also in the evening, another 720 of Bob Minor on the inside six (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles), W. Easter (conductor), 7; G. Knock, 8, the rest as before. And on Sunday, July 25th, in the morning, a 720 of Bob Minor, thirty-six singles, G. Knock, conducting; and in the afternoon another 720 of Bob Minor, forty-two singles, T. Aldis, 1, conducting. This band would be glad to see any ringer who would visit Harwich.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, July 6th, at St. Margaret's church a 720 of Bob Minor, on the back six. W. Button, 1; A. Rodwell, 2; A. Lincoln (first 720), 3; G. Baxter, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; T. Staulkey, 6. On Tuesday, July 13th, 720 in the same method. F. Wilson (first 720), 1; H. Button, 2; A. Lincoln, 3; J. Button, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; G. Baxter, 6. On Saturday, July 24th, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Button, 1; W. Button, 2; T. Staulkey, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; T. E. Shearing, 5; R. Stannard, 6; G. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Flegg, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt.

LOWER HARDRES (Kent).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, July 24th, a 720 Bob Minor. *Miss E. Brine, 1-2; Miss L. Brine, 3-4; A. L. Brine, Esq. (conductor), 5-6. *First 720 double-handed.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, July 16th, the local company were honoured by a visit of part of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, and rang a 360 Bob Minor. On account of the time being short the visitors were only able to ring this short touch and a few doubles. J. Vickers, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; E. Stone, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jagger (conductor), 5; W. Wakley, 6. This was Messrs. Wakley, Griffin, and Stone's first touch of Bob Minor.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, July 24th, 1886, at St. Michael's church, the local society (with the assistance of Messrs. Mottashaw and Woodward, of Derby) rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 minutes. J. Vickers, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Warren, 3; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 4; G. Mottashaw, 5; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

MEREWORTH (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, July 27th, at St. Laurence's church, a 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. F. G. Newman, 1; G. Bishop, 2; W. Eldridge, 3; G. Newman, 4; T. Maynard (Waltingham), 5; G. Bell (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk). On Sunday, July 25th, at the church of St. Luke, after Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 30 mins. R. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; H. Smith, 3; J. Bigg, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; A. Keeble, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. On Saturday evening, July 24th, A. Symonds tapped upon the handbells at his father's house, Preston, a course of Yorkshire Court Bob Major, and a course of Single Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Smith and A. Symonds hail from Lavenham, Suffolk, the rest are local men.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Tuesday evening, July 27th, for practice at St. Nicholas parish church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, 3rd and 5th, the observation with 7, 6, 8, covering. W. Adler, 1; W. Swain, 2; C. Draper, 3; H. Horwood (conductor), 4; J. Bates, 5; T. Chapman, 6; J. George, 7; J. Ballard, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E. J. George hails from Coventry.

PRESTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, the 18th inst., at St. John's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and ten singles), in 28 mins. W. Maudsley (conductor), 1; J. Bateman, 2; W. Rosell, 3; W. Morris, 4; R. Fisher, 5; A. Pye, 6; W. Heded, 8. This was rung on the front six, the tenor covering owing to the clapper being out of the 7th bell. Tenor 25 cwt. 1qr. 14 lbs.

STISTED (Essex).—On Thursday evening, July 22nd, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor in 24 minutes. E. Chaplin, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; W. Bearman (Bocking), 3; F. Saunders, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday evening, July 18th, the Cathedral society rang for Divine Service, 546 of Grandsire Triples. T. Grant, 1; R. Fowler, 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; W. H. Buckingham, 4; N. N. Hills, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 7; W. H. L. Buckingham, 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—And on Tuesday, July 20th, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; G. W. Cartmel, 5-6.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, July 24th, at SS. Mary and Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes; also 518 in the same method. R. Jarvis, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; W. D. Tinker, 3; T. C. Tinker, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; G. Skeef, 8. W. D. and T. C. Tinker hail from Gainsborough.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Thursday, July 15th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. J. Harding, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; B. Spinner, 3; E. Everson, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And on Monday, July 26th, 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Harding, 1; J. Brown, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; W. Harper, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; E. Everson, 6.

TEWKESBURY.—On Tuesday evening, July 27th, the Abbey society with the assistance of Mr. D. J. Aston, of Upton St. Leonards, rang 1050 of Grandsire Triples, taken from Reeves's variation. W. Humpston, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; S. Cleal, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; J. Hale, 6. J. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, July 25th, for morning service, 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. Pamplin, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; F. Radley, 4; G. E. Hilliard, Esq., 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; C. J. Dennison, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. This is the first touch of this length by the local company without assistance from outside the parish.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Saturday evening, 17th July, at S. Mary's parish church, a 720 of London Single Bob Minor, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 58 min. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; W. Short, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of London Single by Messrs. Short and Barton. And on Monday evening, July 19th, a 720 of Single Court Bob Minor, in 26 minutes. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; W. Short, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; R. H. Barton, 5; W. Booth, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all. Also on Sunday evening, July 26th, a 240 of Plain Bob Minor, 120 of Grandsire Minor, and 120 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. J. Hurst, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Messrs. Barton and Short hail from Bootle. W. Booth belongs to Liverpool. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

All members are requested to attend the meeting on Monday, August 9th, 1886, when the annual election of officers will take place. The revised rules are now ready, and can be had by all members at 3d. per copy.

J. BARRY, Hon. Sec.
27, Arlington Street, N.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY,
BLETCHINGLEY.

On Tuesday, July 20th, this society took their annual outing, Brighton being the place selected, starting from Redhill at 8.21, and arriving at Brighton about 9.30, they were met by Mr. Searle, of the St. Nicholas Society, who escorted them to the belfry of that church, where a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. G. Brown, 1; F. Smith, 2; J. Bashford (conductor), 3; T. Boniface, 4; G. Potter, 5; L. Killick, 6; Mr. Hawkins, 7; H. Peters, 8. Also a 504 of Plain Bob Triples, A. Mallis ringing the treble, the rest standing as before. After this the party lowered the bells and made their way to St. Peter's church, where they were met by G. F. Attree, Esq., the Hon. Sec. to the Sussex County Association, also Mr. J. Jay, the steeple keeper, who took part in the ringing, the first being a short touch of Grandsire Triples. Also a touch of Bob Major. J. Jay, 1; F. Smith, 2; J. Searle, 3; J. Bashford, 4; L. Killick, 5; G. Attree, Esq., 6; L. Boniface, 7; N. Hawkins (conductor), 8. Also a touch of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Brown, 1; J. Bashford (conductor), 2; F. Smith, 3; G. F. Attree, Esq., 4; L. Killick, 5; J. Searle, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; L. Boniface, 8. After which a start was made for the sea, after refreshing the inner man some made their way to the cricket field, where there was a match going on between Surrey and Sussex, and some going on the water. Through the kind invitation of Mr. Bennett, the steeple keeper of St. Paul's church, to have a pull in the evening, the party met several of the Brighton men, who took part in some touches of Union and Grandsire Triples, also some Bob Major. After saying good bye to their Brighton friends, they had to make their way to the station, as it was time to return home. The society wishes through this paper to thank the authorities of the different churches for allowing them the use of the bells; also the ringers of the different societies for the very kind manner in which they were received, thus making it a very pleasant day's outing.

SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS, SPALDING.

A handsome Gothic peal board was erected in the above named church, on Saturday, July 24th, to commemorate a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by the company of the above church, on May 13th. The workmanship was executed and given by Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, it has been seen by several gentlemen, who have asserted it to be the prettiest little board they have seen, it is done on black ground and gold letters, there is a bell on the top, in the centre on either side is a scroll with scripture texts in Greek. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Jerram for his kindness.

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.—It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Benjamin Parkinson. Deceased, who was a native of Birstall, had followed an avocation the whole of his lifetime, which brought him into contact with nearly everybody in the neighbourhood, and by his genial disposition he won the respect of all with whom he came in contact. He held the post of tenor-ringer at the parish church for about thirty years, and for other ten years has rung lighter bells. During his ringing career he had taken part in ninety-one peals of 5000 changes and upwards, on eight, ten, and twelve bells. He was one of a company who, on April 6th, 1858, rung the first 5040 of Treble Bob Maximus, at Halifax, being the first ever rung in Yorkshire, and in which he rung the tenor. His reputation as a ringer secured for him at Birstall and elsewhere the position of preceptor in the art, and the strength and efficiency of the Birstall ringers has been kept up mainly by his self-sacrificing and determined efforts. He had travelled hundreds of miles in following his beloved art: His familiar face being well known in the adjoining counties: Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire. His connection with the parish church at Birstall lasted till within a short time of his death. Through a breaking up of the system, his health had been in a precarious state for some time, and he was confined to his bed for five weeks before his decease, which took place on Monday, July 19th, at the age of 66 years. His remains were interred in the grounds of the Parish church, on Wednesday afternoon, and the road from deceased's late residence to the grave was lined with hundreds of spectators, and the coffin bore a number of beautiful flowers. There were also present ringers from the surrounding towns and villages. Four members of the Birstall society rung upon handbells one course of Grandsire Triples and one course of Grandsire Major at the grave side. And whilst the funeral cortege was returning, six of the Birstall company, assisted by Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, near Bradford, and Mr. George Jenkinson, of Batley, ascended the tower and rung with the bells deeply muffled, a short touch of Treble Bob Major. Geo. Thornton, 1; J. W. Yates, 2; J. W. Lang, 3; Geo. Jenkinson, 4; W. Stainthorpe, 5; J. Clayton, 6; Geo. Bolland, 7; B. A. Dodson, 8.

SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, July 24th, the quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Deeping St. James, when the following places were well represented: St. Paul's, Spalding, Deeping St. James, Deeping West, Bourn, Wytham-on-the-Hill, Maxey, Glinton, Folkingham, and Lenton. At 10 o'clock the bells were raised in peal, tenor 22 cwt. The machinery of these bells are sadly out of repair, but hopes are entertained that they may soon be restored. Six-scores in the five-bell methods was rung until 11 o'clock, when the business of the Association commenced by the Secretary reading the minutes of the annual meeting. T. Clarke, Esq. and — Sheriff of London, joined as hon. life members of the Association. Seven new members were elected, in addition to the Rev. H. Prior, of Baston. The company sat down at 2 o'clock, and enjoyed a most excellent dinner at the "Rose and Crown" Inn, presided over by R. Ward, Esq., of Cranmore House, the vice-chair being taken by T. Chesterfield, Esq., churchwarden, supported by several gentlemen. After dinner some excellent handbell ringing was performed on the St. Paul's company's bells, allowed by all the company present to be the most musical set of bells ever heard from the firm of Shaw and Son, of Bradford. After a few more touches on the church bells, and a parting glass with the chairman and churchwarden, the Spalding company and one from Bourn proceeded to Baston by the kind invitation of the Vicar, to try the newly-restored peal of five by Taylor, of Loughborough, the workmanship of which reflects the greatest possible credit to that firm. After ringing several touches the company were entertained at supper by the worthy Vicar, and expressed a hope that they should soon visit him again. Here there is a voluntary band who bid fair to make good change-ringers. After thanking the Vicar for his hospitality and the use of the bells, the company started for home, a pleasant drive of twelve miles, which was reached about 11.45, highly delighted with one of the most successful day's outing since the formation of the Society.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Monday, July 26th, the members of this ancient society took their annual outing, Bournemouth being the place selected. The handbells were brought into use soon after the start. On arrival at Bournemouth and refreshing the inner man, a start was made for St. Peter's church, where the visitors met Messrs. C. Staden, and H. Garrett, and other members of the St. Peter's company, where they rang a good touch of Grandsire Triples. They advise any ringer if they go to Bournemouth, not to forget St. Peter's, where there is a good peal of eight, and go well, tenor 21 cwt., in E. After leaving the belfry the party made for the pier, where finding the ss. Lord Elgin ready, they embarked for a three hours' trip to Swanage and back. On leaving the boat they proceeded to the Albert Hotel where they sat down to a capital spread. Ample justice being done, St. Peter's was again visited, and a start was made for a 630 of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 450 changes. A service being about to commence, there was not time enough to make another attempt. The return journey was enlivened by songs, and the excursionists arrived at Bristol at 12.15, having spent a most enjoyable day. The above society wish through this paper to thank the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of their bells, also to Mr. Alfred Grist, the steeplekeeper, and the St. Peter's company, for their kindness; they also hope this will not be their last visit to Bournemouth.

ANNUAL OUTING.

On Saturday, July 24th, the St. Nicholas company, Yarmouth, had their annual outing. Leaving Vauxhall station for Aylsham (ten bells) they rang a short time and then proceeded to Marsham (eight bells). After another pull here, they returned to Aylsham station and took train for North Elmham (eight bells). Another pull, and on to Dereham, and after handling the ropes a short time, they proceeded to Norwich. After ringing a few touches at St. John's, Maddermarket, and St. Lawrence, returned home by the 10 p.m. train for Yarmouth, which was reached at 10.40, tired, yet well pleased with their day's outing.

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."

BODDELLWYDDAN TENOR, ETC.

SIR,—Mr. Pritchard tells us that when he wrote his first letter he did so with the founders' list before him. Amongst ringers these lists have always been regarded as conclusive evidence of a bell's weight. How then can his assertion that the object of his letter was merely to bring out the correct weight of the bell in question be true? And was

I not justified in coming to the conclusion that he was seizing the opportunity presented by my very natural mistake merely to gratify his love of making sarcastic remarks in public? and if he did this under the pretence of a desire to expunge from "THE BELL NEWS" columns everything not strictly correct, was he not, under the circumstances, fairly laying himself open to the reminder that he was not actuated by this motive *himself* when sending his numerous compositions to the paper? He shelters himself behind the miserable plea that you, Mr. Editor, should have proved the peals before insertion, as if you, Sir, had no better use for your time than to wade through all the figures, good or otherwise, which are sent to you, on the off chance of one or more being correct. I quite agree with submitting them to someone, but would it not be as well for a composer to be in a position to prove them himself first? I consider his remarks are out of place when he infers that the metropolis does not contain gentlemen in its ringing ranks, as the question easily answered, for every town contains an assortment of both good, bad and indifferent, and London is no exception to the rule. I strongly object to the term "stabbing in the dark," as I had no idea of such a thing, and as to attempt to attack the "Lancashire lads" in any way, let me assure everyone that it was the very last of my thoughts, and with regard to Mr. Williams' letter, I merely mentioned what was told to us at Boddellwyddan; the complaints concerning a subsequent visit being fully detailed, though I took little notice of it at the time, and would have forgotten it altogether had it not been for the fact that I have heard that on more than one occasion my name has been mentioned in Liverpool in a disparaging manner. This was the only reason for denying myself the pleasure of introduction to them when in that town. I am very glad to see that Mr. Williams has the opportunity of denying the accusation, and sincerely trust that the remarks do not apply to his band in any way, but only to someone *callsngthemselves* "Liverpool Ringers," as I do not like to hear these things, and am glad to see them settled amicably. In my letter I simply went in for honest, *not* vindictive sarcasm concerning the compositions, and in his reply Mr. Pritchard pulls me to pieces *personally*, and in a manner foreign to the usages among gentlemen, and which I shall not again refer to. Should any of my readers think that I was wrong, under the circumstances, in referring to the Boddellwyddan episode in the way I felt justified, no one will be more happy to bow to their judgment than I, and to apologise if I am proved to be in the wrong.

FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

"OUT OF THE HUNT."

SIR,—I quite agree with a great deal of what Mr. Smith says, as regards the state of affairs at St. Andrew's and St. Charles's, Plymouth, but would add that if Mr. Smith had taken the trouble to have acquainted Mr. Batchelor and Mr. Taylor of his visit beforehand, that he *may* have found things a little pleasanter for himself. Having paid a visit to Devonshire (my native county), and rung in different places, including the above-named churches, I am quite convinced that with a little "coaching" it would be quite within the range of possibility for a peal to be accomplished by ringers in Plymouth and Devonport in a very short time, having rang several touches, including a 336, &c., with them. Mr. Batchelor is a very persevering man and has in Mr. Taylor a good lieutenant and a sound ringer, and, no doubt will, after allowing the old'uns to "die a natural death" make great headway in Grandsire and Stedman. Had Mr. Smith visited that most melodious (?) ring of six at Stoke he would have seen and heard something he would never have forgotten!!! At Exeter I find there is a good band of ringers—St. Sidwell's—while at the cathedral the same old style is still carried out, having had the pleasure of ringing rounds with sixteen others on that grand and unsurpassed ring of ten.

Romford, Essex.

A. J. PERKINS.

CHANGE-RINGING AT PLYMOUTH.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. W. D. Smith, kindly permit me to state that the Exercise here is not quite so black as it is painted. We muster a very fair band for Grandsire Triples at the Dockyard Chapel, and if he had gone there on the Saturday he might have had his half-peal; but unfounded rumours had reached Plymouth that the bells were out of order owing to an accident. At St. Andrew's and St. Charles, the most strenuous efforts are being made; I will merely state that in July last year, it was quite an event if our learners could ring rounds on the back eight, whereas now we can go a plain course of Triples, and there are about a dozen of us who can ring rounds on the ten. Our tenor is 35 cwt. Moreover, last year there were only two subscribers to "BELL NEWS," here, now there are five. I thoroughly concur in Mr. Smith's remarks, and my purpose in writing is not to contradict him, but to prevent his remarks from "choking off" any visitors who might otherwise have given us a look up, as I have no doubt but that in a few weeks we shall be a tolerably efficient band. On behalf of our band, I beg to thank Mr. Smith for the help he gave us during his visit, and also Mr. A. J. Perkins, of Romford, who has also visited us, and we shall be very glad to see them here again another year.

11, Frankfort Street, Plymouth, July 26th, 1886. F. W. BATCHELOR.

MUFFLED PEALS.

SIR,—There can be no doubt that a great reform is needed in the matter of muffled peals, and now that you have "set the ball rolling," I trust the subject will not be allowed to drop until some good has resulted. Although I cannot, like my friend Mr. Naylor, claim a thirty years' experience in our art, yet I may say I have given much thought to this subject for some time past. Like yourself, I am no advocate for a "hard and fast line," but nevertheless, if thoroughly ventilated, I have no doubt that we shall agree in the end on some virtually unanimous, and at the same time intelligible plan by which to signify our seasons of grief as well as our times of rejoicing. To quote your own words (which I think ought to be taken as our text on this subject), "There may be purely local circumstances which require something unusual in the way of bell-ringing which the laying down of a hard and fast line may make no provision for. But nevertheless, we think it would be as well to have some code or regulation by which those who look for guidance in this particular may be justified." That is a concise and common-sense way of putting it, and these words should be kept well in mind in dealing with this matter. Well, sir, this question if treated at all, must be treated in a thoroughly practical spirit, always bearing in mind the injunction of S. Paul, "let everything be done decently and in order." In the first place I will assume that there is need of an altered state of things in this respect—that there is absolutely no semblance of uniformity in our present mode (or *saha* I say modes), consequently the real significance of it is, to a considerable extent, impaired. Then, as a natural sequence, the question arises, how are we to improve it? As there must be a beginning of everything, what is the first step to take? It is on this point that I venture to offer a few suggestions. First, I would suggest that some member of each of our centres of ringing should send to you a concise statement of their particular "use," so that we may have a fairly accurate exposition of the many different customs now in existence. This having been done, my second suggestion is that our County Societies, Guilds, and Associations shall take the matter into consideration at their next meetings (due notice of the same having been given to the members), and pass resolutions adopting which of the plans may seem best. By that means, at any rate, we should obtain practical uniformity in each County, which would be one step in the right direction. But my third suggestion goes further than this. Should a majority—or, say two-thirds—of the County Associations agree on any one plan, then let the minority fall in with the majority; we should thus have the question settled, a uniform system adopted throughout the country, and, as you observe, "those who look for something like guidance in this particular" will be justified. But that is not all; we should be doing in this matter what the Church did at the Reformation when she abolished the various local "uses," and adopted one "Book of Common Prayer." And, I would urge strongly, let us always remember that as our bells are the outward voice of the Church proclaiming seasons of joy and thanksgiving, of sorrow and mourning, let us as good and loyal sons see that our bells proclaim that voice "with no uncertain sound," so that the people may know on hearing that sound what is the meaning of it. And, if we only keep in mind always that our work is done *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, I have no doubt that we shall all of us come to a right decision in this matter. Trusting Mr. Editor, that my suggestions will be taken in the spirit in which they are offered.

B. E. N.

FALSE PEALS, &c.

SIR,—Will you be so good as to allow me space for a few remarks upon a subject on which I have felt very strongly for some time, and on which the recent correspondence between Mr. Dawe and Mr. Pritchard, has now caused me to write. As regards the other matters mentioned by Mr. Pritchard, I have nothing to do, but at the same time, although I confess there are black sheep in every flock, London not excepted, my somewhat intimate knowledge of Mr. Dawe would certainly not lead me to class him amongst the number. But the numerous false or at best, indifferent peals, to which we are from time to time treated with the greatest liberality, is a much more serious matter. Perhaps, if all "aspiring young men" were to forward for publication as many peals as Mr. Pritchard, doubtless you, Mr. Editor, would have enough to do, should they all require proving before insertion. For my part, I certainly contend that until one is able to prove his compositions, the last thing he should think of doing would be to publish them. In the musical profession, anyone publishing an incorrect or worthless composition would receive so severe a mauling, as would seal his reputation as a composer, perhaps for life. And I ask, why should we not look at peal composition in the same light; to be sure, in the ringing world it holds a corresponding position. It is needless for me to repeat what Mr. Heywood has ably written before, upon the musical qualities of peals, but at the same time, this, amongst many of our composers, seems to be greatly overlooked.

ERNEST E. VINEN,

Late organist and director of the choir, St. John's, Horsley Down.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the above Guild was held at Farnham, on Tuesday, July 20th. Members from all parts of the diocese arrived in the morning. The belfry was open at ten o'clock, and a mixed band rang several touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles before service, including a 336 of Triples by A. Grist, 1; H. T. Vivash, 2; C. Staden, 3; J. G. Bennett, 4; T. Green (conductor), 5; S. Merritt, 6; H. A. Garrett, 7; T. Belbin, 8. The special service at 11.30 a.m. was attended by a large number of the members. Two special hymns—the hymn, "Ring forth, holy bells," was sung to a bright and taking tune composed by Mr. Mallitt Jones. The second hymn, "We meet before thy Throne," was written and composed specially for the use of the Guild by Mr. Cameron Brock. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Powell, Vicar of Hale, who took his text from S. Mark xiii, 34. The dinner took place at the Town Hall, at which about 130 were present. The President of the Guild, W. W. Moore, Esq., of Bournemouth, presided, and he was supported by the Revs. Canon Hoste, W. Westacott, S. E. Rudge, H. A. Spyers, and Messrs. Conway, Brown, and Aylwin. Around the hall were hung the names of the bands in union. After the repast, the chairman, in proposing the health of "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family," said Her Majesty every year of her life became more endeared to her people. The Royal Family had always taken a great interest in Church work, and the Guild was now honoured by the Duke of Connaught becoming a patron and a life member. This recognition he thought to be gratefully felt by every bell ringer in the kingdom. The toast was received with enthusiasm. The Chairman next gave "The Bishop and the Clergy," coupled with the name of the Rev. Canon Hoste. He said they all knew the worth of the clergy in this diocese, and he begged to thank Canon Hoste for the use of his church on this occasion.

CANON HOSTE said as far as he was concerned he was heartily glad to see the members of the Guild in Farnham that day. They had a capital peal of bells in Farnham, and he was glad to say they had been very well rung. Bell ringing of late years had received an impetus, because, he supposed, like every other branch of Church work, it was coming more to the front, and it was very much more thought of than it used to be. They were all deriving a great benefit from bell ringing, and from the time that he had had the pleasure of being rector of Farnham, he had not had to make one complaint about the irregularity of the ringing of the bells. It was very gratifying to him to say that, and they were much indebted to Mr. Barnett for the interest he had taken in the local band. Whenever the Guild liked to come to Farnham again, they in Farnham would be glad to see them, for they had derived great pleasure from their visit.

THE CHAIRMAN proposed "Success to the Guild," and since their last meeting at Bournemouth both their honorary and life members had gone on increasing. They had now, including life and honorary members, 365 members, and during the year three new rings had been opened at Christchurch, Oltershaw, and Ryde. Two new bands had joined, and three or four more were in process of formation. Eight peals had been rung during the year. The Secretary, the Rev. H. A. Spyers, responded and stated that the Guild should be congratulated on having broken new ground and having achieved two peals of Treble Bob; and it was hoped that during the present year a peal of Stedman would be added to the peal book. He advised that a form of prayer should be used in the belfry previous to ringing for Divine Service, as that place was sometimes detached from the Church itself. This, he said, was recommended by the Committee, and had been sanctioned by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Referring to his duties as Secretary, the speaker went on to say that with three exceptions he had visited every band in the Guild during the past year, and that meant a considerable expenditure of time and money. He would however continue to act for another year, provided he had the assistance of two local secretaries, one for Surrey, and the other for Hampshire; and he proposed for their acceptance, two gentlemen who had previously rendered him assistance, the Rev. S. E. Rudge, and C. Busjon. The election of officers was the next business, the Secretary remarking that he was pleased to say the Guild did not change their government so often as England did. The whole of the officers were then unanimously re-elected. The following two additional rules were afterwards adopted *nem. con.* Rule XI.—That on the completion of a peal of 5000 changes, the performers should send sixpence each to the treasurer by the conductor of the peal as a subscription towards the expense of its insertion in the peal book. That the cost of the insertion of a peal in any new method be paid by the Guild. That no peal be inserted if it has been rung in Lent. Rule XII.—That the travelling expenses of members attending a committee meeting be paid to those desiring such assistance.

In the afternoon a move was made to Chawton, Old Alresford, New Alresford, Guildford, and Seale. A party remained to ring at Farnham. Good practice was made at Chawton, Old Alresford, and Guildford, but the bells at New Alresford and Seale were found to go in an unsatisfactory manner. At Farnham a quarter-peal was rung by

T. Stedman, 1; J. Staples, 2; W. Wadey, 3; F. Hill, 4; J. Hewett (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; T. Newnham, 7; W. Naylor, 8. Also a 896 by W. Naylor, 1; J. Staples, 2; W. Wadey, 3; J. Hewett, 4; T. Newnham, 5; F. Hill (conductor), 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; W. Irish, 8. And a 360 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. J. Staples, 1; T. Stedman, 2; W. Wadey, 3; J. Newnham, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; F. Hill (conductor), 6. Also a 240 of Plain Bob Doubles. H. Stapieton, 1; F. Francis, 2; T. Gould, 3; E. Spooner, 4; E. Lee (conductor), 5; W. Varndell, 6. And a 240 of Grandsire Doubles. H. Henson, 1; E. Lucas, 2; E. Worsfold, 3; G. Farnfield, 4; A. Smitbers (conductor), 5; J. Charman, 6. Also a 336 of Grandsire Triples. F. Francis, 1; C. Mitchell, 2; H. White, 3; T. Newnham, 4; Rev. H. A. Spyers (conductor), 5; F. Hill, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; E. Spooner, 8.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association was held on Saturday, July 24th, at Bromsgrove, members attending from Birmingham, Moseley, King's Norton, and Harborne, who were met by the local ringers, who conducted them to the tower of St. John-the-Baptist, where touches of Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal were rung, after which the members adjourned to the Church Schools, kindly lent by the Vicar who, through prior engagements, was prevented from attending. In the absence of the President, the Rev. Canon Bowlby, Mr. George Hayward, of Bromsgrove, presided. Several new members were elected, the number of ringing members being 140, and seven of the clergy hon. members.

After the ordinary business of the meeting had been transacted, a discussion arose anent the amalgamation of the Birmingham and Worcester Associations, the members of the latter being 102 with nineteen hon. members. It was finally decided that the Secretary, Mr. J. Wright, should communicate with Mr. Smith, Hon. Sec. of the Worcester Association, and report if possible to a committee meeting before the next quarterly meeting, which will be held at King's Norton, on October 23rd. After the usual vote of thanks to the chairman, sec. and treasurer, also to the Vicar for the use of the bells and school-room, the members adjourned to the "Golden Lion" Hotel, where tunes by the Bromsgrove and touches by the Birmingham men, were rendered. Owing to the last train to Birmingham leaving at 9.30 the meeting ended somewhat earlier than usual, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the visit to Bromsgrove.

PEALS OF BELLS IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

In the list of rings in the county of Bedford given by Mr. F. W. J. Rees, the weight of the tenor bell at Aspley Guise is given as 8½ cwt., its actual weight is 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 11 lbs. There are now in the Bedfordshire churches 564 church bells. That number includes 22 Priests and other small bells. The 542 large bells are thus distributed:—

8 rings of 8 bells	64
13 " 6 "	78
47 " 5 "	235
18 " 4 "	72
18 " 3 "	54
8 " 2 "	16
Single bells	23
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The following are not included in Mr. Rees' list of last week.

Clifton .. 8 (dia. 38 in., height 29½ in.) .. Whitechapel	
	(and 7 for chimes).
Eaton Socott .. 6 (dia. 47½ in., height 35 in.) .. Wooton 1741	
Houghton Regis .. 6 (" 44 " " 30 ") .. Chandler 1673	
Husborne Crawley 6 (" 44½ " " 36½ ") .. Leicester 1613	
	(a grand ring of six).

*Wymington .. 6 (" 44 " " 30½ ") .. St. Neots 1814
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Woburn, 27th July, 1886. C. HERBERT, Hon. Sec. Beds. Association.

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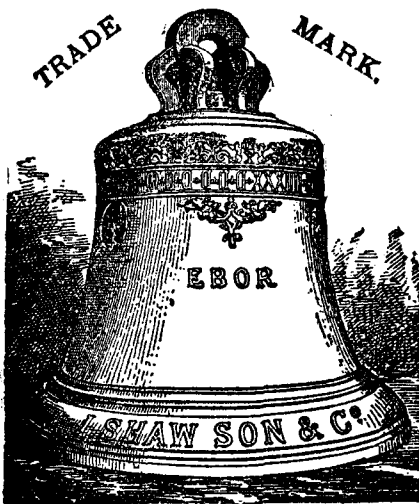
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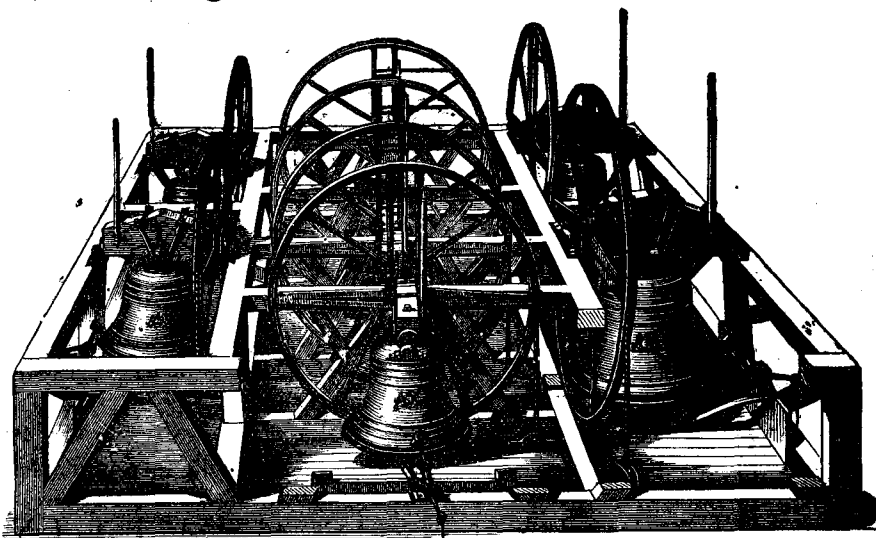
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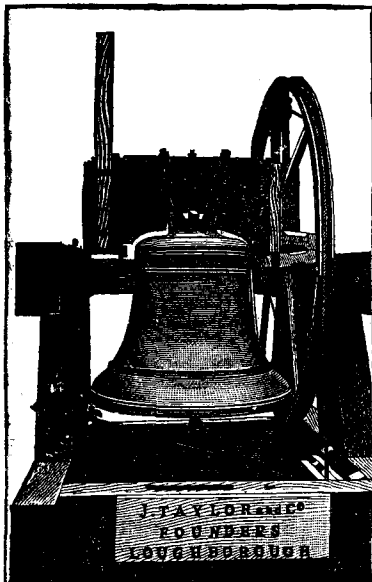
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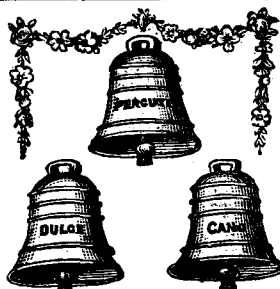
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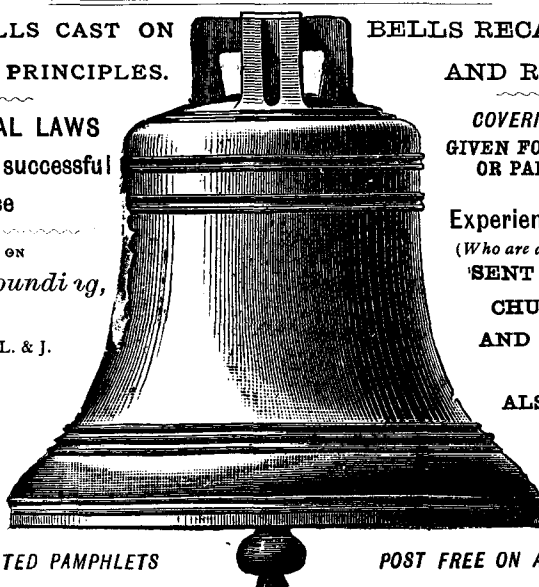
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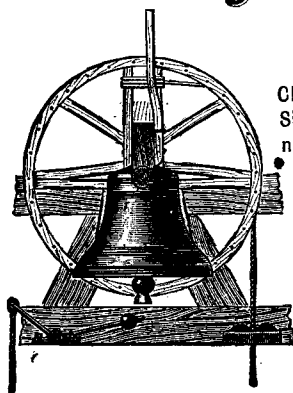
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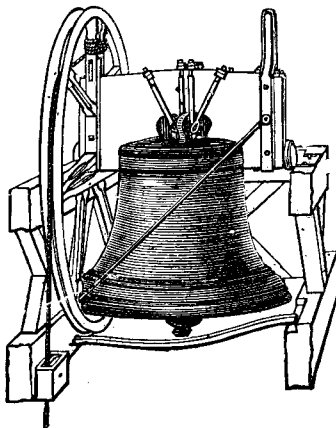
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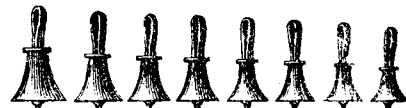
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THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE second annual meeting of the above association was held at Boston, on Saturday, July 24th, but was not so largely attended as last year, owing greatly to the seed harvest, and several members being away on holiday, only twenty-eight attended from Boston, Frieston, Sibsey, Skirbeck, Friskney. The day's proceedings commenced at ten o'clock, with some very good touches of Grandsire Triples, upon the beautiful peal of eight at St. Botolph's. At half-past eleven a special service was held in the parish church, conducted by the Rev. G. B. Blenkin, vicar, the Rev. C. Werninch and the Rev. H. J. Cheales, Friskney. The sermon was preached by the Right Rev. the Bishop Suffragan of Nottingham, and a member of the association, from the text "Lift up your hands in the Sanctuary and bless the Lord," (Psalm cxxxiv. verse 2).

THE BISHOP-SUFFRAGAN said that these words, taken from one of the shortest Psalms, seemed to him to be appropriate as a text when addressing church bell ringers, for it called upon the servants of the Lord, and all who stand in the House of the Lord, to "lift up their hands and bless the Lord," the Almighty One, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. On such an occasion he might well have spoken to them, at least shortly, on the history of bells, from the time when they heard of them as constituting with pomegranates, a fringe of the high priest's vestments, and as attached to the necks of war horses, as mentioned by the prophet Zachariah, to the present time, when, from the weight of bells, and from their great size, they require massive towers for their suspension and protection, whence their melodious tones float out, around and upwards, reminding them that some at least were lifting up their hands in God's sanctuary, and praising the Lord. Many a story he could tell of the lives saved from death, both on sea and on land, by the sound of bells, in days of old, and of the gratitude of those thus saved, expressed by legacies still in force, on condition that certain church bells should be rung at certain times in hope that other persons might occasionally, in like manner, be saved. Many an instance he could quote of the powerful effect produced by the language of bells from the time of Sir Richard Whittington to the present, of the despondent hearts or guilty consciences they had aroused, but he thought it would be more profitable to speak to them of the present and the future with respect to church ringers and church bells than of the past. He remembered the time when belfries were not uncommonly utterly neglected, and when the bells and their frames received next to no attention, and were exposed to the weather and the intrusion of birds until they were in a state of rottenness and dirt, whilst they who rang them were forgetful of the fact that church belfries were a portion of God's House of Prayer, and as such were dedicated to His service. Once they were not uncommonly profaned by evil words and evil acts, instead of resounding with the echo of the lifting up of prayer in the adjoining Sanctuary and the offering of praise to the Lord, whilst but little science in bell ringing was exhibited by those who rang the bells. He thanked God that now an immense general improvement had taken place in the care of church belfries and bells, as well as in the skill and conduct of the ringers, but still more than this was required from them—more even than their decent conduct and regularity of attendance when on duty. As every belfry was a portion of God's house, so every person serving therein should be godly, and church bell ringing should never be regarded simply as an amusement, but as a duty to God and his church. Hence in some cases still a purgation was urgently called for, even as this was twice needed in the Outer Court of the Temple at Jerusalem, when our Blessed Lord came to visit it at the beginning and end of His ministry on earth, and who, if He was now to visit our Churches, would indignantly look upon some ungodly ones who have little regard for Him whom they effect to serve, but in reality have no reverence for Him, and hence do not offer Him holy worship, nor any expression of thankfulness or grateful praise, such as those who ring the bells of God's House, and then in daring boldness leave it, and thus turn their backs upon God. He therefore charged them who did lift up their hands in God's house as bell-ringers to lift up their hearts also unto God in holy worship, and to thankfully praise the Lord that he might bless them instead of regarding them with indignation, for, as bell-ringers of the church, they were God's servants, ministering for Him in common with all others, and in such they should be faithful and loving servants. The care of church bells were committed to the churchwardens, but the use of them to the incumbent of each parish church, with the view of preventing any improper abuse of them. Their primary use was to invite all the parishioners to wait upon God, to worship Him, to bless Him; to ring forth joyously on the occasions of weddings; and to toll solemnly when deaths had occurred, and at the burial of the dead: to peal forth joyfully when they had reason to thank God for any especial national blessing; to mark their loyalty to their gracious sovereign; but never for political or party reasons, which, although giving gladness to some, might be the cause of disappointment and sorrow to others. Church bells were dedicated to holy purposes: to invite all to come together

in Christian love towards God and one another, and in no wise to gratify party divisions, or to mark party triumphs in an unchristian spirit. They should remember that notwithstanding all their divisions, religious and secular, they were brethren of one family, having one common Father, one common Saviour, and one common hoped-for future home. They, as members of the East Lincolnshire Change-ringers Association had an object in view, namely, the improvement of their skill in bell ringing, which was, no doubt, a delightful art in their estimation, but also one tending to their mutual advantage and pleasure through their meeting together occasionally, where a grand peal of church bells, kindly put at their disposal, attracted them to assemble, as it had done that day, in that noted church, with its equally noted tower and bells, enabling them to hear something like perfection in bell-ringing, even if they did not all take part, and they, their friends, entirely concurred in this, for they desired to do anything in their power to promote their skill as bell-ringers and their pleasure on that day. But they desired more than this—more than their present enjoyment, for they desired them to dedicate their skill and themselves not merely to man, but to God. They wished them to lift up their hearts, as well as their hands to Him, and to worship Him as His true and faithful servants, and, as soon as they had finished their first duty of summoning the faithful to enter into the House of Prayer to remember what mockery of God it was, if after they had done so, and the faithful had passed in to worship, and were on their bended knees confessing their unworthiness, then, rising up, were thanking God for his mercy, and were praising Him for the blessed means of attaining unto everlasting life, through Christ Jesus, they turned their backs on him, and those whom they had summoned into his only presence. There were some indeed who must occasionally be absent from public worship, including even bell-ringers, through sickness, or attendance upon the sick, but it was pleasant to think that the sound of church bells often reached them in their houses, and when they heard them outwardly he hoped they might be moved inwardly to draw nigh unto God, and in heart and mind ascend unto him, so as to derive comfort and consolation through the lifting up of hands to Him, and the blessed expectation of exchanging the listening of church bells on earth for the glorious sounds they hoped to hear in Heaven through Jesus Christ, where ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands were worshipping Him that sitteth on the throne, and singing the new song of perpetual praise, the burden of which is "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength and honour, and glory and blessing." To Him, then, he urged them to lift up their hands in the sanctuary, and praise God.

In the afternoon a public luncheon was provided in the Town-hall, thirty members of the Association being present. The chair was occupied by the Rev. H. J. Cheales, who was supported by the Mayor (J. C. Simonds, Esq.), the Rev. G. B. Blenkin (vicar), the Rev. S. Staffurth (Frieston), the Rev. F. Besant (Sibsey), the Rev. R. E. Roy (Skirbeck), and Mr. W. Mason (secretary). The luncheon was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Day, of the Market place, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction.

THE CHAIRMAN, in proposing the health of the Queen, said that it was with more than usual interest that they drank this toast at the present time, inasmuch as Her Majesty had now entered upon her Jubilee Year. He did not say that ringers were more loyal than other people, but at any rate they could make more noise, and he hoped that before another year had passed away, many a hearty peal would go up from their belfries in honour of her whose health they were now drinking.—He also proposed the health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, and said it was shown that the Prince understood the people and loved them by the fact that the idea of placing every working man within reach of the advantages of the Colonial Exhibition emanated from him.

MR. W. MASON, who was called upon to read the second annual report, congratulated the members upon the fact that the East Lincolnshire Association had had a fairly successful year. Their number of members had steadily increased and now reached a total of thirty-three honorary members, and sixty-three ringing members. Their quarterly meetings had been well attended, but they had made very little progress in the eight-bell practice, but before another year had expired, he hoped to be able to record more. A company of eight ringers had been got together favourably, and it was proposed to begin at Sibsey in a very short time. He regretted that they had lost two valuable members during the year—W. F. Harwood, of Boston, and Eli Parker, of Friskney, both of whom had gone to Australia, but they had found others willing to take their places. Their balance sheet showed that they had a balance of £13 os. 6d. in hand, as against £4 4s. 6d. at the end of last year. They had done a great deal, but there was still more to do, and if they would all work together, he saw no reason why ringing should not be as successful in this district as elsewhere.

THE CHAIRMAN, in proposing the adoption of the report, expressed the thanks they owed to the Bishop-Suffragan of Nottingham, not only

for his presence amongst them, but for the excellent address he had delivered, and the advice it contained, and said he had to express for his lordship his great regret that he was unable, through illness, to attend the luncheon. He also thanked the Vicar of Boston for his great kindness in giving them the privilege of attending divine service in the beautiful Parish Church, and of hearing its beautiful bells. Referring to the report he said that considering the brief period they had been in existence a balance of £10 was something to be proud of, and whilst thanking their friends, the honorary members, he announced that the Mayor of Boston and the Town Clerk (R. W. Staniland, Esq.) had both consented to have their names enrolled as such. He regretted that they had not present that day deputations from the Associations in the North and South of Lincolnshire, because he had a great desire to form a general county association. He had conversed with the Dean of Lincoln, who was a prominent influential member of the northern association, and he was quite of opinion that their various societies should be amalgamated, so as to have one common meeting. He hoped the ringers would carry out the double purpose, not only of being skilled ringers, but of being devoted to the service of God. They not only wanted an improvement in bell ringing for the sake of science, but they wanted a good peal, just as they wanted a good anthem or a good hymn.

REV. F. BESANT seconded the proposition, and expressed his great satisfaction with their financial position. With regard to bell-ringing he said he held a very strong opinion, and believed it to be highly appreciated by others than those connected with the Church of England, and he was therefore anxious to see their skill in ringing so improved, that at least one tolerably skilful ringer would be found in every village belfry throughout the district. He, and everybody connected with bell-ringing at Sibsey, would be very delighted to welcome a full company of ringers in their belfry, and he hoped that their visit would in some degree advance their art, and assist in restoring Sibsey to the position it held a generation or two ago, of being a ringing village. They possessed a good peal of peals, and but very few skilled ringers, whereas in former days Sibsey belfry contained the best ringers in the district. Mr. Clapham was the conductor of a full skilled peal in 1816, and he was also a ringer in the belfry sixty years later, when he had reached a very advanced age. Mr. Mawer, the father of one of the present ringers, also rang until he was a great age. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Vicar of Boston."

REV. G. B. BLENKIN said it afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to be able in any degree to contribute to that gathering, and to meet them in public worship in the grand old parish church. It was very appropriate that their meeting should be held in Boston, seeing what an important part the town played in connection with the history of bell ringing in the county. He proposed "Success to the East Lincolnshire Change Ringers' Association," and agreed with the object of establishing skilled ringers in every parish, observing that the best way to do this was for the Association to pay the expenses of skilled and qualified ringers in order that they might teach the probationers. It was scarcely fair to ask the skilled ringers to give the benefit of their experience, and to pay their own expenses as well, and this would be a good way of disposing of the money they had in hand. He found that during the year three probationers had been elevated to skilled ringers, and that their skilled ringers now numbered three more than last year. He noticed that the increase in their funds was chiefly due to the honorary members, and although their assistance might be very desirable, it would be far more honourable to rely upon themselves. He coupled with the toast he had proposed the name of their diligent and painstaking Secretary, Mr. Mason. He did not know whether Mr. Mason was a "free mason" in the ordinary sense, but he built up their institution as a "mason," and he did it perfectly free. MR. MASON suitably responded.

The Annual Meeting for the Election of Officers and transaction of business was afterwards held, the Rev. H. J. Charles (Vicar of Friskney and President of the Association) presiding. Upon the proposition of the Rev. F. Besant, the whole of the Officers were re-elected, with the addition of H. J. Atkinson, Esq., M.P., who becomes a Vice-President. Several new members were then proposed, including the Mayor of Boston, J. C. Simonds, Esq., R. W. Staniland, Esq., Town Clerk, W. Fletcher, and several probationers. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Langton, through the kindness of the Rev. R. E. Roy. Tea was provided at the Rectory, Skirbeck, for all members.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) invites the members of the above Association to a garden party at Duffield Bank, on Saturday, August 14th, from 2 till 7 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m. The bells of the parish church (eight) will be open for ringing during the afternoon, and any friends of members of the Midland Counties' Association belonging to other Associations will be welcome.

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A VISIT TO LEICESTERSHIRE.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE.

Having been elected district sub-chief ranger of the Ipswich district, and delegate to the High Court Meeting of the Ancient Order of Foresters at Leicester, held during the first week in August, I thought it would be a good opportunity to visit one or two places of interest to a bell ringer in that county, so wrote to Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, and he quickly sent back a kind invitation to pay a visit to the Loughborough Foundry, and also attempt a peal on the bells of the parish church, which, Sir, you may be sure I readily accepted, and in company of Mr. G. Clayton, whom I met by chance as a delegate at the meeting, arrived at the foundry about 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Bank Holiday, and were kindly shown over the foundry by Messrs. Taylor, who treated us with the greatest possible kindness, which I am sure would be extended to any brother ringer who would be in the neighbourhood and paid Messrs. Taylor a visit.

In going over the various shops and examining the various parts of the art of bell hanging and founding, which any one who visits a foundry must think it to be, during which we came across a peal of eight which stood in the yard mouth upwards, having been tuned, &c. for the church at Ashby in Lincolnshire; also a fine bell of three ton's weight, for the Rochdale Town Hall, but Sir, the most interesting thing that I saw was the new frame which is being fitted for a peal of six upon what is to me, and I have no doubt to the majority of ringers, upon an entirely new principle, viz., that of an iron frame, with the bells hanging about half way down the same, the top of the frame being tied together as well as the bottom, the bearings being fitted with iron chains, etc., which has the appearance of great strength and durability, and also that compactness which we all know is a very essential condition to meet the requirements of the majority of the church towers in this country. After our visit to the various shops, we were invited to partake of the hospitality of Mr. Taylor, previous to attempting the peal, which was brought to a successful issue as will be seen in another column, after which we returned to Mr. Taylor's for refreshment, previous to returning to Leicester, where we arrived about 11 o'clock, well pleased with our day's outing, and for which we render our hearty thanks to Messrs. Taylor and the Loughborough company for meeting us. On Tuesday, an opportunity was offered of trying the new frame in the tower of Quorndon, and it proved that the whole of my expectations were fulfilled, and especially that of compactness. A peal of eight, tenor 14 cwt., hung well on a level, tower 14 feet by 14 feet 4 inches, and I never rang on a peal which goes better than Quorndon; and if ever there was a peal of eight on which long peals could be attempted, this is the place. They can be rung easily to about 30 changes per minute, and yet not appear to be in any way driven to unnecessary speed, and all that I can wish is that Quorndon was as near to Ipswich as it is to Loughborough, or that Messrs. Taylor may have an order to hang us a peal as handy as they are.

THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT, AT BLACKPOOL.

ON Friday, July 25th, the members of the above Society, at the request of the churchwardens of St. Paul's, Messrs. Ellis and Daniel, accompanied the united choirs of St. Paul's and St. Margaret's churches to Blackpool, on their annual summer excursion. Leaving the Burton-on-Trent Railway Station by the London and North Western route at 5 a.m., and passing through Lichfield, Crewe, Warrington, and Preston, the party reached Blackpool at 8.30 a.m. Here a substantial breakfast awaited them immediately on their arrival at the Assembly Rooms, Talbot Road, to which eighty-two of the company sat down, the ringers subsequently proceeding to St. John's church, where the belfry was very courteously thrown open to them. Raising the bells in peal, the following rang touches of 336 Grandsire and 408 Stedman Triples, on this really musical ring of eight, cast by the eminent Whitechapel founders, the tenor, 13 cwt. in G, sounding, as one of the company remarked, fully equal to a 15 cwt. bell: W. Wakley, 1; A. Wakley, 2; J. Austin, 3; J. Griffin, 4; E. I. Stone, 5; H. Wakley, 6; J. Jaggar (conductor), 7; T. Holmes, 8. The remainder of the day was spent in seeing the sights of Blackpool and the neighbourhood until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the company reassembled for dinner. A capital dinner was excellently served to over 100 guests, and in the course of the toast list which followed, Mr. Wm. Wakley, the talented Master of the St. Paul's Society of change-ringers, was called upon to propose the health of the Chairman, the Rev. James H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, which he did in felicitous terms. The party left Blackpool at 8 p.m., and arrived safely in Burton a few minutes before midnight, all the arrangements having been excellently planned and executed throughout, the only drawback being the drizzling rain which prevailed during the greater portion of the day.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

5003.

By H. JOHNSON, SEN., *Birmingham.*

23456	45263	8th in three.
	24563	9th in three.
42356*	52463	9th in three.
34256	42365	8-9.
23456	32564	8-9.
43652	53264	9th in three.
63254	25364	9th in three.
26354	35462	8-9.
32654	43562	9th in three.
62453	54362	9th in three.
46253	34265	8-9.
24653	23465	9th in three.
64352		
36452	52364†	
	32465	8-9.
23654†	42563	8-9.
63452	54263	9th in three.
43256	25463	9th in three.
24356	45362	8-9.
32456	35264	8-9.
42653	23564	9th in three.
62354	53462	8-9.
36254	43265	8-9.
26453	24365	9th in three.
46352	34562	8-9.
34652		
64253	24537698§	
	4352	8th in three.
	3254	8th in three.

*7th in and out at three. †9th in two and s. §9th in and out at two.

First rung by the College Youths, at All Saints' Fulham, on Monday, August 2nd, 1886. Conducted by John M. Hayes.

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

7744.

By Y. GREEN, *College Youth.*

2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H
3 6 4 5 2	I		2	
6 2 4 5 3	I		2	
2 6 3 5 4	-	I	2	
2 3 5 6 4		I	2	
3 2 4 6 5	2		2	
3 4 6 2 5		I	2	
2 6 4 3 5	I	B	2	
4 5 3 6 2	I	I	2	
5 4 2 6 3	2		2	
2 3 6 4 5	I	I	2	
5 2 4 3 6	2	I	2	
4 3 5 2 6		I	I	
2 5 3 4 6		2	2	
2 3 4 5 6		I	2	

This peal contains the 5th the extent wrong and right, and the 6th the extent wrong and eleven times right.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES.

5040.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

2 3 4 5 6 4th out in H

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

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

Five times repeated.

Single instead of a bob at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5212.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H
2 3 5 6 4	-			
5 6 2 3 4		-		
2 5 6 3 4			-	
6 2 5 3 4				-
5 3 6 2 4		-		
6 5 3 2 4			-	
3 2 6 5 4		-		
6 3 2 5 4			-	
4 2 3 5 6	-			
3 5 4 2 6		-		
4 3 5 2 6			-	
5 4 3 2 6				-
6 3 4 2 5	-			
4 2 6 3 5		-		
6 4 2 3 5			-	
2 6 4 3 5				-
2 6 3 5 4	-			
5 2 3 6 4		-		
3 6 5 2 4			-	
4 5 6 2 3	-			
6 4 5 2 3			-	
5 6 4 2 3				-
3 4 6 2 5	-			
3 4 2 5 6		-		
2 3 4 5 6			-	

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5184.

By GEORGE HAYWARD, *Bromsgrove.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 2 3 4 6		I	
6 4 2 3 5	I		I
3 2 5 4 6	I	I	
6 3 4 2 5	2	I	2
5 4 3 2 6	I		I
2 3 6 4 5	I	I	
2 5 3 4 6	2		I
2 3 4 5 6		I	2

In this peal the 5th and 6th are the only bells in 6th's place with the 6th at home at five course-ends.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5088.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 2 4 3 6		I	
6 4 2 3 5	I		I
6 2 3 4 5		I	2
3 2 4 6 5	2	I	

Repeated.

5184.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 2 4 3 6		I	
6 4 2 3 5	I		I
3 2 5 4 6	I	I	
3 2 4 6 5	2	2	I

Repeated.

TWO PEALS OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

5184.

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	M	H
5 2 3 6 4	I	-		I
4 3 5 2 6	I		I	I
2 4 3 6 5	I	-		I
5 3 2 4 6	I		I	I
4 5 3 6 2	I			I
3 4 6 2 5	-	I	I	
3 4 2 5 6	-			I

Twice repeated.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	I	-		I
3 5 2 6 4				I
4 2 5 6 3			I	I
5 4 2 6 3				I
2 5 4 6 3				I
6 2 4 5 3	I			
5 2 4 3 6	I	-	I	
4 3 5 2 6	I			I
2 4 5 3 6	I			
5 3 2 4 6	I			I
4 5 2 3 6	I			

Repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By SAMUEL WOOD, *Ashton-under-Lyne.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
4 6 5 3 2	2	-	2	2
5 2 3 6 4	2	-	2	2
6 3 4 2 5	I		I	
2 5 3 4 6	2	-		2
4 2 3 5 6	I	-		2

This part repeated once, produces:—

3	4	2	5	6					
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5	3	4	6	2	2		2	2	
6	4	2	3	5	2	-	2		
3	5	4	2	6	2	-		2	
2	3	4	5	6	1	-	2		

First rung at Hyde, Cheshire, on September 25th 1885. Conducted by George Longden.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6048.

By SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN., *Glossop.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	2		2	2
6 4 5 2 3	2		I	
4 3 5 2 6	I			2
3 6 5 2 4	I			2
2 3 6 4 5	2		2	2
3 4 2 5 6	-			

Twice repeated.

The above peal contains the 6th its extent home and nine times wrong.

The Archbishop of York has this week reopened Hooton Pagnell Church, which has been restored at a cost of £4000. Many of the ancient Saxon features of the church have been carefully preserved. Pannal Church, Yorkshire, has also been restored.

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Mr. MASON (Boston).—We should like to hear from you.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1886.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." So said the wise king of Israel; and who has not found out the truth, in all its completeness, of the proverb? It is impossible, perhaps, for human nature to avoid never giving cause of offence, but if the language of sarcasm and ridicule were not so frequent, and contemptuous or scornful merriment at the expense of others less indulged in, causes of offence would be greatly diminished, and that anger which is the inevitable product of "grievous words" become greatly minimised.

We have, in common with our readers, lately witnessed a trespass on that brotherly understanding which should exist among all good ringers, in some letters which have appeared in our columns from two who are eminent among the Exercise—Mr. DAWE of London, and Mr. PRITCHARD of Liverpool. The former is a personal friend of our own, and a gentleman highly respected all over the country, both for his abilities and his private worth. Mr. PRITCHARD of Liverpool, though not personally known to us, is a ringer who has always commanded our respect and esteem. It is not without some pain, therefore, that we read of this ebullition of feeling between these gentlemen, and all through a very trifling circumstance, a matter of very little moment indeed, not even worth a passing gleam of indignation. Had the words of the proverb we have above quoted been vividly in the minds of each, we should have been spared the encounter. There is one part of the correspondence which we are afraid must still leave a sore behind, and that is the bringing into question the conduct of a band of ringers when visiting the Welsh town in question. If we recollect aright, Mr. DAWE states that he was informed of unseemly behaviour upon the part of ringers who presumably hailed from Liverpool. Both Mr. PRITCHARD and Mr. ROBERT WILLIAMS—another Liverpool ringer of repute—deny the accusation *in toto*. Though Mr. DAWE may have been led astray by his informant, we are perfectly

sure, from our knowledge of him, that he would not have made the statement without sufficient authority. He is certainly the man to hide a fault rather than to find one, and would, in fact, go considerably out of his way for the purpose of courtesy. We should never have heard of the report had not the question of Mr. PRITCHARD been to him "grievous words." Let us hope the affair has ended. Both the disputants are gentlemen well entitled to respect, and we are proud to number them among our friends—Mr. DAWE, a close personal acquaintance, who would be among the last to wound anyone's susceptibilities with impunity; and Mr. PRITCHARD, a deeply valued supporter of and contributor to our paper. The idea has been mooted that to bring the matter to a happy termination they both should ring a peal together, which peal, it is suggested, we should call, a suggestion which would be yielded to with alacrity, so far as we are concerned. Perhaps the episode will not be without its lesson, if only to teach the utility of considering twice before "rushing into print," but when considered necessary, to take care that the language used is divested of all attempts at sarcasm, and as near to politeness as possible.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 2, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. Treble.	*SAMUEL HAYES 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 2.	*HARRY PEARCE 7.
HENRY LANGDON 3.	*ERNEST E. VINEN 8.
BENJAMIN E. BATTRUM* .. 4.	JOHN M. HAYES 9.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD* .. 5.	TOM COXHEAD Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

*First peal of Caters. W. Gifford hails from Salisbury; Mr. Pearce from Maidstone.

The Provinces.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, August 2, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE LONGDEN Treble.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT .. 5.
WILLIAM SMITH 2.	ALBERT CROSS 6.
JAMES S. WILDE 3.	JOHN THORP 7.
JOSIAH ROGERS 4.	JAMES MOULTON Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, of Eccleston, and Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

J. Wilde hails from Hyde; Rogers from Birmingham; Cross and Moulton from Chester; the rest belong to the local company.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, August 2nd, 1886, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

AMOS CRESSER Treble.	C. SMITH 5.
W. T. BILLINGHURST 2.	GREENWOOD CLAYTON .. 6.
E. D. TAYLOR, ESQ. 3.	W. L. CATCHPOLE 7.
R. LANE 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. Mr. Greenwood Clayton hails from Halifax, and Mr. W. L. Catchpole from Ipswich.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

On Monday, August 2, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

PERCY BOYLES§ .. .. .Treble.	*THOMAS B. REED, SEN. .. 5.
LEON WILLSHIRE 2.	†JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 6.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.† .. 3.	†HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 7.
PHILIP SIMMS§ 4.	EDWARD J. BOTTLE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples the conductor has called. § First peal. *Cumberland Youths. †College Youths. Messrs. Waghorn hail from Tottenham; Boyles and Fairbrass from Canterbury; Reed and Willshire from Bitchington; Simms and Bottle are members of the St. Michael's Society, Sittingbourne.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

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

WILLIAM SANIGER .. ..Treble.	CHAS. ALBERT CLEMENTS 5.
JOHN CALLAGHAN 2.	THOMAS RUSSAM 6.
JAMES RICHARD JERRAM .. 3.	THOMAS MILLER 7.
JOHN CARTER 4.	ANTHONY DRUCE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

J. R. Jerram and C. A. Clements hail from Salisbury.

STAVELEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31st, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. ..Treble.	CHAS. HENRY HATTERSLEY 5.
HERBERT MADIN 2.	JOHN HARRIS 6.
JAMES HUNT 3.	ARTHUR BRIERLEY 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 4.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY ..Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY and Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

This peal has the fifth and sixth their extent wrong and right. See "BELL NEWS," Feb. 27th, 1886, being the second peal in the column.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2nd, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JAMES MUGGERIDGE .. ..Treble.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. 5.
HENRY BAREFIELD* 2.	WILLIAM LEONARD 6.
EDWARD BALDOCK* 3.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT* .. 7.
REUBEN SIMMONDS* 4.	EDWIN MANKELOW .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ALCHIN MOORCRAFT.

This is the first peal on the bells; also first peal by Messrs. Muggeridge, Barefield, and MankeLOW. *College Youths. The ringers, through the medium of this paper, wish to thank Mr. Barefield and also the Committee of the Temperance Society for their kind reception and hospitality towards them.

Date Touch.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON.—On Tuesday, July 6th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1886 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; H. Bentley, 2; J. Redford, 3; J. Lister, 4; J. H. Jackson, 5; T. E. Turner, 6; W. Hamer, 7; R. Lindley, 8. Composed by J. Walsh. Tenor 16 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH.—On Sunday, June 20th, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung for Divine Service in the evening, in 26½ mins. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 4; H. Deal (con-

ductor), 5; F. W. Haslam, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by F. Strugnell. And on Sunday, July 25th, for Divine Service in the evening, another 720 in the same method. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer (first 720 in the method), 4; H. Deal (conductor), 5; F. W. Haslam, 6. And on Sunday, August 1st, for Divine Service in the evening, a 360 of College Single. F. W. Haslam, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; H. Deal, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Bob Minor (eleven singles). G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. W. Haslam, 4; H. Deal, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 8.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 1st, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 1241 of Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins. G. T. McLaughlin, 1; W. Chew, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; H. Davies, 4; A. E. Church, 5; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), 6; H. Langdon, 7; B. E. Battrum, 8; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 9; E. Carter, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP STORTFORD.—On Wednesday, July 28th, eight members of the above Association rang, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, containing eighteen 6-7's, in 44 mins. W. Rickett, 1; G. Brand, 2; C. Martin, 3; A. Tucker, 4; V. H. Tucker, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6; H. N. Doughty, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Composed by Henry Prior, jun., of Stanstead, Essex. And on Saturday, July 31st, another quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, containing eighteen 6-7's, in 45 mins. 1. Newman, 1; W. H. Tucker, 2; A. Tucker, 3; G. Martin, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 6; H. N. Doughty, 7; J. Sampford, 8. And on Monday, August 2nd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, on the back six (eighteen bobs and twenty-two singles), in 28 mins. W. Rickett, 1; G. Martin, 2; A. Tucker, 3; W. H. Tucker, 4; H. N. Doughty, 5; H. J. Tucker, 6. Composed by S. Hammond, and conducted by H. J. Tucker. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY (Lancashire).—On Thursday, July 29th, for practice, J. Reeves's quarter-peal of Bob Major, consisting of 1440 changes, was rung in 55 minutes, being the longest length by a local company. Fred Derbyshire, 1; George Lee, 2; Joseph Kidyard, 3; Joseph Derbyshire, 4; James H. Kidyard, 5; Thomas Derbyshire, 6; John Bagley, 7; Richard Ridyard (conductor), 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Friday, July 30th, two single courses of Cambridge Surprise Major. J. Avery, 1; E. Holfield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; J. Field, 4; W. Bennett, 5; C. Hounslow, 6; G. Holfield, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surry).—On Sunday, July 26th, at St. John's church, for afternoon service, a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Weeden, 1; A. Tidy, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; R. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Weeden, 1; T. Stedman, 2; A. Mills, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6. After service a 720 of Superlative Surprise. C. Weeden, 1; A. Mills, 2; T. Stedman, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6. And a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; D. Jordan, 4; T. Stedman, 5; A. Mills, 6. And on Thursday, July 29th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; A. Mills, 4; D. Jordan, 5; T. Stedman, 6. This, and the last 360 on Sunday, was rung without any conductor, the bobs being made without being called.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE.—On Sunday, August 1st, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. Constable, 1; R. Simmonds, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; C. Willshire, 4; G. Pawley, 5; A. Moorcraft, 6; H. Pearce (conductor), 7; J. Johnson, 8. Tenor 31 cwt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, July 8th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Allen, 3; M. Warwick, 4; S. Cullip, 5; H. Chapman, 6. And on Thursday, July 22nd, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; H. Chapman (first 720 in the method), 6. *Harmonious Ringing*.—On Saturday, July 24th, at St. Paul's bellry, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Allen, 3; M. Warwick, 4; H. Chapman, 5; F. Keech, 6. And on Thursday, July 29th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Double Court

Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; M. Warwick, 2; S. Cullip, 3; I. Hills, 4; T. Foote, 5; H. Chapman, 6.

BRIGHTON.—On Tuesday evening, August 3rd, at St. Nicholas Church, 504 of Grandsire Triples in 19 mins. J. Neves, 1; J. Searle, 2; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 3; J. Fox, 4; W. Palmer, 5; H. Boniface, 6; H. Weston, 7; E. Butler, 8. G. W. Cartmel hails from St. Albans.

BIRMINGHAM (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, August 1st, at St. Philip's church, before morning service, a 755 of Grandsire Caters. R. Bowkett, 1; T. Russam, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; J. Callaghan, 4; J. Carter (conductor), 5; G. Barnacle, 6; C. A. Clements, 7; J. T. Perry, 8; A. Hackley, 9; C. Sparkes, 10. Tenor 29 cwt.

EWTHURST (Surrey).—On Saturday evening, July 31st, for practice, a 720 and 360 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Haynes, 1; Fredk. Francis, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Haynes, jun., 4; A. Baker, 5; W. Tidy (conductor), 6. And a 240 of London New Bob. W. Haynes, 1; Fredk. Francis, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Tidy, 4; A. Baker (conductor), 5; W. Haynes, 6.

GODSTONE (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 31st, a band of ringers from Metfield and Bletchingley met Mr. W. Burkin, from Beddington, and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Bashford, 1; J. Skinner, 2; T. Boniface, 3; Wm. Burkin, 4; J. Tidy, 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. Boniface, 1; J. Skinner, 2; L. Killick, 3; N. Hawkins, 4; J. Tidy, 5; Wm. Burkin (conductor), 6.

GORLESTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, July 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, the local company, assisted by Messrs. A. and G. Neale from Aylsham, and Messrs. Long, Fletcher, and Hayward from Yarmouth, rung a 700 of Oxford Treble Bob, and eighteen score of Plain Bob, conducted by D. Hayward.

GREAT TEY (Essex).—On Sunday, July 25th, this village was visited by a party of ringers from Sudbury and neighbourhood. The band, arrived in time to ring for the morning service, two courses of Bob Major being rung. F. Tolliday, 1; S. Slater, 2; W. Gridley, 3; J. Bird, 4; O. Garwood, 5; P. C. S. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. The ringers then attended the service, after which a touch of 1248 of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted, but on getting within two leads of the finish the fifth rope broke, which brought the ringing to an end. F. Tolliday (Sudbury), 1; S. Slater (Glemsford), 2; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 3; W. Howell (Sudbury), 4; W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), 5; H. Harper (Sudbury), 6; W. Galley (Great Tey), 7; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 8. A rather novel occurrence took place in the afternoon, a 336 of Bob Major being rung by eight ringers from eight different places. C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 1; J. Lee, (Foxearth), 2; W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), 3; J. Hume (Bures), 4; G. Galley (Great Tey), 5; P. Scott (Melford), 6; N. Hawkins (Walter Belcham), 7; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 8. After the service a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; S. Slater, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; P. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; J. Bird, 8. Also on handbells, at the house of Mr. W. Galley, a course of Grandsire Triples. C. Sillitoe, 1-2; W. Nevard, 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; H. Harper, 7-8. Also two courses of Grandsire Doubles. C. Sillitoe, 1-2-3-4; H. Harper, 5-6. These bells are a pretty ring of eight, tenor about 15 cwt., just the place for peal-ringing.

GR. YARMOUTH (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, July 26th, at Mr. Hayward's, St. Nicholas-road, 784 of Bob Major. George Neale, 1; Denison Hayward, 2; Matthew Long (conductor), 3-4; Arthur Neale, 5-6; Wm. Fletcher, 7-8. Also one or two touches of Grandsire. A. Neale, 1-2; D. Hayward, 3-4; M. Long, 5-6; W. Fletcher, 7-8. A. and G. Neale hails from Aylsham.

HAUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, July 27th, at St. Anne's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (9 bobs), in 27 mins. W. Wilde, jun., 1; John Bardsley, 2; John Howard, 3; James A. Thomas, 4; Wm. Wilde, sen. (conductor), 5; Peter Smith, 6. This was rung to celebrate the 22nd birthday of its conductor Wm. Wilde, sen., his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Friday evening, July 30th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. T. Vaughan, 1; J. Sackfield, 2; W. Jones, 3; G. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob ever rung entirely by the St. Mary's company, and the second on the bells. In the former 120 five of the St. Mary's Society took part. Tenor 12 cwt.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 1st, for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 28 minutes. C. Cundall, 1; J. Skinner, 2; J. Burkin, 3; T. Boniface, 4; W. Burkin, 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Friday evening, July 30th, at St. Mary's church, 364 of Grandsire Triples. A. Greenwood, 1; H. King, 2; J. King, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Whitby (conductor), 5; A. Pye, 6; W. Fearnheyhough, 7; A. Gallimore, 8. Tenor 26 cwt. in E.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, July 22nd, ten members of the Liverpool Youths' Society rang at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 486 of Plain Bob Caters, being the first on the bells for 40 years. Rd. Williams, 1; Geo. Helsby, 2; J. Brown, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Booth, 6; J. R. Pritchard, 7; T. Hammond, 8; R. Williams, jun. (conductor), 9; R. Diggle, 10. Tenor 25 cwt. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire Caters, with R. Diggle, 4; C. Williams, 8; Thomas Hammond, 10.

NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, July 27th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 29 minutes. William Forster (conductor), 1; Samuel Forster, 2; Richard Chantler, 2; Alfred Pye, 4; Joseph Bell, 5; Thomas Moore, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. Alfred Pye belongs to the Royal Artillery.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 1st, four members of the Eckington society paid a friendly visit to this village, and with the local company rang for Divine Service at St. James's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 240 of Kent. W. Biggin, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; J. Atkin, 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. Allen, 6. And a 720 of Violet. W. Biggin, 1; J. Atkin, 2; E. James, 3; J. Shaw, 4; W. Price, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. Messrs. Marsden, Shaw, Price, and James hail from Eckington.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, July 25th (St. James' Day), at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. Browning, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; W. Baston (conductor), 4; F. Castle, 5; H. J. Castle, 6. Also on Tuesday, July 27th, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. C. Tolley, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; P. Hind, 3; A. Hind, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; C. Hounslow (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

PRESCOT (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, July 27th, in honour of the marriage of Miss Coates, the local company rang at the parish church, 504 of Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. J. Chesworth, 1; T. Byron, 2; J. Case (conductor), 3; T. Abraham, 4; J. Cook, 5; J. Renshall, 6; J. Finney, 7; J. Morton, 8. And in the evening a start was made for a quarter-peal, but after ringing 1176 changes it came to grief. J. Chesworth, 1; J. Finney, 2; J. Renshall, 3; T. Abraham, 4; J. Case, 5; T. Byron, 6; J. Cook, 7; J. Morton, 8.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Monday, August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. P. Boyles, 1; J. G. Elliott, 2; E. J. Bottle, 3; P. Simms, 4; H. G. Fairbrass (conductor), 5; J. Waghorn, sen., 6; J. Waghorn, jun., 7; J. Grensted, 8.

SHIRE OAKS (Nottingham).—On Thursday evening, July 29th, at St. Luke's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, for practice, in 25 mins. Silas Harvey (first 720), 1; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 2; E. Russon (first 720), 3; D. Russon, jun. (first 720 on a bob bell), 4; R. Knowles, 5; John Hargreaves, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. The above company is progressing favourably under the tuition of Mr. W. Hargreaves, who has devoted a deal of time in instructing them.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 24th, the following mixed band met at S. Gregory's, and attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing a short time the fourth rope broke. After mending the rope, another start was made, but to no purpose, as the sixth rope flew out of the wheel after ringing a short time, and the attempt was given up. S. Slater (Glemsford), 1; W. Griggs (Sudbury), 2; Percy Scott (Melford), 3; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 4; W. Howell (Sudbury), 5; H. Harper (Sudbury), 6; J. Bird (Melford), 7; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 8. This was attempted as a birthday peal with the conductor, who attained his 21st year on that day.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, August 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Owden, 1; W. Denman, 2; B. Payne, 3; W. Sadler (Betchworth), 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And 240 of Plain Bob. W. Owden, 1; W. Sadler, 2; J. Tullett, 3; W. Denman, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And after service 360 of Oxford Bob. B. Payne, 1; the rest as before. Also for afternoon service, 120 of Warnham Court Bob. W. Owden, 1; W. Sadler, 2; F. Streeter, 3; B. Payne, 4; F. Rice, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And after service in the afternoon, a 720 of Warnham Court Bob. W. Owden, 1; *W. Sadler, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Plain Bob. B. Payne, 1; the rest as before. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. This the first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob by any of the band. Also five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, G. Barnes, from Betchworth ringing cover. *First 720 in the method.

RESTORATION OF BELLS AT NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.

The parish church of St. Mary, situated about a mile from Great Berkhamstead, has recently been thoroughly restored and additional accommodation provided at a cost of about £3,000, obtained chiefly through the energetic efforts of the respected rector, the Rev. A. F. Birch. This having been accomplished, attention was turned to the ring of five bells, tenor about 16 cwt., which were found to be in a very dilapidated state. At the same time it was thought desirable to increase the ring to six, and the order being given to Messrs. Warner and Co., that firm has cast an excellent treble, rehanging the other bells, quarter turning, and entirely new fittings, &c. The rector being anxious to have the bells re-opened with change-ringing, the St. Albans Cathedral Society was communicated with, the result being that they readily volunteered their services for the occasion, which was fixed for Thursday, July 29th. Accordingly on that day, the ringers left St. Albans at 4 p.m., and after a delightful drive of about twelve miles, reached Northchurch at 5.30, having rung a 504 of Grandsire Triples *en route*, sitting in the following order: H. Lewis, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7-8. Upon arrival they proceeded to the rectory where they were cordially welcomed by the rector, who immediately ordered tea for the party; which being concluded, a stroll was indulged in through the beautiful grounds of the rectory, the inmates of which which were treated to a touch of Grandsire Triples rung double-handed on the lawn. It being now seven o'clock, the time fixed for a short dedication service, the church was entered, the rector tolling the new bell for a short time previous to the actual commencement of the service, which consisted of a portion of evening prayer, special psalms, &c. The hymn "Lift it gently to the steeple" being sung, a pause being made before the last verse, when a few rounds were rung. A short but appropriate address was delivered by the rector from Numbers x verse 10, upon the conclusion of which a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 mins. W. H. Buckingham, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 2; H. Lewis, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; A. Godman, 5; N. N. Hills (conductor), 6. Some 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and then the rectory was again entered, where supper was partaken of under the presidency of the rector, the Rev. A. Roberts occupying the vice-chair. Mr. Hills on behalf of the ringers briefly thanked the rector for so kindly receiving them, assuring him that the St. Albans Cathedral Society were ever ready to assist neighbouring parishes. After a few words from the rector in response, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung in the hall, and the company took their departure, St. Albans being reached about midnight. The cost of restoring the bells amounted to £110, and having such a ring of bells it is to be hoped that the village ringers will make a start with change-ringing.

ALL SOULS CHURCH, HALIFAX.

On Monday last, August 2nd, through the kindness of the clergy, churchwardens, and congregation, the ringers of the above church had their annual excursion, this year to Ripon. Halifax was left at 6.20 a.m., arriving at Ripon about 9 a.m. After breakfast, a waggonette conveyed the party to Newby Hall, the seat of Lady Mary Vyner, where they were shown round the house and grounds, also the Vyner Memorial Church at Skelton. Returning to Ripon, the Cathedral was visited, and a short touch was rung on the bells; the party then adjourned to the "Unicorn Hotel," and partook of a good substantial dinner. Studley Royal and Fountain's Abbey were afterwards visited, also the church of St. Mary the Divine. Ripon was left at 8.30 p.m. and Halifax reached at midnight, all having enjoyed themselves.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON.

On Monday, August 2nd, by the kind permission of the rector, the sixteenth anniversary of the opening of the bells was celebrated. Ringing began between two and three o'clock, and about half-past three a very good touch of Grandsire Caters was brought round. The ringers then had the pleasure of seeing the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, among them, and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal became the order of the day. Shortly before six most of the party repaired to Mr. J. Trappitt's, where an *al-fresco* tea was thoroughly enjoyed, while some stayed in the tower and rang a good long touch of Grandsire Triples. At tea the party was joined by the brothers Hayes, of London. Then followed a very good touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which the brothers Jordan, of Capel, took part; and a touch of Stedman Caters which was capital striking, except for one bit of a hitch, and a course of Double Norwich Major. The evening was wound up by a 940 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, which was very pleasing to the performers and it is hoped to the listeners also. The ringers hope that they may often see Mr. Robinson in the belfry again, and take this opportunity of wishing him "long life and plenty of peals."

THE WANSTEAD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 31st, ten members of this society paid a visit to Finchingfield, Essex, with the hope of ringing a peal at the parish church, but after raising all the bells we had, says our correspondent, "to abandon the idea of ringing that night, but it being the birthday of our Hon. Treasurer, we rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. G. Cornell, 1; L. Green, 2; G. Akers, 3; S. Joyce, 4; W. Lebbon, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Cornell, 1; L. Green, 2; G. Akers, 3; J. Nunn, 4; H. Scarlett (conductor), 5; W. Lebbon, 6. Being awake betimes early in the morning (Sunday), we all made arrangements to start for a peal of Grandsire Triples. At twenty minutes to seven "go" was called, but, after ringing about 1500 changes in 50 mins., the conductor called stand, owing to the tenor going bad. We all adjourned to refresh the inner man, and all being well supplied we made our way to the belfry, to ring the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in 45 minutes. S. J. Wincey, 1; H. Scarlett, 2; L. Green, 3; J. Nunn, 4; G. Akers, 5; S. Joyce, 6; W. Lebbon (conductor), 7; G. Cornell, 8. We then made our way to the host's, and after doing ample justice to the good things provided, went once more to the tower, and succeeded in ringing a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 minutes. G. Akers, 1; *L. Green, 2; J. Nunn, 3; *S. Joyce, 4; *W. Lebbon, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. It then being time for some to return home, the brake was ordered and away for eleven miles ride to the station. Messrs. Cornell and Scarlett for Sampford, Lewis and Joyce for Sailing; the rest for Braintree station for home, being well pleased with their outing. The above society wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the churchwardens and vicar for allowing them the use of the bells. On Monday, August 2nd, I, H. Scarlett, made my way to Braintree, and meeting the Braintree ringers, they rang several touches of Bob Major, at the house of Mr. Hucksion. H. E. Hammond, 1-2; S. Hammond, 3-4; F. Rudkin, 5-6; H. Scarlett, 7-8. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, on handbells, in 18 minutes. S. J. Wincey, 1; S. Hammond, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; A. Hucksion, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6. Also at the church of St. Michael and All Angels a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 minutes. S. J. Wincey, 1; S. Hammond, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; A. Hucksion, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6. And 216 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. Bidding farewell to Braintree, I made my way to Harlow to meet the Walthamstow ringers on their annual outing, and after ringing there we made our way to Waltham Abbey, and then for home, being well pleased with our outing."

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, the 31st ulto., the SS. Mary and Nicolas company, Spalding, were invited by the Rev. P. S. Bagge, Vicar of S. Peter's, Walpole, to join the ringers for a day's ringing. They went by the 8.40 train to Walpole, and were met at the station by the Vicar and some of the ringers. After a drive of three miles the church was reached and prayers being said, the bells were set going, and a few short touches of Bob Minor rung by mixed bands. The ringers were then regaled with refreshments. Ringing was again resumed, the Walpole company ringing a 720 in good style, the others being engaged in handbell-ringing in the vicar's garden, which was kept up until 1.30, when the ringers, to the number of twenty-three, adjourned to the "Plough" inn, where a substantial dinner was served by host Ingram (a veteran ringer), which was presided over by the Rev. P. S. Bagge, supported by the Vicar of S. John's (Torrington), the Rev. B. Matthews (Spalding) occupying the Vice-Chair, being supported by the Curate of Walpole. After the usual toasts, and thanking Mr. Bagge for his generous hospitality, the tower was again visited, and ringing kept up until 6 o'clock, the time for departure. The Spalding men reached home at 8 p.m. after spending a most enjoyable day.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, July 10th, five members of the above Association paid a visit to Sharnbrook, by kind permission of the vicar, and rang several 6 scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, viz.: First, two 6-scores, one of Grandsire and one of Bob Doubles. F. Keech, 1; W. Allen, 2; T. Foote, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; H. Chapman (conductor), 5. Afterwards six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 27 mins. F. Keech, 1; T. Foote, 2; W. Allen, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5. Also two 6-scores of Bob Doubles, F. Keech ringing the 3rd, the rest standing as before. The first 6-score was conducted by H. Chapman, the second by T. Foote. And a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, in which the captain of the local band, Mr. J. Dickens, rang the treble, tenor about 12½ cwt. The above company beg to thank the vicar (the Rev. H. B. Wilkinson), through the medium of this paper, for kindly allowing them the use of the bells on this occasion; also Mr. J. Dickens for kindly making arrangements. We are very pleased to hear that there is every prospect of adding a new treble, so as to make a good six.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A LIST OF ADDRESSES.

SIR,—In last week's "BELL NEWS" I was much surprised to see you enquiring for the address of our old friend, Mr. Henry Johnson, sen. May I be allowed to suggest that as there seems to be such difficulty in communicating with such a noted ringer, some plan should be adopted by which a register of the addresses of our prominent brethren should be kept at your office for the use of the less enlightened, who may wish to obtain information on any subject. The steeple-keepers and leaders of various towers might also be included. This would tend, I think, in the direction of bringing ringers closer together, and removing that feeling of exclusiveness which one sometimes meets with. We are brethren, why should we be strangers? DODGER.

[We thought our old friend had removed; hence our query. We shall revert to our correspondent's letter next week.—ED.]

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL.

SIR,—I should like to ask if you can inform us what is the total amount subscribed for the above up to the present date. I have looked anxiously week by week for the list of subscribers, but confess am at a loss to know properly how the matter now stands. It would be a lasting disgrace to the Exercise to allow the word failure to be attached to this movement, and I do sincerely hope that those who have not yet subscribed will lose no time in sending in their contributions, so that the work may be brought to a successful and satisfactory issue. The anniversary of our lamented chief's death will soon be here, and for our own credit sake we should not allow it to pass over without the memorial being erected to his memory.

J. BROADLEY.

THE EXERCISE IN PLYMOUTH.

SIR,—In your issue of the 24th inst. there appeared an article by Mr. W. D. Smith, entitled "Out of the Hunt." Mr. Smith, in his endeavours to appear funny, has departed from the path of veracity, and made some statements which he has evidently not taken the trouble to inquire into the truth of. He infers that the chiming on Sundays, which he designates a medley, was the performance of the members of the Devonshire Guild. He would also imply that the ringing for Lord Valletort was the work of the half-pull ringers. This is not the case. The Stoney ringers reign supreme on Sundays, and on other remunerative occasions. He also says "It is true two peals of Grandsire Triples have been rung, but not by entirely local men." This is another departure from facts. All the men who rung the both peals were residing in the "three towns" at the time. I hope in future contributions Mr. Smith will learn to seek for truth instead of humour.

FRANK GOVER.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of the 24th ult., there is a remarkably facetious article from the pen of Mr. W. D. Smith, entitled "Out of the Hunt." Having read the contribution with care I cannot but be surprised to think a gentleman of his ability as regards change-ringing, should deem it worth his while to "tip the grin" over a party of young ringers. I should feel obliged if you would allow me to state the truth with regard to ringing in Plymouth and neighbourhood. For many years there has existed a branch of the Devon Guild in the three towns, and only those who are personally acquainted with the members can conceive the struggle they have endured to "keep their heads above water." Removed from the influence that the Exercise sheds over other parts of the country, the Plymouth band have fought against odds that have at times almost overwhelmed them. All the towers in the locality contain their set of stoney ringers and chimers, and the members of the Guild attend on suffrage only. Mr. Smith, I understand, has been cradled in the science, his ancestors having been noted ringers in their day, whereas, our men have for the most part learnt to ring only in the last few years, and some of them, like myself, have learnt with a "Stoney" party, and thought that when once they could ring Churchyard Bob they had taken the highest degree in ringing, and as a rule it is harder to teach a Stoney ringer Grandsire and other methods than to learn a man who has never seen a bell in his life until the members of the Guild came across his track. Mr. Smith seems to imply that Mr. Troyte should inquire into the truth as to the change-ringing in the various towers before he publishes it in his Guide to the steeples of England. As Mark Twain could testify to the veracity of the "Legend of the seven sleepers" because he had seen the cave, so, in most of the cases Mr. Troyte would have to rest satisfied that the methods were rung at certain towns, because he had seen the various towers and steeples, as it would be impossible for him to hear all the ringers in the country. Mr. Smith would do well to study

that part of the Scriptures which advises a man to pick the beam out of his own eye before he attempts to remove the mote from his brother's. In lecturing Mr. Troyte, he reminds one of the proverbial crock that called the kettle smutty, as he has made statements in his article which are far from the truth. The chiming on Sunday and the ringing on Friday was not the work of the change-ringers, but of the Stoney ringers. The peals at Charles' church were rung by purely local men and none other. I hope that any "brother strings" who should be visiting Plymouth will not be influenced by Mr. Smith's description of the ringing here, but give us a look up.

J. E. EDGLAND MANNING.

THE ECCLES PARISH CHURCH RINGERS.

On Thursday evening, July 29th, the above company held their yearly re-union at the "Oddfellows' Arms," Church Street, Eccles. A splendid dinner was provided by mine host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Goodall Allcock, the menu of which comprised roast beef and plum pudding, salmon, green peas, etc., all of which were served up in such a manner as to earn the hearty commendations of the company. The cloth having been removed, the chair was taken by Mr. Churchwarden Bayley, the vice-chairman being J. H. Butterworth. There were also present the Rev. Mr. Rountree (curate of Eccles parish church), S. Barry (sidesman), W. H. Butterworth (churchwarden of St. Andrew's, Monton Road, Eccles), Mr. Ainsworth, and others. A course of Grandsire Caters having been rung by the handbell ringers, (under the able direction of Mr. J. Green), the Chairman said he was exceedingly pleased to see them all assembled around him once again. Many changes had occurred in their midst since they had last met, notably the death of the late Mr. John Barratt, who had not only been a worthy christian, but had been a ringer at the Eccles parish church for over forty years. He (the Chairman) had no doubt that Mr. Barratt was now reaping his reward in the Kingdom of heaven, judging from his own observations ringers were on the whole, long-lived men, as witness the veteran ringer now before them—his old friend Richard Ashcroft, who had passed the allotted age of man, fifty-four of which he had been a ringer at the Eccles parish church. At the present time a strong wave of democratic feeling was passing over the country, making many men forget their allegiance to the Church, and making them think far more of material things than of their souls. The soul was the link that bound us to immortality, and how could men hope for God's clemency if they despised His divine precepts. Things at the present time were in a state of great disquietude, and men's minds were upset with the great questions of the day—often to the utter neglect of the Church. If men would look forward to an eternity of joy in the heavenly kingdom, they must look upward, and never forget that the Almighty had created mankind for something higher and far nobler than to live entirely for the transient things of this life.

The Vice-chairman said he fully endorsed the remarks just made by their worthy chairman. With respect to their present gathering he thought there could not be a better way of bringing them all—the ringers, wardens, sidesmen, and others—in a closer bond of union than by such meetings as the present one. The Lancashire Association of change-ringers was an Association that ought to be brought under the notice of everybody. Great reforms had taken place in belfries, and ringers were no longer looked upon with the coolness which in former years fell to their lot. Nothing to his mind was so conducive to christian piety than the calling of God's people to worship by means of sweet bells. Let them all co-operate together, and prove themselves worthy members of the church. He concluded by expressing the hope that they might meet together again next year in the same bond of good fellowship as they now were.

Mr. W. Butterworth (St. Andrew's), said he wished the Lancashire Association in general, and the Eccles ringers in particular, every prosperity. For himself he hoped soon to become a life member of the Association. He might also tell them that steps were in contemplation to erect a tower in conjunction with St. Andrew's in order to have a peal of bells placed therein. He had no doubt the Eccles ringers would lend every assistance to those who, in the future, would wish to ring the prospective bells.

Mr. James Barratt, in moving a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, vice-chairman, and others, for their kindness that evening, said he hoped the gentlemen would honour them by their presence at the next annual re-union. Mr. Ed. Holmes seconded the vote of thanks.

During the evening courses of Grandsire Caters and Grandsire Major were rung on the handbells, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

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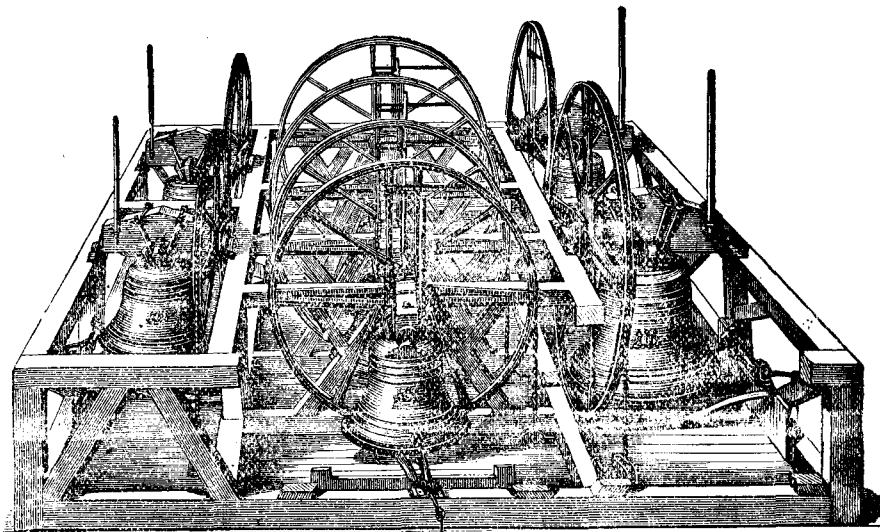
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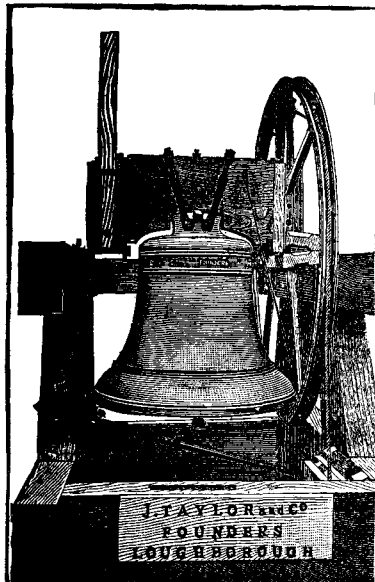


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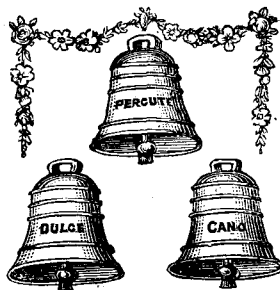
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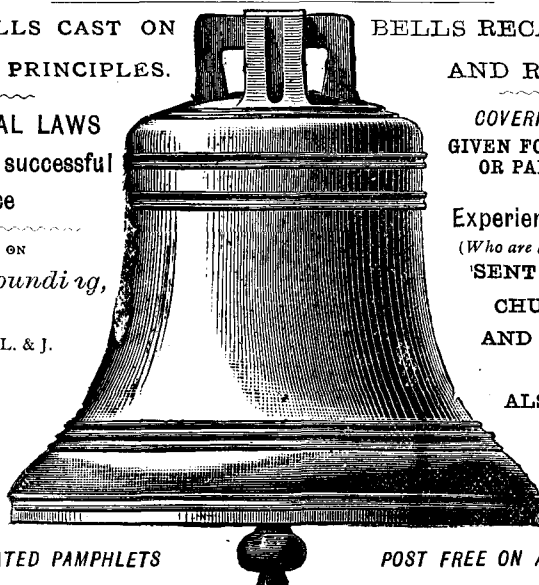
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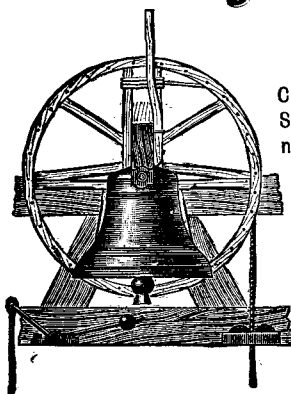
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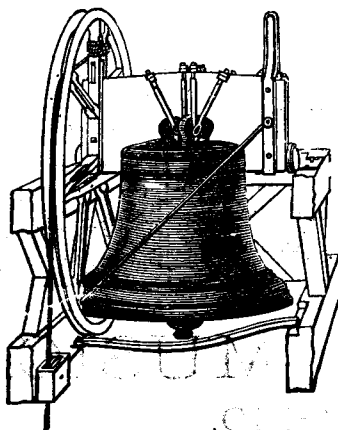
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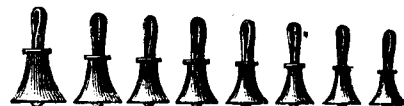
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The Penzance band, in union with the above Guild, celebrated their annual outing on Wednesday July 28th. by visiting the towers of Camborne, St. Crowan, and St. Gwinear. The muster-roll was called at the railway terminus at 6.25 a.m., when all turned up, with one exception—an important one indeed, as that was the member who was to have rung the fifth bell in attempting a peal of Grandsire Triples at Camborne. After recovering from the temporary disappointment, a band was re-arranged during the journey, with a tyro inside. Arriving at Camborne at seven, a stroll around the town was indulged in until the early service at the church was terminated. On re-assembling there, everything was found to have been got in good order, through the express wish of the esteemed Rector, Canon Chappel, and after the bells had been raised, a plain course was rung to get their hands in. A start was then made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but on the first part-end turning up, two bells were noticed to have changed course, so "stand" was called. In a few minutes, a second trial was commenced, when on ringing about 800 changes the treble man missed his sallie, and brought that attempt also to an untimely end. There is a drop to the ringing-floor of 30 ft., without guides for the ropes. Nothing daunted, however, a third go was called, when, after ringing nearly 2000, the conductor lost his head, and consequently the peal, with a mis-call. Subsequent engagements not allowing of another attempt, a 434 in the Tittum position, was rung with the Rev. A. B. Berry at the tenor, he having arrived by a later train; the fifth man, aforesaid, thinking discretion the wiser part of valour, did not venture to show up for the day. Right well prepared were the members, by this time, for their dinner, excellently catered at Rowe's Refreshment House, adjacent to the church, the justice done thereto fully proving that there are few things more conducive to a good appetite than an early breakfast, and a morning subsequently spent at the rope's end. A brake was then chartered to convey them to St. Crowan, a distance of four miles, where there is a ring of six, tenor 12 cwt., which had been represented to be in good ringing order. A few seconds' trial, however, proved that nothing whatever in the way of half-pull changes could possibly be effected on them—the more deplorable because the worthy vicar has expended many sums thereon, amounting in the aggregate to more than sufficient to rehang the whole ring, the result, it is needless to hint, of entrusting work requiring special knowledge to the ingenuity of a local artificer. With much disappointment at being thus thwarted in introducing change-ringing here, a start was made on foot through the picturesque park of Clowance, and a hour's smart walk brought the band to their final destination, at St. Gwinear. Very agreeably surprised were they, on finding a sumptuous tea awaiting them in the hall of the Vicarage, provided through the liberal hospitality of the Rev. H. Tremayne Rodd and Mrs. Rodd, who, with the Misses Rodd, received the ringers with the heartiest welcome. After a most refreshing repast, an adjournment was made to the belfry, when two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung on an excellent little ring of six, tenor 10 cwt. Then a walk of a little over a mile to the station, and a railway run of half an hour brought to a termination our expedition for 1886, which was not a whit less enjoyable than those of former years: the hearty reception by the respective vicars, with their ringers, conducting in no small degree to the fulfilment thereof, and to whom the ringers, one and all, herewith desire to record their sincerest thanks. J. S.

ANNUAL EXCURSION OF THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, NEWCALE-O N-TYNE.

The August Bank Holiday is always taken advantage of by the above Society to hold their annual outing, and on every previous occasion they have been favoured with Queen's weather, and this year was certainly no exception to the rule, as the sun shone brightly all day. An assemblage of ringers and their friends, amongst the latter of whom were the Vicar of St. John's, the Rev. J. W. Milner, and Mr. Churchwarden Woodger, took place at the Central Railway Station shortly after nine o'clock, and half-an-hour later saw the whole party seated in the express train en route for Ripon, the journey being enlivened by change and tune-ringing on the handbells, and a discussion of politics, which however was rather one-sided, as we had only one Radical present, who did not attempt to defend his party with his usual ability, probably owing to the fact that there was such an overwhelming opposition. The party arrived at Ripon about 11.30 a.m. and on emerging from the station were forcibly reminded it was Ripon races, by scores of individuals, in about the same number of dialects, petitioning us to purchase a race card, and various Jehus no less voluble, inviting us to ride up to the course for the moderate sum of sixpence, but as we were on other pleasures bent, we passed them by with stoical indifference, and made at once for the Cathedral, admiring the town and river on the way. We were met at the portals of this beautiful edifice by our worthy old friend, Mr. Clark, of Ripon, who gave to each and every one of us a hearty welcome, and after a few minutes

employed in inspecting objects of interest in the interior of the Cathedral, the party made a move for the belfry, where they found everything "spick and span," in fact a model of order and cleanliness. As dinner had been ordered for 1 p.m. we unfortunately had not much time for ringing, a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major and a touch of 576 in the same method, and some Stoney for those who had not as yet mastered the art of change-ringing, was all there was time for, but all were much pleased with the tone and go of the bells. After a good substantial Yorkshire dinner at the "Lamb and Flag," the party performed some change and tune-ringing on the handbells, when they divided themselves, one party of eight going off to Sharrow, a hamlet about one mile distant from Ripon, to attempt a 5000 at St. John's church, which however was not accomplished; the others taking a brake to Studley Park, the residence of the Marquis of Ripon. This was certainly the pleasure of the day. On entering this magnificent park one is lost in rapture at the grandeur of the scenery, and the variety of huge and beautiful trees came in for much admiration. In the middle of the park is a large and splendid artificial lake, with statuary placed around at agreeable intervals, the whole forming a perfect picture of art and beauty combined. A stroll around to the head of this lake brought us in view of perhaps the finest ruin in the Kingdom, Fountains Abbey. This our party made for and inspected thoroughly, and everyone was loud in their admiration of the beauty of its architecture and surroundings. They then ascended a hill to what is known as the Surprise, a wooden erection built in the form of a summerhouse, containing seats. This we entered and feasted on such a view as is seldom witnessed, the ruins, the rivulet, lake and trees forming from this point one grand panorama, which few of us will ever forget. Five o'clock reminded us that we must make off to Ripon, and we were soon seated in the brake again, which conveyed us to the ancient Market Place, from which we "shanked it" to Sharrow, where we found the rest of our party forgetting their disappointment in not getting their peal over an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Clark, our worthy old friend's better half. After making ourselves somewhat presentable with soap and water, we joined the rest of the party in the conservatory, where tea was laid, and everybody did ample justice to the good things our hostess and her worthy sister had set before us, and all thought that they had never tasted such strawberries and cream as they had that day. After tea and a smoke we adjourned to the pretty little church, and rang a couple of touches of Treble Bob on the handy peal of eight. Then, as it was near train time, we went back to Mr. Clark's and bade our hostess good bye, and tendered to her through our good Vicar, our heartiest thanks for her exceeding kindness. We then, accompanied by our host, who was determined to see us off, walked to the station, and caught the 8.45 train for Newcastle, where we arrived all safe about 11.30 p.m., having spent the pleasantest day we have yet had at our annual trip.

W. G. R.

"OUT OF THE HUNT."

On Saturday, July 31st, a District Meeting of the Devonshire Guild was held at Stoke Canon, Thorverton, and Upton Pyne, and some very good 6-scores were rung on the six bells at each of these villages, which are situated a few miles from Exeter. At the Stoke Canon Inn about two dozen ringers sat down to a cold dinner, provided through the hospitality of the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, Hon. Sec. to the Guild. A walk across the fields brought us to Thorverton, and half pull ringing was heard for the first time on these fine bells, tenor 17 cwt. Although not in order for change-ringing some very good six-scores were tapped out. Another four mile walk brought us back to Upton Pyne. Here a good tea was laid very temptingly at the village school. An eight mile walk, with ringing as well, seemed to have made us very hungry as well as thirsty, by the way in which cake, clotted cream, and honey (in the comb), disappeared. Four six-scores of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the Hon. Sec. of the Guild, concluded the day's ringing, and the Exeter contingent arrived home after doing sixteen miles, quite tired, but pleased with their day's work. On Monday, August 2nd, the St. Sidwell's band proceeded to Tiverton, to try for a peal of Grandsire Triples, and Mr. R. French being home from London on his holidays, was asked to conduct it. After ringing two hours and three quarters the sixth rope broke. This was very vexing, as the striking up to this time was faultless. J. Moss, 1; E. Pitt, 2; R. French, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; W. Richardson, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; T. J. Lake, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Afterwards a 504 was rung with the Tiverton men, and Mr. Batchelor, of Plymouth. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round on the handbells. E. Shepherd, 1-2; F. Shepherd, 3-4; R. French, 5-6; E. Pitt, 7-8. On Tuesday, a start was made for a peal at St. Sidwell's, a record of which will be found in the peal column. Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, had the pleasure of listening to this, and congratulated the ringers upon their success. Thursday, a party visited Sowton, tenor 9½ cwt., but after ringing an hour a change-course occurred, and the conductor called stand. W. Munday, 1; R. French, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; F.

Shepherd, 5; J. Moss, 6; W. Richardson, 7; C. Carter, 8. On Saturday, nine members went to Credenon. Here there is a peal of eight, tenor 30 cwt. in rather bad going order. The company knew it would be a tough job to get a peal, but they fought manfully, and would have got it, had not some evil disposed person turned the gas out and left them in the darkness with about two hundred changes to finish. It was very disheartening after toiling for three hours to have it spoilt at the last moment. There were no songs sung or handbells rung on the return journey that night; they could put up with the accident at Tiverton, but this affair took all the courage out of them, and some of them felt very much inclined to give up peal-ringing altogether. J. Moss, 1; R. French (conductor), 2; W. G. Goss, 3; W. Richardson, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; T. J. Lake and W. Munday, 8.

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On Tuesday, August 3rd, by the kind invitation of the vicar, the Rev. F. Taunton, a party of ringers assembled in the afternoon to meet the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, Berks. The first to arrive was Mr. Robinson, accompanied by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, and Messrs. Gordon and Trappitt of Beddington. This party had been met at Banstead station by a waggonette and pair, kindly sent by the vicar of Kingswood, and were conveyed in style through the three miles of delightful scenery intervening between that place and Kingswood. They were warmly welcomed by the Vicar, and were soon joined by Mr. Sayer, of Ashstead, Mr. Brooker, of Leatherhead, and Mr. Webb, of Chipstead. They ascended the tower, being much pleased with the tone of the musical ring of six bells which were soon set going in Kent Treble Bob, and a 720 in this method was rung by the following: J. W. Trappitt, 1; G. Sayer, 2; A. B. Carpenter, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; C. Gordon, 5; S. Brooker (conductor), 6. They were then joined by Messrs. J. and W. Burkin, of Nutfield, Mr. J. Hawkins, of Epsom, and Mr. W. Wood; and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was then rung. J. Hawkins, 1; J. Burkin, 2; A. B. Carpenter, 3; W. Burkin, 4; W. Webb, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6. Afterwards a course of College Exercise by the following. J. W. Trappitt, 1; J. Burkin, 2; W. Webb, 3; W. Burkin, 4; G. Sayer, 5; S. Brooker, 6. The party then adjourned to the lawn of the Vicarage, where they thoroughly enjoyed an excellent meal kindly provided by their host, Mr. Taunton. After tea, the bells were set going again, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. W. Wood, 1; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 2; W. Webb, 3; S. Brooker, 4; J. W. Trappitt (conductor), 5; C. Gordon, 6. After a little more Oxford Bob Minor and another course of College Exercise had been rung, the company separated, the vicar again providing a conveyance to take the Beddington and Croydon contingent to the railway at Sutton, about six miles. The ringers desire to express their thanks to the Vicar of Kingswood for his kind hospitality, and for the opportunity of ringing on this beautiful peal. The tenor is about 17 cwt., and a lovely E.

VOLUNTEERS AND RINGERS.

The Annual encampment of the First Bucks Rifle Volunteers was held at Aston Clinton, Bucks, from Thursday, July 29th, to August 5th, the drill and the weather being very satisfactory to those concerned. It having been ascertained that a fair number of ringers were members of the Battalion, arrangements were made, and the several companies canvassed with the view of having an outing together. There being no afternoon parade on the Saturday, an excursion to Tring, in Hertfordshire, was proposed, the Vicar of Aston having written for permission to ring. In answer to the roll call the following put in an appearance: Lieut. V. Awdry, Corporal C. H. Yates, Bugler A. Higgins, Private R. Hawkins, Private H. Collins, and Private A. W. Truss, of No. 1 Company, Great Marlow; Corporal G. Cartwright, and Private T. B. Buggins, No. 2 High Wycombe; Sergeant J. Akery, Private T. Leader, and Private W. H. Fussell, No. 5 Slough; Corporal H. Cowley, No. 7 Stoney Stratford. A waggonette, provided by Landlord Bell, of the "Bell Inn," being in readiness, the party drove from Camp in style, to the music of Bugler Higgins, enjoying a delightful drive affording an extensive view of the county of Bucks, and those adjoining, the Chiltern and Ivinghoe Hills, the Wendover canal, Aylesbury and the several majestic homes of the Rothschilds being especial features of interest and beauty. Arriving at the parish church of Tring, some Grandsire Doubles were rung, 4-6-8 behind, on a very powerful peal of eight, the tenor weighing about 28 cwt. The back six were also handled through some Doubles very creditably. The visitors left highly pleased with their visit, and returned to their canvas homes well satisfied, after thanking the local ringers for their kind attention. The fact of the whole company attending in their regimental uniform created quite a novel impression. It is hoped to make an annual affair of the meeting of battalion volunteers who are ringers, and on the next occasion to report further proficiency in change-ringing by the amalgamation. Eight of the band are members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday last, between twenty and thirty members of the above association paid a visit to Frieston, in order to celebrate the re-hanging of the bells in St. James' church, which have been for many years in a very bad state of repair. The work of re-hanging has been successfully carried out by Mr. Timothy Rogers, of Boston. At two o'clock the bells were raised, and seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles, and London Doubles, were rung. T. Rogers, 1; G. Clark, 2; A. Barber, 3; E. Mason, 4; J. M. Rylatt, 5. At 5 p.m. a knife and fork tea was provided in the vicarage, when upwards of thirty-five sat down. After tea the Rev. J. Staffurth, Vicar, said it gave him very great pleasure to welcome the members of the East Lincolnshire Association to the Old Priory; he wished the society every success, and hoped they would continue to flourish in the future, as they had done in the past, he felt very much indebted to them for the very pleasant day they were enjoying; he also congratulated the society for having such a president as the Rev. H. J. Cheales at its head, he being a skilled ringer. The Rev. H. J. Cheales thanked the vicar for the very kind way in which he had spoken of the society, and thanked him on behalf of the society for his kindness in giving them such a reception that day. At seven p.m. a special service was held, conducted by the Rev. Canon Blenkin, assisted by the Rev. H. J. Cheales, Rev. F. Besant, and the Rev. W. Higgs, the sermon being preached by the Rev. the rector of Bennington, to a very large congregation. Afterwards several 6-scores of Grandsire were rung by Rev. H. J. Cheales, G. H. Smith, J. Mawer, and the Frieston company.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Fourth District Meeting of this Association was held on Monday, August 2nd, at Cuckfield, when about forty members, representing the following branches, were present; Arundel, Brighton, Worth, Warnham, Cuckfield, Crawley, Amberley, and Balcombe. The parish church tower was opened for ringing at 11.30 and during the day several touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round. Luncheon was provided at the "Talbot Inn," and was immediately followed by a meeting for the election of members, and to arrange for the next District Meeting (date and place). One honorary member and fifteen active members were elected, and by a unanimous vote Arundel was selected as the place, and the second Saturday in October the date for holding the last District Meeting of the present year. Votes of thanks were recorded to the Vicar of Cuckfield (Rev. F. J. Mount), and the churchwardens for use of the bells (a peal of eight in good ringing order), also to the Rev. Chairman (Rev. R. F. Tompkins, vicar of Tortington), for presiding. At 5 o'clock eighteen members left Cuckfield, to accept an invitation from the Rev. Canon Borrer, to have a ring on the eight bells at Hurstpierpoint church, and on their arrival were kindly met by the Rector and conducted to the rectory, where coffee and cake were found in readiness on the lawn. During the evening touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung.

GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., several members of the above society visited Hatton, near Warwick, to try the "go" of the new bells. Formerly a ring of eight existed here, but as they had fallen into a very dilapidated condition, the authorities decided to have them recast into an entirely new ring of six. This work was entrusted to Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, and has been admirably carried out by him, the result being a very musical and well-balanced ring, hung in a substantial oak frame, with fittings on modern and improved principles. After raising the bells in peal a 720 of Grandsire Minor was brought round in 28 mins. J. Plant (conductor), 1; T. J. Hemming, 2; H. Bastable, 3; T. Reynolds, 4; J. Buffery, 5; C. Stanbridge, 6. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Cartwright, 1; J. Buffery, 2; H. Bastable (conductor), 3; J. Plant, 4; C. Stanbridge, 5; T. Reynolds, 6. And during the afternoon a touch of Plain Bob Minor. After an interval, devoted to discussing the beauty of the church, the excellent "go" and hanging of the bells, &c., the proceedings at the church were brought to a close by a plain course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells. T. J. Hemming, 1-2; J. W. Cartwright, 3-4; J. Plant, 5-6; H. Bastable, 7-8; C. Stanbridge, 9-10. It was now felt desirable that the cravings of the inner man should be attended to, and an adjournment was made to the "New Inn" for tea. Full justice was in due course meted out to this part of the programme, and a valedictory touch of Stedman Triples having been given on the handbells, a start was made for the station. The visitors take the opportunity to express their sympathy with the vicar in his work of organising a band of half-pull ringers, and trust that they will make such progress under their instructor, as will shortly enable them to use their beautiful bells to the best advantage, and the delight of their fellow-parishioners.

REOPENING OF THE PARISH CHURCH BELLS AT MAGOR, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Monday, August 2nd, 1886, the bells of the above named parish church were opened by the St. Lawrence's company, Barnwood, members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, after undergoing a thorough restoration of all new stocks, wheels, ropes, and fittings, and also being augmented from five to six with an excellent treble supplied by Llewellyns and James, Bristol, the hanging and workmanship being done in a very satisfactory manner by Mr. A. York, bell hanger for the above firm; the go of them is excellent, and a very musical peal it is. Seven members of the above company left Gloucester station at an early hour, and reached Magor station by 9.20 a.m., the vicar and a few friends awaiting their arrival, and after shaking of hands and being greeted in the usual way they were conducted to the ancient old church. After waiting a little, while the vicar and two others ascended and read a short dedicatory prayer amongst the bells, the ringers went to inspect the workmanship and adjust the ropes, then to the top of the tower to view the beautiful scenery around. In the mean time a messenger was sent up to say that the vicar and choir were waiting their return to join them in prayer before the bells were raised, and after the prayers the ringers stood at the ropes in readiness while the choir sang a beautiful hymn, and the bells were then rose in peal and four 6-scores and a plain course of Grandsire Doubles were rung before a stand was made. G. Hearn, 1; J. Yeates, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; H. Mitchell (conductor), 4; R. A. Barrett, 5; H. Barnes, 6. Several 6-scores were also rung during the morning. The St. Alban's (Ashton Gate) choir arrived from Bristol at eleven o'clock, about fifty in number, and sang a few hymns, and the organist played on the organ while the ringers adjourned for refreshments and to view the village. After taking a survey round they returned to have another pull, and a few more 6-scores being rung they made an adjournment to the "Lion" Inn, where an excellent dinner was provided by the Vicar and churchwardens for the ringers and choir, and other friends. After doing ample justice to the good things provided, the cloth was removed, and then the vicar presided. A few words were said respecting the restoration of the bells, and about the bell ringers, and a few hearty cheers were given, when an adjournment was made to the tower, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung (nine bobs), in 26 mins. H. Barnes, 1; J. Yeates, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; H. Gardener, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6. Three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and two of Stedman Doubles were also rung, in which Mr. A. York took part. The bells were lowered at 3 p.m., for a full choral service, and that brought the ringing to a close. The ringers joined in the service, the church being crowded to excess. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Williams, M.A., rural dean, and rector of Portskewett (St. Mary), with Sudbrook (Holy Trinity and St. Pierre, St. Peter), in which he made some very excellent remarks about bells and bell ringers, and the use of them. He said the ringers were officers of the church, and they had to perform a great office, and should be recognised as much as the choir or any other officers of the church, and were not to be browbeaten. After service, time being short, the ringers shook hands with vicar and churchwardens, and bid them all good-bye, departing by the 5.0 p.m. train. On our arrival at Chepstow, a halt was made, and all, accompanied by Mr. A. York, made our way to the church to get permission to have a ring. We were heartily received by the local band and were conducted to the old church tower, the bells were raised, and the ropes being adjusted a little, a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing for half an hour it came to grief. G. Hearn, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; A. Yorke, 5; R. A. Barrett, 6; H. Gardener (conductor), 7; G. Watkins (Chepstow), 8. A visit to the bell chamber was next determined on, and on our way up we first came to the grand old clock, which was in good order, but the chime barrel was sadly out of order. To our great surprise we found the bells were all Conservatives, for they were all painted with an ultramarine blue colour, which made them look rather conspicuous, but still for all that they are a beautiful peal of bells, but the go of them is very indifferent, and they all want re-hanging before an attempt could be made to ring a 5040, and should be hung the reverse way to what they are now. Another start was made for a 518, being the first part of Mr. Holt's ten-part peal, which was successfully brought round in 23 mins. H. Barnes, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Gardener (conductor), 3; H. Mitchell, 4; A. Yorke, 5; A. A. Waite, 6; R. A. Barrett, 7; G. Watkins, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. The bells were then lowered and the ringers were conducted by the steeple-keeper to the interior part of the church, where they saw several ancient tablets and tombs with models of human beings laid out in state, and some handsome oak carvings, everything being beautiful to the eye. Then they were conducted to see the grand old castle and its lake, where boating and fishing were going on. This ancient structure was erected by William Fitz-Osborn, soon after

the Conquest, on the site of a more ancient castle erected by the Ancient Britons. What is left remaining of an imposing pile of fortification exhibits Norman characteristics of the most marked order; it lies near to the river, so much so that it seems part of a perpendicular cliff, the summit of which it crowns with a bold air of majesty. The great entrance to the east is a fine specimen of pure Norman architecture, consisting of a circular arch between two round towers which leads into the first court yard, where the grand hall, kitchens, &c., were situated, some parts of which are still inhabited. The next sight was the bank, a fine modern building. Further on we came to the railroad-bridge, which crosses the river Wye, a very handsome structure, and is an enormous length and height above water level. This ended the curiosities for the day, and time getting short they had to dodge their way back towards the station, and taking a parting glass they bid their Chepstow pilot and friends good-bye, thanking them for the kind way in which they treated them. The train being due they took their departure for Gloucester, much pleased with their day's outing. The ringers wish to thank the authorities of Magor, through this paper, for the invitation to the opening of the bells, and the kind way in which they were treated, also the authorities of Chepstow for the use of their bells, and hope they will put their heads together and make arrangements to have the bells rehung in a modern way by a practical bell-hanger, for it will be a great credit to them to do so.

H. M.

VISIT TO CANTERBURY BY THREE MEMBERS OF THE QUEX PARK BAND.

On Friday last, July 30th, by kind invitation from the Canterbury cathedral band, being a grand day in that ancient city. Visit of colonists and opening of the new organ by Dr. Stainer. J. J. Bristow, T. B. Reed, and L. Willshe take this opportunity of thanking the cathedral band for their hospitality, but at the same time with all respect due to the officials, hope and trust that before another visit the bells may be examined and put in ringing order by some competent bell-hanger, and not have to be classed as duffers by the officials, who perhaps have no idea of the bad state of frame and wheels. The five hind bells are unringable. After ringing about an hour a noise was heard above, having just started for a 1000, every man left his bell and run for the window recess masonry for protection, fully expecting to see the bells come through, until Mr. S. Snelling of Sittingbourne, called them back to their bells, saying only a clapper out, on ascending it was found that the clapper of the eighth had jumped out and cut a solid piece off the frame about 4ft. long and 6in. across, angleway. Mr. Snelling soon put the clapper in its place again, and some more half-pull ringing was again attempted, but we (the visitors), strongly protest to being called duffers, feeling sure that no change-ringer on either of the five hind bells could possibly pay proper attention to striking, place making, or dodging, as it is only by straining every nerve that you can keep your bell up at all. Hoping this may be taken up by the proper authorities, and that on our next visit we may, if the bells are put in order, be enabled to redeem our character.

JNO. J. BRISTOW,
Secretary of the Quex Park Band.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE MITCHAM SOCIETY.

On Monday, July 10th, the Annual outing of this Society took place. A few of their Streatham friends also accompanied them. A start was made at 5 o'clock a.m. at the old parish church, when a 760 Grandsire Triples was rung, after which the party adjourned to Host Trites's, at the "Bull Inn," Mitcham, who kindly placed a brake at their disposal, which conveyed them to Epsom, for breakfast, which they reached about nine. Breakfast over a start was made for Dorking, arriving there at 12 o'clock, at which place some very good ringing was done on the fine old ring of eight. From thence a walk to Ranmoor Common, where they were met by the Vicar, who as usual gave them a hearty welcome, after which they adjourned to the church and rang several touches on the bells, a fine ring of eight, but little could be done with them, as they are sadly out of repair. They were then invited to the vicarage to partake of some refreshments, and a little help in a tangible form. With a vote of thanks and a hearty shake of the hand, the party bid the good Vicar adieu, and journeyed on to Leath-rhead, when a few touches of Triples and Caters were rung, with a finishing touch of Stedman Triples by the following members of the party. Greenwood, 1; Bushenall, 2; Marks, 3; Welling, 4; Sprughall, 5; Payers, 6; S. Brooker, 7; Pates, 8. Afterwards a start was made for home, which was reached at ten p.m., after a long and very enjoyable day. Many thanks are due to those who helped so much to the party's enjoyment, and to Mr. Drewett, who so ably conducted it.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1886.

The Provinces.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

Wedding Peal.

On Monday, August 2, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

NATHAN WARNER Treble.	SAMUEL PAGE 5.
JOSEPH KITCHENER 2.	*JABEZ WARNER 6.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW 3.	CHARLES SHAMBOOK 7.
LEONARD CHAPMAN 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

*First peal. This peal, rung for the first time, is a five part composition, see Snowden's "Double Norwich," page 18, being the first of the peals there given. It was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Walter Hobbs, a member of the Bennington society, with Miss Kitchener, a sister of John Kitchener, a member of the same society.

YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wednesday, July 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 26 cwt. in A.

A. P. HEYWOOD, ESQ. .. Treble.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ. 5.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 2.	THOMAS HOLMES 6.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 7.
REV. WILLIAM BAKER .. 4.	JOHN HOWE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

On Monday, August 2, 1886, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

NATHAN WARNER Treble.	SAMUEL PAGE 5.
JOSEPH KITCHENER 2.	JABEZ WARNER 6.
FREDERICK PITSTOW 3.	CHARLES SHAMBOOK 7.
LEONARD CHAPMAN 4.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW.

This peal, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent wrong and right at five consecutive course-ends, and the 5th the extent at home.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD,

On Tuesday, August 3, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT ST. SIDWELL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM MUNDY* Treble.	JAMES MOSS† 5.
ALFRED SHEPHERD 2.	RICHARD FRENCH 6.
EDWIN SHEPHERD 3.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 7.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 4.	THOMAS J. LAKE Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

REIGATE, SURREY.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1886, in Three Hours and Seven and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

GEORGE CROUCHER* Treble.	WILLIAM ARGENT 5.
FRANCIS T. HOAD 2.	EDWARD MOSES 6.
FRANK LINTER 3.	WILLIAM WEBB 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	EDGAR KENWARD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

* First peal.

BEDDINGTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 5, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in Eb.

JAMES HARRIS Treble.	WILLIAM BURKIN 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	JOHN PLOWMAN 7.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, M.B. 3.	CHARLES BANCE 8.
GEORGE WELLING 4.	JAMES TRAPPITT 9.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.	CHARLES GORDON Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

This is the first peal of Royal by any of the above, and also the first by the Association.

BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

YORK GREEN Treble.	SAMUEL HAYES 5.
ROBERT SEWELL 2.	JOHN M. HAYES 6.
JOHN GOBBETT 3.	WILLIAM H. DORAN .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	ALFRED WHIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

This is the first peal since the recasting of the sixth bell by Messrs. Warner.

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.—We regret to record the death of Mr. Geo. Blake, member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and for about twenty-five years a ringer at St. Thomas's church, Salisbury, who died on Friday August 6th, and was buried at West Harnham on Monday, August 9th. A muffled peal was rung in the evening in the usual way. Deceased was 50 years of age.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, August 8, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM JAKEMAN Treble.	JOHN SIDEBOTHAM 5.
JOHN LEIGH 2.	*WILLIAM J. SEVIER 6.
JOHN HOPWOOD 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN 7.
HARRY HEAP 4.	JOHN THORP Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN THORP.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times each way in 5-6. Sidebotham belongs to Mottram; Sevier hails from Gloucester; the rest from Ashton. *Member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 10, 1886, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

AMOS CRESSER Treble.	S. SMITH 5.
W. T. BILLINGHURST .. 2.	R. LANE 6.
E. D. TAYLOR 3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 7.
C. SMITH 4.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSEY, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right. See "BELL NEWS," February 27th, 1886, being the second peal in the column. Samuel Wood hails from Ashton-under-Lyne.

Date Touch.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, August 8th, before Divine Service, at St. Thomas's church a date touch of 1886 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Frederick Fellows, 1; Joseph Fellows, jun., 2; John Mills, 3; Joseph Fellows, sen., 4; Samuel Spittle, 5; William Micklewright (composer and conductor), 6; John Goodman, 7; Thomas Hill, 8.

Miscellaneous.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHARLTON KINGS (Near Cheltenham).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Monday, July 26th, six members of the above Society, assisted by Mr. Day, jun., and Mr. J. Smith, from Eye, Suffolk, who are re-hanging Prestbury bells, near this place, rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. W. T. Pates, 1; F. Day, jun. (conductor), 2; F. E. Ward, Esq., 3; H. Karn, 4; J. Smith, 5; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 6. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Musty, whose husband is a well-known ringer in Charlton and Cheltenham. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHELTENHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, August 5th, at St. Mary's Church, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, but after ringing into the 3rd part it unfortunately came to grief. J. Belcher (conductor), 1; G. Day, 2; F. Day, 3; W. T. Pates, 4; W. Morris, 5; F. E. Ward, 6; F. Musty, 7; J. Smith, 8; H. Karn, 9; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 10. And on Saturday, August 7th, at St. Mark's church, by the kind permission of the rector and churchwardens, on the peal of five bells lately hung there, some Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The ringers who took part in this were: Messrs. Karn, Musty, Pates, and Hooper from Cheltenham; and the Messrs. Day, sen. and jun., and Smith from Eye.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, August 7th, six members of the Stroud society, assisted by two Painswick Youths, Messrs. W. Hale and A. Trigg, visited the above place, and rang at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 53 mins. A. Trigg, 1; W. Homan, 2; C. King, 3; W. Hale, 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham (conductor), 6; F. Stephens, 7; L. Bendall, 8. Tenor 26 cwt 2qrs. 22lbs.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE.—On Sunday, August 8th, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 30 mins. J. Constable, 1; R. Simmonds, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; A. Moorcraft, 4; G. Pawley, 5; H. Pearce (conductor), 6. Tenor 31 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY.—On Sunday, August 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, 882 of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. J. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; T. Smith, Esq., 3; W. Parsons, 4; W. Collison, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; E. Pierce, 8. And in the afternoon, 840 of Oxford Bob Triples, in 34 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Wickens, 3; B. King, 4; M. Heffer, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; W. Parsons, 8. And 840 of Union Triples, in 35 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Wickens, 3; B. King, 4; M. Heffer, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; W. Collison, 8. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 840 of Oxford Bob Triples, in 33 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Wickens, 3; B. King, 4; M. Heffer, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; W. Parsons, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Monday, August 2nd, at All Saints' church, a 1080 of Grandsire Triples was rung. J. Hewett (Gosport; conductor), 1; J. Staples (Havant), 2; F. Hill (Fareham), 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers (Chalton), 4; H. Dains (London), 5; T. Newnham (Southampton), 6; J. W. Whiting (Fareham), 7; C. Grafham (Fareham), 8.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 8th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. J. Parsons (Bolney), 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Fox, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 8th, after Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (Davies three-part), in 25 mins. J. Ward, 1; G. Thurlow, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; J. Waghorn, 5; G. Griffin, 6. And another 720 (Troyte's), in 26 mins. J. Ward, 1; G. Thurlow, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., (conductor), 4; G. Griffin, 5; J. Waghorn, 6.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, August 1st, after Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (15 bobs), in 25 mins. W. D. Griggs, 1; J. Hannington, 2; T. Titchener (conductor), 3; T. Gleed, 4; G. Harvey, 5; E. Chapman, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

KINGSWINFORDE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, August 8th, after Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor. Joseph Hillman, 1; G. Guest, 2; William Jones (conductor), 3; James Sackfield, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; C. F. Collom, 6.

PONTEFRAC (Yorkshire).—On Sunday morning, August 8th, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Violet. J. Carter, 1; J. Brook, 2; A. B. Pearson, 3; F. Moody (conductor), 4; R. Brook, 5; W. Pearson, 6. And on Monday evening, August 9th, at St. Giles's church, a 420 of Bob Triples. J. Smithies, 1; W. Pearson (conductor), 2; C. Watts, 3; S. Brook, 4; G. Booth, 5; J. Wilson, 6; J. Carter, 7; A. B. Pearson, 8. This is the first touch of Bob Triples by the above company. Tenor 16 cwt.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday evening, June 25th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, the Cathedral Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. R. A. Fowler, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills (conductor), 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, July 26th, at 3, St. Peter's Street, four members of the Cathedral society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. Composed by E. Barnett, of Monmouth. First quarter-peal double-handed by all. And on Wednesday, July 28th, the last 742 of Holt's Original as above, conducted by N. N. Hills. And on Sunday evening, August 1st, at the Cathedral, the last 742 of Holt's Original in 30 mins. N. N. Hills, 1; R. T. Kent, 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; W. H. Buckingham, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; E. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. And on Monday, August 2nd, at the Cathedral, to oblige Mr. G. Sheppard, of Chislehurst, 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. C. Mitchell, 1; N. N. Hills (conductor), 2; G. Sheppard, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; H. Lewis, 5; E. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. *Handbell ringing*.—On August 4th, retained in hand, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; *N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6. *First 720 in the method.

STAFFORD.—On Thursday evening, July 29th, at St. Mary's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Cartwright, 1; W. Micklewright, 2; W. Follows, 3; R. Perry, 4; W. Grice, 5; S. Perry (conductor), 6; A. Pye, 7; G. Follows, 8. Also on Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Cartwright, 1; W. Micklewright, 2; T. Follows, 3; R. Perry, 4; W. Grice, 5; T. Perry (conductor), 6; J. Follows, 7; W. Hall, 8. On Monday, August 2nd, 840 Grandsire Triples, W. Micklewright,

sen., 1; W. Micklewright, jun., 2; W. Follows, 3; R. Perry, 4; W. Grice, 5; T. Perry (conductor), 6; J. Follows, 7; S. Thompson, 8.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, August 1st, six members of the local company met Mr. Foster, of Corsham, and with him rang for evening service, on the front six of the grand peal of ten, tenor 30 cwt. a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, in 6 mins. G. E. Harbour, 1; R. J. Pearce, 2; W. G. Burge, 3; C. E. May, 3; S. Doble (conductor), 5; E. A. Foster, 6. Also several touches in the same method, with E. A. Foster at the 2nd, and C. H. Venning at the 6th. The art is making steady progress here, as it may be noted. When the bells were opened last year none of the Guild except the conductor knew anything of handling a church bell. The above 120 was rung at the first attempt, and is the first accomplished by a local band. *Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 8th, for Divine Service in the morning at All Hallows Church, 240 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and some short touches of Plain Bob Minor. A. Hubbard, 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. Pye-English, 6. And for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. A. Hubbard, 1; E. F. Strange, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; J. Waghorn, 7; R. Elliott, 8. *Longest touch with a bob bell.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Saturday evening, July 31st, eight members of the local society attempted a peal of Court Bob Triples, but after ringing upwards of 1000 changes it came to grief. F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. Also a quarter-peal in the same method, with H. Chandler, 7; H. Burstow (conductor), 6; the rest as before. Also two 140's in the same method. And on Sunday, August 1st, four 504's of Grandsire Triples. First. F. Garman, 1; F. Stedman, 2; W. Wadey, 3; W. Short, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Cook, 8. Second. T. Tidey, 1; H. Chandler, 2; W. Wadey, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Cook, 8. Third. A. Mills, 1; F. Stedman, 2; W. Wadey, 3; E. Jordan, 4; B. Jordan, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; D. Jordan, 7; H. Wood, 8. Fourth. W. Short, 1; A. Mills, 2; W. Wadey, 3; E. Jordan, 4; R. Jordan, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; D. Jordan, 7; H. Wood, 8.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL.

Mr. Wm. Whitaker, Hon. Sec. to the Yorkshire Association, sends the following letter:—

"I have great pleasure in sending the list of subscribers and the total amount received up to the present time for the Ringers' Memorial Fund to the late Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq. It has been a matter of great regret to me, as one of the Committee, to see the apparent want of heartiness shewn in many quarters in not trying to bring the movement to a successful issue. I may say the Committee have purposely refrained from pressing the claims of the Memorial before the Exercise, feeling that our late President was so universally loved and known, that it seemed unnecessary to keep repeating what must be so well known to all. I am thankful for Mr. Broadley's letter, and trust that it may be the means of rousing us all up to a sense of our duty in this matter, viz., that if we have not already subscribed, to do so, and then use all our energy to get others to do likewise. In this way we may hope to see the Memorial completed before the first anniversary of our departed friend's death."

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ST. PAUL'S GUILD OF RINGERS, BRIGHTON.

This little band having selected Eastbourne for their outing, on Bank Holiday, August 2nd, a start was made by the train leaving Brighton at 7.55 a.m., only leaving one member to follow by the next train. All went well until Polegate was reached, when by some mistake, a part of our little band had the misfortune to go as far as Pevensey, the rest, with their captain (A. Bennett), arrived at Eastbourne about 9.30, to find only five out of eight ringers to be on hand, the rest consisting of lady friends and relatives of the ringers. Our captain had previously arranged with his brother, H. P. Bennett, of Eastbourne, to have some of their ringers to meet them, which they did, and were heartily welcomed. The greeting being over, and finding that permission was given at Christ Church, some of our party, with some of St. Mary and All Saints' societies, wended our way thither, having passed away a very pleasant hour. Some seven or eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. We now made a start for St. Mary's Old Town, some two-and-a-half miles distant. On our arrival we were pleased to find that all our party had arrived safe; we lost no time in climbing the belfry stairs and making a start, the first performance being a 504 of Grandsire Triples, the performers being all of Saint Paul's. H. Eves, 1; G. Thwaite, 2; W. Allfrey, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; G. Hill, 5; J. Riley, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; T. Mockett, 8. After which another touch of 448 and a 210 was rung. It being now one o'clock, the time appointed for dinner, we repaired to the Lamb Hotel, where we found Mr. Brown, the landlord was on hand. With a good dinner provided we soon seated ourselves, to the number of twenty-four, including H. P. Bennett, J. Rollison, L. Hugget, Hart, and others of Eastbourne honouring us with their presence after dinner. Finding we had unlimited use of the bells and belfry for the day, we repaired again to the belfry to start for a quarter-peal, and made several attempts, but without success. Somewhat tired of ringing, a little open air exercise was indulged in, all meeting again at the Lamb at 5.30 for tea, Mr. Lucas, Verger of St. Paul's, having previously joined us with a few friends, making our number to tea 22, after which meal some three of the St. Paul's ringers, Bennett, Allfrey, and Risley, rang a quarter-peal with the Eastbourne ringers, conducted by T. Hart. It being now time for the return journey, all were punctual at the station in time to say good bye to our kind friends the ringers, who contributed so much in making it one of the pleasantest day's outing anyone could wish. We arrived at Brighton about 11 o'clock, one and all expressing great satisfaction with the days' outing, long to be remembered. Now Mr. Editor, if it would not be asking too much, we should like through your columns to thank the vicars of Christ church and St. Mary's, for use of their respective belfries. Also we wish the feeling to the ringers and officials of All Saints' church, knowing as we do the cause of our not being able to ring in that tower, was that one of the churchwardens lies dead close to the church. Also to thank Mr. Brown at the "Lamb," for the able manner in which he catered; indeed great credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Brown for the manner in which all our wants were supplied. A.B.

A VISIT TO SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

On Saturday, July 31st, we paid a visit to some of our brother ringers at Sittingbourne, and upon our arrival a company started for Borden, a pleasant little spot about two miles from our rendezvous. The church contains a nice ring of eight, tenor a little over a ton. After raising and greasing the bells we started for Holt's ten-part, which came to grief after ringing about two hours. We then refreshed the inner man and retired for the night. On Sunday morning we were astir early, and with our guide, Mr. Snelling, and Mr. Fairbrass, of Canterbury, we had a pleasant walk through the orchards and hop yards of the surrounding country, and returned to Sittingbourne in time for breakfast, and a ring for morning service. In the afternoon we went for another stroll, and then rang before and after evening service. On Monday we arranged for a peal at the parish church, at 6 a.m., and were therefore up early, and after waking one or two of our friends we started at 6.30, but were again unsuccessful. We then decided to await the arrival of two friends from Birchington. Meantime we breakfasted, and our fresh visitors having arrived rather late, we made another attempt, and this time we succeeded in bringing round a good peal in two hours and fifty-seven minutes, it being the quickest peal on the bells. This peal is a very good ring of eight, tenor 21 cwt., and the go of them is all that can be desired, having received a thorough overhauling at the hands of Mr. Snelling, of Sittingbourne. He has also rehung the peal at Borden, and has made a very successful job of that. The towers of both places are models of cleanliness and comfort, Sittingbourne in particular. Ringers visiting this part would do well to pay these towers a visit, as they would be met by a very pleasant and affable company, who did their best to make our visit as enjoyable as possible, for which we return them our sincere thanks, and hope to have the pleasure of meeting them again. J. W.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Wednesday, July 28th, the Christ church society, Mitcham, Surrey, were invited to join the Sunday schools and church workers to go to Hampton Court and spend a happy day. Beginning the day with a touch on the church bells, we made our way to Merton Abbey, where a special train was waiting for us. Leaving the Abbey at 10.30 a.m. we arrived at Hampton Court about 11.15, where we soon made our way into the park, some joining in a game of cricket, while others went for a row. One o'clock having arrived, we all assembled in a large tent in the park, where a good substantial dinner was served. After which the usual toasts were given: "The Queen and Royal Family," and "Mr. and Mrs. Harris." Half-past two arriving, we made our way to Thames Ditton, where (previous arrangements having been made) the courteous steeple-keeper, Mr. Wells, met us, and after hearty shaking of hands, we made a start to have a pull, and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which Mr. Wells (Thames Ditton); Messrs. R. Reynolds, J. Collins, D. Burtenshaw, H. J. and C. Schnieder and A. Nicholson, Esq., took part. Having spent a pleasant hour together, we parted company (after having a parting glass), hoping some other time to meet again, when we hope the bells will be a little more ringable, as in their present condition they go very bad. Leaving Thames Ditton, we took a boat and rowed back to Hampton Court, where a good tea was awaiting us, which we all did justice to. The rest of the day was spent in admiring the beautiful grounds and palace, &c. Half-past eight having arrived, we all walked to the station, where our train was waiting, and after a smart run of about thirty minutes, we arrived home (where our ringing friends of Streatham were paying us a visit and ringing us home), all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Gorrington park, Mitcham, Rev. F. S. and Mrs. Legg, J. Nobes, Esq., and A. Nicholson, Esq., they having been the means of them spending such a happy day.

On Saturday, August 7th, the usual monthly meeting was held in the belfry, where a good muster of members and friends assembled. Ringing commenced at 7.30 p.m., when several touches were rung. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 25 mins. G. Scowan, 1; E. Burtenshaw, 2; C. Bide, 3; G. Welling, 4; W. Webb, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. G. Scowan hails from Hadley, Suffolk; W. Webb, from Reigate; S. Frost and C. Bide, from Wimbledon; G. Welling, from Beddington. During the evening service several of the ringers expressed a hope that the time would soon come when, by adding another treble and tenor to the bells, they would be made a pretty peal of eight.

C. S.

ST. LUBBOCK'S DAY.

On Monday, August 2nd, several ringers met at All Saints' Church, Ryde, Isle of Wight, where Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have recently put up a new and well toned ring of eight bells, tenor 26½ cwt. in Eb. The bell cage is of novel construction, iron and wood being combined therein to good advantage. The go of the bells is, if possible, perfection itself, and the firm is to be congratulated on the execution of their work. There were present, Messrs. James Hewett, of Gosport, an old member of the Royal Cumberland Society, Messrs. Whiting, Hill, and Grafham, from Fareham, Mr. Steeple from Havant, Mr. Newnham from Southampton, Rev. H. A. Spyers, Hon. Sec. to the Winchester Guild, Mr. Dyer and other friends from Portsmouth, Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., of Loughborough Foundry, Messrs. John Mansfield, and H. Dains, of London. The bells were raised in peal at the request of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Poole, who, prior to an attempt that was made for a peal of Grandsire, invited the ringers and friends, to the number of nearly twenty, to the Vicarage, where light refreshment was liberally served. St. Lubbock's Day at Ryde was not the day for peal ringing, some of the band would probably be thinking of the Highgate company's performance at Barking, and omit making a bob, etc. However a good touch was subsequently rung with J. W. Taylor, Esq. and J. Mansfield, conducted by the veteran, who it is thought will soon take charge of the formation of a young band at Ryde. This was a well struck touch, as was also a 500 called by Mr. Newnham. The bells were lowered in peal and in good capital form, the chief of the Loughborough Foundry taking part in this also. Most of the visitors now bade Mr. and Mrs. Taylor adieu, and caught the boat in time to meet friends for London, Havant, Fareham, and the London train. After parting with others who could stay no longer, the party returned for a few hours and listened to an entertainment by Mr. Hewett, on the pianoforte, upon which he rendered some musical selections from the plain course of Stedman Caters, and also Cinques, and to some course-ends with bells placed in the Queens and Whittingtons, and the effect was very grand indeed; he also gave some Treble Bob Royal. The "Blue Bells of Scotland" could not be dispensed with, and the finale was "Home, sweet Home," with several variations. Eventually, time for parting, usually too soon, came, and away we were again off to business.

H. D.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF RINGING FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8TH:—

By mixed bands, at Cuckfield.—On Monday, August 2nd, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. A. Fuller (Brighton), 1; H. Reeves (Hurst), 2; J. Newnham (Crawley), 3; J. Gasson (Balcombe), 4; F. Hounsell (Cuckfield), 5; G. F. Attree (Brighton; conductor), 6; G. W. Cartmel (St. Albans), 7; E. Butler (Brighton), 8. And another 504 in the same method. A. Fuller, 1; J. Newnham, 2; H. Reeves, 3; F. Hounsell, 4; G. Baker (Arundel), 5; W. L. Chamberlain (Arundel), 6; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 7; W. Vernon (Brighton), 8.

At Hurstpierpoint.—A 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. A. Fuller, 1; H. Reeves, 2; W. L. Chamberlain, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; G. Baker (conductor), 6; J. Jay, sen., 7; E. Butler, 8. And a 336 in the same method. H. Fuller, 1; G. F. Attree (conductor), 2; H. Reeves, 3; J. Fox (Brighton), 4; G. Baker, 5; W. L. Chamberlain, 6; Rev. R. F. Tompkins (Arundel), 7; E. Butler, 8.

At St. Nicholas, Brighton.—On Saturday, August 7th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which, however failed, after ringing 1708 changes, in 59 mins. James Neves, 1; C. Tyler, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; J. Searle (conductor), 4; W. Palmer, 5; G. King, 6; H. Weston, 7; E. Butler, 8. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., composed by A. Dumsday, of Cuckfield. James Neves, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; C. Tyler, 4; W. Palmer, 5; G. King, 6; H. Weston, 7; E. Butler, 8.

At St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, August, 8th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Fuller, 1; H. Weston, 2; J. Jay, 3; A. Marshall, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 6; C. Golds, 7; A. A. Piper, 8.

* By the Crawley branch, at Crawley.—On Tuesday, June 30th, to commemorate the opening of a new organ, touches were rung before service consisting of 840 and 504 changes of Grandsire Triples, and after service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and 840 of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Parsons, 3; B. King, 4; W. Collison, 5; F. Wickens, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Collison, 8. * Delayed in reporting.

A VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE.

On Bank Holiday, August 2nd, by the kind invitation of the Rev. Arthur J. Robinson, rector of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, a party numbering 58 persons (including the church bell-ringers), paid a visit to the above town. The ringers journeyed by the six a.m. train from Liverpool-street station, and on arriving at Cambridge, they made their way to Great St. Andrew's church, where by permission of Mr. Bunting, the parish clerk, the bells were placed at their disposal. Having arranged to meet the remainder of the pleasure seekers, who went by a later train, at Downing College, the whole party visited Pembroke, King's and Clare Colleges, an excellent dinner being provided at the latter place, the rector of Whitechapel being present. Dinner over, the Rev. H. W. Fulford, Dean of Clare College, kindly conducted the visitors over the grounds, after which their attention was given to St. John's and Trinity Colleges. The ringers then left the party and proceeded to Great St. Mary's church, where they rang a touch on ten of the peal of twelve bells, four of the local ringers joining them. Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung. After attending the service at King's Chapel, the party returned to Clare College, and again shewed their appreciation of the good things provided for their comfort. Tea being over, the rector proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. W. Fulford, for his kindness in conducting the visitors over the various colleges, &c., and also to Mr. Bradford, cook to the college, for the excellent manner in which he had catered for the party. Mr. E. Wallage on behalf of the ringers, in a few well-chosen words, returned thanks to the Rev. A. J. Robinson for his kind invitation. The ringers then started for St. Benet's church, and attempted a 720, but through the bad go of the bells this had to be abandoned, and a course of Grandsire Doubles was all that could be recorded. Meanwhile the remainder of the visitors had given their attention to Trinity Hall, Caius, Christ's and Emmanuel colleges, and the day being then well spent, all safely returned to town, well pleased with their day's enjoyment. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who by granting them the use of the bells at the different churches, added all that could be desired to the pleasant holiday.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 21st, at the Chapel-of-Ease, Holloway, eight members of the above Society rang a deeply-muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, as a last mark of respect and esteem to the late Vicar of St. Mary's, Islington. And on Sunday, July 25th, for morning and evening service, at the Chapel-of-Ease, with the bells deeply muffled, several touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob, by the following: J. Hannington, T. Titchener, T. Gleed, C. Griffin, A. Jacob, N. Alderman, J. Leach, G. Newson. Tenor 19 cwt.

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."

DOUBTFUL AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—In your last week's impression was inserted a peal of Grand-sire Caters at Fulham, and the composition is also inserted in the same number of your valuable paper; it also states at the end of the composition, it was the first time it had been performed, and I hope that will be sufficient excuse for me troubling you with this trivial matter, but as I certainly differ from that statement, I think it is better to put my ideas in writing. In doing so, I trust at the same time that I am not going to get a shower of mud for my reward. I have always avoided rushing into print, but having shouldered my pen, and as I think in the interest of truth, am bound to come to the charge. Well, it all lies in a cocoa-nut shell, and is simply a mistake that would occur to myself or anyone else. But about fifteen years ago, I called that peal on New College bells, Oxford, and a tablet in the tower records the same, but for some reason or other, best known to the writer, the composer's name is not on it. At that time, it was the first peal of the number containing the properties that it has with two bells exclusively behind the ninth, and I have never seen it since till now. It was also the first peal of Caters called by me. There are some renegade members of the Cumberlands in Oxford now who rang in it. The peal was also rung again by the Royal Cumberlands, on Horsleydown bells ten years ago, conducted by my old comrade, Mr. G. Newson, and by him published in *Church Bells*, likewise the composition. But of course there is no dictionary of compositions kept in any place to refer to, although at Birmingham, they have an excellent "Johnson," and as I am told, in good preservation, still he has never seen the original composition, or would never lend his eminent name to it if he had, and of course, my old friend John M. Hayes is in the same position, and was only acting "on information received." On seeing the copy, it put me in mind of the old joke at country fairs, a thing with its tail where its head ought to be, and on holding a *post-mortem* on the remains, it was found the head had been cut off and stuck at the end, the inside all remaining intact, so found a verdict without any further dissection, as 'twas only a Brummagem transposition, or a tidy peal spoilt, and can be altered in several better ways before you would say "Robinson." I send original copy, by the author, and say that the claimant is Rogers.

"OLD CUMBERLAND."

STONEY v. SCIENCE; *in re* PLYMOUTH.

SIR,—The statements of your two correspondents on the above subject in last week's issue, so closely corroborate mine with regard to the supremacy of stoney over science and the difficulties of which I pointed out the change-ringers of Plymouth have to contend against, that it only remains for me to thank them very much for their valued confirmation, but I am very much afraid they have put their own construction upon that part where "medley" and the ringing for Lord Valletort, etc. occurs. Suffice it to say that their conception of my meaning has taken a direct opposite course. I still maintain that the peals were not rung by entirely local men as you will see, Sir, that they were drawn from the three towns which are Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport, this I stated to prove what hold stoney had, to the disadvantage of science. I shall be pleased for the ringers of Plymouth to understand my contention was stoney v. science, not a personal attack, as they will see by my commentary, funny or otherwise, that I studiously avoided names. I am pleased to think that Plymouth boasts of such indefatigable and energetic men as Messrs. Batchelor and Taylor, and sincerely hope that your rather too hasty young correspondent will continue to assist them in establishing a strong and prospering branch of the Devonshire Guild to the exclusion of, as far as possible, the present predominant stoney. I should be very sorry indeed if my remarks ever tend to keep ringers away who would have otherwise have visited Plymouth, as I can assure any change-ringer that he will receive a fitting welcome. In conclusion, I beg to thank Mr. Batchelor for his very kind and gentlemanly letter of the 31st ult., and shall not be slow in accepting his invitation as opportunity occurs.

W. D. SMITH.

THE EXERCISE IN THE "THREE TOWNS."

SIR,—I am sorry Mr. W. D. Smith did not draw it mild when describing the condition of ringing in our three towns, especially as he seems to have been received in so friendly manner. I never see any harm in remarking on a tower, or the condition of bells, because there can be nothing very personal in such, but when it comes to painting an amateur society in black colours in your pages, I certainly think it quite beyond the bounds of courteousness. I write these few lines to ask the Plymouth ringers to try and forget it, and not suppose

when next a stranger comes amongst them that he too will give a detailed account of their imperfections. I fear they may in future look shyly at friends, but I hope they will not do so, as I intend myself to look them up very soon, and if we can do anything worth recording, we shall record it, but if not, then we will be silent. Now why is it that change-ringing is at such a low ebb in the West (and I am not speaking of any place in particular)? It is simply for this one reason. Those in authority know nothing about it and care nothing about it. The clergy as a rule look upon ringers as an evil with which it is prudent to have as little to do as possible. The authorities care nothing whether there is ringing or not, and I fear the clergy have long since ceased to regard ringers as important Church workers. Considering the state of things in the West, the only wonder to me is that there is a ringer to be found anywhere, and the Plymouth Amateur Society are worthy of all praise for having succeeded as they have. When in the West a little time since, I was told of a band of ringers who in about the space of three quarters of an hour rang one hundred and twenty call-changes with their faces turned to the wall. This was gravely told to me to cap my remarks about a 10,000. I say again, as I said in a former letter, it is the business of the clergy to take up ringing as much as they take up the training of their Church choirs. If a clergyman wanted to promote the art and knew nothing about it himself, what would be easier for him than to find employment for an instructor. Many of the clergy in the West have large households themselves, and even if they have not they could get employment for a change-ringer with very little trouble. When the authorities take no interest in the matter, and grumble to find ropes or to execute even the smallest repairs, is it to be wondered that ringers themselves take no interest in it? Although born and brought up in the West, and always more or less a "hauler of bells," I never heard any changes rung, except by the band of the late Colonel Trelawny. I could name dozens of peals of which I should never have heard the sound but for the clock hammer. I visited not long ago a fine peal of eight in south Devon, tenor 30 cwt., very recently rehung, and looking as if they would go well, but what a sight it was to see cords attached to all the clappers and hanging down into the ringing chamber. That town contains scores upon scores of young men who attend science classes, and show their mental capabilities every year when the South Kensington prize list appears. Ringers were neglected in the past, and now the clergy and churchwarden think them incurable, and will do nothing in the matter. Now let me conclude this by again urging upon your readers the fact that it is the authorities who are at fault in the matter of our west country ringers.

C. F. C.

A NEW METHOD OF PROOF.

SIR,—I have read lately the letters in "THE BELL NEWS" about false peals and persons sending pieces for insertion without proving the same. I have taken some interest in this branch of the art, and have struck on a simple way of proving Grandsire Triples, which is a great saving of time and figures. I do not know if this way is already known, or whether it is new. There is no one I have mentioned it to seems to have any knowledge of it, but have gone on proving by Treble leads. This is done by using the work of the plain course figures.

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F. HOUNSELL.

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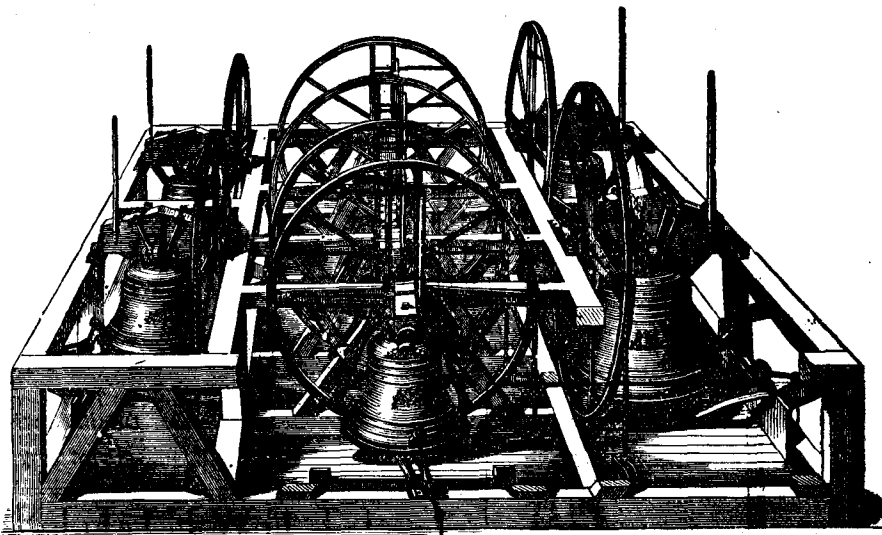
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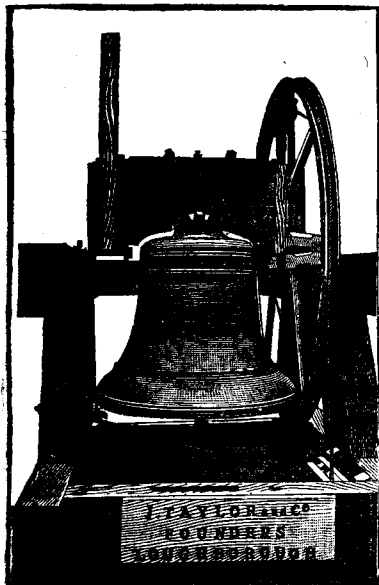


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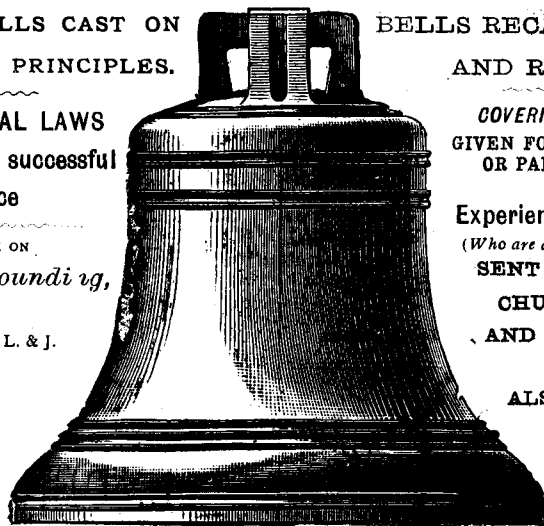
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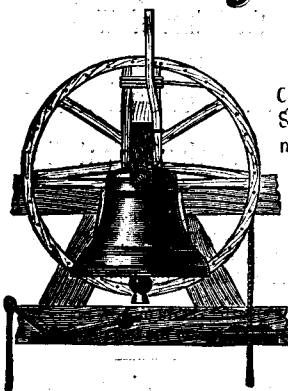
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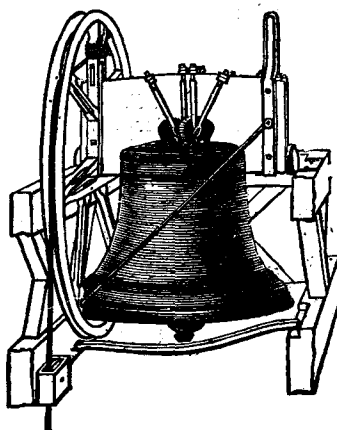
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BANK HOLIDAY AT BENNINGTON, HERTS.

On Saturday the 31st ult., two of the Saffron Walden ringers paid a visit to this picturesque and renowned spot, according to a promise made on the ringing anniversary at Walden on the 27th June last. Arriving there between six and seven in the evening, a start was made for a peal of Stedman Triples by F. Pitstow (conductor), 1; S. Page, 2; N. J. Pitstow, 3; L. Chapman, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; J. Turner, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; J. Gray, 8. The peal seemed almost brought to an end when, alas, only about ten minutes more to complete it, a slow six was turned into a quick one and thus it came to a premature end, after 4,600 changes had been rung. Next morning the visitors took part in two courses of Superlative Surprise Major and in the afternoon took a walk to Ardeley with four of the Bennington band, where a 720 of Treble Bob Minor and a 6-score of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung. This light ring is very sweet and musical, and well repays a visit. For evening service, at Bennington, another two courses of Superlative were rung, and after service the following succeeded with a well-struck quarter peal of the same beautiful method (1344 changes). Nathan Warner, 1; Joseph Kitchener, 2; John Kitchener, 3; Leonard Chapman, 4; Frederick Pitstow, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; Charles Shambrook, 7; Samuel Page, 8. Total changes of Superlative, 2,240. Next morning ringing was resumed to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Walter Hobbs, and a complete peal of Double Norwich Court was successfully carried through, the particulars of which appear on another page, and after the ceremony a touch of Stedman Triples, 420 changes, was rung. Some of the band now expressed themselves willing to try again the peal of Stedman Triples which had been lost on Saturday evening, and all agreed to the proposal except Mr. Joseph Kitchener, who insisted on the band going to Braughing and trying a peal of Treble Bob Major, with this the rest acquiesced, and after a journey of nine miles, the same band attempted and succeeded with a peal of Treble Bob Major (5,024 changes), an account of which also appears in its proper place.

Thus terminated this successful day's performance, two peals by the same ringers, the occasion being the more remarkable as one of the band, Mr. Nathan Warner, is sixty-three, and another, Mr. Joseph Kitchener, upwards of seventy years of age. One of the ringers who took part in the attempt on Saturday evening enjoys a great reputation as a bell-banger, of which the easy go of Ardeley bells may be cited as evidence, and, on the completion of the rehanging of Braughing bells on the 10th of May last, proved his work by taking part in a peal of Grandsire Triples of three hours' duration.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—SOUTH WEALD.

The parish church of South Weald was visited on Sunday, August 1st, by a band of the above Association, who, by the kind permission of Canon Fraser, made use of the melodious ring of six. Several touches, including a 360 Bob Minor, were rung before evening service, and afterwards a 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Nash (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Gobbett, 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; W. Doran, 6. This ring was increased from five to six some few years ago, and the above was the first 720 of Treble Bob upon the bells. The bells are a good musical ring, and the go would no doubt be satisfactory with a proper supervision of the appliances. The church is dedicated to St. Peter, it has chancel, nave, south aisle, and lay rector's chancel at the east end of the aisle, from which it is divided by a carved oak screen. The interior was restored in 1868, and is seated with oak benches. Upon the evening of the above visit the service was well attended, and while musical was such as would be claimed by the Broad Church party, and was in every respect well suited for a country village. For neatness and well kept order the churchyard is unsurpassed in the county. The village itself has a true hilly aspect, and having existed in the time of King Harold, is of interest to the antiquarian. The surrounding neighbourhood consists of gentlemen's seats (one of which was the residence of Queen Mary), and agricultural land, consequently it is better stocked with all kinds of live game than any other village within the same distance of the metropolis. The visit proved a pleasant gathering to those present, who through the medium of this journal tender their thanks to Canon Fraser for the use of the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

NOTICE.—I am requested to give notice to members and friends of this society, that the Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, the 11th prox. Further particulars will be announced in due course. Meantime all who have the welfare of the society at heart are cordially invited.

Also at headquarters on Friday evening, the 27th inst., two auditors will be elected to go over the society's accounts for the past year. Those interested will attend and oblige.

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ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. Feb. Mr.	Apr. & My.	June.	July.	Total.
Midland Counties' Association	33	4	1		38
Oxford Diocesan Guild	25	3	1		29
Yorkshire Association	20	2	2		24
Ancient Society of College Youths.. .. .	21	1	1		23
St. James's Society, London	18	1	0		19
United Counties' Association	16	0	0		16
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	12	0	0		12
Birmingham & District & Amalg'd Societies	11	0	1		12
Lancashire Association	11	1	0		12
Norwich Diocesan Association	8	3	1		12
Kent County Association	9	0	1		10
Liverpool Youths Society.. .. .	8	1	0		9
Sussex County Association	7	1	0		8
Hertford Association	6	1	1		8
Winchester Diocesan Guild	6	1	0		7
Holt Society	6	1	0		7
Surrey Association	6	0	0		6
Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	6	0	0		6
Rochdale and District Association.. .. .	3	0	0		3
Society of Trinity Youths.. .. .	2	0	0		2
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.. .. .	1	1	0		2
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association	1	0	0		1
Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association	1	0	0		1
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	1	0	0		1
Worcester & Adjoining Districts Association	1	0	0		1
Eastern Counties' Association.. .. .	1	0	0		1
Independent Societies	56	14	2		72
	296	35	11		342
Less peals entered unto two Associations ..	10	1	0		11
	286	34	11		331

The above peals were rung in the following methods; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 6; Double Oxford Bob Major, 3; Treble Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 12; Treble Bob Caters, 1; Treble Bob Major, 77; Stedman Cinques, 3; Stedman Caters 6; Stedman Triples, 29; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Grandsire Royal 1; Grandsire Caters, 11; Grandsire Major, 9; Grandsire Triples, 120; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 1; Bob Major, 16; Bob Triples, 9; Bob Minor (seven 720's), 2; Union Triples, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Seven Minor methods on six bells, 14; Ditto in four methods, 1; Ditto in three methods, 2; in four methods on eight bells, 1. Total, 331.

Greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,000. Quickest 5040 on church bells, 2 hrs. 32 mins. GEO. F. ATTREE.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, EASTBOURNE.

The members of this Society held their Annual outing on Monday, August 9th, Tunbridge Wells being the place selected. A start was made by the 7.30 a.m. train, accompanied by the Rev. Shepherd, Curate of St. Mary's, Mr. Welch, Mr. Cole, etc., making a party of upwards of twenty. On arriving at Tunbridge Wells a movement was at once made to the Oxford Restaurant, Mr. Lewry, proprietor, where breakfast was partaken of, after which a visit was paid to St. Peter's church, where there is a very nice peal of eight, and in good going order. Several short touches were rung, all members taking part; also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Willoughby, 1; H. Bennett, 2; C. Harfey, 3; L. Huggett, 4; W. Avann, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; J. Rollison, 8. The party then separated as previously arranged, to meet at the Oxford at 1.30, where an excellent dinner had been provided and which was thoroughly appreciated by all. Dinner being disposed of, conveyances were engaged, taking the whole party a drive through a lovely country to the High Rocks, returning by a different route to the town. Arriving once more at the Oxford for tea, at seven o'clock the tower was again visited, when another quarter-peal was rung by four of the St. Mary's Society and four of the local band, in 42 mins. C. Harfey, 1; H. Barefield, 2; L. Huggett, 3; R. Sharville, 4; W. Latter, 5; T. Willoughby, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; E. Mankelow, 8. Members of the local band. A move was then made for the station, which the party left at 9.10 pm. arriving at Eastbourne at 10.30 having spent a most enjoyable outing. The members of the above Society desire, through the medium of this paper, to express their thanks to the subscribers to the outing fund; to the Rev. Shepherd for the trouble taken and interest shown by him in conducting the affair; to the Vicar of St. Peter's for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Latter, and the local band, for their courtesy.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL.

In connection with this memorial, Mr. R. S. Story, the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, writes: "I was greatly disappointed and surprised to read Mr. Whittaker's statement of the Snowdon Testimonial Fund, in last week's 'BELL NEWS,' as I fully expected that the total would, ere this, have been at least double the amount stated. It will be a lasting disgrace to the ringing world if this matter is not carried to a successful issue, and certainly the subscriptions that have been sent in so far, are not in keeping with the lamentations and language used at the time of the calamity. I should suggest that each week, when new subscriptions are acknowledged, the address of the treasurer of the fund should be given, which has not been done for some time. No doubt this will account to some extent for the poor list of subscriptions, as I can quite understand that many ringers would not be at the trouble of turning over back numbers to find out to whom to send their subscriptions. I fully expected that the list would have shewn a great number of small subscriptions, as there must be many who in these hard times would like to send their mite, and of course there is no limit as to the amount that may be sent. I trust the next few weeks lists may shew a better appreciation by the Exercise of the memory of their departed friend, to whom they owe so much."

Mr. Whittaker also writes: "Will you kindly permit me to follow up my letter of last week by a general statement in reference to this Memorial. It will be remembered by your readers that after Mr. R. Tuke's letter of February 27th, was followed by your leading article, and afterwards by the letters of Mr. B. T. Copley, Bradford, and Mr. R. S. Story, Newcastle, it was settled that the memorial should take the form suggested, viz., a stained glass window in the parish church, Ilkley. It may interest your readers to know that at the June Committee Meeting of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Wm. Snowdon, our new President, in the chair, Mr. Tuke and myself, as Hon. Secs. to the fund, reported fully to the Committee what was being, and had been done in the matter. All was thoroughly approved of, the Committee being of an opinion that it was desirable to carry on the work in the same quiet way in which it had been begun—this for the simple reason that the last man in the world who would have wished a single penny to be subscribed *unwillingly*, would be the one to whose memory we are anxious to raise this National Ringers' Memorial. You will see from this that we consider the accomplishment of the matter to be before the whole Exercise, and we look upon ourselves as their servants."

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Total	£14 9 0

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ERECTION OF A TABLET AT ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL.

On Monday, August 16th, the band that rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral, in January last, met to celebrate the erection of a handsome marble tablet, recording the same, the cost of which has been defrayed by subscriptions obtained by Mr. T. Grant. Meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday, a quarter-peal taken from Holt's Original in 50 mins. T. Grant, 1; H. Lewis, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; A. Godman, sen., 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; A. Godman, jun., 8. The tablet is of pure white marble, with cut black letters, having been executed by Mr. W. D. Chalkley, of St. Albans, who has given great satisfaction, and bearing the following inscription:—

"The Ancient Society of College Youths, Established 1637. On Tuesday, January 12th, 1886, eight local members rang Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 9 minutes. T. Grant, treble; H. Lewis, 2nd; A. Godman, jun., 3rd; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4th; G. W. Cartmel, 5th; A. Godman, sen., 6th; N. N. Hills, 7th; W. Battle, tenor. Conducted by Mr. N. N. Hills.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

SHRAWLEY (Worcestershire).—On Monday, August 2nd, six members of the Worcester branch of the above Association paid a visit to the churches of Shrawley, Areley Kings, Hartlebury, and Ombersley, Worcestershire, and with the permission of the clergy at the several places—being kindly welcomed by the local ringers at each place—and in company with Messrs. Freeman, Bullock, and Taylor, of Grimley, rang at Shrawley parish church, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. W. Pudge, 1; W. Jenkins, 2; S. Cotton, 3; H. Wilkes, 4; F. Owen, 5; G. Cleal (conductor), 6. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with Messrs. Taylor, Bullock, Freeman, and W. Turner, of Ombersley, and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, with T. Poultney, 6. After a pleasant drive, with an interval for refreshment, the church of Areley Kings was reached, where Mr. Daw, steeple-keeper, and C. Bearman and J. Tomkins, were ready to welcome and assist. Several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and touches of Minor were rang, with Mr. Daw covering. Tenor 9 cwt. The Rev. D. Vawdrey was present during part of the ringing, and thanked the visitors for ringing his bells, and invited them to a cold collation, with coffee, in the old study near the church. Another start was made across the Severn, through Stourport and Hartlebury Common, to the church of Hartlebury, where Messrs. Cook, three in number, and J. Tomason, were in attendance, and took part in some Grandsire Doubles, the friends from Grimley and Areley also being present and taking part. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was rang, in 28 mins., by W. Pudge, 1; W. Jenkins, 2; S. Cotton, 3; F. Owen, 4; H. Wilkes (conductor), 5; G. Cleal, 6. Tenor about 19 cwt.; bells in good ringing condition. After a slight refreshment and several touches on the handbells, a homeward move was made, and arriving at Ombersley, a halt took place, and they were soon in the tower, accompanied by W. Davis, B. Rea, and B. Soley, and rang several 6-scores, but a 720 soon came to grief on account of the bad go of the bells.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, SALISBURY.

On Monday, the members of this Guild, viz: Mr. J. Short (captain), and Messrs. T. Blackburn, W. Highman, C. Gaisford, W. Lush, G. Baily, W. Ricketts, and J. Tapper, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Rogers), who has always taken the greatest interest in this society of Church workers, and the Rev. T. J. Woodall, spent the day in Cranborne. Leaving Salisbury at 8 a.m. in a break, the party arrived at the Cross Keys, Cranborne, at about 11 o'clock. Here they were admirably catered for throughout the day by the landlord, Mr. Adams. After luncheon at 11, the Guild was conducted by Mr. Manoah Adams to the fine old Church, and into the belfry, where the bells were raised in peal, and a few call changes were rung till dinner time. After dinner, the Vicar proposed the toast of "The St. Thomas's Guild of Ringers," which was responded to by Mr. Short, who in a few words thanked the Vicar for the interest he had taken in their work. "The health of the Vicar" was then proposed, and also that of the "Cranborne Ringers," which was responded to by Mr. Manoah Adams. The party then returned to the belfry, and throughout the afternoon a merry peal was kept up by J. Short, 1; J. Tapper, 2; W. Highman, 3; W. Lush, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; C. Gaisford, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. At five o'clock, the brake left for Boveridge House, where the Guild had been kindly invited to tea by Mr. H. F. Brouncker. After tea, Mr. Brouncker sang several songs, which were much appreciated. A stroll round the beautiful grounds was then enjoyed, and the party left giving three cheers for Mr. Brouncker as they drove away. Salisbury was reached at 9.30, a most enjoyable day having been spent.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2nd, 1886, seven members of the Manchester Cathedral company, with Mr. T. Yates, of the Eccles company, visited the new church of St. Werburgh, Warburton, Cheshire, with the intention of ringing a peal of Treble Bob Major. The bells were raised singly, after the ropes had been adjusted to the required lengths, and then a course was rung by way of a preliminary. The fifth rope, however, had no doubling to it, being a single rope from the sally to the end, and that partly unravelled for about nine inches. Go was called for the peal at 12.40 p.m., and all went well for an hour and a half, but as the ringer of the 5th said his rope was unendurable, stand was called after ringing half the peal, 2528 changes, in 1 hr. 42 mins. Thomas Thorpe, 1; Geo. E. Turner, 2; Thomas Yates, 3; John Pollitt, 4; Samuel West, 5; James Thorpe, 6; A. Edward Wreaks (conductor), 7; John Eachus, 8. Tenor 26 cwt. in E. The peal is one of 5056 changes in two parts, by the late W. Harrison. Later in the day a 704 of Treble Bob Major was rung, with Mr. J. Hinton, and another from Bristol. S. West, 1; J. E. Pollitt, 2; T. Yates, 3; ———, 4; G. E. Turner, 5; J. Hinton, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; J. Eachus, 8. The above company beg to thank, through the medium of this paper, the rector, the Rev. G. Egerton Warburton, for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By Y. GREEN, *College Youths.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	2		2	2
3 4 6 2 5	2	-	2	2
2 6 4 3 5			2	2
4 5 3 6 2	2	-	2	2
5 4 2 6 3	2			2
4 3 2 6 5	2	-	1	2
6 2 3 4 5	1	-		2
2 5 3 4 6	1			2
4 3 5 2 6	1	-		2
4 5 2 3 6			1	2
2 6 3 5 4	2	-	2	2
6 4 3 5 2	2	-	1	2
6 2 4 5 3		-	1	1
2 3 4 5 6	1			2

This peal contains the 6th the extent wrong and right, and the 5th the extent wrong and eleven times right.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

5007.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, *Ipswich.*

2 3 1 4 5 6	5	6	19
4 1 6 5 2 3*			
4 1 3 6 2 5	-		
4 1 5 3 2 6	-		
5 1 4 6 2 3	-		
5 1 3 4 2 6	-		
5 1 6 3 2 4	-		
6 1 5 4 2 3	-		
6 1 3 5 2 4	-		
3 1 6 4 2 5	-		
2 1 6 5 3 4	-	-	-
2 1 4 6 3 5	-	-	-
2 1 5 4 3 6	-	-	-
5 1 2 6 3 4	-	-	-
5 1 4 2 3 6	-	-	-
4 2 5 6 3 2	-	-	-
4 1 2 5 3 6	-	-	-

These seven courses, thrice repeated, produce

2 1 5 3 6 4

Rounds by bobs at 2, 5, 6, 13, 14, and a single at 15.

* Produced by bobs at 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17.

TWO PEALS OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

5088.

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	M	H
6 4 3 5 2			1	1
3 5 4 2 6	1	-	1	1
3 2 4 6 5	-		1	
4 3 5 2 6	1			1
6 5 4 3 2	1		1	1
4 6 3 2 5	-	1	1	
4 2 3 5 6	-	1		

Twice repeated.

5184.

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	M	H
4 2 5 6 3	-		1	1
3 5 4 2 6	1		1	1
4 3 2 6 5	-	1	1	
2 4 5 3 6	1			1
5 2 3 6 4	-	1	1	
3 6 2 4 5	1	-	1	1
3 4 2 5 6	-	1		

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5136.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 2 4 3 6		1	
6 3 4 2 5	1	1	1
2 4 5 3 6	1	1	
2 6 4 3 5	2		1
2 4 3 6 5		1	2
6 2 3 4 5		1	
2 5 3 4 6	1		2
2 3 4 5 6		1	2

This peal has the 5th and 6th exclusively in 6th's place at four course-ends each. It contains all the 6-5's and 5-6's.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
2 6 3 5 4	-	1	1	
4 2 5 6 3	-	2	2	
2 3 5 6 4	2	-	1	2
6 4 3 5 2	2	-		2
3 2 5 4 6	2	-	2	2
6 3 4 2 5	2		1	2
4 5 2 3 6	1		1	2

Repeated.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By G. GIBBARD, *Reading.*

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
6 4 3 5 2	-	-	
3 6 4 5 2	-	-	
2 4 6 5 3	-	-	
6 2 4 5 3	-	-	
4 6 2 5 3	-	-	
3 2 6 5 4	-	-	
6 3 2 5 4	-	-	
2 6 3 5 4	-	-	
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5184.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	M	H
4 2 5 6 3	-	-	-	
5 4 2 6 3	-	-	-	
2 5 4 6 3	-	-	-	
4 6 2 5 3	-	-	-	
2 4 6 5 3	-	-	-	
6 5 2 4 3	-	-	-	
2 6 5 4 3	-	-	-	
5 2 6 4 3	-	-	-	
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	-	
5 6 4 2 3	-	-	-	
5 6 2 3 4	-	-	-	
2 5 6 3 4	-	-	-	
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-	
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-	
3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-	

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

5022.

By JOHN BUFFERY, *Birmingham.*

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

2 5 3 7 4 9 6 8	
3 5 4 2 7	s on 1 and 8 9.
5 2 4 3 7	8th in three.
2 3 4 5 7	8th in three.
4 2 3 5 7	9th in three.
3 4 2 5 7	9th in three.
4 5 2 3 7	8th in three.
5 3 2 4 7	8th in three.
2 5 3 4 7	9th in three.
3 2 5 4 7	9th in three.
2 4 5 3 7	8th in three.
4 3 5 2 7	8th in three.
5 4 3 2 7	9th in three.

7 2 4 5 3	8th in two.
3 5 2 7 4	8th in two.
2 3 5 7 4	9th in three.
5 3 4 7 2	8 9.
4 5 3 7 2	9th in three.
3 4 5 7 2	9th in three.
5 4 2 7 3	8 9.
2 5 4 7 3	9th in three.
4 2 5 7 3	9th in three.
5 2 3 7 4	8 9.
3 2 4 7 5	8 9.
4 3 2 7 5	9th in three.
2 4 3 7 5	9th in three.

Once repeated except the last course, produces: 5 3 2 7 4 9 6 8

4 5 3 7 2 8 6 9	9th in & out at two.
3 4 5 7 2	8th in three.
5 3 4 7 2	8th in three.
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	8th in & out at two.

This peal contains the 7th twenty-four times behind the 9th, and twenty-four times before the 6th, the course-ends being 6-8's, and is the first published on this plan.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By J. H. HANDCASTLE, *Bradford.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
6 5 4 3 2	1	1	1
5 6 2 3 4	2		2
5 2 3 6 4		1	2
2 4 3 6 5	1		2
4 5 3 6 2	1		2
5 4 2 6 3	2		2
5 2 6 4 3		1	2
5 2 4 3 6	2	2	1
5 4 3 2 6		1	2
2 3 4 5 6		2	2

This peal is a variation of Mr. C. H. Hattersley.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
6 2 5 3 4	2	1	2
4 6 3 2 5	2	1	2
4 3 2 6 5		1	2
4 5 3 6 2	2		1
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1886.

A GLANCE through one of the famed books on ringing recently led us more particularly than before to note the passage where it is stated that the researches and discoveries of a great master of the art would "ever remain a monument of his abilities." That prophesy has certainly been fulfilled; and had the knowledge of letters at the period been so prevalent as now, and the means of communication as easy, we should have heard of some lasting tribute or memorial being raised to the memory of this distinguished composer by his contemporaries. We may say the same of other clever men of a past generation—HOLT, ANNABLE, LATES, THURSTANS, and a host of others. And though their deeds yet live, it is still a matter of surprise that not to one of these is there, so far as we know, the faintest recognition of their abilities, by the Exercise, in the shape of a memorial. The present century has only witnessed one solitary departure from such constant neglect. One eminent ringer,

skilled in the art, has not been allowed to become forgotten, for through the instrumentality of the greatest ringer of the century, the tale of WILLIAM HARRISON's endeavours is told to the passer-by in Mottram churchyard. We say advisedly, that such tardy and unfrequent acknowledgement of talent ought not to be. And the fact of so many instances of non-recognition does not redound to the credit of the votaries of the science.

A painful instance of apathy in this direction we deeply regret to see in the small progress made to complete the fund for the erection of a suitable and consistent memorial to the late JASPER SNOWDON. We are charitable enough to believe that the cause of the movement travelling so slowly is, in some cases, indifference and forgetfulness, in others, procrastination, and not in one instance due to the least want of respect for our late friend's memory, or admiration for his abilities. We must, however, in all earnestness, point out to our ringing brethren that the value of this testimonial will be greatly impaired if any more laxity is shown by them in taking part in the movement for its erection. Those who have the matter in hand need, we are sure, a tangible and quick response. Their hopes and wishes in the promotion of the memorial should not receive a shock, even if mere apathy only should beget it. Any other cause certainly cannot be entertained for one moment. We hope that our observations on this subject may put an end to the seeming dilatoriness which exists, and that every society, and in fact every ringer, will at once take part in so good and religious a work. If memorials are to be held as a criterion of gratitude to departed worth, the one in question ought certainly to be carried out with zest and eagerness. And any ringer who thinks anything of his art, and in its practice wishes to be estimated above mercenary considerations, will, ere another number of our journal appears, record his opinion of the labours of JASPER SNOWDON by contributing his quota, however small it may be, to the immortalisation of his name.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Hon. Sec. regrets to announce that in consequence of a case of severe illness in the immediate neighbourhood of Reigate church, it will be impossible to hold the District Meeting there, as arranged, on the 28th inst. A Committee Meeting will be held at this house, on Wednesday evening, August 25th, at 7.30 p.m.

34, Dingwall Road, Croydon.

A. B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL E. JOYCE	Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNY	5.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF	2.	JOHN M. HAYES	6.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN	3.	HENRY J. TUCKER	7.
EDWIN HORREX	4.	JOSEPH JONES	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

H. J. Tucker hails from Bishops Stortford, Herts.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Handbell Ringing.

On Thursday, August 12, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE "GOOSE AND GRIDIRON," ST. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN...1-2.	JAMES S. WILDE 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY... .. 3-4.	JOHN M. HAYES 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

Umpire, Mr. W. Baron, of the Royal Cumberland Society. Messrs. F. T. Gover, H. J. Shade, and R. T. Woodley also took off the peal, with several prominent members and handbell ringers of both Societies present. Mr. J. S. Wilde hails from Hyde, Cheshire, and this is his first peal upon handbells.

The Provinces.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 16, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

HARRY HEAP Treble.	*WILLIAM SEVIER 6.
JOHN LEIGH* 2.	ALBERT E. WREAKS 7.
JOHN POLLIT 3.	JOHN EACHUS 8.
CHAS. HY. HATTERSLEY .. 4.	JOHN THORP 9.
ALFRED CROSS* 5.	GEORGE LONGDEN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN THORP.

*First peal of Royal. Messrs. Heap, Leigh, Thorp, and Longden hail from Ashton-under-Lyne; C. H. Hattersley from Sheffield; Cross from Chester; and Sevier from Gloucester. The above is Mr. Wreaks' 50th peal.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 16, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HACKETT* Treble.	CHARLES PRIVETT 5.
JOHN STAPLES 2.	FREDERICK HILL 6.
HENRY WHITE 3.	JOHN WHITING.. .. 7.
GEORGE GRAHAM 4.	*HENRY CARTER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK HILL.

*First peal. H. White hails from Basingstoke; J. Staples from Havant; the rest are local men.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, August 16, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES MEE Treble.	THOMAS STEWARD 5.
FREDK. MEE 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
HAWKINS ENGLISH 3.	CHAS. ALBERT CLEMENTS 7.
JAMES RICHD. JERRAM .. 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the birthday of Mr. F. Mee. Messrs. Jerram and Clements hail from Salisbury.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 17th, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

G. WICKENS* Treble.	M. HEFFER 5.
F. WICKENS.. .. 2.	A. F. HILLIER 6.
W. COLLISON 3.	H. BURSTOW 7.
B. KING* 4.	J. COLLISON Tenor.

Conducted by H. BURSTOW.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 12, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN MOFFITT Treble.	E. WALLIS.. .. 5.
RICHARD WIGNAL.. .. 2.	H. ROSS 6.
W. NEWTON.. .. 3.	W. REED 7.
R. S. STORY.. .. 4.	FRED HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and conducted by W. REED.

This peal, which was rung at the first attempt, is the first up-n the bells, which are a new peal by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and it is the first peal of Major in the county of Durham. It is the first peal of Major by Messrs. Moffitt (South Shields), Newton (Stockton), Ross (North Shields), and Harrison (Jarrow). Messrs. Wignall and Reid hail from North Shields; Wallis from St. John's, Newcastle; and Story from Whitley.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD BRANCH).

On Friday, August 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN HOWE.. .. Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
EVAN MORETON 2.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	ROBERT JOHNSON 7.
WILLIAM HICKLING 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 4th and 6th respectively twenty and twenty-four times in 6th place, the 2nd and being never there.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor about 20 cwt.

FREDERICK KEECH* Treble.	RICHARD DUNKLEY 5.
WILLIAM ALLEN* 2.	ISAAC HILLS 6.
THOMAS FOOTE 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 7.
WILLIAM BIGGS 4.	*HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal. First in the method by all except the 5th and 7th men, and also the first on the bells. Richard Dunkley hails from Bythorn; the rest are of the Bedford company. The company take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, August 10th, at the "Goose and Gridiron," St. Paul's churchyard (previous to the monthly practice at the Cathedral), 1610 of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. G. T. McLaughlin, 1-2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3-4; J. S. Wilde (Hyde), 5-6; J. M. Hayes, 7-8. This touch was rung for practice previous to attempting a peal on the Thursday. Also 337 of Grandsire Caters, and a course of Treble Bob.

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

PIMLICO.—On Sunday evening, August 8th, for Divine Service at St. Gabriel's church, 352 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. T. McLaughlin, 1; F. E. Dawe, 2; E. Carter, 3; F. G. Newman, 4; H. Swain, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; J. S. Wilde (Hyde), 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8. After which some touches of Stedman Triples were rung.

SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday evening, August 10th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing Queen's Tittums, and rounds, in 43 mins. *Geo. Baker, 1; Charles Creasey, 2; Robert Skeef, 3; Edward Quinton, 4; *Charles Quinton, 5; Richard Creasey (conductor), 6; *Thos. Quinton, 7; *J. W. Quinton, 8. Those marked * their first quarter-peal.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 16th, at St. Peter's church, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Jay, sen., 1; H. Weston, 2; C. E. Golds, 3; H. J. Davies (London), 4; J. Searle, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; J. Jay, jun., 7; E. Butler, 8. The whole of the above, with the exception of Mr. Davies, are members of the Brighton branch of the Sussex County Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, August 14th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 360 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 9 mins. T. Watson, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; S. Hammond (conductor), 3; F. Bumpstead, 4; N. Hawkins (Belchampt Walter), 5; A. Huckson, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—Also in the tower on handbells, a course of Bob Major. H. E. Hammond, 1-2; S. Hammond, 3-4; F. Rudkin, 5-6; N. Hawkins, 7-8. On Sunday, August 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Watson, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; N. Hawkins, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; S. Hammond, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; N. Hawkins, 4; S. Hammond, 5; A. Huckson, 6. Also 120 Oxford Treble Bob, with C. H. Howard at the 2nd; his first 120 in the method.

CHELMSFORD.—On Friday, August 6th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Rowland, 3; H. F. de Lisle (conductor), 4; W. Hawkes, 5; A. Tabun, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; J. Parmenter, 8. And 336 in the same method. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Rowland, 3; H. F. de Lisle, 4; W. Harvey, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; J. Parmenter, 8. Tenor 22 cwt.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 15th, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Nash, 1; L. Green, 2; H. Nunn, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; J. Nunn, 5; W. Lebbon, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday, August 8th, at St. Andrew's church for evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor behind, in 27 mins. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Castree, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. J. Titt (conductor), 6; H. C. Mayne, 7. First peal in the method by all. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.—On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service, at St. Hilda's church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, in 25½ mins. R. Borrows, 1; T. Walker, 2; J. W. Wood, 3; H. McAdams, 4; C. Wilkinson (first 740), 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6; S. Walker, 7; J. Nicholson, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, August 9th, a peal of Treble Bob was attempted at St. John's church, but after ringing nearly 2000 changes in about one hour and a quarter, it collapsed. H. Fergusson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. W. Wignell (North Shields), 3; F. Harrison (Jarrow), 4; F. Lees, 5; ———, 6; Wm. Newton (Stockton-on-Tees), 7; R. S. Story (conductor), 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RIPON (Yorks).—On Monday, August 2nd, a band from Newcastle, St. John's, rang a touch of 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, on the Cathedral bells, in 22 mins. W. Egglestone, 1; W. G. Routledge, 2; W. Story, 3; ———, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; R. S. Story, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; Joel Hern, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

SHARROW (Yorks).—On Monday, August 2nd, these bells were kept going by the St. John's Guild, Newcastle, chiefly in Treble Bob, but nothing was brought to a definite conclusion. Tenor 13 cwt.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, August 1st, 720 Wells Surprise. T. Burdon, 1; G. F. Clarkson (conductor), 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. On Friday, August 6th, in honour of the arrival of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, a 720 York Surprise. W. Newton, 1; T. Burdon, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; G. J. Clarkson, 6. On Wednesday, August 11th, for the first time, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. H. Blakiston (Middlesbro), 2; T. Burdon, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Tuesday, August 10th, three courses, 672 changes, of Cambridge Surprise Major. F. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; J. Field, 4; W. Bennett, 5; C. Hounslow, 6; G. Holifield, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 8.

HEADINGTON (Oxon).—On Wednesday, August 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. C. Quelch, 1; Rev. F. A. H. Du Boulay, 2; A. Browning, 3; C. Tooley, 4; H. J. Castle (conductor), 5; F. A. Castle, 6.

HORSPATH (Oxfordshire).—On Saturday, July 24th, six members of the above Guild visited this place and rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, G. Tooley, 1; C. Quelch (first attempt), 2; A. Browning, 3; F. A. Castle, 4; F. Williamson, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. Also another attempt, but owing to time and light stand had to be called after ringing 480 changes. C. Quelch, 1; F. A. Castle, 2; A. Browning, 3; H. J. Castle (conductor), 4; W. H. Woods, 5; C. Tooley, 6.

OXFORD.—On Thursday, July 8th, at All Saints' church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. Fox, 1; W. H. Wood, 2; F. Williamson, 3; W. Smith, 4; F. A. Castle, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 11th, for Divine Service, at St. Mary Magdalen, 360 Bob Minor. C. Quelch, 1; W. H. Wood, 2; J. Howes, 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Baston, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 13th, at St. Mary Magdalen, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. A. Hind (first attempt), 1; W. H. Wood, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; F. A. Castle, 4; W. Baston, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 20th, a 720 Plain Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 23 mins. C. Tolley, 1; W. H. Wood, 2; H. J. Castle (conductor), 3; A. Browning, 4; J. Howes, 5; F. A. Castle, 6. On Sunday, July 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Browning (first attempt), 1; J. R. Jerram (Salisbury), 2; C. A. Clements (Salisbury), 3; W. Baston (conductor), 4; F. A. Castle, 5; H. J. Castle, 6. On Sunday, August 8th, 360 Bob Minor. C. Quelch, 1; J. Howes, 2; A. Browning, 3; H. J. Castle (conductor), 4; H. Sheard (Abingdon), 5; F. A. Castle, 6.

BRAMFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. A. A. Pryke, 1; C. Mee (conductor), 2; F. Mee, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; T. Steward, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Also several six-scores of Doubles at Sproughton church.

CODDENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, August 2nd, a mixed company rang several 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Doubles, being unable to ring Triples owing to the absence of several of the local band, who were attending the Shrubland Hall Fete. The visitors were Rev. W. G. Pearson (Henley), T. and E. Sadler (Witnesham), and W. Driver (Baytham).

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday, August 15th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Tolliday (Sudbury), 1; W. Howell (Sudbury), 2; G. Maxim (Foxearth), 3; J. Lee (Foxearth), 4; C. Sil-litoe (Sudbury), 5; D. Ward (Foxearth, conductor), 6.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, August 15th, for evening service, at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, 396 Stedman Cinques. A. Aldham, 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. Alexander, 3; W. Motts, 4; W. L. Catchpole, 5; W. Meadows, 6; J. Motts, 7; H. Bowell, 8; E. Reeve, 9; C. A. Clements (Salisbury), 10; R. Hawes, 11; R. Brundle 12. Tenor 32 cwt.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Monday, August 16th, at the parish church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins. E. Bacon, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; H. Randall, 3; F. Freeman, 4; L. Green, 5; W. Doran, 6; W. Lebbon, 7; W. Clark, 8. First quarter-peal by the treble, 4th, and tenor men. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday evening, August 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from "Troyte's" work. J. Rann, 1; W. Clark, 2; W. Lebbon, 3-4; E. Bacon, 5-6; F. Freeman, 7-8. Both conducted by W. Lebbon. This is the longest length on handbells by all. Our correspondent adds: "Our practice is every Monday night, at 7.30, and we should always welcome any ringers to help us, being a young company."

MONKSELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, August 1st, after Divine Service, the local company rang a 720 Plain Bob Minor (9 bobs and 6 singles). R. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; C. Green (first 720), 3; J. Biggs, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. And 360 Court Bob Minor (9 bobs), and 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (4 bobs), by the above, with the exception of F. Foster, 1; and R. Keeble, 3. Conducted by W. Green. Tenor 18 cwt.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, August 11th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27½ mins., on the back six. *H. Mason, 1; C. W. Bassano (O.U.C.R.S.), 2; *A. E. Parsons, 3; *W. Green, 4; *H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano (O.U.C.R.S.), 6. Conducted for the first time by A. H. Bassano. *First 720. This is the first 720 on these bells. The band of eleven is to be congratulated on the energy and perseverance shown in the face of great difficulties, arising from the bad going of the bells, until rehung last April. Since then great progress has been made, the striking in the above 720 being excellent.

PERRY BAR (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, July 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor, at St. John's church. W. Long (first 720), 1; H. Bastable, 2; A. Thomas, 3; C. Stanbridge, 4; B. Witchell, 5; T. Reynolds 6. Also 720 Treble Bob Minor. C. Stanbridge, 1; H. Bastable, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; J. Buffery, 4; A. Thomas, 5; B. Witchell, 6. Conducted by A. Thomas and B. Witchell.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 8th, a 720 of Bob Minor (21 bobs and 12 singles), on handbells in the tower, as the band arrived half-an-hour too soon to ring the church bells for service. H. Symonds, 1; H. Smith, 2; W. Snell, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; A. Hollocks, 6. As the band were preparing to ring a touch for service, Mr. Jno. Levitt put in his appearance, and made known to his brother ringers that he had attained his 62nd year on that day. The company welcomed his arrival, and wished him many happy returns of the day, and he took part in a touch of 360 Bob Minor (3 bobs and 6 singles). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; H. Smith, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; Jno. Levitt, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, August 10th, six of the local company, and two from Kingswinford, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. John Goodman 1; David Bruce, 2; William Jones, 3; Samuel Bunn, 4; Robert Schofield (conductor), 5; Rev. T. F. Colom, 6; Joseph Devenport, 7; Eber Screen, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, August 8th, for service at SS. Mary and Nicolas, 518 of Grandsire Triples; also the same for evening service. G. Skeef, J. R. Jerram, J. S. Wright, C. Neaverson, G. L. Richardson, R. Mackman, C. A. Clements, J. W. Jarvis, J. W. Creasey. Also on Tuesday, August 10th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief by a shift of course just before the halfway single, making it necessary to call stand. R. Jarvis, J. S. Wright, G. Skeef, J. R. Jerram, G. L. Richardson, R. Mackman (conductor), C. A. Clements, J. W. Jarvis.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 14th, the following members of the local company met at St. Gregory's church, in company with Mr. J. Bonney, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London and attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples (Reeves's Variation), but after ringing 3500 changes, in 2 hrs. and 17 mins., the tenor man said he had had enough of it, and the conductor was obliged to call stand, to the great disappointment of all. Charles Sillitoe (conductor), 1; John Bonny, 2; William Bacon, 3; James Campin, 4; William Howell, 5; Arthur Scott, 6; Harry Harper, 7; Harry Brackett, 8.

ST. ALBANS.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, August 2nd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 21 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; A. Sibley, 3; W. Battle, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also another 720 of Grandsire Minor, with A. Barnes, 3; the rest as before. And on Saturday, August 14th, 544 of Grandsire Major. A. Barnes, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; A. Sibley, 5; W. Battle, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7-8. Also on Wednesday, August 11th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon August 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. E. Chaplin, 1; F. Saunders, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Tuesday evening, August 10th, for practice, at the parish church, a 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Hubbard, 1; T. C. Grove, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; J. Waghorn, 5; G. Griffin, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Major, in 28 mins. T. C. Grove, 1; J. Langran, 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; J. W. Barrs, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; J. Waghorn, 7; G. Griffin, 8. And on Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Major, in 29 mins. T. C. Grove, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; Henry A. Barnett, 3; J. Langran, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; J. Waghorn, 6; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 7; W. Pye-English, 8. And for evening service, the last 742 of Holt's Original, in 26 mins. A. Hubbard, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 4; W. Pye-English, 5; J. Langran, 6; G. B. Lucaa, 7; C. J. Davidson, 8.

WITNESHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 1st, some Plain Doubles were rung, with the tenor covering, by the following: John Ramsay, 1; G. Sadler, 2; J. Gooch, 3; F. T. Bennett, 4; T. Sadler, 5; G. Pyett, 6. On Wednesday, August 4th 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Ramsey, 1; Thos. Sadler, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; G. Pyett, 4; William Dye, 5; Rev. W. C. Pearson (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G. The Rev. W. C. Pearson hails from Henley, and F. L. Bumpstead from Braintree, Essex, who was visiting his native village, which a short time ago possessed a very clever band of young ringers, but who have migrated to other districts. Another young band has been taken in hand during the past few months by T. Sadler, entirely unaided, and have so far progressed as to be able to ring Plain Doubles, etc., fairly well.

• **A CORRECTION.**—The peal reported last week as rung at Youlgreave, Derbyshire, should have been headed "Midland Counties' Association," the date was August 11th, and the tenor is 26 cwt., not in A, a scale which would startle Lord Grimthorpe himself, but in Eb.

ST. PHILIP'S SOCIETY, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE members of the above society assembled before service on Thursday evening, June 17th, and rang a solemn funeral peal, as a token of respect to the late Sir Alexander Stuart, who was for many years, and also up to the time of his death, one of the trustees of St. Philip's Church. The peal was rung half-muffled on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th bells, with the 7th coming in behind as tenor, and consisted of singles, which were written down and called. The muffling was perfect, but the striking was not good owing to a probationer taking part. Also on Sunday afternoon, June 20th, in addition to the ordinary ringing for service, the bells were also rung for three quarters of an hour before and after Bible class, in honour of the Jubilee of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne. On this occasion the tower staff was flagged with a six yards' Union Jack. The ringing consisted of the plain course of Bob Doubles, and firing. W. S. Morton (conductor), 1; A. Whetton, 2; W. Williams, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; R. Hine, 5. The ring consists of eight bells in E., by Mears, tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Handbell Ringing Contest, promoted by the St. Peter's society of ringers, Leeds, Yorkshire, will be held at their meeting-house, the "Old Nag's Head," opposite the church, Kirkgate, Leeds, early in October next. Circulars will be issued giving all particulars, date, number and amount of prizes, entrance fees, rules, &c. See future notice. R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

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 SNOWDON MEMORIAL.

SIR,—At least £50, in my opinion, is required to complete a befitting shrine which is to perpetuate the name of the deceased gentleman, whom we all delighted to honour when he lived with us upon this earth. In overlooking the list of subscribers, while I note many friends and societies have come to the front, I also note a great many others conspicuous by their absence. Probably they may have done, as I was advised, gave the Hon. Secretary the promise of a sum to be shortly transmitted to him from the Royal Cumberland Society. It has occurred to me that a place above the memorial window could be found for the names of the various bell foundries; if this can be done, and application made to the heads of the firms, I think the subscription list would be considerably augmented. This is a suggestion for the Committee to consider if agreeable. H. DAINS.

DOUBTFUL COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—Seeing in your issue of the 2nd, I noticed a peal of Grandsire Caters conducted by my friend Mr. M. Hayes at Fulham. I am sorry to say he was in error in stating it was the first time of its performance. I beg leave to state the peal in question, and two others containing the same properties, were composed by me in the year 1848, and was presented by me to my old and valued friend Wm. Micklewright, and was rung and conducted by him about the year 1860, the 5003 at Wednesbury, the two latter at Dudley. As Mr. Rogers' name was omitted on the tablet at New College, Oxford, I am quite willing he should have his name attached to the 5003 in "BELL NEWS," as I do not wish to be drawn into a paper war over a peal of Grandsire Caters. I shall decline writing any more on the subject, knowing as I do your valuable space can be employed to better advantage.

H. JOHNSON, SEN.

A VOICE FROM THE ANTIPODES.

SIR,—May I respectfully ask, through your very valuable and interesting columns, answers to the following questions relative to the tucking up of bell ropes. And in so doing, I would mention that in the belfry in which I have the honour to be the conductor of, there is a difference of opinion on this, to my mind, somewhat important subject, therefore I respectfully refer the matter to the ringing brethren of England, as they have doubtless had much more experience in bells, etc., than myself, or indeed any New South Wales man could be expected to have, and whose opinion should have some weight; therefore I shall be glad to have the following questions answered:—I.—How are the ropes tucked up in most of the well-appointed towers in England, i.e., adjustable or non-adjustable,—please explain process of adjustment. II.—If ropes are tucked up at the end, and passed through the strands, does it injure them in any

way, i.e. adjustable. III.—Is there any advantage in the adoption of non-adjustable rope system. IV.—Is there any importance attached to the above questions. I may be permitted to mention that personally I ring with, and advocate the adjustable rope system.

P.S.—I beg to acknowledge the regular receipt of "THE BELL NEWS," which I read with pleasure, and I trust with profit.

S. MORTON,

Conductor and Secretary of St. Philip's Society, Sydney.

July 8th, 1886.

PATRINGTON BELLS.

SIR,—Will you allow me through the medium of your paper to call attention to the state of the bells of Patrington Church? It is, I believe little known that we have in this corner of Yorkshire one of the finest parish churches in England. This church is of pure decorated architecture throughout, with the exception of the great east window, the tracery which is of Perpendicular character. The central tower, rising from four magnificent arches, is of three stories, the uppermost, in which the bells are hung, having an arcading of four arches in each face. A spire rises from the tower, and is connected with it by a false corona, surmounted by crocketed pinnacles. The bells, five in number, and it is a wonder they can be rung at all—treble and second are badly cracked. We have a young and intelligent set of ringers, but it is impossible for them to get beyond singles, with a tenor behind, the go of the bells being execrable. If any of your readers will contribute towards the £200 odd necessary to give this fine church a respectable peal of six bells, they will be doing a great service, among other things, in forwarding the art of ringing, in one of those corners of the country generally known as "the other end of nowhere."

Patrington Rectory, near Hull.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

SOME PASSING EVENTS.

WHEN naughty boys get into the street, fall out and get to blows, there are several courses open to *mater* or *pater*, in which the differences between them may be settled. One is to let them fight it out, another is to part them and administer a sound flogging to each. This is vulgar and also degrading. In genteel society the lads are parted, taken in and treated to a wash and brush up, advised to shake hands and be again friendly, and if possible an assurance is obtained from each one never to be naughty again. Upon the latter line the case of Dawe v. Pritchard is we hope settled, otherwise Mr. Editor, you will be justified in using the birch next time to the first offender.

While a case is proceeding in Court, gentlemen of the press usually remain quiet upon the subject matter, and I therefore think as Mr. E. E. Vinen had not been called as witness, he did not show good taste by interfering in the matter while the case was pending.

Now, Sir, I do not feel vindictive in this matter, I am only going in for honest criticism, and wish to be very and particularly correct in all I write upon the subject. Musical credentials are not sufficient to stamp a man as a competent critic upon bell ringing, and prior to your correspondent posing as critic in the sublime art, he should certainly have given us some proof of his knowledge and abilities in the form of a good composition upon some of the well known methods in practice. We are living in a matter of fact age, and although a man may talk for a long time about what he don't understand, he cannot go on writing with the same success.

Concerning the remarks as to false and otherwise defective peals, although nothing specifically was said, certainly there is a plentiful supply of the latter as well as the former. I am unfortunately the author of some of the former, and have experienced the odium they bring. Of the latter I will explain as follows; by saying that peals that do not answer to the following particulars are more or less defective. 1.—Unless Treble Bob peals contain some special quality they should be composed with all homes full, and should be within a lead or so of the lowest possible number on the plan in which the composition is made. 2.—Retain as many musical qualities as possible, with as many of the 8,6's and 8,6,7's, as can be used. 3.—When a part peal is broken up and given in irregular parts, it should be reducible to the lowest possible number, excepting always some special feature is contained. Fancy a 5280 Treble Bob when it can be reduced to 5088. A 5504 Double Norwich when all the best music is to be had in 5024 changes, and other methods can be enumerated by the writer if required. Another way is when a peal cannot be reduced to a respectable 5000, then let its author try his hand and extend the changes to 6000. This affirmative if successful, will show that he knows his business. In pursuit of the peals I have obtained, I have discarded plenty of peals such as those I include in the above description of defective peals, and I dare say other composers can be found with similar experience.

When a few weeks ago, our mutual friend, Mr. Dawe, published his now celebrated Bodellwyddan tenor peal, knowing how hard it now is to get anything like a good three-part peal of Treble Bob, I

thoroughly overhauled it, coming as it did from such a talented young man. I altered it and immensely improved it, and sent it on a post card to his published address. I really do not know if he received the post card or not, maybe there is a ringer postman in Belgravia who appropriated the improved peal. I sent this post card on the Monday or Tuesday after the peal was published. Not getting a reply, I again looked at this peal, I reduced it to 5184 changes. A few minutes later on I reduced it to 5088, the proper number for a three-part peal of this class. I ought to add that my improvement is as follows: I removed the two bobs at *wrong* in second course of each part to the *home* in the same course, and thus obtained nine blows for the fifth bell in sixth place instead of three blows as in Mr. Dawe's peal. Well, having been so fortunate, I again returned to the task, when I extended each peal to 5376 changes, and I thought what a wonderful peal. At this point I looked up Snowdon's *Treatise*, part ii., turned to page 20, and there found its twin brother, but I must say a more respectable-looking child, and whose parent is no other than the once celebrated Henry W. Haley. I here give the whole eight peals for perusal and consideration, in order that your readers may thoroughly understand the question. Mr. Dawe's peal is in the first column and is the first on the list, the three following are what I arranged from it.

THE PEALS.

Mr. Dawe's peal with alterations.

5280.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	2		2	2
6	3	4	2	5	2	-	2	
2	5	3	4	6	2	-	2	
6	3	5	4	2	2	-	1	1
3	4	2	5	6	2	-		

5184.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	2		2	2
6	3	4	2	5	2	-	2	
2	5	3	4	6	2	-	2	
6	3	5	4	2	1		1	
3	4	2	5	6	1		2	

5088.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	2		2	2
6	3	4	2	5	2	-	2	
2	5	3	4	6	2	-	2	
6	3	5	4	2	1		1	
3	4	2	5	6	2	-		

5376.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	2		2	2
6	3	4	2	5	2	-	2	
2	5	3	4	6	2	-	2	
6	3	5	4	2	2	-	1	1
3	4	2	5	6	1		2	

Mr. Haley's peal with alterations.

5280.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	2		2	2
6	4	2	3	5	2	-	2	
3	5	4	2	6	2	-	2	
6	4	5	2	3	2	-	1	1
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3	5	4	2	6	2	-	2	
6	4	5	2	3	2	-	1	1
4	2	3	5	6	1		2	

Each peal twice repeated.

The first-peal on second column is the one I sent Mr. Dawe. The one under this is Mr. Haley's peal, the two following are of my arranging. But I have placed the whole under the heading of Messrs. Dawe and Haley, as I don't want the peals.

In case it may be thought that I am putting unnecessary obstacles in the way of young men. Let me at once endeavour to dispel such an idea, as on the contrary I have always and still advocate the publication of compositions, by which means anyone having the time and ability, will learn and also keep pace with the times, by noticing what has and what has not been done in composition. While at the same time, I also think the first peal by a new man should be of such originality, as to entitle him fairly and without doubt to the name of composer.

H. DAINS.

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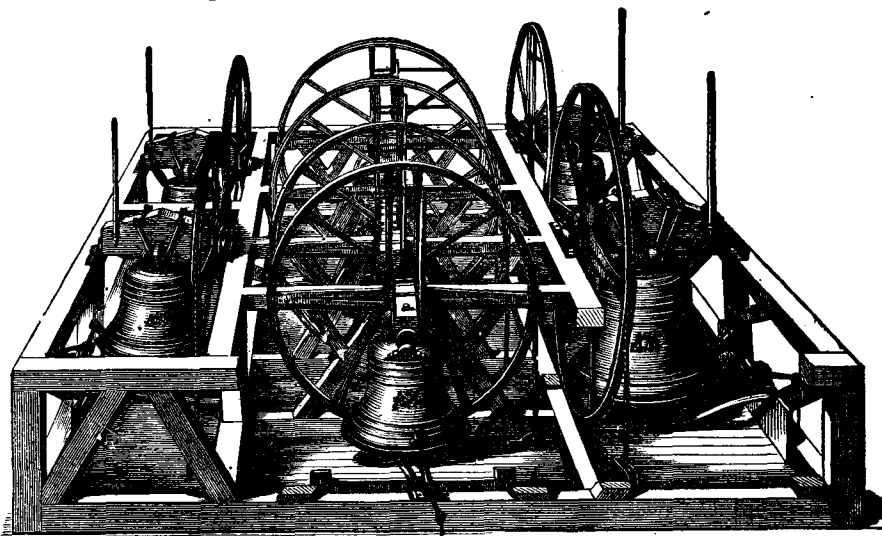
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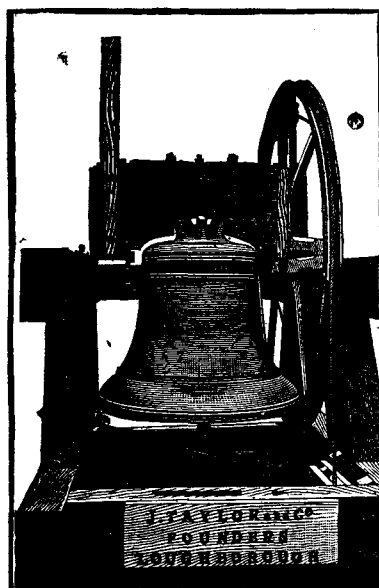
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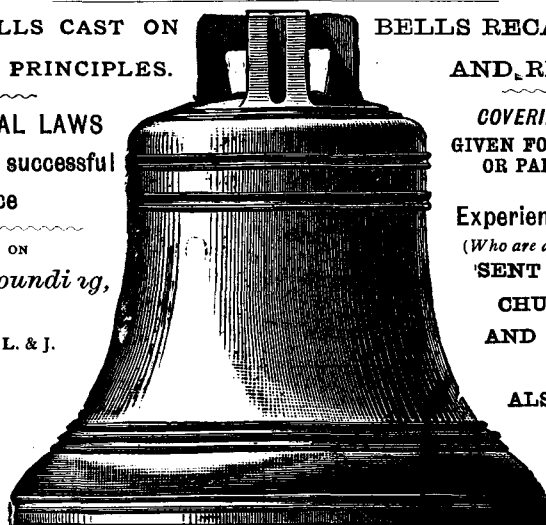
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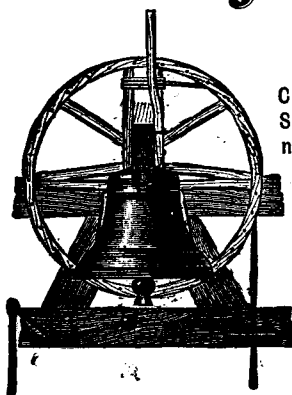
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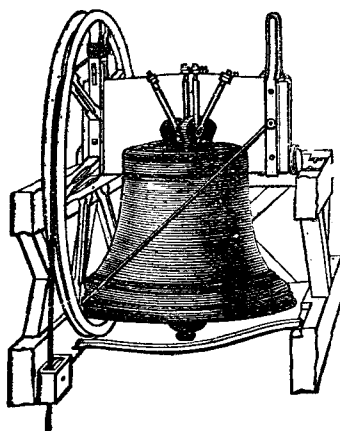
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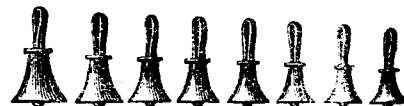
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A RINGING TOUR.

Ever since Mr. Dawe's publication of his "Seventeen days and a bit," it seems to have been a frequent custom for change-ringers to give an account of their outings in "THE BELL NEWS." Although these accounts have been somewhat numerous, whilst often minor details have been dwelt upon too much to make them of general interest to the reader, yet I feel bound to give your readers as short an account as I can of a tour which I made in company with my friend Mr. C. A. Clements during the past month, if it is only to take the opportunity of publicly thanking the many friends whom we met during our outing for their kindness and courtesy in meeting us and arranging ringing for us. We started by road from Salisbury on Thursday, July 22nd, on a tricycle, reaching Hungerford the same evening, whence we proceeded on the following day to Oxford. Here we stayed for a few days with Mr. C. Hounslow, who kindly arranged several 720's of Minor for us at the town steeples, but was unable to obtain permission to go for a peal at any of the Colleges except Christchurch, where unfortunately on the evening appointed only seven men turned up. During our stay Mr. J. Field shewed us over New College, and we ascended the tower and had a look at the bells. On Saturday, the 24th, Mr. Clements took part in a 5040 of Stedman Triples at Drayton. Not being a Stedman ringer myself, I was obliged to stand out. We were hospitably entertained after the peal by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and made our way home to Oxford about 10 p.m.

On the Wednesday following we proceeded to Banbury, and from thence on the next day to Warwick. Having visited the castle and other sights, we rode on to Birmingham on the next day, and called upon Mr. J. Carter. This gentleman had previously arranged a peal for us at Bishop Ryder's Church on the Saturday, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing for about half an hour. It being too late in the evening to start again, we abandoned the attempt for that day. On Sunday morning we took part in a touch of Grandsire Caters at St. Philip's, and afterwards rang for morning service at St. Chad's. We attended Divine Service at St. Mary's, close by, and in the afternoon we went to St. Martin's. There was no ringing there, but we chimed the twelve bells round with the apparatus, so that we were able to hear the tone of these magnificent bells. After afternoon service we went for a date touch at St. John's, Deritend, which unfortunately came to grief, after ringing for about 20 minutes, through the clapper of the third bell coming out.

On Monday, we took part in Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Chad's, conducted by Mr. J. Carter, and brought round in 2 hours 52 minutes. At about 4 p.m. we took leave of our Birmingham friends and started for Burton-on-Trent, *via* Lichfield. At Burton we met Mr. J. Griffin, who showed us over Messrs. Bassand Co.'s Brewery, where we had an opportunity of tasting some of their celebrated ales. Shortly afterwards we met Mr. Jagger, and in the evening we rang a few touches on the bells of St. Paul's church. On the following day we assisted to ring at the parish church on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. H. Porter to Miss Abbott. Having taken leave of our Burton friends, we started for Loughborough, which we reached about 6 p.m. There we called on Messrs. Taylor and Co., and were received by Mr. E. D. Taylor, who shewed us round the foundry and workshops of that firm, and afterwards kindly and hospitably entertained us. This gentleman also arranged some touches for us at All Saints' church, but as there was an evening service at 7.30, we were unable to go for any great length.

On Thursday, August 5th, we left Loughborough for Bourne, arriving at the latter place at about 6 p.m. There we met some of our old friends of the Bourne company of ringers, among whom was Mr. Thomas Taylor, who, if I mistake not, is now in his 81st year. We had the pleasure of taking part in one or two touches of Plain Bob and London Single Bob during the evening, and left for Spalding next morning, where we arrived at about 11 a.m. There we saw our old friends Mr. J. S. Wright and Mr. R. Creasey, and other Spalding ringers. Staying at the house of Mr. Wright, we passed a very pleasant week in the old town which was formerly my home. We rang several touches during our stay, and on Thursday, the 12th, made our way to Ely, *via* Wisbeach.

The following day, after inspecting the magnificent Cathedral, we rode on to Bury St. Edmunds, and thence on the next day to Ipswich. Here we arrived about 4 p.m., and in the evening we went over to Sproughton, where we met Messrs. C. and F. Mee and some other gentlemen, in company with whom we ascended Sproughton tower and rang a few 6-scores of Doubles on the five bells, and then proceeded to Bramford, where we rang a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

Next morning (Sunday), we met the Ipswich company at St. Mary-le-Tower, who very kindly gave us an opportunity of trying the back ten of the noble peal of twelve in a touch of Caters, and again, in the evening, of taking part in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques. On Monday morning Mr. W. Meadows showed us some of the "sights" of Ipswich, and in the evening Mr. C. Mee arranged a peal of Grandsire Triples for us at Coddanham, in which several of the Ipswich company

took part. We were fortunate in getting the peal (recorded in "THE BELL NEWS," August 21st), and returned to Ipswich about 10.30 p.m.

On the day following, we made our way to Witham, *via* Colchester, where unfortunately our machine broke down, and we had to ride into London by rail.

There we visited the Colonial Exhibition, and on the day following visited Messrs. Mears's foundry and saw some of the important work which the firm is now carrying out. Here we met our old friend Mr. Greenleaf, and had a pleasant chat together during the dinner-hour, and on Thursday, the 19th, we returned to Salisbury, having greatly enjoyed our outing.

Before concluding, we must tender our sincere thanks to the many friends we have met, and who have so kindly arranged ringing for us, and trust it will not be the last time we shall meet them. I have not here given a detailed account of the peals and touches in which we have taken part, as these have already appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" in their proper place and order.

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A DAY'S RINGING AT BRAUGHING, HERTS.

On Wednesday, August 18th, being the occasion of two or three gentlemen visiting Herts., a meeting of ringers took place at Braughing, and some splendid ringing was gone through. The first to reach Braughing was the Saffron Walden company, who arrived about 9 a.m. after a drive of sixteen miles. After partaking of breakfast, they ascended the tower and rung a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, 504 changes, the band standing as follows: F. Pitstow (conductor), 1; J. Penning, 2; G. Martin, 3; C. Freeman, 4; N. J. Pitstow, 5; E. Pitstow, 6; C. Taylor, 7; S. Slater, 8. This was followed by another touch of Stedman Triples, in which Mr. G. Rochester, of Sawbridgeworth, took the 2nd in the place of Mr. Penning, also a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major by the first-named band. At this time it was known that the squire of Benington, with his band, in company with the Rev. F. E. Robinson (of Drayton, Oxon), the Rev. F. J. Helmore (of Canterbury), and J. R. Haworth (of London) had arrived, and were ready to ascend the tower, which they did, and taking the ropes in hand, rang a 504 of Stedman Triples, S. Page (conductor), 1; John Kitchener, 2; L. Procter, Esq., 3; Rev. F. J. Helmore, 4; J. R. Haworth, 5; L. Chapman, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; J. Warner, 8. This was followed by a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob by the Benington people, after which the following band rang two courses (448) of Superlative Surprise Major: S. Slater, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; John Kitchener, 3; L. Chapman, 4; S. Page, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. The latter was S. Slater's first attempt at ringing Stedman with bobs being introduced. Afterwards a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, the Rev. F. J. Helmore ringing the fourth and the other standing as before. At this stage the worthy squire of Benington gave the signal for dinner, which took place at the "Old Bell" Hotel, and was served up in capital style by the host and hostess. After doing ample justice to the good things provided, and grace being said, the Rev. F. E. Robinson (chairman) informed them that the break was ready to convey them to the neighbouring village of Aspenden, to ring upon the peal of eight at that church. The Saffron Walden company again ascended Braughing steeple and rang, to the great delight of the inhabitants, a true and complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5024 changes, in 3 hours and 5 minutes, the record of which will be found in another column. This being over, and the Benington company having returned from Aspenden, they again repaired to the "Old Bell," and after a friendly chat together and a hearty shake of the hand, all round, and bidding each other good night, all journeyed homewards, well pleased with the day's outing.

This peal has lately been rehung by Mr. John Gray, of Little Mundon, Herts. The ring was augmented to eight by two trebles being added in 1745, cast by Robert Catlin, one of the College Youths of that day, and it has been thought that the College Youths rang the first peal upon the bells, as it is known that they rang peals here at a very early date.

MAIDENHEAD AND FARNHAM ROYAL.

On Saturday evening, July 31st, ringers from Farnham Royal and Slough visited Maidenhead to have a friendly ring with the local company, when touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by G. Basden, J. Basden, J. Parker, W. Wilder, R. Flaxman, A. Garraway, W. Wilkins, J. Woolford, H. Gilding. On Monday afternoon, August 2nd, the party met again at Farnham Royal, and rang three 720's of Grandsire Minor, being the first 720 by H. Gilding, J. Woolford, and H. Macro. Four 120's of Bob Doubles and several 120's of Grandsire were also rung. There will be a friendly meeting at Farnham Royal for "practice" on Saturday evening, August 28th. Any ringing friends will be welcome.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM, OXON.

August 22nd, being the date on which the then newly formed Caversham Society accomplished its first 720, the second annual meeting was held on Saturday last. Owing to the fact that six out of the ten members are employed at the noted firm of Messrs. Huntley and Palmer, Biscuit Makers, practices have been somewhat slack during the past year, that firm having found it necessary to enable them to carry out their orders with even moderate despatch, to work overtime; and this has been carried to such an extent, that the much to-be-pitied ringers of Caversham have been compelled to let weeks go by without meeting, the last stretch, without a single practice, beyond Sunday ringing, being close upon two months, while about the same period elapsed before Christmas, and also during Lent without a practice meeting of any kind. This will account for their not being able to report a greater variety of methods, as well as a larger total of changes. They have, however, during the last twelve months scored three 720s of Grandsire Minor, and one half-peal; four peals of Double Oxford, and two half-peals; twenty peals and thirty half-peals of Plain Bob; twelve peals and two half-peals of College Single; nine peals and six half-peals of Oxford Bob; three peals and two half-peals of Double Court; six peals and one half-peal of Canterbury Pleasure; two peals and one half-peal of Oxford Treble Bob; eight peals of Kent Treble Bob; six peals and one half-peal of Yorkshire Court; thus making up seventy-three peals of 720 and forty-six half-peals of 360 each. To these must be added twelve six-scores of Stedman and fourteen of Grandsire Doubles, with many short touches amounting to 1560 changes, making a sum total of 81,360 for the year. One half-peal in seven methods has been rung as well as a whole peal of 5040. A neat board set in an Oxford frame commemorating this latter, has been hung in the belfry. With the exception of the writing it is the work of E. Pottinger, one of the first members, who, we regret to say, has left us for America. In letters home he strongly advises his old chums not to follow his example, as there are no bells or ringers there that he has come across. This time last year the Society was honoured by special mention in a leading article on "cleanliness of belfries" in "THE BELL NEWS," one of its members, H. Simmonds, being held up as an example to others in that he was wont to spend his Saturday half-holiday in washing the floor, dusting, cleaning, sweeping the stairs, etc., that all might be ready for Sunday morning. We have now the pleasure of adding that not being content with giving up his weekly holiday in washing the floor, he actually spends the greater part of all Bank Holidays as well as in the bell chamber, polishing the bells themselves, both inside and out, with black lead. To such a pitch of smoothness and shininess has he now brought the bells that they are 'things of beauty and a joy for ever,' presenting a very different appearance to what they did two years ago, covered all over with splashes of whitewash and pigeon's droppings. Good would it be in the interests of ringing, if every society could number in its ranks such a specimen of enthusiastic and indefatigable zeal.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(HAMSTEAD BRANCH).

On Monday last, the members and friends of the above company held their annual excursion. The weather was most enjoyable, and added considerably to the spirits and comfort of the whole party. Appended is a programme of the day's proceedings.

8 a.m.—Meeting at the Great Western Railway, Paddington. 8.25. Fifteen put in an appearance punctually, and the whole proceeded en route for Wooburn Green, Bucks, via Maidenhead, and arrived safely. 10.0.—At "The Royal Oak," a house of call for all ringers generally, situated opposite the church of St. Paul, refreshments and handbell ringing were indulged in. 10.30.—By kind permission of the Rev. A. Woodin, the Vicar, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung, tenor 16 cwt., most of the visitors taking part in them. An interesting view of Wooburn Valley and the locality was obtained from the tower summit. A nest with two young pigeons afforded some natural curiosity. Thanks were submitted to the Vicar and the sexton, Mr. S. Wood, for their kindness. 12.30.—Through the courtesy of the proprietors of "Princes Mill," an extensive and well organized paper mill and factory, the excursionists were permitted to go over the premises, and considerable interest was afforded by watching the process of making paper from straw, etc., a foreman being in attendance, who explained to all *modus operandi*. 1 p.m.—A waggonette was in readiness, and conveyed all to Beaconsfield, and reached the broad spacious High Street of this old fashioned town. The "Saracen's Head," was made the headquarters. The Church and the tower were at once examined and the bells raised, every one appearing to be highly interested, and a touch of Grandsire was rung. 2.0 p.m.—Dinner. The chief event of the day, if judged by the general appearance at the dining table, to

which seventeen sat down, and sat well too. The catering of the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. John Kent, was very satisfactory and reasonable, they could not have been more obliging. This house we can recommend to all visitors, "treble bob" men as well. 3.0 p.m. Mr. Newson's musical powers were exposed on the piano: W. H. Fussell gave several leads of Grandsire Caters, Treble Eight, and Bob Major, also a course of Grandsire Triples. Mr. E. Chapman indulged the company with smokes and drinks round, in fact taking everything into consideration, the dinner hour was well spent and everyone well filled and well pleased. 4.0.—The tower of St. Mary's and All Saints' was again visited, and the eight bells again handled in some touches in the three Standard methods. Some of the visitors took the opportunity of examining the town and neighbourhood, the afternoon passing rapidly. 6.30.—Tea at "The Saracen's Head," the handbells were also used, some of the elder members availed themselves of a rest, others again visited the tower and rang a farewell touch and lowered the bells. Tenor 21 cwt. 8.0.—Mine host and his conveyance awaiting to convey our friends to the station for their homeward journey. It is due to his arrangements that they were able to avoid a three mile walk each way between Wooburn and Beaconsfield. 8.45.—Amidst a humming of voices and the hissing of steam, the company began their journey to London, with a smile of satisfaction on each countenance. They arrived in town in due course, and we hope got to bed safely before midnight. While the above programme was in execution, not a single mishap or misfortune occurred, one and all were highly delighted with their country trip, and desire through the medium of the press to thank the Rector of Beaconsfield and the sexton, Mr. T. Tapping, for their welcome and reception. Representative members of the Cumberland Society, also joined the Hampstead Harriers for the day, namely, Mr. G. Warner, of Long Crendon, Mr. E. Elbourn, of Amersham, E. Brown, of Fulmer, and W. H. Fussell, of Slough. Mr. Brown ringing his first touch of Grandsire Triples, a 518 with the treble.

In mentioning the "Harriers" just now, only those who are acquainted with their doings can understand to what an extent they hang together. When all their "forces" are on the "trail," owing to their able conductor, who is a strong "whip," and the unanimous feeling of the members, they have been most successful in their annual meetings and peal ringing. The following is a list of members present on this occasion:—G. F. Newson (conductor), E. Chapman, B. Foskitt, N. Alderman, J. Page, J. Barrett, B. Payne, D. W. Griggs, G. Detmar, F. Stevens, J. Smith, S. Clark, W. Pryor, J. Coombs.

We would refer our readers to the "BELL NEWS," Vol. I, page 82, 266, and 274, also Vol. II., page 423, and Vol. III., page 424, that have articles respecting the churches of Wooburn and Beaconsfield, which may be interesting. Appended are the details of the several peals rung at each tower.

Date.	Church.	Method.	Changes.	Time.	Society.	Conductor.
June 6th, 1843.	St. Paul's, Wooburn.	Grandsire Triples.	5040.	2h. 57m.	St. James's.	T. Tolladay.
Feb. 6th, 1886.	"	"	5040.	3h. 7m.	Royal Cumberland.	G. Newson.
Dec. 20th, 1884.	Beaconsfield.	Kent Treble Bob Major.	5088.	3h. 20m.	"	"
Dec. 26th, 1884.	St. Mary's and All Saints.	Stedman Triples.	5040.	3h. 2m.	Oxford Diocesan Guild and College Youths.	Rev. F. E. Robinson.
Oct. 31st, 1885.	"	Grandsire Triples.	5040.	3h. 12m.	St. James's, of London.	R. French.

It is remarkable that the outing was held on the anniversary of the unjust execution of Sir William Wallace, who was hanged August 23, 1305, after being defeated with 50,000 men at the battle of Falkirk, by Edward I. Wallace headed the Scotch Revolt successfully against the English at Stirling, in 1297, from this date to the memorable battle of Culloden which occurred exactly 140 years ago, Scotland continued to be a source of trouble and anxiety—in all probability the Society of Cumberland Youths—who, previous to 1746, were known as the "Union Scholars," would never have received their new title, had H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland been unsuccessful at Culloden.

W.H.F.

NOTICE.

A CRICKET MATCH has been arranged to take place between the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Youths, on Saturday, September 4th next, at Battersea Park. Wickets pitched at 3 o'clock sharp. After the match there will be a Tea and Smoking Concert. It is to be hoped that there will be a good muster of members of the two companies present both at the Match and afterwards at the Tea, &c., &c. Mr. H. S. Thomas, of Battersea, (Royal Cumberland Youth), and Mr. R. T. Woodley, of Pimlico (Ancient Society of College Youths) are making the necessary arrangements.

Full particulars will appear next week.

TWO PEALS OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

5056.

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	M	H
4 2 5 6 3	-	I	I	
5 4 2 6 3			I	
3 2 4 6 5		I	I	
5 4 3 2 6	I		I	I
3 5 4 2 6			I	
4 3 5 2 6			I	
4 3 2 6 5	-		I	
2 4 3 6 5			I	
5 3 2 4 6	I		I	I
2 5 3 4 6			I	
3 2 5 4 6			I	

Repeated.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	M	H
2 3 5 6 4	-		I	
5 2 3 6 4			I	
3 5 2 6 4			I	
4 2 3 5 6	I		I	I
3 4 2 5 6			I	
5 3 4 6 2	I	-		I
4 5 3 6 2			I	
3 4 5 6 2			I	
2 5 3 4 6	I		I	I
3 2 5 4 6			I	
5 4 3 2 6	I			I

Repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6272.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	
3 5 6 4 2	-	-	-
6 3 2 5 4	-	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-
4 2 5 6 3	-	-	-
3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-
6 4 3 5 2	-	-	-
3 6 2 4 5	-	-	-
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-
4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-
5 4 6 3 2	-	-	-
2 6 5 4 3	-	-	-
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-
5 6 3 4 2	-	-	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
6 2 4 5 3	-	-	-
4 6 3 2 5	-	-	-
3 4 5 6 2	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-
3 2 6 5 4	-	-	-
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-
4 6 5 3 2	-	-	-
5 4 2 6 3	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-

Repeated.

This has the 6th twelve times each way in 5-6, and contains the extent of course ends that can be obtained with calls at every wrong and middle.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

5151.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, *Ipswich.*

2 3 4 5 6	I	5	6	7	19
3 1 5 6 2 4	-	-	-	-	-
2 1 5 4 3 6	-	-	-	-	-
2 1 6 5 3 4	-	-	-	-	-
2 1 4 6 3 5	-	-	-	-	-
4 1 2 5 3 6	-	-	-	-	-
3 1 2 6 4 5	-	-	-	-	-
3 1 5 2 4 6	-	-	-	-	-
3 1 6 5 4 2	-	-	-	-	-
6 1 3 2 4 5	-	-	-	-	-
6 1 5 3 4 2	-	-	-	-	-
6 1 2 5 4 3	-	-	-	-	-
2 1 6 3 4 5	-	-	-	-	-
2 1 5 6 4 3	-	-	-	-	-
5 1 2 3 4 6	-	-	-	-	-
5 1 6 2 4 3	-	-	-	-	-
5 1 3 6 4 2	-	-	-	-	-

These eleven courses twice repeated, produce:

2 1 5 3 6 4

Rounds by bobs at 2, 5, 6, 13, 14, and a single at 15.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss, Norfolk.*

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
6 4 2 3 5	-	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	-
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-
5 3 6 2 4	-	-	-
2 5 6 3 4	-	-	-
6 2 4 5 3	-	-	-
5 6 4 2 3	-	-	-
4 2 5 6 3	-	-	-
5 4 2 6 3	-	-	-
2 5 4 6 3	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5344.

By Y. GREEN, *College Youths.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
3 6 4 5 2	2	-	I	I
6 2 4 5 3	I			2
2 6 3 5 4	-	I	2	
2 3 5 6 4	-	I	2	
3 2 4 6 5	-	I	2	
3 4 6 2 5	I	-	2	2
2 6 4 3 5	-	2	2	
4 5 3 6 2	2	-	2	2
5 4 2 6 3	2			2
2 3 6 4 5	2	-	2	2
5 2 4 3 6	2		I	2
5 4 3 2 6	-	I	2	
5 2 6 4 3	-	2	I	
2 5 3 4 6	2			2
2 3 4 5 6	I	-	2	2

This peal contains the 5th and 6th the extent wrong and right.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. J. TUCKER, *Bishops Stortford, Herts.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 5	W	M	H
6 4 2 3 5	I	I	I
2 3 6 4 5	I		I
6 2 3 4 5			I
3 4 6 2 5	I		I
6 3 4 2 5			I
4 6 3 2 5			I
3 2 4 6 5	I		I
4 3 2 6 5			I
2 4 3 6 5			I
5 3 2 4 6	I	I	I
2 5 3 3 6			I
3 2 5 4 6			I

Repeated.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

6048.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
6 4 3 5 2	-	-	-
3 6 4 5 2	-	-	-
4 3 6 5 2	-	-	-
5 6 2 3 4	-	-	-
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-
6 3 2 5 4	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
2 4 5 3 6	-	-	-
5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

This peal is reducible to 5056 changes by calling a bob before in first course, with the 2 and never in 6th's place, at a course-end, and has the 6th the extent in 5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

2 3 4 5 6	in	out	5th	11
5 6 3 4 2	I	I	2	
6 4 5 2 3		I		
4 2 6 3 5		I		
2 6 4 3 5	I		I	
6 3 2 5 4		I		
3 5 6 4 2		I		
3 5 4 2 6	I		I	

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

5400.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
4 3 6 5 2	-	-	-
2 6 3 5 4	-	-	-
4 5 3 6 2	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1886.

The Provinces.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK PITSTOW Treble.	GEORGE MARTIN 5.
ERNEST PITSTOW 2.	GEORGE TAYLOR 6.
SAMUEL SLATER 3.	JOHN F. PENNING 7.
CHARLES FREEMAN 4.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW.

This peal contains the fourth and sixth the extent in 5-6.
All the above are members of the Royal Cumberland Society and the Essex Association.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHARLES BARNACLE Treble.	FREDERICK DAY 5.
GEORGE DAY 2.	JOHN T. PERRY 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	ALBERT HACKLEY 7.
JOHN CALLAGHAN 4.	THOMAS MILLER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 5th and 6th eighteen times right, also twelve times wrong.
Messrs. G. and F. Day hail from Eye.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY AND THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

THOMAS MILLER Treble.	CHARLES CARMELL 5.
CHARLES BARNACLE 2.	JOHN T. PERRY 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	ALBERT HACKLEY 7.
JOHN CALLAGHAN 4.	*CHARLES SPARKES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 21, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CHARLES E. GOLD Treble.	HENRY A. HOPKINS 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	JOHN JAY, JUNR. 6.
HENRY J. DAVIES 3.	JOHN JAY, SEN. 7.
JAMES SEARLE 4.	EDWARD BUTLER Tenor.

Conducted by G. F. ATTREE.

Messrs. Hopkins and Davies hail from London; the rest of the band belong to the Brighton Branch of the Sussex County Association.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, August 24, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 4th, 5th and 6th each twelve times in 6th's place.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, August 21st, the following was rung on the occasion of a visit from Mr. E. Carter, of London. 720 College Exercise; 720 of Oxford Delight; 720 of Woodbine; 720 of New London Pleasure; 720 of Kent Treble Bob. S. Hammond, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2. H. E. Hammond, 3; E. Carter, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; A. Hucksion, 6. The College Exercise and Oxford Delight were Mr. E. Carter's first 720's in the method, and were rung at the first attempt. The whole was conducted by H. E. Hammond.

IPSWICH.—On Saturday, August 21st, at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, the following members, with Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, attempted a peal of 5004 Stedman Cinques, but after ringing 3150 changes in 2 hrs. 19 mins., a change-course brought the attempt to an untimely end. R. H. Brundle, 1; C. Mee, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. Motts, 4; R. Hawes, 5; W. L. Catchpole, 6; J. Motts (composer and conductor), 7; H. Bowell, 8; E. Reeve, 9; J. W. Taylor, Esq., 10; A. Aldham, 11; S. Tillett, 12. Tenor 32 cwt. in C♯.

PUTNEY (Surrey).—Recently, eight members of the above society attempted a peal of Stedman Triples at the parish church, which was unfortunately lost after ringing upwards of 4300 changes in 2 hrs. 30 mins., owing to the breaking of the 2nd rope. C. F. Winny, 1; H. Langdon, 2; B. E. Battrum, 3; J. S. Wilde, 4; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; F. G. Newman, 7; W. Bidwell, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Monday, August 2nd, at St. Paul's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1600 changes in one hour, a mishap occurred, which brought it to an abrupt termination. F. Keech, 1; W. Biggs, 2; M. Warwick, 3; T. Foote, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Frossell, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; W. Allen and H. Chapman, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. Also on Monday, August 9th, at St. Paul's belfry, on handbells, two 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles. First: I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; M. Warwick (conductor), 5. Second: F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; M. Warwick, 6. First 6-scores in the method by all. Also on Tuesday, August 10th, at St. Paul's church for practice, a 336 of Grandsire Triples (with Queens and Tittums). F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; S. Cullip, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Allen, 5; J. Frossell, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. Also a 336 of Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; S. Cullip, 2; W. Allen, 3; T. Foote, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Biggs, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. Frossell, 8. Also on Thursday, August 5th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Chapman, 1; S. Cullip, 2; T. Foote, 3; M. Warwick, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, August 15th, for Divine service, a 726 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. Chapman, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; M. Warwick, 4; T. Foote, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, August 7th, five members of the above association visited Sharnbrook, by kind permission of the vicar, and rang two 6-scores of Grandsire and one of Bob Doubles. J. Dickens (non-member), 1; T. Foote, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Chapman (conductor), 5. Also 1260 of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, each called differently, viz., six and a half 6-scores of Grandsire, and four 6-scores of Bob Doubles in 46 mins. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G. C. W. Clark (conductor), 1; T. Foote, 2; H. Chapman, 3; M. Warwick, 4; I. Hills, 5. This is the longest length ever rang on the bells.

TURVEY (Beds).—On Monday, August 2nd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Allen, 1; M. Warwick, 2; I. Hills, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; T. Foote, 5; W. Biggs, 6.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday evening, five members of the above association met at Mr. J. Carter's, Bracebridge street, and attempted a peal of Stedman Caters, which came to grief after ringing 11 courses. Another attempt was made to ring 1407 of Stedman Caters, which was rung in very quick time (43 mins). T. Russam, 1-2; J. Carter (conductor), 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; G. W. Townsend, 7-8; R. Hackley, 9-10.

THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Thursday evening, 20th August, being our practice night, we were pleased to receive a visit from a few members of St. Nicholas and St. Peter's society, also Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Davies, members of the Cumberlands, from London, when a 503 of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following. W. Palmer, 1; W. Allfry, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; H. Weston (conductor), 4; G. King, 5; H. Hopkins, 6; A. Bennett, 7; J. Searles, 8. Bennett and Allfry being the only two of the local band. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; J. Searles, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; J. Jay, jun., 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—On Sunday, August 22nd, at St. Mary's church, for morning service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Nicholls, 1; C. Boase, 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Hodder, 5; T. Hicks (conductor), 6; Geo. H. Phillott, Esq. (Cheltenham), 7; M. Hicks, 8. Also for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J.

Boase, 1; C. Boase, 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Symonds, 4; J. Hodder (conductor), 5; T. Hicks, 6; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 7; M. Hicks, 8. Also on Monday evening, the 23rd, a 560 of Grandsire Triples. J. Boase, 1; C. Boase, 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; Colonel Troyte (Huntsham), 5; T. Hicks, 6; Geo. H. Phillott, Esq. (Cheltenham), 7; M. Hicks, 8. Visits of such distinguished ringers are exceptional in our remote corner, but one and all will receive a hearty welcome.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Aug. 16th, at St. Andrew's Church, Bishop Auckland, for practice, 500 of Kent Treble Bob. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Castree, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Cleminson, (conductor), 6. And 224 of Bob Major, H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; J. W. Cleminson, 5; F. Castree, 6; F. Charlton, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; *W. Piper (conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor. And on Friday evening, August 20th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; W. Harvey, 3; *W. Lincoln (Writtle), 4; *H. De Lisle, Esq., 5; W. Piper, 6. *First 720 in the method. Also on Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Battle, 5; W. Piper, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by Mr. W. Battle, who hails from St. Albans, Herts.

THE ORMSKIRK SOCIETY.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, August 10th, at the parish church, for practice, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 minutes. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; H. Ellis, 3; W. Ellis, 4; W. B. Lloyd, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. Harvey, 8. Also on Tuesday, August 17th, at the parish church for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 minutes. J. Prescott, 1; G. Larkey, 2; J. Sholicar (conductor), 3; G. Prescott, 4; W. B. Lloyd, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On August 17th, 1886, a 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, in 50 minutes. G. Walker, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. Baddeley (conductor), 4; J. W. Brough, 5; J. Wood, 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, August 17th, 360 of Cambridge Surprise. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; B. E. Battrum, 3; J. Cooley, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Superlative Surprise. G. Hyde, 1; B. E. Battrum, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

TODMORDEN SOCIETY, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday evening, August 14th, six members of the above society paid a visit to West Ham (London), and rang a 504 of Grandsire Triples, also 3 courses of Stedman Triples, it being late, time not allowing for any longer touches. J. A. Sutcliffe, 1; J. Mitton, 2; W. Sutcliffe, 3; B. Midgeley, 4; J. W. Greenwood (conductor), 5; W. Midgeley, 6; Harry Randall, 7; Y. Green, 8. Tenor 28 cwt., the two last named being members of the local company, whom the Todmorden Society takes this opportunity of thanking for the kindly manner in which they obtained leave for them to ring, and also for making up the band.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, August 22nd, at St. Clement Danes, the following members of the above society rang for Divine Service, 1565 of Grandsire Caters (containing the full extent of the sixth behind the ninth), in 1 hr. 4 mins. G. Wild, 1; W. Baron (conductor), 2; G. McLaughlin, 3; A. E. Church, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; W. Bidwell, 6; W. Jones, 7; G. Banks, 8; W. H. George, 9; E. Albane, 10. This is the longest touch of Caters by G. Wild, and W. Bidwell.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Monday, August 23rd, the Crawley branch visited the belfry of All Saints'. On their arrival at 11.30 a.m. they were kindly welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Poole, who placed the belfry at their disposal for the day. The following touches were brought round in good style. A 424 of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; B. King, 4; T. Newnham, 5; M. Heffer, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; A. F. Hillier, 8. Also 504 of Grandsire Triples by the same, with the exception of W.

Parsons, who rang the treble. And 574 of Grandsire Triples. W. Parsons, 1; F. Wickens, 2; W. Wadey, 3; J. Newnham, 4; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 5; T. Newnham, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; A. F. Hillier, 8. Also 504 of Union Triples. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; B. King, 4; T. Newnham, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; M. Heffer, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins. B. King, 1; W. Wadey, 2; W. Parsons, 3; F. Wickens, 4; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; M. Heffer, 8. Tenor 26½ cwt.

WINCHESTER DIOCESIAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Thursday evening, August 12th, at the parish church, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor (no time mentioned.) C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman (first 720) 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, August 19th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (no time mentioned.) C. Weeden, 1; R. A. Betchworth (first 720 in the method), 2; A. Tidy, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, August 22nd, for afternoon service, 360 of Kent Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; T. Stedman, 2; A. Mills, 3; R. Jordan, 4; W. Sadler, (Betchworth), 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And after service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. E. Jordan, 1; T. Stedman, 2; R. Jordan, 3; J. Cooper (Rudgwick), 4; W. Sadler (first 720 in the method), 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 22nd, six members of the Capel branch of the above Guild visited St. Margaret's church, Ockley, and rang a 720 of Superlative Surprise Minor, in 25 mins. M. Jenkins, 1; T. Stedman, 2; A. Mills, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan (conductor), 5; D. Jordan, 6. Also a 240 of Oxford Bob. R. Jordan, 1; T. Stedman, 2; G. Cox (Ockley), 3; W. Mills (Ockley), 4; A. Mills, 5; M. Jenkins (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHWELL (Yorkshire).—On Saturday evening, August 21st, in honour of the marriage of Alfred Chapman, with Miss Eliza A. Dobson, the following touches were rung at Holy Trinity church, by his fellow members of the society, who wish him much happiness. 720 of Arnold's Victory, 360 of City Delight, 720 of Oxford, and 360 of Duke of York.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PETHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, August 15th, the Lyminge branch of the above Association visited this place, and rung at the parish church for Divine service in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles, in 27 minutes. J. Pebble, 1; R. Andrews, 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Tanton, 4; J. Andrews, 5; T. Hooker (Hastingleigh, conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. Several more attempts were made both before and after service, which came to grief, owing to the second bell-rope slipping the wheel.

BATH (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, August 22nd, at St. Andrew's church, for service in the evening, several touches of Grandsire Triples. G. Hill, 1; J. Hinton (conductor), 2; *W. Chew, 3; H. Wooton, 4; *J. Barry, 5; J. Watton, 6; J. Smith, 7; H. Wyburne, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. Also after service at St. Michael's, Twerton-on-Avon, on Sunday, 22nd, a 630 and several touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major. J. Smith, 1; W. Chew, 2; W. Davis, 3; J. Hinton (conductor), 4; J. Blackmore, 5; J. Wotton, 6; J. Barry, 7; H. Wyburne, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Also on Monday, 23rd, at St. Michael's, and Christ church, touches of Grandsire Triples. And on Tuesday, 24th, at St. James' Bristol, for evening service, and All Saints' Bristol, after service, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. J. Hinton, conductor. * From London.

BENINGTON (Herts).—On Thursday, August 19th, a 5120 of Superlative Surprise Major was attempted. In the eighteenth course, after some good ringing at 2 hrs. and ten mins. from the start, one of the band becoming oblivious, a change-course occurred. J. R. Haworth, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; John Kitchener, 3; L. Chapman, 4; F. Pittsow, 5; S. Page, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8.

BRISTOL.—On Monday evening, August 16th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's church, in 52 mins. J. Palser, 1; E. Duckham, 2; J. York, 3; J. Hinton, 4; G. Morgan, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6; W. Emery, 7; R. Watkins, 8.

BURLEY, LEEDS, (Yorks).—On Friday evening, August 20th, at St. Matthias Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins., with eighteen bobs and two singles. *R. F. Lunn, 1; *J. Bennett, 2; F. Robinson, 3; H. Lindsay, 4; W. Child (conductor), 5; J. Whitaker, 6. Tenor 7 cwt. *First 720 in the method.

CHARNWOOD FOREST (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, August 21st, eight members of the All Saints' society, Loughborough, paid a visit to the Oaks Church, and by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. —, Tagart, rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Cresser, 1; E. D.

Taylor, 2; S. Smith, 3; J. Hardy, 4; J. W. Taylor, 5; R. Lane (conductor), 6. Also another 720. R. Lane (conductor), 1; E. D. Taylor, 2; S. Smith, 3; J. Hardy, 4; A. Cresser, 5; J. W. Taylor, sen., 6. And several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, in which E. Limbert and E. Wightman took part.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Tuesday evening, August 10th, at St. St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. *R. S. Thorne, 1; Rev. J. U. Todd, 2; J. Pitts, 3; J. Tunball, 4; R. Hole, 5; J. Grabham, 6; C. B. Craze (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. *First quarter-peal.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 22nd, five members of the above company, with Mr. Foster, of Wilton, Northwich, who was over on a visit, ascended the tower of the parish church and rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. William Foster (conductor), 1; James Barratt, 2; Joseph Grimshaw, 3; Charles Cash, 4; Thomas Yates, 5; Edward Cash, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—At the parish church, on Sunday evening, August 22nd, for Divine service, 10 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 44 minutes. W. H. Godden, 1; H. Bastable, 2; J. Buffery (conductor), 3; F. Workman, 4; S. McCulloch, 5; W. Verry, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday afternoon, August 22nd, a 360 of College Single, in 14 mins. Thomas Hillman, 1; William Jones, 2; James Sackfield, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; Edward Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Thomas Vaughan, 1; James Sackfield, 2; William Jones, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; Edward Bourne, 5; Rowland Cartwright (conductor), 6. And on Monday evening, the 23rd, for practice, a 720 of College Single, in 27½ mins. Thomas Hillman, 1; James Sackfield, 2; William Jones, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; Edward Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 1475 changes of Grandsire Caters. H. Newnham, 1; H. Wood, 2; G. Williams, 3; T. Miles, 4; E. Moses, 5; J. Hewett, 6; W. Marks, 7; E. Hull, 8; S. Brooker (conductor), 9; J. Lisney, 8.

LONGDON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 22nd, the Deerhurst society visited the above place, and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Everness, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts (conductor), 3; C. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett, 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob, in 25 mins., standing as before, conducted by J. Bartlett. Also six 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. G. Willis, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts (conductor), 3; C. Roles, 4; J. Bartlett, 5; T. Everness, 6.

OLD CLEEVE (Somerset).—On Monday evening, August 23rd, at the parish church of St. Andrew, five members of the local guild, with the assistance of the Rev. R. H. D. Acland-Troyte, rang at the first attempt, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Gaye, 1; J. M. Williams, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; Rev. R. H. D. Acland-Troyte, 4; H. W. Tomkins, 5; W. Cridland, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. The first three 120's were conducted by Mr. Troyte, and the remaining two by H. W. Tomkins. The bells are a fine new ring of six by J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the guild is composed entirely of young beginners. The above 120's are the first in the method by all except Mr. Troyte.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On August 18th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26½ minutes. *H. Johnson, 1; *W. Bird, 2; *H. Mason, 3; †A. Parsons, 4; W. Green, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Grandsire Minor in 13½ mins. T. Johnson, 1; C. W. Bassano (conductor), 2; W. Bird, 3; R. Bird, 4; A. Parsons, 5; W. Green, 6. And on Saturday, Aug. 21st, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 minutes. *T. Johnson, 1; C. W. Bassano (conductor), 2; †H. Johnson, 3; A. Parsons, 4; W. Bird, 5; W. Green, 6. Also another 720 in the same method, in 26½ minutes. A. Parsons, 1; *W. Foxall, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Bird, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. *First 720. †First 720 inside. Tenor 23½ cwt.

RETTFORD (Notts).—On Tuesday evening, August 17th, for practice at West Retford Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. F. Mackie, 1; S. Hunt, 2; W. Drake (conductor), 3; S. Joynes, 4; J. Joynes, 5; R. Potter, 6.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Saturday, July 31st, at St. Mary's church, 360 of Oxford Bob. F. Chapman, 1; G. Roberts, 2; J. Braybrook, 3; J. Sawford, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, August 3rd, 360 Yorkshire Court, F. Chapman, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; A. Groom, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, August 17th, 720 of Oxford Bob, with eighteen bobs and two singles. W. J. Gilbert, 1; *F. Chapman, 2; E. Mayes, 3; R. Dunkley, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, August 17th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, nine bobs. W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; R. Dunkley, 2; R. Shipley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob, with fifteen bobs and two singles. W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes 5; T. Roberts, 6. *First 720 in the method with a bob bell.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Tuesday, August 17th, for practice, the Cathedral society rang 252 of Stedman Triples. W. H. Buckingham, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; L. Waddington, 8. Longest touch by the society. Also three courses of Grandsire Major. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, August 18th, at 3, St. Peter's Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Troyte), in 42 mins. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8. Also a course each of Stedman and Bob Triples, with J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; the rest as above.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 8th, at St. Mary the Virgin, five of the local Company, with H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, rang for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. And 360 of College Single. Isaac Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. C. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. And 180 of Double Court. J. Cavill, 1; Isaac Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; C. Prior, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Both the Treble Bob were with fifteen bobs. And on Sunday, 22nd, for evening service, with Messrs. F. Pitstow and J. F. Penning, of Saffron Walden, and Mr. G. Brand, of Bishop Stortford, rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; C. Prior, 2; G. Brand, 3; J. F. Penning, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; F. Pitstow (conductor), 6. And after service, 360 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Gray, 2; G. Brand, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

YARMOUTH.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, August 22nd, after Divine Service, at Mr. Hayward's, St. Nicholas Road, 540 of Bob Royal. A. Webber, 1-2; P. Smith, 3-4; M. Long (conductor), 5-6; D. Hayward, 7-8; W. Fletcher, 9-10. Mr. Smith hails from St. Peter's Mancroft, Norwich.

ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, LOUGHTON, ESSEX.

On Monday, August 2nd, the members of this Society had their first outing, and first visited North Weald, where they rang six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. The next church visited was Bobbingsworth. Here there is a fine peal of six, but not ringable, the wood work being very much out of order. The next place visited was High Ongar, where there is a nice ring of five. Some six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung here, and the company then adjourned to the "Red Lion Inn" to refresh the inner man. All being well supplied, the handbells were brought into requisition, and some good touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters were brought home. The company beg to thank the authorities of the different churches for allowing them the use of the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

NOTICE.—I am requested to give notice to members and friends of this society, that the Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, the 11th prox. Further particulars will be announced in due course. Meantime all who have the welfare of the society at heart are cordially invited.

147 Barnsbury Road, N.

H. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

No Committee meeting was held on August 25th, as there were not enough members present to form a quorum. The District Meeting is therefore abandoned.

A. B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, JARROW, DURHAM.

On Saturday, August 21st, the above ringers, with their wives and sweethearts, held their annual outing, when they left Jarrow by brake for Houghton-le-Spring, arriving there about 5 o'clock. It being late, and the ringers very hungry, they decided to have tea first, the worthy curate taking the lead, and soon we were all shouting "go" at the good things which the table was provided with. After clearing the tables, they played some tunes on their handbells, and a course of lapping to a large audience, who were very pleased with it. They then adjourned to the belfry and tried to ring a 720, but not having their treble ringer with them, and the ringers there could not manage to ring it, they had to be contented with some 120's of Doubles, after which they went for a walk, and meeting again about 8 o'clock, left for home, arriving about 11 o'clock, well pleased with their trip, for which they thank, through "THE BELL NEWS," the ringers and all others who helped towards their comfort and enjoyment.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The usual quarterly meeting will be held at St. James', Leyland, on Saturday, September 4th. The bells will be open for ringing from 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock in the schoolroom.

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JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

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Contributions will be thankfully received by W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec., 3, Hillary Street, Leeds, or Mr. WILLIAM MITTON, Hon. Treasurer, Bradford Old Bank, Ilkley.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROTHWELL BRANCH.

The following is the ringing done by this branch at Holy Trinity church during the month of July. On July 4th, 360 of Duke of York, 360 of College Exercise, 360 of New London Pleasure. July 9th, 360 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 360 of Arnold's Victory, 360 of Duke of York. July 11th, 360 of College Pleasure, 240 of City Delight. July 12th, 720 of Tulip, 720 of Primrose. July 18th, 240 of Duke of York, 360 of City Delight, 360 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 240 of Violet. July 19th, 360 of Tulip, 360 of Primrose, 360 of Woodbine. July 25th, 720 of Violet, 240 of Duke of York, 360 of Arnold's Victory, 240 of College Exercise, 240 of City Delight.

A CORRECTION.—The size of Quorndon Church tower, Leicestershire, is 12ft. 6in., by 12ft., and not 14ft. as before stated.

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."

SOME MORE "PASSING EVENTS."

SIR,—“The case of Dawe v. Pritchard, is, we hope, settled;” so says Mr. Dains. Probably, in order that there may be room for sufficient publicity to be given to Dains v. Dawe, and Dains v. Vinen, two cases which he no doubt hopes to add to a tolerably long list in which his name already appears, as the previous pages of this paper and another ringer's record can show; it will very soon read “Dains v. Everybody.” He does not “feel vindictive in this matter, he is only going in for honest criticism.” Might he not have added with emphasis, “and a little pardonable (?) trumpeting as well,” at the expense of “young men?” He “thoroughly overhauled, altered, and immensely improved” my poor little peal, so he says; still he is not happy but “reduces” it, and finally “extends” it in a short space of time; and what is more serious, sends the bulky result to crowd your columns with the magnanimous remark that he makes me and the late Mr. Haley a present of his talented labour! I never saw the “twin brother” until last week, and wonder if it ever occurred to him before he wrote that dictatorial post-card, dated “Sunday,” and signed “H. D.,” that it was just possible I had already obtained the variation in question? If not let me assure him that I did so, and many others as well. I have not been idle in observing “what has and what has not been done,” and find that the past generation of Treble Bob composers have left but a small field for anything new upon the general principle now mostly adopted. I know full well that peals with the homes full are considered the best, but then so many have been obtained on these lines, that in some cases they only vary one bob from each other. I have always been struck with the music when the tenor is in the “middle,” and seeing that few, or in fact scarcely any have been obtained of this class, I ventured on the job, and would have called the very one he “immensely improved,” had it not been for the fact that the one accomplished was my first, and equalized in calling, viz.: each part containing ten bobs in the middle, as compared with five wrong and five at home. The day will, I am sure, eventually arrive when in order to get something not yet obtained, every part will have to be different, and although a man well advanced in years, I trust Mr. Dains will live to see my words fulfilled. It seems to me very much as if his letter was the result of a little party feeling, caused no doubt by the knowledge that the bob-caller in my company do not call any of his compositions, in order that he may see his name figure in other company's peal-books. I quite agree with him saying “that he wishes to be very and particularly correct in all that he has to say,” when he admits the soft impeachment that he has unfortunately been the author of some false peals, and this is borne out by ocular demonstration, for some little time ago I obtained the late Mr. Snowdon's book on Double Norwich, and was horrified to find that the author, Mr. Snowdon, had been obliged to get an india rubber stamp and purple ink for the purpose of marking in large letters the word “FALSE” across several of Mr. Dains' compositions. It must have been specially for his peals, as I see no other composers' figures are treated in the same way. Besides this, it must be in the recollection of all that a false peal of Double Norwich by Mr. Dains was achieved by the most talented and accomplished band in England, a short time ago, viz.: the Burton-on-Trent gentlemen. If a young beginner, so humble as I, were to write to a better man than myself and ask for a copy of his proof scales, it would be excusable and perfectly in order; but I do not think this should apply to so talented a member as Mr. Dains, who, as a composer of his abilities, should be the *pater* and *mater* of everything. No doubt he would like all “young men” to rally round him and ask his advice, after a certain amount of the usual “Hail fellow, well met” and other refreshment etiquette, characteristic of such meetings, have been gone through; those who feel disposed to adopt this idea can do so, but I shall not.

FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

AN INCORRECT RECORD.

SIR,—Seeing in your issue of the 21st, I find a 720 of Grandsire Minor rang at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Staffordshire, by six members of the local society, and reported to be the first 720 on the bells. This I wish to correct. Probably your correspondent at the time of writing was not aware that other bands have rang several 720's on the bells. Soon after the bells were opened, the company to which I belong went to the church almost weekly to instruct the young band then formed, and upon several occasions rang 720's sometimes upon the back six, and at other times upon the first five and seventh, covering with 6.8. I hope your correspondent will take this as it is given, as I think the society is to be congratulated on the success they have made in the art of change ringing, owing, as he states, to the very

bad go of the bells until rehung. It affords me great pleasure to see that the society is making such progress, as that was our society's wish and those who went with us from other churches, viz., that the art of change-ringing should be spread amongst all ringing societies. We shall be pleased to hear of the society at Old Hill very soon ringing Grandsire Triples, instead of Minor, and should be glad to see them members of the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association, to which they once belonged. JOHN SMITH.

BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY

On Saturday August 21, the above Society had their fifth annual outing, when nineteen Members and friends started from New Street Station to Nuneaton, Warwickshire, arriving about 9 o'clock; when they were met by the Sexton who conducted them to the “Holly Bush” Inn. Refreshing the inner man, a move was made to the Parish Church and after inspecting the bells and belfry, a start was made for a Peal of Grandsire Triples and brought round in 2 hrs. and 59 mins.; particulars will be found in its proper column. After the peal comment took place in reference to the “go” and to some of the bells, all saying they never rung upon a better peal; the “go” of them gives great credit to the steeple keeper in the manner in which they are looked after, and the tone of the bells could not be better for the weight. The tenor is only 14½ cwt. and is as low as E. A move was made to the “Holly Bush Inn” where a capital dinner was provided. By this time the Barwell ringers, which were expected, had arrived, and the whole, numbering twenty-nine, sat down and done ample justice to the good things provided. After the cloth was drawn all moved towards the tower, and some Plain Bob was rung by the Barwell ringers. In the meantime the visitors were conducted to the church, which is a grand old building, and after looking at several objects of interest, again ascended the tower and rang a touch of Bob Major, and a touch of Stedman Triples. The bells being lowered they returned to the “Bush” Inn, when Mr. T. Miller was voted to the chair, and songs were freely sung, and a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the handbells, and Grandsire Triples, intermixed with tunes. A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Horwood, the steeple keeper, and the Nuneaton and Barwell ringers. It was pleasing to see that the Nuneaton ringers were making such progress in the art.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Some members of the above association and friends, numbering twenty-five, went to Ryde, Isle of Wight, for their annual holiday. They left Crawley station at 7.28 a.m. and arrived safely at Ryde at 10.30. All Saints' church was visited, and through the kindness of the vicar and churchwardens access was obtained to the belfry and rang several touches of Oxford Bob Triples, Union Triples and Grandsire Triples, on a very fine peal of 8 bells. Tenor 26 cwt. The go of the bells is excellent. After about two hours ringing, they adjourned to the “Victoria” tavern, where an excellent dinner was provided to which ample justice was done. After dinner the church was again visited, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung. Mr. T. Newnham met the party at Ryde from Southampton. The members wish to return thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for use of the bells, and to the Rev. H. A. Spiers, sec. of the Winchester Guild, for his kindness in joining the party. The party were taken by one of the wardens to see the very fine view from the top of the church tower. Ryde was left at 6.15 p.m. and Crawley reached at 9.22, after spending a very enjoyable day, the weather being all that could be desired.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.

In the octagonal church tower of this pretty village hang three old bells, bearing the following inscriptions:—

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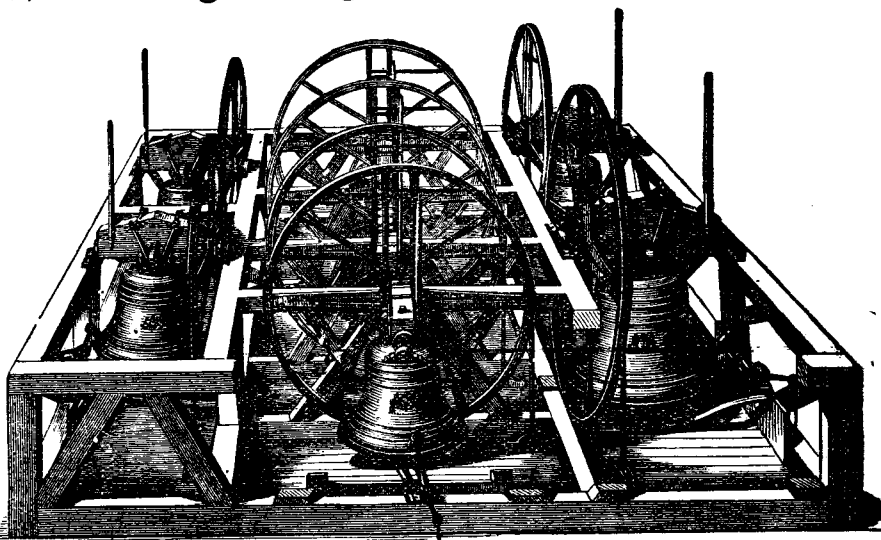
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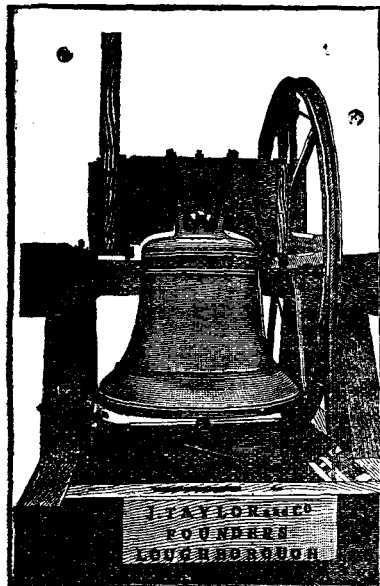
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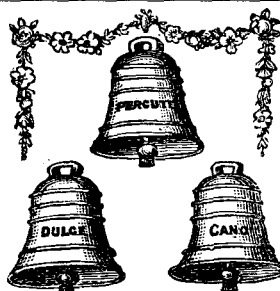
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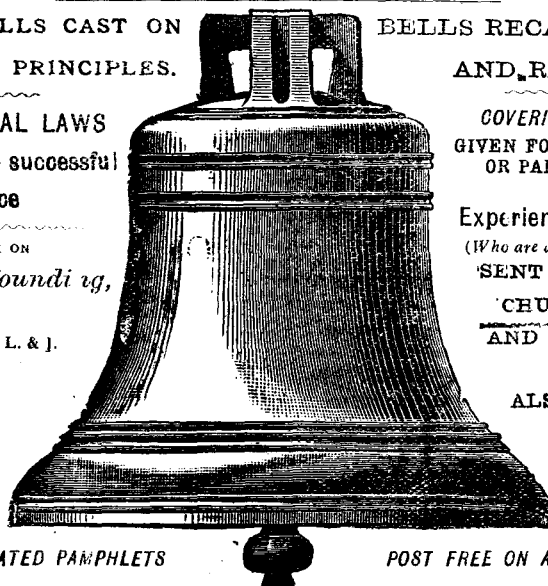
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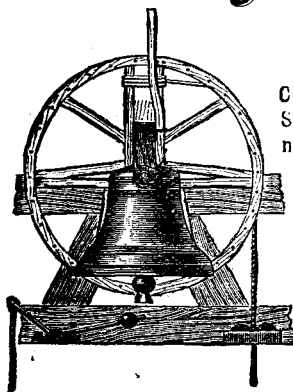
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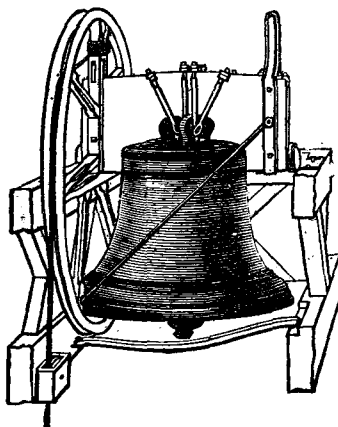
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Starting again after a short time and proceeding via St. Mary Cray, Eynsford was reached about 2.0 p.m. and as everything had been arranged previously all was found in readiness, and six score of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a trial. Two of the local ringers having arrived on the scene, two more six scores was rung with them to oblige, and a pleasing incident then occurred by the arrival of J. C. Crossley, Esq., the esteemed churchwarden of Eynsford, who after welcoming the visitors, concluded to "try his hand" and having done so generously "paid his footing." Adjournment was then made to the "Harrow" Inn for dinner, the local ringers being generously entertained by their visiting brother strings, and an excellent cold collation thoroughly enjoyed by all, the drive down albeit very warm, having a thorough appetising influence. Dinner over, a pleasant half-hour was passed in tune playing and change-ringing on the handbells. Adjournment was then made to a meadow close by, and cricket and other games indulged in during the afternoon. Towards evening the visitors again returned to the church, and an attempt was made for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, which unfortunately came to grief when only five leads from home; another attempt would have been made but for an urgent request from Mr. Crossley for a tune on the handbells, which was readily complied with by the visitors, who adjourned to the lawn in front of the parsonage farm house where Mr. Crossley and family and several ladies were assembled, and several tunes were played and a course of Grandsire Caters rung to the great delight of all present, including the local ringers. The party then returned to the "Harrow" Inn for tea, and after a few more tunes and 168 of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, a start was made for home about 7 p.m., after many expressions of goodwill and invitation to "come again." The band wish through this medium to thank the Vicars and Churchwardens of both churches for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for the welcome accorded them.

OUTING OF THE MELBOURNE SOCIETY, DERBY.

On Saturday, August 28th, the above society had their annual outing to Sheepshed, accompanied by Mr. H. C. Woodward, of Derby, their esteemed instructor. On arriving at Sheepshed they had lunch, after which they proceeded to the church, where a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) was rung in 26 mins. J. R. Wood, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Warren, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of Bob Doubles. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. R. Wood, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. C. Tunnickliff, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. A. Fish, 6. After the bells were lowered the visitors walked to the Oaks church, Charnwood Forest, where another 720 of Bob Minor was rung. J. R. Wood, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. C. Tunnickliff, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6. They then walked back to Sheepshed and sat down to a substantial meat tea, provided by hostess Cotton, at the "Crown" inn. After tea handbell ringing, &c., was indulged in for an hour or so, and the society started back for Melbourne, where they arrived about 9 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed their day's outing. The ringers desire through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to render their sincere thanks to the Rev. W. H. F. Hepworth, of Sheepshed, and the Rev. Taget, the "Oaks," for the use of their bells on this occasion.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will take place on Saturday, October 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. There will be a service at 3.30 p.m. at which the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Davenport Kelly, M.A., rector of St. Matthews, Manchester. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., tickets 1s. each. The business meeting will be at 6 p.m., when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. All those who intend to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to Mr. J. Redford, 9, Portugal-street, Bolton (from whom tickets may be obtained), not later than September 25th. Ringers, not being members, who care to attend will be cordially welcomed. The towers of the parish church of St. Peter, as well as those of Holy Trinity, All Saints', and St. George's will be open for ringing after the meeting. Members who have not yet paid their subscription for the past year, are requested to send it as soon as possible to Mr. Redford, in order that the list of members may be complete for insertion in the report.

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Mr. WHITAKER writes:—"I should like to give a few reasons why I think it would not be pleasing to the Exercise generally to have Mr. Dains' suggestions for gaining a larger sum for the Snowdon Memorial carried out, and, in passing, I may say I have received letters from several gentlemen who confirm my opinion upon this subject. In a letter written about the time the fund was opened, I think I may say I expressed the feelings of the Exercise generally when I stated that subscriptions, however small, would be thankfully received from all persons, whether belonging to the Exercise or not, who knew personally, or valued the work done by our lamented President in furthering the art of ringing. This being so plainly set forth, it seems to me to offer specially to bell-founders who may subscribe to have their names placed above the window, to turn the Memorial into an advertising medium which would be most objectionable. I still feel sure that if every company who have not already done so, will contribute a little, there will be no difficulty in raising the amount required, and this, I am sure, would be far more gratifying to our late President's relatives, and to the Yorkshire Association generally. I thank Mr. Dains much for the interest taken in the Memorial Fund, and trust he will take in all good faith the remarks I have made."

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Mr. R. Hill, Southport	0 2 6
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F. W. J. Rees, Esq. (Bengal Civil Service), Tipperah, Bengal, India	1 1 0
The Gargrave Society	1 0 0
The Manchester Cathedral Society	0 10 0
Wm. Whitaker, Leeds	5 0
The St. Peter's Society, Bradford	1 0 0
The Waterloo Society, London	0 10
The Eastern Counties' Guild, Spalding, per Mr. Mackman	0 6
All Saints' Company, Maidstone, per Geo. Pawley	0
Mr. J. T. Stott, Newchurch, Rossendale, Lancashire	0 2 0
The St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	2 2 0
Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Sheffield	0
The Cathedral Society, St. Alban's, Herts.	0 5 6
St. Philip's, Hulme, Society	0 15 0
Thos. Beacall, Southport	0 2 0
W. W. Gifford, Esq., Salisbury	0 5 0
The Holy Trinity Society, Bolton, Lancashire	0 10 0
Mr. John Holden, Saddleworth	0 5 0
Mr. Storey, Newcastle-on-Tyne	0 10 6
York Minster Society	0 15 0
C. Pearson, Esq., Whitstone Rectory, Exeter	0 10 0
Chas. Jackson, Hull	0 5 0
Total	£16 14 6

Contributions will be received by W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec., 3, Hillary Street, Leeds, or Mr. WILLIAM MITTON, Hon. Treasurer, Bradford Old Bank, Ilkley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of this Association will be held at Bristol, on Monday, September 6th. A short service will be held at St. Mary Redcliffe at 11 a.m. (Lady Chapel), with an address by the Vicar. Business Meeting afterwards at 1, Colston Parade (corner of church-yard). Dinner at the "Ship" inn, Redcliffe Hill, at 1.15 p.m., at 1s. per head to all performing members who have sent notice to the Hon. Secretary by September 2nd; 2s. 6d. to others and Hon. Members and friends. As an important change is to be proposed in the working of the Association, members are particularly requested to be present, and to attend Divine Service.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of this Society will take place on Saturday, September 11th, at "The Cherry Tree" Inn, Southgate. Dinner to be on the table at six o'clock prompt. The belfry will be open to members who wish to handle the ropes. H. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

In consequence of the absence from England of the Honorary Treasurer, the Annual Meeting of this Association is unavoidably postponed. Due notice of the Meeting will be given in this paper. Ely, August 31st. K. H. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

BELLS AND RINGERS IN 1885.

(Continued.)

LIST OF RINGS IN KENT.

Waterloo Twr., Quex Pk.	12	15	..	..	Whitechapel
Canterbury Cathedral	10	32	..	G. B.	..
Greenwich	10	23	..	G. St.	..
Hythe	10	19	..	G. B. T.B.	.. Whitechapel
Leeds	10	20	..	B.	.. J. Barham's home
Maidstone, All Saints	10	30	..	G.	.. Whitechapel
Ash	8	22	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Ashford	8	24	..	B. T.B.	..
Benenden	8	20	..	..	..
Biddenden	8	24	..	..	..
Borden	8	21	..	beginners	.. Whitechapel
Bromley	8	20	..	G.	.. Rehung in 1877
Canterbury, St. Stephen	8	16	..	G. B.	..
Chiddingstone	8	18	..	..	..
Chilham	8	18	..	..	..
Chislehurst	8	18½	..	G. B.	.. Pretty ring by Warner
Cliff-at-Hoo	8	..	..	..	..
Cranbrook	8	23	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Crayford	8	13	..	G. St. T.B.	..
Dartford	8	20	..	G.	..
Deptford, St. Nicholas	8	21	..	St. T.B. G.	..
Deptford, St. John	8	17	..	G.	..
Dover	8	..	..	..	..
Elham	8	20	..	..	..
Erith	8	c17	..	G.	.. Augmented to eight in 1882.
Faversham	8	15	..	G.	.. Some say 20 cwt.
Folkestone	8	25	..	G. B.	.. By Taylor
Frittenden	8	13	..	B.	.. Whitechapel
Gillingham	8	18½	..	G.	..
Goudhurst	8	26½	..	..	..
Gravesend	8	18	..	G. B.	.. Whitechapel
Hadlow	8	14	..	B.	..
Harrietsham	8	13	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Hawkhurst	8	c20	..	..	..
Headcorn	8	..	..	..	..
Lenham	8	..	..	..	..
Lewisham	8	22	..	G. B.	.. Whitechapel
Margate	8	23	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Mersham	8	13	..	G. B. T.B.	..
New Romney	8	19½	..	..	..
Rolvenden	8	16	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Sandwich, St. Peter	8	17	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Sevenoaks	8	22	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Sittingbourne	8	23	..	G. B.	.. Trebles added in 1884
Staplehurst	8	..	..	..	.. New in 1885
Tenterden	8	c30	..	..	.. Rehung by Warner, 1885
Tunbridge	8	20	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Tunbridge Wells, St. Peter	8	15	..	..	..
Westerham	8	18	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Wingham	8	..	..	..	..
Woolwich	8	13	..	G. St. T.B.	..
Wrotham	8	21	..	B.	.. Whitechapel
Wye	8	23	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Aldington	6	14	..	T.B. B.	..
Bearstead	6	12	..	B.	..
Beckenham	6	20	..	G.	..
Bexley	6	10	..	..	..
Birling	6	..	..	..	..
Bobbing	6	9	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Boughton	6	12	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Boxley	6	12	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Brookland	6	..	..	..	..
Canterbury, S. Dunstan	6	14	..	G. B.	..
Charing	6	13	..	B.	..
Chart	6	16	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Chartham	6	c19	..	..	.. Dia. 3 ft. 10 in.
Chart Sutton	6	..	..	..	..
Cheriton	6	7½	..	B.	.. Whitechapel, '81
Dover, S. James	6	12	..	..	..
East Malling	6	13	..	B.	..
East Peckham	6	16	..	B.	..
East Sutton	6	..	..	..	..
Eastwell	6	..	..	..	..
Edenbridge	6	12	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Eltham	6	9	..	B. T.B.	.. Do. Formerly 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

Eynsford	6	c18	..	..	.. Reputed weight of tenor.
Hartlip	6	..	..	..	.. Diam. 42½ ins.
Hayes	6	9	..	..	..
Hollingbourne	6	..	..	..	..
Horsmonden	6	19	..	B.	.. Tenor so reputed
Hunton	6	14	..	B.	..
Kennington	6	..	..	..	..
Kilndown	6	15	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Lamberhurst	6	13	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Lee	6	9	..	..	..
Linton	6	18	..	..	..
Lyminge	6	18	..	..	..
Maidstone, S. Michael	6	..	..	..	..
Milton	6	14	..	B. G.	..
Mereworth	6	12	..	St.	..
New Brompton	6	18½	..	..	..
Newington	6	c16	..	..	..
Northfleet	6	16	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Petham	6	7	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Pluckley	6	14	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Ramsgate	6	18	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Rainham	6	c22	..	..	.. Diameter 49 ins.
Rochester, the Cathedral	6	28	..	..	..
Rochester, S. Margaret	6	c16	..	G.	..
S. Lawrence	6	..	..	..	..
Selling	6	10	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Sheldwich	6	13	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Shipbourne	6	11	..	..	..
Shorne	6	10	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Sidcup	6	9	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Southfleet	6	..	..	..	..
Speldhurst	6	12	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Stone	6	13	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Swanscombe	6	17	..	B.	..
Teynham	6	..	..	..	.. R. Catlin, 1743
Throley	6	13	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Tunbridge Wells	6	13	..	G.	..
Tunstall	6	9	..	..	.. Whitechapel
Ulcombe	6	..	..	..	..
Wateringbury	6	8	..	..	.. Whitechapel
West Malling	6	12	..	G. B. T.B.	.. Perhaps these are now 8.
Yalding	6	c20	..	..	.. Reputed weight of tenor.

Change-ringing is rapidly spreading in Kent. The aid of the secretary of the County Association is requested to make the above list complete.

THE TEWKESBURY ABBEY SOCIETY AT MANCHESTER.

ON Tuesday, August 24th, the above society visited Manchester, arriving at Belle Vue station about 10.30 a.m. They made their way into the town by way of tram car, and after paying a visit to the Town Hall, proceeded to the cathedral, where they were met by Mr. John Eachus, a member of the Cathedral Society, who kindly showed them round the cathedral, thence to the ringing-chamber where they rang the first part of Reeves' variation peal of Grandsire Triples. After dinner, they returned to the Cathedral and rang a short touch of Stedman Triples. C. W. Dyson, R. H. Witherington, S. Cleal, F. J. Moore, J. Hale, J. Wathen, T. Devereux, W. Hampton, Jos. Wathen. They wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to tender their thanks to Mr. A. E. Wreaks and Mr. J. Eachus for their kind arrangements, which added greatly to their enjoyment throughout the day.

SOCIAL GATHERING AT COLLEGE CROFT, ECCLES.

ON Tuesday evening, a band assembled in the tower of Eccles Parish Church in order to celebrate the 26th birthday of Mr. Charles Cash, a member of the Eccles branch of the Lancashire Association. The ringers intended to have rung the whole of Mr. Hubbard's five-part peal of Bob Major in honour of the above event, but after ringing 2000 changes in 1 hr. 12 mins, the conductor (Mr. Edward Cash) called "stand," owing to the excessive heat of the weather. — Williams, 1; — Crossley, 2; J. Barratt, 3; T. Yates, 4; J. Welsby, 5; J. Grimshaw, 6; R. Ashcroft, 7; C. Cash, 8. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. Mr. Crossley hails from St. Peter's, Swinton, Mr. Welsby from St. Mark's, Worsley, the remainder are of the local company. Leaving the tower, the ringers adjourned to the "Oddfellows Arms," where a splendid dinner, doing great credit to the host and hostess, was partaken of. The handbells were then brought out, a number of tunes and courses being played. Several songs were also sung by Messrs. Ashcroft and E. Cash. After wishing long life and happiness to Mr. C. Cash, the guest of the evening, the proceedings came to a close, a merry evening having been spent.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6272.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

This has the 6th twelve times each way in 5-6, and contains the extent of course-ends that can be obtained with calls at every wrong and middle.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5080.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

5 6 3 4 2	1	2	2
4 5 6 2 3	2	2	2
2 3 5 6 4	1	2	2
6 2 3 4 5	2	2	2
4 5 2 3 6	1	2	2
3 4 5 6 2	2	2	2
6 2 4 5 3	1	2	2
5 2 5 3 4	2	2	1
3 3 4 5 6	1	2	

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss, Norfolk*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Twice repeated.

The above peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th twelve times in 5th's place, and the 2nd never there at course-ends.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

6496.

By J. PARKER, *Farnham Royal, Bucks.*

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 5th and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6, and is the greatest extent yet obtained in a two-part peal with the tenors together without the use of singles. It can be lengthened to 6608, by cutting out the second course and inserting two others thus :-

1 6
3 6 5 2 4
2 5 6 3 4
5 6 2 3 4

TWO PEALS OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth*.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

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

Repeated.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

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

Repeated.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By S. KNOTT, *Glossop*.

7168.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Repeated.

6240.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Four times repeated.

The Rev. Louis Villette Miles, late British Chaplain at Lyons, died on Tuesday, at the residence of his mother in Bennett Park, Blackheath. He resigned two months ago owing to ill-health.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The compilation of the Index to the fifth volume of "THE BELL NEWS," is now nearly finished, and when complete, a double number will be published, containing

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All communications respecting advertisements must be addressed to the office of "THE BELL NEWS," Walthamstow, London.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1886.

THE present period of the Church's history is more pregnant than at any former time, perhaps, with a species of parochial machinery having for its object the moral and social well-being of the people. The acumen of the clergy has in these days led them to devise other and additional instrumentality than the mere ordinances of public worship for the purpose of improving the moral tone of those over whom they are called to exercise spiritual jurisdiction. The various agencies employed, having such commendable objects in view, differ with the peculiarities of position and other circumstances, but all have the same design and purpose, viz.: the blending of recreation and amusement

with something that is both mentally and physically useful. It is unnecessary to detail these plans for good, in fact 'twould be impossible; for their name is legion. Wherever we see the parochial machinery of to-day in force, and find that at its head is an energetic priest, we may expect to hear of a cricket club, a football club, a rowing club, a bicycle club, a drum and fife band, and other similar organizations all in full vigour.

While applauding these and similar agencies, the idea naturally occurs to us, as it will no doubt to many of our readers, that there is one other recreative occupation which could with profit be attempted. Among those who would become members of the above mentioned clubs, there would doubtless be found many youths who would embrace with ardour the science of ringing on handbells, could they have the opportunity. The practice would compare favorably with many schemes which are begun under these auspices, and it would be second to none so far as healthful occupation of the mind was concerned. This is an interesting exercise where youth of both sexes could safely enjoy themselves, and those who from physical causes were unable to take part in out or in-door amusements, could find ample diversion in the practice of handbell ringing.

We submit the idea with confidence to the clergy who favour the formation in their parishes of the kind of clubs we have mentioned. By its adoption a two-fold purpose may be secured. The young handbell ringer who proved successful in it, and who had grown fond of the science, would be secured to the service of the Church by becoming in time one of the Church ringers. This would be no small advantage, and one which does not necessarily follow in other cases.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 26 cwt. in F.

JOHN JAGGAR	Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY	5.
WILLIAM WAKLEY	2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY	3.	THOMAS HOLMES	7.
JOHN AUSTIN	4.	GEORGE ROBINSON	Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

The above was rung to celebrate the elevation of Sir M. A. Bass, eldest son of the founder of St. Paul's Church, to the Peerage; also in honour of the marriage of Mr. Wm. Reley, Junr., a member of St. Paul's Church Choir, with Miss Louisa Chamberlain, daughter of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, builder, Burton-on-Trent.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb

WILLIAM SHARDLOW	Treble.	GEORGE MOTTASHAW	5.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2.	WILLIAM H. FOUND	6.
JOHN WILLIAM THOMPSON	3.	HARRY CHAS. WOODWARD	7.
WILLIAM B. MIDGLEY	4.	FREDERICK WHITING	Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY CHAS. WOODWARD.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX. THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, August 26, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES SEARLE .. .. .Treble.	CHARLES TYLER .. .. .5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. .2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. .6.
HENRY A. HOPKINS .. .. .3.	JOHN JAY, SENR. .. .. .7.
HARRY WESTON .. .. .4.	*WALTER F. VERNON ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAY, SENR.

* First Peal. Mr. H. A. Hopkins hails from London, and the rest of the company from Brighton.

MANCHESTER.—THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

J. S. WILDE .. .. .Treble.	ALBERT CROSS .. .. .6.
JOHN LEE .. .. .2.	ISAAC SHADE .. .. .7.
SAMUEL WEST .. .. .3.	SAMUEL BENNETT .. .. .8.
THOMAS WILDE .. .. .4.	JOHN THORP .. .. .9.
HENRY J. SHADE .. .. .5.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN THORP.

Wilde brothers hail from Hyde; Lee, Thorp and Longden from Ashton; West from Manchester; Shade brothers from London; Cross from Chester.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

Milenary Peal.

On Saturday, August 28, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED CLARK* .. .. .Treble.	*ANTHONY INGLEBY .. .. .5.
HARRY TOMLINSON .. .. .2.	MATTHEW TOMLINSON .. .. .6.
WILLIAM REED .. .. .3.	THOMAS CLARK .. .. .7.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. .4.	R. BINNS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by T. CLARK.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Bishopric. The peal is in one-part of 15 courses. Messrs. Binns and Tomlinson Bros. hail from Leeds, Mr. Reed from North Shields, Mr. Story from Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the rest from Ripon.
*First peal.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

BETHNAL GREEN (Middlesex).—On Saturday, August 21st, eight members of the above society rang at the parish church of St. Matthew, for practice, 1680 of Grandsire Triples, in 59 mins. Thomas Dupin, 1; Samuel Joyce, 2; William Cecil, 3; Henry Langdon, 4; Joseph West, 5; Henry Springhall, 6; Matthew A. Wood (conductor), 7; Arthur Hughes (Whitechapel Foundry), 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday evening, August 24th, at St. John's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Henry Taylor (first 720), 1; W. Patton, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. W. Whitfield, 4; W. Lancaster, 5; G. Kerton (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING.—On Sunday evening, August 29th, for Divine service, at St. Margaret's church, seven members of the above Association, with Mr. L. Green in place of Mr. Y. Green, rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; J. Gobbett, 2; W. B. Manning, 3; L. Green, 4; R. Sewell, 5; S. Hayes, 6; W. Doran, 7; E. A. Davies, 8. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARWICH.—Muffled Peal.—On Friday, August 20th, at St. Nicholas' church, on the occasion of the funeral of an old resident, the local company rang a 720 of Bob Minor, full muffled, and a 360 of Bob Minor, in whole pulls, half muffled, on the inside six. Knight, 1; Brewster, 2; Aldis, 3; Huff, 4; Peachey, 5; Ramplim, 6; Easter (conductor), 7; Knock, 8. And 168 of Bob Triples, in whole

pulls. Knock, 7; Easter, 8; the others as before. On Sunday, August 21st, for services, touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Triples, and a 720 of Bob Minor, standing as above. The band are indebted to some members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich, for a practice with them.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Monday, August 30th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Troyte's), in 50 mins. J. Austin, 1; G. Robinson, 2; W. Wakley, 3; W. B. Allison, 4; S. Grettton, 5; J. Griffin, 6; J. Jagger (conductor), 7; T. Holmes, 8. W. B. Allison hails from Stoke-on-Trent.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, August 15th, the St. Peter's society rang a 720 of College Single with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect for Mr. Lewis Cooper (nearly thirty years churchwarden of this parish). H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; G. Essex, 3; E. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, the 17th ult., for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob. C. Bush, 1; E. Menday, 2; F. Simmonds, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. S. Paice, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, 21st, for Divine service in the morning, a 360 of Bob Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; G. Essex, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. After Divine service in the evening, a 720 of Oxford Bob. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; G. Essex, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, 29th, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; G. Essex, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. And after service in the evening a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Egby, 3; H. Smith, 4; W. Newell, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Egby and Newell hail from Reading.

COOKHAM.—On Monday evening, August 23rd, a mixed band, members of the above Guild visited this place and rang several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles at the parish church. E. Keeley, 1; J. Truss, 2; J. Garrell, 3; C. Smith, 4; T. Dodd (conductor), 5; A. W. Truss, 6.

OXFORD.—On August 5th, at St. Peter's in the East, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. G. Fox, 1; A. Fox, 2; C. Tolley, 3; P. Hind, 4; W. Baslin (conductor), 5; A. Hind, 6. And on August 8th, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Fox, 1; C. Hounslow (conductor), 2; A. Hind, 3; A. Browning, 4; F. Castle, 5; A. Fox, 6. Also on August 9th, at St. Peter's in the East, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. J. Fox, 1; C. Hounslow, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. Hind, 4; W. Baslin (conductor), 5; A. Fox, 6. And on August 12th, at St. Peter's in the East, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. J. West, 1; W. Jeffrey, 2; C. Tolley, 3; P. Hind, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; A. Hind (conductor), 6. Also on August 22nd, at St. Peter's in the East, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. J. West, 1; C. Tolley, 2; A. Hind, 3; P. Hind, 4; A. Fox, 5; W. Baslin (conductor), 6. Also on August 29th, at St. Peter's in the East, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 22½ mins. J. West, 1; C. Tolley, 2; A. Hind, 3; P. Hind, 4; A. Fox, 5; W. Baslin (conductor), 6. Also on August 31st, at St. Thomas' church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. West, 1; A. Fox, 2; A. Hind, 3; C. Tolley, 4; W. Baslin (conductor), 5; F. Castle, 6.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

RINGWOOD (Stafford).—On August 30th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. G. E. Claridge, 1; A. Little, 2; W. R. Small, 3; W. Devey, 4; R. Cartwright, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method in 26½ mins. T. Vaughan, 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. Guest, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. J. Goodman, 1; David Bruce, 2; J. Devonport, 3; S. Bunn, 4; R. Schofield (conductor), 5; Rev. C. F. Collom, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (22 singles), in 25 mins. A. Piper, 1; E. Streeter, 2; H. Meads, 3; G. Cheesman, 4; H. Weston, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also after evening service, a 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor (26 singles). A. Piper, 1; A. Stoner, 2; H. Weston, 3; G. Cheesman, 4; H. Meads, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 26 mins. A. Piper, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; H. Weston, 4; J. Gasson, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. Messrs. Piper and Weston hail from Brighton.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE (Cheshire).—On Sunday, August 29th, for afternoon service at St. Michael's Church, eight members of the above Association rang 436 of Stedman Triples, and also 224 of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. J. Shade, 1; I. G. Shade (conductor), 2; T. Bradley, 3; T. Wilde, 4; J. Fildes, 5; S. Bradley, 6; J. S. Wilde, 7; S. Bennett, 8. Messrs. Shade hail from Greenwich, the rest belong to the local company.

HYDE (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning last for Divine service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. J. Shaw, 1; R. Pritchard, 2; T. Bradley, 3; T. Wilde, 4; R. Woolley, 5; S. Bradley, 6; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 7; D. Leigh, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—Recently, at the house of Mr. J. Filde, "Red Lion" inn, a course of Grandsire Caters. S. Bennett, 1-2; G. Longden, 3-4; T. Wilde, 5-6; S. Wood, 7-8; H. J. Shade (London), 9-10. Also a course of Stedman Triples. J. Thorp, 1-2; S. Wood, 3-4; G. Longden, 5-6; — Jakeman, 7-8. And a course of Stedman Caters. J. Thorp, 1-2; J. S. Wilde, 3-4; S. Wood, 5-6; G. Longden, 7-8; H. J. Shade (London), 9-10. Also a short touch of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. J. Thorp, 1-2; S. Wood, 3-4; J. S. Wilde, 5-6; T. Wilde, 7-8; G. Longden, 9-10; S. Bennett, 11-12.

BARLOW MOOR (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 29th, at Christ Church, the local company with their instructor rang a 168 of Grandsire Triples, seven times. T. D. Shaw, 1; W. Holbrook, 2; G. Pearson, 3; W. Mellor, 4; S. Pearson, 5; T. Brickell, 6; T. Wilde, 7; J. Cole, 8. Our correspondent adds: We are but a young company, and hope we shall soon be able to report a 5040, as we are making great progress under the instruction of Mr. Peter Brickell, of Northenden. It is to be considered that some of the company have only been change-ringers nine weeks.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, August 19th, at St. Peter's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; H. Vivash, 2; C. Staden, 3; T. Green (conductor), 4; E. E. Vinen, 5; G. Merritt, 6; H. Scarlett, 7; G. Colbran, 8. Also on Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine service, two 504's of Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; H. Vivash, 2; C. Staden, 3; T. Green, 4; J. Bennett, 5; A. Scarlett (conductor), 6; H. A. Garrett, 7; G. Colbran, 8. And on Sunday, August 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins., containing the twenty-four 6-7's. J. Bennett, 1; H. Scarlett, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; T. Green, 5; E. E. Vinen (conductor), 6; H. A. Garrett, 7; J. R. Jerram, 8. This is the first quarter-peal and the longest length on the bells. Also before Evensong, another quarter-peal, in 47 mins. H. A. Garrett, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; C. Staden, 3; E. E. Vinen, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6; C. A. Clements, 7; A. Grist, 8. Messrs. Jerram, Vinen, Gifford and Clements are College Youths; H. Scarlett belongs to the Cumberland Youths; the rest are local men, and their first quarter-peal.

BYTHORN (Northants).—On Sunday, August 29th, at early morning, on the parish church bells, several touches of Bob Singles. W. Richards, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; F. Smith, 3; E. Chapman, 4. Also during the day, some short touches of Single reversed and Double Bob Singles. H. Stubbs, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; F. Gilbert, 4.

Handbell Ringing.—At the house of Mr. L. Dunkley, on handbells retained in hand, 180 of Bob Minor (three bobs). W. J. Gilbert, 1-2; F. Gilbert, 3-4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5-6. Also a plain course of Bob Triples. E. Chapman, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3-4; F. Gilbert, 5-6; H. Stubbs, 7-8. Also at the house of Mr. J. Chapman, by the same ringers standing as before, 120 of Bob Minor, 120 of Bob Doubles, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. Messrs. W. J. Gilbert, F. Gilbert, and H. Stubbs, hail from Raunds, the rest from Bythorn.

CLYST ST. GEORGE (Devon).—On Sunday, August 22nd, after Divine Service at the parish church, five six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Rev. C. R. Chope, 1; F. Smith, 2; E. Beavis, 3; H. Steer, 4; J. L. Steer (conductor), 5; F. Shepherd, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in G♯.

EDWARDSTONE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 22nd, after Divine service in the afternoon, two 720's of Bob Minor, on the bells of the parish church (first 720 with eighteen bobs and three singles). H. Bowers, 1; H. Diggins, 2; A. Symonds (conductor), 3; R. Theobald, 4; W. Bantock, 5; T. Death, 6. Second (forty-two singles), composed by J. Levitt. R. Theobald, 1; A. Symonds (conductor), 2; R. Death, 3; H. Bowers, 4; J. Newman, 5; H. Diggins, 6. A. Symonds hails from Lavenham; Bantock, Bowers, Diggins and Theobald from Great Waddingfield; the rest are local men.

EXETER.—On Tuesday, August 24th, at St. Sidwell's church, 504 of Stedman Triples. E. Pitt, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. R. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; G. W. Townsend, 5; W. Goss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. Moss, 8. Mr. Townsend hails from Birmingham. Also on Sunday, August 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Trewman, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; W. Goss, 3; E.

Pitt (conductor), 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; J. Moss, 8. Mr. Trewman belongs to the Kenn branch of the Devonshire Guild, and this is his first quarter-peal. Also the first by W. Mundy on an inside bell.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Saturday, August 28th, a friendly meeting took place for practice, when the following touches were rung; 360 of Grandsire Minor in 14 mins. J. Woolford, 1; J. Basden, 2; G. Basden, 3; H. Macro, 4; C. Porter, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. Basden, 1; J. Basden, 2; C. Porter, 3; J. Parker (conductor), 4; A. Garraway, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob. The next friendly meeting will probably be at Wooburn on Saturday, September 25th.

HALSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, August 21st, the following members of the Sudbury company paid a visit to the above place, and rang for evening service at St. Andrews, a 360 of Bob Minor. Felix Tolliday, 1; James Campin, 2; William Bacon, 3; William Howell, 4; Arthur Scott, 5; Charles Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Also after the service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was attempted, but came to grief after ringing about 600 changes. Felix Tolliday, 1; Nelson Hawkins (Walter Belchamp), 2; William Bacon, 3; James Campin, 4; Walter Ward (Halstead), 5; Charles Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Some more touches of Bob Minor, Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles were then rung. Tenor 20 cwt. The ringers then adjourned to the meeting room at the "White Horse" where the handbells were brought out, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung. F. Tolliday, 1-2; Arthur Scott, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; W. Howell, 7-8; J. Campin, 9-10. Also a course of Bob Royal. C. Sillitoe, 1-2-3-4; J. Campin, 5-6; W. Howell, 7-8; A. Scott, 9-10. Touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and some tunes by Messrs. Sillitoe, Howell and Scott, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, August 23rd, at St. Peter's Pro Cathedral, the Liverpool Youths' society, with Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield, and Mr. George Longden, of Ashton-under-Lyne, a start was made for a 5079 of Stedman Caters, and all went on merrily for 2 hours 15 minutes, thirty-two courses having been rung when, owing to the excessive heat, one of the band had to throw up the sponge, being knocked out of time. Richard Williams, 1; John R. Pritchard, 2; Thomas Hammond, 3; Charles H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 4; John Brown, 5; George Longden, 6; George Fisher, 7; Robert Williams, 8; William Davies, 9; William Brooks, 10.

POOLE (Dorset).—On Saturday, August 28th, a mixed band paid a visit to the above town, and at St. James's church the following touches were rung. A 518 of Grandsire Triples (no time mentioned). J. Bennett (Bournemouth), 1; C. Clements (Salisbury), 2; C. Staden (Bournemouth), 3; H. Scarlett (conductor, Walthamstow), 4; T. Green (Bournemouth), 5; J. R. Jerram (Salisbury), 6; H. A. Garrett (Bournemouth), 7; A. Grist (Bournemouth), 8. Also a 784 in the same method. J. Bennett, C. Clements, 2; E. E. Vinen (conductor, London), 3; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), 4; T. Green, 5; H. Scarlett, 6; H. A. Garrett, 7; A. Grist, 8. A start was made for a quarter-peal, but came to grief when within three leads of the finish. J. Bennett, 1; C. Clements, 2; H. Scarlett, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; T. Green, 5; E. E. Vinen (conductor), 6; H. A. Garrett, 7; J. R. Jerram, 8. The bells are a very fine ring, and go fairly well. Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb. The ringers wish to convey their thanks to the Vicar for giving permission to use the bells, and also to the steeple-keeper for making all ready at very short notice.

STISTED (Essex).—*Muffled Peals.*—On Saturday, Aug. 21st, a 720 was rung with the bells deeply muffled, for the funeral of the Rev. Canon Tarver, in 25 mins., which finished as the solemn cortege neared the belfry doors. Another 720 was rung as the mourners left the grave of the departed Canon, at the expressed wish of the brother of the deceased. A. Chaplin, 1; F. Saunders, 2; W. Bearman (Bocking), 3; S. Sargent (Bocking), 4; W. Radley, 5; C. Bearman (Bocking; conductor), 6.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, August 20th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Barnes, 1; W. H. Buckingham, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6; A. Sibley (first 504 in the method), 7-8. Also on Saturday, August 21st, 251 of Grandsire Triples, with J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 7-8. And on Friday, August 27th, 360 of College Single. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also on Saturday, August 28th, 720 of College Single, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. First 720 of College Single by all.

SHIRE OAKS (Notts).—On Tuesday evening, August 24th, for practice at St. Luke's Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. D. Russon, 1; M. T. Wright, 2; E. Russon, 3; S. Harvey, 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Taylor, 6. Conducted by W. Hargreaves. Also on

Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 24½ mins. D. Russon, 1; M. T. Wright, Esq., 2; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 3; S. Harvey, 4; R. Knowles, 5; J. Hargreaves, 6.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Harding, 1; *L. Digweed, 2; A. Cornford, 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. Also on Monday evening for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. G. Elcombe, 1; L. Digweed, 2; A. Cornford, 3; G. Martin, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Harper, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. *J. Broom, 1; F. Ring, 2; F. Hayes, 3; G. Martin, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. *First in the method.

TITCHMARSH (Northants).—On Saturday, August 21st, a visit was paid to St. Mary's church by some members of the Raunds and Wellingboro' District Association. As there were only seven members for a start, the back seven were raised, and (for practice) a 252 of Bob Triples was rung. E. Chapman, 1; J. Pettit, 2; A. Groom, 3; F. Gilbert (conductor), 4; R. Dunkley, 5; W. J. Gilbert, 6; T. Roberts, 7. Also a 720 of College Single (18 bobs and 2 singles). J. Pettit, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; A. Groom, 3; F. Gilbert (conductor), 4; R. Dunkley, 5; T. Roberts, 6; E. Chapman, 7. As Messrs. Allen, Kirk, and Jeffs put in an appearance, touches of Grandsire and Bob Triples and Bob Major were rung, but no long lengths were attempted. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Rev. F. M. Stopford for the use of the bells on this occasion. Messrs. W. T. and F. Gilbert, Allen and Kirk hail from Raunds; T. Roberts, from Ringstead; A. Groom from Denford; R. Dunkley and E. Chapman from Bythorn, Hunts.; J. Pettit, from Keystone, Hunts.; G. Jeff belongs to the local company.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Thursday, August 26th, at St. Mary's parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26 mins. E. Yates, 1; R. H. Barton, 2; T. Woodward, 3; W. Rushton, 4; C. E. Wilson (first peal in the method), 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, August 29th, a 120 of Grandsire Minor, 120 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, and 216 of Plain Bob Minor. T. Rushton, 1; C. J. Rushton, 2; W. Short, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; R. Stockley, 5; R. H. Barton, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Single Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; *T. R. Somerville, 3; *T. Rushton, 4; *R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Willson (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 9 cwt. Messrs. Yates, Barton, Short, Woodward and W. Rushton hail from Bootle, the rest belong to the local company.

WICKHAM MARKET (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 22nd, at All Saints' church, for Divine service in the evening, the local company rang a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Reeve, 1; G. Reeve, 2; *A. Reeve, 3; F. Reeve, 4; W. Reeve, 5; J. Howard (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, August 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 28 mins. *A. Reeve, 1; G. Reeve, 2; F. Reeve, 3; J. Howard, 4; E. Todd, 5; W. Reeve (conductor), 6.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, August 31st, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Bye, 1; C. Bye, 2; G. C. Scowen, 3; J. Cooley, 4; B. E. Battrum, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Superlative Surprise Minor. G. C. Scowen, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Bye, 3; B. E. Battrum, 4; A. Garrett, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, August 29th, for Divine service in the evening, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 39 mins. *B. Sheldon, 1; G. Hogg, 2; H. Harman, 3; J. C. Harvey (conductor) 4; W. Watchorn, 5; H. Harvey, 6; E. E. Richards, 7; *R. Carter, 8. *First quarter-peal.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, August 29th, for Morning Service at the parish church, 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. Pamplin, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; F. Radley, 4; G. E. Hilliard, Esq., 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. Also for afternoon service on the same day, four 120's of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. H. Pamplin, 1; J. Everard, 2; F. Radley, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; A. Bonnington, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. Practice has been somewhat interrupted during harvest time, but the band hopes to make real progress in the course of the winter.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at BRAINTREE (six bells), on Saturday, September 25th. Ringing to commence at 11.30 o'clock. The towers of BOCKING (six bells), two miles from Braintree; *RAYNE (six bells), two miles; and STISTED (six bells), three miles; will also be open to Members; and the School-room at Braintree will be open for Handbell ringing during the day. Meat Tea at the "Wheat Sheaf", inn, at 5 p.m. Business Meeting immediately after the tea. Tickets

(sixpence each to Members) may be obtained from the Secretary up to Tuesday, September 21st, after which date the price will be 1s. Return Tickets will be issued by the G. E. R. at a single fare and a quarter, to Members who show at the Booking Office their E.A.C.R. receipts for the present year, provided they inform the Secretary before September 21st from what station they start. (Trains from Witham to Braintree at 10.29 a.m., 1.12, 3.46 p.m.; Braintree to Witham, 2.33, 4.22, 7.5 p.m.; Bishops Stortford to Braintree, 10.25 a.m. 12.47, 3.25 p.m.; Braintree to Bishops Stortford, 11.10 a.m., 1.55, 4.25 p.m.) T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford, September, 1886.

*Rayne is a Station on the Bishops Stortford line, six minutes from Braintree.

CRICKET MATCH.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS V. ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

This Cricket Match, as announced in last week's issue, will be played this (Saturday) afternoon on the Civil Service Ground, Battersea Park. Play will commence at 3 o'clock sharp. At the conclusion of the Match, a Knife and Fork Tea will be provided at Mr. Collins', the "Freemason's Arms," Spicer-street, Bridge-road, Old Battersea. After the Tea a Smoking Concert will be held. Should the afternoon prove wet and no cricket takes place, the Tea and Smoking Concert will be held all the same.

College Youths.	Cumberland Youths.
Mr. R. T. Woodley (Captain).	Mr. H. S. Thomas (Captain).
" M. A. Wood.	" A. G. Thomas.
" J. W. Rowbotham.	" A. J. Bennett.
" A. B. Ward (of Derby).	" W. Orchard.
" G. T. McLaughlin.	" W. Porter.
" J. Murray Hayes.	" Smith.
" George Mash.	" C. Ludwig.
" H. Pudney.	" A. H. Gardom.
" Samuel E. Joyce.	" E. Albone.
" Walter Prime.	" W. Ambrose.
" W. Ham.	" W. W. Thorne.

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."

AN INCORRECT IMPRESSION.

SIR,—I cannot let Mr. John Smith's letter in your issue of the 28th, pass without some comment; but may I at once assure him that if the 720 recently recorded was not the first on the back six bells at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, I am quite ready to apologise for the incorrect report in your paper. I made most careful enquiries, both before and since my report, from members who were in the band from the beginning, and they all agreed that, though there were many attempts, only one 720, on the top 5 and the 7th, with the 6th and 8th covering, was ever brought round, and this my report did not contradict. But my object in writing this letter was to correct a false impression which the casual reader of Mr. Smith's letter, last Saturday, might carry away, namely, that the band to which Mr. John Smith belongs, taught the "young band" change-ringing when they were first formed. This incorrect impression would be confirmed did the reader know that the band could manage the bells before this "instruction," so the obvious inference is that they taught them change-ringing. It may possibly be a fruit of their efforts that our own band rang "Tombstone surprise" for 10 years, i.e., until 18 months ago, but I imagine Mr. John Smith would not call this change ringing. As a matter of fact, this neighbouring band was asked to instruct the newly formed band, after the bells were first hung. This they did by "almost weekly" visits, when they practised the 720 Grandsire themselves, telling men who could not distinguish "lead" and "lie," or tell a "bob" from a "dodge," to "stand and watch me," no verbal explanation or diagrams being vouchsafed. Very rarely one was taken inside and told what bells to pull after, and thus the foundation of ten years call changes was carefully laid. After an interval, the Old Hill ringers, feeling their inability to learn without book or hints, again applied to Mr. Smith and his band, for "instruction in the art of change-ringing," which Mr. Smith is so "anxious should be spread among all ringing societies." This resulted in further 720 practice, and then, if not on the first occasion, in the 720 to which I have above alluded, as not being on the back six. For this exhibition of talent a fee was charged which was somewhat exorbitant, considering that the home band was left precisely *in statu quo*. By this time I fear that the reader's natural inference will be that the Old Hill ringers' intelligence did not rise, as Troyte says, above the level of "turning a

mangle"; but—and in their defence, since I was not then with them, I must ask pardon for "pulling out the trumpet stop"—having learnt the principles of change-ringing from the Oxford University Society, my brother and I started to pull eleven men, who knew as much of plain hunting as of Superlative Surprise, up to our own level of 6-score Grandsire Doubles. In less than six months, of which we were absent for three or more at Oxford or the seaside, these *dullards* could, with two exceptions, ring the Grandsire 120 Doubles. That was 12 months ago, and since then, though the bells were unused for two months, during a period of re-hanging, and we two were away for four or five of the 12 months, they have taken up the matter so earnestly, that all but one have accomplished the 720 Grandsire on an inside bell (and the one on the treble), with only the slightest aid from the rest of the side. Moreover there is a thorough acquaintance with Grandsire and Bob Doubles, many being able to call in these or in Minor, and short touches of Bob Minor and *Grandsire Triples*, as well as the 120 Stedman Doubles on handbells (and prospectively on the tower) are also done. Thus it appears to me as if the fault did not lie with the home ringers, and I leave it to any one who has read this letter, to judge of what value the "lessons" of Mr. John Smith and his band must have been. To recur to the first matter, it was considered by all outsiders as well as ourselves, an impossibility to ring tenor in through a 720 before the re-hanging last March, and I should like to ask Mr. Smith to tax his memory once more before he asks us to insert the words, "by Old Hill Ringers" on our 720 board, though of course we should do so if he can assure us of the fact. In casting in their teeth the secession from the Worcestershire Association, Mr. Smith seems to forget that, since our members got no benefit from these members of it, they, not unreasonably, regarded belonging to it as an unnecessary luxury, even for the small subscription asked. Apologising to you, Sir, for taking up so much of your space, I beg to remain, yours, &c.,

Haden Cross, Old Hill.

ALFRED H. BASSANO.

ECCLES PARISH CHURCH AND ECCLES WAKES.

SIR,—It may interest your Eccles readers to know that Wakes generally, and Eccles Wakes in particular, were originally religious festivals. It was the custom for the faithful in the good old times "to assemble in the village on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin," to whom the Eccles parish church is dedicated, and after proceeding to the church to celebrate the occasion with prayer and other good deeds. The bells, too, performed their part in the festival and were rung. Every Eccles Wake Sunday it has been the custom up to the last year or so, to ring the bells in commemoration of the above day, but the Wakes time has become a noisy carnival, that any religious bearing it might once have possessed has been lost.

J. B.

DAINS v. VINEN.

SIR,—No one could have been more surprised than I when I read Mr. Dains' letter in your issue of the 21st inst. My "BELL NEWS" had for some reason not reached me until late in the week, or I should have made an earlier reply to the most unwarrantable statements about myself contained in that letter. The first portion is devoted to me, and asserts that I am wanting in "good taste," as shewn in a letter which you were good enough to publish from me some weeks ago. In it I expressed an opinion that the indiscriminate publication of peals, which even if technically correct are musically worthless, might with advantage be made less general than has been the case hitherto. So far as I can make out, Mr. Dains questions my "good taste" on two grounds: firstly, for "interfering in the matter while the case was pending," secondly, for "posing as a critic," with very inadequate, or at any rate, improved qualifications for the task. To take the points separately. The "case was pending," and "while a case is proceeding in court, gentlemen of the press usually remain quiet." These statements are perfectly correct, and the only thing to be said, is that they have absolutely no bearing on the question. To compare an open controversy on a general question in the pages of "THE BELL NEWS," to a trial in court, upon which "gentlemen of the press" must remain silent, is not less than absurd. How the impropriety of this individual and abstract expression of opinion is established by allusions, which I think it will be agreed are quite remote from the point at issue, I fail altogether to discern. Indeed, there is nothing in common between the two cases, a fact which is so obvious that I will dwell no longer upon it, merely expressing my astonishment that Mr. Dains could have committed himself to the enunciation of so patent an absurdity. Your pages, Mr. Editor, we have hitherto understood are open to all correspondents; Mr. Dains seems to think that this is not as it should be. Passing by this amazing display of inconsequence, I come to the second point. In view of the fact that Mr. Dains is desirous of only "going in for honest criticism" and wishes to be "very and particularly correct in all that he writes," it is with much wonder and some amusement that I contemplate the fulfilment of this excellent intention as illustrated in the letter before me. It was with some feeling of indignation that I

read what I must call the gross misrepresentation of my letter which Mr. Dains has put before your readers. I appeal with confidence to every impartial reader of my letter, to say whether or not I "posed as a critic." I should have been guilty of some presumption if I had taken upon myself to criticise any peal apart from its musical qualities and I strictly and designedly refrained from doing so. Mr. Dains has yet to shew that I am not competent to express an opinion on this point, and anything else I have never yet attempted to do. Mr. Dains has evidently either read my letter very carelessly, or having read it, has mostly forgotten it, and in either case the failure to be accurate comes curiously from the man who vaunts his love for "honesty" and "correctness."

ERNEST EDWARD VINEN.

ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—I think Mr. Catchpole could not have taken much pains to see if the peal of Stedman Cinques which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of last week, was an original production. I may say that with the exception of the first two courses, it is my composition. And out of these two courses he has one for no purpose only to increase the number of changes, so strictly speaking, it differs from mine in one course only. The peal I am referring to I composed in 1873 and conducted the same in Birmingham, May 19th, 1882. The figures and other particulars appearing in "THE BELL NEWS" the same month. I should not have troubled you with this letter had Mr. Catchpole brought the coming round course in a totally different manner than mine, which I consider is the very essence of the composition, and was the first ever published on this plan. Unless a peal has some distinct feature in the coming home course (and less calls the better) it cannot possibly be considered an original composition, as it is only in this instance that any knowledge of the theory of ringing is displayed. It is very easy to make any ordinary peal of Stedman Caters false in the coming round course, and nine out of every ten could be so made that I have seen. Those peals which have one or more bells twelve courses behind the ninth in natural courses, that is without disturbing the treble and seven, eight, nine (this rule also applies to Stedman Cinques), are rare productions and are much more liable to be false than those I have already alluded to. I am sure Mr. Catchpole will excuse me in calling his attention to these particulars, and assure him I do so for the benefit of the ringing community, to let them see how necessary it is to test the originality of their compositions. Just a few words more to those whom it may concern. There are a many peals which appear from time to time in your journal from other sources, and which are of a very ordinary class, and are not worth the space they occupy. It may be argued that anyone has an equal right to send peals and other matter for publication to which I agree providing they are worth publishing, but no one has the right to expect to occupy space with a lot of desultory and common-place things for the mere sake of gratifying his ambition. I am not writing this letter with the idea of throwing dust in the eyes of anyone, in fact it's quite the reverse, and I am only too pleased to encourage composing where I see there is any likelihood of some headway to be made.

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THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL.

SIR,—Mr. H. Dains writes in your columns of August 21st on the above subject, stating that it has occurred to him that a place above the Memorial Window could be found for the names of the various Bell Foundries.—"He thinks that if this were done, the subscription list would be considerably augmented." Doubtless it would be, so far as the Bell Founders are concerned, but he may rest assured that if such a thing were seriously thought of for one moment scores of Societies would hold aloof from the scheme. As an example I may mention the Society with which I am connected, the St. Peter's, Caversham. This Society has collected a sum of money in aid of the Memorial, but seeing Mr. Dain's letter (well meant as doubtless it was), the members have resolved to withhold their subscription, (small though it is), until they can be assured that such a proposal has been once and for ever knocked on the head. That a portion of the interior walls of the house of God should be made use of as an advertisement hoarding, setting forth in letters of gold the claims of the rival foundries, cannot for one moment be tolerated by any true church ringer. On this ground this society, and probably many others, will withhold their subscriptions until an express denial that such a scheme is likely to be proposed has been publicly given by the memorial committee. We cannot suppose that they would entertain the proposal for an instant, if they did it is scarcely within the bounds of probability that a faculty would be granted by the Archdeacon, without which no window or memorial of any sort or kind may be legally set up in any church.

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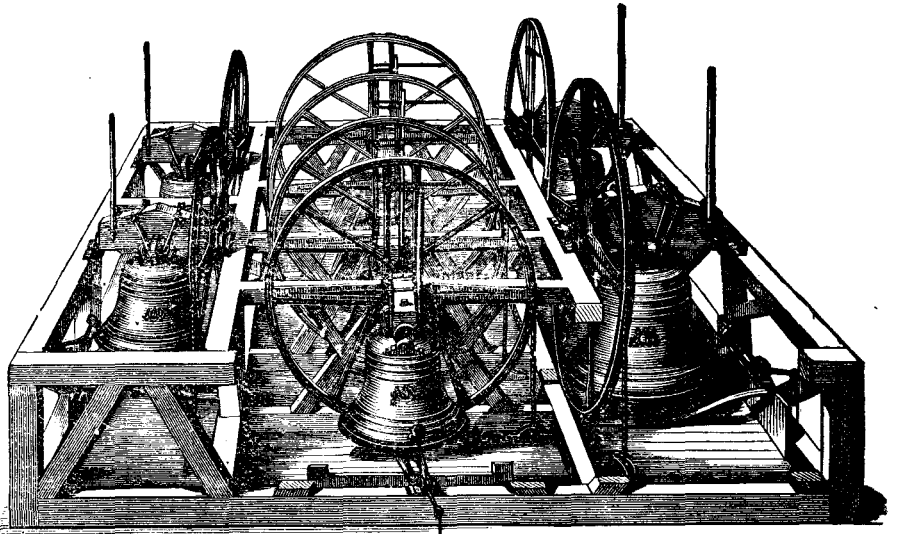
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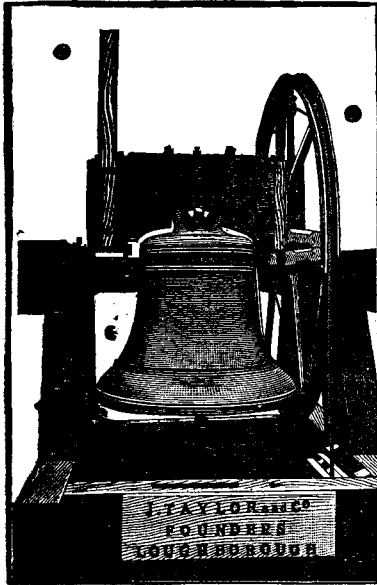
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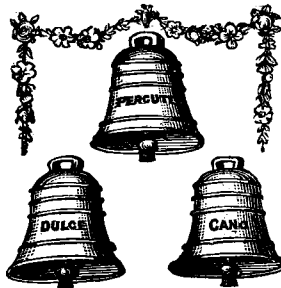
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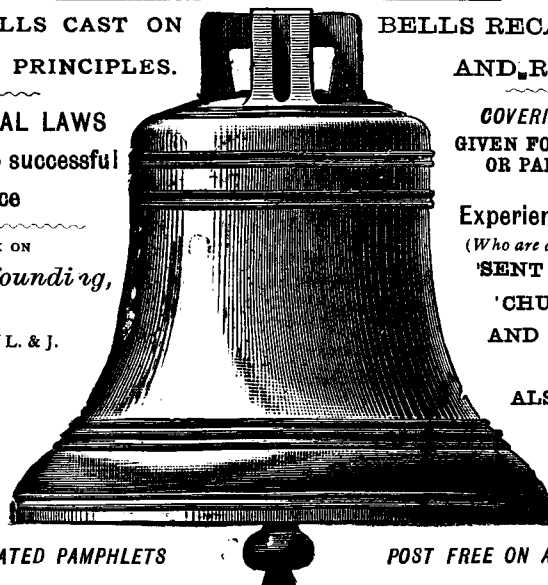
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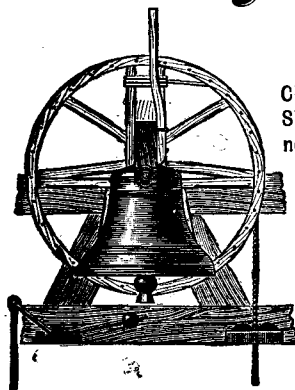
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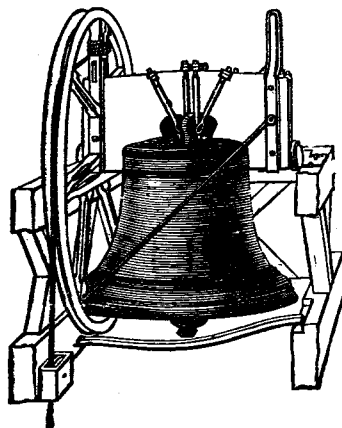
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COLLEGE YOUTHS v. CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

In accordance with the announcement in last week's issue of this paper, the representative teams of the above societies met in Battersea Park to try their skill with the willows, and not only succeeded in scoring a number of runs, but clearly proved that they could enter with great energy into this noble out-door sport, as they could when conducting Holt's Original. Three o'clock, the appointed time for starting the match, saw the respective elevens eager for the fray and in the presence of a great many ringing friends. Mr. Woodley decided (having been successful in the toss), to place the Cumberlands on their defence, and accordingly Messrs. Gardom and Albane started to the bowling of Messrs. Wood and Rowbotham, from the third ball of the latter's first over Albane drove the ball fairly to one side for five, which he subsequently followed up by obtaining ten runs off Woodley's in one over, when Mr. Gardom made the misfortune to play on, the first wicket falling for fifteen runs. Mr. A. J. Bennett filled the vacancy, and before the next wicket fell sixty runs were added, as in spite of frequent changes of bowling runs came at a great pace, at last came the dismissal of Albane, who had played steady cricket for his twenty-seven, but who succumbed to a good ball sent down by W. Prime. H. W. Orchard then joined Bennett (who had been hitting vigorously) and after rapidly compiling sixteen, comprised of a five, four twos, and singles, was finely caught by Joyce at mid on.

On C. Smith going to the wickets the state of the game stood 100 for three wickets, and then came what proved to be a long and determined stand, no less than eighty-three runs being added to the total before Mr. Bennett was caught by Rowbotham off Mash's bowling. This gentleman, who scored eighty-three runs from his own bat, went to the wickets when the score was fifteen and stayed till 183 appeared on the board. Mr. A. Thomas stayed but a short time, being clean bowled out by W. Prime, with the score at 201, and was succeeded by W. Ambrose, who after scoring ten runs in four balls, was run out; the next four wickets added but nine runs, Mr. H. S. Thomas falling to the dexterity of M. Wood, the wicket-keeper, for five, and Mr. Porter to the same gentleman by a good catch, while the venture was brought to a close by W. Prime bowling Thorne, which left Mr. C. Ludwig the honour of carrying out his bat.

On reviewing the play during the innings, it will be seen by the analysis that the bowling was much below the average, this being accounted for by most of the team being entirely out of practice, and we have no doubt that had the deliveries been more on the wicket, the total (225) which was amassed would have been considerably reduced. There being now only twenty-five minutes to the drawing of stumps, Messrs. Woodley and Ham quickly appeared on their defence, the Cumberland's attack being directed by Messrs. Bennett and Orchard, but so vigorously did the batsmen hit, that at the call of time they remained unconquered, for seventeen and fourteen respectively. We append herewith the respective scores and bowling analysis.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.		COLLEGE YOUTHS.	
Albane b W. Prime	27	R. J. Woodley not out	17
H. H. Gardom b Rowbotham	0	— Ham not out	14
A. J. Bennett c Rowbotham, b		Wood	
Mash	83	J. Hayes	
H. W. Orchard c Joyce, b		Rowbotham	
Prime	16	Mash	
C. Smith run out	39	Joyce	
A. G. Thomas b W. Prime ..	9	Prime	
W. Ambrose run out	10	Pudney	
H. S. Thomas st. M. Wood, b		Ward	
Woodley	5		
W. H. Porter c M. Wood, b			
Prime	0		
Thorne b Prime	1		
C. W. Ludwig not out	4		
Extras	31		
	225		32

Bowling Analysis.—COLLEGE YOUTHS.

	Overs	Maidens	Wides	Wickets	Runs
Woodley	14	—	10	1	59
Wood	11	2	2	0	43
Rowbotham	9	0	6	1	34
Ham	6	0	0	0	29
Ward	7	0	4	0	14
Prime	19	1	0	5	34
Pudney	2	0	2	0	4
Mash	1	0	0	1	1

As will be seen, W. Prime carried off the bowling honours, taking five wickets for thirty-four.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs
A. J. Bennett	5	—	—	19
H. W. Orchard	4	—	—	10
C. Smith	1	—	—	1

Leaving the field with the congratulations of many old ringers that this match, which has been on hand some time, had at last been brought to realization, the elevens and friends betook themselves to the "Freemason's Arms," Spicer Street, Battersea, where host Collins had provided an excellent meat tea for the company, and had in every way provided for their comfort during their short stay on his premises. When once seated the gentlemen were soon set to work by some half dozen willing hands, who tried their hardest to make their friends happy, and in place of the shouts of an hour ago of "Catch it Mash," "Well stopped Hayes," etc., the merry ring of the knives and forks might be heard as they did many a dodge between the individual and the plate. It is said that human endurance has an end, and so it made itself very prominent on this occasion, but not before the utmost respect had been paid to the good viands provided to appease the cravings of hungry nature. At last, exclaimed one well-known ringer, we have reached the welcome home single, and stand having been called, the well filled bodies filed downstairs to spend a convivial hour in each other's company, and receive the refreshing sound of music under the able leadership of Mr. W. H. D. Porter. Mr. Woodley having taken the chair, supported by Mr. H. S. Thomas, harmony was at once resorted to, and the chairman opened the proceedings by rendering in a very effective style a song entitled "Thy Voice," which well merited the applause it received, as did also the one by Mr. H. W. Orchard, "Kitty Wells." "The Gallant Leader of the Band," rendered in good style by Mr. W. D. Smith, was followed by "The Frenchman," excellently sung by Mr. Edwards, one of the visitors. A good song by Mr. Tyack, was responded to by Mr. Gardom in the shape of "Sailing," which brought on a feat of memory by Mr. Church, known as the "Paris Exhibition," all of which received the plaudits of the assembly.

Mr. Mash then rose at a call from the chair to say a few words on the occasion of the day's meeting, and in the course of his remarks, which were delivered in his usual genial manner said, that he thought this was the first occasion on which, during his memory, these two great societies had met for a convivial meeting together, and although he saw no reason why they should not have done so in the past, still they would receive his hearty congratulations on having achieved this evening an object which he with others had long cherished, namely, in binding two great and powerful societies in social and amiable discourse, and he might say many others not only wished, but sincerely hoped that this meeting would be made an annual affair, so that good might accrue from it, in blending the opinions of the members of both sides on any great question that might arise in campanology in the future, and in resuming his seat, Mr. Mash concluded by proposing the healths of Messrs. H. S. Thomas and Woodley, who had been instrumental in bringing the meeting to its present issue. Musical honours were accorded to these gentlemen, and Mr. Pudney sung "The King and Beggar Maid," when Mr. Thomas rose to reply to the toast of his health, and said he fully reciprocated the very eloquent remarks which had fallen from Mr. Mash, who could speak with great authority for his society, and expressed the very great pleasure it gave him to meet all present on this momentous occasion, and he fully hoped to receive a challenge from the College Youths next year, and would say in conclusion that anything he could do towards forwarding the object they all had in view, namely, in drawing these two societies into closer friendship with each other, he would only be too happy to do, and if they thought this meeting had been a success, he hoped they might still go on improving, and thanking the company for the expression of good feelings towards him, resumed his seat amid loud applause.

Mr. Woodley, who spoke in the same strain, regretted that he had been unable to get together a stronger team for the match, but that owing to various circumstances several members had disappointed him and he had to fall back upon the indulgence of the members now present, but he had no doubt now that the ice had been broken, that no difficulty would be presented in the future of getting together a thoroughly strong team, thanking Mr. Thomas and the Cumberlands generally for the very pleasant evening they had afforded them, and for the good feeling shown on this occasion. Mr. Woodley was warmly received on resuming his seat.

Mr. John Rogers then gave a very refreshing sea song, followed by a good ballad rendered by Mr. Mash, and which was succeeded with good songs by Messrs. Hopkins, Greenleaf, Porter, Joyce, Rowbotham, and Sanders.

Mr. Edwards then proposed, in very feeling terms, the health of Mr. Porter, with a vote of thanks for his very able conductorship of the harmonium, and said he had attended a great many smoking concerts, but never where an accompanist had surpassed their friend Mr.

Porter, and he thought the company present could not testify their appreciation of his talents in a better way than according him a hearty vote of thanks, which was unanimously passed amid great cheering.

Mr. Porter, who was visibly affected, thanked the company for their sincere vote of thanks, and assured them that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to be amongst them and render the convivial hours pleasant by his humble efforts. A song by Mr. Ham was followed by a hearty vote of thanks to Host Collins for the excellent arrangements he had made for their comfort, the marked attention he paid to their individual wants, and also for the good and substantial repast provided with such efficiency. These remarks having been duly acknowledged in suitable terms by the host, "Auld Lang Syne," and the National Anthem brought to a conclusion a most agreeable and enjoyable meeting.

BELLS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, 1886.

In answer to Mr. F. W. J. Rees' wish to complete the "List of Bucks' Bells" published by him in "THE BELL NEWS" for 24th July. I now forward a "Revised List" with all the additions and corrections I am able to supply; but even now it is far from completion. With all respect to our distant friend, whose contributions will always be received with interest, I append herewith a few notes having reference to the following peals: A. Early in 15th century this church had a central tower with 5 bells dated from 1583 to 1683. The tower was subsequently built at the West end of the church, a peal of eight cast by K. Phelps, of Whitechapel, 1711. The fifth was recast by T. Swain, in 1756. The two trebles to make a peal of ten added by J. Briant, of Hertford, 1788, and the old treble recast by him. They remained as ten for some time, until 1790, the late G. Harman then constructed and fixed an excellent set of chimes, but the tenor, eighth, fourth and the treble had to be all recast in 1802, by Thomas Mears, of London, having become useless. B. Sanctus bell 1621, central tower, bells not rang at all, long draught 60ft. C. Trebles added 1836. D. Grandsire Doubles, or triples rang at these towers. E. Present tenor, cast 1841, 26 cwt. 3 qrs.; old tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. G. Very much out of tune. K. The lightest peal in the county. F. Supposed to have been cast same size and weight as Bray, tenor in Berks, 36 cwt., and is considered the heaviest peal in the county. M. & S. stands for Mears and Stainbank, the present proprietors of the Whitechapel Foundry, where these letters appear the bells have all come from this Foundry, but were not in all cases cast by this firm. H. Interior of tower and all the bells but one destroyed by lightning, March 21st, 1828. Altogether the county contains about 888 bells, without noticing school or chapel bells, distributed as hereunder—

96 Rings	One peal of 10	10
	Twelve peals of 8	96
	Forty-three peals of 6	258
	Forty peals of 5	200
	Sixteen sets of 4	64
	Forty-five sets of 3	135
	Twenty-six ditto	52
	Thirty single bells	30
	Thirteen sanctus bells	43
	Eight sets of chimes	30
	Total	888

Appended is a list of 5 bell peals, which I think it advisable to add, as no doubt many of them will be augmented in a few years, owing to the gradual increase of method ringing and belfry reform generally throughout the county.

BELLS AND RINGERS OF BUCKS.

Town or Village	Church	Tenor weight	References	Notes re Founders, &c.
The only peal of 10 in the County.				
High Wycombe	All Saints	23	A	2 & 3 cast by Briant, 1718, 7th by Swain, 1756.
PEALS OF EIGHT BELLS.				
Aylesbury	S. Mary's	22	B	Mears and Stainbank, rehung 1854
Beaconsfield	S. Mary's and All Saints	21½		Mears and Stainbank, 1884
Bletchley	S. Mary	17		Rudhall, 1713
Buckingham	S. S. Peter & Paul	24		Mears and Stainbank
Denham	S. Mary	24		M. & S.—except tenor by Warners, 1875
Great Marlow	All Saints	16	D	All by Mears and Stainbank
Haddenham	Virgin Mary	19		
Hughendon	S. Michael & All Angels	12½		Trebles by Warners, 1881, 3, and 4 by M. and S.
Long Crendon	S. Nicholas	19	D	Mears and Stainbank
Newport Pagnell	S. S. Peter and Paul	22		Mears and Stainbank
Slough	S. Mary	9	De	Mears and Stainbank (4th unknown, 1619)
Wooburn	S. Paul	16		M. and S., except 5th by Warner 1790 and the 6th by Murphy, Dublin, 1868.

PEALS OF SIX BELLS.

Amersham	S. Mary	21		Tenor by "Catlin 1745," the others by M. and S.
Aston Clinton	Michael	13		Mears and Stainbank
Bierton	James	11		Taylor and Co.
Brill	All Saints	11		M. & S., treble added 1884
Chalfont	S. Peter's	10		M. & S., except 2nd by Catlin, 1742
Chalfont	Giles	11		Mears and Stainbank
Chenies	Michael	10		Ditto ditto rehung 1885
Chesham	Mary	17		
Chickley	Lawrence	9	D	Warner's, a new peal 1884
Cuddington	Nicholas	9	H	70ft. tower new peal almost both cast at Whitechapel
Edlesborough	Mary	9		Mears and Stainbank
Ellesborough	S. S. Peter & Paul	9		Odd bells, 2 added by Warner 1884
Farnham Royal	S. Mary	12	D	Mears and Stainbank
Fulmer	James	8	D	
Great Brickhill	Mary	14		
" Linford	Andrew	—		
" Horwood	James	—		
" Missenden	Mary Abbey Church	36	E	Reputed local wght. of tenor Recently rehung
Hambledon	Mary	14		
Hillesden	All Saints	—		Tenor 1747, Catlin, — 5th by Swain, others by M. & S.
Iver	S. Peter	19		Warners 1875
Ivinghoe	Mary	15	K	Mears and Stainbank
Lane End	Holy Trinity	6		
Marsworth	All Saints	—		
Mursley	S. Mary Virgin	—		
Newton Longville	S. Faith	12		Taylor and Co.
Olney	S. S. Peter & Paul	30	F	Reputed local weight 36 cwt. Recently rehung entirely
Padbury	S. Matthew	—		
Soulsbury	All Saints	—		
Stoke Pogis	S. Giles	14	G	2 & 4 by "Swain 1772-3," others by M. & S.
Stony Stratford	"	12		Taylor and Co.
Swanbourne	" Switbin	—		
Waddesden	" Michael	—		
Wendover	" Mary	12		One is dated 1581
West Wycombe	" Lawrence	14		
Weston Underwood	" Lawrence	—		
Whaddon	" Mary	—		
Whitchurch	" John	—		
Winchendon Lower	" Nicholas	—		
Wingrave	S. S. Peter & Paul	—		
Winslow	S. Lawrence	—		
Wolverton	Holy Trinity	—		
Wraybury	S. Andrews	12		Trebles by Warner, 1881, Tenor unknown 1591, 3, 4, 5, by Eldridge

PEALS OF FIVE BELLS.

Ashton Abbots	S. James	—		Dated 1632, 1740, 1739, 1752, 1752.
Bledlow	Holy Trinity	—		Tenor by Swain, 4th Knight, others by M. & S.
Burnham	S. Peter	14½		
Broughton	Lawrence	—		Taylor & Co.
Calverton	All Saints	11		
Cheddington	S. Giles	—		
Claydon Steeple	Michael	—		
" East	Mary	—		
Clifton Keynes	" the Virgin	—		
Datchet	" Mary	12		Odd bells not pealable, 2 and 3 by M. & S.
Dinton	" Martin	—		
Emberton	All Saints	8		Taylor & Co.
Granborough	S. John	—		
Horton	Michael	12½		Various dates. Unknown founders.
Hanslope	James's	—		
Horwood, Little	Nicholas	—		
Kimble, Great	"	—		
Langley	Mary	19		Tenor and Treble by M. & S., others by Whitmore, 1649.
Little Missenden	John the Baptist	12		Treble added by Warner, 1883.
Lavendon	Mary	—		
Ludgershall	"	—		
Linslade	Barnabas	7		Mears & Stainbank.
Maids, Moreton	Edmund	—		
Marsh, Gibbon	Mary	—		
Marston, North	"	—		
Mentmore	"	—		
Monks, Risborough	Dunstan	—		
Quainton	Mary	—		
Shabbington	Magdalene	—		
Shalstone	Edward	8		Mears & Stainbank.
Shenley Church	Mary	—		
Slapton	Holy Cross	—		All recast 1680.
Stewkley	Mary	—		
Stoke Goddington	Peter	—		
" Mandeville	Mary	—		
Stone	John the Baptist	—		
Thornborough	Mary	—		Recast from old set of 4.
Tyrington	Peter	—		
Wavendon	Mary	—		
Weston Turville	"	—		

Osborne Villa, Slough, August 1886.

W. H. FUSSELL.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5376.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss, Norfolk.*

2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
5	2	4	3	6	-		
4	5	6	2	3	-		
3	6	4	5	2	-		
2	4	3	6	5	-		
3	2	5	4	6	-		
6	5	3	2	4	-		
3	5	4	2	6	-		
4	2	3	5	6	-		

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 6th twelve times at home.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
3	5	6	4	2	1	2	
4	2	5	6	3	1	2	2
2	4	3	6	5	2		2
4	5	3	6	2	1		2
2	3	5	6	4	1		1
6	4	3	5	2	1	2	2
5	2	4	3	6	1	2	2
4	3	5	2	6	1		1
2	5	3	4	6		2	2
2	3	4	5	6	1		2

TWO PEALS OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

5056.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	M	H
5	2	3	6	4	1	-		1
4	3	2	6	5			1	1
2	4	5	3	6	1			1
3	2	5	4	6	1			
4	3	5	2	6	1			
2	4	3	6	5	1	-		1
5	3	4	6	2			1	1
4	5	3	6	2				1
3	4	2	5	6	1			1
5	3	2	4	6	1			
4	5	2	3	6	1			

Repeated.

5056.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	M	H
2	5	4	6	3	-		1	
4	5	3	6	2			1	
3	5	2	6	4			1	
4	2	3	5	6	1			1
3	5	4	2	6	1			1
3	2	4	6	5	-		1	
4	2	5	6	3			1	
5	2	3	6	4			1	
4	3	5	2	6	1			1
5	2	4	3	6	1			1
4	5	2	3	6				1

Repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

6496.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th twelve times each way in 5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston.*

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
5	4	3	2	6		2	2
2	5	4	6	3	2	2	2
5	3	4	6	2	1		2
3	2	4	6	5	1		2
2	3	5	6	4	2		2
2	5	6	3	4		1	2
5	2	4	3	6	2		2
6	4	2	3	5	1		1
2	5	3	4	6	1		1
2	3	4	5	6		1	2

This peal has the 6th its extent in 5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	4	5	3	6	1	-	2	2
6	3	5	4	2	1		1	1
3	6	2	4	5	2			2
3	2	4	6	5		1	2	
2	5	4	6	3	2	-	1	2
6	4	3	5	2	2	-		2
3	2	5	4	6	2	-	2	2

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th its extent in all positions, and is the first 5056 in two parts with these properties yet published.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By JOHN JAGGAR, *Burton-on-Trent.*

2	3	4	5	6	I	4	5	6
5	3	6	2	4	-	-	-	
3	6	5	2	4	-	-	-	
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-	
2	4	3	6	5	-	-	-	
4	3	2	6	5	-	-	-	
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-	
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-	
2	5	4	6	3	-	-	-	
4	5	3	6	2	-	-	-	
5	4	2	6	3	-	-	-	
4	2	5	6	3	-	-	-	
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-	
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-	
5	2	4	3	6	-	-	-	
3	4	2	5	6	-	-	-	
4	5	2	3	6	-	-	-	
3	2	5	4	6	-	-	-	
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	-	
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This peal has the 6th eighteen times wrong and twenty-four times right.

Rung for the first time at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, by the St. Paul's society, on Saturday, October 24th, 1885. Conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

5001.

By the late H. W. HALEY, *London.*

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The 2nd part twice repeated, with a bob at 22 in the 37th course, produce—

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when bobs at 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 18, and 7-8 laying still on coming round completes the peal.

* Produced by bobs at 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16.

The programme of the Festival of the Three Choirs on Wednesday, at Gloucester, included two performances of sacred music in the Cathedral. Dvorák's "Stabat Mater" was the chief feature in the morning; and in the evening a new oratorio by Rockström, entitled "The Good Shepherd" was produced.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1886.

The Provinces.

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND
THE WREXHAM SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, August 31, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs. in C.

JOSEPH FIELD	Treble.	FRANCIS E. DAWE	6.
RICHARD W. EVANS	2.	EDWARD ROWLAND	7.
ALFRED THOMAS	3.	THOMAS NEWELL	8.
JOSEPH WILLIAMS	4.	EDWARD EVANS	9.
JOHN ELLIS	5.	JAMES KENDRICK	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and
Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This is the first complete peal on the bells, and the first peal on ten bells ever accomplished in Scotland.

Mr. Field from Oxford; Mr. Thomas from Birmingham; Mr. Dawe from London; and all the others from Wrexham.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, September 2, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056
CHANGES; Tenor 26 cwt.

SAMUEL GRETTON	Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR	5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE	2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD	3.	THOMAS HOLMES	7.
HARRY WAKLEY	4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY	Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

This peal contains the 6th and 4th the extent in 6th's place.

Date Touch.

LIVERPOOL.—On Tuesday, August 21st, at St. Luke's church, 1886 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 7 mins. Richard S. Mann, 1; William G. Mann, 2; Peter Barton, 3; Fred W. Moore, 4; Richard Brangan, 5; John Aspinwall, 6; John R. Pritchard, 7; Richard Diggle, 8. Composed by John R. Pritchard, and conducted by Richard S. Mann. The above was rung as a compliment to Mr. William James, a member of the St. Luke's Society, in honour of his marriage, his brother strings wishing him and Mrs. James long life and prosperity.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

WHITECHAPEL (London).—Muffled Peal.—On Wednesday evening, September 1st at St. Mary Matfelon, a half-muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole-pull and stand, was rung by eight members of the above Society, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. White, who died at the age of 76, he having held the position of Sexton for upwards of sixteen years at the above church. A touch of Stedman Triples was also rung. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cecil, 2; J. Bonney, 3; W. Tanner, 4; S. Joyce, 5; E. Wallage, 6; W. Jones, 7; W. Greenleaf, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Tuesday evening, July 27th, for practice at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. *E. Norman, 1; E. Lewin, 2; *W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5. W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, August 1st, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 23½ mins. E. Norman, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, August 3rd, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. Smith, 1; *E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6. And on Tuesday evening, August 10th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 23½ mins. G. Usher, 1; J. Carwell-Cooke, 2; W. Mynard, 3; Rev. J. C. Matby, 4; W. Chibnall, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday evening, August 17th, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. E. Lewin, 1; W. Mynard, 2; G. Usher, 3; *J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Also on Tuesday evening, August 24th, for practice, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 24 mins. E. Norman, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall, 6. *First 720 in the method.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Monday evening, September 6th, a half-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was attempted at the parish church with the bells being muffled in memory of the late Mr. Rouse, who was for many years churchwarden at the parish church, and a member of the local society since its formation. After ringing 2100 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins., it came to grief through the interruption of visitors, the conductor having forgotten to lock the belfry door. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newham, 2; W. Collison, 3; B. King, 4; M. Haffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; J. Collison, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TONG (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. James' Church, 720 of Primrose, 720 of Tulip, and 720 of Violet, in 1 hr. 15 mins. C. J. Salloway, 1; C. B. D. Farrow, Esq., 2; E. Webster, 3; S. Oddy, 4; G. Bolland (conductor), 5; H. Oddy, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday morning, September 5th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; J. W. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Thursday evening, September 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. R. Hopper, 1; W. Wignall, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; J. Moffitt, 4; J. S. Gibson, 5; J. Hopper, 6; R. Smith (conductor), 7; W. Reed, 8. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Sunday evening, September 5th, after the conclusion of Divine Service, 1260 or a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. F. Norris. Deceased was the beloved wife of F. Norris, Esq., who is a generous member of Long Eaton parish church, and her death has caused the deepest sorrow to a large circle of friends. G. Bradley, 1; A. Widdowson, 2; J. C. Dickin, 3; S. Clarke, 4; J. Ward, 5; W. Gilson, 6; J. Barrow (conductor), 7; G. Kilbourne, 8. Tenor 11 cwt.

DERBY (Derbyshire).—On Monday, September 6th, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. W. Tate, 1; G. Mottashaw, 2; G. Beeson, 3; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 4; F. Whiting, 5; J. Howe, 6. First 720 by W. Tate, also first 720 by G. Mottashaw and F. Whiting with a bob bell.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine, in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; E. Burtonshaw (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Cooley, 4; C. Hyde, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, September 7th, for practice, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; *G. Woodiss, 2; *G. C. Scowen, 3; C. Hyde, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Bob Minor. S. Frost, 1; R. Moss, 2; G. C. Scowen, 3; C. Hyde, 4; G. Woodiss, 5; A. Garrott, 6. *First 720 in the method. G. Woodiss hails from Kingston, Surrey, and G. C. Scowen from Hadleigh, Suffolk. The rest are of the local company.

MITCHAM.—On Tuesday, August 31st, on the occasion of Miss Marshall's wedding, at Christ Church, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. (34 bobs and 2 singles). W. Gallagher, 1; H. J. Schneider, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; R. Reynolds, 4; G. Welling, 5; J. Fayers (conductor), 6. At the monthly meeting of the Christ Church Change Ringers' Society, on Saturday, September 4th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. (9 bobs). G. C. Scowen, 1; J. W. Cooley, 2; E. Burtenshaw, 3; R. Moss, 4; C. Hyde, 5; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6.

WORCESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Thursday, August 19th, at the parish church, 728 and 672 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; E. F. Strange (conductor), 2; H. Sandells, 3; C. S. Rowlands, 4; R. E. Grove, 5; E. Broad, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. And on Thursday, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins. J. Bennett, 1; E. F. Strange, 2; H. Sandells, 3; C. S. Rowlands, 4; H. Williams, 5; R. E. Grove, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. Also on Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service, 1134 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; E. F. Strange, 2; W. Broomfield, jun., 3; W. Broomfield, sen., 4; J. Crane, 5; H. Sandells, 6; R. E. Grove, 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor 29 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, August 8th, at the parish church, for evening service, 1080 changes, consisting of 720 of Bob Minor, (thirty bobs and two singles), and 360 of College Single. G. Smith, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; H. Deal, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. The above 720 was taken from the *Clavis*. Also on Monday evening, September 6th, for practice, 360 of Grandsire Minor. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also 480 of Bob Minor being two parts of Davies' three-part peal, standing the same as before, with the exception of F. H. Brewer, who rang the 4th, conducted by H. Deal.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Saturday, September 4th, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 45 mins. stand had to be called, it being too hot for the tenor man. E. Pitstow, 1; G. Martin, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; C. Prior, 4; F. Pitstow, 5; C. Freeman, 6; N. J. Pitstow (conductor), 7; J. F. Penning, 8. And 240 Double Norwich Court

Bob Major. J. F. Penning, 1; C. Prior, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; E. Pitstow, 6; N. J. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples. F. Pitstow (conductor), 1; J. F. Penning, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; E. Pitstow, 6; N. J. Pitstow, 7; C. Prior, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Messrs. C. and H. Prior hail from Stanstead, Essex.

BANHAM (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, August 1st, at the parish church, several courses of Plain Bob. After ringing for half an hour, the bells were fired down, as a mark of respect to the schoolmaster of this parish, Mr. F. Pawson, who was married at Wortham to Miss L. Youngman. And on Saturday, August 4th, to welcome the happy pair home, several more courses were rung and fired, and a start was made for an 18-score. W. Vudds, jun., 1; R. Hutton (conductor), 2; G. Edwards, 3; W. Vudds, sen., 4; T. Eagling, 5; J. Mordey, 6. Afterwards the handbells were brought out, when 48,10 were rung, and a most merry evening was spent. Time having arrived, the healths of the happy pair, and a course of Treble Bob Royal, brought this merry evening to a close.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Michael's Church, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor in 23½ mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler, 6.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, September 5th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, at the parish church, in 26 mins., also touches of Grandsire Minor and Doubles. R. G. Knowles, 1; G. Peacey, 2; F. Jelf, 3; J. T. Horton, 4; E. Sprague, 5; A. F. M. Custance, Esq. (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

DARESBURY (Cheshire).—On Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, the local company rang 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. T. Houghton, 1; P. Johnson, 2; P. Hamblett, 3; C. Hartley (first 720), 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. On Tuesday evening, August 24th, for practice, 480 Bob Minor. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; A. de Prez (his longest touch), 3; P. Hamblett, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. And on Tuesday evening, August 31st, 720 in the same method, in 27 mins., the band standing as in the above 720. Tenor 12 cwt. The above were all conducted by Thos. Houghton, sen., who has just completed his 39th year, clerk and sexton of this parish, and who has only once been absent from his duties, during the whole of that period. The office of clerk and sexton has been held in the same family from the year 1777, down to the present date, the above Thomas Houghton, thirty-nine years, John Houghton (his father), thirty years, and John Houghton (his grandfather), forty years, making a total of 109 years.

DENFORD (Northants).—On Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of London Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Starmore, 1; J. Groom, 2; A. Arnold, 3; E. Mayes, 4; A. Groom (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also 180 of Bob Minor, with three bobs. F. Starmore, 1; J. Groom, 2; E. Mayes, 3; A. Arnold, 4; F. Arnold, 5; A. Groom (conductor), 6.

DISS (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, August 31st, at the "Dolphin Inn," on handbells, retained in hand, a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. Ireland, 1-2; A. Knights, 3-4; J. Rudd, 5-6; J. Souter, 7-8; B. Francis, 9-10.

EXETER.—On Tuesday, August 31st, at St. Sidwell's Church, 336 of Grandsire Triples. W. Mundy, 1; E. Pitt, 2; G. Townsend, 3; W. Richardson, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6. F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. J. Lake, 8. The Rev. T. L. Papillon hails from Writtle, Essex. Also on Sunday, September 5th, 504 of Stedman Triples in 25 mins. E. Pitt, 1; H. Langdon, 2; F. R. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; A. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. H. Monday, 8. And 168 in the same method. J. Moss, 1; H. Langdon, 2; E. Pitt, 3; W. Richardson, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Mundy, 8. Also on Monday, September 6th, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Devonshire Guild, attempted to ring Reeves' variation peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing four parts (2000 changes), the conductor called "stand," owing to a change course. E. Truman, 1; F. Shepherd (conductor), 2; H. Langdon, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; W. Richardson, 6; J. Moss, 7; J. H. Monday, 8. H. Langdon and J. H. Monday hail from London.

Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, September 5th, 392 Grandsire Triples. E. Shepherd, 1-2; F. R. Shepherd, 3-4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5-6; E. Pitt, 7-8.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, September 1st, at the parish church, 720 of Cambridge Surprise in 28 mins. C. Adams, 1; F. P. Adams, 2; P. C. S. Scott, 3; Z. Slater, 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5; *J. F. Penning (Saffron Walden), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. *First 720 in the method.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 5th, at the parish church, by the Harborne amateur society, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Roberts, 1; T. Gibbs, 2; C. Roberts, 3; W. Bennett, 4; H. Bradley (conductor), 5; W. Nelson, 6.

HUNDON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 5th, by kind permission of the Vicar, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 29 mins. *W. P. Gridley, 1; †S. Slater, 2; *G. Maxim, 3; *R. Mingay, 4; *J. Lee, 5; †O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Tenor 19 cwt. Those marked thus* are of the Foxearth company, and those marked† are of the Glemsford company.

NEWLAND (Gloucestershire). On Thursday, August 19th, six members of the Monmouth society visited Newland, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor (no time mentioned), being the first 720 ever known to have been rung upon the bells. T. Jones, 1; W. Honeyfield, Esq., 2; W. Walters, 3; T. Preece, 4; T. H. Jones, 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6. The bells have lately been re-hung by Mr. Hooper, of Woodbury, near Exeter.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, September 1st, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. W. Bird, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; R. Bird (first 720), 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. On Saturday, September 4th, two 360's of Grandsire and Bob Minor, and 120 Stedman Doubles, in 13½ mins. 360 Grandsire Minor; A. H. Bassano, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; W. Bird, 3; H. Mason, 4; H. Cartwright, 5. A. E. Parsons, 6. 360 Bob Minor, in 13½ mins. A. Parsons, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; *H. Mason, 3; *W. Bird, 4; *H. Cartwright, 5; *A. H. Bassano, 6. Conducted by A. H. Bassano. *First 360 in the method. 120 Stedman Doubles: *H. Mason, 1; *A. Parsons, 2; *H. Cartwright, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; A. H. Bassano, 5; W. Bird, 6. *First 120 of Stedman.

PALGRAVE (Suffolk).—On Friday, August 27th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Souter, 1; J. Rudd, 2; E. Haywood, 3; E. Batram, 4; A. Knights (Chesterfield, conductor), 5; B. Francis, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Thursday, September 2nd, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Agutter, sister of the parish churchwarden, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). E. Mayes, 1; G. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Sawford, 4; J. Braybrook (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6. And 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Braybrook, 1; F. Chapman, 2; E. Mayes, 3; G. Roberts, 4; J. Sawford, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also 360 of College Little. F. Chapman, 1; J. Sawford, 2; R. Shipley, 3; G. Roberts, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; E. Mayes (conductor), 6. And 360 of Yorkshire Court. G. Roberts, 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Sawford, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also 720 of London Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. J. Gilbert, 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; G. Roberts, 4; J. Sawford, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 5th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. E. Raynor (first 720), 1; J. P. Kidd, 2; G. Chantler, 3; A. Osborne, 4; H. Greaves, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday, August 29th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 895 and 587 Grandsire Triples. R. Fowler, 1; T. Grant, 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; W. H. Buckingham, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; W. Battle, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. On Sunday, September 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. C. Mitchell, 1; T. Grant, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3; W. H. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7. H. L. Waddington, 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, September 4th, 307 Grandsire Triples. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; A. Barnes, 6; A. Sibley, 7-8.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Thomas's Church, for Morning Service, a 6-score of Bob Doubles, with 7,6,8 behind. A. Pugh, 1; *T. Lea, 2; *H. Harris, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; †G. H. Pagett (conductor), 5; J. Bird, 6; J. Rodgers, 7; J. Crump, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. in Eb. *First 6-score. †First time as conductor. Our correspondent adds: It is many years since a band belonged to this church, the present one is young, but are making steady progress in the art.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, August 24th, the company of ringers assembled by the kind invitation of Dr. W. J. Mason, and did some handbell ringing in the beautiful grounds of his residence Friars-street. Courses of Grandsire Cinques, Grandsire Caters, Treble Ten, and Bob Maximus were rung, and also several tunes, brought the early hours of morning, when all departed for their homes.

TWERTON-ON-AVON (Somersetshire).—On Wednesday, August 25th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing to the middle of the fourth part, through someone hammering at the door of the church with all their might, the ringing being excellent all the time. G. Temple, 1; W. Chew (London), 2; W. Davis, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Hinton (Bristol), 5;

J. Barry (London), 6; H. Wotton, 7; C. Bendall, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Conducted by J. Hinton. These bells have lately been increased by the addition of two trebles by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who have also rehung the others, and the go of them is all that can be desired. They are rung from the body of the church, a deadening floor has been added by Mr. James Smith, of Tiverton, one of the ringers, and great credit is due to him for the able manner in which he has carried the work out, the sound of the bells in the church being so condensed as to be heard to advantage for clear striking. The ringers from London tender their sincere thanks to the Rector for allowing them the use of the bells, and also thank the ringers.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will take place on Saturday, October 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. There will be a service at 3.30 p.m., at which the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Davenport Kelly, M.A., rector of St. Matthew's, Manchester. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., tickets 1s. each. The business meeting will be at 6 p.m., when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. All those who intend to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to Mr. J. Redford, 9, Portugal-street, Bolton (from whom tickets may be obtained), not later than September 25th. Ringers, not being members, who care to attend will be cordially welcomed. The towers of the parish church of St. Peter, as well as those of Holy Trinity, All Saints', and St. George's will be open for ringing after the meeting. Members who have not yet paid their subscription for the past year, are requested to send it as soon as possible to Mr. Redford, in order that the list of members may be complete for insertion in the report.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
J. REDFORD, }

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL FUND.

Mr. ROBERT TUKE writes from Bradford, Sept. 8th:—"I was not surprised to read Mr. Newman's letter in your issue of last week, and I assure him he need not fear for one moment that the memorial window will be allowed to be 'made use of as an advertisement for rival bell-founders.' I wish to point out that, when it was decided what form the memorial should take, I wrote to the Vicar of Ilkley, asking his consent for a stained glass memorial window to be introduced into his church. In his reply (dated March 23rd) he explained 'his pleasure to afford facilities for doing so, etc., etc.,' but goes on to say—'I should make one stipulation, which I know you will appreciate, considering the many unsuitable windows that are sometimes put into churches. It is, that the design and particulars be approved by myself before being finally decided upon by those who superintend the affair.' From this correspondence I think intending subscribers will be convinced that Mr. Dains' suggestion (although I feel sure it was made with the best intention) could not possibly be carried out.

I trust therefore that any doubts which Mr. Newman or other friends may have on the point will be set at rest, and that the work of the Memorial Committee may soon be successfully completed."

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DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF SIX AT STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

A very interesting service, of a character rarely seen, was held in the parish church of St. Michael's, Stoke Prior, where a peal of six bells were dedicated to the service of God. Previously there were but four bells in the tower, and one was cracked, which was recast and two new ones added. The work was entrusted to a Birmingham firm, and the frame, which is of pitch pine, was made by the workmen of Mr. John Corbett, M.P. The weight of the tenor is $8\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in the key of A. The Bromsgrove ringers received an invitation to the opening ceremony, which was on Thursday afternoon, September 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. There were present at the ceremony the Vicar, the Rev. H. Aldham, the Rev. Canon Cattley, of Worcester Cathedral, and the Rev. A. E. Seymour, of Bromsgrove, and several other clergymen. The service was opened by singing a processional hymn. The Rev. Canon Cattley read the first lesson, the Rev. A. E. Seymour, the second lesson, and the Rev. E. Rivers, curate, the prayers. After the third collect there was a service of dedication, which was followed by ringing a 16-score of Grandsire Doubles by Bromsgrove ringers. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Norman Ogilvy, who took for his text verses 1 and 2 and 8 and 9 of the tenth chapter of the Book of Numbers. After the service a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by the following: Thomas Albut, 1; George Bourne, 2; George Hayward, 3; Elijah Crump (conductor), 4; Oliver James, 5; Walter Rea, 6. Afterwards several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Minor were rung by other members of the company, with the Hanbury ringers. After the ringing the ringers and choir adjourned to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea was provided which was much enjoyed. On Sunday evening the Bromsgrove ringers paid another visit, and rang several touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NEAR NOTTINGHAM.

On Saturday afternoon, September 4th, six members of the Long Eaton Society visited this place, and by the kind permission of the Rev. J. Cullen, Vicar, rang 120 Grandsire Doubles, 120 Bob Doubles, 720 Bob Minor, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 43 mins. J. Barrow (conductor), 1; G. Bradley, 2; R. Hickton, 3; J. C. Dicken, 4; S. Clarke, 5; A. Widdowson, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. G. Bradley, 1; S. Clarke, 2; R. Hickton, 3; J. C. Dicken, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. The above bells have just been augmented to a ring of six by the addition of two trebles, and the above are the first 720's ever rung on the bells. It is also sincerely to be wished that the vicar and churchwardens of Radcliffe will shortly see their way clear to have two more trebles added to this sweet ring of six to make up the octave. I may also say that a six-score of Stedman Doubles was rung, and several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Mr. T. Selby, a member of the local company, taking part in them by ringing the treble. J.B.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

The Annual Outing of the members of the above Society took place on Saturday, August 21st, at Brighton, when a very enjoyable day was spent. During the railway journey several courses of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells. Brighton was reached soon after 10 a.m., and through the kindness of a gentleman, well known in the ringing world—Mr. Attree, Hon. Sec. of the Sussex County Association—permission was granted for a ring upon the sweet eight at St. Peter's. After a few touches of Grandsire Triples and the usual entry in the visitors' book, ringing was abandoned, and the inner man attended to. The afternoon was spent in various ways, each one being his own bob-caller, reporting his changes at the station at 7.15, when a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells brought the day's proceedings to a close. The members of the above Society take this opportunity of thanking their vicar for his usual kindness in connection with the outing. Thanks are also due to Mr. Jay, for his willing help.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association will be held at Woburn, on Saturday afternoon, October 2nd next. Ringing at St. Mary's old tower (eight bells, tenor 13 cwt), at 3. The rings of adjoining parishes will be at the service of the ringers. An attempt will be made at Woburn to obtain a 5040 of Bob Major.

Woburn, 7th September, 1886.

CHARLES HERBERT, Hon. Sec.

PRIZE-RINGING CONTEST!

NOTICE.—A prize-ringing contest will take place at St. Mary's church, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Monday and Tuesday, November 1st and 2nd, when upwards of twenty-five pounds will be distributed in prizes for the best half peal (2528 changes), of Kent Treble Bob Major. Any company not receiving circulars by this week's post, can have them by applying to Charles Hattersley, Snider works, Sheffield.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

The ringers of SS. Thomas and Edmund's Catholic Church held their annual feast on Saturday, September 4th, at the "Greyhound" Inn, New Oscott. To celebrate the occasion, the first peal by the present company was attempted (Taylor's 6-part peal of Grandsire Triples), but owing to a change course taking place, the bells were brought round half way in 1 hr. 28 mins., the striking being pronounced by Mr. Cartwright, of the Holt Society, all that could be desired. W. Stringer, 1; J. Benn, 2; A. Hales, 3; M. Murphy, 4; J. Murphy, 5; P. Conlon, 6; J. Plant (conductor), 7; F. Hales, 8. They afterwards adjourned with a few friends to the above named Inn, where an excellent meal had been provided which was done ample justice to. After the repast, a pleasant evening was spent in toasts, touches on the handbells, songs, etc., F. Hales in the chair. The toasts for "The Clergy," "the donor of the bells," Mr. Francis Genders, and Mr. J. Plant (conductor), were heartily responded to. Much regret was occasioned by the absence from the feast of the donor who was compelled to stay away through ill-health. The Chairman in proposing the health of Mr. J. Plant, thanked him for the pains and perseverance he had taken in instructing the majority of the present ringers, which was heartily endorsed by the other members of the company who hope that he will long continue in his present office. Mr. Plant in replying, said it gave him great pleasure to know that his efforts were so well appreciated, and as long as he found men in the company so willing to profit by his instruction he should do all in his power to further the interests of the society. In toasting the host, Mr. Joshua Hodgetts, the company thanked him for the admirable way in which he had catered for them all, expressing their entire satisfaction with the evening's entertainment.

HEADINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

We hear that the Rev. Du Boulay, the curate, is about leaving this village on account of ill health. His generosity, kindness of disposition and simplicity of manner has endeared him to the inhabitants of the locality in which his lot has been cast. We sincerely hope, however, that the change may have the desired effect on his impaired health. The above gentleman, among other things, gave much of his attention to the improving of the system of bell-ringing at the old church, and we have reason to believe, with much success. The ringers had a farewell meeting on Wednesday, the 24th August, at which much regret was expressed on the occasion of his leaving. The following were subsequently rung, at which the rev. gentleman assisted: the first of 720 changes of Bob Minor, and the second 720 of Grandsire Minor; both were rung in 45 minutes. G. Tolley, 1; Rev. Du Boulay, 2; A. Browning, 3; C. Tolley, 4; F. Castle, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor, $11\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. Conducted by H. Castle.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The Annual Dinner of this Society will take place this day (Saturday, September 11th), at the "Cherry Tree" Inn, Southgate. The belfry will be open to members who wish to display their abilities on the ropes.

H. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

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."

SOME PASSING EVENTS.

SIR,—Our mutual friend, Mr. F. E. Dawe, has lost a good opportunity of demonstrating his abilities in Treble Bob, and instead of giving us the benefit of some of his experience, he resorts to slinging purple ink. Now, although a young man, he is old enough to know that one cannot throw mud without dirtying his fingers. A few weeks ago your correspondent wrote as follows: "I was going in for a little honest criticism, but he has attacked my person," and is it not amazing that in so short a time Mr. F. E. Dawe, with all his talents, has deemed it advisable to resort to a similar expedient. Now, Sir, had it not been for this device, I should not have troubled you again on this subject. But as it is, I think Mr. F. E. Dawe's letter of indignation requires a little careful attention, and this is my apology for troubling you with such an abominable letter. In the first place I fail to see that a question between me and Jack Daw or Jack Boot has anything to do with Mr. F. E. Dawe, and no matter whether or not it be Dains, anybody, nobody, or everybody, the case, Sir, under consideration, is Dains v. Dawe. Your correspondent next accuses me of "Trumpeting" at the expense of young men. Now above all things my greatest dislike is to be expensive to anyone, and especially to young men. But, Sir, I have a trumpet and vanity enough to blow it; sometimes it goes to the tune of Treble Bob, then perhaps Double Norwich, occasionally it goes into Superlative Surprise, it knows a little of Burton Variation, and New Cumberland Surprise, and lately I have been practising Double Oxford, and some day I may go in for

Stedman's Cinques. I consider my trumpet a very fair instrument, but I doubt if it would go seventeen days and a bit. In fact fourteen days of such hard labour would be enough. He next whines over his poor little peal, and here I beg to differ, as I consider it a big one for 5000. Then comes the magnanimous remark of crowding your columns. How considerate all at once. Well, Sir, when I go to Canterbury Cathedral, I will promise you not to send up for publication the circumference and diameter of the tenor bell rope, nor dimensions of the window bars, or how many pigeons' eggs there are lying about in the bell cage. No, I'll carefully keep it in my note-book for future reference if required. After poking some fun about homes full, etc., our mutual friend gets struck with the tenor in the middle. Now if I got struck with the tenor or seventh either, I should certainly consider it wrong, yes, Sir, decidedly wrong, however musical it might sound to others. I really don't think I cast any insinuation upon Mr. Dawe's peal, none in the least, I call it a very fair one, when reduced to its proper number, and your correspondent may be justly congratulated upon his composition. But I must say this, although not surprised to know he had the improved peal before I sent it him, I am rather surprised at his confession of not knowing of the twin brothers existence in Snowdon's Treatise. I am therefore pleased to have instructed the youth a little, and he has now the advantage of seeing how easily the one peal is obtainable from the other by the use of alternative calling. I rather regret the shock to the nervous system caused by the receipt of my post card dated Sunday, the feelings can only be described as "too utterly utter." My young friend next sallies forth in Double Norwich, but, Sir, his trumpet don't know the method, it blows discords. But why does he touch Double Norwich? When I touched his peal I improved it, no one can deny this; while with equal confidence it can be said that my friend has not even attempted to improve any one of my peals of Double Norwich, therefore I again ask why does he touch them? there must be some motive and some object. He has brought out nothing fresh, and said nothing new, everybody knew what he told them long ago. Well, Sir, the answer is obvious, and the motive a selfish one, viz.: to appear large at my expense, the very motive he insinuatingly slings at me in commencing his indignant letter. But, Sir, I thank Mr. Dawe; he unintentionally gives me an opportunity which I gladly accept of, and explain myself as follows: During the twelve years I have been engaged writing bell music I have made nearly 200 compositions in various methods, at the same time I have stuck to my business, and after deducting time occupied in attending to practice and peal-ringing my leisure is limited. I, however, feel satisfied with what I have accomplished, and especially as nothing new was to be found when I started on the job. This, however, is no excuse for allowing a false peal to go out of my hands, no, Sir, the responsibility is my own, and I accept it with all the resignation of a man who has worked hard and made a slight mistake. I accept with the same resignation, and without a tinge of dismay, notwithstanding my advancing years, the ominous position allotted me to await the fulfilment of your correspondent's prognostications as to the coming improvement in Treble Bob composition, as I suppose he means some improvement, and if I may venture a hope it will be to find the author thereof our mutual friend. I am also accused of a bitter party feeling, because "his company don't call my peals." Here jumps a very fine full grown pussy cat, poor thing, what a pity to have kept it in confinement so long, but with all it appears well fed and nourished, and no doubt at the expense of my friend. Respecting the party feeling, is it real or ideal? One thing is certain, I have some good peals, open to any one who chooses to call them, and I thank gentlemen throughout the country for the patronage my peals have obtained. But, Sir, rely upon it, it delights me to know I get a composition rung now and again. Perhaps Mr. Dawe regrets that I have not presented him with a good composition for ringing. The term "his company" is his own words, and by their use I convey no insinuation. There are several gentlemen in that company whom I respect, and feel myself honoured by terming them friends, and while I have been writing remarks upon the works of some of its members, its members' performances, and even the time-honoured Society itself, it cannot be said I have ever touched the personality of a single individual. "Hail fellow, well met," is the closing remark of the youth. The plain English of this means that anybody may have my company, and what I am able to tell them for a drop of beer, to be treated, etc. Now, Sir, I challenge Mr. Dawe or any other person to substantiate the assertion. But in conclusion I will say this: I am invariably at our meeting house after practice ringing, in or out of office; I go there upon principle as follows:—The society to which I belong has considerable property in the form of bells, boxes, pictures, tablets, documents of historical value and interest now securely stowed away in an iron safe, etc. which, had we to pay rent for a room to house it in, would cost us £10 to £12 per annum, which we cannot afford to pay. I don't suppose any appeal, however respectfully made, would secure a part of the parish school-room for this purpose, let alone the advisability of such a policy. However, we pay no rent for stowage and safety of our goods, the

landlord of the house trusting to the profits on what members consume, in the form of "refreshment etiquette characteristic" of our meetings. I therefore consider I am doing my duty in attending these meetings, and thereby contributing my mite this way in lieu of rent. I also consider by non-attendance I should neglect a duty, and besides, if all members were to absent, the room would soon be lost, and the difficulty of finding another experienced. This, however, does not appear to bring all members to the meeting room after practice or peal ringing. Perhaps the motive I mention does not enter their minds, and I believe, from some cause or other, Mr. Dawe is one of these, that is when I have seen him this side the water. His motive may not be a mercenary one, perhaps he dislikes associating with ringers outside the ringing chamber. H. DAINS.

P.S. Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Vinen, says I misconstrued his first letter. Well, sir, I will not misconstrue the last one, the fact is, I really don't understand it.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will you kindly ask, through your next issue, "if the 720 of Bob Minor Variation, composed by Mr. Hollis (of Glington), has ever been rung in Norfolk or Suffolk." This peal contains 4 extremes, 6 singles, and 138 bobs, making in the whole 148 calls.

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D. HAYWARD.

REPLY TO MR. BASSANO.

SIR,—I was very much surprised when I saw the letter of Mr. Alfred H. Bassano, in your last issue. My object in writing to you in the first instance, was to correct an error, namely, that the 720 of Grand sire Minor, reported to have been rung on August 11th, was the first on the back six bells of Holy Trinity church, Old Hill. I again state that a 720 was rung on the back six bells by the following: F. Hotchkiss, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Mr. Bassano says his object in writing was to correct a false impression, which the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" might carry away, namely, that the society to which I belong taught the young band at Old Hill the art of change-ringing, and adds "that the band could manage the bells before we gave any instructions," which statement is untrue, for that was our first duty to teach them the use of the ropes. He also charges us with handing down to them ten years of "Tombstone Surprise." This is again untrue, for it is only about nine years since the time I am speaking of. But if Mr. Bassano had called it "Lazy or Slothful Surprise," I think it would have read better, for as soon as our company entered the tower, the majority of theirs invariably walked out, and very often did not return any more that evening. Then how was it possible to get them above the level of turning a mangle. Therefore the fault of not learning lay with themselves, for how can one teach another who will not stay to be taught. And here I would tell Mr. Bassano we had no desire to practice on such bad going bells, when we could get that at home on bells which were, and are still, in good going condition. My letter of August 28th was written in a friendly spirit, having no object in view other than the correction named above; whether Mr. Bassano's is either gentlemanly or friendly, I will leave your readers to judge. I should not have thought it necessary to take up more of your valuable space in connection with so trivial a matter, had it not been for the rude remarks Mr. Bassano made respecting an acknowledgment which the Society at Old Hill thought fit to present to the friends who went to give what instruction they could to a band who scarcely knew how to handle a rope. To say that a fee was charged is untrue, but before Mr. Bassano figures very conspicuously amongst ringers he will have to show a different spirit towards them than that which he has shown towards us. In reference to the peal rang by his company I do not object to Mr. Bassano placing on their peal board the words "by Old Hill ringers," and if these words had been added in your issue of August 21st, I should never have taken the matter up. Mr. Bassano says I seem to forget that their members got no benefit from being members of the Worcestershire Association. Allow me to inform him that as soon as they were entitled to an instructor, according to the rules of the Association, one was appointed to teach them the art of change-ringing in no other person than our old, valued, and esteemed friend, Mr. W. Micklewright, sen. I hope Mr. Bassano will pardon me for telling him that he will be a number of times at sea, and there is plenty of scope for him at Old Hill, before he is capable of unloosing the shoe latchet of Mr. W. Micklewright as a change-ringer. If the band did not succeed at that time, it was not the fault of the Worcestershire Association, nor the instructor. Whatever benefit the Old Hill Society have received from their trumpeter, they are welcome to, and the said trumpeter is at liberty to blow his own trumpet, until he bursts it, if it pleases him, but since he belongs to the house of a gentleman, it is not too much surely to ask him to behave himself as one, and treat others as he would like to be treated himself. JOHN SMITH.

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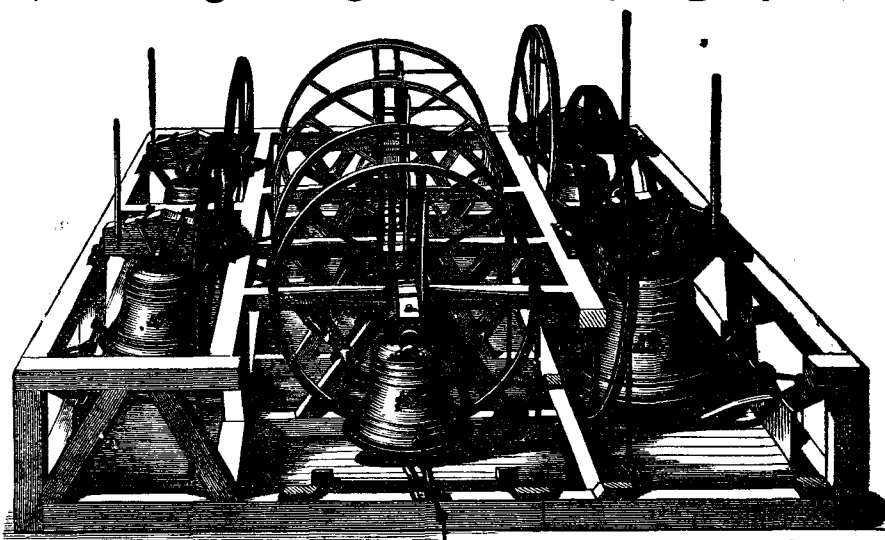
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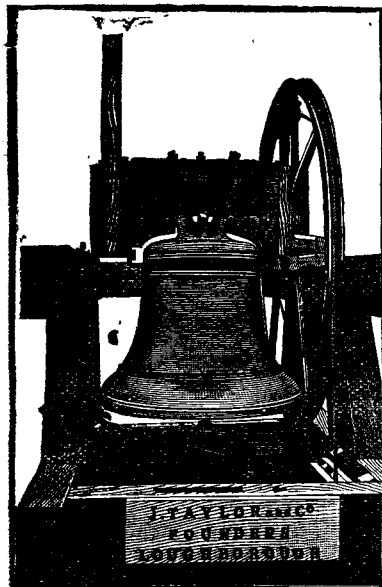
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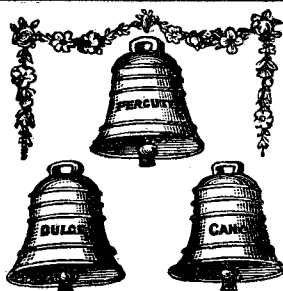
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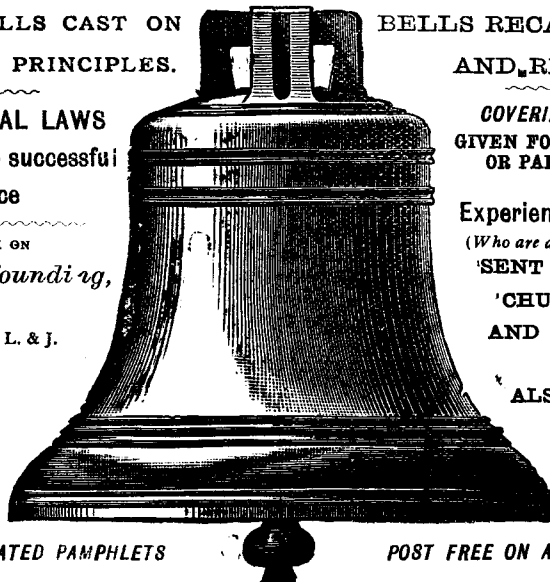
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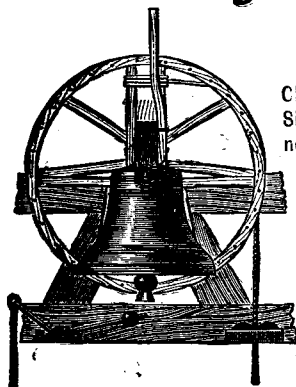
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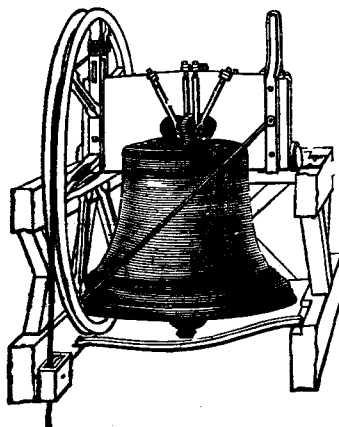
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As no doubt your readers are aware, Ripon has celebrated the 1000th anniversary of the formation of her Bishopric, and the 25th to the 28th of August 1886, will long be remembered amongst the inhabitants of that ancient city as one, if not the happiest time, of public rejoicing and merry making that they have ever had the good fortune to experience. The Bishop, Dean, and Clergy, the nobility of the surrounding district, especially the Marquis of Ripon, and the Mayor and Corporation, had laid their heads together and determined that the occasion should be marked in an exceptionally brilliant manner, and with the voluntary assistance of all classes of the city and neighbourhood, they succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations. Mr. Clark, of Sharrow, a well-known and highly appreciated friend to change-ringing in the north, who has charge of the cathedral belfry, determined that his department should not be behindhand in the general rejoicing, and being vice-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, he decided that a peal of Treble Bob Major should be rung by the leading members, and with his usual generosity, he invited the president, his fellow vice-president, the ex-president, the secretary, and two others to assist him, and it is needless to say to those who know Sharrow, that these invitations were at once accepted. On account of the special services of the 25th, the only time available for ringing the peal was before 9 a.m., and it was therefore necessary that the whole of the band should be upon the spot the night before. Accordingly on Tuesday evening, the writer, Mr. Story, and Mr. Lees from Newcastle, Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Stephenson from Stockton, reached Ripon at 6 p.m., and were at once driven off by Mr. Clark and his son to Sharrow for tea, which place Mr. Reed, of North Shields, had reached shortly before on his tricycle. Mr. Clark, with his well-known hospitality, most cordially welcomed us, and as soon as tea was over, the waggonette was again brought into requisition to convey us to the cathedral, to ring a very pretty touch of exactly 1000 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by Mr. Clark especially for the occasion, that being the eve of the festival. This was accomplished in very good style by the following: F. Lees, 1; W. Reed, 2; J. Strodder, jun., 3; A. H. Clark, 4; R. S. Story, 5; W. Stephenson, 6; T. Clark, 7; G. J. Clarkson, 8. After this the bells used by the clock were lowered, the rest being left up preparatory to the early start in the morning, and tracks were made for Sharrow, one or two of the party calling at the station to meet the remaining member of the band, Mr. Joel Hern, from North Shields. Some little doubt was felt as to his being able to leave his business, but still the disappointment was serious when it was stated that he had not arrived. However, it was decided to ask Mr. Walter Pick, a ringer living near at hand, to come to the rescue, and this he was quite willing to do, although the notice was short. At 3.30 or 4 a.m., Mr. Clark's house was all astir, and after a good breakfast, we drove down to the Cathedral, and got to work, without any loss of time. No doubt such an early start surprised the quiet folks of Ripon, who are only accustomed to hear their bells at very regular intervals. It was however, a very suitable opening of such an event, and no doubt had a good deal to do with the enthusiasm that was afterwards thrown into the doings. The ringing of the peal was very regular and good, but unfortunately when a few leads from the finish, it was found that a change-course had occurred, and that the peal about which so much anxiety had existed, was actually lost. This was a great disappointment to Mr. Clark, who had looked forward for some time to ringing the peal, and the rest of the band were equally distressed, the more so as their Association has experienced most extraordinary bad luck during the last twelve months in losing one peal after another when success seemed certain.

On descending from the tower, the first man we met was our friend Mr. Hern, who it turned out had lost himself on the railway the night before, and instead of reaching Ripon had found himself in York. Judging from his temper, it was as well for Mr. Howard that he was not favoured with a visit by the said gentleman on the previous evening. After the keen edge of the disappointment had worn off, spirits began to brighten, and after the Hallelujah Chorus, and a sermon by the Archbishop of York, every one felt ready for the public luncheon, for which Mr. Clark had kindly provided us with tickets. The rest of the day was most pleasantly spent in listening to some very excellent speeches by the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Ripon, the Dean of Ripon, the Marquis of Ripon, and the Mayor, or as he was anciently called, the Wakeman. These speeches were delivered from the handsome cross in the middle of the market place, and were most enthusiastically applauded by the large crowds of merry-makers. A very fine horn was presented by the Dean of Ripon to the Mayor in commemoration of the occasion, the Dean making a most happy speech. The horn was silver mounted with a lengthy inscription, and the thoughts of the writer were taken back to the Northumberland hills

when it was explained that the horn was from the head of one of the wild cattle of Chillingham, which are all that remain of the original breed of cattle, which, as the Dean eloquently explained, doubtless roamed in the woods round Ripon on the occasion which they were then commemorating.

After tea at Sharrow, the bulk of the party departed on their journey northward, with the exception of the writer and Mr. Reed, who was enjoying a well-earned holiday. Another trip was then made to town in the company of the ladies to the market square, to witness the torchlight procession, which turned out a most gorgeous spectacle. The effect of the illuminations and the procession, headed by a large body of link boys, each with a large torch, marching round the old market place, was very fine. There were several bands, and the special march composed with suitable words, especially in honour of the Millenary, was vigorously played and sung by all. On Thursday, a very handsome west window was unveiled to the memory of the late Bishop Wilberforce, and a most eloquent sermon was preached by the Bishop of Ripon. On leaving the Cathedral, Mr. Clark decided that a peal must be rung on such an important occasion, and shewed his determination by broaching the subject of making a second attempt on the following Saturday. After considering the matter, a telegram was dispatched to Mr. Matthew Tomlinson, of Leeds, and in the evening a reply was received stating that three from Leeds would be there on Saturday morning. This put our minds more at rest, and we began to hope that success might yet crown our efforts. I should not omit to mention that in the morning a touch of 1000 of Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by Mr. Clark, was rung at the Cathedral by the following: A. H. Clark, 1; W. Reed, 2; W. Pick, 3; R. S. Story, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; G. Ingleby, 6; T. Clark, 7; H. Rumbold, 8. On Friday morning, a touch of 1000 Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by Mr. Clark, was rung, and after a early dinner, the waggonette was well loaded with ladies and gentlemen, and a long string of conveyances was joined *en route* for the charming Fountains Abbey, where there were old English Revels enacted, and the play of Robin Hood. It would be foolish in me to attempt to describe such a scene as was prepared, as it was one which will seldom if ever be surpassed or equalled, and doubtless everyone will have read the lengthy descriptions which have appeared in the newspapers. The number of characters and the gorgeous costumes bore witness to the hearty response which had been made by all classes to the suggestions which originated the festival. We had the good fortune to fall in with Mr. Tuke on the Thursday, and met Mr. Whitaker in the grounds on Friday, and had some interesting conversation with him on ringing matters.

Saturday morning saw our friends Messrs. Matthew and H. Tomlinson, and R. Binns, arrive in good time from Leeds, and after breakfast, we once more repaired to the Cathedral to make another attempt for the lost peal, which I am glad to say was successful after ringing 3 hrs. 15 mins. We then adjourned with lighter hearts to Mr. Clark's to dinner, and afterwards rang a touch on the handy little peal in Sharrow Church, tenor 12½ cwt., which are just the sort of peal upon which to do a long peal, especially as there are comparatively few houses near. The thoughts of the Stedman Caters to be had at Leeds put the idea into my head of going back that night with the Leeds men, and in mentioning this to Mr. Clark, he very readily fell in with the idea. We therefore packed up a few things, and took train to Leeds, and on presenting ourselves at St. Peter's on the following (Sunday) morning we had a most hearty welcome from our friends there. As soon as the bells were up, we had the pleasure of taking part in the following touch, viz.: 500 of Stedman Caters. T. Lockwood (conductor), 1; W. Pawson, 2; J. Hutchinson, 3; M. Tomlinson, 4; T. Clark, 5; J. Woodhead, 6; R. S. Story, 7; T. West, 8; R. Binns, 9; H. Hubbard, 10. Tenor 36 cwt. This was followed by my first course of Stedman Cinques, viz.: T. Lockwood, H. Hubbard, M. Tomlinson, W. Pawson, H. Lockwood, P. Snowdon, W. Walker, J. Woodhead, R. S. Story, T. West, R. Binns, G. Fothergill. This completed the ringing for morning service, and after staying to part of the service we had an early dinner, and then made our way to Holbeck, where we had a touch of Bob Major, and attempted a touch of Kent, but the 6th rope breaking put an end to our exertions. Some hand-bell ringing was indulged in at Mr. Binns', and then the writer left for Ripon, leaving Mr. Clark to enjoy another touch at the parish church at night, which I believe was as much to his satisfaction as the morning's touch was to mine. Monday morning saw the writer on his way back to coaly Tyne, after one of the happiest holidays of four days he has ever enjoyed, and I take this opportunity on behalf of the different ringers who visited Mr. Clark to thank him most cordially for his unlimited and bountiful hospitality, and with his name must be coupled that of Mrs. Clark, as she most ably seconded his proposals for the comfort of all concerned. I have also to thank the Leeds ringers for the very kind reception they gave to Mr. Clark and myself, without having any notice of our intention to visit them, and I can assure them that they have not seen the last of us, if we are spared.

R. S. STORY.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE thirty-second meeting of the above Association—held at Bristol, took place on Monday, September 6th, the proceedings commencing shortly before eleven o'clock in the Lady Chapel at Redcliff Church. There was but a small attendance at the commencement of the proceedings, but it was largely increased afterwards. Among the parishes represented were Brockworth, Cheltenham, Painswick, Thornbury, Stroud, Redcliff, St. Peter's (Bristol), St. James's (Bristol), St. Stephen's (Bristol), St. Werburgh's (Bristol), St. John's (Bristol), Long Ashton, Badgworth, Upton St. Leonard's, Barnwood, &c. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Cornish, Vicar of the parish, who was assisted by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Magor Vicarage, Newport, (hon. secretary to the Association), and the Rev. G. Keble. An appropriate address was afterwards delivered by the Vicar, who selected as the subject of his discourse the words, "Every man his own work." The annual business meeting was subsequently held at No. 1, Colston Parade, the vicar of the parish presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and thanks were accorded to the retiring officers, who were unanimously re-elected.

The Rev. PITT EYKYN, hon. secretary, submitted the annual report which was as follows:—"Since our last annual meeting in Gloucester, on June 22nd, 1885, when a large number of members assembled from all parts of the double diocese, meetings have been held at Dymock, Tewkesbury, and Coln St. Aldwyn's. At Dymock, on October 21st, 1885, the Brockworth company represented the Association, and several six-scores were accomplished. A service was held in the parish church, and a practical address given by the Rev. R. Horton, vicar. At Tewkesbury our anniversary meeting was held on January 11th, 1886, as near to the date of inauguration as possible. Canon Robeson addressed us in the Abbey, and presided at the dinner. Some Grandsire and Stedman Triples were accomplished here. At the meeting it was proposed by Mr. Johnson Hern, and seconded by the Master, "That this Association desires to place on record its sense of the great loss which the ringing exercise has sustained by the death of the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon, and hereby wishes to convey the condolences of the members to Mr. Snowdon's family." At Coln St. Aldwyn's, another open meeting was held, on May 17th, 1886, when we were heartily welcomed by the Vicars of Coln and Hatherop, who generously entertained the members at their own expense. Various touches of Grandsire Triples were accomplished here, and at Hatherop, Fairford, and Cirencester. We have to record the addition of about forty fresh performing members to our roll in the past year, and one honorary member; whilst from death and other causes we have lost fourteen, making a net gain of forty-two members to the Association; but many names will disappear from the next list, if the subscriptions now due are not paid up within the present year. Our numbers now stand at seventy-one honorary members, sixteen life members, 178 performing members. At our last committee meeting held in Gloucester on August 16th, 1886, to arrange for the annual meeting at Bristol, notice of a motion to be submitted to the meeting was given by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Master of the Association, viz., "That the time has now arrived for abolishing two out of the four (quarterly) meetings in the year, as it would be more to the advantage of the Association to obtain the services of a change-ringing instructor, than to continue to send representative companies to different parts of the diocese. We earnestly hope that the clergy and laity of the diocese will support us in our efforts to raise the tone of the belfries and ringers of this large diocese, and that we shall all pull harmoniously together, with one main object in view, viz., the honour and glory of God."

The statement of account showed that there was a balance in hand at the end of the previous year of £28 4s. 11½d, and this had been increased to £32 9s. 10d.

The Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES moved, in accordance with notice, "That the by-meetings of the Association in the spring and autumn be abolished, and that an instructor in change bell ringing be appointed." He explained that the original objects of these by-meetings were to visit places where bell ringing was not practised, and so to increase the interests of the residents of the district. This object had not been accomplished, and it was now thought that the appointment of an instructor would have a much more satisfactory effect. A saving would be effected by abolishing these meetings, and he thought the result would be generally satisfactory.

Several members warmly supported the motion, which was eventually carried unanimously.

After the election of some new members and a vote of thanks to the chairman for his conduct in the chair, the following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That this meeting of the Diocesan Association ventures to suggest that the augmentation of the number of bells in Gloucester Cathedral, and the re-arrangement of the belfry, would form a fitting memorial of the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral."

The annual dinner was subsequently held at the "Ship Inn," the

Rev. C. D. P. Davies presiding over a large attendance. A capital dinner was served by hostess Ogbourne, and the repast was generally enjoyed. The post prandial toasts were of a formal character.

HANDBELL CHANGE-RINGING CONTEST.

The St. Peter's Society of Handbell ringers, Leeds, beg respectfully to state that a trial of skill in the art of change-ringing upon handbells, will take place at the Meeting House of the above Society, Mrs. Stephen Mitchell's, Old Nag's Head, Kirkgate, opposite the parish church, Leeds, on Saturday, October 23rd, 1886, when the following prizes will be awarded for one plain course of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major: First prize, £2 10s.; Second prize, £1 5s.; Third prize, 15s.; Fourth prize, 10s.; Fifth prize, 5s. All bells used in the contest will be provided by the above named Society—C 15 size; and under no circumstances can any other be used. The ballot for order of ringing will take place at 3.30 p.m. Ringing to commence at 4 p.m. prompt. Any company not being in readiness will be put last; the next to take its place. No person will be allowed to ring with more than one company. Time will be called for the starting two whole pulls round between the courses, and one whole pull at the finish. Ten minutes will be allowed between each company finishing and the next starting; and at the conclusion of the contest the judges will read out the number of faults for each company, and the prizes will be awarded accordingly. We shall provide competent and experienced judges, and use every endeavour to give satisfaction to all concerned, and shall abide by their decision in all matters in connection with this contest. Any company entering for this contest will be required to forward the name of each person constituting that company, also the name in which the company wishes to enter, to me, the undersigned, on or before the 21st October, with or without entrance fee, which will be sixpence each member, to be paid before the ballot for order of ringing. Any question arising not dealt with by the above rules, will be decided by a committee, whose decision will be final. In conclusion we respectfully ask all who may favour us with their presence to prove by their conduct that prize-ringing, if only properly conducted, is a true test of genuine change-ringing.

We are, yours respectfully,

The St. Peter's Society of Handbell Ringers,
20, Mint, Low Moor Side, Holbeck, Leeds. ROBERT BINNS, Hon. Sec.
September 14th, 1886.

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.

ON Saturday, September 11th, a company of ringers paid a visit to the above place for the purpose of having a pull on the bells of S.S. Peter and Paul. The party after a most enjoyable drive, were soon after their arrival joined by Mr. Robert Flint, parish clerk. The visitors having introduced themselves by ringing a touch of Bob Major on Mr. Hayward's handbells, the parish clerk informed them that the bells and ropes were all ready. The Yarmouth men then ascended the tower, and the bells were kept going for about two hours, in the Plain, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob methods. G. E. Fleming, 1; J. F. W. Bray, 2; M. Long (conductor), 3; A. Webber, 4; D. Hayward, 5; W. Fletcher, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in C. The company then retired to the "Hare and Hounds," where a capital tea was provided by host Harper. On the return journey the handbells were again brought into use, whilst the conversation turned chiefly on the ringing topics of the day. The company having spent a most agreeable day, take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, the Rev. — Dallimore, for the use of the bells, and his kindness in telegraphing from Tunbridge Wells to Mr. Hayward so that the company should not be disappointed.

N.B.—This company is in no way connected with St. Nicholas.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.

ON August 3rd, the change-ringers of this parish successfully accomplished their first 720 of Grandsire Minor. We gave an account of the opening service in connection with the rehanging of the bells some time since, at the same time noticing a performance of a peal upon the handbells. Since that time the members of the guild have practised as energetically as time and other occupations would allow, this peal being the first fruits of their labours. We may mention that one and all are novices at scientific ringing, and have learnt without any assistance outside of their own body. The ringers stood thus: Arthur Prescott, 1; J. Coombs, 2; L. Bell, 3; J. G. Roberts, 4; C. Garrett, 5; H. H. Palaret (conductor), 6. On August 31st the ringers presented their conductor with a card bowl (made out of some of the old oak which had been removed from the tower of the church), edged with silver and a section of a bell in the centre in the same metal, bearing the following inscription. "Presented by the change-ringers of Norton St. Philip, to their Captain, H. H. Palaret, Esq., as a small token of their gratitude and esteem, August, 1886."

STRAY NOTES FROM DEVONSHIRE.

THE first night of my holiday in the West Country was spent at Exeter; where, as I strolled on the "Northernbay" after dinner, I heard the welcome sound of bells rung in peal, and found my way thereby to the belfry of St. Sidwell's Church, where I was courteously received by the members of the St. Sidwell's society, assembled for their weekly practice. They were just going for a touch of Stedman Triples, which was beyond me; but afterwards I was invited to take a rope in Grandsire, and rang the sixth in a touch of 336. The belfry is rather small, but clean and well lighted. The bells are a fine-toned ring of eight, the go of which is all that could be wished, and there is evidently plenty of life and energy about the St. Sidwell's society. Alas! that the Exeter change-ringers cannot yet try their hands on the Cathedral bells, perhaps the finest ring of ten in England, but at present unringable in half-pulls, and requiring (I understood) about £1200 to put them in proper order. There ought to be no such difficulty as there seems to be in raising this sum for such a purpose; and if any of the Chapter were personally interested in change-ringing, the work would soon be done. But in a cathedral, as in a parish church, the clergy must lead in all belfry matters. The cathedral tenor weighs 67 cwt., and as at present hung requires four men to ring her in rounds or call-changes; the 9th weighs 47 cwt.; the 8th 39 cwt.; the 7th 30 cwt., and so on to the treble, about 9 cwt. As in many other Devonshire churches, the bells are chimed by the "Ellacombe" apparatus—an ingenious and easily worked invention, the only drawback to which is that it may induce people to be content with having the bells chimed, and so indirectly discourage efforts to promote proper ringing.

My next halting-place was Lynton, one of the most beautiful spots on the beautiful North Devon coast. There must be room in its church tower for six bells at least: but all that I heard before service on Sunday were three indifferent bells badly chimed. So far as I could learn, there was no change-ringing in that part nearer than Dunster, a place which I should have much liked to visit, but for the twenty miles of hilly road between Lynton and Minehead, the nearest point for railway communication. At Dunster there is a belfry thoroughly well-appointed and cared for, with a Rector who is a change-ringer himself; and as at this moment the parish is temporarily visited by so energetic a ringer as the Rev. H. A. Cockey, things are not likely to go to sleep there.

From Lynton my route lay southwards to Torquay. Here, with a large population of wealthy residents, liberal for all church purposes; with two rings of eight close by, at St. Mary Church and Babbicombe, and one moderately good ring at Upton in Torquay itself; to say nothing of numbers of unoccupied young men, for whom ringing might be a healthy exercise—there is no attempt whatever at change-ringing. Torquay sadly needs some younger clergy who are ringers to bestir themselves to promote the art. The newly appointed vicar of St. Johns, Mr. Airy, is a ringer, but his church has only one bell, and is so thickly surrounded with houses that difficulties would probably arise were this bell made (as it well might be) the tenor of a complete ring. The present position, in fact, towards change-ringing at Torquay, both of ringers and outsiders, is at best one of complete indifference, and probably little will be done till chance brings to the curacy of St. Mary Church or Babbicombe a competent change-ringer with sufficient energy to set matters going. In long established centres of ringing the art keeps itself alive with or without clerical sympathy; but where the very rudiments have to be learned, and the first faint flicker of interest encouraged, the active support of the clergy is almost indispensable. This reflection, though in one sense flattering to the cloth, is somewhat discouraging to one who knows how very little many of his brethren either know or care about the matter. We are still, I fear, some way from realising the importance of belfry reform, and the true position of ringers among other church workers. And it must occur to anyone who goes about the country with an interest in ringing, and with his eyes and ears open, that however much has been done of late years for rescuing change-ringing from neglect, there remains infinitely more to be done.

T. L. PAPILLON.

P.S.—Since writing the above, I have seen a good ring of eight at Totnes, and taken part in call-changes (well rung) at both Babbicombe and St. Mary Church; but have found no one either proficient in change-ringing or desirous of becoming so.

Mr. Pitman, of Paternoster Row, E.C., announces the publication of a new penny monthly musical periodical on the 1st October, entitled "The Violin Soloist," which will contain popular Dance, Operatic, and other Airs, original and selected. Fingered and effectively arranged as Solos for the Violin by an eminent English Violinist, and printed from engraved plates. In number one, together with five other compositions, will appear "Aimée" Valse, by the composer of the favourite "Caro Fior"; a Polonaise, by Hoffman; and Beethoven's Turkish March.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. to July.	Aug.	Total.
Midland Counties Association ..	38	6	44
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	29	0	29
Ancient Society of College Youths ..	23	4	27
Yorkshire Association ..	24	0	24
St. James's Society, London ..	19	0	19
United Counties' Association ..	16	1	17
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths ..	12	3	15
Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society ..	12	2	14
Lancashire Association ..	12	1	13
Norwich Diocesan Association ..	12	1	13
Kent County Association ..	10	1	11
Sussex County Association ..	8	1	9
Liverpool Youths' Society ..	9	0	9
Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	7	2	9
Hertford Association ..	8	0	8
Holt Society ..	7	0	7
Surrey Association ..	6	1	7
Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	6	0	6
Rochdale and District Association ..	3	0	3
Society of Trinity Youths ..	2	0	2
Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	2	0	2
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association ..	1	1	2
Essex Association ..	0	2	3
Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association ..	1	0	1
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association ..	1	0	1
Worcester and Adjoining District Association ..	1	0	1
Eastern Counties' Association ..	1	0	1
Devonshire Guild ..	0	1	1
Bedfordshire Association ..	0	1	1
Independent Societies ..	72	8	80
	342	36	378
Less peals entered under two Associations ..	11	1	12
	331	35	366

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 7; Double Oxford Bob Major, 5; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 15; Treble Bob Caters, 1; Treble Bob Major, 84; Stedman Cinques, 3; Stedman Caters, 6; Stedman Triples, 33; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Grandsire Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters, 13; Grandsire Major, 9; Grandsire Triples, 131; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 1; Bob Major, 18; Bob Triples, 11; Bob Minor (seven 720's), 2; Union Triples, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Seven Minor Methods on six bells, 14; Ditto in four methods, 1; Ditto in three methods, 2; In four methods on eight bells, 1. Total, 366. Greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,000. Quickest 5040 on church bells, 2 hours 32 mins. GEO. F. ATTREE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Braintree (six bells), on Saturday, September 25th. Ringing to commence at 11.30. The towers of Bocking (six bells), two miles from Braintree; Rayne (five bells), two miles; and Stisted (six bells), three miles, will also be open to members, and the schoolroom at Braintree will be open for ringing during the day. Meat Tea at the "Wheatsheaf" Inn, at 5 p.m. Business Meeting immediately after the tea. Tickets sixpence each to members, may be obtained from the Secretary up to Tuesday, September 21st, after which date the price will be one shilling. Return tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. at a single fare and a quarter to members who show at the Booking Office their E.A.C.R. receipts for the present year, provided that they inform the Secretary before September 21st, from what station they start. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford, September, 1886.

A NOVELTY.—The following paragraph, taken from the *Derbyshire Gazette*, of the 10th inst., may interest the curious:

"CHANGE-RINGING AT SHARDLOW.—On Tuesday last, the ringers of this village ascended the belfry of the parish church, and succeeded in ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 480 changes in 20 mins. The above peal was rung in first-class time by the following ringers, viz.—George Ratcliff, treble; Thomas Crowder, second; John Hewson, third; David Yates, fourth; Joseph Herod, fifth; Robert Gilbert, tenor. Weight of tenor, 14 cwt. in A."

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday, September 12th, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 24 mins. (eight bobs and six singles). C. Howard, 1; F. Saunders, 2; S. Hammond, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1886.

The Provinces.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.—THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1886, in Three Hours and Three-and- $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL HARROP	Treble.	SAMUEL KNOTT, JUNR. .. 5.
THOMAS JAMES	2.	JOSEPH MALONEY 6.
WILLIAM HARROP	3.	HENRY COOPER 7.
FRANCIS LEES	4.	JOHN PYE, JUNR. Tenor.

Composed and conducted by SAMUEL KNOTT, JUNR.

The above peal contains the 6th its extent in all positions, and has never been previously performed. Mr. Lees hails from Newcastle-on-Tyne, the rest belong to the local company.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 9, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHAGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN AUSTIN	Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR	5.
HARRY WAKLEY	2.	WILLIAM FRITH	6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY	3.	THOMAS HOLMES	7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN	4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by W. WAKLEY.
This peal, has the 6th the extent, and nine course-ends home.

DEWSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 11, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN SIMION*	Treble.	J. A. IDLE	5.
WALTER IDLE	2.	G. H. HARDY	6.
W. AINLEY*	3.	WALTER BYRAM	7.
GEORGE SIMON*	4.	GARFORTH TAYLOR	Tenor.

Composed and conducted by G. H. HARDY.

*First Peal.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

SAMUEL WEST*	Treble.	JOSEPH GRIMSHAW	5.
JAMES HENRY RIDYARD	2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER	6.
THOMAS YATES	3.	*CHARLES CASH	7.
JOHN WELSBY	4.	*EDWARD CASH	Tenor.

Composed by the late Mr. HUBBARD and Conducted by EDWARD CASH.

Messrs. West and Sevier hail from Manchester; Ridyard and Welsby from Worsley; the rest belong to the local company. First peal in the method by Ridyard. *College Youths.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1886, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON*	Treble.	WILLIAM MCCAFFREY	5.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN*	2.	*CHAS. ALBERT CLEMENTS	6.
JAMES RICHARD JERRAM*	3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7.
JOHN HAYWARD	4.	†ANDREW PALMER	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MCCAFFREY.

Mr. J. Davidson hails from London. *College Youths. †First Peal.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 13, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM MIDGLEY	Treble.	JOHN GOUCHER	5.
J. C. DICKENS	2.	SAMUEL SEED	6.
JOHN MULLIGAN	3.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY	7.
WILLIAM BURGUR	4.	*CHARLES STEER	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

J. C. Dickens hails from Long Eaton. *First Peal.

CORRECTION.—In last week's issue, read "twenty-six sets of two" instead of "twenty-six ditto," in the distribution of Bucks bells.

AYLESFORD.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID HALL Treble.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. 5.
EDWARD BALDOCK* 2.	WILLIAM J. LEONARD .. 6.
GEORGE PAWLEY 3.	*ALCHIN MOORCRAFT .. 7.
REUBEN SIMMONDS* 4.	GEORGE J. MOORCRAFT Tenor.

Conducted by ALCHIN MOORCRAFT.

*College Youths. First peal of Triples on the bells, and was rung to commemorate Mr. Simmonds 37th birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, September 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C#.

WM. L. CATCHPOLE Treble.	HENRY BOWELL 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	ROBERT HAWES 7.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, ESQ. .. 8.
JAMES MOTTS 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 9.
CHARLES SAUL 5.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

Mr. Taylor hails from Loughborough, and the rest belong to the local company. It was arranged to ring Stedman Cinques, but meeting short, the attempt for Stedman Caters was made.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, August 19th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). H. Chapman, 1; J. Hills, 2; T. Foote, 3; M. Warwick, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). C. Pass, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; H. Chapman, 4; M. Warwick, 5; J. Hills, 6. And on Thursday, September 2nd, a 720 of Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; J. Hills, 4; S. Cullip, 5; H. Chapman, 6.

WOBURN (Beds.).—On Saturday, August 28th, at the old tower, a 704 of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Chapman, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. Cullip, 3; M. Lane, 4; W. Biggs, 5; W. Chibnall, 6; J. Hills, 7; J. Frossell, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).—At the parish church, on Monday, September 13th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six, in 27 mins. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Castree, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Also a plain course and a short touch of Bob Major. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; J. W. Cleminson, 5; F. Castree, 6; F. Charlton, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. Tenor 11½ cwt.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Durham).—At St. Hildas church, on Monday, September 6th, for practice, 1008 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 32 mins. Jas. Moffitt, 1; W. Wignall, 2; John Moffitt, 3; J. R. Wheldon, 4; J. L. Gibson, 5; Henry Ross, 6; R. Smith (conductor), 7; Joel Hern, 8. Tenor 10 cwt.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Saturday evening, September 11th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 30 mins. (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. J. Clarkson, 1; J. W. Shipp, 2; W. E. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; J. Brown, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. Also on Sunday 12th, for service, a 360 of College Single (nine bobs). W. McLean, 1; others as before.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk). On Sunday evening, September 5th, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles). J. Hendry, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Hill, 3; A. Howard (Wishbech), 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS (Herts.).—On Sunday, September 12th, after Divine Service, at St. Stephen's being harvest festival, six members of the above society rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. W. Cartmel, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 4; A. Godman, sen., 5; W. Battle, 6. Also on Friday, September 10th, on handbells, a 560 of Grandsire Triples. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6; A. Sibley, 7-8. And on Saturday, September 11th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; J. C. Mitchell, 5-6. Also 351 of Grandsire Major. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; J. C. Mitchell, 5; W. Battle, 6; E. P. Debenham, 7-8. Also 560 of Grandsire Triples. W. H. L. Buckingham, 1; A. Barnes, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; G. W. Cartmel, 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday last, the local company were favoured with a visit by Messrs. H. C. Woodward, G. Mottashaw, W. Shardlow and S. Maskrey, of Derby, and rang 120 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Shardlow, 1; G. C. Tunnicliff, 2; G. Mottashaw, 3; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 4; G. A. Fish, 5; S. Maskrey, 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. G. A. Fish, 1; J. Warren, 2; S. Maskrey, 3; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 4; G. Mottashaw, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff, 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. W. Shardlow, 1; J. Warren, 2; G. A. Fish, 3; G. Mottashaw, 4; H. C. Woodward, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. First attempt at Grandsire Minor by Warren, Tunnicliff and Fish. Also on Monday evening the Melbourne society met at the parish church, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. J. R. Wood, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by the above society unassisted, and was rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of F. W. Cook. After the bells were lowered the ringers proceeded to Mr. Cook's home, where all sat down to a first-class supper. After supper, the Rev. W. Rice, vice-president of the society, in a few well-chosen words, presented Mr. Cook with a little present, a bible and prayer book, the gift of the society. After spending a very enjoyable hour or two in handbellringing, &c., the company broke up. The sincere thanks of the society are due to Mr. Cook, Mrs. Cook and the Misses Cook for their kindness on this occasion.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening last, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. G. Dawson, 1; E. Moreton, 2; S. Johnson, 3; R. Johnson, 4; J. Howe, 5; A. Robinson (conductor), 6; W. Hickling, 7; G. Hingley, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLEFORD (Berks.).—On Sunday, September 12th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. C. Quelch (Oxford), 1; T. Short (Abingdon), 2; H. Fruin (Abingdon), 3; W. Sandell (Abingdon), 4; H. Sheard (Abingdon, conductor), 5; F. A. Castle (Oxford), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Smith (Sutton), 1; H. Fruin, 2; T. Short, 3; W. Sandell, 4; H. Sheard (conductor), 5; F. A. Castle, 6.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffs.).—On the occasion of the opening of the new bells at the above place, six of the Norton ringers rang for service, on Thursday night, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. E. Glover, 1; G. Walker, 2; J. Wood, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6. Also after service, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 26 mins. J. Wood, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Baddeley, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; G. Walker (conductor), 6. Also touches of Stedman, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung, the go of the bells is fine. And at Norton, for service, on Sunday morning, September 12th, a 720 of Stedman's Slow Course, in 25 mins. E. Glover, 1; G. Walker, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. Baddeley (conductor), 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Wood, 6. And on Monday night, for service at Bucknall, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. G. Walker, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Wood, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6. All hail from Norton.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 14th, a 720 of Superlative Surprise Minor in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; B. E. Battrum, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. G. Scowen, 3; S. Frost, 4; A. Garrott (conductor), 5; J. Cooley, 6.

ANSTON (Yorkshire).—On Sunday morning, September 12th, for Divine service, at St. James's church, a 720 of Duke of York, in 25 mins. G. Lister, 1; R. S. Fox, 2; J. Bland, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4;

S. Smith, 5; T. Silvester (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, a 360 each of Violet and Oxford Treble Bob Minor (no time mentioned). Tenor 12 cwt.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a 720 of Bob Minor. L. Griffiths, 1; W. Beddell, 2; J. Guest (conductor), 3; D. Garbett, 4; A. Beddell, 5; A. Whatmore, 6. Also on Tuesday, September 14th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. H. Hartshorn (first 720), 1; H. Lloyd, 2; W. Hartshorn, 3; A. Beddell, 4; T. Allden, 5; A. Whatmore (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

BRITFORD (Wilts).—On Monday, September 13th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each 120 called differently. Joseph Davidson (London), 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; C. A. Clements, 5. These are the first six 120's on the bells. The ringers were afterwards very kindly entertained at the Rectory.

CHACELEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 12th, some members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Society visited the above place and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 22½ mins. C. W. Dyson, 1; S. Cleal, 2; Lionel Longney, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 6. Mr. Longneys first 720.

CLEATOR MOOR (Cumberland).—On Tuesday evening, September 14th, for practice at St. John's church, 120 of Bob Doubles. The first 6-score on the bells. J. Baxter, 1; W. Thompson, 2; E. Edgar, 3; J. Wood, 4; W. Joyce, 5; W. Hodges, 6.

CRANLEIGH (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 12th, the Warnham company paid a visit to this place, and rung a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 28 mins. F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; T. Andrews, 4; T. Cooper, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6. And a 260 of Court Bob, with H. Wood on the 4th, the others as before. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob ever rung here. Tenor 21 cwt. The ringers wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens, through the medium of this paper, for the use of the bells.

EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday evening after Divine service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. J. Pether, 1; E. Pether, 2; F. Napper, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; D. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; E. Napper, 7; T. Hibbert, 8. Tenor 23½ cwt. R. T. Hibbert hails from Reading; and T. Hibbert from East Ilsley.

ELTHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, September 5th, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, for Divine service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and fourteen singles), in 25 mins. R. Johnson, 1; J. King, 2; W. Gosling, 3; C. Mussett, 4; G. Sheppard (conductor), 5; F. Fraser, 6. Also on Thursday, September 9th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. R. Hitcher, 1; J. King, 2; W. Gosling, 3; T. G. Deal, 4; G. Sheppard (conductor), 5; F. Fraser, 6.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine service in the evening, at the parish church, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; E. Pether, 2; F. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; E. E. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; T. Hibbert, junr., 7; T. Hibbert, senr., 8. Also after evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; E. Pether, 2; F. Napper, 3; T. Hibbert junr., 4; D. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; E. E. Napper, 7; T. Hibbert, senr., 8.

LONDON.—On Saturday, September 4th, the Cirencester society had their annual outing, and paid a visit to the above place, and rang at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Ponting, 1; J. Earl, 2; W. Hinton (conductor), 3; G. Mason, 4; H. Swain, 5; H. Hughes, 6; G. Davis, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. The society takes this opportunity of thanking Mr. Smith for kindly allowing them the use of the bells.

LOWER HARDRES (Kent).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, September 10th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. *Miss E. Brine, 1-2; *Miss L. Brine, 3-4; A. L. Brine, Esq. (conductor), 5-6. *First 720 double-handed in the method.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, September 11th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Green, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Mason, 3; A. Parsons, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor by all except C. W. Bassano, also the first on the bells.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Giles' church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. H. Smart, 1; F. Sweltzer, 2; T. Hibbert, 3; A. Evans, 4; H. White, 5; G. Gibbard (conductor), 6.

RINGTON (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, September 11th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene (by kind permission of the Rev. S. W. Tidswell), five of the Aylestone company rang various touches of Plain Bob Minor. J. Bray (conductor), 1; W. Towers, 2; H. Towers, 3; A. Towers, 4; J. Wilson, 5; J. Bray, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in E.

RETFORD (Notts.)—On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. Haigh (first 720), 1; J. Briggs, 2; W. Brake, 3; N. Hunt, 4; J. Joyes (first 720 as conductor), 5; R. Potter, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. 9 lbs.

ROCHESTER (Kent). On Sunday evening, for Divine service, at St. Margaret's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. C. Wiltshire (Quex Park, Herne Bay), 1; J. Raynor, 2; G. Chantler, 3; H. Greaves, 4; J. Tullett, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. The above are all members of the Kent County Association.

SEDGELEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. John Goodman, 1; John Guest, 2; David Bruce, 3; Samuel Bunn, 4; James Screen, 5; Robert Schofield (conductor), 6; Joseph Devonport, 7; Eber Screen, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 12th, at St. Mary the Virgin, six of the local company rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Luckey, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, junr. (conductor), 5; I. Cavill, 6. Also 360 of College Single. I. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, junr., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 4th, the following members of the local company met for practice at St. Gregory's church, and rang 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; W. Griggs, 2; W. Howell, 3; J. Campin, 4; A. Scott, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Cross, 7; H. Brackett, 8. This is the longest touch in the method on these bells for upwards of eight years. Also on Wednesday, September 8th, on the occasion of a wedding at St. Gregory's, several touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, amounting to about 3700 changes, were rung during the day, by Messrs. Tolliday, Cross, Griggs, Howell, Scott, Sillitoe (conductor), Campin and Harper. Also on Saturday, September 11th, at the same church, a touch of Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; W. Gridley (Foxearth), 3; M. Silvester, 4; A. Scott, 5; J. Lee (Foxearth), 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. And 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; W. Griggs, 2; J. Campin, 3; †M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Howell, 7; A. Scott, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in F. †Longest touch in the method.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).—On Wednesday evening, September 1st, eight members of the All Hallows Society, accompanied by Messrs. Davidson and Griffin, paid a visit to the above place, and rang 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. H. A. Barnett, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; G. Griffin, 5; W. Pye English, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Davidson, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; J. Langran, 3; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 4; T. Groves, 5; W. Pye English, 6.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 5th, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Wood, 3; T. Andrews, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8. Also 420 in the same method. W. Short, 1; H. Chandler, 2; H. Cook, 3; G. Ropley, 4; C. Blackman, 5; T. Andrews, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8. And 840 in the same method. W. Short, 1; H. Cook, 2; H. Chandler, 3; G. Ropley, 4; C. Blackman, 5; T. Cooper, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8. C. Blackman hails from Arundel, and it is his first touch of Oxford Bob Triples. This is the first time the tenor man has attempted any ringing. And on Saturday September 11th, eight members of the local company attempted Shipway's six-part peal of Court Bob Triples, but owing to the tenor rope coming undone, the conductor called them home half-way (2520) in 1 hr. 30 mins. F. Gorman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Thursday evening, September 9th, the Christ Church society rang for practice 1151 changes of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Reeves (conductor), 4; J. Lloyd, 5; W. R. Small, 6; C. Price, 7; R. Hall, 8; C. Timms, 9; T. Atkins, 10. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

WORCESTER.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). S. Cotton, 1-2; G. Cleall (conductor), 3-4; W. Powell, 5-6; W. Tinkins, 7-8. First quarter-peal by all.

The parish church of Brushford, Somerset, is about to undergo restoration at a cost of £400, under the supervision of Mr. C. S. Samson, architect, of Taunton. About £300 has been already raised towards the work, which includes the repairing of the tower and the rehangings of the bells. A bazaar to assist the funds was held last week at Pixton Park, near Dulverton, by the permission of the owner, the Earl of Carnarvon, and Mr. G. F. White, the present tenant of the house.

BELLS AND RINGERS IN KENT.

Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Aldington, Kent, writes:—"Sir,—Seeing the list of rings in Kent by Mr. Rees was not corrected in last week's "BELL NEWS," will you kindly allow me to make a few remarks about the same, and seeing the weight of the tenor is given with all the rings that have Whitechapel attached, may I ask Mr. Rees if they are all correct, as a great many tenors are reputed to be much heavier than stated in the list, some wrongly so no doubt. As far as change-ringing is mentioned, there is a great many omissions and additions to be made, commencing with Quex Park, where it is well-known that Grandsire has been rung now for some time (perhaps two or three years); and at Hythe there has been no ringing for several years, only a few rounds very seldom; Ashford is mentioned as ringing Treble Bob, which is false, unless a Treble Bob party visit there. Cliff-at-Hoo, G; Margate, beginners; Staplehurst, B; Tenterden, B; Tunbridge Wells, G; Lyminge, B; Speldhurst, G. B. The following are the list of rings omitted:—

Aylesford..	..	8	..	16	..	Augmented from 5 to 8.
Lee ..	..	8	..	15	..	Treble & tenor added, 1886.
Appledore ..	..	6	..	15	..	
Ash ..	..	6	..	..	..
Bethersden ..	..	6	..	..	..
Brasted ..	..	6	..	15	..	New.
Boughton Monchelsea ..	..	6	..	18	..	Reputed weight.
Chislest ..	..	6	..	..	..
Eastling ..	..	6	..	..	..
Elmsted ..	..	6	..	15	..	Fore six of eight.
Egerton ..	..	6	..	13	..	
Marden ..	..	6	..	21	..	Reputed weight.
Wickham Breaux ..	..	6	..	..	..
Woodchurch ..	..	6	..	..	..
Willesborough ..	..	6	..	12	..	Treble added by Llewellyns and James, 1886.

Brenchley, Doddington, Herne, St. Peter's, Thanet, and Wittersham are reported to have 6 each, but I am not certain whether they have or not. Brookland is in the list of 6, but there are only five here. Sellindge has but five bells (unringable) one of the small bells having the crown broken out, and lies in a shed at the vicarage at present. Perhaps this was a misprint for Selling, where there is 6, the same as stated in the list. I hope this will cause a proper list to be got together in the future."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will take place on Saturday, October 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. There will be a service at 3.30 p.m., at which the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Davenport Kelly, M.A., rector of St. Matthew's, Manchester. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., tickets 1s. each. The business meeting will be at 6 p.m., when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. All those who intend to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to Mr. J. Redford, 9, Portugal-street, Bolton (from whom tickets may be obtained), not later than September 25th. Ringers, not being members, who care to attend will be cordially welcomed. The towers of the parish church of St. Peter, as well as those of Holy Trinity, All Saints', and St. George's will be open for ringing after the meeting. Members who have not yet paid their subscription for the past year, are requested to send it as soon as possible to Mr. Redford, in order that the list of members may be complete for insertion in the report.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
J. REDFORD, }

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year took place at headquarters, the "Green Man," St. Martin's Lane, on Friday evening, the 10th ult. Mr. Henry S. Thomas was duly elected master for the ensuing twelve months. Messrs. Baron and Dains were re-elected to their offices of Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Mr. George Church was elected Junior Steward, and Mr. Henry J. Davies thus became Senior Steward.

H. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

The Victorian Society of bellringers rang on the bells of St. James' Cathedral, Melbourne, on Tuesday evening, 22nd June, 720 changes of Grandsire Minor, in twenty-seven minutes. This is the first time that this number of changes has been rung on any bells in the Australian colonies. Mr. Crang, treble; Mr. Shenton, 2; Mr. Heather, 3; Mr. Albinson, 4; Mr. Guest, 5; Mr. Murray, tenor. This peal was conducted by Mr. Albinson. Also 504 changes were rung the same evening, assisted by Mr. Clarke and Mr. Kilburn, jun., of Ballarat.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

The Churchwardens of this parish have had their attention imperatively called to the present dangerous condition of the bells in the parish church. These bells, which in their original form probably date from the 15th century, were re-cast and re-hung in 1798, by Thomas Osborne, of Downham. It has long been known that they have since then become insecure; that their bearings were much worn and their fittings strained by the hard work of nearly 90 years; and recently several accidents have occurred to warn us more strikingly of our danger. Within the present year two bells have slipped from their bearings while being rung. The first was repaired, for immediate use, by Mr. John Fosdike. The other still lies where it fell. Fortunately these accidents hitherto have happened only to the smaller bells. If the great tenor bell (weighing 28 cwt.) were to fall, it would certainly wreck the woodwork of the tower, and probably kill one or more of the ringers.

In this state of things the churchwardens felt it their duty to call in an experienced church bell hanger, to examine and advise; and his advice was that the whole peal should be entirely re-hung. He says the bells (though much worn in the places where the clappers strike) are sound in themselves, and the timber framework which supports them is strong and good; but the whole of the stocks and gudgeons, bell-carriages and bearings, hanging irons, crown staples and bell clappers require to be completely renewed, and the bells require to be turned at right angles so that the new clappers shall strike in a fresh place. The wheels also should be made new or repaired, and wooden guide-troughs are wanted for the bell-ropes. Lastly the peal requires to be brought into more perfect tune. The cost of the work is estimated at £95, and the time it would take, about three months.

Subscriptions will be received and duly acknowledged by the churchwardens; and it is proposed to inscribe simply the names of all contributors on a suitable tablet to be preserved in the ringers' chamber as a memorial of this occasion.

THE FOLLOWING SUMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROMISED.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. R. C. M. Rouse ..	5	0	0
W. Arnott ..	5	0	0
H. Airy ..	5	0	0

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Sunday morning, September 12th, for Divine service, a plain course of Grandsire Triples. W. Adler, 1; G. E. Swain, 2; T. Lingard, 3; W. Swain, 4; T. Chapman, 5; T. Bates, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. Ballard, 8. This is the first time a plain course of Triples has been rang by all Nuneaton Ringers. The Nuneaton Company return their sincere thanks to Mr. J. D. Aston, of Upton St. Leonards, for his kindness in giving them a start into Triples during his short stay amongst them, and were sorry that that gentleman had to go at so short a notice, as they fully intended having a jolly night together. Should any brother strings visit this town at any time they will be most welcome to have a pull with us. Practice 7.0 a.m. Sunday mornings and for service at 10.0 a.m., and Thursday nights at 7.0 p.m.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, September 4th, at St. James', Leyland. Members attended from St. Andrew's, Leyland, Blackrod, Chorley, Preston, and Standish, who were met by the local ringers, who conducted them to the tower, where a 720 of Bob Minor and other touches of London Single Bob were rung, after which the members adjourned to the church school, kindly lent by the Vicar. After the ordinary business of the meeting had been transacted, it was finally decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Standish. After the usual vote of thanks to the chairman (Mr. William Bowling), the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. J. Watts Wilkinson), for the use of the bells and school-room for the purpose of this Association.

DULWICH COLLEGE, SURREY.

Some gallant young men of St. James',
One evening when up to their games,
Strolled over to Dulwich, to ring at the College,
Particulars follow and names.

On Tuesday, September 11th, by kind permission of the chaplain, five members of the St. James' society met at the above College, and rang several six-scores of Doubles. H. Flowers, 1; R. French (conductor), 2; W. W. Thorn, 3; W. Jones, 4; W. H. Judd, 5. Tenor 34 cwt. After which a short touch of Double Dulwich, with T. Windley and —, Parsons,

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."

PASSING EVENTS.

SIR,—I feel in duty bound to myself to answer the somewhat lengthy letter of our mutual friend, Mr. H. Dains, and was under the impression that he would not have written another seeing that mine was an answer to his, so after again looking over the correspondence must submit same to the science at large to know whether I was not justified in answering him in the manner I did for it must be recollected that he wrote the first letter stirring up this unpleasant affair and in a key not to be mistaken. I have really nothing to add to my letter of the 28th ultimo respecting the real point in question, and still adhere to all I set forth regarding musical qualities, and may mention that the band who accomplished the peal in question, some of whom are first class musicians, and others with keen acoustical talent, all expressed themselves satisfied with its musical qualities. When Mr. H. Dains again quotes from previous letters, I trust he will not use so much sarcasm but stick to the exact wording and not endeavour to convey to the public mind the idea that I am so ignorant as to be the author of two ungrammatical sentences; and in one place Mr. H. Dains disdains my actual name by making a stupid misrepresentation of it. Certainly the maxim "Multum in Parvo" has not been observed at all, on the contrary the letter is composed of many paragraphs outside the question altogether, and he has certainly not properly studied *lex talionis*. I do not suffer from shocks to the nervous system, and it is quite true I am a youth—a College Youth—and such I shall always remain, but the allusion to the bob-callers of my company, &c., is by no means my own invention, and the "pussy" jumps so well that she cannot be underrated. On reference to my previous letter it will be seen I am sure that he does not read letters carefully, and answers only what suits him best; hence the cool omission in his P.S. that he does not understand Mr. Vinen's letter. When the sitting magistrate of Treble Bob alludes to my holidays as so many days hard labour, I quite agree with him. It is a labour—a labour of love; and I too am also much obliged to him for unintentionally giving me the opportunity of explaining, and let me here blow my trumpet a little and state that I always endeavour to interest every one with the certain particulars referred to, for it must be remembered that out of the many readers of "THE BELL NEWS," each one has their own particular taste and fancy, the same as some men's talents taking one course and some another. A family have also different tastes for the evening newspaper, some like politics and war, others the court news and births, marriages, and deaths, while many scan the murders, executions, accidents, and fires. So surely does a certain number of ringers enjoy to overhaul the page devoted to compositions, others like to dabble in the correspondence column, some see to the leaders and performances under 5000; we all love the peal page, mostly all read the outings and banquets, while numbers abound of an antiquarian turn of mind who delight to see an account of the antiquities characteristic of ancient bells and places, and at the same time there are not a few who like some little description of the tower and church they are hung in, and also a few features of the town in which they are situated. Besides all this it must be considered as a compliment to those to whom you refer, and must indeed be obvious that an account confined to ringing matters alone would quickly become monotonous in the extreme. Without blowing at all, I am convinced from past actual experience, that such accounts are generally interesting, and can rely upon almost every support from the provinces, together with a large portion of the metropolis; and the few who do not approve of them can easily avert the imaginary nuisance by passing over the page. Referring to general accounts I am sure it is always more or less interesting to read of outings described thus:—"After listening to the bells that do tell a tale outside, I being thought time to refresh the inner man, a move was made to the 'Pig and Whistle,' and after ample justice had been done to the good things provided, having accomplished so many courses in this method without running out behind, the whole party returned to town well pleased with their outing." Perhaps this style is more to the taste of Mr. H. Dains. I quite believe that he is the author of 200 peals, and this fact alone quite bears out the point I touched upon in my previous answer: why should one man monopolize the whole field for himself, and I have been informed on the best authority that his finest compositions do not eclipse or in any way equal what has previously been done. The composers I mostly think a great deal of are those gentlemen who never publish anything until it has been rung, or if not so accomplished, having some special feature of interest. Anyone seeking prominence is always liable to meet with opposition, and there are some men with the bump of dictatorial interference so fully developed they would like to do away with everything; and if left to the grumblers who never put pen to paper for the good of their fellow men, I am afraid next week's "BELL NEWS" would contain scanty information. With reference to taking particulars of bells and places with plaster casts, clay squeezes, and rubbings, I myself have been in belfries from seven in the morning until eleven at night, and "Off" in the still night" sitting up at home working until four in the morning. It will be seen that I have lately been ringing with many ringers in various parts of the country, and the general feeling is that Mr. H. Dains did wrong by interfering in the matter he had no right to, and at a time when it was least advisable. I mean the unfortunate dispute between Mr. J. R. Pritchard and myself, and I may here say in passing for the information of your readers who like to hear of such things being settled, that had time permitted, I should have been glad to visit Liverpool in response to a kind letter from Mr. Pritchard received through you, Mr. Editor, thanks to your excellent leader on the subject, and in which he hoped no one else would interfere. This will surely show that no animosity now exists between us, and the general feeling all over the country is this: that some support one and some another, but taking a clear unbiassed view of the case, the majority blamed us both which I myself feel is correct, and if we met now, those present would never dream of the unpleasant affair lately passed, and I have not the slightest doubt that had we both taken no notice of outsiders suggestions and advice, the job would never have happened. In referring to the meeting house business it will be seen to be purely a sarcastic suggestion on my part, as I too have some friends in the Cumberland Society for which I have always entertained considerable respect, and knowing all the difficulties about suitable rooms, &c., it must please be noted that I did not allude to that company in any way, some of whose past performances must I am sure entitle them to that respect they already possess. As to whether I like spending my time with ringers on leaving the tower, the fact must speak for itself at the churches I am in the habit of attending. I am glad to hear he so greatly respects some of the members in our Society and trust there are yet some to be found who are in a position to return the compliment. Ever since the first issue of this paper, and also in the columns of another well-known ringing journal, there has appeared from time to time many similar disputes, and after they are all finally settled the result is that more harm than good had been done, and I will finish by stating what is an undeniable fact, that this will terminate in the usual way, viz.: that both Mr. H. Dains and myself have lowered ourselves considerably in the eyes of the ringing world, and the affair has thus done us more harm than good. I, like other specimens of human nature, never mind being "pulled over the coals" when necessary, but object to being "sat upon" without sufficient cause. His point may be very good in its way, but he decidedly raised it at the wrong time, and not in the correct

manner, and referring, Sir, to your able article a few weeks ago in which my name appears, I greatly marvel that Mr. H. Dains had not taken those valuable hints from the first. I quite agree with you, Sir, that an unbroken brotherhood should exist among all ringers, good and bad, and am always ready to make any sacrifice in order to again shake hands; so after this nine days wonder has subsided, let us hope that after all, these "rows" may end in the way you suggested, and who knows, that but some day we may yet be able to publicly seal our friendship by all ringing a peal together in which the names of Pritchard, Dains, Vinen, Dawe, and our Editor may appear; Mr. Dains as composer; Mr. Pritchard as bob-caller; Mr. Vinen to test its musical qualities; you, Mr. Editor, to publish it; and I will endeavour to take particulars of the bells and tower they are in. We really must have more friendly unity instead of rivalry, and if there is the slightest opportunity of this peal taking place, I'm on.

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SIR,—I write to ask if the master of the "Ancient Society of College Youths" would kindly allow some gentleman to publish, subject to the approval of the members, a list of Peals rang by the College Youths since 1878. One of the most interesting features of Bannister's "Art and Science of Change Ringing" is a list of performances by the College Youths from 1724 to 1878. If someone would undertake to continue this list in "THE BELL NEWS" up to the present date, much valuable information would be placed before the peal ringing community, which would be highly acceptable. I have no doubt many members of the Society would find such a list of great use individually. Future misunderstanding and correspondence would certainly be avoided, when a question arose as to the "first peal on the bells," or the "first in the method," &c. Such queries have occurred, and is even the case now with regard to some achievements, but only through ignorance of "what has been done." I hope also to add a list of the peals rung by the other three London Societies.

W. H. FUSSELL.

REPLY TO MR. SMITH.

SIR,—I must decline to enter into a competition of abuse with Mr. John Smith. After his reply—which, I fear, only too plainly shows the spirit which prompted the former letter—our correspondence must cease, on my side at least, and I leave it to those who know the facts of the case to judge whose statements are the more correct.

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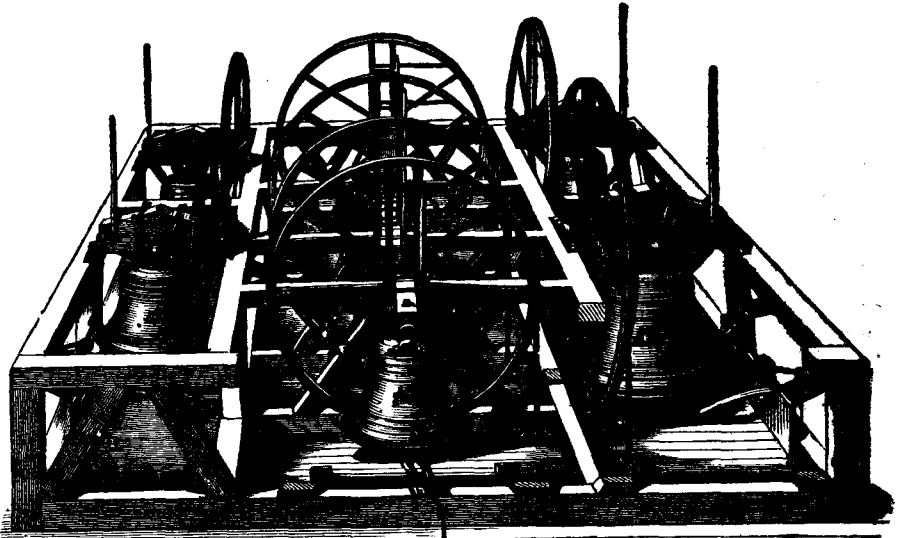


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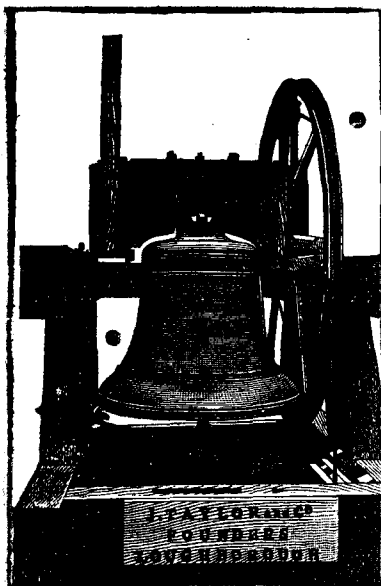
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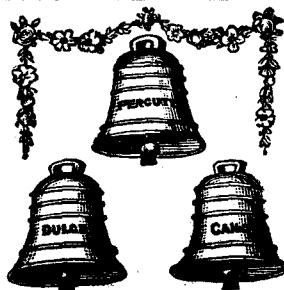
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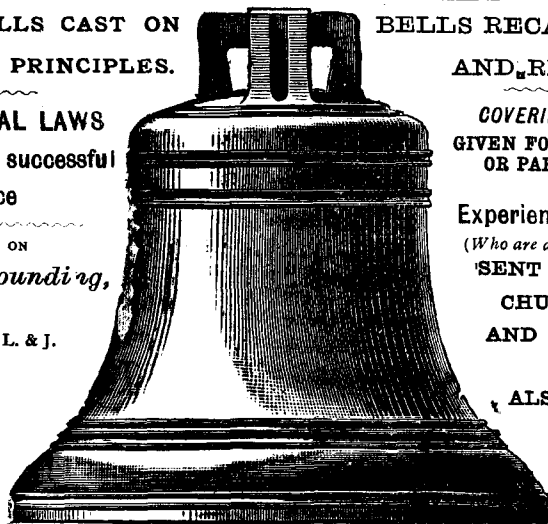
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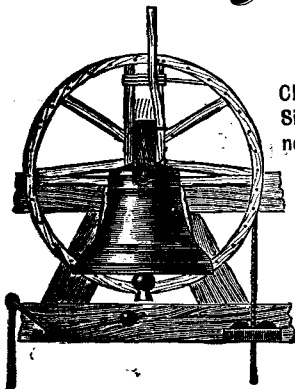
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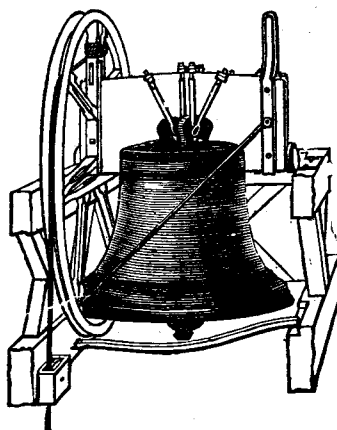
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ANNUAL DINNER.

IN response to the notice given in your valuable paper, between thirty and forty members journeyed down to Southgate, a quiet, but charming little rural village, about nine miles out of town, to the north of London. The day was a lovely one, and September could not possibly provide better weather for the occasion. At about 4.30, the bells commenced to speak out to a good touch of Grandsire Triples, followed by a long course of Treble Bob Major, tenors parted, other touches of Stedman and Grandsire followed, ringing being kept up with great spirit during the day till the dinner gong boomed out all was ready, the time being six o'clock, as announced, precise. It should, however, be added that those not handling the ropes, betook themselves to the cricket field, and here scored a double object, that of criticising a match in progress, and passing an opinion on the grand toned ring of bells which are such as not every tower can boast. The Society's newly elected Master, Mr. H. S. Thomas, and Mr. W. H. D. Porter, took sides in the match, and were successful in removing several batsmen from the wickets by making some excellent catches. The dinner was the next best thing to catch, and soon a goodly company assembled in the large dining hall. Grace having been said, business operations were commenced, to the tune of knife and fork, the repast being provided by the host of "The Cherry Tree," Inn, Southgate. The composition of the peal comprised the usual three courses, and was performed as usual in the old method, the time occupied being about 1 hr. 20 mins. The Chairman said grace after meat, and gave "The Queen," which, as usual, received a loyal response. The toast of the evening followed—"The prosperity of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths," which was well responded to by Mr. John Rogers. He said he had been a member about twenty-five years, and each year created greater attachment. The society had a long and distinguished and unbroken line of records, containing some brilliant achievements, and he concluded by asking his friend and comrade Mr. G. Newson, to give "The 12,000 Treble Bob Royal," a new song set to the tune "Merrily the bells ring, O," composed by Mr. Rogers. Mr. George Marriott, in response to a call, gave with good effect, "Fiddlers All." Mr. W. Hovord was present, but rather unlike himself, showing traces of a recent severe illness; we hope he will be careful during the coming winter. Mr. H. Hopkins then gave with his usual effect a song most appropriately entitled "There's another little row downstairs." "The Health of Conductors" then followed, and the names of Mr. Baron, Mr. Nelson, received attention, and these gentlemen duly responded. Mr. Leon Willshire, the able conductor of the Birchington band, Quex Park, Isle of Thanet, who with Mr. P. J. Bristow, secretary of the local society, and Mr. E. Tibble, who was there elected a member, also responded to this toast. Mr. Sally then gave the company his song entitled "When we're up, we're up, &c.," and Mr. A. G. Thomas followed with "Our sailor friend," and Mr. J. J. Bristow responded to the toast of "The Visitors." The Health of "Old Steeplekeepers," brought Mr. Mansfield on his feet, with suitable response, with hear, hear, from Messrs. Sorato, More and our homely friend, Mr. Lamb. Mr. W. Coppage giving the song for steeplekeepers, being entitled "Butter and Cheese and all," with the inevitable rejoinder, Mr. Baron will oblige, gentlemen, and he did so with "Boys together." Mr. Dains gave "The Health of the Chairman." He was also deputed to express the inability of the late Master, Mr. A. H. Gardom, to be present, having been at the last moment called away on pressing business, but his mind was there, although personally absent. The secretary thought the society was rather successful latterly in the selection of a Master, while awarding hearty thanks to the predecessor, the members had made an excellent selection in Mr. Thomas, a gentleman whom all members know and esteem, and who he was sure would ably preside over all business matters during his term of office. Musical honours followed, and Mr. Thomas responded by saying that whatever he took in hand he did his utmost to carry out, and should make no exception during the next twelve months. After that he gave a new song entitled "She tickled, He giggled, He tickled, She giggled." It was here noticed that the hand of the clock was pointing to the time when the last London train would be ready to carry gentlemen to town, and without more ado, "Auld Lang Syne," was performed with usual emphasis, and "God save the Queen," concluded, and it only remains to thank Mr. W. H. D. Porter for his attention and display of abilities and talents at the piano, by which means that gentleman materially contributed to the enjoyment of the company generally.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The Quarterly Meeting, in connection with the above Association, will be held at Wednesbury, on Saturday, September 25th. Ringing to commence at 2.30 at the parish church.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

S. REEVES Hon. Sec.

A VISIT TO THE BORDERS.

ON Sunday, September 12th, a number of ringers from Ipswich and Writesham, visited several parishes lying on the Essex and Suffolk borders, where they were met with a thorough welcome from clergymen and local ringers. The first place visited was East Bergholt, which is of especial interest as the parish contains the unique feature of having a very fine peal of five bells, tenor 30 cwt., which are hung in a frame that stands on the ground in the Churchyard, in a kind of lattice out-house, and are without wheels and ropes, being rung by the stocks, the ringers standing on the bell frame, not a very pleasant or safe amusement an outsider can very well imagine. It is a great pity that these bells cannot be mounted in the beautiful tower which now stands unfinished, covered with ivy, &c., and to all appearances, has done so for centuries. The local reason and legend for this state of affairs being: That the tower could not be finished from the circumstance of a portion of the tower that was built during the day was pulled down by some unseen power at night. This story, of course, might do for centuries ago, but not for the present age. The real cause seems to be rather shrouded in mystery, but one thing is certain, that here is a fine work for an energetic clergyman to undertake, and get the tower built and the bells hung, with the addition of three more to make up the octave, and judging from appearances, it might be done. The next place visited was Hegham, which has a light ring of six, also some very good ringers, who joined the visitors, and tapped off a 720 of Bob Minor in good style, the band standing as follows: C. Ablitt, 1; T. Sadler, 2; W. Ranson, 3; H. Howell, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Smith, 6. The local band then accompanied the visitors to Stratford St. Mary, where another 720 was brought round, through the kind permission of the Rev. Brewster, who is fortunate in having such a fine church and ring of bells. The addition of two trebles here would make them second to none of their weight. The next move was to the fine old tower of Dedham, where another 720 was rung on the front six, the 7th and 8th not being allowed to be rung on account of the state of the bells, but as there is an energetic clergyman here this may soon be altered. The present state seems to be brought about by the architect dabbling in bell affairs, which circumstance will perhaps teach those in authority to employ a competent bell-hanger in the future. Some short touches were afterwards rung, when good-bye was said to Dedham, and the party returned home, calling at Stratford St. Mary again, and ringing another 720 in excellent style. G. Wickes, 1; Thomas Sadler, 2; W. Smith, 3; H. Howell, 4; J. Smith, 5; C. Ablitt, 6. After which the ringers separated, and the Ipswich contingent started homewards well pleased, having met with the greatest of kindness from all parties concerned, and desire to return thanks through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," hoping to pay another visit some future time. Mr. W. Watson rung the 4th at Dedham, and Mr. J. Smith, of Hegham, conducted the ringing.

T. S.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Saturday last, the bell-ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Lancashire, and of All Saints' Church, Higher Walton (the latter accompanied by their junior brethren) and a few friends journeyed by waggonette to the little village of Goosnargh. Arrangements had been made beforehand to have a short stay at Broughton Church for a few touches on the beautiful bells there; but on arriving there a funeral ceremony was about to be performed, which prevented the ringers from enjoying a pull on this new set of bells. On arriving at Goosnargh, after a pleasant drive, the party were met by the genial and good-natured "father" of the local ringers there (Mr. W. Clarkson), who had made all things ready and in good order for the convenience of the visitors. Ringing was at once commenced by the senior ringers of Higher Walton, touches of Oxford Treble Bob, New London, College Single, and was kept up by the various bands until "tea time" was called, and an adjournment was then made to mine host of the "Buhseil Arms," where a good substantial knife and fork tea was done justice to. Tea over, ringing was again indulged in by a mixed band, including the veteran ringer aforesaid (Mr. W. Clarkson), after which the remainder of the evening (up to the time of starting for home) was spent in conviviality. The return journey was commenced about 10.30, a pleasant drive home, interspersed with harmony, terminating an afternoon of perfect enjoyment to all who had the pleasure to partake of it.

H. D.

NEW CLOCK AT BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

A very large clock has just been erected upon the parish church, Burnley, Lancashire, which shows time on two illuminated dials each 6 feet across, chimes the Westminster quarters and strikes the hours upon a large bell. It is fitted with all the latest improvements so as to keep perfectly accurate time. The work has been carried out by the celebrated firm of John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

ILFORD, ESSEX.—DEFECTIVE CONDITION OF THE TOWER.

Doubtless many of our readers will remember that in recording a 720 of Bob Minor rang at St. Mary's, Ilford, last May, that it was intimated that the tower was in a dangerous condition, and that shortly there would be no alternative but to suspend the practices. We believe it was entirely through the paragraph which appeared in our columns, that the attention of the authorities was called to the matter, for shortly after the tower was examined by a professional gentleman, who has reported that the entire structure is, to use a common expression, "all to pieces," and its downfall long since has only been prevented by the soundness of the material used in its erection twenty years ago. There can be but little doubt that in order to make it thoroughly sound, entire rebuilding is absolutely necessary. We understand, however, that the authorities are recommended by another professional gentleman to support the present walls (eighteen inches), by an additional brickwork of the same thickness. Whatever is done, it is to be hoped that there will not be any second attempt at a "Jerry building." Of course under such an unfavourable report ringing was at once stopped, and the announcement that such is the case has been received among the members of the Essex Association with regret, for those acquainted with the local band had watched the tact and skill they had displayed in gaining a preliminary knowledge of the science, and there could be no doubt but having the advantage of so light a peal for practice—if properly restored—they would have become a talented band. It is to be hoped that the suspension may not be of a long duration, but that the desire of the inhabitants to hear again what would prove if rehung upon a modern principle in a properly constructed tower, a good musical ring, may lead to sufficient liberality to make a speedy and complete restoration.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.—DEATH OF A RINGER.

It is with a feeling of deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. John Wade, jun., who for several years was one of the company at the above place. He passed away on Monday morning, September 6th, after a long and painful affliction. He had rung ten peals of 5000 and upwards, the first being a 5040 of Grandsire Triples on March 5th, 1875. On July 29th, 1879, 5040 of Grandsire Triples; August 10th, 1880, 5280 Kent Treble Bob Major; September 21st, 1880, 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major; March 1st, 1881, 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major; May 31st, 1881, 5144 Kent Treble Bob Major; September 20th, 1881, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob Major; November 22nd, 1881, 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major; February 14th, 1882, 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major. December 12th, 1882, 5184 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. He would have rung many more peals, but had to stand out, owing to not being well enough to take part in them. The funeral took place on Saturday, September 11th, and the coffin bore the following inscription:—

John W. Wade.
Died September 6th, 1882.
Aged 36 years.

Owing to the harvest, the usual muffled peal had to be postponed till Friday, September 17th, when the company met and rang with the bells muffled, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1120 changes. W. Oser, 1; H. Eagling, 2; G. Edwards, 3; R. Hutton, 4; C. Everett, 5; W. Nudds, 6; J. Woods, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Second Quarterly Meeting will be held at Loughborough, on Saturday, October 9th, 1886, full particulars of which will appear in our next issue.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.
5, St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Chepstow, wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the churchwardens of St. Mary's, for their generous gift of the 12 sweetly toned handbells lately purchased. The bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, and are in B natural, size 16, and do credit to that firm. The ringers on Saturday celebrated the event by ringing a few lapped courses of Bob Triples, and also some 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and hope to give a better account of their abilities later on.

LITTLE HEATH HARVEST FESTIVAL.—In reporting the above the Essex Times says "Mr. E. Vinen presided at the organ with his usual ability, and materially contributed to the success of the services by his masterly execution. On the Sunday evening his services were again invaluable."

CAMPANOLOGY SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

Mr. C. W. Holdich, "a ringer for more than 50 years," writes from Peterboro' suggesting the reprinting from the *Mercury* of June 7, 1816, of a letter on campanology, which he believes would interest many of our readers. "The ringers of Nottingham, Boston, and Newark," says Mr. Holdich, "would see what their fathers did." And he adds, "There has always been a doubt whether the whole peal on eight bells was ever rung. The letter in question tends to confirm that it was." The letter, *verbatim et literatim*, is as follows:—

"I read in your last week's paper with a very great deal of satisfaction, an account of Holt's celebrated peal of 'Grandsire Triples,' consisting of 5040 changes, having been rung at Newark on the 16th inst, in three hours and thirty-five minutes, by a Society of Gentlemen of that town, nothing of the kind having been attempted there for more than 40 years: I say, it gave me peculiar pleasure to be informed that this noble exercise, both for the body and mind, has been revived in that town, and I will also allow, has stamped infinite credit, for its accurate performance, upon the gentlemen who undertook and completed the arduous task; yet, I must beg leave to caution them, as they are juvenile performers, not to be too much elated on the occasion, as if the thing was almost unprecedented—but to attend to a recital of a few, amongst many other in my recollection, of remarkable exertions, both physical and mental, in this ingenious art. And first, then, as to bodily labour: In the month of April, 1761, fourteen men only rang a complete peal of 'Bob Major,' 40,320 changes, upon the eight bells, at Leeds, in Kent, in a little less than twenty-eight hours! being the only attempt of the kind upon record. On Shrove Tuesday, 1775, a Society at Nottingham rang, upon the ten bells at St. Mary's there, eleven thousand three hundred and forty 'Grandsire Cators!' The time very near seven hours and a half! The late Wth D. Crofts, a solicitor, of that place, ringing the whole time the ninth bell, which is considerably heavier than the seventh at Newark: Francis Draper, who rang the eighth at the same time, is still living. And on the eighth of February, 1773, Holt's peal of 5040 changes, as at Newark, was rang at Boston (it is true in less time than at the former place), when the eighth bell, the cover, was rang by one Mark Mathers alone, he being then 78 years of age. Boston bells are about the same weight as those at Newark. Thus far for physical exertion. Now for a specimen or two of mental energies:—In the year 1788, a person rang BLINDFOLD, at the first attempt, the fifth bell, at Bingham (the number is six), through 720 changes of 'College Single Bob'—the time half an hour; and the truth of this being questioned, a deputation of ringers from Nottingham went to Bingham to ascertain the fact, when a wager being proposed and accepted, the same extraordinary feat was again performed, in excellent style, in the presence of the Nottingham gentlemen. The same person also, in a peal of Grandsire upon five hand-bells (120 changes), rang the whole hunt and half ditto completely through at one and the same time!

AN OLD CAMPANOLOGIAN.

The paragraph referred to appeared in the *Mercury* of May, 1816. "We are informed that the amateurs in the science of Change Ringing had a gratifying treat at Newark on Thursday the 16th inst., by hearing Holt's difficult peal of 5040 changes, or grandsire triples, excellently well rung in 3 hours and 35 minutes—an effort which has not been attempted in that place during the last 40 years.—The regularity of the striking, like the admirable tone of the bells, could scarcely be surpassed.

Weight—cwt.	gr.	lbs.	Bells.	Ringers on this occasion.
7	0	1	1st ..	Mr. Thomas Hutchinson
7	0	26	2nd ..	Richard Penneley
8	0	6	3rd ..	William Fotherby
10	1	0	4th ..	John Corby
13	3	1	5th ..	Thomas Burrell
15	1	11	6th ..	John Young
20	1	7	7th ..	Sam. Brown, conductor
28	1	7	Tenor ..	W. Calvert and Jas. Corby

Other able ringers were precluded by the limits of the peal. It is worthy of remark, that the day selected for this performance was the anniversary of the casting of two of the larger bells, 103 years since. Those unacquainted with the principle of calculation to which Holt's peal affords scope, and upon which this manly exercise is founded, may appreciate in some degree the proficiency such a successful undertaking requires, when it is considered that a single lapse or error in 40,320 vibrations, would inevitably defeat the arduous task: nor will it escape the curious observer, that the manual exertions of the ringers repeated the evolution of the bells upon their several axes of their entire weight (about 12,000 lbs.) in varied succession 5040 times without rest or intermission; in executing which, the unceasing claim upon their mental energies must exceed that of their bodily labour. The ringers and their friends afterwards dined at Mr. Gregory's, the Black Swan, and the day (which will be memorable to them from having effectually rescued the belfry from the long existing reproach of 'Good bells ill run') was concluded in the most happy and convivial manner."—*Stamford Mercury*.

TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
FOR YOUNG CONDUCTORS.By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

A number of ringers having written to me for short touches in the above method, I shall endeavour through the medium of your valuable paper to publish some of the most musical touches, so that my young friends may have their choice. I shall write them out by the course-ends, so that their qualities may be seen at a glance, and to simplify the matter, I shall also endeavour to explain the meaning of the different terms used. And by carefully following the instructions here given, I have no doubt but that benefit will accrue to some. I will now commence with a touch of 112 by the course-ends and also in full, viz., the lead ends.

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2	3	4	5 6 7 I - -
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112			
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7	5	2	6 3 4
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7	6	5	4 2 3
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4	7	2	6 5
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2	4	5	7 6
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6	5	3	7 2 4
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5	7	5	4 3 2
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2	4	6	3 7 5
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2	3	4	5 6 7

The marks - under the figures 1 and 3 at the touch by the course-ends, my readers will find by referring to the lead-ends of the same touch written out in full that a bob is called the first lead, then a plain lead, bob at the third lead, then another plain lead, which will complete the first course-end, viz., 324576, then repeating the above will complete the touch. I trust that I make myself fully understood by my readers. Here is another touch of 224, which is called in the following manner:

224			
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2	3	4	5 6 7 I 3 4
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5	4	3	2 7 6 - s -
—			
Repeated.			

A bob the first lead, then a plain lead, single the third lead, bob the fourth lead, and then four plain leads, when the course-end 54376 will come up, then repeat the calling once. It will now be seen by this time that the courses do not contain the same number of leads, some having only three leads, others more. There cannot be more than four plain leads after the last call marked before the course-end comes. Now having explained the meaning of the marks or calls at the course-ends, I will pass to another feature, viz., the music. The tittums position is considered the best that can be got which is 6,7 behind, with the fifth in fourth's place, or a 7,5,6 at course-ends, the 5,6,7 coursing down one after the other, then comes the home position, that is 5,6,7 course-end. Then again the next best music is the handstroke position the course-end is 7,6, with the 5th in 4th's place or the 6,5,7's. Then again we have the Queen's position, which is 4,6 behind, the music of this position is added to greatly by the 2nd dodging in 4-5, which produces a 2,4,6 behind. Some like the Whittingtons position, which is 3,4,6 behind, and it is certainly very pretty.

What is meant by the set changes is Queen's 13572468, Tittums 15263748, and Whittingtons 12753468, I mention these having been asked to. Having now I think sufficiently explained the meaning of the different terms used, I will proceed with my self-allotted task, viz., touches, both handstroke and back-stroke.

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3	2	5	4 7 6 s -
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112.			
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3	2	4	5 7 6 - -
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2	3	4	5 6 7 - -
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126.			
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2	3	4	5 6 7 I 3
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4	3	5	2 6 7 s s
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5	3	2	4 6 7 s s
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2	3	4	5 6 7 s s
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140.			
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2	3	4	5 6 7 I 2 3
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3	4	5	2 6 7 s -
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5	4	2	3 6 7 s s
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2	3	4	5 6 7 - s
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153.			
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2	3	4	5 6 7 I 2 3
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3	4	5	2 6 7 s -
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4	3	5	2 7 6 - -
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3	2	5	4 7 6 - -
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167.			
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2	3	4	5 6 7 I 2 3
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3	5	4	2 7 6 s -
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4	3	5	2 7 6 - -
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3	2	5	4 7 6 - -
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168.			
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2	3	4	5 6 7
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3	4	2	5 6 7 -
—			
Twice repeated.			
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168.			
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2	3	4	5 6 7 2 3
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3	4	2	5 6 7 -
—			
Twice repeated.			
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167.			
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2	3	1	5 6 7 I 2 3
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5	3	4	2 6 7 s
—			
4	5	3	2 6 7 - -
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3	2	5	4 7 6 s s
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168.			
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2	3	4	5 6 7 2 4
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3	5	7	2 4 6 s s
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Twice repeated.			
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Queens & tittums.			

195.			
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1	2	5	6 7 - -
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3	2	5	4 7 6 s s s
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209.			
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2	4	5	3 6 7 s
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4	3	5	2 7 6 s -
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3	2	5	4 7 6 - -
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223.			
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3	2	5	4 7 6 s
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5	2	4	3 6 7 s -
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4	2	3	5 6 7 s s
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2	3	4	5 6 7 -
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265.			
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4	3	5	2 6 7 s s
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3	5	2	4 6 7 s -
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5	2	4	3 6 7 s -
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4	3	5	2 6 7 s -
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2	3	5	4 6 7 - -
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3	2	5	4 7 6 - -
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3	2	5	4 7 6 - -
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321.			
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2	3	5	4 6 7 - -
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4	2	5	3 7 6 - -
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335.			
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2	5	3	6 4 7 - - -
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3	2	5	4 7 6 - - -
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Queens and tittums at hand.			
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336.			
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3	5	7	2 4 6 - - -
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Twice repeated.			
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Queens and tittums.			

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The Metropolis.

PUTNEY, SURREY.

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JAMES W. DRIVER 2.	*RICHARD T. WOODLEY .. 6.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 7.
WALTER BIDWELL* 4.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN E. BATTRUM.

*First peal with a bob bell. This was the conductor's (who is 20 years of age) first attempt at calling, and he rang his first peal on September 28th, 1885.

The Provinces.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

Farewell Peal.

On Thursday, September 9, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

S. WILKINSON* Treble.	S. BURTON 5.
REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 2.	J. HICKMAN 6.
A. R. PEET 3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUNR., ESQ. 7.
H. W. ABBOTT 4.	*J. WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., ESQ.

*First peal. The above was rung as a farewell peal to Messrs. Wilkinson and Peet, who are now on their way to Australia.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

CHARLES CASH Treble.	*ALFRED CROSS 6.
THOMAS THORPE† 2.	*WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 3.	JAMES THORPE 8.
JOHN E. POLLITT 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 9.
GEORGE E. TURNER 5.	JAMES PARKINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by

A. EDWARD WREAKS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. C. Cash hails from Eccles, the rest are of the Cathedral company.

BURTON-ON TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt. in F.

JOHN JAGGAR Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This is a two-part peal, and is the first peal in two equal parts ever rung in this method.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 16, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE .. Treble.	FREDK. DERBYSHIRE .. 5.
GEORGE LEA 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 3.	JOHN BAGULEY 7.
JOSEPH DERBYSHIRE .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

The above are of the Local Company. This is the first peal of Major on the bells, and the first peal in the method by all except the brothers Ridyard; also the first peal conducted by Richard Ridyard.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at Birstall, on Saturday, October 2nd, by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Kemp. A short service will be held in the parish church at 4.30, when the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks., and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, will preach a special sermon to the members of the Association. At 5.30 the Birstall Branch will entertain the Association to a knife and fork tea in the Church schools. The Committee respectfully urge all members to be present at the service in the Church. W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 16, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVE'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS THORPE Treble.	JAMES THORPE 5.
JAMES BARRATT 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 6.
THOMAS YATES 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
JOSEPH GRIMSHAW 4.	SAMUEL WEST Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

Messrs. Barratt, Yates and Grimshaw are of the local company, the rest hail from Manchester.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Friday, September 17, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL GRETTON Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE 2.	JOHN JAGGAR 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by W. WAKLEY.

This is a one-part peal, and contains the 4th twelve course-ends, and the 6th nine course-ends in 6th's place.

STALYBRIDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1886, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HEAP Treble.	JAMES BARRETT 5.
HUGH SHAW 2.	SAMUEL WOOD 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 3.	JOHN THORP 7.
A. E. HOLME 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN Tenor.

Composed and conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

F. GARMAN Treble.	T. ANDREWS 5.
W. SHORT 2.	H. CHANDLER 6.
W. WADEY 3.	H. BURSTOW 7.
H. COOK 4.	H. WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by H. BURSTOW.

This is the first time this peal is supposed to have been rung.

PATTINGHAM, NR. WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION

AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, September 18, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN JAGGAR Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

This is a one-part peal, containing the 4th and 6th respectively twelve and nine course-ends in 6th's place, and it is now rung for the first time.

WEST BROMWICH.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ACRHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1886, in Two Hours, Fifty-two Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. THURSTON'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	*JOSEPH LAWTON 6.
JOHN ASTBURY 3.	WILLIAM HALLSWORTH .. 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	CHARLES PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. This is the first peal rung in the method by this Association. Messrs. Hallsworth, Lawton and Astbury hail from Walsall; Smith, Darlaston, Reynolds, from Aston; and the rest from West Bromwich.

CARSHALTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 20, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in Ab.

JOHN PLOWMAN Treble.	†A. B. CARPENTER, ESQ. .. 5.
EDGAR BENNETT* 2.	*WILLIAM STATES 6.
URBAN HOLMAN* 3.	WILLIAM BURKIN 7.
THOMAS VERRALL* 4.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT Tenor.

Conducted by W. BURKIN.

*First peal of Union. †First peal of Union with a bob bell. Messrs. Holman, Verral, States, and Dr. Carpenter hail from Croydon; the rest belong to Beddington.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, HERTS. AND ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, September 21, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 30 cwt. Eb.

TOM GRANT Treble.	†W. BATTLE 5.
JOHN C. MITCHELL* 2.	*EBENEZER HULKS 6.
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	NEWMAN N. HILLS 7.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL 4.	*HENRY L. WADDINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by NEWMAN NORWOOD HILLS.

*First peal. †First peal inside. This is the first peal by the Cathedral Society, which was established January 1st, 1884. All the above with one exception were taught change-ringing by the conductor.

Date Touches.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, September 19th, for early service in the morning, being the Harvest Festival, a date touch (1886 changes), being 446 of Bob Minor (eleven bobs and two singles), and a 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob with nine bobs each, in 1 hour 7 mins. H. Chapman, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; T. Foote, 3; M. Warwick, 4; S. Cullip, 5; J. Hills, 6. Tenor 7 cwt. in B. Also on Monday, September 20th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1886 changes), in 1 hour 17 mins. F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Allen, 3; S. Cullip, 4; T. Foote, 5; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 6; J. Hills, 7; H. Chapman, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in D. The above was rung on the occasion of a River Fête at Bedford, and also on Mr. F. Keech attaining his 33rd birthday, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine service, a date touch (1886 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hour 10 mins., containing the Queens, titlums, and the twelve 7-4's and 7-6's. A. Hobday, 1; O. James, 2; W. James, 3; T. Allbutt, 4; G. Morris, 5; W. Rea, 6; G. Hayward (composer and conductor), 7; G. Bourne, 8. All members of the Worcester and adjoining District Association, except the ringers of the treble and third.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 14th, at the parish church, a date touch (1886 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. in the following

methods: 120 of New London Pleasure, 50 of Grandsire Doubles, 60 of Bob Doubles, 216 of Bob Minor, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. J. Piper, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, September 16th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; M. Warwick (conductor), 5; J. Hills, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. Also a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Chapman, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. M. Smith, 3; J. Hills, 4; M. Warwick, 5; T. Foote, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (taken from the Clavis), S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6. And on Sunday, September 19th, for Divine service in the morning, a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; J. Hills, 6. Also for Divine service in the evening, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Hills, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. Cullip, 5; H. Chapman, 6. And a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6. **Handbell Ringing.**—On Monday, September 13th, at St. Paul's belfry, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke 1-2; T. Foote, 3; J. Hills, 4; H. Chapman, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all and at the first attempt.

BROMHAM (Beds.)—On Saturday, September 18th, at St. Owen's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; T. Foote, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. Allen, 4; W. Biggs, 5; J. Hills, 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). H. Chapman, 1; F. Keech, 2; F. M. Smith, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Allen, 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Hills, 1; *F. M. Smith, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; H. Chapman, 4; *W. Biggs, 5; *W. Allen, 6. *First 720 in the method, also on the bells.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE.—On Saturday evening, September 18th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2,500 changes, in 1 hour 34 mins., it came to grief through a change course occurring. A. Hobday, 1; W. Rea (conductor), 2; W. James, 3; E. Crump, 4; T. Alibutt, 5; G. Bourne, 6; G. Hayward, 7; O. James, 8.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On September 7th, at SS. Mary and Nicolas, a 720 of London Singles. R. Skeef, 1; C. Neaverson, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; G. Skeef, 6. Also on September 12th, a 330 of Grandsire Triples. And on September 14th a 2310 of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 24 mins. R. Jarvis, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; G. Skeef, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; J. W. Jarvis, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—**Handbell Ringing.**—On Saturday evening, 720 of Bob Minor, 8 bobs and 10 singles. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 14th, at the parish church, being the occasion of the marriage of A. V. Prior, Esq., with the Countess Winton, five of the local company, assisted by Mr. G. Livermore (of Waterford Cathedral, Ireland), rang a 504 and several other touches of Kent Treble Bob, and in the evening a 720 of Bob Minor and 216 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. J. Piper, 6. Also on Sunday, for afternoon service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln (Writtle, first 720 in the method), 4; A. Turban, 5; W. Harvey, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Andrew's church, for Divine service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; J. W. Thompson, 2; H. C. Woodward, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; T. Alton, 5; G. Mottashaw (conductor), 6; C. E. Hart, 7; C. Sidley, 8. Tenor 204 cwt. in Eb.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Paul's church, for Divine service in the morning, a 720 of Bob Minor

(eight bobs and six singles), in 25½ mins. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 25½ mins., the band standing as before. On Monday evening, September 20th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 25 mins. J. Brookes, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Worthington (conductor), 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 21st, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. C. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; G. Woodiss, 3; T. Cooley, 4; G. Gray, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6; also 360 of Cambridge Surprise, G. Woodiss, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; T. Cooley, 4; T. Strutt, 5; S. Frost, 6.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Mary's church, for service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; Burtonshaw, 2; G. C. Scowen, 3; Cooley, 4; C. Hyde, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Burtonshaw hails from Mitcham; G. C. Scowen from Hadleigh, Suffolk; the rest are the local company.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, September 20th, at All Saints church, 1080 of Grandsire Caters. F. Owen, 1; W. Powell, 2; H. Pheasant, 3; W. Jenkins, 4; G. Cleal, 5; J. Horton, 6; H. Wilkes (conductor), 7; W. Page, 8; T. Gwynn, 9; T. Malin, 10. Also a course of Stedman Triples by Gwynn, Powell, Horton, Wilkes, C. J. Rice, Cleal, Page and Malin.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, September 14th, on account of the marriage of Miss Ellis, of the Monks, Balcombe, the following was rang: 720 of Oxford Bob—T. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6; also 720 of Warnham Court Bob, R. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; J. Gasson, 3; H. Meads, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6; 720 Plain Bob, T. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; E. Streeter, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6; 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, T. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6; also 360 of College Single Bob Minor, R. Streeter, 1; *A. Stoner, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6; finishing up with three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, J. Whittington, 1; R. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, 3; R. Bourn, 4; J. Gasson (conductor), 5; J. Cheeseman, 6. On Thursday 16th, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6; also on Sunday, 16th inst., being the Harvest Thanksgiving Day, 720 of Oxford Bob for morning service, T. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6; also, in the evening, 720 of Plain Bob, R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; J. Gasson, 3; H. Meads, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. *First attempt with a bob bell in the method.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 14th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. Also on September 21st, at St. Michael's Church, for practice, a 720 College Single Minor in 25 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On September 16th, 120 of Grandsire and 120 of Bob Doubles. J. Poplett, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. 120 Bob Doubles, Fred. Sanders, 1; F. Arnold, 2; R. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5.

BURLEY (Near Birmingham).—On Thursday, September 19th, at St. Matthias' church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 minutes. R. F. Lunn, 1; J. Bennert, 2; J. W. Atkinson (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; J. Brittain, 5; H. Lindsay (conductor), 6. Also for Divine service, on Sunday evening, September 19th, a 480 in the same method, with eight bobs and two singles. R. F. Lunn, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; J. W. Atkinson, 3; *G. H. Hoyle, 4; *W. E. Kershaw, 5; H. Lindsay (conductor), 6. *Longest touch in the method.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—**Handbell Ringing.**—On Wednesday, 15th inst., at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 20 mins. W. W. Scott, 1; *T. Warren, 2; †J. Kettle, 3-4; G. Dent (conductor), 5-6. *First 720. †Totally blind.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday the 14th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. M. Thilcock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; F. Cartwright, 4; W. Huxley, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by Messrs. Boughton and Cartwright.

DISS (Norfolk).—**Handbell Ringing.**—On Wednesday, 15th inst., at the house of Mr. W. Ireland, a plain course of Stedman, Grandsire

Bob Triples, and Treble Bob Triples, Grandsire Major, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Major, W Ireland, 1-2; J. Souther, 3-4; J. Smith, 2-6; J. Rudd, 7-8.

EXETER (Devon).—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Sidwell's church, before service in the morning, 293 of Grandsire Triples, in 27 mins. T. Townse, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Pitt (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; C. Carter, 8. Also for Divine service in the evening, 1050 of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. T. Townsend, 1; E. Shepherd (conductor), 2; E. Pitt, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; C. Carter (first 1050), 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, September 11th, 392 of Grandsire Triples. E. Pitt, 1-2; E. Shepherd, 3-4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8. And on September 18th, 280 in the same method. E. Pitt, 1-2; F. Shepherd, 3-4; E. Shepherd, 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8.

HARBORNE (Near Birmingham).—On Friday, September 19th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. *A. Roberts, 1; *W. Pennitt, 2; J. Day, 3; A. Thomas (conductor), 4; H. Bradley, 5; T. Gibbs, 6. This 720 contains a call every treble lead, and was composed by Mr. Henry Johnson, senr., and first called by him on the 11th November, 1829, at St. John's Deritend, Birmingham. Quite unexpectedly, the above named gentleman paid us a visit on Friday last, and expressed himself well pleased with hearing the first 720 rung by the society, the more so as it was one of his own composition. *First 720.

HORNBY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 12th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Titchener, 1; T. Glead, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6.

LITTLE HEATH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 12th, previous to Harvest Thanksgiving Services, in addition to several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, a 120 of Stedman Doubles. A. Porter, 1; B. Keeble, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; E. Vinen, 4; J. Pye, 5.

MELBOURNE (Australia).—On Tuesday evening, June 22nd, at St. James' Cathedral, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-two singles), in 27 mins. Mr. Crang (Timbury, Somerset), 1; Mr. Shenton (Hillingdon, Middlesex), 2; Mr. Heather (Victoria), 3; Mr. W. Albinson (Stockport, Cheshire), 4; Mr. Guest (Stafford), 5; Mr. Murray (Victoria), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in F \sharp . Conducted by W. Albinson, who is also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Also on the same evening, 300 of Grandsire Triples, by the same members, assisted by Messrs. Clarke and Kilburn. This society was formed three years ago for the purpose of learning change-ringing and is composed of thirty members, and it is their intention to try and accomplish the 5040. There is only one peal of bells which the society has control over, and that has only been recently augmented from six to eight.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 21st. (being the day of the funeral of the Rev. Canon Moses, late vicar of the parish), with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect, 1316 containing the twenty-four 6-7's, in 50 mins. *E. Hughes, 1; *W. Fox, 2; C. Wilkinson (first quarter peal with a bob bell), 3; *H. Denman, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; G. H. Johnson, 6; W. Lee, 7; *E. Smith, 8. *First quarter peal.

OLD CLEEVE (Somerset).—On Saturday evening, September 18th, at St. Andrew's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins., and several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. E. Hole, 1; Amos Cresser, 2; R. Hole, 3; S. Smith, 4; C. B. Craze (conductor), 5; W. W. Thrush, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells. And on Tuesday evening, September 21st, a few members of the Dunster Guild with Messrs. Smith and Cresser, of the Loughborough Foundry, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey, visited this place, and rang before the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, which was held at 7.30, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Edw. Hole, 1; Robert Hole, 2; S. Smith, 3; A. Cresser, 4; Rev. J. U. Todd, 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 6. Some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were also rung, conducted by C. B. Craze. The service over an interesting presentation was made in the belfry by the Rev. W. W. Herringham, in the name of the Old Cleeve ringers, to the Rev. G. J. Ford, Curate of Old Cleeve, who is leaving the parish. The ropes were then again handled by the Dunster party, standing in the above order, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung, in 26 mins. Tenor 19½ cwt.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—At St. Mary's church, for morning service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, September 19th, 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. *W. Tyack (London), 1; *J. Symonds (conductor), 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Boase, 4; M. Hicks, 5; J. Hodder, 6; C. Boase, 7; J. Kelyack, 8. This is the greatest length of Triples rung by W. Tyack, also by M. Hicks on a bob bell. *College Youths.

PONTEFRAC (Yorkshire).—On Monday evening, September 20th, at St. Giles church, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), Bob Triples, in 47 mins. J. Smithers, 1; C. Watts, 2; J. Pollard, 3; S. Brook, 4; A. B. Pearson, 5; G. Booth, 6; W. Pearson (conductor), 7; J. Carter, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by all.

RIPPLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 19th, the Deerhurst company visited this place, and rung for afternoon service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. T. Everness, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts (conductor), 3; C. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett, 6. And three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. Also after service a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. T. Everness, 1; C. Willis, 2; C. Roles, 3; H. Roberts, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett (conductor), 6.

SPROUTON (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, September 19th, at the house of Mr. C. Mee, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal and a course of Grandsire Caters. T. Steward, 1-2; C. Mee, 3-4; J. Motts, 5-6; A. R. Aldham, 7-8; F. Mee, 9-10. Also a course of Stedman Triples. C. Mee, 1-2; A. R. Aldham, 3-4; J. Motts, 5-6; F. Mee, 7-8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Thursday evening, September 9th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. G. Hayes, 1; T. M. Stedman, 2; F. Hayes, 3; G. Martin, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. T. M. Stedman hails from Capel, Surrey. And on Monday, September 20th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins. W. Martin, 1; F. J. Ring (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Hayes (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; F. Hayes, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Tuesday evening, September 14th, for practice at All Hallows Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, thirty-two bobs and two singles, in 27 mins. R. Bagnall, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. Grove, 3; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; W. Pye English, 6. Also on Sunday, September 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. A. Hubbard, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., (conductor), 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; T. Langran, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; W. Pye English, 6; J. Waghorn, sen., 7; C. Davidson, 8.

TUE BROOK (Lancashire).—On Saturday, the 18th, at St. John the Baptist, eight members of the Liverpool Youths started for a peal of Stedman Triples. Twenty-five courses were rung when "stand" was called, owing to the bad going of the tenor. R. Williams, 1; J. R. Pritchard, 2; T. Hammond, 3; W. Booth, 4; J. Brown, 5; W. Davies, 6; Robert Williams (conductor), 7; R. Diggle, 8. It is a misfortune for a good peal of bells like these to be spoiled owing to the tenor being always out of order; it is to be hoped that the vicar and churchwardens will soon be able to get it put right by a competent man, and especially as a young set is learning.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will take place on Saturday, October 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. There will be a service at 3.30 p.m., at which the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Davenport Kelly, M.A., rector of St. Matthew's, Manchester. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., tickets 1s. each. The business meeting will be at 6 p.m., when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. All those who intend to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to Mr. J. Redford, 9, Portugal-street, Bolton (from whom tickets may be obtained), not later than September 25th. Ringers, not being members, who care to attend will be cordially welcomed. The towers of the parish church of St. Peter, as well as those of Holy Trinity, All Saints', and St. George's will be open for ringing after the meeting. Members who have not yet paid their subscription for the past year, are requested to send it as soon as possible to Mr. Redford, in order that the list of members may be complete for insertion in the report.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Braintree (six bells), on Saturday, September 25th. Ringing to commence at 11.30. The towers of Bocking (six bells), two miles from Braintree; Rayne (five bells), two miles; and Stisted (six bells), three miles, will also be open to members, and the schoolroom at Braintree will be open for ringing during the day. Meat Tea at the "Wheatsheaf" Inn, at 5 p.m. Business Meeting immediately after the tea. Tickets sixpence each to members, may be obtained from the Secretary up to Tuesday, September 21st, after which date the price will be one shilling. Return tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. at a single fare and a quarter to members who show at the Booking Office their E.A.C.R. receipts for the present year, provided that they inform the Secretary before September 21st, from what station they start. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

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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."

PRIZE RINGING CONTESTS.

SIR,—I was sorry to see last week in the pages of your paper, a notice of another "Prize Ringing Contest" to take place this time somewhere in Yorkshire, and what is stranger than all, coupled with the name of a gentleman acknowledged to be one of the leading lights of the change-ringing exercise. Your paper professes itself to be conducted as a Church of England newspaper. May I therefore be allowed as a Churchman to entering humble protest against the publication and consequently implied sanction of such notices as the one above referred to. You, by your editorial comment, some weeks ago, on the occasion of a round-ringing prize contest, in a part of the country not perhaps so enlightened upon ringing matters as Yorkshire is, condemn such contests in toto. How much more then will those of our fraternity who desire the true advancement of the art of change-ringing, and love it both for its own sake and as a branch of church work, while applauding the emulation general amongst bands of our Yorkshire friends, regret that they should be led to not only countenance and take part in any such performance as a Prize contest, but especially to drag down our beautiful art into the same. Truly the art of change-ringing has had enough already in the past to struggle against in obtaining public recognition, even in our own "Ringing Island," without its modern professors dragging it down. To use your own words Mr. Editor, as near as I can recollect them "Would a prize contest between organists be allowed in the church?" Why, then, should the poor bells be thus desecrated? I hope that you will find space for a few remarks upon this new proposed misapplication of the Exercise.

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FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—The peal of Treble Bob Major by Mr. S. Marsh, is false, the third and fourth course with the tenth and eleventh, the peal will run true by using alternate calling in certain courses, but it takes away the qualities of the peal. I just write this to stop anyone from ringing the peal, as we started for the same at Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, September 11th, and nearly had the peal, which would have been very unpleasant had we been successful. I had not time to prove it before going, but did so on coming home.

S. WOOD.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will any brother string kindly forward me a Plain Lead, Bob, and a Single of Warnham Court Bob Minor, and the method for ringing it, for the good of a six-bell company, we having no account of it in any book.

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BELLS IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. W. H. Fussell's five bell peals, there is a good ring of five at Tingewick, which is about two and a half miles from Buckingham, tenor about 20 cwt. There is about forty or fifty feet to the first floor, but they have iron guides which answer very well, but I think half-pull would be impossible, as 3.4 and 5 have to stand and ring with their faces to the wall. They are in good ringing condition.

G. B. LUCAS.

In Memoriam.

THE St. Nicholas band regret to announce the death of an old and respected member—Mr. James Harvey—who passed away on Saturday, September 11th, aged 80 years. Deceased who was well known to many of our ringing friends, was born at Newport, Isle of Wight, and first learnt to ring at Carisbrook Church when quite a boy, his father having been a ringer there for a long period. Later on he removed to Chichester, and was connected with the Cathedral ringers for about fifteen years, his brother-in-law, Mr. Charles Crocker, being at that time one of the ringers. He then removed to Brighton, joining the St. Nicholas society in 1858, and for twenty-eight years was a true and valued friend of the members. His remains were conveyed to their resting place in the parochial cemetery on Thursday, September 16th, followed by four representatives of the society, who placed on the coffin a wreath of flowers as a token of respect. In the evening the whole of the members met at St. Nicholas Church, and rang with the bells half-muffled the whole pull and stand, according to the number of years of his age, and a short touch of Grandsire Triples. Many a young beginner will remember his kindly advice and assistance in trying to get them on, and how he used sometimes on an off night visit the tower to help them in their difficulties. Deceased leaves a large number of children and grand-children, and the Brighton society desire to sympathise with them in mourning his loss.

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THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Market Rasen on Saturday next, October 2nd. Several gentlemen interested in change-ringing are expected to be present, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members. The church bells of Market Rasen (six), and Claxby (five), have kindly been placed at the disposal of the Association for the whole of that day. Arrangements will be made for ringers to visit the picturesque village of Claxby. Tea will be provided at Market Rasen at five o'clock, and the meeting will follow immediately after. The Committee will be glad to see any brethren from the East and South Lincolnshire Associations. Societies, unattached members, or brethren of kindred Associations, intending to be present will please communicate at once with the hon. secretary,

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.

The ANNUAL GATHERING of the Members of the Association will take place at Ipswich, on Monday, October 4th. All ringing to cease at 12.30. At 12.45 there will be Divine service at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower. At 1.30 dinner will be provided at the Old Museum Rooms, Museum-street. After dinner usual business meeting. Ringing recommence at 3.45. The hon. secretary must know on or before Tuesday, September 28th, who will be present. Also from what station members desire to start. His private card will be the authority for obtaining the fare and quarter tickets. Cards will be forwarded on application. The Old Museum Rooms will be Head Quarters for the day. Dinner Tickets obtained and arrangements for ringing made there.

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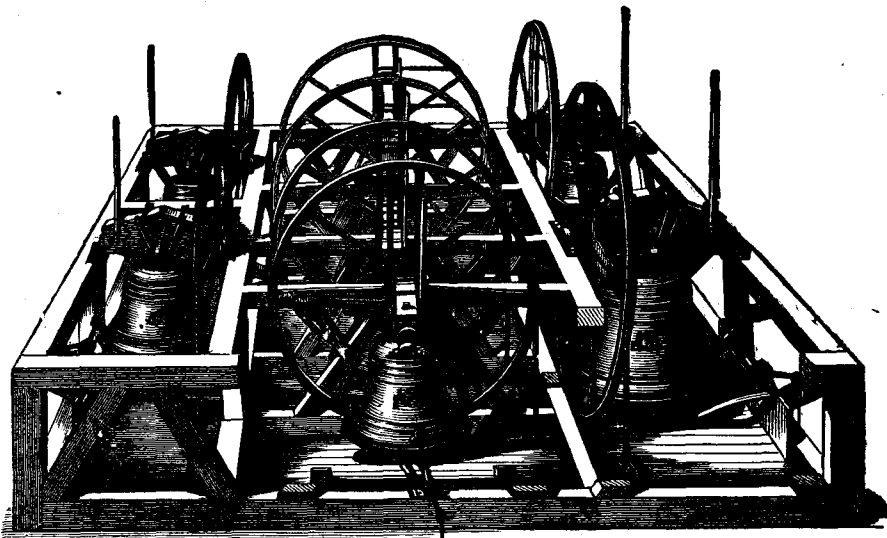
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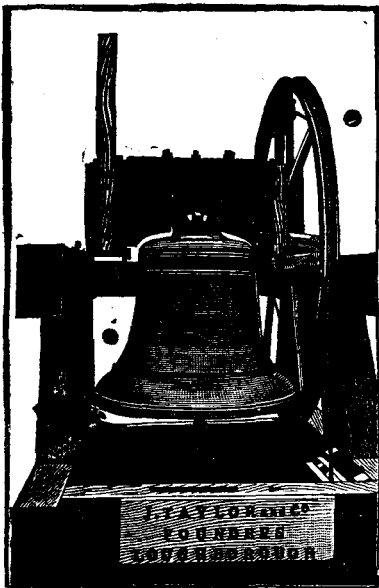
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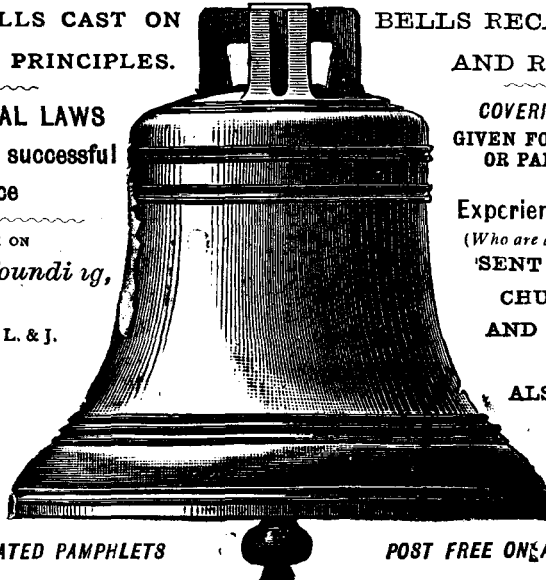
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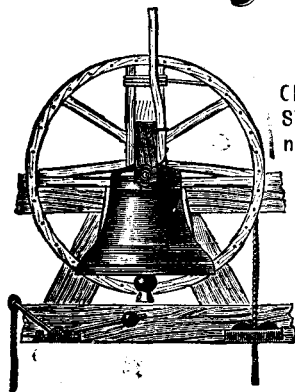
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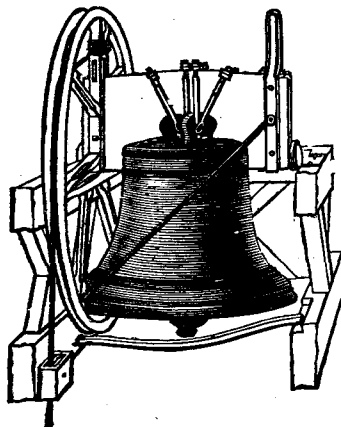
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT BRAINTREE.

The above Association held its first District Meeting for the year at Braintree on Saturday, when members put in an appearance from Belchamp Walter, Bocking, Boreham, Chelmsford, Coggeshall, Galleywood, Harwich, Kelvedon, Maldon, Rayne, Romford, Stebbing, Stisted, Widford, Witham, Writtle, &c. The announcement that three other towers would be open in the neighbourhood, combined with the fact that the talent of the local band, as proved to ocular demonstration, would afford an opportunity, to those who do not consider their standard of proficiency too high for six bell performances—to take part in something unique ought to have proved sufficient inducement to have secured a larger attendance than forty, whereas by reference to the above list of towers represented it will be seen that one half the county supplied one solitary representative. Unfortunately, owing to a funeral at Stisted and a case of serious illness near the Church at Bocking, neither of those towers could be open, and the ringing was confined to Braintree tower. Here it was commenced shortly after 11 o'clock by a capital struck 720 Cambridge Surprise by the following: C. Howard, 1; F. Bumpsted, 2; S. Hammond, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Hucksion, 6. By adopting short touches in Plain, Oxford, and Kent Treble, Double Court, and other popular methods there was an opportunity afforded for all to have a turn. The use of the National Schoolroom was kindly granted for hand-bell ringing; in addition to a charming selection of national airs, the methods rang double-handed, chiefly by the local band, were Grandsire Caters, Triples, and Minor; Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, and Bob Major, and Bob Triples. A committee meeting was held in the afternoon for the purpose of arranging what amount should be paid to instructors. After some discussion it was decided by a majority of three that instructors should receive 2s. 6d. for each lesson of an hour and a half, with travelling expenses; one half of the whole amount to be paid by the band having the services of the instructor, and the other half from the funds of the Association. At 5 o'clock the members sat down to a capital knife and fork tea, the Vicar presiding, supported on the right by the Hon. Sec. the Rev. T. L. Papillon, and on the left by the Rev. J. B. Seaman, the founder of the Association. At the business meeting which followed the Rev. H. A. Cockey was elected a life member, five new honorary members, eleven ringing members (including two confirmations of provisional elections) and ten probationers were elected. Specimen copies of the new certificate in different tints were exhibited in the room, and after various expressions of opinion upon the choice of such, it was decided to leave the selection in the hands of the Honorary Secretary. Mr. B. Keeble said he had no doubt but what those who kept themselves acquainted with ringing matters by reading the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" would remember that some little time back a paragraph appeared in that journal stating, that under the will of the late Rev. C. Belli, the proposed tower at Brentwood, was to be erected; he was happy to say that the tower was in course of erection, and that when completed a ring of bells was promised for it. Brentwood happened to be not far from London, and when a new ring of bells was put up or one re-opened after augmentation, it was the custom for a band of one of the Metropolitan Societies to come down and open or re-open as the case might be. These were duties which he considered should be entrusted to the Association, for he had not the slightest doubt but what there were those who were members of the Association that were capable of undertaking such. He did not bring forward the resolution he was about to move because he happened to reside near Brentwood, but simply in the interest of the Association. For his own part although invited to join the Metropolitan Societies he was not a member of either, and for reasons best known to himself did not intend to join either, but he had just as much respect for one as he had for the other, but the practice of their coming into the county to open peals after the Association had existed six years and had nearly three hundred members was, he considered, a monopoly that ought to be broken. He therefore would move "That the Honorary Secretary be requested to apply to the authorities at Brentwood, for permission for a band of the Association to open, when ready, the new peal of bells, the selection of the band to be left in the hands of the Honorary Secretary." The Rev. J. B. Seaman having seconded, Mr. S. Hammond, in supporting the same said, although a College Youth himself he considered there were in the county as good ringers for such a purpose as there were in London, and expressed a hope that the authorities at Brentwood, would comply with the desire of the Association. The resolution was unanimously carried. Attention having been called to the charges made, and the style of workmanship adopted in entering peals in the peal book, the Honorary Secretary undertook to ascertain the charges made to other Societies and, if necessary, to call the artists attention to the same. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens, and to those who had kindly assisted in making the meeting a success, were passed.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

On Friday, September 24th, the above town was visited by the Sudbury society, for the purpose of having a pull on the fine peal of bells in the Norman tower of St. James' Church, which the authorities had kindly placed at their disposal. Some of the company arrived in the afternoon, where they were kindly met by Mr. A. Osborne, who conducted them to the tower, where not having sufficient for a pull, they had a good look round the tower, and inspected the bells, and had some chiming on Ellacombe's chiming apparatus, some of the company never having seen one before. On the arrival of the rest of the company, who were accompanied by Dr. W. T. Mason, who came on purpose to hear the bells, a move was made to the tower, where after the evening service, a touch of 630 Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight by A. Osborne, 1; M. Silvester, 2; G. Brown, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; J. Moore, 8. Also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major by A. Osborne, 1; M. Silvester, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. And a touch of Grandsire Caters by A. Osborne, 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; A. Scott, 3; M. Silvester, 4; G. Brown, 5; W. Cross, 6; W. Howell, 7; H. Harper, 8; J. Moore, 9; W. Melton, 10. This was the first course of Caters by Messrs. Scott, Silvester, Brown, Cross, and Howell. Tenor 30 cwt. This concluded the ringing, and as time was getting short, a move was made to the station, where all arrived safely, reaching home again at 11.5 p.m., all having enjoyed themselves. The company through the medium of this paper beg to thank Mr. A. Osborne and the rest of the Bury ringers for kindly meeting them and getting permission to ring.

P.S.—The party was accompanied by Mr. Charles Herbert, the Hon. Sec. of the Bedfordshire Association.

VISIT TO WOLLASTON AND STOURBRIDGE.

On Saturday last, September 25th, the members of St. Thomas's, Dudley, and St. Andrew's, Netherton, societies, paid a visit to their ringing brethren at the above places. Arriving at Wollaston where there is a nice peal of six, the bells were raised, and several six-scores of Grandsire were rang, and several touches of Plain Bob, and a 360 of Grandsire Minor. After a stay of about two hours here, a move was made towards Stourbridge, accompanied by their Wollaston brethren, and were met by the company. Ascending the tower, which is a very roomy one, and which of late has been made brighter in its aspect by the walls being painted and coloured. The bells also are in a better ringing condition than they were some three years ago when last visited. Here also is a young band of ringers starting, and who are anxious of learning the art of change-ringing, and we hope that our visit will not be in vain, but that those who are not members of the above Association will become so, that they may receive the necessary instruction which they require. After ringing some touches of Grandsire Triples, and a touch of Grandsire Major, the bells were lowered, and the different societies adjourned to the "Crispin Inn," where the inner man was refreshed, and the evening spent in songs, etc., every one expressing themselves highly pleased with the afternoon and evening's enjoyment. On the Sunday following, a visit was made by some members of the two societies to St. Mary's, Kingswinford, where several touches of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor. The ringers in the 720 were; E. Bourne (Kingswinford), 1; J. Smith (Netherton), 2; J. Guest (Brierley Hill), 3; J. Hillman (Kingswinford), 4; W. Micklewright (Dudley), conductor, 5; J. Goodman (Dudley), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. No time taken.

THE CHESTER CATHEDRAL, AND THE WHITCHURCH SOCIETIES.

On Saturday evening, September 25th, at the parish Church, Whitchurch, the undermentioned company attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, when after ringing in a superlative manner, 4360 changes in 2 hrs. 3 mins., it came to grief owing to the fourth bell casting her rope. W. Hutchinson, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; G. Wright, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Bethell, 5; G. H. Woodhall, 6; F. Ball (conductor), 7; T. Barrao, 8. After consultation with the rector, the Rev. W. H. Egerton, M.A., and Rural Dean, it was unanimously decided to again make the attempt on the Sabbath morning, before the early service. The bells commenced to change at 6.50, and were successfully brought home at 9.55, having occupied 3 hrs. and 5 mins. in its performance, an account of which will be found in the usual peal column. This performance is all the more creditable inasmuch as it is the first peal by the Whitchurch ringers, and the first peal ever rang on the bells. The ringers of the first, third, sixth, and eighth, are local ringers, the remainder from Chester Cathedral. The whole of the above ringers desire to express through these columns their sincere gratitude to the Rev. rector and his churchwarden, for their kindness and generosity in allowing them the use of their fine peal of bells.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, September 18th, the members of St. Mary's Society, Blackhill, Durham, and a few friends, had their first annual outing, Wylam-on-Tyne having been selected at the invitation of Mr. E. Wallis, who is learning a set of ringers there. The party journeyed by waggonette through a piece of the most picturesque country which this district is noted for. Arriving about 2.30 p.m., a move was made for the beautiful little Church which has just been erected, and is in course of decoration. Standing on a high ground, the stately tower commands attention for miles around. It is adorned by a clock with two dials, and contains a splendid peal of six bells, tenor about 22 cwt., by Messrs. Taylor, fitted in cast iron frames, and are a great credit to the ancient founders; after an inspection of which, the bells were raised, and at this moment the Rev. Mr. James and a friend entered; then came Mr. Wallis and twelve ringers from Newcastle who were all witnesses of the first well struck touch of Grandsire Doubles rang on the bells, ringing being kept up until nearly dusk by mixed bands. A pleasant hour or so was spent in a walk through the grounds of Wylam Hall, the seat of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, and a visit to the Lawn Tennis Grounds, where some handbell ringing was indulged in by the Newcastle ringers, to the edification of all present, and ended in an invitation to the Hall, where refreshments were kindly provided, and ample justice done to the good things. An adjournment was then made to the "Bird Inn," where votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. Mr. James, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton for their kindness and hospitality, and responded to by Mr. J. Younger, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, and the Wylam ringers, and to the Chairman, Mr. Simms, of Newcastle. Some left for the train, and others for their conveyance, arriving home the same day, having spent the most enjoyable day ever spent by the company. The Blackhill ringers on behalf of themselves and their Newcastle friends, desire to return their sincere thanks through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to the Rev. Mr. James, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, and Mr. E. Wallis, for the interest they took in their enjoyment.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Monday, September 27th, several of the Tottenham members of of this society met at the quaint old church of St. Mary, Stoke Newington, for the purpose of attempting to ring a few 720's on the bells. Owing to the peculiar manner in which the bells are hung, and the confined space in the ringing chamber, the ropes hang in a straight line, and hang in the followig order,—1,2,6,5,4,3—some difficulty was expected, but a few minutes' practice accustomed the performers to this unusual arrangement. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. J. Davidson, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; H. Barnett, 3; T. Grove, 4; W. Pye English, 5; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6. A start was then made for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with J. Waghorn, sen. in the place of T. Grove, the others changing places, but this unfortunately came to grief about half-way through, the rope of the second slipping the wheel. Time not permitting another start, the rope was concluded with 240 of Bob Minor. This is believed to be the first 720 on the bells, but will probably not be the last. An adjournment was made to the meeting-house near by, concluded a pleasant evening with touches of Grandsire Cinques, and Stedman Triples, etc., upon the handbells.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The bells of the above Church having been lately rehung in an entirely new frame by Messrs. Day and Sons, of Eye, Suffolk, are now being augmented to eight. The opening ceremony is fixed for October 13th next. There will be a consecration service, and afterwards a peal will be attempted by a band of eight clergymen, conducted by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Luncheon will be provided at a moderate charge, tickets for which can be obtained from T. T. Parkinson, Esq., and Mr. T. Davies, Churchwardens, Prestbury, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Application for luncheon tickets must be made on or before October 9th, as it is necessary to know beforehand for how many accommodation will have to be provided. The Prestbury ringers hope that as many brother ringers as possible will be present on the day.

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THE LIVERPOOL YOUTHS' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 25th, eight members of the above society, paid a visit to Garston, and started for Thurstan's one-part peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of St. Michael's Church; fifty-three courses were rung in 2 hrs. 30 mins., when "stand" was called, owing to a miss blow. R. Williams, 1; W. James, 2; G. Fisher, 3; W. Booth, 4; H. Coley, 5; W. Davies, 6; T. Hammond (conductor), 7; W. Brooks, 8. Afterwards the ringers, through the kindness of Mr. Samuel Gough, adjourned to the "Queen's Hotel," kept by Mr. Drew, and partook of a sumptuous repast, which no man would deny. Great praise is due to Sergeant Turner, C.B., for the excellent going order of the bells, the evening was brought to a close with a promise to pay another visit shortly.

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2 3 4 5 6 7 3 4 6 7	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3
3 5 7 2 4 6 - - - -	4 2 3 7 5 6 s s
Twice repeated.	3 4 2 7 6 5 - s
Queens & tittums.	2 3 4 5 7 6 s s
	Repeated.
336.	378.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4
3 2 4 7 5 6 s -	5 7 3 2 4 6 - -
Five times repeated.	3 5 7 2 4 6 - -
	Twice repeated.
	Queens and tittums.
377.	448.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3 4
3 4 5 2 6 7 s -	2 4 3 5 7 6 - s s
4 2 5 3 7 6 s -	2 4 3 5 6 7 - - s
2 3 5 4 7 6 - -	Repeated.
3 4 5 2 7 6 - -	
2 4 5 3 7 6 s -	
4 3 5 2 7 6 - -	
3 2 5 4 7 6 - -	
All the 5-6-7's at Hand.	
448.	503.
2 3 4 5 6 7 2 3	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3
4 5 3 2 6 7 - s	3 5 4 2 6 7 - -
5 2 3 4 6 7 - -	4 3 5 2 6 7 - -
Three times repeated.	3 2 5 4 6 7 - -
	2 4 5 3 6 7 - -
	3 4 5 2 6 7 s -
	4 2 5 3 6 7 - -
	2 4 5 3 7 6 - -
	4 3 5 2 7 6 - -
	3 2 5 4 7 6 - -
504.	504.
2 3 4 5 6 7 3 4 6	2 3 4 5 6 7 2 3 5
2 4 3 6 7 5 s s s	2 5 3 4 7 6 s s s
Five times repeated.	Five times repeated.
504.	504.
2 3 4 5 6 7 2 3 4	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3
3 5 4 2 6 7 - -	4 2 3 7 5 6 s s
5 4 3 2 6 7 - -	2 4 3 6 7 5 s -
4 2 3 5 6 7 - -	4 2 3 5 6 7 s -
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.
546.	657.
2 3 4 5 6 7 2 3 4	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3
5 7 3 2 4 6 - -	3 4 5 2 6 7 s -
7 2 3 5 4 6 - -	4 2 5 3 6 7 - -
2 3 7 5 4 6 - -	2 3 5 4 6 7 - -
Twice repeated.	3 4 5 2 6 7 s -
Four 4-6's, 7-4's, and	3 2 5 4 6 7 - -
6-7's.	2 4 5 3 6 7 - -
	2 4 5 3 7 6 - -
588.	2 3 5 4 6 7 - -
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3 4 7	3 4 5 2 7 6 - -
3 4 2 5 7 6 - - s -	2 4 5 3 7 6 s -
Five times repeated.	4 3 5 2 7 6 - -
	3 2 5 4 7 6 - -

672.	672.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3 4	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3
3 2 4 7 5 6 s -	3 5 4 2 6 7 - -
2 4 3 7 5 6 - -	4 3 5 2 6 7 - -
Five times repeated.	5 4 3 2 6 7 - -
	4 2 3 5 6 7 - -
	Twice repeated.
672.	672.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3
5 3 4 2 6 7 s -	3 5 4 2 6 7 - -
4 2 3 5 6 7 - s	5 2 4 3 6 7 - -
Five times repeated.	4 5 2 3 6 7 - -
Bob instead of a	5 3 2 4 6 7 - -
Single	2 5 3 4 6 7 - -
Half-way and Finish.	5 4 3 2 6 7 - -
	4 2 3 5 6 7 - -
	2 4 3 5 7 6 - -
	3 2 4 5 7 6 - -
	4 3 2 5 7 6 - -
	3 4 2 5 7 6 - -
	2 3 4 5 6 7 - -
727.	727.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4
4 2 3 5 7 6 - s	4 2 3 5 7 6 - s
2 3 4 5 7 6 - -	3 4 2 5 7 6 - -
4 3 2 5 7 6 - -	2 3 4 5 7 6 - -
3 2 4 5 7 6 - -	3 2 4 5 6 7 - -
2 4 3 5 7 6 - -	2 4 3 5 6 7 - -
3 4 2 5 7 6 s -	4 3 2 5 6 7 - -
2 5 4 3 7 6 - s	3 5 2 4 6 7 - -
4 2 5 3 7 6 - -	2 3 5 4 6 7 - -
2 3 5 4 7 6 - -	3 4 5 2 6 7 - -
3 4 5 2 7 6 - -	4 2 5 3 6 7 - -
2 4 5 3 7 6 s -	2 4 5 3 7 6 - -
4 3 5 2 7 6 - -	4 3 5 2 7 6 - -
3 2 5 4 7 6 - -	3 2 5 4 7 6 - -
All the 5-6-7's back-	All the 5-6-7's and
stroke, and the 5-6-7's	5-7-6's hand and
at hand.	back-stroke.
783.	896.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3
4 2 3 5 7 6 - s	3 5 4 2 6 7 - -
2 3 4 5 7 6 - -	4 3 5 2 6 7 - -
3 4 2 5 7 6 - -	3 2 5 4 6 7 - -
4 3 2 5 6 7 - -	2 4 5 3 6 7 - -
3 2 4 5 6 7 - -	5 2 4 3 6 7 - -
2 4 3 5 6 7 - -	3 2 4 5 6 7 s -
4 5 3 2 6 7 - -	4 3 2 5 6 7 - -
5 2 3 4 6 7 - -	2 4 3 5 6 7 - -
2 3 5 4 6 7 - -	All the 5-6-7's
3 4 5 2 6 7 - -	and 5-7-6's.
4 2 5 3 6 7 - -	
2 4 5 3 7 6 - -	
4 3 5 2 7 6 - -	
3 2 5 4 7 6 - -	
5-6-7's and 5-7-6's	
hand and back-	
stroke.	
924.	944.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3
5 7 3 2 4 6 - -	3 4 5 2 6 7 s -
3 5 7 2 4 6 - -	5 2 4 3 6 7 - s
3 2 5 4 6 7 - -	4 3 2 5 6 7 - s
5 3 2 4 6 7 - -	Five times repeated.
3 4 2 5 6 7 - -	Single at 1 instead of
Twice repeated.	a bob and single on 2,
Queens, tittums, and	3, of the 3rd course of
nine 6-7's.	the 2nd, 4th, and 6th
	parts.

756.	769.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4
3 4 5 2 6 7 s -	3 4 5 2 6 7 s -
4 2 5 3 6 7 - -	4 2 5 3 6 7 - -
2 3 5 4 6 7 - -	2 3 5 4 6 7 - -
5 2 3 4 6 7 - -	5 2 3 4 6 7 - -
2 4 3 5 6 7 - -	2 4 3 5 6 7 - -
4 3 2 5 6 7 - -	4 3 2 5 6 7 - -
3 2 4 5 6 7 - -	3 2 4 5 6 7 - -
All the 5-7-6's at hand	2 3 4 5 7 6 - -
and the 5-6-7's	4 2 3 5 7 6 - -
back-stroke.	3 4 2 5 7 6 - -
	4 5 2 3 7 6 - -
	2 4 5 3 7 6 - -
	4 3 5 2 7 6 - -
	3 2 5 4 7 6 - -
	All the 5-6-7's and
	5-7-6's hand and
	back-stroke.
1008.	1008.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3
4 3 5 2 6 7 s s	3 2 4 7 5 6 s
3 5 2 4 6 7 s -	4 3 2 7 5 6 - -
5 2 4 3 6 7 s -	2 4 3 7 5 6 - -
4 2 3 5 6 7 s s	Five times repeated.
Five times repeated.	
Bob instead of a single	
half-way and end.	
672.	1092.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4
5 3 4 2 6 7 s	5 7 3 2 4 6 - -
4 2 3 5 7 6 s s	3 5 7 2 4 6 - -
Five times repeated.	
	4 2 5 3 7 6 - -
	5 4 2 3 7 6 - -
	4 5 2 3 6 7 - -
	5 2 4 3 6 7 - -
	Twice repeated.
	Queen's Whitting-
	ton. Nine 4-6's and
	twelve 6-7's.
1176.	1260.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 3 4 7	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4
3 4 2 5 7 6 - - s -	4 3 5 2 6 7 s s
Eleven times repeated	3 5 4 2 6 7 - -
Single instead of a	5 4 3 2 6 7 - -
bob, half-way and	4 2 3 5 6 7 - -
finish.	Five times repeated.
	Bob instead of a single.
	first course of the 3rd and
	parts. Twenty-four 6-7's.
	H. REEVES.
1260.	1260
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4
3 4 5 2 6 7 s -	3 4 5 2 6 7 s -
4 5 3 2 6 7 - -	4 5 3 2 6 7 - -
5 2 3 4 6 7 - -	5 4 3 2 7 6 - -
3 4 2 5 6 7 - s	4 2 3 5 7 6 - -
Five times repeated.	Five times repeated.
Bob instead of a	Contains the twenty-
single at half-way	four 6-7's.
and end. Has	J. CARTER.
the twenty-four	
6-7's.	
H. REEVES.	

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G. J.—These appointments differ according to local circumstances.

W. H. J.—Your very interesting letter had escaped us. The matter is of immense interest. We shall be glad to hear at once that you have noticed this acknowledgment.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1886.

A correspondent, whose letter will be found beneath its proper heading, has taken us to task somewhat in giving currency to a paragraph announcing that a prize-ringing contest would take place on a certain date. Though our friend's incisive remarks cannot reasonably be objected to from his point of view, perhaps it is a duty to ourselves to afford such explanations upon the subject as will establish our consistency with regard to such tournaments. Our antipathies towards ringing upon church bells for prizes are firmly rooted, and as strong as ever, and no matter who are the promoters, or aiders and abettors of such contests, no matter how high they may stand in the ringing world, or social scale, the practice is one we shall never be able to countenance or approve. We have so often condemned prize-ringing, that it is held un-

necessary to refer to it again and again. But though this is so, we feel compelled to admit the announcements into our paper when requested to do so, without incurring the least responsibility. Nevertheless, we cannot help saying there is a tremendous difference between a contest among skilled ringers, and those who know nothing of the art. The former certainly tends to improvement in striking, if it does nothing else; but what good can there accrue to ringing by struggles for supremacy among men who can only perform "rounds and rounds, and ups and downs?" Let us not be misunderstood. We are advancing no plea on behalf of prize-ringing in any shape or form. We condemn it *in toto*, so far as Church bells are concerned. But in cases where it tends to promote the excellence of ringing, it must be allowed to have some redeeming feature.

In our opinion, where church bells, being instruments set apart for sacred uses, are allowed to be used for prize-ringing, a sad and deplorable desecration takes place. We have constantly given utterance to this opinion. Then what shall be said of those in authority who give permission for these acts of profanity? If instead of penning his severe criticisms upon our behaviour in regard to this question, our correspondent had sent his strictures to the incumbent of the Church who had given permission for the contest, he would have been more in order. We regret the occurrence of these meetings as much as any one, but frequent references and animadversions upon them become nauseous. When we think proper to refer to them, our correspondent may rest satisfied that the position and status of the combatants will never in the slightest degree act as a buffer to our reproof.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1886, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt. in F.

JOHN AUSTIN	Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY	5.
JOHN JAGGAR	2.	WILLIAM WAKLEY	6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY	3.	THOMAS HOLMES	7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN	4.	GEORGE ROBINSON	Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. E. I. Stone, a prominent member of the St. Paul's Society, with Miss Charlotte E. Grimmet, of Burton-on-Trent.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.

THE CHESTER CATHEDRAL AND WHITCHURCH SOCIETIES.

On Sunday, September 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

(FOR EARLY SERVICE) AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. in Bb.

JOSEPH GRIFFITHS	Treble.	THOMAS BETHELL	5.
JOHN GIBSON	2.	*GEORGE H. WOODHALL	6.
GEORGE WRIGHT	3.	FREEMAN BALL	7.
ALFRED CROSS	4.	*THOMAS BARRAN	Tenor.

Conducted by FREEMAN BALL.

First peal on the bells. *First peal, and members of the Whitchurch society; the rest are of the Chester Cathedral society.

WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.

On Sunday, September 26, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES SILLITOR Treble.	OLIVER GARWOOD 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL 2.	HARRY HARPER 6.
WALTER GRIDLEY* 3.	SAMUEL SLATER 7.
JAMES BIRD* 4.	GEORGE HAMMOND Tenor.

Composed by the late T. DAY, and Conducted by
GEORGE HAMMOND.

The above peal, which is in three parts, has the sixth its extent in 5-6, and has never been previously performed. This is Mr. S. Slater's 40th peal, and he has rung a peal on every bell round, on every day of the week, and every week of the month, and every month of the year. Messrs. Bird and Hammond hail from Long Melford, Garwood and Slater from Glemsford, Gridley from Foxearth, Howell, Harper and Sillitor from Sudbury. *First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1886, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

JOHN EACHUS Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 6.
THOMAS THORPE 2.	SAMUEL WEST 7.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 3.	JAMES THORPE 8.
JOHN E. POLLITT 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 9.
GEORGE E. TURNER 5.	JAMES PARKINSON Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by
A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late John Withers, steeple-keeper at the Cathedral, who was interred at Phillip's Park Cemetery, Manchester, on the previous Saturday. All the above are of the cathedral company.

Date Touch.

MOULTON (Northants).—On Saturday, September 18th, a mixed band paid a visit to the church of S.S. Peter and Paul, and rang a date touch of 1886 changes, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. in the following methods: 446 of Plain Bob, 720 of London Single, and 720 of Oxford Bob. W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; A. Groom, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts, 6. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Rev. R. Walker for granting them the use of the bells on that day. This is supposed to be the longest length rung on the bells. J. Gilbert hails from Raunds; A. Groom from Denton; the rest belong to the Ringstead Society.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, September 23rd, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip (first 720 in the method), 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). M. Warwick, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. M. Smith, 3; J. Hills, 4; J. Frossell, 5; H. Chapman (first 720 in the method), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. Chapman, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; J. Hills, 4; J. Frossell, 5; F. M. Smith, 6.

RENTOLD (Beds).—On Saturday, September 25th, by kind permission of the vicar (the Rev. Horace Kudkin), five members of the above Association visited Rentold and rang upon the (five) bells (tenor cracked, much to the disappointment of the visitors), Bob Singles and a six-score each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. F. Keech, 1; T. Foote, 2; H. Chapman, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, the 19th inst, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the tenor behind, in 29 mins.—A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. Pallister, 4; Thomas Wick, 5; F. Charlton, 6; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 7; E. Titt, 8. On the same day, for evening service, 500 of Bob Major:—H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; A. J. B. Waldron, 4; J. W. Cleminson, 5; F. Castree, 6; F. Charlton, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Friday evening, for practice at St. Hilda's parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. J. McAdams, 1; *R. Borrows, 2; H. McAdams, 3; R. Alcock, 4; J. Nicholson, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with 7, 8, covering. J. McAdams, 1; R. Borrows, 2; T. Walker, 3; S. Walker, jun., 4; C. Wilkinson, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6; J. Nicholson, 7; S. Walker, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in G. *First peal.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES (Durham).—On Sunday, September 12th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. J. Clarkson, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; W. Stephenson, 3. T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. Also on Wednesday, September 15th, for the first time, and on Sunday, September 19th, a 720 of London Surprise. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; T. Burdon, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. And on Wednesday, September 22nd, were favoured with a visit by Mr. J. Bristow (of Birchington, Kent), and Mr. R. Mackman (of Spalding), accompanied by Mr. J. H. Blakiston (of Middlesbrough), and for practice a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in which Mr. Mackman rang the third. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor was attempted, with Mr. Bristow ringing the 5th, but came to grief after ringing 500 changes, by which time it was too late for a second attempt.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, September 26th, being the Harvest Festival at St. Andrew's Church, the members of the above Association rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples for the morning service; and in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. M. Ellmore, 1; J. Jauncey, 2; J. Staples, 3; W. Goodchild, 4; H. Baker, 5; S. Knight, 6; J. G. Crawley (conductor), 7; F. George, 8. Composed by Henry J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, and contains twelve 7, 4's, twelve 6, 7's, and twelve 4, 6's Queens and Tittums. Tenor 16 cwt in F.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY (Near Rochester).—On Sunday, September 26th, at the parish church, after Divine service in the evening, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 28 mins. D. Winsor, 1; A. Ring, 2; J. Tullett, 3; G. Hutchings, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. Tenor 18 cwt. This was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, also the 24th birthday of Mr. W. Hunt, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, September 21st, the local company rang at St. Michael's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. J. R. Wood, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff (conductor), 6.

KEGWORTH (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, the Melbourne society visited this place and rang a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. R. Wood, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff (conductor), 6. The society wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for the kindness and welcome given them on this occasion.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 23rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, at St. Martin's church, by members of the above Association, a 700 of Grandsire Triples. H. Hipkiss, 1; S. Reeves, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. R. Small, 4; C. Price, 5; W. Pardoe, 6; C. Timms, 7; T. Atkiss, 8. Also a 210 of Grandsire Triples. T. Bennett, 1; S. Reeves, 2; G. Hughes, 3; W. Cooper, 4; W. R. Small, 5; S. Jesson, 6; C. Timms, 7; T. Atkiss, 8. Conducted by S. Reeves. Tenor 12 cwt.

WOMBOURN (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday evening, September 22nd, the St. Benedicts society rang a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. G. Little, 1; G. Deans, 2; H. Deans, 3; W. Devey, 4; A. Little, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G. This was rung as a mark of esteem to Mr. E. J. Stone, of the St. Paul's society, Burton, who was married on that day at St. Paul's church.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL.—On Monday, September 20th, at the parish church, a 560 of Grandsire Triples.—O. Evershed, 1; H. Haggitt, 2; G. Baker, 3; W. L. Chamberlain, 4; W. Wadey (Billingshurst), 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; F. Luxford, 8.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, September 26th, at St. Peter's, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 17 mins.—A. Fuller, 1; A. Marshall, 2; H. Weston (conductor), 3; Twaits, 4; C. E. Golds, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Jay, senior, 7; P. Hodges, 8.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Tuesday, September 21st, 410 of Court Bob Triples. J. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; E. Streeter (Balcombe), 3; B. King, 4; W. Collison, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Millier, 7; E. Pierce, 8. Also a quarter peal (1260) changes of Court Bob Triples in 49 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; E. Streeter, 3; B. King, 4; W. Collison, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; M. Heffer, 7; J. Collison, 8. This is the first in the method by all the band, and first of Court Bob Triples rung on the bells.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 26th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins. W. Short, 1; J. Browne, 2; F. Garman, 3; H. Wood, 4; T. Andrews, 5; F. Wickings (conductor), 6; G. Rowland, 7; F. Knight, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Garman, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Wood, 3; F. Wickings, 4; T. Andrews, 5; F. Knight, 6; H. Burstow, (conductor), 7; C. Vaughan, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, September 14th, five members of the St. Lawrence's Company, assisted by Master J. Wilkins, of Gloucester, rung for practice, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 27½ minutes. J. Wilkins, 1; G. Miles, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; and R. A. Barrett, 6. Tenor 14 cwt., in G. This is Master J. Wilkins' first attempt of any kind of Minor ringing, for he is quite a young beginner. This 720 was taken from the Clavis reprint.

UPTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, prior to Divine Service, six members of the above association, assisted by Mr. J. Mills, rung 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), with the seventh bell as cover, in 30 minutes. J. Middlecote, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; J. Yeates, 3; H. Mitchell (conductor), 4; H. G. Gardener, 5; R. A. Barrett, 6; and J. Mills, 7. Tenor 17½ cwt., in F.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON.—On Sunday, September 26th, 720 Court Bob, in 26 mins' W. Baddeley, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. Baddeley (conductor), 4; J. W. Brough, 5; J. Wood, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HAYLEIGH.—On Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine service, at Holy Trinity Church, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins (first 720 in the above method), 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Sept. 13th, for practice, 360 of Bob Minor. A. Wallis, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also on Monday evening, September 27th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Deal (conductor), 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; F. W. Haslam, 6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL.—On Tuesday evening, September 21st, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. R. Jordan, 1; C. Weeden, aged 16, first 720 inside, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also, on Friday, the 24th, for the Harvest Festival service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6; and for afternoon service, 720 College Exercise. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6; and after service, 723 Kent Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; A. Tidy, 2; T. Stedman, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; R. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6; also 720 College Pleasure. C. Weeden, 1; A. Tidy, 2; E. Jordan, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; R. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6; and 360 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Bishop, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; D. Jordan (conductor), 5; T. Stedman, 6.

FAREHAM (Hants.).—On Tuesday evening, September 21st, 1886, eight members of the above guild started for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 23 mins., a change course occurred. J. Staples, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; H. White, 3; F. Hill, 4; C. Privett, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; H. Carter, 8. Afterwards a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, on the back six (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. G. Grafham, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Hill, 5; H. White, 6. Tenor 14 cwt in F#. The band then adjourned to the house of Mr. Whiting, where a first-rate supper was provided, it being his 35th birthday, his brother ringers wish him many happy returns of the day. The handbells were then brought into use, and a course of Grandsire Caters brought round double handed. Also a 120 of Stedman Doubles. G. Williams, 1-2; J. Hewett, 3-4; J. Whiting, 5-6. And a course of Stedman Triples. J. Hewett, 1-2; C. Privett,

3; F. Hill, 4; G. Williams, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. Whiting, 7; G. Hackett, 8. This is the first course of Stedman Triples by all except Williams and Hewett. Thanking Mr. Whiting for his kindness, the company separated, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON.—On Friday, Sept. 24th, eight courses (1696 changes), of Cambridge Surprise Major. F. White, 1; E. Holfield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; J. Field, 4; W. Bennett, 5; C. Hounslow, 6; G. Holfield, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8.

BARLOW-MOOR (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, September 28th, at Christ church, the local company with the assistance of their instructor, rang for practice a 336 of Grandsire Triples. J. Shaw, 1; W. Holbrook, 2; G. Pearson, 3; W. Mellor, 4; S. Pearson, 5; T. Brickell, 6; J. Wilde, 7; J. Cole, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

BURLEY (Near Leeds). On Thursday evening, for practice, at St. Matthias' church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. R. F. Lunn, 1; J. Bennett, 2; J. W. Atkinson, 3; G. H. Hoyle (first 720 in the method), 4; W. E. Kershaw (first 720 in the method), 5; H. Lindsay (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 the company (who were only formed last February) have rung unassisted.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Wednesday, September 22nd, the following seven members of the Cambridge Youths, assisted by Mr. Samuel Hayes, rang on the back eight bells at Great St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48½ mins. E. Andrews, 1; J. Rockett, 2; J. Taylor, 3; J. Holliday, 4; G. Taylor, 5; J. Jackson, 6; S. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. Kempton, 8. Composed by H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford. Tenor 31 cwt. in C#.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouth).—On Sunday, September 12th, six of the St. Mary's company, Caldicott, paid a friendly visit to Magor, and rang several plain courses of Bob Doubles. T. Withers, 1; J. Arthur, 2; G. Reeve, 3; W. Knapp, 4; W. Bynon, 5; J. Rutter, 6. Tenor about 15 cwt. Also on Sunday, September 26th, for Divine service in the evening, at St. Mary's, Caldicott, several plain courses of Bob Doubles. T. Withers, 1; J. Arthur, 2; G. Reece, 3; W. Knapp, 4; W. Bynon, 5; J. Morley, 6.

DARESBUURY (Cheshire).—On Tuesday evening, September 14th, for practice, six members of the local company rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 27½ mins. T. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; A. de Prez (first 720) 3; P. Hamblett, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, September 25th, at St. Helen's Church, the local company with their instructor, Mr. R. Bosworth, of Derby, rang for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. S. Groom, 1; J. Derbyshire, 2; W. Taylor, 3; R. Bosworth, 4; C. Gwatkin, 5; E. Hallows (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine service, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. S. Groom, 1; J. Derbyshire, 2; R. Bosworth, 3; C. Whymark, 4; C. Gwatkin, 5; E. Hallows (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, September 22nd, at the church of St. Peter and Paul the local company rang for practice 240 changes each of Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Kent, Violet, and Oxford. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Time 1 hr. 5 mins. Tenor 16 cwt 14 lbs.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Monday, September 27th, at St. Martin's Church, for practice, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 1,260 changes, in 42 mins. —*A. Bassett, 1; J. Hawkins, 2; J. Easton, 3; *H. Pederick, 4; *H. Kenten, 5; R. Harden, 6; †T. Miles (conductor), 7; *G. Pederick, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in E. *First quarter peal. †First quarter peal as conductor. All but Harden are members of the Surrey Association.

EXETER (Devon).—On Sunday, September 26th, for Divine service in the evening, 1092 of Grandsire Triples in 37 mins. T. Townsend, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; E. Pitt (composer and conductor), 4; W. Mundy, 5; W. Richardson, 6; J. Moss, 7; T. J. Lake, 8.

FARNWORTH (Lancashire).—On Thursday, September 16th, being the Farnworth Agricultural Show, a mixed band rang at the parish church a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. C. Newton, 1; P. Johnson, 2; W. H. Hardman, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; E. de Prez, 5; F. Turner (conductor), 6. Tenor about 11½ cwt. Messrs. Hamblett, Johnson and de Prez hail from Daresbury; C. Newton from Garston; F. Turner from Grassendale; W. H. Hardman is of the local company.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, August 15th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; T. Glead, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; J. Leach, 4;

J. Nixon, 5; G. B. Lucas, 6. Also on Sunday evening, 22nd August, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 24 mins. J. Hannington (conductor), 1; T. Gleed, 2; J. Nixon, 3; G. Harvey, 4; G. Griffin, 5; T. Titchener, 6. Also on Sunday evening, 5th September, after Divine service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Titchener, 1; T. Gleed, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; J. Nixon, 4; G. Harvey, 5; E. Chapman, 6. Also on Sunday evening, 26th September, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 22 mins. J. Hannington (conductor), 1; T. Gleed, 2; G. Harvey, 3; J. Leach, 4; J. Nixon, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—The bells of the above village are now re-opened for ringing, after a rest of about eight years, the tower at that time not being considered safe, and a closing peal was rung by the Eckington company, who also had the pleasure on Sunday last (September 26th), of ringing for Divine service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. F. Hancock, 1; E. James, 2; G. Norman, 3; J. Shaw, 4; W. Price, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. Friends wishing to pay a visit to this district will find three peals of six bells within 40 minutes' walk from Eckington station.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, September 25th, 1,269 of Bob Triples in 44 mins.; R. Bird, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Bird, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; H. Cartwright, 6; A. H. Bassano, 7; W. Green, 8. Conductor by A. H. Bassano. First quarter-peal by all the above, and first on the bells. Tenor 23½ cwt.

NORTHENDEN (Cheshire).—Recently, at St. Wilfred's church, two 720's of Bob Minor (first with eighteen bobs and two singles, second with twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles), in 54 mins. P. Brickell (conductor), 1; T. Brickell (Barlow-moor), 2; J. Leigh, 3; J. Wilde (Barlow-moor), 4; T. Price, 5; S. Brickell, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

BURFORD.—On Sunday evening for Divine service, the following rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with the tenor behind, in 25 mins. D. Francis, 1; T. Brown, 2; W. Large, 3; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 4; J. Smith, 5; H. Bond, jun., 6; W. Launchbury, 7.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, the 19th inst., being the Thanksgiving for the ingathering of the Harvest, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles were rung for Divine service, and after service 720 of Bob Doubles, in four observations. G. Wilson, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Booth (conductor), 3; W. Minard, 4; C. Live, 5. Tenor 9 cwt. This is the first 720 Bob Doubles on the bells, and the first in North Bucks.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Saturday, September 18th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; F. Kirk (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; R. Pendered, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; J. Willmott, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of Bob Doubles. A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; H. Stubbs (conductor), 4; J. Willmott, 5; S. Bailey, 6.

READING.—On Friday, September 24th, it being the anniversary of the re-opening of St. Giles Church as well as the Harvest Festival, six members of the above society rang for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins.:—H. Smart, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; T. Hibbert, 3; A. Evans, 4; H. Blissett, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. Sunday being utilised for a continuation of the Harvest Thanksgiving, the members of the society met and rang in various methods for morning service, and for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. H. Smart, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. Evans, 3; H. Wright, 4; H. Blissett, 5; George Gibbard (conductor), 6; also, after service, 720 College Single. H. Smart, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; G. Gibbard, 3; A. Evans, 4; H. Blissett, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6.

RETFORD (Notts).—On Tuesday, September 21st, at St. Michael's Church for practice, three 720's of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. each. F. Mackie, 1; S. Joynes (conductor), 2; W. Drake, 3; N. Hunt, 4; J. Joynes, 5; R. Potter, 6. Time 26 mins. Also on Sunday, September 26th, being the Harvest Festival, for Divine service, 720 of Grandsire Minor. H. Haigh, 1; S. Joynes, 2; W. Drake, 3; N. Hunt, 4; J. Joynes, 5; R. Potter, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. 9 lb. Conducted respectively by W. Drake, S. Joynes, and J. Joynes.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 18th, for practice, at St. Gregory's church, a 756 of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; W. Griggs, 2; W. Howell, 3; J. Campin, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, September 6th, a peal of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. G. Hayes, 1; T. M. Stedman, 2; W. Davis, 3; B. Spinner, 4; W. Harper, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. Mr. Stedman hails from Capel, Surrey. Mr. Martin's first peal as conductor in the method. On Sunday, 26th inst., a peal of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Harding, 1; L. Digweed, 2; W. Harper, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 26th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Bob Triples, in 44 mins., by R. Elliott, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; J. Waghorn, junr., 3; J. Langran, 4; W. Pye English, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. Barnett (conductor), 7; C. Davidson, 8.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 26th, for afternoon service at the parish church, a plain course, and 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. Pamplin, 1; B. Keeble, 2; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 3; F. Radley 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; C. Dennison, 8. After service, 350 Grandsire Triples, with J. Everard, 2; and B. Keeble, 5; and 84 with the Vicar, the Rev. T. L. Papillon, at the 5th. Also for morning service, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the back six, and two six-scores with 7,1,8, behind. A. Edwards, 1; H. Pamplin, 2; J. Everard, 3; F. Radley, 4; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6; R. Wood, 7; C. Dennison, 8. Mr. Keeble is from Romford, Mr. de Lisle from Galleywood, and Messrs. Harvey and Tarbun from Widford.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE members of the local company had an outing on Tuesday, September 14th, through the liberality of Dr. and Mrs. Reynier. Travelling by early train, they arrived at Margate about 10 o'clock. Having visited St. John's Church, a rest was made till after morning service, when the bells were raised, and some touches of Major, Minor, and Grandsire Triples were attempted. The bells, however, going far from well, this was abandoned in favour of dinner which went much better. A start was then made for Quex Park, Birchington, where the ringers were delighted with everything, especially the go of the bells, which they consider unequalled. Returning from Margate, they reached home about 9 o'clock, having thoroughly enjoyed their day's outing. They wish to thank their friends at Margate and Birchington, through this medium, for their cordial reception, and hope soon to meet them again.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.

THE ANNUAL GATHERING of the Members of the Association will take place at Ipswich, on Monday, October 4th. All ringing to cease at 12.30. At 12.45 there will be Divine service at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower. At 1.30 dinner will be provided at the Old Museum Rooms, Museum-street. After dinner usual business meeting. Ringing recommence at 3.45. The hon. secretary must know on or before Tuesday, September 28th, who will be present. Also from what station members desire to start. His private card will be the authority for obtaining the fare and quarter tickets. Cards will be forwarded on application. The Old Museum Rooms will be Head Quarters for the day. Dinner Tickets obtained and arrangements for ringing made there. N. BOLINGBROKE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Market Rasen on Saturday next, October 2nd. Several gentlemen interested in change-ringing are expected to be present, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members. The church bells of Market Rasen (six), and Claxby (five), have kindly been placed at the disposal of the Association for the whole of that day. Arrangements will be made for ringers to visit the picturesque village of Claxby. Tea will be provided at Market Rasen at five o'clock, and the meeting will follow immediately after. The Committee will be glad to see any brethren from the East and South Lincolnshire Associations. Societies, unattached members, or brethren of kindred Associations, intending to be present will please communicate at once with the hon. secretary, Market Rasen. W. LUNN.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

NOTICE.

SIR,—I am requested to ask members attendance at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, at 6 p.m. to ring for Divine Service next Sunday, October 3rd. They are further requested to meet the Master in the same belfry on Friday evening, the 8th inst., at 7.30 p.m. for a special practice. H. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Second Quarterly Meeting will be held at Loughborough, on Saturday, October 9th, 1886, full particulars of which will appear in our next issue. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.
5, St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association is proposed to be held in Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, October 25th. Particulars of the arrangements for the day will be communicated to members by circular. G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

In Memoriam.

JOHN WITHERS.

ON Monday, September 20th, the above named ringer departed this life, and on the Saturday following, his mortal remains were carried to their last resting place, by his brother ringers, at Phillip's Park Cemetery, Manchester, and was followed by his family, relatives, fellow-workmen, and several of his friends, numbering in all about 100 persons. The Reverend —. Pettitt, M.A., one of the cathedral clergy, read the burial service, at the conclusion of which five members of the cathedral company rang over the grave on the handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. John Eachus, 1-2; James Thorpe, 3-4; A. Ed. Wrecks, 5-6; Thomas Thorpe, 7-8; Samuel West, 9-10. The deceased was born at Worksop, Nottinghamshire, in the year 1824, and was consequently in his 63rd year. He has had a very numerous family, twenty children in all, nine of whom are living, six of them being married, and have children of their own. He commenced his ringing career at the Abbey Church, Worksop, when in his teens. He came to Manchester at the age of twenty, and was not long in finding out the ringers in that town, first joining the Holy Trinity, Hulme, (six bells), society, afterwards the St. John's (eight bells), society, Deansgate, and finally in 1866 he joined the Cathedral company, and in the year following was appointed steeplekeeper there, which position he faithfully kept until his death. The total number of his performances is not known, as he kept no record of them, but from information he gave prior to his death, they would amount to sixty or seventy peals of 5000 changes and upwards in Kent and Oxford, Grandsire and Plain Bob methods, and 720's on six bells in about thirty different methods, a great many of which he conducted. His last peal was one of Grandsire Caters, 5057 changes, rang at St. Giles', Wrexham, on May 28th, 1885, in which he rang the 9th. His last touch of any note was a date touch (1886 changes), rung at Manchester Cathedral on New Year's morning of the present year. Although a smith by trade, he thoroughly understood bells and their various fittings, and would make a bell go when called in to repair her if there was any go in her. On ringing matters he was ever ready and willing to give any information that lay in his power, especially to young hands, but woe unto the unlucky one when attempting a touch, who disregarded the instructions given him. The Manchester ringers deeply feel the loss they have undergone in their valued and oldest member, and are sure that all ringers to whom the deceased was personally known, will join them in expressing sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

ON Wednesday, September 22nd, six members of the Plymouth company visited Bickleigh by invitation of the Vicar, it being the Harvest Festival. On arriving there at 6.30, the local ringers were concluding a touch of call changes, in which method the bells had been kept going all the afternoon, but the ropes having been handed over to the visitors, several well struck six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. Taylor, were brought home. After a short adjournment for refreshments, a touch of "stone" with some of the local ringers, was followed by some Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. Marsh, after which the bells were lowered in peal. Much satisfaction was expressed at the go of the bells and the excellent order of all the belfry fittings. On Thursday a splendid set of new ropes, supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was used for the first time at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. The ropes not having been stretched, nothing could be done at first but rounds on the ten bells, but at the end of the evening the ropes had got sufficiently steady to allow a touch of Grandsire Doubles being rung with 7, 6, 8, behind. The St. Andrew's society can now ring Triples without assistance from outside, and no doubt great progress will be made during the winter evenings. The party who went to Bickleigh was Messrs. Taylor, Marsh, Gover, Tozer, Peard, and Batchelor.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association will be held on Saturday, October 9th, at 4.30 p.m., in St. John the Baptist schoolroom, Bromsgrove. All members who possibly can attend are requested to do so. And all members who have not paid their yearly subscriptions are requested to do so as soon as possible, so that the list of members' names in the yearly report may be correct. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the next District Meeting of the above Association (for business purposes and ringing), will be held at Arundel, on Saturday, October 9th. A notice in detail will be forwarded to the local secretaries. Each member should have a copy. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

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."

PRIZE-RINGING CONTESTS.

SIR,—I am pleased to see in last week's "BELL NEWS," a letter on the above subject. Methinks, Mr. Editor, that for once, you have been caught napping, or the announcement of the St. Peter's society would never have appeared in print. In your impression of May 22nd you express extreme delight at being able to publish, for the special edification and benefit of our readers, a report of another of these "scientific tournaments" which has been held at the village of Lanreath, in Cornwall. The desire of the Vicar of Lanreath to win over ringers to the Church, is, of course, laudable, but he has begun at the wrong end. We would advise him that his ringers should strive, not in contests of this description, but to emulate their fellows in many neighbouring parishes, where real ringing is efficiently done without the inducement of a prize but only that of honour and fame. We would advise him to put himself in connection with the Hon. Sec. of the Devonshire Guild, who will we doubt not, be most happy to show him the best way to manage his ringers, both for their own and the Church's benefit. Now, Sir, why, instead of publishing the announcement of the St. Peter's Society, did you not advise them to put themselves in connection with the Devonshire Guild, it would be useless to suggest the Yorkshire Association, because members of the St. Peter's society are amongst its leading lights. Now, Mr. Editor, confess, have you really been caught napping, or do you willingly insert gratuitous advertisements of ringing matches, provided such advertisements are forwarded by men who have made for themselves a name in the ringing world. If the latter is the case, we may expect to see in your columns Yorkshire Association v. College Youths for £50 a side, or Grand Change Ringing Handicap for £500, entrance £1 per member, Rev. So-and-So, stakeholder and referee. It may be urged by some, especially those who are interested in the financial part of the contest, that it is not a contest upon steeple bells but upon hand bells; well, that is a distinction without a difference, because the men that ring one ring the other. I remember seeing on a bell in a Yorkshire Church, the following inscription:—

"To the praise and glory of the Triune God, and in grateful and humble acknowledgment of his numberless blessings and infinite mercy. This peal of bells was given by (then followed the names of the givers)." Will the bells of St. Peter's be used to the praise and glory of God? I trow not. It may again be urged that they are only handbells, but handbells are in most cases Church property. There is an old saying that one man may steal a horse, whilst another is not allowed to look over the hedge. I think that saying might be applied to this case, for had this contest been proposed by a body of ringers unknown to fame, our leading lights, those in Leeds not excepted, would have held up their hands, aye, and their voices, in holy horror. The Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," would "again have felt it his duty to comment upon those contemptible matches for filthy lucre," but, oh ye God's and little fishes, what cannot our great men do. W. HALL.

Manchester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will take place on Saturday, October 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. There will be a service at 3.30 p.m., at which the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Davenport Kelly, M.A., rector of St. Matthew's, Manchester. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., tickets 1s. each. The business meeting will be at 6 p.m., when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. All those who intend to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to Mr. J. Redford, 9, Portugal-street, Bolton (from whom tickets may be obtained), not later than September 25th. Ringers, not being members, who care to attend will be cordially welcomed. The towers of the parish church of St. Peter, as well as those of Holy Trinity, All Saints', and St. George's will be open for ringing after the meeting. Members who have not yet paid their subscription for the past year, are requested to send it as soon as possible to Mr. Redford, in order that the list of members may be complete for insertion in the report.

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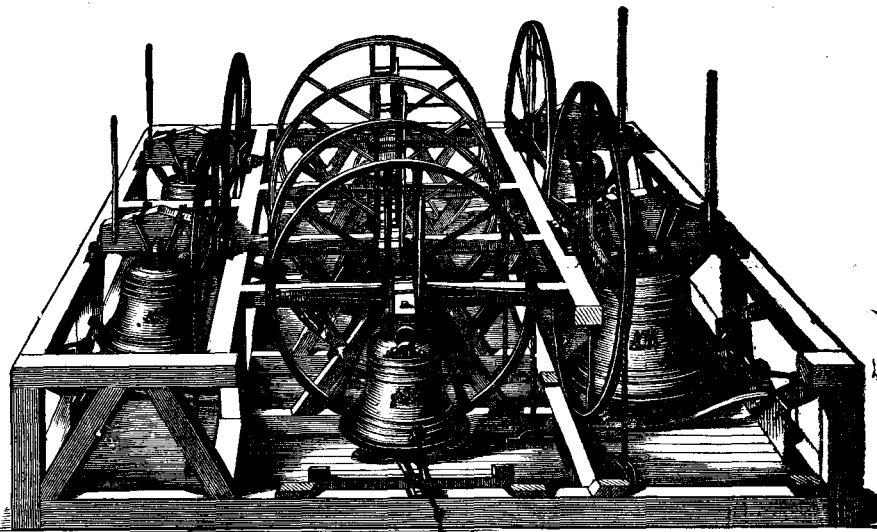
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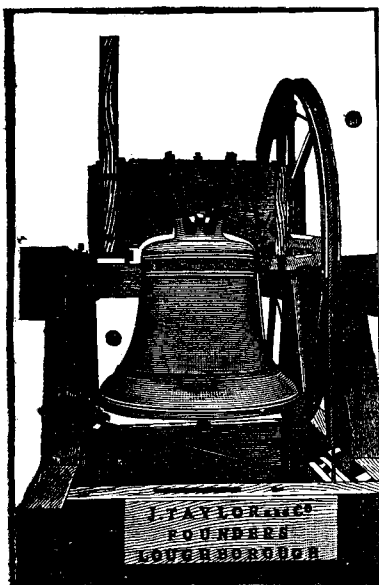
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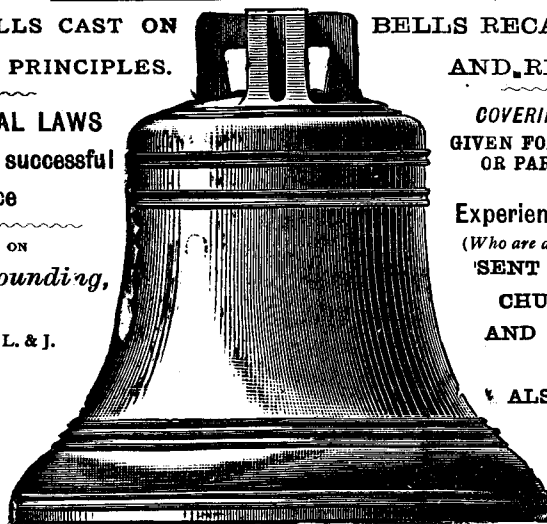
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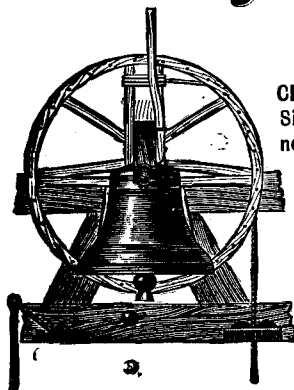
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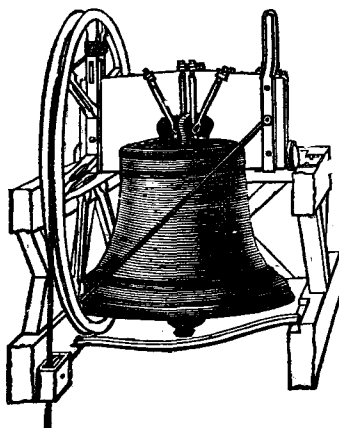
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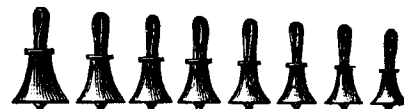
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DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Shortly before five o'clock on Friday afternoon, August 27th, I started from the Paddington Terminus of the Great Western Railway by the famous "Zulu," arriving in Oxford at six, and being met by Mr. J. Field, at once drove over to Appleton with him and Mr. C. Hounslow, where two touches of Double Norwich were rung with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the ringers, at St. Lawrence's Church. Later on saw us again back in Oxford, the city of steeples and spires, and the next morning Mr. Field and myself again started off, enjoying an excellent and very pleasant journey, passing Banbury, which reminded us of a famous nursery rhyme concerning the Cross, and it will be recollected that Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was here first called from the tenor by Mr. C. Hounslow. Next came Sir Christopher Wren's beautiful tower of St. Mary's Church, Warwick, then a glimpse of the famous steeple of St. Martin's, Birmingham, and finally Shrewsbury, after passing through a portion of the "black country," being all the while delighted to point out what was new to my companion, until after the lapse of about five hours we arrived safely in Wrexham. After tea, a walk was greatly enjoyed to Gresford, about two (rather long) miles distant, where the tower of All Saints' Parish Church contains the second wonder of Wales in the shape of a very fine ring of eight bells, tenor about 24 cwt. in Eb. Inside the upper portion of the tower special boxes are constructed to accommodate the numerous birds who build their nests there in order to prevent their laying eggs about the bell frame. The position of the Church, standing as it does high up and overlooking the prettiest valleys that can anywhere be found, gives the tone of the bells a certain enchantment which is rarely met with, rendered all the more beautiful when walking through the silent footpaths of the lovely sloping woods near at hand. A grand sight was seeing the "Zulu" pass by, carrying the Irish mails, like a rocket or fiery meteor in the darkness, and is between Shrewsbury and Chester the fastest train in the world. Later on Wrexham was reached by train, and after waiting half-an-hour or so discussing the promptness of action when seized by a sudden impulse, the train from Birmingham arrived, and we were delighted to find it contained Mr. A. Thomas, as arranged. Horse power being resorted to, the house of Mr. R. W. Evans was again reached, where as usual, we were received with the greatest hospitality and kindness by that gentleman and Mrs. Evans, whose guest we all three were during our stay here. A pleasant introductory evening was passed with handbells, conversation and final arrangements for the outing that had been looked forward to for some months, and the next morning a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Giles' parish church, whose magnificent tower, it will be remembered, is the first wonder of Wales. It was not finished until 1506, and the sides are embellished with statues of thirty saints in niches or on buttresses. In the afternoon, a delightful drive was enjoyed of several hours' duration: the village of Pulford was visited, containing a ring of six; next the splendid preserves, plantations and grounds of His Grace the Duke of Westminster were reached, abounding in coveys of various kinds of game. While listening to the bells of the Clock tower at Eaton Hall, whose carrillon consists of twenty-eight Belgian bells, already described in "THE BELL NEWS," attention was drawn to the numerous pheasants near at hand, and being then in front of Eaton Hall, our friend Mr. Field was distinctly heard to observe that if he had one just then he thought he could "eat en all." After this it was of course determined to at once make a move, and in due time Farndon was reached, and the parish church found to contain eight bells, tenor about 12 cwt., with a ringing room on the ground floor, partitioned off from the Church, but unfortunately there are grave doubts expressed about the condition of the tower; consequently little or no ringing is done here. A little further on, England is divided from Wales by the river Dee, which is crossed by a very peculiar and noteworthy bridge, dated 1345, having remains of a guard house in the middle; and on the opposite side stands the village of Holt, whose ancient castle ruins were first inspected. The parish church of St. Chad, whose old tower is entirely hidden by ivy up to the top, was next visited, and on ascending to the battlements a magnificent view of the surrounding country is obtained. The tower contains six bells, tenor about 9 cwt., hung in a rickety frame which dances about in a kind of electrical manner, and although all had a pull, it was with a sigh of relief that we left the dilapidated and dingy ringing chamber, through the rotten ceiling of which portions of the bells could be seen. At a house close by an extraordinary specimen of a freak of nature was seen in a lamb, evidently intended for two, but mixed up in such a manner with a double number of heads, ears, &c., and eight legs, some of which protruded from its back. Later on in the evening Wrexham was again reached, and after tea, final arrangements were made, and the whole party, numbering eleven in all, mustered, and started from the station about half-past nine. On

reaching Chester a pleasant hour was spent in company with Messrs. Price, Moulton and others. After obtaining return tickets at a fare and a quarter, and again taking train, Crewe was reached, where another pleasant hour and a half was spent in waiting for the "Flying Scotchman," which contained two compartments specially reserved for the party. Having with a deal of ceremony and necessary paraphernalia settled down for the night, a most delightful journey was made, reminding everyone of the once favorite comic song "In the mail train to the North." The party had been carefully and plentifully provisioned with all necessary creature comforts, including some excellent mountain dew and cigars of the fragrant weed; sleep being almost entirely out of the question, especially when passing the once famous Greta Green, where formerly at a hasty marriage, the blacksmith's forge served as an altar; Carlisle cathedral, and Carstairs, until at last, after a lovely daybreak, Edinburgh was safely reached at seven o'clock on the Monday morning, one gentleman, a noted continental traveller, on waking dreamily, inquiring how much farther it was to Madrid! Edinburgh is always spoken of as the "Modern Athens," and is justly said to be the most beautiful city in the world; in fact none are so prettily situated, being, as it is, only about two miles from the sea. Like the Greek capital it is bounded by mountains, combining clearness of contour and fusion of colour, while Arthur's Seat bears to this town the same comparison as Lycabettus to Athens, or Vesuvius to Naples. To Athens it has a very striking appearance, especially when the former is approached from the Piræus or Ægean Sea, and in place of the Parthenon there is an imitation Acropolis commenced on the top of Calton Hill; while the other resemblance being, that Hymettus is rather more lofty than the Pentland Hill and the Pentelicus is farther off and grander than the hill called Arthur's seat. The ancient city of Byzantium, glorious and beautiful as it must have been, could never have equalled this one, for the whole place is one of astonishing beauty and engrossing historical interest, and no other city in the world so closely links the past with the present. It is said that a life-long residence here only adds fresh charms, at the same time filling the stranger with delight and novelty. The new portion is divided from the old town by the railway, gardens and walks most tastefully laid out in the hollow once filled with water and known by the name of "Nor Loch." At the station we were met by Mr. G. Hodgson, the kind and courteous conductor of the ringers, who escorted the main body of the party to the place they were to occupy, leaving Messrs. Field, Thomas, Evans, and myself in excellent quarters at the "Rutland Hotel." This place commands a full view of the entire length of the famed Princes Street, which is more than a mile long, and undeniably said to be the finest and most beautiful street in the world. It is, however, best seen from the summit of Calton Hill, near to the monument of the Parthenon, above alluded to, and by day is the scene of animation and interest, while by night when lighted up, looks like fairyland, and the city of statues, monuments, and gardens, with its towering old castle rock forms a panorama once looked upon will never be forgotten.

After a refreshing wash and breakfast, the party were conducted by Mr. J. Johnston, another noted ringer here, to see the various sights which are well worthy of notice, including the elaborate and ever beautiful monument to Sir Walter Scott, built in 1844, and reaching to a height of 200 feet. On arrival at the famous old castle, standing as it does high up in eminence on the summit of a mass of rocks some 400 feet above the sea level, and having precipitous cliffs on all sides but the eastern, the party were agreeably reinforced by the arrival of Mr. G. G. Cunninghame, the ever industrious and talented genius of the Edinburgh ringers, and member of the Queen's Scottish Body Guard (a regiment unique in its exquisite dress, armed with bow and arrows), who kindly obtained special permission and accompanied them over the ancient pile, including the armoury, of more than ordinary interest; then the "Crown Room" or Scotch Regalia of the Scottish monarchs, including crown, sceptre, sword, etc. Amongst other things, St. Margaret's Chapel (a tiny Norman building of the eleventh century), and Mons Meg, a huge gun made at Mons in Belgium, in 1476. It was also interesting to the Volunteers present to watch the drill of a battalion of some Scottish Infantry regiment in their picturesque kilts, etc., together with martial music or pibroch of the bagpipes.

About midday, a move was made to St. Mary's Cathedral, which it will be remembered was erected some twelve or fourteen years ago from the designs of the late Sir Gilbert Scott, of an architecture which, at the end of the twelfth century, immediately proceeded that of the Early Pointed. Due prominence is given to the peculiarities of the Scottish Gothic of that period, the exterior being certainly magnificent; and the interior, though very fine, is I fancy rather dark owing to the amount of stained glass in the windows. The entire length of the building inside is 238 feet 6 inches, while outside it measures 262 feet, and all portions bearing much weight are constructed of Dalmeny stone, the other parts being Fifeshire and Cragleith. The tower is central, and acknowledged, from an engineering and architectural

point of view, to be the most successful one ever erected. Its weight is estimated at about 5000 tons, occupies 300 square feet, and is supported on four clusters of isolated, but solid piers, the eastern pair measuring 35 feet 6 inches in circumference, the western pair 44 inches less. As a proof of its solidity and strength, it is said that the bells were rung during the fearful gale which caused the terrible Tay Bridge disaster, the scene of this awful accident being not many miles distant. The spire, which reaches to a height of 274 feet from the chancel floor, with an additional 9 feet for the iron cross on the top of it, is not so gracefully proportioned as may be desired, for the eight sides bend slightly outwards, each nine inches in the middle, giving it rather a fat or chubby appearance, and curtailing that degree of elegance which is so characteristic when the sides are taken straight up. The heights are divided thus: the tower itself is 137 feet 6 inches, and the spire 136 feet 6 inches, which measurements have lately been again tested by trigonometrical observations.

On nearing the spot where the Chapter House is to be built, we reach an external doorway, and on ascending a lengthy flight of circular stone steps, the roof of the north transept is at last reached, and some distance has to be traversed along the extreme edge, which however is safely railed off and covered with stout wire netting to a height of about 5 feet. The water course over which we walk is neatly boarded over with a skeleton flooring, and this interesting route was once designated "along the gutter," by a gentleman friend of mine who once described his visit. At the end another doorway is reached higher up, and on ascending a few more steps the visitor finds himself in the finest ringing room in the world, indeed anyone denying this would show great ignorance and want of knowledge, for out of the 430 belfries visited by me this is by far the best in every respect. Each one on entering gave way to exclamations of wonder and astonishment, and the effect is calculated to take any ringers' breath away. The chamber is 32 feet square and 33 feet 10 inches in height, while a few feet from the top it is octagonal, the corners being prettily arched, while it is lighted by eight small windows, two on each side. Nothing is here wanting which can conduce to the comfort of ringers; it is indeed a ringing palace, and under Mr. Cunninghame's superintendence is furnished with all the most interesting subjects, in fact the very essence of everything that can be collected and procured from all the vast researches of campanological lore, and it is indeed a rich harvest of these. The walls are adorned with costly drawings which are executed in the finest style, no details being omitted. They comprise plans, elevations and sections of the Cathedral tower and spire; and the most beautifully finished engineer's drawings or diagrams by Mr. S. French, artistically and well coloured with every minute and necessary detail of the tenor and treble bells in the peal. Photos of other Cathedrals and Churches, together with some very fine drawings of immense size, consisting of plans, elevations and sections, also well got up and coloured, of the late Sir Christopher Wren's greatest masterpieces, viz., the magnificent towers of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and St. Paul's Cathedral. There is also a complete set of the competitive designs of the building which appeared in *The Architect* of 8th and 15th Feb., 1873. I am pleased to add that I have been kindly presented by Mr. Cunninghame with an exact copy of nearly everything above mentioned. College Youths' certificates abound, and everything is suitably framed so as to blend with each other. The floor is constantly being scrubbed to keep it clean, and inside the circle of ropes is neatly covered with cocoa-nut matting. The sides are well covered with crimson cloth to a height of about five feet, to the rows of hat and coat pegs, and all the varnished woodwork is stained a deep brown colour, while on each side all round the walls, are cushion covered seats, and above the entrance is a varnished wooden model of the bell frame.

The most conspicuous feature in the room however stands in the centre, and consists of a plaster cast of the large "sermon" bell at St. John's Kirk, Perth, placed on a round platform about a foot or so in height, having wheels underneath so as to be moveable. The original bell weighs about 30 cwt. in D., measuring 4 feet 5 and three sixteenths inches in diameter, and soundbow 3 fifteen-sixteenths inches in thickness, bearing date 1506, with its large cannons and beautiful shape, though slightly longer in the waist than English ones; the exquisite clearness and form of its lettering and medallions, and last, but not least, its beautifully mellow tone, making it an object of pride to the denizens of the town where it belongs. It is, by the way, very like the old bell comprising Messrs. Shaw and Sons' registered trade mark, having "Ebor" on its side, especially about the magnificent large and prettily shaped canons, and also in the upper ornamentation, etc., which can be seen on the advertisement page of this paper. "Ebor," it may be mentioned, is an abbreviation of "Eboracum," the ancient Latin name of York. The plaster casting in question, taken from moulds in sixteen sections, was a difficult and delicate operation, and having been most successfully accomplished, speaks well for the skill and patience of Mr. Cunninghame and others concerned in the matter. It is of course a very hard substance, and

being coloured by some chemical and mechanical processes, at the same time showing every scratch and speck in the original, a stranger can scarcely believe that it is not the real thing itself. The operation of elevating it to the belfry from the floor of the church, a clear distance of 71 feet 7 inches, was indeed in a small way, a masterpiece of engineering skill, when one remembers that the delicate cast and appendages weigh 6 cwt., including of course iron rings, tie rods, etc., embedded for safety in the plaster.

The entrance to the chamber is at the corner, and there are three sided tables covered with red cloth made to fit in the other three corners, upon which are placed plaster casts of smaller notable bells on revolving stands, that can be easily turned round on a well balanced pivot, by means of small brass handles, to enable the excellent lettering and ornamentation to be fully read and examined. Amongst these are to be found "Tinkling Tom" at St. Giles' Cathedral; the old historical bells at Glasgow, Stirling, and the Mediæval bell at Linlithgow; all of which are so beautifully got up, and like the large one, it is the most difficult matter possible to believe they are not the real and original bells—in fact the very marks hollowed out by the clock hammer are most truthful and perfect in every way. There are other small ones at the sides in upright stands, one above the other, also made to revolve on red cloth tables, and grand portions and fragments are also hanging to the covered walls near them, arranged in most artistic order. From this it will be seen that many of the belfries in Scotland yields a rich harvest of bell-lore for the antiquarian, and lover of the Mediæval bell founder's skill. Large framed lists are also seen containing the full particulars of every bell in Europe of two tons and upwards, and amongst these there are carefully prepared drawings of the hour bell at Worcester Cathedral, from a photo and lettering lent by me, with its exquisite arms, crests, medallions, and ornaments, together with the lengthy Latin inscriptions executed in the most beautiful fifteenth century capital letters. Also other drawings of the famous large European bells including the great Izar Kolokol of 220 tons at Moscow, looking so natural that one feels they "moscow" and see them, particulars of which appeared in an excellent article by Mr. Cunninghame on the 17th of July last. Every change of Holt's ten-part peal is also to be found carefully written out by one of the band, and next comes a table of all the changes that can be obtained from given objects, bells if you will, up to the number of 69 is registered; the result for the last named figure can scarcely be put into words, suffice it to say that it required a row of 91 figures to express it, and the time required to ring them all out is believed to be as many millions of years as there as seconds contained in 6000 years! truly a wonderful calculation and result. I must out of gratitude mention that last, though not least, there appears in exquisite frames, two cards lithographed in various colours recording peals on my twentieth and twenty-first birthdays, and which no doubt most of my readers have seen, while not a few are in possession of facsimiles at the present time. The coloured sallies of the ropes I may mention are also uniform crimson. Ellacombe's famed chiming apparatus adorns a portion of one side in the middle of the wall, between the ropes of the tenor and treble, though fitted with gutta-percha tubing, which is however not so nice and convenient to my thinking as the small imitation sallies. Altogether there are some hundreds of pounds' worth of furniture here; and on raising heavy double doors in the middle of the floor, an extensive store chamber, well stocked, is discovered. I may mention that the chancel floor is raised one foot above the Church floor, and from here to the bell gudgeons it is 111 feet 3 1/2 inches, of which this includes 39 feet 8 1/2 inches from the chamber floor to the same given objects.

One of the most striking and useful features of all is the "sallie guide," and deadening arrangement, a contrivance unique in its way, and consisting of a wooden ring 19 feet 4 inches in diameter, and fixed 19 feet from the floor. It is wonderfully light, and is a piece of carpentry of most ingenious construction, while the principal feature of it is the "Velarium," a flat awning of thick crimson cloth stretched across the inner space of the ring in order to modify the sound of the bells, and having all the woodwork painted blue, gives it the appearance of the end of a very large drum, while through the twelve inch outside ring, are the mouse holes, causing the descent of the ropes in an exact circle, distanced from each other according to measurement and the actual weight of each bell; for instance a small space between the treble and second, and much larger space between the ninth and tenor, all being most accurately gauged in symmetrical proportions. In like manner the ten boxes are of graduated height, varying from 4 1/2 to 16 1/2 inches; all are 2 feet square, covered with linoleum, and each one is fitted with a strap, carefully screwed on, while in front, mats made on purpose receive the descending ropes to stop the unnecessary rattle. An excellent lavatory, with every requisite fitting and toilet accommodation, is also curtained off, with an ever constant supply of water. The whole place is simply fitted up in the most expensive, decorative, and luxurious manner, and it is evident that the ringers here possess surroundings not to be equalled in any other branch of church work elsewhere, and each member of this

well-organized Guild is in possession of, and wear on occasions when deemed necessary, a most prettily designed silver badge or medal, with a list of the names on each bell inscribed, and at the bottom also notifying that they are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. All these esteemed candidates for ringing honours are privileged to occupy chairs beside the Bishop's throne in the choir at service.
(To be continued.)

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT BOLTON.

The Annual Meeting of the Lancashire Association of Change-Ringers—an organisation founded in the year 1876, its chief objects being the promotion of belfry reform and the cultivation of the science of change-ringing—was held in this town on Saturday. About 100 members took part in the proceedings,—those belonging to Bolton being connected with the Parish, St. George's, Holy Trinity, and All Souls' Churches; while there were also representatives from St. Peter's (Halliwell), Deane Parish Church, and St. Bartholomew's (Westhoughton), Manchester, Worsley, Walkden, Eccles, Pendlebury, Ramsbottom, Heywood, Rochdale, Ashton-under-Lyne, Oldham, Garston, Ratcliffe, Farnworth, and Liverpool. Touches were rung at intervals during the afternoon at various local churches,—the ringers, both residents and visitors, entering into this work with considerable spirit, evidently feeling the force of the old couplet—

No sound excels the fine-toned bells
As merrily they ring.

A special service was held in Holy Trinity Church, commencing at half-past three o'clock. Prayers were read by the Rev. Charles Lowe, M.A., Vicar of the parish; the Rev. Canon Powell, Vicar of Bolton and Rural Dean, reading a portion of Scripture appropriate to the occasion—the first ten verses of the 10th chapter of Numbers. The choir of Holy Trinity sang with much taste the anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord," Mr. F. W. Pacey, Mus. Bac. Oxon, organist and choir-master of the church, rendering the accompaniment upon the organ, that gentleman also conducting the other parts of the choral service. The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Canon J. D. Kelly, M.A., rector of St. Matthew's, Campfield, Manchester, who founded his discourse upon part of the first verse of the 81st Psalm—"Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob." After first pointing out that to take part with due awe and rejoicing in the service of God should be a cause of thankfulness to all persons, especially those who, like themselves, understood and could appreciate the doctrine of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, the preacher referred to the occasion which had brought them together that afternoon, and said it was important that men who were engaged in the work of calling others together to the worship of the Almighty should realise as fully as possible the responsibilities and the value of their office. He next gave an interesting narrative of the means used in the earlier times for gathering the people for worship and for other occasions, beginning with the record contained in the part of Scripture read that afternoon, wherein the Lord commanded Moses to make two trumpets of silver for use in the calling of the assembly "at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation", and at other times—thus anticipating, added the preacher, what was being carried out by us in these days by means of church bells. The first peal in England was placed in Croyland Abbey A.D. 960, which was destroyed by fire in 1091. The first Association of Ringers, called the "Company of Scholars, Cheapside" (London), was instituted A.D. 1603. There were now, it was estimated, about 2000 peals of bells in this country, a circumstance which had obtained for us the appellation of the "ringing island," and whether they regarded those which were affixed in the towers of our finest cathedrals or the single bell in front of a small mission church, they should all be looked upon as speaking with solemn effect and telling of seasons of sorrow and of joy—each of which contained a lesson for all. After mentioning several notable bells, and giving the inscriptions upon them—some of these being of a most quaint but impressive character—he alluded in terms of gratification to the remarkable improvement which had taken place during recent years in the condition of church belfries and their surroundings, and in the status and character of the ringers, who had too long been looked upon as something distinct and separate from others engaged in Church work, but who were now recognised as they ought to be, and their functions when fulfilled properly and in a right spirit, acknowledged as an important part in the Church's work. He asked them to dignify their office, but not themselves; not to allow it to be stained by any foul language, by any improper behaviour or levity—the rev. gentleman concluding an eloquent and interesting discourse by urging all, whether ringers or those they called together—whether clergy, choir, sacristans, or those holding any office, or the general body of worshippers—to let their service to God always be of the best. The service was then brought to a close by the singing of a hymn, followed by the Benediction.

An excellent tea was served in the upper room of Holy Trinity Schools, at five o'clock, the company numbering nearly 120 persons.

After the repast had been disposed of, a business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. Charles Lowe; there being also in attendance the Rev. Canon Kelly, the Rev. S. T. Williamson, M.A. (curate of Holy Trinity), Rev. J. G. McCubbin, B.A. (curate of Bolton Parish Church), Mr. A. E. Holme, M.A., of Manchester (hon. corresponding secretary of the Lancashire Association), Mr. Joel Redford, of Bolton (hon. ringing secretary), Mr. H. W. Jackson (hon. treasurer), with other officers and members of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN, after extending to all the visitors a hearty welcome, spoke in commendatory terms of the sermon preached that afternoon, which, he said, contained matter of a most instructive character, and well calculated to prove useful to those to whom it had been more particularly addressed. He was glad to know that their association was flourishing and increasing in numbers and importance; he hoped he should find that it continued also to progress in quality as well as in quantity. The organisation and operations of that association marked an upward movement in connection with bell-ringing and bell ringers, and was well deserving of every encouragement. It was most important ringers should lay hold of and act according to the principle that as they called others to church, they themselves should be good members of that church, and show by the example of consistent conduct that they realised the importance of a conscientious discharge of their duties.

The Rev. Canon KELLY also made a brief speech, in which he expressed his pleasure at being enabled to share in extending a cordial greeting to the members of the association on that occasion. He pointed out the importance of promoting Christian brotherhood, and of people striving to help each other, instead of living for themselves. He must congratulate the members of the association upon the position they had taken up in helping to promote God's service; and he wished them all prosperity, concluding by thanking them for the kind reception accorded to him.

Upon the proposition of Mr. HOLME, an enthusiastic vote of thanks to Canon Kelly for his sermon, was carried by acclamation, and after the compliment had been acknowledged, Mr. Holme read the Committee's report, which stated that—

During the past year the number of honorary members has increased from 43 to 50, and the ordinary members from 208 to 223. We have, however, reason to believe that, with a little canvassing on the part of present members, these figures might be considerably increased. Five more peals of 5000 changes have been rung this year than last, but the number of short peals recorded has diminished from 55 to 26. Nearly all the above peals, however, have been rung by three or four companies, the rest being unrepresented. This want of activity on the part of some of our members is to be deplored, inasmuch as Lancashire is second to no other county in the skill of its ringers. The treasurer reports a balance of £6 2s. 6d., which, though satisfactory in some respects, would be larger if all the members had paid their subscriptions. In conclusion, we would urge on the local secretaries the need of using their best endeavours to promote the interests of the association, not only by making known its advantages to outsiders, but by rousing the members in their districts to greater activity and enthusiasm.

The treasurer's financial statement for the past year, which was also read by Mr. Holme, showed the total receipts (including a balance in hand of £5 16s. 6d.) to be £25 10s. 0d.; the expenditure being £19 7s. 6d., leaving a balance of £6 2s. 6d.—The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with.

Upon the motion of Mr. SCOTT (Manchester), seconded by Mr. J. MILLETT (Heywood), the Rev. Charles Lowe, vicar of Holy Trinity, Bolton (who is one of the vice-presidents), was unanimously elected president, in succession to the Rev. T. A. Turner, M.A. (from whom a letter of apology was read by Mr. Holme, Mr. Turner expressing regret at being obliged to relinquish the further honour of being president, and wishing the Association all prosperity, Mr. Redford and Mr. Jackson were also re-appointed secretary and treasurer respectively (Mr. Holme not retiring this year).—Messrs. W. Davies and W. Booth (Liverpool) were elected auditors.—Two members of the committee, whose term of office had expired, were re-appointed—namely, Messrs. S. Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and A. E. Wreaks, of Manchester.—A resolution was adopted for increasing the committee by two members, and Messrs. J. W. Parker, of Blackburn, and H. H. Nutter, of Ramsbottom, were selected.—An alteration in another of the rules was made, by which non-residents of the county are to be admitted members of the association by payment of a subscription of 3s. 6d. for the first year.—Thirty-three new performing members were admitted, including several from Bolton churches, the others belonging to Oldham, Milnrow, Rochdale, and Ramsbottom; the Rev. R. W. P. Circuit, rector of St. Luke's, Heywood, was admitted a life member; and the Rev. Wm. Armour, B.A., curate of the parish church, Rochdale, was admitted as an honorary member—making a total of 35 new members.—Votes of thanks to the Rev. C. Lowe for the use of the church and schools, to the organist and the choir, the ladies and all others who had rendered services in connection with the annual meeting, were carried unanimously, and after the Chairman had acknowledged the honour conferred upon him by his election as President of the Association—the rev. gentleman expressing a hope that he might be useful to them in connection with that most valuable institution—the proceedings were brought to a close.

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HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, October 5, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	ARTHUR JACOB 5.
JAMES HANNINGTON 2.	THOMAS TITCHENER 6.
JAMES PAGE 3.	GEORGE GRIFFIN 7.
THOMAS GLEED 4.	HENRY DAINS Tenor.

Composed by PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This peal contains the 4th and 6th the extent in 6th's place at five course-ends, and the 2nd never there.

PUTNEY, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, October 6, 1886, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY Treble.	*BENJAMIN E. BATTRUM 5.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF 2.	*ERNEST E. VINEN 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD* 3.	EDWIN HORREX 7.
GEORGE MASH 4.	JOHN M. HAYES Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

*First peal in the method. W. W. Gifford hails from Salisbury.

The Provinces.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, BROMSGROVE.

On Friday, October 1, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT HOBDA* Treble.	ELIJAH CRUMP 6.
WALTER REA 2.	OLIVER JAMES 7.
THOMAS ALBUTT 3.	GEORGE HAYWARD 8.
WILLIAM BROOK 4.	GEORGE MORRIS 9.
GEORGE HUGHES† 5.	GEORGE BOURNE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. W. Brook hails from Birmingham, and G Hughes from Tipton, Staffordshire, and he has only one arm; this is the first peal of Grandsire Caters supposed to have been rung by a one-armed man. This peal contains the 6th twelve times wrong, and the 5th and 6th eighteen times at home.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 2nd, 1886 (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BOB-AND-SINGLE-VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN GOODMAN* Treble.	WILLIAM JOHNSON 5.
DAVID BRUCE* 2.	*REV. C. F. COLLOM 6.
ROBERT SCHOFIELD* 3.	JOSEPH DEVENPORT 7.
SAMUEL BUNN* 4.	*WILLIAM MILLS Tenor.

Composed by JAMES BREWTON and Conducted by WILLIAM JOHNSON.

This peal, which was rung at the first attempt, contains 182 bobs and 58 singles, and has the 5th at home every 42 changes and the 6-7 every 420. The Rev. C. F. Colloom hails from Kingswinford and W. Johnson from Darlaston. *First peal.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.—THE HOLT SOCIETY

On Saturday, October 2, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

H. BASTABLE Treble.	J. PLANT 5.
C. STANBRIDGE 2.	W. KENT 6.
T. RUSSAM* 3.	A. THOMAS 7.
M. MURPHY 4.	W. LONG Tenor.

Conducted by A. THOMAS.

*First peal of Stedman.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM MUNDY Treble.	ALFRED SHEPHERD 5.
EDWIN SHEPHERD† 2.	JAMES MOSS 6.
WALTER G. GOSS 3.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 7.
EDWARD PITT* 4.	THOMAS J. LAKE Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

*First peal. †First peal as Conductor.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 5th, 1886, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHAS. BENNETT Treble.	TOM STOCKDALE 5.
HARRY CUTTER 2.	JAMES DIXEY 6.
JOHN POLLARD 3.	FRANK DRABBLE 7.
JNO. WM. STICKNEY 4.	CHARLES JACKSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

This peal has the 6th twenty times each way, and is now rung for the first time.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 3rd, at St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine service in the afternoon, by the local company, a 720 of Bob Major, in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; H. Prior, junr. (College Youth), 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELtenham (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, October 1st, at St. Mary's church, three courses of Treble Bob Royal. J. Belcher (conductor), 1; W. Morris, 2; H. Hodges, 3; H. Karn, 4; F. Ward, 5; S. Greenwood, 6; F. Musty, 7; W. Pates, 8; G. Acocks, 9; G. Phillott, 10. The above was rung on the occasion of a visit to Cheltenham by Mr. S. Greenwood, who hails from Streatham. A touch of Stedman Caters was also rung on the previous evening with him. The Cheltenham society, with Messrs. Day and Smith, from Eye, Suffolk, recently attempted a peal of Treble Bob Royal, but unfortunately after ringing 3 hrs. 35 mins., within two leads of home, the peal was lost.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP STORTFORD (Herts.) On Saturday, October 2nd, at St. Michael's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 28 mins. T. Newman, 1; G. Martin, 2; H. Prior, junr. (first 720 in the method), 3; W. H. Tucker, 4; H. N. Doughty, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Messrs. Newman, Prior and H. J. Tucker are members of the society of College Youths and Essex Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, at St. Margaret's church, for Divine service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. Greaves, 1; J. Tulett (conductor), 2; G. Chantler, 3; A. Osborne, 4; W. Baker, 5; E. Andrews (R. E. band), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday, October 3rd, at St. Alkmund's church, after evening service, being the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. J. Ridgway, 1; S. Maskrey, 2; A. E. Thompson, 3; G. Mottashaw, 4; A. B. Ward, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6; J. Howe, 7; J. Seal, 8. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, September 30th, at All Saints' church, the local company, assisted by Mr. F. Birtwistle of the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. A. L. Stott (first 720), 1; J. Hartley (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; F. Birtwistle (first 720 in the method), 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley, 5; A. Crossley (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). J. Hartley, 1; A. Bamford, 2; F. Birtwistle, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley, 5; A. Crossley (conductor), 6. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Monday, September 27th, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Wood, 3; F. Garman, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; H. Cook, 7; G. Woodman, 8. Also a 210 of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Charman, 1; H. Chandler, 2; H. Wood, 3; F. Garman, 4; W. Short, 5; T. Andrews, 6; H. Cook (conductor), 7; C. Woodman, 8. First attempt at Grandsire Triples by the 4th and 7th men. And on Saturday, October 2nd, eight members of the above association attempted Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing half-way, in 1 hr. 30 mins., a change-course occurred. F. Luxford, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; T. Andrews, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. And on Sunday morning for Divine service, a 504 in the same method. F. Luxford, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; T. Andrews, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; H. Wood, 7; G. Woodman, 8. After service the same band made another attempt for the peal, but came to grief after ringing 2,300 changes. Messrs. Blackman, Wadey and Chandler are College Youths, W. Short is a member of the Winchester Guild, and Messrs. Luxford and Blackman hail from Arundel.

BELCHAMP WALTER (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 28th, being the Harvest Thanksgiving at the parish church, the local company rang a 480 and a 240 of Bob Minor before service, also another 480 after service. W. P. Gridley, 1; J. Chatters, 2; H. Twitchett, 3; F. Hawkins, 4; W. Finch, 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6. The offertory was in aid of St. Leonard's Hospital at Sudbury.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service at the parish church, touches of Oxford Treble Bob was rung. F. J. Thompson, 1; O. Garwood, 2; H. Thompson, 3; A. Ives, 4; F. P. Adams (conductor), 5; G. Maxim, 6. The offertory was in aid of St. Leonard's Hospital, at Sudbury.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 22nd, being the Harvest Thanksgiving at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. C. Lee, 1; G. Maxim, 2; W. Inch, 3; R. Mingay (conductor), 4; A. Ellams, 5; J. Chinery, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. P. Gridley (conductor), 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; J. Lee, 3; R. Mingay, 4; O. Garwood, 5; G. Maxim, 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. P. Gridley, 1; O. Garwood, 2; S. Slater, 3; R. Mingay, 4; D. Ward, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. W. P. Gridley (conductor), 1; O. Garwood, 2; J. Lee, 3; R. Mingay, 4; S. Slater, 5; G. Hammond (first 720 in the method), 6. The offertory was in aid of the St. Leonard's Hospital, at Sudbury.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 3rd, being the Harvest Thanksgiving at the parish church, before service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. O. Garwood, 1; C. Adams, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; G. Maxim, 4; Z. Slater, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. And after service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Wells, 1; S. Slater, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; G. Maxim, 4; Z. Slater, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6; The offertory was in aid of St. Leonard's Hospital, at Sudbury.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 3rd, being the harvest thanksgiving at St. Swithin's, five members of the local company, assisted by Mr. H. Mitchell (of Barnwood) rang for afternoon service eight 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. H. E. Gardner, 1; W. Roberts, 2; W. Pegler, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; H. Harris, 6. Also after service, six 6-scores in the same method. H. E. Gardner, 1; W. Pegler, 2; H. Mitchell (conductor), 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; A. A. Waite, 5; H. Harris, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G. Messrs. Waite and Mitchell hail from Barnwood, and are members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—For practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Naish, 1; J. Parslow, 2; A. Challis, 3; H. Parslow, 4; G. Woodiss (first quarter-peal), 5; J. Strutt, 6; J. Wright (conductor), 7; C. Slade, 8. This tower is open for practice the second time during alterations. The ringing floor is raised seven feet, and is a great improvement, the "go" of the bells being the same.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 19th, being the Harvest Thanksgiving, by the local company, a touch of Bob Major (560 changes). J. Slater, 1; R. Mingay, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; S. Slater (conductor), 4; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 5; J. Lee, 6; G. Hammond, 7; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 8. Also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (576 changes). J. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; S. Slater, 4; A. Symonds, 5; O. Garwood, 6; G. Hammond (conductor), 7; G. Maxim, 8. The offertory was in aid of St. Leonard's Hospital at Sudbury.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 26th at St. Peter's church for Divine service in the evening, being the Harvest Festival, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. J. Fayers, 1; G. Welling (conductor), 2; G. Foster, 3; J. Drewett, 4; G. Woodiss, 5; A. Brockwell, 6; G. Gray, 7; J. Currell, 8. Also after service, a 672 in the same method. G. Welling, 1; G. Foster, 2; G. Foster, sen., 3; J. Drewett, 4; G. Woodiss, 5; G. Gray, 7; A. Brockwell (conductor), 7; J. Fayers, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 3rd, being the Harvest Festival at the parish church, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. G. Larkey, 1; J. Scholcar (composer), 2; H. Ellis, 3; W. Ellis, 4; W. Benthall (conductor), 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. Harvey, 8. Also after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. J. Prescott, 1; G. Larkey, 2; H. Ellis, 3; J. Scholcar (conductor), 4; W. B. Lloyd, 5; H. Wriow, 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. Harvey, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt.

ST. ALBANS (Herts.).—On Sunday, September 26, at the cathedral, for Divine service, being Harvest Festival, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. T. Grant, 1; J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Also 630 of Grandsire Triples, with N. N. Hills conducting. Handbell Ringing.—On September 14th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. H. Lewis, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. And on September 22nd, 1092 of Grandsire Triples. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. Also on September 29th, 504 of Grandsire Triples (non-conducted). G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; N. N. Hills, 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. Composed by H. J. Tucker, of Bishop Stortford. Also on September 30th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (non-conducted). J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6. With a call every lead, from Troy.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday last, at Birstall, when between 200 and 300 members attended, the companies represented being: Batley, Beverley, Bingley, Bolton, Bradford, Calverley, Dewsbury, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Gargrave, Guiseley, Holbeck, Headingley, Huddersfield, Hull, Hunslet, Keighley, Leeds, Liversedge, Ossett, Pudsey, Ripon, Rothwell, Saltire, Sheffield, Shipley, Tong, Wakefield, Woodlesford, and York. The proceedings commenced with a special choral service in the parish church, at which there was a very large congregation. The Rev. E. F. Crowther officiated as Precentor, and intoned the service, the musical portion of which was led by a surpliced choir of over forty members, the special psalms sung being the 92nd and the 150th. The Rev. Canon Kemp, vicar of Birstall, read the lessons (5 Chron. and 14 Rev.), and then the hymn "Ye servants of the Lord," was sung in a very hearty manner. The Rev. F. E. Robinson preached the annual sermon, selecting for his text the words of the 29th Psalm, "Give unto the Lord the honour due to His Name; worship the Lord in the beauty (lit. the ornaments) of holiness." He said—

Worship is a debt due from man to God. It is not merely prayer, but it consists chiefly of praise rendered to God by an intelligent loving creature such as man is or should be. In order that we may worship God acceptably, we must apply our understanding to know what he has told us of Himself, our hearts to love Him, our wills to choose His Service, our bodies to bow down before Him, our lips to praise Him. We may worship God at home, we should do so every day, so as to acquire the habit, but he demands of us the assembling of ourselves together for public worship, the chief and most important occasion of doing so, being the celebration of the Holy Communion. God has a special claim for this worship on the bell-ringer, because his office is to use one of the "ornaments of holiness," i.e. the church bell. To call the faithful together for worship, from which the ringer himself turns away is a pitiful contradiction, to be satisfied with the temporal art of change-ringing, and not try to acquire the eternal art of holy worship is a grievous mistake. In the Oxford Guild the ringing of a peal is made an act of worship, a short office of prayer and praise being said before and after the ringing. From the bell at rest the ringer should try to learn soundness of heart, from the bell in use rung up, looking twice up to heaven and once only to earth in every revolution, he has a lesson of heavenly-mindedness. While the Stedman method teaches the necessity of having recourse to the Three in One—"The Holy Trinity," in order that the duty to the brethren may be done harmoniously and efficiently. Such teaching may be termed fanciful, but the wise Christian will seek to employ even fancies as spiritual agents and consolidate them into principles. The important duty of worship can only be performed so far as we can say with the wise men of old—"we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him."

After the sermon, the well-known "Hundredth Psalm" was sung, and the service was concluded with the Benediction pronounced by Canon Kemp. The members then adjourned to the School-room, where they were entertained to a very substantial meat tea by their Birstall friends, at which 230 partook; among the company being the Rev. Canon Kemp, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. E. F. Crowther, the members of the choir, and other gentlemen. This pleasant part of the proceedings have been "done justice to," the annual business meeting was held in the same place, Mr. William Snowdon presiding, who briefly referred to the fact that the first meeting of the Association was held at Birstall eleven years ago, and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing such a large gathering in the same place, on this the eleventh annual meeting of the society. Mr. W. H. Howard (York) proposed, and Mr. W. Elliott (Birstall) seconded, that the report of the committee be adopted, which was carried unanimously, as also was a similar motion with regard to the balance-sheet, which had been duly audited by Mr. McKell (Gargrave) and Mr. Elliott (Birstall), and found correct. The annual report states that the total number of members is 525, or an increase of 62 on the previous year; and the number of peals rung, 43; comprising seven of Kent Treble Bob Royal, three of Stedman Caters, eleven of Kent Treble Bob Major, five of Bob Major, one of Stedman Triples, nine of Grandsire Triples, and seven in seven methods on six bells. The balance-sheet shows the income for the year to be £38 16s. 2½d., while the funds of the society now amounts to £142 4s. 10d. The whole of the retiring officers were then re-elected, after which the President asked for propositions deciding the next place of meeting. Mr. Abbeyshaw proposed that the next meeting be held at Rothwell, stating as his reasons that the date of the next meeting would be the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of their bells, and that he was requested by his vicar to urge upon the association to meet there at that time. This proposition was seconded by Mr. H. Hubbard (Leeds) and carried unanimously. Mr. Howard then proposed, and Mr. G. Bolland (Tong) seconded, a very cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. F. E. Robinson for his excellent sermon in church that afternoon, which motion was carried amid loud applause. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in replying to the vote, expressed the pleasure he felt in being able to meet the Yorkshire ringers that day. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Kemp for his kind arrangements for the special service; also to him and the Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the choir for their generous assistance, was proposed by the president and carried with cheers. The Rev. Canon Kemp, in responding, said it gave him pleasure in welcoming the Yorkshire Association to Birstall, that Association having been born there, it was very pleasing to him to be able to meet it in the full bloom of manhood, and hoped that he might be able to welcome it again in times to come, when it had grown in years and strength, perfecting the good work which it had begun. Mr. Whitaker then proposed a cordial

vote of thanks to the Birstall members for their hospitality, and to the ladies who had so efficiently presided at the tables. This was also carried very heartily, and Mr. Elliott, after replying, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Snowdon for presiding, which was carried, and Mr. Snowdon having replied, the meeting concluded.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the members of this Association will be held in Newcastle on Monday, October 25th. The bells at the disposal of the members will be those of All Saints', St. John's, and St. Stephen's. Divine Service will be held in All Saints' church at 2 o'clock, which all members present at the meeting are respectfully requested to attend. At 3 o'clock dinner will be provided at the "Crown and Mitre" inn, Grey Street. After dinner, the usual business meeting, at which a proposed revision of the rules will be submitted to the members. All ringing will cease at 1.30, and will recommence at the conclusion of the meeting. Companies on arriving at Newcastle should proceed to St. John's church, where arrangements will be made for ringing at the different churches. Dinner Tickets, 1s. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, should be applied for to the Secretary not later than Monday, October 18th. The Committee will meet in All Saints' vestry, at 12.45 p.m. G. J. CLARKSON, 16, Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees. Hon. Secretary.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN.—In consequence of the illness of Mr. West's daughter, living near to the tower, the intended attempt for a 5040 of Bob Major, on Saturday last, was deferred until Saturday, the 16th inst., when it is hoped the peal will be obtained. A district meeting of the Association will be held at Woburn in the afternoon. The start for the peal will be at 2 p.m. The bells at Aspley Guise and Husbome Crawley will be at the service of the members attending.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the next District Meeting of the above Association (for business purposes and ringing), will be held at Arundel, on Saturday, October 9th. A notice in detail will be forwarded to the local secretaries. Each member should have a copy. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association will be held at Quex Park, on Monday, October 25th. Hour of meeting, 11 a.m., when the Committee will admit members, &c., and the Secretary will attend to receive subscriptions and pay allowances. It is proposed to visit the towers of Margate, Minster, St. Nicholas and Sandwich. Members desirous of attending should communicate with the Secretary. Wrinsted Court, Sittingbourne. R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association will be held by the kind permission of the Vicar, at the church of the Immanuel, Streatham Common, on Monday, October 18th. Tower open for ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at the "Beehive" Coffee Tavern at 6 p.m. Ringing members free; all others 1s. 6d. a head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers will be welcome. Those who wish to be present at the Tea are requested to send word to the Honorary Secretary, by Thursday, October 14th. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, 38, Dingwall Road, Croydon. Hon. Sec.

OPENING OF NEW BELLS AT THE NEW CHURCH BECKWITHSHAW, NEAR HARROGATE.

On Wednesday last, September 29th, (Feast of St. Michael and all Angels) this new church erected by H. Williams Esq., Moor Park, and which has cost upwards of £8,000, was consecrated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ripon. A new peal of six bells has also been added to the sacred edifice, and the ringers from the parish church, Knaresbro', were deputed to ring the opening peal. They ascended the belfry about an hour before the time appointed for service, and rang a touch of Bob Minor (360 changes), which was followed by another 360 and some short touches. After the consecration service, the ringers rang a 720 of Bob Minor (Holt's) comprising fourteen bobs and two singles. T. Ledgway, 1; B. Pearson, 2; F. Thompson, 3; J. Hoy, 4; W. Swires, 5; M. Wood, conductor, 8. The bells are from the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, London, and are in the key of F. They are splendidly hung, the work being superintended by Mr. Oliver, of the above-named firm. Tenor 14 cwt. On account of the size of the tower the bells have been hung in two tiers, but owing to the skilful way in which they are placed, this in no way detracts from their utility, and they are rung as easily as if on one flat.

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* * We are compelled to hold over several matters till next week, when, if convenient, an enlarged number will be published.

Correspondence.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

PRIZE-RINGING CONTESTS AND GRINDSTONE BOB.

SIR,—With all respect for your opinion, I am unable to see anything contrary to religion or morality in properly conducted ringing matches. If they are inseparably connected with public-house orgies, gambling, or dishonesty, by all means let the practice be condemned as inexpedient. But to apply the term "gambling" to such a match as the one got up by the Vicar of Lanreath is simply a logical blunder. Many a gambler's wife would be only too glad to exchange her husband for one of the honest fellows who carried away a good conscience, and a sovereign in his pocket from that pleasant reunion. Another point, on which I am so unfortunate as to differ with you, is your contempt for round-ringing and call changes. For active young men with their wits about them change-ringing is much to be preferred, provided that they have opportunities of practice and instruction. But it seems to me that you cannot expect to have change-ringers in every village, and that ringing in the old style, as practised in Devonshire, for instance, from time immemorial, is not a thing to be despised. Surely "ups and downs" and call changes well rung, deserve to rank as high from an intellectual point of view as rowing, which is made so much of at Oxford and Cambridge. I judge from the letters which sometimes appear in your columns that leading members of the Exercise are not always satisfied with each other. May I as a very humble follower in their steps be permitted to hope that "THE BELL NEWS" will encourage every kind of excellence, including a liberality of sentiment which sometimes seems to be defective.

C. PEARSON.

Whitstone, Exeter, 2nd October, 1886.

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

On Monday evening the Wellingborough parish church ringers visited this village, and by the kind permission of the vicar, (Rev. E. J. Symons), rang the bells of the church of St. Luke. The five bells at Doddington are probably the lightest in Northamptonshire, but are a bright little peal, and their sound carries a long way down the valley. The tenor weighs 6 cwt., and measures thirty-three inches across the mouth. They were cast by Taylor, of Loughborough, in 1841, the frame and fittings being all new at that time. Under the care of Mr. Chapman, the belfry is kept clean and tidy, and the bells in good going order. Some years since these bells were tied down and "clocked," instead of being rung or chimed in a legitimate way, and were much injured thereby. According to North there were four bells here in 1552. After an enjoyable hour at the belfry, the visitors adjourned to the Vicarage, where they played tunes and changes on their handbells, and were hospitably entertained by the vicar.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The bells of the above Church having been lately rehung in an entirely new frame by Messrs. Day and Sons, of Eye, Suffolk, are now being augmented to eight. The opening ceremony is fixed for October 13th next. There will be a consecration service, and afterwards a peal will be attempted by a band of eight clergymen, conducted by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Luncheon will be provided at a moderate charge, tickets for which can be obtained from T. T. Parkinson, Esq., and Mr. T. Davies, Churchwardens, Prestbury, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Application for luncheon tickets must be made on or before October 9th, as it is necessary to know before hand for how many accommodation will have to be provided. The Prestbury ringers hope that as many brother ringers as possible will be present on the day.

ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY, MIDDLESEX.

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., and each alternate Wednesday, the practice at the above church will be resumed, at 8.30 p.m.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Second Quarterly Meeting will be held at Loughborough, on Saturday, October 9th, 1886, and the following Towers will be open for ringing:—All Saints, Loughborough (eight bells). S. Bartholomew, Quorndon (eight bells). Visitors, on arrival, are requested to proceed to the tower of All Saints, where a brake will be provided to convey members to and from Quorndon. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Coffee House, Mill Street, at 5 p.m.; tickets one shilling each. General meeting immediately afterwards.

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THE WOOLWICH SOCIETY AT ST. ALBANS.

As briefly noticed a week or two ago, the members of St. Mary's Society, Woolwich, had an outing to St. Alban's Cathedral. They left the Arsenal Station at noon and proceeded, via Moorgate-street, per Midland Railway, to St. Albans; the journey being enlivened by singing and some skilled handbell ringing. Arrived at the ancient city, where the grass grows in the streets, they repaired to the "Pea-hen," a homely-looking but large hotel, making up eighty beds, situate in the old Watling-street—the great highway from London to the North. At this well-known hostelry they partook of a substantial dinner; Mr. Woodford, churchwarden of St. Mary's, Woolwich, presiding, the Rev. W. Harkness occupying the vice-chair. Amongst the other invited friends present were—the Rev. Henry Hatch, rector of Stanbridge, Essex; Mr. Whomes, organist; Mr. Lockwood, sidesman of St. Mary's, Woolwich; and Mr. Hartley, of Plumstead. Whilst they were at dinner, the Rev. G. H. P. Glossop, clergyman in charge of the cathedral, who had been apprised of the visit, came in and invited the Woolwich Society to try their hand on the cathedral bells, which invitation was thankfully accepted. The only toasts given were "The Queen and Church," and "The Health of Mr. Woodford," who generously defrayed the expenses of the day. After dinner, they repaired to the grand old cathedral, which they were shewn over by a highly intelligent lady, well-up in everything pertaining to ancient church history, church architecture, church sculpture, and church pictures. They lifted a trap-door and passed down into the vault of Duke Humphrey, whose name is commemorated in Greenwich by the new coffee tavern. He was the son of Henry IV., and brother of Henry V., and was called the "Good" Duke Humphrey, because he was a great patron of learning, and did all in his power to promote the happiness of the people. He was arrested at Bury St. Edmunds, and found dead a few days afterwards. Some say he died of apoplexy, but they who saw the leaden coffin and his bones—most of the smaller ones of which had been carried away by pilgrims—believe that he was murdered. Learning at that time (1400) was at a low ebb, and, taking into consideration the age in which he lived, it may be said that there was never a more illustrious and noble man than the "Good" Duke Humphrey. They also saw the shrines of St. Alban and Amphibalus, which have been recently unearthed from buried debris and put together again. Alban was a Roman and had served in the Roman army, and lived in a beautiful city called the Verulam, the ruins of which can be seen from the cathedral tower. Among the many Romans of rank who lived in Verulam, Alban is mentioned as high in birth and station. The handsome city contained the images of gods whom the Romans worshipped. One day in 303, a Christian monk, named Amphibalus, knocked at St. Alban's door and asked for refuge from the persecution of Diocletian, of accursed memory. Alban sheltered him, and his kindness was rewarded by the "Pearl of great price." The holy Amphibalus passed many days in teaching the doctrine of Salvation to his noble host; but the retreat of the Christian priest was soon discovered. The house was surrounded, and Alban, to enable Amphibalus to escape, assumed the mantle of the latter and was carried before the Roman governor. A crowd of citizens assembled to see and hear a Christian judged, when, to the astonishment of all present, Alban threw off the cloak of Amphibalus. The high-born honoured noble made a noble confession of his Christian faith, refused to sacrifice to false gods, and was put to torture. They afterwards led him beyond the city, across a rivulet which is still running and which the visitors passed over, to a wooded eminence where summer grasses and flowers were growing, but where now stands the cathedral. Here they beheaded him. The Romans caused a dishonouring account of St. Alban to be written and posted outside the Town-hall, Verulam, as a terror to all Christians. Where is the Town-hall of Verulam now? Nothing remains of the great city but a few massive walls crumbled to ruins, over which the ivy grows. Amphibalus escaped to Wales; but was found, taken back to Verulam, and put to death at Redburn, a short distance from St. Albans. The visitors were shewn the spot on which the first English martyr died, and on which the present glorious temple was raised to his memory. A portion of the cathedral was built of the Roman tiles collected from the ruins of Verulam. They descended the tower, which dates back to 1077, the time when the Curfew was one of the tyrannical institutions of England, and when William the Conqueror was spoiling the monasteries. They climbed 200 stone steps to the top of the tower—a height of 150 feet. On emerging to the summit, a grand and extensive view of the country opened before them, where they could see a distance of fifteen miles around. Beneath them was Mr. Bradlaugh addressing a meeting in a tent, which gathering was a decided failure. They could see the seat of the Marquis of Salisbury at Hatfield, and the mansion of the Earl of Verulam at Gorham-bury. They traced the route of the ancient Watling-street, and saw the battle field where Suetonius slew 80,000 Britons under Boadicea. They also saw the place where, between 1451 and 1461, two celebrated battles between the Houses of York and Lancaster were fought. Having viewed the surroundings of the city, the visitors ascended the

belfry, where they were met by Mr. Hulks, treasurer, Mr. Warrington, secretary; and Messrs. Hills and Battle, members of the St. Alban's Society of Change Ringers. Here they found eight bells, the same number as at Woolwich, but much more massive and musical. The members of the Woolwich Society doffed their coats, and set the old Abbey bells swinging. Some Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rang in capital style by the following:—Messrs. J. C. Harvey (conductor), Bright, Fakenham, H. Harvey, J. Beaven, B. J. Sheldon, E. E. Richards, W. Bedwell, G. Hogg, and R. G. Carter, assisted by several members of the St. Albans band. They handled the ropes for about an hour, admirably, and shook the grand old Norman tower to its foundations. They were told that if the tower did not shake, the bell-ringing would have brought it down. They then descended the dark circular stair-case cautiously and safely; and on arriving at the bottom, found themselves locked in the cathedral with the "shades of evening closing o'er them." One of the party utilized the time by sauntering off to the new nave, and kneeling at the fine altar of the holy abbey, prayed that the blessing of God might rest on the rector, churchwardens, sidesmen, and bell-ringers of Woolwich. They were released in about half-an-hour, and paid a pilgrimage to the church of St. Michael's, where they saw the tomb of Lord Bacon, the celebrated philosopher, and Lord High Chancellor of England, in the time of James I., who lived and died at the adjacent seat of the Verulam family. When they left this church, they were reminded of Pope's couplet:—

If parts allure thee, think how Bacon shined,
The wisest, brightest, meanest of mankind.

They wound their way back to the Pea-hen, where tea was provided, and after inviting the St. Alban's Society to pay a return visit to Woolwich, they left for home. The South Eastern Railway provided a saloon carriage for the party, which numbered twenty-two, to and from London. Whilst travelling between Charlton and the Dockyard, nigh upon the midnight hour a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Mr. Woodford for his hospitality.

THE LATE MR. CHARLES MIDDLETON.

We have to announce the death and funeral of the above gentleman, member of the Norwich Scholars, after an illness of over three years. Mr. Middleton expired on September 14th, and was buried at the Norwich Cemetery on the 20th, being conveyed to the grave by six of his brother Foresters. There was also present Mr. J. W. Spratt, Captain Moore, of Redenhall, D. Hayward, of Yarmouth, five of the young members of his company, and a great gathering of other ringers and friends. The Rev. N. Bolingbroke, rector of St. Etheldreda, Norwich, and secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, conducted the funeral service, after which a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the grave by the following: J. Smith, 1-2; J. Fiddament, 3-4; G. Smith, 5-6; F. Knights, 7-8; J. Skinner, 9-10. And in the evening a funeral peal was rang at St. Peter Mancroft, by the following: W. Freeman, 1; E. Ward, 2; W. Bales, 3; J. Fiddament, 4; J. Youngs, 5; J. Smith, 6; J. W. Spratt, 7; G. Smith, 8; F. Knights, 9; J. Skinner, 10; Captain Moore, 11; R. Palgrave, 12. A muffled peal was also rung at deceased's native place, Marsham, on the day of the funeral, by T. Greenwood, W. Crane, J. Edridge, F. Matthewson, C. Clements, G. Moy, A. Neal, and J. M. Roberts. Mr. Middleton was born at Marsham in the year 1813, and commenced ringing in April 1834, and on December 14th, 1837, he rang at Marsham Church in a peal of seven different methods, containing 720 changes in each of the following: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Court Bob, Double Court Bob, Stedman's Slow Course; and on January 9th, 1838, he took part in a 5440 of Oxford Treble Bob at Aylsham. In 1839 he left Marsham and came to reside in Norwich, and in January 1843 he was elected a member of the Norwich Scholars, and took part in ringing the following peals: 5040 Stedman Triples, 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major, 5600 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 7126 Stedman Cinques, 5295 Stedman Caters, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5040 Stedman Triples, 5440 Oxford Treble Bob Major, and his last peal was 5001 of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's.

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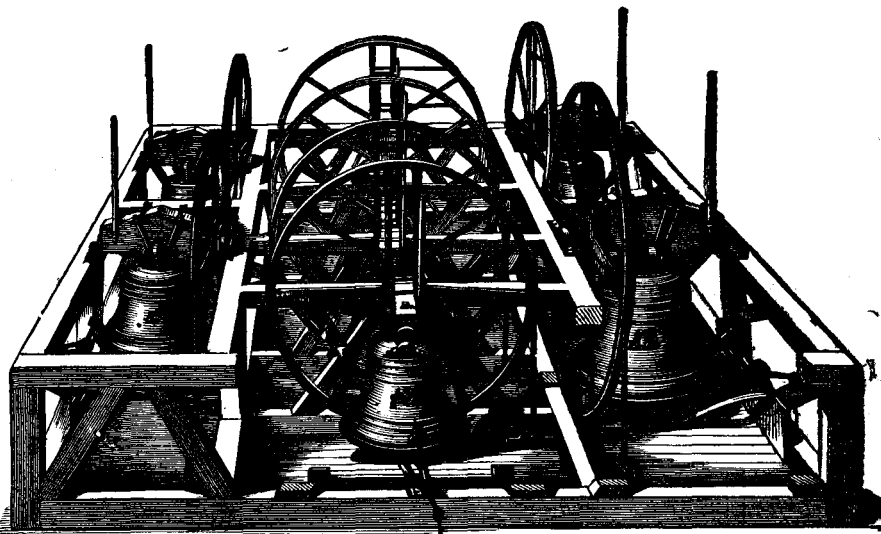


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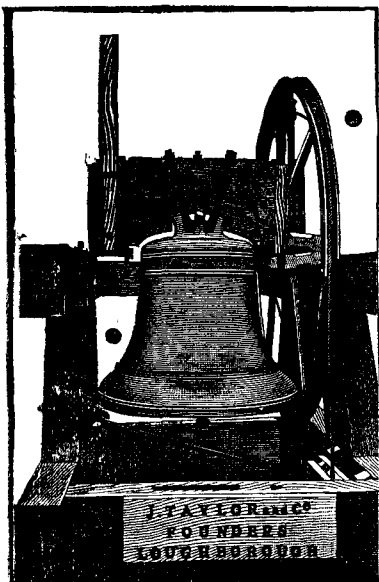
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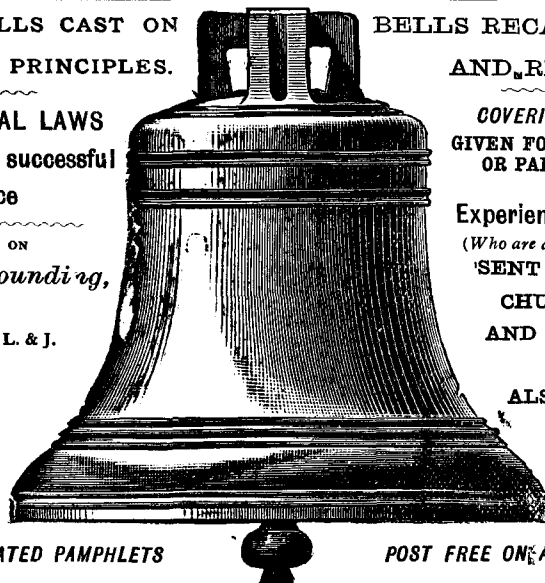
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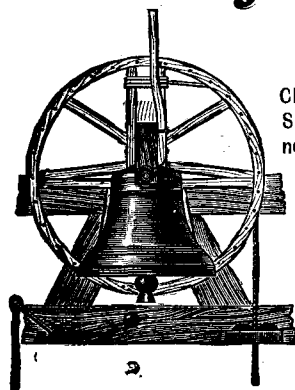
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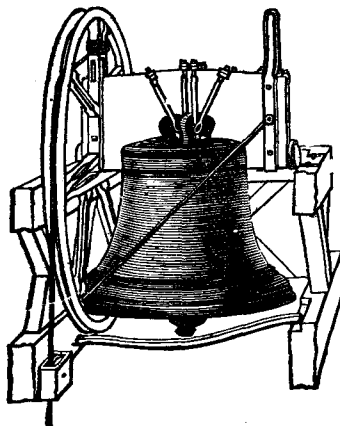
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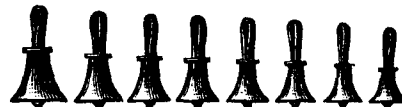
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In all peals consisting of five equal and similar parts there must be one bell whose work is repeated in each part. And if the peal consists of ten parts the same thing happens, with only this qualification, that the work performed by the observation-bell in one set of five parts is not necessarily identical with the work of the observation-bell in the other set of five parts. Any bell may be caused to be the observation-bell. Whichever bell be thus taken, the calling may be always transposed in such a manner as to cause the second to become the observation-bell; and further, the calling can always be commenced from such a point as shall cause the leads of the plain course to become the part-ends. In the case of five-part peals the part-ends are therefore settled, but in the case of ten-part peals, five additional part-ends are required. They are obtained in the following manner. On carefully examining a five-part peal having for its part-ends the leads of the plain course, a noteworthy fact is elicited. If one or more leads of the

We may now proceed.

Construct a complete table of all the in-course leads of a peal of Grandsire Triples. The following plan will be found to be the most convenient :

	752634 765423 746352 734265 723546	672453	462375	342567	532746		352476	572364	762543	642735	432657	
5	657423 645372 634257 623745 672534	476325	364527	543726	735624	5	453627	375426	567324	746523	634725	40
10	456372 435267 423756 472635 467523	374562	563742	745632	637452	10	654732	473652	365472	547362	736542	45
15	354267 325746 372654 367425 346572	573246	765234	647253	436275	15	756243	674235	463257	345276	537264	50
20	253746	275634	267453	246375	234567	20	257364	276543	264735	243657	235476	55
25	234756 273645 267534 256473 245367	253674	275463	267345	246537	25	276354	264573	243765	235647	257436	60
30	732645 763524 756432 745253 724356	652437	472356	362574	542763	30	372465	562347	742536	632754	452673	65
35	637524 653472 645237 624753 672345	456723	374625	563427	745326	35	473526	365724	547623	736425	654327	70

Let us now examine our table with a view to discover what may be learnt from it. Suppose a bob to be called at the lead next following 456372. This lead will then not be followed by 435267, but by another, viz. 234756. That is to say, the lead succeeding 456372 will not be No.

Our next step must be to go through all the 72 rows in the foregoing table, and to discover the two only rows by which each of the 72 can be followed. The result of this will be most easily rendered, and most clearly shown in a tabular form ;—

TABLE II.

1 ²⁰	2 ⁷⁰	3 ²⁶	4 ¹⁷	5 ⁶	6 ⁴⁸	7 ⁶¹	8 ³⁵	9 ⁵¹
10 ¹¹	11 ²²	12 ¹³	13 ¹⁴	14 ¹⁵	15 ¹⁶	16 ¹⁷	17 ¹⁸	18 ¹⁹
19 ²⁰	20 ²¹	21 ²²	22 ²³	23 ²⁴	24 ²⁵	25 ²⁶	26 ²⁷	27 ²⁸
28 ²⁹	29 ³⁰	30 ³¹	31 ³²	32 ³³	33 ³⁴	34 ³⁵	35 ³⁶	36 ³⁷
37 ³⁸	38 ³⁹	39 ⁴⁰	40 ⁴¹	41 ⁴²	42 ⁴³	43 ⁴⁴	44 ⁴⁵	45 ⁴⁶
46 ⁴⁷	47 ⁴⁸	48 ⁴⁹	49 ⁵⁰	50 ⁵¹	51 ⁵²	52 ⁵³	53 ⁵⁴	54 ⁵⁵
55 ⁵⁶	56 ⁵⁷	57 ⁵⁸	58 ⁵⁹	59 ⁶⁰	60 ⁶¹	61 ⁶²	62 ⁶³	63 ⁶⁴
64 ⁶⁵	65 ⁶⁶	66 ⁶⁷	67 ⁶⁸	68 ⁶⁹	69 ⁷⁰	70 ⁷¹	71 ⁷²	72 ⁷³

The large number in the left of each compartment denotes the number of the row in Table I. Take for instance No. 13, this denotes the row in Table I, containing the lead-ends, 423756, 325674, 527463, 726345 and 624537. The small numbers in the right of the compartment (still taking No. 13 as an example) indicate that if anyone of the above lead-ends be followed by a plain lead, this plain lead will be found in row 14. But if 13 be followed by a bob, the lead-end produced by the bob will be discovered in row 38. And so throughout the table.

There are, however, a few cases seemingly anomalous, which therefore need explanation. The whole question rests upon the fact that the leads of the plain course are introduced one at a time, and form the part-ends. Therefore each part must commence with a bob, that is with No. 1. As soon as we come to 21, which is the row containing the leads of the plain course, we must stop, for we have reached the part-end. In other words 21 can be followed by nothing. This fact is denoted by writing 0 in the right of its compartment. Passing on we find that 30 can only be followed by 31, and 66 only by 67. A reference to table 1 will disclose the curious fact that whether 30 and 66 be followed by a plain lead or by a bob, the lead produced is always in 31 and 67 respectively. At first sight this limitation in the two cases before us might appear detrimental, but we shall hereafter discover that, so far from being so, it is of the greatest possible value. The only remaining number requiring comment is 57; this is the row containing the leads of the reverse course. If any one of them be succeeded by a plain lead, the plain lead so produced occurs in the self-same row, which both leaves us where we were, and is also contrary to the supposition on which we are proceeding, viz., that the leads of this course are to occur one by one. Therefore 57 can be followed only by a bob, which will produce a lead-end in row 37.

We may now mount to the next step in the arrangement. The leads of the plain course, and also those of the reverse course, are to occur one at a time. They must therefore be introduced at and be succeeded by a bob. In consequence of this we get two bobs occurring at two successive leads. Not more than two bobs may ever be called in immediate succession in Grandsire Triples. The two bobs in the cases we are now considering must therefore be stationed with plain leads on both sides of them. The order then will be—plain lead, bob, bob, plain lead. Examples will render this clear.

367425 ⁽¹⁹⁾	743625 ⁽⁶⁸⁾
(a) 346572 ⁽²⁰⁾	(a) 764532 ⁽⁶⁹⁾
— 253746 ⁽²¹⁾	— 257364 ⁽⁶⁷⁾
— 674453 ⁽¹⁾	— 432657 ⁽⁶⁷⁾
(b) 647345 ⁽⁴⁾	(b) 463745 ⁽⁶⁸⁾

The leads (a) and (b), having two bobs between them, must be plain leads: otherwise there would be three bobs at three consecutive leads. It therefore follows that on the occurrence of 367425 or 743625, the four leads which are shewn above as succeeding them must inevitably come. In other words the rows 19, 20, 21, 1, 2, and the rows 55, 56, 57, 37, 38 are irretrievably glued together. With regard to the first case, viz., that of rows 19, 20, etc., a word of qualification must be added. No. 21 is always the part-end, and it was asserted above that 21 cannot be followed by anything. But the beginning of any part may always be conceived as the continuation of a preceding part, as is actually the case with all parts of a peal except the first; and even the commencement of the first part may be conceived as being preceded by the end of the peal. Viewed in this light, the position we have assumed for Nos. 19, 20, 21, 1, 2 is perfectly sound. All that is necessary is to draw a line after 21, placing Nos. 1, 2 at the beginning of each part, and Nos. 19, 20, 21 at the end. In the case of a ten-part peal where the leads of the reverse course are the part-ends of the last half-peal, the same allowance must be made.

To return to our argument. Since 19, 20, 21, 1, 2 must invariably succeed one another in this order, and since the same holds good with regard to 55, 56, 57, 37, 38, it follows that all these rows cannot be

succeeded by the alternative rows given in the compartments in table 2. A reference to table 2 will explain this reasoning.

19 must be succeeded by 20, and not by 44

20	"	"	21	"	16
1	"	"	2	"	20
55	"	"	56	"	8
56	"	"	57	"	52
37	"	"	38	"	56

Keeping our attention still fixed on table 2, it will be found that we are now in a position to discover a considerable number of additional rows that must invariably succeed one another. We are enabled to do this by the fact that when any row has occurred once, its recurrence is impossible, as by that the falsity of the composition would be entailed. For instance, Nos. 1 and 19 can each be followed by 20; but when we have once established the necessity of 19 being followed by 20, we have at the same time established the impossibility of 1 being followed by 20, for if this were to happen 20 would occur twice, and the composition would accordingly be false. And therefore

If 19 must be succeeded by 20, then 1 must be succeeded by 2

And if 1	"	"	2	"	49	"	"	50
" 49	"	"	50	"	24	"	"	25
" 24	"	"	25	"	43	"	"	44

We now have the following five pairs of rows that will always necessarily succeed each other, viz., 19-20, 1-2, 49-50, 24-25, 43-44.

Again,

If 55 must be succeeded by 56, then 37 must be succeeded by 38

And if 37	"	"	38	"	13	"	"	14
" 13	"	"	14	"	60	"	"	61
" 60	"	"	61	"	7	"	"	8

This gives the following conjoined rows in addition to those which we had before, 13-14, 60-61, 7-8.

Again, since, as has been shewn above, we must always commence with 1, therefore 1 cannot be preceded by 5; in other words 5 must be followed by 6.

If 5 must be succeeded by 6, then 10 must be succeeded by 11

And if 10	"	"	11	"	15	"	"	16
" 15	"	"	16	"	20	"	"	21

Which last was one of our data. This gives three additional couples, viz., 5-6, 10-11, 15-16.

Once more,

If 57 must be succeeded by 37, then 41 must be succeeded by 42

And if 41	"	"	42	"	46	"	"	47
" 46	"	"	47	"	51	"	"	52
" 51	"	"	52	"	56	"	"	57

Which last had been previously ascertained. The additional couples here furnished are, 41-42, 46-47, 51-52.

To make matters clear, let us enumerate all the rows that must invariably be connected together. They are these—1st, 1-2, 19-20-21, and 55-56-57-37-38, all of which were established by preliminary argument. Secondly, the following deduced from the above, 49-50, 24-25, 43-44, 13-14, 60-61, 7-8, 5-6, 10-11, 15-16, 41-42, 46-47, 51-52. Thirdly, to these must be added direct from table 2, 30-31 and 66-67. Before going on to the next step, it may be well to remind the reader that all these deductions are made, and are valid only upon the supposition that we are seeking to produce compositions in five similar parts. Only upon this supposition can we say, for instance, if 5 must be followed by 6, therefore nothing else can be followed by 6, that is, 10 cannot be followed by 6, that is 10 must be followed by 11, and so forth. And here, it may be also well to remark that in this argument with our numbers, we are merely stating in a concise and workable form a fact long ago noted by Shipway in a passage (pt. 3, p. 49, ad. fin.) that, until I undertook this investigation, might as well have been written in Chinese for all the meaning it conveyed to my mind. By substituting for Shipway's words "be called," the phrase, "occur at a bob," and for his words "be omitted," the phrase "occur at a plain lead," his meaning is rendered clearer. But Shipway is speaking merely of single leads, whereas we, when employing one of our numbers, denote thereby a row containing a whole set of five leads. For instance, when we say that 7 is to be followed by 61, we mean that all five leads in row 61 are to be made to occur at a bob. In this case all the leads contained in rows, 14, 38, 56, 8 must also occur at a bob, or in Shipway's words, "be called." Thus by starting with the condition that 7 is to be succeeded by 61, we cause no less than twenty-five leads to occur at a bob.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held at King's Norton, on Saturday, October 23rd. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing during the afternoon. Business transacted subsequently in the old schoolroom. Members are requested to note that all arrears must be paid by the above date. Members neglecting to pay the same will be considered to have left the Association and their names will be erased accordingly.

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OUTING OF ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

The annual excursion took place on Saturday, September 25th, Oxford being the place selected. Ten ringers assembled at the Station, and on arriving at their destination at once proceeded, under the guidance of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, to the Martyr's Memorial; having duly admired this beautiful work of art, erected in memory of Cranmer, Ridley, and Latimer, who were burnt at the stake in the reign of Queen Mary, and bestowing a passing glance at Taylor Buildings and St. John's College, Keble College was reached, the magnificent chapel, Hall and Library coming in for a large share of admiration; Mr. Coleridge's rooms were inspected as well the Senior Common room, where was seen the identical table at which Mr. Keble wrote the *The Christian Year*. The Museum, Wadham and Trinity Gardens, the Bodleian Library, Sheldonian Theatre, surrounded by the heads of the twelve Caesars, who created considerable amusement were all quickly inspected before visiting Balliol Chapel and Hall. From here the party went to Exeter and Lincoln, finishing with the Armoury and Gymnasium. A most excellent dinner of three courses was then discussed at the Queen's Restaurant, where everything was of the most *recherche* description, from the massive tankards down to the modest but useful toothpick. Christ Church was then visited and "Tom" tower ascended, when the mighty bell of 7½ tons was made to speak not once or twice in a way to which she is totally unaccustomed; the splendid dining hall was also inspected with its noble array of pictures of students, who have made for themselves a name in the annals of our Empire. The ten bells, tenor 42 cwt. were also inspected, but no ringing could be had owing to loss of clappers. The lovely Cathedral was then visited, a medallion bust of the late Duke of Albany and a window in the Latin Chapel coming in for the greatest share of admiration. From the summit of Merton tower a splendid panorama of Oxford was obtained, and all the chief points of interest pointed out. At Magdalen College (pronounced Maudlin) the Virginia creeper just turning red showed up the old grey buildings to great advantage, while the herd of deer were in close proximity to the new buildings which were looking their best. From here the party proceeded to the Christ Church cricket ground where a match was in progress close to the running ground of the O. U. A. C. The cinder path was here traversed at racing speed for one lap, i.e. one third of a mile, resulting in a victory for W. Smith, (no relation to Somers-Smith, the famous Oxonian quarter-miler), J. Hands, being a good second, while the brothers Simmonds, who had tailed off somewhat, brought up the rear. The long jump too was essayed, C. Parfitt being an easy winner. Ringing was now thought about, and having luckily met Mr. Field, and visited Mr. C. Hounslow, no difficulty was experienced, except in the case of New College, where permission to ring on the ten bells was refused, the reason stated being that a crotchety old gentleman living in the next street would be annoyed. They were however received with open arms at St. Peter's, Holywell, and All Saints, where some good ringing was done, including a 720 of Oxford Bob and 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. The last train being due they were accompanied to the station by Messrs. Field and Hounslow, bearing a magnificent peal-board, the work of the latter, commemorating a peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Lawrence, Reading, in 1884. This being placed in a conspicuous position on the platform a course in hand was rung, with which the numerous bystanders seemed greatly delighted, as was evident from the applause which greeted its completion. Bearing the board to a compartment reserved for it, the visitors duly arrived at Reading, highly pleased at the success of their day's excursion; the latter part of which was so great aided by the kind exertions of Messrs. Field and Hounslow.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of members of the above association was held at Loughborough last Saturday, under the presidency of A. Percival Heywood, Esq. A full choral service was held in the Parish Church, by the kind permission of the Rector, at 4.30 o'clock, at which the Rev. W. C. Baker, curate of St. Mary's, Nottingham, and vice-president of the Nottingham District, delivered an instructive and earnest address. The announcement that Mr. Baker was leaving Nottingham, where he has done such good work for the association, was received with universal regret, and the Bedfordshire Association was warmly congratulated on the prospect of receiving into its ranks such an enthusiastic and able exponent of the Exercise. At the general meeting, which was held after tea, two honorary members, nine ringing members, and two life members were elected. The President stated that fifteen peals had been rung during the past quarter by members of the Association. Of this number, seven had been rung by the Burton-on-Trent Branch, viz., four of Superlative Surprise Major, two of Stedman Triples, and one of Treble Bob Major; four had been rung by the Duffield Branch in the Double Oxford method; one by the St. Andrew's Branch, Derby; one by the Loughborough Branch; and one of Stedman Triples rung by a mixed band at Youlgreave. The president congratulated the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, on their waking

up once more from the lethargy of their summer months, and was delighted to see that the Nottingham Branch had scored a peal during the quarter, although two of the members taking part in it were now on their way to Australia; he hoped that this peal was the forerunner of many more successful attempts of this branch. He also felt that the peal of Stedman Triples at Youlgreave deserved a word of special praise, both because it was the first in the method on the bells, and also because the noise in the bellchamber made peal-ringing a matter of great difficulty. With reference to the handbell contests mentioned at the last meeting, the president proposed to call a meeting for the purpose of drawing up a code of regulations, and intimated that a circular would shortly be issued by the hon. secretary to that effect.

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the president, on the motion of Mr. Griffin, for his kind invitation to Duffield Bank; to Messrs. Taylor for defraying the extra charge for tea on the occasion of this meeting; and also to the rector and churchwardens of the parish church for the use of their bells.

The question of a "free tea" was discussed, and adjourned for the consideration of the annual meeting, in the meantime, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Jaggar, seconded by Mr. Stone, "That on the occasion of the next quarterly meeting, the experiment be tried of providing a tea free of charge, those members not belonging to the local branch at which the meeting should be held, who have previously paid their subscriptions and given a week's notice to the hon. sec. of their intention to attend."

On the question as to whether Nottingham or Leicester should be chosen for the next meeting, the votes of members were equally divided, and the chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Leicester. A vote of thanks to Mr. Heywood for presiding, terminated the proceedings.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. to Aug.	Sept.	Total.
Midland Counties' Association	44	7	51
Ancient Society of College Youths	27	3	30
Oxford Diocesan Guild	29	0	29
Yorkshire Association	24	1	25
St. James' Society (London)	19	0	19
Lancashire Association	13	6	19
United Counties Association	17	0	17
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	15	0	15
Birmingham and District and Amalgamated Soc. ..	14	0	14
Norwich Diocesan Association	13	1	14
Kent County Association	11	1	12
Sussex County Association	9	1	10
Liverpool Youths' Society	9	0	9
Winchester Diocesan Guild	9	0	9
Hertford Association	8	1	9
Surrey Association	7	1	8
Holt Society	7	0	7
Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	6	1	7
Rochdale and District Association	3	0	3
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	2	1	3
Essex Association	2	1	3
Society of Trinity Youths	2	0	2
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association ..	2	0	2
Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association ..	1	0	1
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association ..	1	0	1
Worcester and adjoining Districts Association ..	1	0	1
Eastern Counties Association	1	0	1
Devonshire Guild	1	0	1
Bedford Association	1	0	1
Independent Societies	80	4	84
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	12	3	15
	366	26	392

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ARTHUR J. JONES 4.	JOHN BUFFERY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

This is the Conductor's rooth peal, made up in the following manner:—Grandsire method: Triples, 23; Major, 2; Cinques, 2. Stedman: Triples, 24; Caters, 22; Royal, 1; Cinques, 3. Kent Treble Bob: Major, 5; Royal, 2. Plain Bob: Major, 2; Royal, 1. Double Norwich Court Bob: Major, 2; and 1 in four methods. His first peal was Grandsire Triples at Aston, September 24th, 1868, in his 20th year; never having rung the tenor behind to any peal. Conducted 38.

The members of the Holt Society take this opportunity of thanking their London friends for the courtesy shown towards them on their visit to the metropolis.

The Provinces.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

5040 CHANGES: IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following, viz. :—

Tullip, Primrose, College Trebles, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight Arnold's Victory, and College Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY .. Treble.	WILLIAM BOLLAND 4.
CHARLES B. D. FARROW .. 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND 5.
SAMUEL ODDY 3.	JOHN HALEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

GUISELEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

LISTER CAWOOD Treble.	WILLIAM DEMAINE 5.
JOHN STRODDER 2.	JOSEPH YEADON 6.
HARRY DEMAINE 3.	JAMES BALDWIN 7.
SAMUEL BROWN 4.	D. E. RHODES Tenor.

Composed by LISTER CAWOOD and Conducted by D. E. RHODES.

Mr. Strodder hails from Ripon; Mr. Cawood from Otley; the rest belong to the local company. First peal as conductor.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Wedding Peal.

On Monday, October 11, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES; Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS THORPE Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	JOHN EACHUS 7.
THOMAS YATES 3.	JAMES THORPE 8.
JOHN E. POLLITT 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 9.
CHARLES CASH 5.	HENRY MEE Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., of BIRMINGHAM, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

The figures of this peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" for May 13th, 1882, page 46. It was rang in honour of the wedding of Mr. T. G. Downs, one of the Cathedral ringers. A peal of Bob Royal was to have been rung, but as one of the intended band did not put in an appearance, this one was rung. Messrs. Yates and Cash hail from Eccles, the rest belongs to Manchester.

NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt. in Ab.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER 5.
HENRY HOPKINS 2.	HENRY DAINS 6.
JOHN ROGERS 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
JAMES HANNINGTON 4.	WILLIAM BARON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by G. NEWSON.

This peal contains all the 8-6's and 8-6-7's with the 6th the extent home, and the 2nd never there. The first peal on the bells, and rang to commemorate the consecration of the church.

Date Touch.

BRIGHOUSE.—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Martin's, a date touch of 1886 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins., J. F. Pearson, 1; C. Crossley, 2; H. Payne, 3; G. Lawton, 4; W. F. Hulse (conductor), 5; G. Clayton, 6; J. Lockwood, 7; J. Shaw, 8. Composed by A. Sykes. Messrs. H. Payne, G. Clayton, J. Lockwood, and J. Shaw hail from Halifax.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, October 2nd, at the "Goose and Gridiron," St. Paul's churchyard, on handbells, a 461 of Grandsire Triples. G. T. MacLaughlin, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; G. Mash, 7-8. Also upwards of 800 with J. M. Hayes, 7-8. And on Tuesday, October 5th, 1120 in the same method, with R. T. Woodley, 7-8, and a 461, with J. Davidson taking the tenors. And on Tuesday, October 12th, at the headquarters, Winchester Street, Southwark, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. G. T. MacLaughlin, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; J. M. Hayes, 7-8. Conducted by C. F. Winny. W. W. Gifford hails from Salisbury.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Saturday, September 4th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. E. Norman, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23½ mins., with the men standing the same as before. And on Sunday evening, September 5th, for Divine service, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. G. Usher, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine service, a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. G. Usher, 1; E. Norman, 2; E. Lewin, 3; W. Mynard, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, September 13th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; H. Buckingham, 3; A. Squires, 4; F. Furr, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; J. Foster, 8. Also on Monday, October 4th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Hare, 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen (conductor), 7; J. J. Foster, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Wednesday, October 6th, for Harvest Thanksgiving service, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. J. Cordell, 1; G. Spicer, 2; H. Buckingham, 3; J. Phillips (conductor), 4; R. Jackson, 5; R. Jackson, 6; J. Roslyn, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON (Kent).—On Sunday, October 10th, a 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. S. Snelling, 1; A. Biggs, 2; J. Cooper, 3; C. L. Graham, 4; C. Couchman, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6. All members of the Faversham company, with the exception of Mr. Snelling, who comes from Sittingbourne.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Paul's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. George Robinson, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; W. Wakley (conductor), 5; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggar, 7; T. Holmes, 8. George Robinson's longest touch in the method.

KEYSTONE (Hunts).—On Monday, October 4th, for practice at St. John's church, a 120 of Bob Doubles. F. Barwell, 1; F. Smith, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; F. Braybrook, 4; H. Twelvetree (conductor), 5. And two 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure. F. Barwell, 1; E. Chapman, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; J. Martin, 4; H. Twelvetree (conductor), 5. Also a 120 of Antelope, standing as before. Also on October 9th, a 120 of Canterbury Pleasure. F. Barwell, 1; J. Twelvetree, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; J. Martin, 4; H. Twelvetree (conductor), 5. And a 120 of Place Doubles. F. Barwell, 1; J. Pettitt, 2; E. Chapman, 3; J. Martin, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5. And a 120 of Bob Doubles. J. Pettitt, 1; J. Martin, 2; E. Chapman, 3; R. Dunkley, 4; H. Twelvetree (conductor), 5. Also on Sunday, October 10th, it being the Harvest Festival, for morning service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Twelvetree, 1; E. Chapman, 2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3; J. Martin, 4; H. Twelvetree, 5. Also for Divine service in the afternoon four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, standing as before.

LOWER HARDRES (Kent).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, October 4th, a 360 of College Single Minor. Miss L. Brine, 1-2; Miss E. Brine, 3; Miss Brine, 4; A. Brine, Esq. (conductor), 5-6. And on October 7th, a 720 in the same method, and in the same order, except Miss M. Brine ringing the 4th. First 720 in the method by all.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—At All Saints' Parish Church, on Sunday last, October 10th, being Harvest Festival, the ringers met and rang for morning service a 518 of Grandsire Triples, also in the evening a 728 and 518 in the same method, and Queens and rounds on ten. The following took part—Messrs. W. and E. Elliott, A. and G. H. Moorcraft, A. H. Woolley, R. Simmonds, H. Pearce, G. Pawley, J. Constable, J. Fergusson, and J. Johnson. Conducted by A. Moorcraft and H. Pearce.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Wednesday, September 29th, being the

Harvest Festival at St. Peter's church, for service, a 360 of Oxford Bob (nine bobs). F. Kirk, 1; B. W. Allen, 2; R. Pendered, 3; N. Martin, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also on the following Sunday, October 3rd, for evening service, a 720 of London Singles (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; B. W. Allen, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; G. Kirk, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. And 240 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Kirk, 1; W. Hall, 2; R. Pendered, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, October 4th, for practice, a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; N. Martin, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 360 of Plain Bob (fifteen bobs). A. Coles, 1; B. W. Allen, 2; F. Kirk, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Bob (nine bobs). G. Kirk, 1; B. W. Allen, 2; J. Stubbs, 3; T. Stubbs, 4; J. Willmott, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Sunday, September 12th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Chapman, 1; G. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, September 21st, a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. J. Gilbert, 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Sawford, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of London Single. T. Roberts, 1; F. Chapman (first 360 in the method with a a bob bell), 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; J. Sawford, 5; J. Braybrook (conductor), 6. And on Monday, September 27th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Chapman, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; E. Mayes, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; J. Sawford, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And 240 of College Little. J. Sawford, 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6.

SUDEBURY (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, October 5th, the following members of the local company rang for practice at All Saints' Church, a touch of 840 Stedman Triples, this being the longest touch ever brought home on these bells in this method. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, 3; W. Griggs, 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, September 29th, for Harvest Festival Service in the evening a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 43 mins. A. Hubbard, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; T. Grove, 3; J. Langran, 4; J. Waghorn, jun. 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. Pye-English, 8. And on Sunday, October 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening a quarter peal of Bob Triples, in 43 mins. H. Barnett, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; T. Grove, 3; J. Langran, 4; W. Pye-English, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 7; C. Davidson, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the members of this Association will be held in Newcastle on Monday, October 25th. The bells at the disposal of the members will be those of All Saints', St. John's, and St. Stephen's. Divine Service will be held in All Saints' church at 2 o'clock, to which all members present at the meeting are respectfully requested to attend. At 3 o'clock dinner will be provided at the "Crown and Mitre" inn, Grey Street. After dinner, the usual business meeting, at which a proposed revision of the rules will be submitted to the members. All ringing will cease at 1.30, and will recommence at the conclusion of the meeting. Companies on arriving at Newcastle should proceed to St. John's church, where arrangements will be made for ringing at the different churches. Dinner Tickets, 1s. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, should be applied for to the Secretary not later than Monday, October 18th. The Committee will meet in All Saints' vestry at 12.45 p.m. G. J. CLARKSON, 16, Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees. Hon. Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association will be held at Quex Park, on Monday, October 25th. Hour of meeting, 11 a.m., when the Committee will admit members, &c., and the Secretary will attend to receive subscriptions and pay allowances. It is proposed to visit the towers of Margate, Minster, St. Nicholas and Sandwich. Members desirous of attending should communicate with the Secretary, Wrinsted Court, Sittingbourne. R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association will be held, by the kind permission of the vicar, at the Church of the Immanuel, Streatham Common, on Monday, October 18th. Tower open for ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at the "Beehive" Coffee Tavern at 6 p.m., ringing members free; all others 1s. 6d. a head. Business meeting to follow the tea. All ringers will be welcome. The tower of Christ Church, Mitcham (6 bells) will also be open for ringing from 3 to 5.30, and again after tea until 9.15 p.m. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec. 34, Dingwall Road, Croydon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, a Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held in St John's schoolroom, Bromsgrove, the Rev. A. E. Seymour, Vicar, presiding. There were also present the Rev. C. W. Gibbs (Hagley), and E. J. Hall (Bromsgrove), and a good number of ringing members from Bromsgrove, Brierley Hill, Belbroughton, Dudley, Hagley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Wolverley, etc. The rev. Chairman, after a few appropriate remarks in reference to the Association and its work, called on the secretary, Mr. J. Smith, to read the minutes of the last meeting, which on the motion of Mr. J. Prestidge, seconded by Mr. W. Micklewright, were confirmed. The names of a new company formed at Stoke (where a new peal of six have recently been opened), and several other names, were submitted by Mr. Crump and approved of. Mr. Spittle (Master), proposed, and Mr. J. Crane seconded, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Dudley on January 22nd, 1887. A letter received from Mr. J. Wright, Hon. Sec. of the Birmingham and District Association, in reference to the amalgamation of the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association with theirs, was read by Mr. J. Smith, but was not very favourably received, and it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. R. E. Grove, seconded by Mr. J. Crane, that the matter be deferred until the next meeting in January. A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding, and for the use of the schoolroom and bells. The rev. gentleman suitably responded, and hoped the Association would prosper in its work, and hoped that his own society at Bromsgrove would do all within their power to make it successful. At the close of the meeting, the ringers adjourned to the "Golden Lion Inn," where after partaking of some refreshments, the handbells were again brought into requisition, and several touches of Grandsire Caters, Triples, etc. were rung upon them during the evening. The tower bells were rang during the afternoon and evening by mixed companies, and altogether a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

SURPRISE TO A RINGING PARTY.

On Saturday, October 2nd, three ringers from Arundel visited Fareham to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples with five of the Fareham Band. After ringing for one-and-a-half hours, they were surprised by a loud knocking and clamouring at the belfry door, but wishing to get the peal, took no notice of it for half-an-hour, although at times the bells could not be heard in the belfry, and then the person trying to get in commenced to throw stones at the window, breaking some glass, which fell among the ringers, so they decided to stop. On opening the door they found it to be an assistant clock-maker come to wind up the church clock. The ringers' feelings may be better imagined than described. The offender was let off with a caution, which however, was given to him in forcible language. The ringing accomplished when forced to stand, was over 3000 changes. G. Williams (conductor, Fareham), 1; G. Baker (Arundel), 2; W. L. Chamberlain (Arundel), 3; F. Hill (Fareham), 4; H. Haggatt (Arundel), 5; C. Grafham (Fareham), 6; J. W. Wenling (Fareham), 7; H. Carter (Fareham), 8. On Saturday night the Arundel men were kindly entertained by the Fareham band, and on Sunday morning a move was made to Soberton, where a quarter-peal was rung for service. G. Williams (conductor), 1; C. Privett (Fareham), 2; G. Baker 3; W. L. Chamberlain, 4; H. Haggatt, 5; G. Childs (Soberton), 6; J. Whiting, 7; G. Matthews (Soberton), 8. In the afternoon a peal was started for, but after ringing about an hour, two bells changed course; amount of changes rang (1512). G. Williams (conductor), 1; C. Privett, 2; G. Baker, 3; W. L. Chamberlain, 4; H. Haggatt, 5; G. Childs, 6; J. Whiting, 7; G. Putman (Soberton), 8. Also a 546. C. Privett, 1; G. Childs, 2; H. Emsley, 3; H. Haggatt, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; W. Chamberlain, 6; J. Whiting, 7; G. Baker, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Members are requested to take notice that the General Meeting will be held at Hertford, on Monday, October 25th. There will be service in St. Andrew's Church at twelve o'clock. The arrangements as to trains, etc., will be the same as on former occasions. The following notices of motion have been received. 1.—That in future the quarterly meetings be held on Mondays and Saturdays alternately. 2.—That the January meetings be held in West Herts. 3.—That steps be taken to organise frequent district meetings of the Association.

WOOLMORE WIGRAM, General Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Committee wish to inform intending purchasers of this year's report that the price is 9d. post free, instead of 7d. as heretofore. This increase of cost is due to the large amount of matter contained in it, together with the likeness of our late President.

W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

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" J. Pettitt, Keystone	0 2 6
" R. Dunkley, Bythorn	0 2 0
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Geo. Breed, York	0 3 0
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THE FIRST TEN BELL PEAL IN SCOTLAND, AND VISIT OF CHANGE-RINGERS TO EDINBURGH.

By F. E. DAWE.

(Continued).

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL belfry has, thank goodness, no clock to occupy half the room, or a hideous and massive acre of a clock face planted on outside, and in my idea every tower unless specially designed, looks far better without them,—take the magnificent tower of Worcester Cathedral, to wit. There are to my knowledge many gigantic ringing chambers having the appearance of a barn that could with a little trouble and expense, be transformed into what such places should be; take Gloucester Cathedral for instance.

On ascending the next floor, we find the principal occupants of the tower, viz., the bells; particulars of which are as follows:—

No.	Name.	Weight.	Key.	Translation.
1.	Humilitas	7 1 3	E	Humility
2.	Fides	8 2 0	D	Faith
3.	Continentia	8 3 20	C	Constancy
4.	Patientia	9 3 21	B	Patience
5.	Reverentia	11 3 13	A	Reverence
6.	Pietas	15 0 12	G	Piety
7.	Spes	21 1 7	F	Hope
8.	Pax	24 0 0	E	Peace
9.	Gaudium	29 2 20	D	Joy
10.	Caritas	42 2 21	C	Charity

Total ... 8 tons 19 cwt. 1 qtr. 5 lbs.

These inscriptions would have looked much better if they had been composed of the beautiful fifteenth century letters, the same as at Worcester Cathedral, where the inscriptions on sixteen bells are perfect gems, the like of which I have never seen elsewhere. And one great advantage with respect to these inscriptions at Worcester may be noted here, and that is, that the louvres of the bell-chamber being of glass, they are easily deciphered. The bells at Edinburgh are indeed well hung, and of course all on one level, while every necessary and useful appliance that can be thought of has not been neglected or allowed to pass by without being secured, including the most perfect clapper stays yet invented. The spire is a long hollow cone, open from the bells to its apex, and consists of stones well doweled together, with openings all the way up for letting out sound. Immediately above the bells, the eight sides have each a large window or a louvre opening, covered with wire netting to keep the birds out, in all amounting to a sound-emitting space of about 600 square feet. Four of the openings being placed at the corners are hidden by ornamental pinnacled turrets, and there are twelve louvre boards in every window, each of these large opening being fitted with a pair of most substantial shutters, entirely covered with felt fully an inch in thickness, and is the same material as that used in covering boilers, etc., and each one has massive hinges, bolts, and swing bars; for when the bells are not ringing, or fine weather prevails, these additional shutters fold back against the wall, and are fastened entirely out of the way. This excellent arrangement greatly modifies the reverberating clang complained of by those near at hand, and causes the sound to make its exit by the openings in the spire, at a higher elevation, the lowest of which is 146 feet 6 inches from the ground, thus conveying the music to greater distances, where it would otherwise be impossible for it to travel.

Immediately after the dedication of the bells, they were fitted with Seage's excellent dumb practice apparatus—for at Churches where much practice is indulged in, this fact I feel certain will supply the want of a most feasible ground of appeal to the Assessment Committee to take off £20 a year—an amount not at all out of the way I am sure according to the present rating. As the Cathedral stands in the most fashionable quarter of the town, I am told the apparatus was only fitted just in time to prevent a whole legion of injunctions being set on foot, and I may now mention the very great difficulty experienced in obtaining leave to ring here, not only for visitors, but also for their own band when any special ringing is required. The bells have only been rung once on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and on no account are they allowed to be touched at a wedding; the special favour on two occasions being for the marriage of two principal officials, the Precentor being one. Of course it must be remembered that as the Cathedral body are the dissenters here, a general feeling of dissatisfaction prevailed when the building was first erected, and when the so-called intolerable nuisance of "bell-noise" commenced, it was simply deemed to be most uproarious by the big-wig grumblers near at hand. The peal I have had charge of had been arranged over a year, and permission had been pending for several months, for after obtaining the consent of the Dean and Chapter, the Lord Provost or chief magistrate, together with the Town Council, and other officials almost out of number, had to be consulted, or at least informed, in order to be enabled to say that the bells are being rung with their full consent. Even at the eleventh hour when everyone stood rope in hand, ready, had the authorities liked, they could easily have frustrated our long cherished design, by stopping not only the

peal, but the bells altogether. Some of our party also learned that powerful influence had, in the present instance, been brought to bear on the Chief Commissioner of Police, in order to instruct his men to take no notice of likely complaints, and although by far the greater portion of residents near at hand were out of town, it rather inspired the visitors with wholesome awe on coming down after the peal had been accomplished, to learn that numerous messengers and constables had arrived at the Cathedral to enquire what was up, and try and stop it. These obnoxious visitors came however, only to be told by a special man at the door, that full permission in every way had been obtained, and the ringers were not to be interfered with! Our "eleventh" man outside also heard endless complaints; they thought the ringing excellent, but it was too long by some hours! Many a practice and open ringing has been stopped through the most trifling cause, and I think considering these objectionable drawbacks, that the progress made by the Guild and the way they are banded together from the first, is most creditable; and although I did not make a note of all this at the time, have recollected it from various conversations on the subject, and my object in publishing it, must, be taken as endeavouring to pay a compliment to our friends there who had worked so hard to make everything right; and also to show the opposition they have had to contend with, though I am glad to say they still fight bravely on under one or two excellent leaders, and the movement is gradually gaining ground—hence the achievement.

Immediately above the bells is a large wooden staircase with platforms all round, while on ascending and going outside, one can walk round a sort of protected ledge and enjoy a good look at the town. On one of these platforms referred to I found our tenor-man gazing intently at his upturned bell, and evidently in a state of reverie, for all to himself he was giving vent to a little soliloquy thus:—"Ah! Jim, I'm afraid she's a size too big for ye, but never mind Jim, pull yerself together lad!" and sure enough the excellent man did eventually "pull himself together." The bells are kept in such good order with every attention that any one ringing here would never imagine they were more than half the weight they really are; and the tenor is so well balanced that in the little play allowed her, she can easily be pushed from one side to the other. The whole place is simply perfect, and no description of mine can ever do proper justice to it.

When everything had been fully investigated, a few rounds were rung, and the belfry being cleared of spectators, the first attempt for the peal of Grandsire Caters was made, and it might be here noted that upon my previously communicating with Mr. H. Johnson, senr., of Birmingham, as to the length, kind of peal required, and manner of coming round, he at once specially composed an excellent and musical peal consisting of 5,003 changes with the 5th and 6th each twenty-four courses behind the 9th. However after starting in the usual manner and ringing nearly half an hour, it was, owing to the result of travelling all night in the train, deemed advisable to postpone the attempt until the next day. A further touch of half an hour was rung in the evening in order to get thoroughly acquainted with the striking. Before leaving attention was called to the excellent fire appliances in the ringing room, and as three Volunteer Brigades were represented, an arrangement having rotary action was allowed to be tested on the adjoining roofs with highly satisfactory results; and being armed with an introduction from the Metropolis to the chief officer here, the three referred to spent a portion of the evening in his excellent company.

The next morning a large waggonette was kindly placed at our disposal, and a party numbering about sixteen in all, started for Roslyn Chapel, about ten miles distant, only however to break down owing to being over freighted, after going part of the way. A large break was substituted, and as the delay caused had considerably curtailed our time, it was resolved to abandon the destination, and another route was chosen; so after passing along the "Queen's Drive" round Salisbury Crags, and Arthur's Seat, which is 882 feet high, we at length reached Portobello, by the Firth of Forth, and its sandy beach thoroughly enjoyed; but the sight of the bright blue sea was found too much to be passed by, so after being properly housed and due preparations for bathing, the sight was curiosity unparalleled in beholding the aquatic gambols of an entire Grandsire Cater party:—Mr. Field's amphibian abilities eclipsing all that had yet been seen.

On returning, several other objects of interest were pointed out and after leaving the main body of the party and dining at the Conservative Club, Mr. Cunningham and myself repaired to the old town and visited St. Giles Cathedral, the famous High Kirk of Edinburgh, dating from the 12th century, the roof of which covers the remains of so many of Scotland's heroes, and only a few years ago was divided by walls into four parish churches for the established Presbyterian Community. It has however of late years undergone extensive alterations through the munificence of Dr. Chambers, and is now a very interesting structure. St. Giles it may be said is the patron Saint of the town, and this building was constituted a Cathedral in 1633. Having looked round special permission was obtained from the something-or-other to

ascend the tower, which is central; the ascent being made by means of a circular stone staircase, a portion of which leans in a curious manner, to the old ringing chamber, a very dark and dirty apartment with some timber about the place and in the frame above, said to be portions taken from a vessel of the Spanish Armada, and above also is found the old clock chiming barrel still studded with pegs. The tower contains thirty-five bells in all. On reaching the belfry, by a dingy and very dirty route, it is found to contain the twelve larger ones, of which eight are steel; these are hung in fixed stocks, while those hung for ringing have no stays but very heavy top counterpoises on the stock—in fact a sort of balance reaching to the top of the wheel, and is by the way, an invention peculiar to Scotland, consisting apparently of stock above stock securely fastened on and terminating in a mass of iron. The heaviest of these is called the "Great Bell," weighing 27 cwt. in Eb., and by means of this contrivance can be turned and round with comparative ease. Where inscriptions are to be found they mostly consist of Latin in Roman Capitals, but by far the most interesting bell in the whole of this mixed collection is the Vesper or Ave bell, one foot five and a half ins. in diameter, one and five-sixteenth ins. in thickness, and weighing about 1 cwt. 1 qr. in B. It is sometimes called the "Angelus" or "Mary," while in the old annals of the town it is referred to as "Tinkling Tom." It is small but very finely shaped and has a Latin inscription in Gothic capitals, which are beautifully designed and cast, the date being 1451; and is altogether my favourite Mediaeval bell, for smallness and beauty combined. The remaining twenty-three, hung in three tiers, are suspended in open air in a frame on the top immediately beneath the crown, and on reaching the next stage we find the ancient set of levers, arranged in key board fashion in chromatic scale order, after the manner of a gigantic piano. It was last used about twelve years ago by a Miss McLeod, and formerly by her father, who consecutively performed the duty as Carilloneurs for a term of nearly eighty years. The weight of the carillon treble is estimated at 15 lbs. while the tenor is believed to be about 3 cwt. 2 qrs. in Bb. We are glad to hear the idea prevalent is that at some future time all the present occupants of the tower will be cleared out, and a light ring of eight substituted for ringing in the "orthodox manner," though I sincerely hope that nothing will happen to "Tinkling Tom" otherwise than being fixed in a suitable place of safety either in the Cathedral belfry, or some museum, and am sure this feeling will be shared by many who have antiquarian tastes and fancies. We were of course obliged to ascend the top and inspect the twenty-three carillon bells hanging outside, and also the beautiful open stone Crown or Lantern erected in the middle of the fifteenth century and restored in 1648. It is of eight ribs, four large and four small, on the top of which is supported another smaller crown, that can still be reached with a little difficulty, and terminating from this in a spire and pinnacle. It is in fact, a design peculiar to Scotch architecture, and this is one of the most celebrated specimens in existence, though to the best of my recollection not quite so good as the matchless crown of St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, which is however of much latter date; many other excellent specimens are to be found in different towns, amongst them St. Leonard's Free Church, Perth; King's College, Aberdeen; the Iron Steeple, Glasgow; and St. Dunstan's, near London Bridge. Until recently the same style terminated the towers of Linlithgow and Haddington, Churches; some specimens have some only four ribs, and are consequently not so beautiful as those composed of eight. In 1571 this church was forcibly taken possession of and the tower then had "three pieces of ordinance" placed in it with which to assist in holding the city against attack on the forces of Mary Queen of Scots. With regard to the inscriptions of the bells and full particulars of the two chiming arrangements together with everything of interest, a graphic account is contained in a very able article which appeared in No. 54 of the "THE BELL NEWS" dated April 14th, 1883, by my friend Mr. J. S. B. Archer, who then spent a deal of time in taking much trouble to decipher what is so indistinct as to be almost illegible, and I may here mention that independent of my own notes, I am indebted to him, together with Mr. Cunninghame, for many interesting particulars, to be found in this account. I may also add that some excellent drawings and details appeared in the "Building News" of 7th September, 1877.

Having returned to the New Town, after tea the party met again in ringing room of St. Mary's Cathedral, and having everything in readiness, started in rounds at 5.59, and precisely at six o'clock "go" was shouted, followed by 109 bobs and two singles, and at 9.29 I had the pleasure of giving the welcome information "this is all," and the first peal on ten bells ever attempted in the land of the kilt, dirk, and thistle, was brought to a successful issue, consisting of 5003 changes of Grandsire Caters, already recorded in the proper place in this paper; after which a few rounds and firing brought the ringing to an end. Although a steaming hot evening, the "go" of the bells from the first change to the last was simply perfect in every way, each one being handled with the greatest of ease, thanks to the exertions and attention of so excellent a steeplekeeper as Mr. J. Rayner. Had time permitted, I should have liked to have chimed

a few airs with the "Ellacombe" apparatus, from the well-known national "Mines of Melody." As soon as egress was obtained, nearly all the resident ringers ascended the tower with the precentor, and hearty congratulations were kindly expressed and received for the performance just accomplished. It may be added that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales heard the greater part of the ringing, and no doubt expressed his appreciation of it, although unfortunately no evidence remains to substantiate this natural supposition. On leaving the belfry, Mr. Cunninghame showed me over his town residence, containing an abundance of interesting works, drawings, etc., and several more exquisite plaster casts, some of which I was kindly invited to select, and which are now on their way to London. The dining-room is used as a meeting-place for tune playing, as the society are the happy owners of five octaves of handbells, No. 29 in C, with 17 duplicates, by Mr. G. Welch, which I saw before they left his workshops, and reflect on him the highest possible credit. The Guild can boast of most proficient and excellent abilities in this direction. On retiring to our quarters for the night, a hasty supper under considerable difficulties was gone through, and consequently after the first peal of Caters in the King of Ringing Palaces, it being very late, or rather early, judging from the light in the Eastern sky, before due homage was paid to the shrine of Morpheus.

Shortly after six, the usual four were again astir, Sir Charles and Sir Bevy taking the lead to Waverley Station, situate in the hollow amid pleasure grounds in the heart of the city, and getting away to Portobello where another tribute was paid to the shrine of Neptune; after which Holyrood Palace was visited, once the famous abode of Mary Queen of Scots, a somewhat dull and heavy building, and the scene of many brilliant gatherings and solemn events, including the barbarous execution of the unfortunate Queen; the Abbey ruins, in Early Pointed Style, adjoining, give beauty where it would otherwise be bare of everything but historical interest. We next saw some portions of the Old Town, which is a mass of characteristic and ancient irregular buildings in picturesque confusion, including Canongate, having several buildings dating from the 12th century, many of a somewhat French style, owing to the time when Scotland and France were in close allegiance. The famous old Tolbooth was next seen, dated 1597, with its sombre tower, spire, and projecting clock, being the ancient prison on which the genius of Scott has thrown such a halo of romance. Next came the old Grassmarket or former place of public execution. In another part of the town stands St. Andrew's Church, which for many years contained the only bells in the country hung for ringing, and I am told that a 5040 was once accomplished here; for many years however they have only been chimed by four persons each bearing the name of "Macdonald." Then followed a look at the new Exhibition, which offers some very good attractions. The New Town is of choice design, massive outline, and symmetrical proportion, and further on rises the picturesque wooded heights of Corstorphine, on the north-west. Some of the party then visited the famed and ever-beautiful monument to Sir Walter Scott, which is of most exquisite design, built in 1844, reaching to a height of 300 feet, and erected at a cost of £15,000. A staircase within the masonry enables the visitor to ascend within a few feet of the summit.

About midday, by special wish of the Dean, all assembled in the belfry, owing to the death on August 26th, at the age of 82 years, of Bishop Eden, of Inverness, Murray, Ross, and Caithness, who had been 24 years Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. After the muffles had been fixed for the backstroke blow, a half-muffled peal with the usual whole pull and stand was rung by a mixed company from England, Wales, and Scotland. F. E. Dawe (conductor), 1; R. W. Evans, 2; J. Johnston, 3; W. C. S. Heathcote, 4; G. G. Cunninghame, 5; J. Rayner, 6; D. M. Forrester, 7; J. Ellis, 8; E. Evans, 9; E. Rowland, 10. After altering the band and taking a walk outside to hear the "tintinabulation that so musically swells" of a few short touches conducted by Mr. Rowland, and everyone wishing to give honour where honour is due, declared that Edinburgh Cathedral certainly contains Messrs. Taylor and Sons' masterpiece in the shape of one of the finest rings of bells any of us have yet heard. There was no irony noise for those near at hand to reasonably complain of, and I can only express myself by using a favourite expression of mine with regard to other noted rings, and say that we all listened with interest "to the deep-toned and majestic roll of the melodious, fine, and heavy ring of ten." I could not help thinking that at places where large sums of money have been expended to obtain noble bells worthy of the building in which they are hung, how very much they could be improved like these if a little expense were incurred, and some sound scientific skill allowed to be exercised with the tower.

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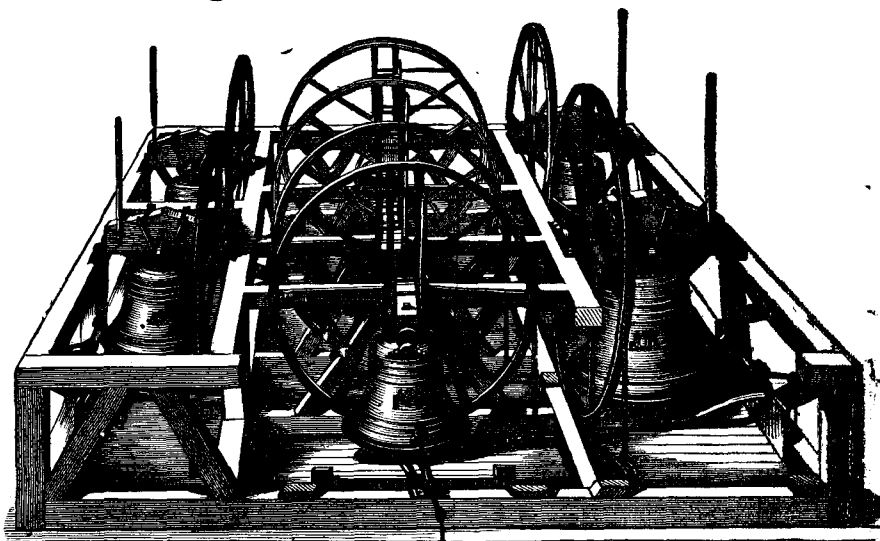
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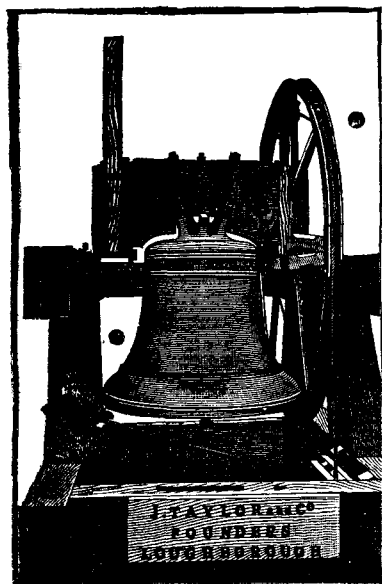
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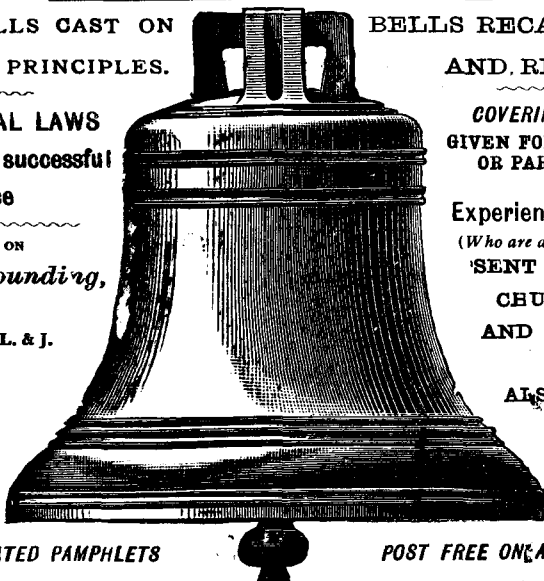
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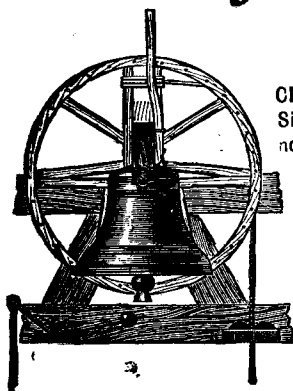
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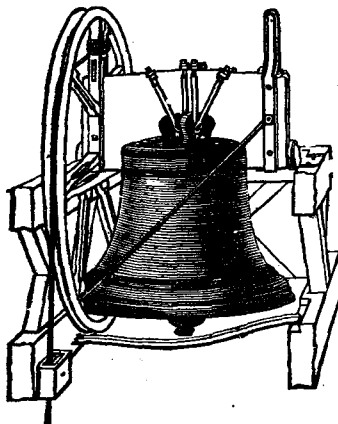
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Member of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths; the St. James' Society; the Waterloo Society; the Midland Counties' Association; the Yorkshire Association; the Norwich Association; the Winchester Guild; and the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent.

THE distinguished ringer and composer whom we pour-tray in our columns upon this occasion, has been so intimately connected with and is so well-known to the readers of this paper almost from its commencement, that only a few words are required of us by way of introduction. We are, however, in duty bound to say, and it would be ungracious to omit the fact, that he has been a staunch supporter of this journal, both as reader and frequent contributor, in several ways, from its commencement. During the last ten or twelve years his name has been continually before the ringing public, notably as a composer of no mean ability. The composition of Treble Bob Major has yielded to his treatment as the plastic clay does to the skilful potter, and so frequently are his abilities seen in this direction, that there is scarcely a ringer in the universe who is not acquainted with the name of HENRY DAINS.

The subject of this memoir was born in the rural village of Tibenham, in the county of Norfolk, about fifteen miles from Norwich, upon the 29th October, 1837, and therefore is in the forty-ninth year of his age. In that year Her Most Gracious Majesty became Queen of England, and should she survive another few short months, the bells throughout the length and breadth of the Ringing Isle will celebrate the double event of a "Royal" Jubilee with joyful peals. Bell-ringing, like his trade (that of an artificer in wood) is a natural inheritance, and

comes by direct lineal descent through several generations of the family, which at one time provided five of the six-bell band of the village. While an attendant at Sunday school and a member of the choir, HENRY DAINS formed a very decided opinion in favour of the belfry, and although only a glimpse now and again was allowed him, these little visits were gratifying, though occasionally rebuked by the sexton and steeple-keeper of the time. But these visits developed into an anxiety to catch hold of the rope's-end, and after several years he was enabled to become one of the six-bell band. By the little practices here and others that were obtained by visiting adjoining villages and towns, he became fairly proficient in Plain Bob before leaving home. It will be interesting to add that great assistance was found by the use of an ancient ring of handbells, which the youth brought out of a remote apartment of his father's house, where for several years these bells had silently slumbered. Matters were not allowed to run along smooth, however. His father, who was a ringer, approved of the boy's taste for ringing, and admired his progress; his maternal relative, who was not a ringer, did otherwise. Father and son, she thought, encouraged each other, so in order to lead her eldest son's tastes and ideas in a different direction, she, one fine morning, took possession of the antiquated ring of bells and sold them, at a price, to a dealer in old metal. This was a very severe

blow, and although it did not at once bar progress in the art, she had the satisfaction to know that this stroke of business had the desired effect for several subsequent years.

The name of HENRY DAINS came more prominently before the ringing world in the year 1876, just about the time when a new development in Treble Bob Major had become apparent through the writings of the late JASPER SNOWDON. As is well-known, Mr. DAINS became a most apt scholar of the great northern chief, and soon proved that the saying "That nothing else was obtainable in Treble Bob" required at least some modification. Peal after peal in this method has appeared from his pen, and though like other, and may be, better men, he has suffered a false composition to appear, there is no gainsaying the fact that, as a composer of the first order, he takes his stand among the celebrated men the present century has produced. Nor has his attention been exclusively confined to the method above mentioned, peals of Double Norwich Court, Superlative Surprise and other complex methods, together with the latest inventions—New Cumberland and Burton Surprise, have received his attention, with characteristic results. It would be impossible for us to enumerate the productions of this distinguished composer, or even analyse the properties his productions contain; we must content ourselves by saying that in the many compositions he has submitted to the judgment of the Exercise, it will be found that the best, or what is regarded as the best and most musical positions, have been successfully sought. As an author, his name appears many a time and often in the works of SNOWDON, and his compositions meet with due praise and commendation from that distinguished and competent critic.

In the year 1872, after several years' residence in London, Mr. Dains removed to Camberwell, close to St. Giles' church, where he became acquainted with a well-known ringer, Mr. David Stackwood. In the course of time he became a member of the Waterloo Society, and also acquainted with its able tutor, Mr. William Baron. At this time very full meetings were the order of the day. Among the numerous and frequent attendants was Mr. George Mash, the obliging steeple-keeper of St. Saviour, Southwark, who, as the subject of our sketch removed from the treble to the 6th bell, very kindly took up the office of coach during ringing practice, and which office he held for some time, his pupil progressing but slowly. But the first touch of Grandsire ever accomplished without the coach, was conducted by Mr. Harvey Reeves, at St. Clement's, while that gentleman held the position of Secretary to the St. James' Society, 1872-73. During the year 1873, Mr. Dains became a member of the Cumberland Society, and on September 13th, in the same year, at St. Peter's Walworth, his first performance is recorded in a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. G. Newson. We find him now fairly embarked in a course of change-ringing, and for the purpose of knowing as much as possible of ancient history of the art, a friend supplied him with a copy of *Clavis*! This was perused with interest, and created a thirst for knowledge in the science, and very soon the composition of Treble Bob received attention at his hands. On April 27th, 1876, after two days' possession of a new edition of Hubbard's work, Harrison's 8,896 of Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Ann's, Highgate, in five hours and twenty-two minutes. This was his first peal in the method, and on May 9th, in the same year, his first 5000 of Stedman is recorded, in a peal of Cinques, at St. Bride's church, in Fleet-street. In the year 1877, on April 9th, at St. George's Camberwell, his first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung, nearly thirty years having elapsed since a peal in the method had been rung in London.

Many other performances he has also taken part in, but our space compels us to forego the inclination of publishing a list of them. Very few of these peals have been called by Mr. Dains, not from the absence of ability to do so, but merely from the want of desire. The position he fills among his ringing brethren is more that of a silent counsellor than anything else, and we find him foremost in honorable and responsible positions among the members of that Society to which he belongs. As Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths and also as Secretary to that society (which latter office he at present holds), he has merited the compliments bestowed upon him by those immediately concerned. In the various testimonies to merit or private worth which have from time to time been launched, Mr. Dains has taken no inconsiderable part. As one of the chief promoters to the "John Cox" testimonial, he materially

assisted to bring that movement to a successful issue, and all such movements, and any others having for their object the furthering of the interests of ringers or ringing, have in him a warm supporter.

Henry Dains is a somewhat keen controversialist. His powers in this direction have lately been exhibited, as our readers no doubt recollect. But if we read him aright, and we speak from experience, the paper warfare over, no resentment or ill-feeling is left behind.

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REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18TH, 1886.—At *St. Peter's, Brighton*, by the Brighton branch, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. A. Fuller, 1; C. E. Golds, 2; E. C. Attree, 3; A. Piper, 4; H. Weston (conductor), 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Jay, 7; D. Ross, 8. For afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. Piper, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; H. Weston, 3; A. Marshall, 4; J. Jay, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; C. E. Golds, 7; D. Ross, 8.

On *Saturday, October 9th, at St. Nicholas, Arundel*, by mixed bands, on the occasion of the fourth District Meeting, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. O. Evershed, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; W. Short, 4; G. C. Hammond, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; E. Jordan, 8. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17½ mins. J. Jay, 1; W. Chamberlain, 2; H. Chandler, 3; C. E. Golds, 4; W. Wadey, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; E. Jordan, 7; E. Butler, 8. A 420 of Oxford Bob Triples in 16 mins. A. Fuller, 1; W. Short, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; T. Andrews, 4; C. Blackman, 5; J. Searle, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Baker, 8. Also a 210 in the same method. G. C. Hammond, 1; C. E. Golds, 2; W. Wadey, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; W. Short, 5; H. Weston, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; W. Chamberlain, 8. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering, in 26 mins. W. Short, 1; G. Andrews, 2; W. Wadey, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; E. Jordan, 5; E. Butler, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Baldwin, 8. A 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, in 27 mins. O. Evershed, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Newman, 3; T. Fairs, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. C. Hammond, 8. Also 168 of Grandsire Triples, and several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, in which with many others the Mayor of Arundel took part.

At *Angmering, by a mixed band*.—On *Saturday, October 9th*, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Jay, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Weston (first 720 in the method), 4; E. Jordan, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. W. Short, 1; J. Newnham, 2; T. Andrews, 3; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 4; H. Weston, 5; E. Jordan, 6.

At *St. Peter's, Brighton*.—On *Sunday, October 10th*, for afternoon service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; W. Alfrey, 3; C. E. Golds, 4; A. Marshall, 5; A. Bennett, 6; H. Weston, 7; P. Hodges, 8. And for evening service, a 336 in the same method. A. Fuller, 1; H. Weston, 2; J. Jay (conductor), 3; A. Piper, 4; A. Marshall, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; W. Meads, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8.

At *Arundel*, for morning service, a 700 of Grandsire Triples. O. Evershed, 1; T. Andrews, 2; J. Searle (conductor), 3; W. L. Chamberlain, 4; C. Blackman, 5; F. Luxford, 6; G. Baldwin, 7; H. Chandler, 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. O. Evershed (first quarter-peal), 1; G. Baker, 2; G. Baldwin, 3; W. Short, 4; C. Blackman, 5; F. Luxford (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8.

At *Leominster*, during the afternoon, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. G. Balchin (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Short, 2; C. Blackman (first 720 in the method), 3; T. Andrews, 4; J. Searle, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6.

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THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On *Saturday afternoon 9th inst.*, the members of the above Society, accompanied by the Rev. E. H. Rogers and Mr. G. W. Swinerd, visited Bath. On arrival they proceeded to St. Andrew's church, and was there met by the ringers. After raising the bells, a 658 of Bob Triples was rung. G. Pearce, 1; W. Paddock, 2; G. Pymn, 3; A. Howell, 4; W. Porch, 5; H. Porch, 6; J. H. Tucker, 7; F. Porch, 8. Also a course of Stedman Triples, with Mr. G. W. Swinerd at the tenor, conducted by Mr. H. Porch. After tea the party proceeded by train to Tiverton, where they were met by the Rector and some of the ringers. The bells were raised and two short touches of Bob Triples and a course of Stedman Triples were rung. They then proceeded to Weston to catch the home train, having thoroughly enjoyed their visit. The society may well congratulate themselves upon the rapid progress they have made in the art of ringing, as they have at the present time, the only Stedman Triples band, belonging to one Society in the city, several of its members having taken to the rope only six months. The age of the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th, are sixteen and seventeen respectively.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Members are requested to take notice that the General Meeting will be held at Hertford, on Monday, October 25th. There will be service in St. Andrew's Church at twelve o'clock. The arrangements as to trains, etc., will be the same as on former occasions. The following notices of motion have been received. 1.—That in future the quarterly meetings be held on Mondays and Saturdays alternately. 2.—That the January meetings be held in West Herts. 3.—That steps be taken to organise frequent district meetings of the Association.

WOOLMORE WIGRAM, *General Secretary*.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association will be held at Quex Park, on Monday, October 25th. Hour of meeting, 11 a.m., when the Committee will admit members, &c., and the Secretary will attend to receive subscriptions and pay allowances. It is proposed to visit the towers of Margate, Minster, St. Nicholas and Sandwich. Members desirous of attending should communicate with the Secretary, *Wrinsted Court, Sittingbourne*. R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

We have arrived at the fact that certain rows must invariably be connected with certain other rows. Henceforth, therefore, the rows which are thus connected may be conceived of as being practically one row, and, instead of citing them by their composite number, we may give them a new single number. For instance, since the rows 1-2 must always occur together, we will for the future simply content ourselves with denoting them by the number 1.

Construct Table 3 as follows:—

TABLE III.

A.	B.	A.	B.	A.	B.	A.	B.
1	1	19	51	37	26	55	26
2	2	20	51	38	26	56	26
3	2	21		39	27	57	
4	3	22	13	40	28	58	38
5	4	23	14	41	29	59	39
6	4	24	15	42	29	60	40
7	5	25	15	43	30	61	40
8	5	26	16	44	30	62	41
9	6	27	17	45	31	63	42
10	6	28	18	46	31	64	43
11	7	29	19	47	32	65	44
12	8	30	20	48	33	66	45
13	8	31	20	49	34	67	45
14	9	32	21	50	34	68	46
15	10	33	22	51	35	69	47
16	10	34	23	52	35	70	48
17	11	35	24	53	36	71	49
18	12	36	25	54	37	72	50

EXPLANATION OF THE FOREGOING TABLE.—The numbers in the column headed A are those of the rows in Table I, and are also identical with the numbers in Table II. The numbers bracketed together are those that we have discovered to be always necessarily conjoined, and which may therefore for the future be more conveniently denoted by a single number. This being granted, it serves the purpose best to re-number the rows throughout. The new numbers of each row are given in column B, opposite to the old number in column A. As was explained above, the original rows 19-20-21 denote by their occurrence the end of the part. Hence, in re-numbering, the last number of all (51) has been given to them. It will be noticed that the number 26 has been given to the original rows, 55-56-57-37-38, which it was shewn always come in immediate succession after one another, though they are not given immediately contiguous to each other in the Table. Reviewing the result thus far of our enquiry, we find that we have reduced the rows with which we have to deal from the number of 72 to that of 50. For although we get in Table III 51 numbers, the last of these, 51, will not, so it will be found, enter into any of the various combinations that will be formed; it will simply be the finale of them all—will act the part of "tenor behind."

We trust the reader is not weary of our "Tables." We have yet more to inflict upon him. The broth we are cooking has gone through one or two processes. There are two or three more still requisite to render it conveniently digestible.

By means of Table III, transform Table II into Table IV, given below. This is done simply by substituting for the numbers in Table II their equivalents as given in Table III. For instance, wherever 9 is found in Table II, let 6 be written in Table IV, and so forth. But in

the case of bracketed numbers, certain precautions are requisite. The numbers in large type in the right of the compartments in Table II will all coalesce into their single equivalents in Table IV. When discovering the numbers by which such a number as 40 in Table IV can be succeeded, care must be taken to employ for this purpose the equivalents of the numbers by which 61, and not 60, in Table II is followed.

TABLE IV.

1 ² ₄₈	2 ³ ₁₆	3 ⁴ ₁₁	4 ⁵ ₃₃	5 ⁶ ₂₄
6 ⁷ ₃₅	7 ⁸ ₁₃	8 ⁹ ₂₉	9 ¹⁰ ₄₇	10 ¹¹ ₃₁
11 ¹² ₄₃	12 ¹³ ₁₉	13 ¹⁴ ₇	14 ¹⁵ ₁₂	15 ¹⁶ ₂₅
16 ¹⁷ ₁₇	17 ¹⁸ ₂	18 ¹⁹ ₂₈	19 ²⁰ ₁₄	20 ²¹ ₂₁
21 ²² ₂₀	22 ²³ ₁₅	23 ²⁴ ₉	24 ²⁵ ₂₆	25 ²⁶ ₃₀
26 ²⁷ ₂₃	27 ²⁸ ₄₁	28 ²⁹ ₃₆	29 ³⁰ ₈	30 ³¹ ₄₉
31 ³² ₁₀	32 ³³ ₃₈	33 ³⁴ ₄	34 ³⁵ ₂₂	35 ³⁶ ₆
36 ³⁷ ₁₈	37 ³⁸ ₄₄	38 ³⁹ ₃₂	39 ⁴⁰ ₃₇	40 ⁴¹ ₅₀
41 ⁴² ₄₂	42 ⁴³ ₂₇	43 ⁴⁴ ₃	44 ⁴⁵ ₃₉	45 ⁴⁶ ₄₆
46 ⁴⁷ ₄₅	47 ⁴⁸ ₄₀	48 ⁴⁹ ₃₄	49 ⁵⁰ ₅₁	50 ⁵¹ ₅

Before proceeding further, let us briefly and concisely review the whole argument up to the present point. We have necessarily been somewhat discursive here and there. It will accordingly be well to gather our threads together. In our first Table were picked all the in-course lead-ends of the whole peal of Grandsire Triples. These were so arranged that, in any peal or touch having the leads of the plain course or reverse course for part-ends, any or all five leads holding parallel situations in the different parts, would always appear in the same row in the Table. Each of the rows received a number. A Table (No. II) was constructed showing by what two other rows any given row could be followed. Next, starting with the datum that the leads of the plain-course and those of the reverse course must be introduced singly, we were enabled to prove that a certain number of the rows in Tables I and Table II must invariably be conjoined, if it be our object to obtain the whole peal. Certain rows thus necessarily coalescing with one another, and those which actually so coalesce being indicated in Table III and re-numbered therein, we next constructed Table IV. This is merely an abbreviated form of Table II, possessing the advantage of giving us only 50 numbers with which to work in place of 72 as before. Now any one of the numbers in Table IV may be followed by one of a certain other two—it must be followed by one of these and by one only. Take No. 1. This may be followed by 2 or by 48. It cannot be followed by any number except 2 or 48. Nor can it be followed by both of these at once. Hence, there are two cases, and two only, possible. Take the first of these, that is, suppose 1 to be followed by 2. Thence since 1 is followed by 2, nothing else can be followed by 2, otherwise 2 would occur twice and the composition would be false. Therefore 17 cannot be followed by 2. Therefore 17 must be followed by 18. For a similar reason 36 must be followed by 37, 39 by 40, 47 by 48, and 1 by 2, which brings us back to the point from which we set out. In plain words we have discovered that if No. 1 be followed by a plain lead, Nos. 17, 36, 39, 47 must each be also followed by a plain lead. We have thus established an important connection between the five rows, 1, 17, 36, 39, 47.

Next suppose 1 to be followed by a bob, that is by 48. Then must also the rows 47, 39, 36, 17 be each followed by a bob. And these are the same rows between which we had just previously established a connection. Therefore whether 1 be followed by a plain lead or by a bob, the same other four rows are similarly affected.

On thoroughly examining Table 4, it will be discovered that the fifty rows therein given, group themselves into ten groups of five rows each on the principle we have indicated. The following are the groups:—

TABLE V.

(1)	1	17	36	39	47	(6)	26	42	11	14	22
(2)	2	43	37	24	15	(7)	27	18	12	49	40
(3)	3	33	48	30	10	(8)	28	8	23	5	35
(4)	4	50	45	41	32	(9)	29	25	20	16	7
(5)	6	13	19	21	34	(10)	31	38	44	46	9

If my readers are not dizzy with the whirl of transformations through which I have waded them, I will ask them to accompany me through one more—this time really the final one.

TABLE VI.
A. (Plain Leads.)

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

B (Bobs).

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

The simplest and shortest way to explain the formation and meaning of Table 6 will be to give two or three examples of the manner in which the contents of the fifty compartments of which it is composed have been calculated. This has been done through the following Table to which, as we shall not need it again, no special name or number need be given.

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

This table will be seen to consist of three columns, headed respectively (a), (b), (c). The numbers in column (a) are those of the rows in Table 1. The numbers under column (b) are those at which we arrived in Table 3 and tabulated in Table 4. They are written in the order shown in Table 5. The numbers in column (c) are those employed in Table 6. The numbers in the three columns when read horizontally represent rows identical with each other. For instance, the numbers 30 in column (b), and 14 in column (c) are only different designations of rows 43-44 in Table 1. We will now take an example of the manner of the formation of Table 6. The large numbers towards the left side of the lower portion of the compartments are the numbers in column (c). Take, for instance, No. 12. Opposite No. 12 in column (c), is 48 in column (a). Write 48 above the thin line in compartment 12 of Table 6, both in division A and division B of Table 6. Again, opposite 12 in column (c) is found 33 in column (b). Turn to compartment 33, in Table 4. If this is to be succeeded by a plain-lead, the plain-lead will produce No. 34. Look for 34 in column (b); this is found to be opposite to 25 in column (c). Accordingly in division A of Table 6, write 25 towards the lower right hand corner of compartment 12. Now suppose No. 12 in Table 6, that is No. 33 in Table 4, be followed by a bob, Table 4 shows that this bob will produce No. 4. Search for 4 in column (b); it is found to be opposite 16 in column (c). Accordingly in division B of Table 6, in compartment 12, write 16 towards the lower right hand corner.

Opposite to No. 26 in (b) and (c) is found the letter R in column (a). This R stands for reverse, and is simply an abbreviated form of writing rows 55-56-57-37-38, the five rows always conjoined to one another and containing the reverse course. Number 51 in Table 4, equivalent to rows 19-20-21 in Tables 1 and 2, is to be represented by No. 51 in Table 6.

On comparing the two divisions of Table 6 it will be seen that the numbers towards the lower right hand corner in the five compartments composing any horizontal row are the same as those in the corresponding row of the other division of the Table, saving that they are differently arranged. For example, take the row containing the compartments 16 to 20. In division A, the numbers towards the lower right-hand corner are 39, 49, 27, 47, 12. In division B the same numbers occur, but their order is changed, 12 now appearing first instead of last, and none of the numbers 12, 39, 49, 27, 47 are to be found in the right hand lower corner of any compartments in any other horizontal row in the table. This conveniently and briefly expresses the fact that if any one of the numbers 16 to 20 be succeeded by a plain lead, then four other numbers must also be succeeded by a plain lead, and these four other numbers are found in the same row, and none of them is to be found in any other row. And, similarly, if any one of them be followed by a bob, all the others must be followed by a bob. The numbers in all the other rows will be found to be similarly connected. It was to achieve this result that Table 4 was transformed into Table 6.

The numerous transformations through which my readers have been taken are now ended, and we are in a position to proceed straightway to composition. For this purpose cut up (or copy out) both divisions of Table 6, into strips, the cutting to be made along the thick horizontal lines this will give twenty strips, ten from division A., and ten from division B.

We give one strip by way of example:—

1-2	27	53	59	69	A 1.
1 6	2 32	3 8	4 35	5 13	

It will be seen that each of the strips is identified by its own letter and number placed in the small compartment at the right-hand end of the strip. Paste each strip on a piece of cardboard, or far better, on a piece of wood cut exactly to fit it. Then take a piece of board, lay the twenty strips together upon it in two sets of ten each so that they form the two divisions of Table vi. as they were before they were cut up. Then nail thin pieces round the two sets to keep them in their places, just tight enough to keep them from slipping or rattling about, and just loose enough to admit of any strip being lifted out and another being substituted in its place. Only one of these divisions will be actually used; the other will merely serve to keep the unemployed strips together.

We have just been supposing ten of the strips to be so arranged as to form Table vi. division A. The strips will then come in the following order, counting from the top:—A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A10. The numbers (*i.e.* those given to the right of the letter on each strip) must invariably be arranged in consecutive order from 1 to 10. That is to say, the large numbers to the left in the lower part of each of the 59 compartments must always proceed in consecutive order from 1 to 50. But the letters may be varied, that is to say for A1, may be substituted B1; and in place of A2, we may put B2, and so on in the case of all the ten strips. For each strip from 1 to 10 we may substitute the other strip of the same number but different letter. How many possible forms of the Table does this yield? The table is made up of ten strips. With each strip there are two cases, for we can employ either A. or B.. The result of this is mathematically expressed by saying that the number of possible form of the Table is 2^{10} "to the power of" 10, that is, $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 1024$.—properly written 2^{10} .

But though 1024 is the theoretical number of possible cases a further investigation will render evident the fact that the majority of these cases cannot possibly yield the whole peal. Indeed we can at once proceed to reduce their number to a fourth, namely to 256. For, on the ground that three bobs may not occur in immediate succession, it can be shown that certain combinations of the strips are inadmissible. For instance B3, and B4, can never be used together. The first compartment, numbered 16 of B3, represents rows 5-6 in Table i. These contain a bob in themselves. If they be followed by a bob (which makes the second consecutive bob) No. 12, that is row 48 is, produced. This last must not be followed by a bob for thus we should be brought back to row 5. This shows that cannot have both B3, and B4. If we employ the strip B3, we must use A4, or if take B4, we must take A3. The following is a list of the pairs of strips thus related to one another 3-4, 3-10, 4-10, 5-8, 5-9, 8-9. A careful perusal of these six pairs will at once show that of the strips 3, 4, 10, never more than one at a time can be a B strip. Also of the strips 5, 8, 9, never more than one at a time can be a B strip. In each set of three strips, namely, 3, 4, 10, and 5, 8, 9, all three may be A, and two must be A.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE members of this Association held their annual gathering on Monday, Oct. 4, at Ipswich, and were favoured by the most beautiful weather. A large proportion of those connected with the Association took advantage of the railway facilities offered; and during the greater part of the day the sound was enlivened by the sound of the bells on which the visitors were exercising their art. Up till half-past twelve various touches were performed in the towers of St. Mary-le-Tower (12 bells), St. Clement (6), St. Margaret (6), St. Mary Key (6), and St. Mary Elms (5), which had been placed at the disposal of the ringers by the incumbents. At a quarter to one a special service was held, without music, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower. The preacher was the Rev. B. W. Raven, vicar of Leiston, who took for his text 1 Cor., x., 31: "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all for the glory of God." After expressing his regret at occupying the pulpit in place of one who knew more about bell-ringing than he did, the preacher said he felt very strongly the importance of the work in which the ringers were engaged, and he wanted them to regard it as a very important department of Church work. The question might be asked, What was there in the ringing of bells in church which should lead them to try to do it for the glory of God? In the first place the Church was the body of Christ; it was a great society, differing from all other societies in that it was a spiritual one; and any service, therefore, which we do to the Church we must be doing to Christ. The very object of bell-ringers meeting together in these sacred buildings was to do honour and show respect to the Head of the Church. It might be said that one bell was sufficient to make known to the members of the Church the fact that worship was about to commence. The reason why they had more than one bell was in order that they might give greater dignity to Christ, and add to the beauty of the worship they were going to pay Him—to make it known in as

joyful a way as possible. The Psalmist exhorted the Jewish people to praise God by making a loud noise, and that was the reason why we ought, if we could afford it, to have as many bells as possible in our churches. Was there a danger of the ringers forgetting the highness and dignity of their calling? He believed there was, and it would arise from the fact that ringing was a science, and based upon scientific principles. It was also a very manly exercise, and there came this danger—they might enter into it thoroughly and heartily, and try to make themselves as (they ought to do) as skilful as possible in the art, but they might do it from the motive of excelling in the science, and not of making it a means of thanksgiving. The motive of excelling was not a wrong one, but if they had no higher object than to ring skilfully for so many hours, so many changes, that was a defective motive considering the place where the bells are. They ought to realise the dignity of their calling as heralds whose duty it was to make known to the people that the worship of God was about to commence. He hoped there were none, who, having rung their chimes, did not stop for the service. It was an insult to the King of Kings to ring out a summons to His court, and then go away. In conclusion, the preacher recommended the adoption in each parish of a method of ringing by which the nature of the day, whether a fast or festival, should be made known, and exhorted his hearers to be worthy of their vocation outside the belfry.

The members partook of luncheon at half-past one in the Old Museum Rooms, under the presidency of the Rev. B. W. Raven, who was supported by the Rev. T. H. Simpkin (rector of Hasketon), the Rev. N. Bolingbroke (honorary secretary), Captain Moore (Redenhall), Mr. J. Fosdike (Woodbridge), Mr. A. B. Goody (London), Mr. W. M. Meadows, and Mr. W. L. Catchpole, of Ipswich, with representatives of nearly all the districts, including Hasketon, Tunstal, Aldeburgh, Mendham, Leiston, Kelsale, Rendham, Pulham St. Mary, Ipswich, Diss, Woodbridge, Halesworth, Oakley, Wickham Market, Wenhaston, etc. After the repast, which was served by Hardwick, of Queen-street, Ipswich, had been disposed of,

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "The Queen," followed by that of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," to which the Rev. T. H. SIMPKIN replied, remarking that, with all due humility as a clergyman, he thought the clergy were respected—(hear, hear)—and he saw them everywhere taking great interest in everything that tended to the welfare of the people. He only wished there were more of the clergy belonging to this Association.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "Prosperity to the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers," observed that the Association did a great deal of benefit in binding people together for a good purpose. Fifty years ago there were choirs which used to go from the church to the public-house, after the hymn, and come back for the next. (Laughter.) Such a thing would be impossible now; and if the enemies of the Church had raised the cry of Disestablishment then, they might have met with success. The state of affairs in our parish church now as compared with fifty years ago must be attributed in great measure to the influence of such associations as these; and he was glad to say there were now in Suffolk very few churches where the belfries were in a disreputable state. Their secretary was a most energetic one. (Applause.)

The Rev. N. BOLINGBROKE, who responded, before reading the Committee's report expressed his regret that there were not more towers at the disposal of the members; but at St. Nicholas the steeple was encased with scaffolding, at St. Lawrence the church was in process of restoration, and at St. Matthew's it was not considered safe to ring the bells. After recommending those present to inspect the peal-board of St. Mary-le-Tower, where the Ipswich members had accomplished some excellent performances, the speaker advocated the making of a collection for the monument to the late Jasper Snowdon, and remarked that the Ipswich members had been beforehand in this matter, they having long ago paid their subscriptions. He then read the annual report, which we regret our space prevents us from inserting.

The proceedings closed with the toast of "The Chairman," given by Mr. Catchpole, and of the veteran Mr. Fosdike (Woodbridge), also proposed by Mr. Catchpole.

The gathering was enjoyed by all who took part in it, and the greatest praise is due to the Rev. N. Bolingbroke for his courteous and efficient superintendence of the arrangements.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (ROTHWELL BRANCH).

The following is the ringing done by this branch at Holy Trinity Church during the month of September. September 5th, 360 of Oxford, 240 of Duke of York, 360 of College Exerdise, 360 of Arnold's Victory; September 12th, 240 of Primrose, 240 of Violet, 240 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 720 of Royston Delight, 240 of City Delight; September 13th, 720 of Tulip, 720 of College Treble; September 19th, 720 of Oxford, 360 of Arnolds Victory, 360 of Duke of York; September 26th, 720 of Oxford, 240 of Violet, 360 of Duke

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1886.

The Provinces.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. (DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 8, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
EVAN MORETON 2.	JOHN HOWE 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

In this peal, which is now rung for the first time, the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place.

WHITFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 12, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

EDWARD HAIGH Treble.	SAMUEL WILKINSON .. 5.
JOHN HARROP 2.	SAMUEL W. LEVER .. 6.
WILLIAM MARSDEN .. 3.	JOHN BRADBURY .. 7.
EDWARD ROSTRON .. 4.	SAMUEL STAFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by EDWARD HAIGH.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

Wedding Peal.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1886, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	*ROBERT HAWES 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	*FREDERICK TILLET .. 6.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 7.
HENRY BOWELL 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. T. Cobbold, solicitor, with Miss A. B. Nunn, second daughter of Mr. Lindley Nunn, Mus. Bac.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 16, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	JAMES HEWETT 5.
GEORGE BAKER* 2.	FREDERICK HILL 6.
W. T. CHAMBERLAIN* .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING 7.
H. HAGGETT* 4.	GEORGE GRAHAM Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. Messrs. Baker, Chamberlain, and Haggett hail from Arundel, Sussex (and were elected members of the above society before starting for the peal); Mr. Hewett from Gosport; the rest belong to Fareham.

BOLTON-LE-MOORS.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN E. POLLITT Treble.	EDWARD CASH 4.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 6.
JAMES BARRATT 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
THOMAS YATES 4.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

The figures of this peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" for May 13th, 1886, page 43. This is the first peal of Treble Bob rung in Bolton for over 30 years. Messrs. Barratt, Yates, and Cash are of the Eccles Company, the rest belong to Manchester Cathedral.

DRIFHLINGTON.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1886, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR SPURR Treble.	JAMES A. IDLE 5.
WALTER BYRAM 2.	JOSEPH CHAPPELL .. 6.
GEORGE CRAWSHAW .. 3.	WILLIAM WALKER .. 7.
MARK GARFORTH 4.	DAVID STEPHENSON .. Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY, and Conducted by DAVID STEPHENSON.

William Walker hails from Batley; the rest belong to the Ossett Society.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Wedding Peal.

On Monday, October 18, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM SCHOFIELD* .. Treble.	JOHN HARRISON 5.
JOHN T. LUCAS 2.	ALBERT HURST 6.
GEORGE HOYLE 3.	FRANK BIRTWHISTLE .. 7.
BENJAMIN MEADOWCROFT .. 4.	WILLIAM HENRY SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by the late THOMAS THURSTANS, of Birmingham, and Conducted by FRANK BIRTWHISTLE.

The above is a 5-part peal taken from the 8th Annual Report of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Hoggard, one of the ringers and the respected secretary of the Rochdale and District Association, who was married on Saturday, October 6th, when an attempt was made for the above peal, but stand had to be called owing to illness of one of the ringers. *First peal.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, October 18, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

REUBEN SIMMONS Treble.	EDWARD BONNER 5.
EDWARD PRICE 2.	ALLCHIN MOORCRAFT .. 6.
EDWARD BALDOCK 3.	JAMES W. LEONARD .. 7.
WILLIAM HARDEN 4.	THOMAS DAINS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 24th birthday of E. Price, of Aylesford, being also his first peal.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(No date mentioned) in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

J. BELCHER	Treble.	F. MUSTY	5.
W. MORRIS	2.	H. KARN	6.
H. HODGES	3.	G. ACOCKS	7.
H. ROBERTS	4.	G. PHILLOTT	Tenor.

Conducted by J. BELCHER.

Rung on the occasion of the opening of the New Water Works for the borough of Cheltenham. Dinner was provided for the ringers by the Mayor. A pleasant afternoon was spent and various courses and touches rung on the handbells.

Date Touches.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Friday, October 15th, at the parish church, a date touch (1886 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. *W. J. Smith, 1; G. Robinson, 2; *L. Bullock, 3; J. Jaggar, 4; J. Hicklin, 5; W. Potts, 6; J. Walker, 7; *J. Carvell, 8. Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by John Jaggar. *Longest length.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—Muffled Peal.—On Tuesday, October 12th, at the parish church, by the local company, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. John Prescott, 1; William Bentham, 2; James Shollicar (conductor), 3; William Ellis, 4; William B. Lloyd, 5; Henry Winrow, 6; George Prescott, 7; Peter Harvey, 8. Composed by J. R. Pritchard, of Liverpool. Tenor 25½ cwt. This was rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Watts, organist of the above church.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Lawrence's church, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of Bob Major, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. W. H. Holloway, 1; W. Johnson, 2; J. E. Willshire, 3; Tom Hibbert, 4; J. Potter, 5; W. Goseltine, 6; W. Newell, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8. Composed by John Buffery, of Birmingham.

Miscellaneous.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 3rd, being the Harvest Festival, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at St. Michael's Church, in 27 mins. E. Gallimore, 1; H. Meacham, 2; F. J. Cope (conductor), 3; J. Key, 4; A. Greenwood, 5; W. Fearneyhough, 6; also on Sunday, October 10th, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Dyott, of Freeford Hall, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. E. Gallimore, 1; H. Meacham, 2; F. J. Cope (conductor), 3; A. Whitby, 4; W. Fearneyhough, 5; A. Greenwood, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

WOMBOURN.—On Sunday, October 3rd, St. Benedict's Society, with M. W. R. Small, of Christ's Church, West Bromwich, rang for morning service a 720 of Bob Minor, (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24½ mins. G. Little, 1; J. E. Claridge, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; W. R. Small, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. In the afternoon a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 24 mins. W. Devey, 1; H. Deares, 2; A. Little, 3; W. R. Small, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles) in 24 mins. W. R. Small, 1; H. Deares, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, September 30th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hall, 1; H. Chapman, 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; also a 720 of Plain Bob, with eighteen bobs and two singles—F. M. Smith, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; F. Keech, 3; W. Allen, 4; W. Biggs, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6; October 7th, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. Cullip, 1; *M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; *H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills (conductor), 5; W. Hall, 6. *First 720 in the method, also on the bells; 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, nine bobs, I. Hills, 1; S. Cullip, 2; J. Frossell, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Allen, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6; October 14th, a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hall, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech (first 720 in the method), 3; H. Chapman, 4; Hills, 5; M. Warwick, 6; also a 720 of Double Court, eighteen bobs and two singles—F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Biggs, 6; also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, nine bobs—M. Warwick (conductor), 1; J. Frossell

2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; also on Saturday, October 2nd, at the house of Mr. A. Wheatley, a 360 of Plain Bob—C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1-2; H. Chapman, 3; M. Warwick, 4; W. Biggs, 5-6; also on Tuesday, October 5th, at St. Paul's Church, for practice, a 546 of Grandsire Triples, with Queens and Tittums—T. Foote, 1; W. Allen, 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills (conductor), 4; H. Chapman, 5; W. Biggs, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; I. Spencer, 8; also on Sunday, October 10th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, with Queens and Tittums (from Trovte), F. Keech, 1; W. Allen, 2; H. Chapman, 3; S. Cullip, 4; T. Foote, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8; also a 560 of Bob Major—F. Keech, 1; W. Allen, 2; M. Warwick, 3; C. West, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Frossell, 8; also 150 of Grandsire Triples (Mr. J. Carter's)—F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. West, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Allen, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8.

BROMHAM (Beds.).—On Wednesday, September 29th, at St. Owen's Church, a 720 of Yorkshire Court, eighteen bobs and two singles—H. Chapman, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; F. Foote, 5; W. Biggs, 6. On Saturday, October 2nd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs).—I. Hills, 1; T. Foote, 2; H. Chapman (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Biggs, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Allen, 6; also a plain course each of Double Court, Yorkshire Court Bob, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, and Oxford Bob. W. Allen, 1; T. Foote, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. Biggs, 6; also on Sunday, October 17th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a 720 of Plain Bob, eight bobs and six singles—T. Tysoe, 1; C. West, 2; H. Chapman, 3; H. King, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.—On Saturday, October 16th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, nine bobs—C. W. Clarke (conductor, Bedford), 1; M. Lane (Aspley), 2; W. Chibnall (Aspley), 3; W. Allen (Bedford), 4; J. Hills (Bedford), 5; H. Chapman (Bedford), 6; also a 720 of Plain Bob, nine bobs and six singles—E. Lewin (Aspley), 1; H. Chapman, 2; T. Keech (Bradford), 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Biggs (Bromham), 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

WOBURN (Beds.).—On Saturday, October 16th, at the Old Tower, a 504 of Bob Triples—F. Keech, 1; W. Mynard (Aspley), 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Biggs, 5; C. Cooke (Aspley), 6; M. Lane, 7; W. Allen, 8; also a 448 of Bob Major—F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; E. Lewin, 3; H. Chapman, 4; A. Morrison (Woburn), 5; I. Hills, 6; W. Biggs, 7; W. Allen, 8; also a 336 of Grandsire Triples—M. Lane, 1; C. Herbert (hon. sec., Woburn), 2; W. Biggs, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6; I. Hills, 7; S. Smith (Aspley), 8; also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major—C. W. Clarke, 1; C. Cooke, 2; W. Allen, 3; H. Chapman, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall, 6; I. Hills, 7; W. Biggs, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for the first time, a 720 of Worcester Surprise. J. Clarkson, 1; T. Burdon, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; W. Newton, 6; also on October 10th, for the first time, a 720 of Chichester Surprise, G. I. Clarkson (conductor), 1; T. Burdon, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. And by the above society on October 10th, a 720 of Worcester Surprise; October 16th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise; and on October 17th, a 720 of Chichester Surprise.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday October 3rd, for evening service at St. Hilda's Church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. R. Hopper, 1; R. S. Story, 2; J. Moffit, 3; J. R. Wheldon, 4; Jno. Moffit, 5; J. S. Gibson (conductor), 6; G. J. Clarkson, 7; R. Scrafton, 8. Tenor 10 cwt.

SHOTLEY (Durham).—On Tuesday, October 19th, at St. Cuthbert's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. T. Surtees, 1; F. Barron, 2; R. S. Story (Whitley, conductor), J. W. Forster, 4; W. Oliver, 5; J. Spraggon, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells, and the first by all with the exception of the conductor, under whose instruction they have been for the last three months. It was rung at the second attempt. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDINGTON.—On Sunday, September 19th, 1886, for Divine service in the morning, at St. Martin's church, it being the Annual Harvest Thanksgiving, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Post jun., 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; Frank Wanstall, 3; Fred Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post sen., 6. Also after service in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and six bobs). F. Wanstall, 1; T. Hodgkin, 2; D. Hodgkin, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Also on September 23rd, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 28 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; W. Post, jun., 3; F. Wanstall, 4; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 5; W. Post sen., 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob

(twelve bobs). W. Post jun., 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; E. Hyder, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Tenor 14 cwt in G.

LEEDS.—On Sunday, October 17th, for Divine service by the local company, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins., F. Gibbons (conductor), 1; F. Hollands, 2; A. Knight, 3; W. Stoman, 4; E. Enfield, 5; T. Russell, 6.

LYMINGE.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for afternoon service at SS. Mary and Eadburgh's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. Prebble, 1; R. Andrews, 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Tanton, 4; J. Andrews, 5; *P. Hodgkin (conductor), 6. Also after service, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Prebble, 1; R. Andrews, 2; J. Andrews, 3; W. Fordred jun., 4; A. Tanton, 5; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 6. Also in honour of the nineteenth birthday of W. Fordred, jun. Tenor 18½ in F.

WEST MALLING.—On Sunday, October 17th, for Divine service: 1680 of Bob Triples, in 57 mins., by J. Worsley, 1; E. Price, 2; E. Baldock, 3; E. Bonner, 4; W. Harden, 5; D. Hall, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; T. Dains, 8.

WILLESBOROUGH.—On Saturday evening, September 23rd, 1886, seven members of the Aldington branch of the above Association, visited this place, and by the kind permission of the rector (the Rev. T. F. Dixon), rang at St. Mary's church a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and four bobs), in 27½ mins. C. Slingsby, 1; Frank Wanstall, 1; E. Hyder, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (twelve bobs) in 27 mins. *F. Wanstall, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; E. Hyder, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob, and the third in any method on the bells. Tenor about 12 cwt in Ab. *First 720 in the method.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derby).—On Saturday October 16th, the local society were favored by a visit from Messrs. Woodward and Mottashaw, of Derby, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. J. R. Wood, 1; J. Warren, 2; G. A. Fish, 3; J. Vickers, 4; H. C. Woodward, 5; G. Mottashaw (conductor), 6. This was the first 720 conducted by G. Mottashaw. And another 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27 mins. *H. Hollingsworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; G. Mottashaw, 5; G. C. Tunnicliffe (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. J. Vickers, 1; J. Warren, 2; G. Mottashaw, 3; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 4; G. A. Fish, 5; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 6. And on Monday, October 18th, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 26 mins. J. R. Wood, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingsworth, 5; G. C. Tunnicliffe (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, October 12th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), on the middle six with the tenor covering, in 28 mins. T. Hollingsworth (first 720), 1; W. W. Bust (first 720 in the method), 2; J. C. Tinker, 3; W. Pattinson, 4; F. W. Atkinson (first 720 in the method), 5; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MITCHAM.—On Tuesday, October 12th, at Christ Church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor, eighteen bobs and two singles, in 25 mins. A. Brockwell, 1; E. Burtenshaw, 2; S. Greenwood (conductor), 3; D. Springall, 4; D. Burtenshaw, 5; H. J. Schneider, 6. Also 360 of Grandsire Minor, six bobs and twelve singles, in 14 mins. A. Brockwell, 1; H. J. Schneider, 2; S. Greenwood (conductor), 3; E. Burtenshaw, 4; D. Springall, 5; D. Burtenshaw, 6. S. Greenwood and D. Springall hail from Streatham, A. Brockwell from Mitcham Parish Church, the rest are local ringers.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORKING.—On Tuesday October 5th, at St. Martin's Church, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. L. H. Burrows and Miss A. Bovill, the following rang several touches of Grandsire and Union Triples. E. Dodd, 1; C. Boxall (conductor), 2; H. Dobinson, 3; W. Boxall, 4; H. Boxall, jun., 5; E. Moses, 6; H. Boxall, sen., 7; C. Dualey, 8. It was the intention to start for a peal, but one of the members did not put in an appearance.

BOLTON (Bradford, Yorks.).—On Sunday last, at St. James's, by the local company, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a 1512 of Bob Triples, in 53 mins. J. Mawson, 1; B. Copley (conductor), 2; B. Ludgen, 3; B. F. Lamb, 4; J. Broadley, 5; W. Barraclough, 6; S. Paltraman, 7; A. Carter, 1. Tenor 15 cwt.

BIDDULPH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 2nd, the St. Lawrence Society rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.,

and 144 Oxford Treble Bob, and 120 Court Bob. J. Moss, 1; M. Capper, 2; A. Cottrell, 3; S. Mitchell, 4; S. Moore, 5; W. Carter (conductor), 6.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Monday, October 11th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor in 23½ mins. A. E. Parsons, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; *R. Bird, 3; *W. Bird, 4; *W. Green, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. H. Mason, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; A. H. Bassano, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; †—Davis, 6. A half peal of Bob Triples was started for, but broke down after one-third was done. *First 720 in the method. †Member of the Herefordshire Association. Tenor 15 cwt.

DARESBURY (Cheshire).—On Sunday, October 10th, being the Harvest Thanksgiving at the parish church, the local company rang for Morning Service, 360 of Bob Minor in 13 mins. T. Houghton sen. (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; P. Hamblett, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. After service, a touch in the same method, P. Hamblett, 1; and A. de Prez, 3; the rest as above. Also for afternoon service, 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins., the band standing as in the above 360; and after service, Bob Singles, and dropped the bells in rounds. P. Hamblett, 1; D. Melbourne, 2; A. de Prez, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Also on Saturday evening, October 16th, 360 of Bob Minor, in 13½ mins. T. Houghton sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; A. de Prez, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. And another 360 of Bob Minor. P. Hamblett, 1; C. Hartley, 4; the rest standing as before. Also on Sunday, October 17th, for afternoon service, 360 of Bob Minor in 13 mins. T. Houghton sen. (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; P. Hamblett, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. Cresser, 1; R. Hole, 2; J. Grabham, 3; S. Smith, 4; C. B. Craze (conductor), 5; W. W. Thrush, 7; J. Payne, 8. Composed by S. Smith. Tenor 21 cwt. Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, completed the refitting of the bells and the strengthening of the frame the day before, and the go of the bells is all that can be desired.

EAST PECKHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, October 3rd, being the Harvest Festival at St. Michael's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. Bell, 1; W. Eldridge, 2; G. Bell, 3; F. G. Newman (conductor), 4; G. Newman, 5; H. Pearce, 6. Also a 360 of Bob Minor in 12 mins. J. Rogers, 1; G. Hook, 2; G. Newman, 3; G. Bishop, 4; W. Eldridge, 5; F. G. Newman (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

EVERTON (Notts).—On Sunday, October 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, by the local company, a 720 of New London Pleasure. G. Pearson, 1; F. Durdy, 2; J. Holgate, 3; J. Swindin, 4; G. W. Stevenson, 5; G. Brown (conductor), 6. And on Monday, October 4th, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. H. F. Ramsay, formerly Vicar of this parish, to Miss Alice, daughter of the late Rev. C. Postlethwaite, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and a 720 of Violet, by the same company. Also on Wednesday, October 6th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. C. Lindley, 1; F. Durdy, 2; J. Holgate, 3; J. Swindin, 4; G. W. Stevenson, 5; G. Brown (conductor), 6.

EXETER (Devon).—On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service, at St. Sidwell's church, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. S. Binfield, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; E. Pitt, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; A. Shepherd (conductor), 5; W. Mundy, 6; J. Moss, 7; C. Carter, 8. Also 168 in the same method. J. Davey, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; E. Pitt, 3; W. Mundy, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; T. Townsend, 8. First touch of Triples by Messrs. Binfield and Davey.

GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday, October 11th, at St. Nicholas church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. D. Dix, 1; S. Romans, 2; J. Wilkinson, 3; A. Smart, 4; W. Peglar, 5; G. Merchant, 6. Owing no the bells going very hard they could not keep on very long.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday evening, October 7th, for practice, at St. Mary's Church, a touch in each of the following method:—Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Woodbine Treble Bob, and Bob Minor. James Bird, 1; Zach. Slater, 2; Percy C. S. Scott, 3; Fred. Wells, 4; Samuel Slater (conductor), 5; Oliver Garwood.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, September 25th, at St. Laurence's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 27½ mins. H. Bowers, 1; R. Theobald, 2; Jas. Stiff, 3; A. Symonds (conductor), 4; H. Smith, 5; H. Diggins, 6. And on Tuesday evening, October 5th, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles), in 27 mins. Jno. Newman, 1; Geo. Death, 2; Jas. Stiff, 3; H. Smith, 4; Wm. Bantock, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Messrs. Newman and Death hail from Edwinstone, Smith and Symonds from Lavenham, the rest are local men.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 10th, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Minor, in 26 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. Griffin, 5; A. Jacobs (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Stedman, with five of the above, one of the local band ringing the tenor.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 10th, the members of St. Thomas' (Stourbridge) visited St. Mary's, Kingswinford, and rang several 120's of Bob Doubles. W. A. Pugh (conductor), 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Millman, 1; E. Bourne, 5; T. Vaughan, 6. The first three are members of St. Thomas's, and the last three are members of St. Mary's. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. T. Vaughan, 1; *T. Lees, 2; *H. Harris, 3; J. Hillman, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; J. Rogers, 6. Conductor, J. Guest, of Brierly Hill. *First peal in the method. Also several touches of Plain Bob. The members of St. Thomas's wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for the kindness and welcome given them on the occasion.

LEEDS (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, after service, the St. Peter's Society met in full force to welcome the Rev. F. E. Robinson and W. Snowdon, Esq., on their return from York. The bells, being up in waiting, were soon off for six courses of Stedman Caters, which was brought round in good style. T. Lockwood, (conductor) 1; W. Pawson, 2; F. Lockwood, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; W. Walker, 5; H. Hubbard, 6; J. Huthinson, 7; T. West, 8; R. Binns, 9; G. Forthergill, 10. Weight of tenor, 36 cwt.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, after service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, fifteen bobs with the tenors right throughout. G. Cornell, 1; E. Barnett, 2; L. Green, 3; F. W. Bines, 4; S. Hayes, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6.

LEESFIELD, LEES (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, October 14th, the local society rang at St. Thomas's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1260 changes which was composed by the Editor of this paper, in 43 mins. Richard Guest, 1; Fred Crosland (conductor), 2; Jas. W. Holme, 3; Thomas Egerton, 4; James Bailey, 5; James Priestley, 6; John Hilton, 7; Thos. B. Shaw, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

LYE (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday evening, October 19th, at Christ church, by a mixed band of the Lye and Old Hill societies, a 360 of Bob Minor, in 13 mins. W. Taylor, 1; *C. W. Bassano, Esq. (conductor), 2; F. Davis, 3; *H. Mason, 4; *A. E. Parsons, 5; J. Brooks, 6. Also a 240 in the same method. G. Matton, 1; C. W. Bassano, Esq. (conductor), 2; F. Davis, 3; H. Mason, 4; *A. E. Parsons, 5; J. Brooks, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. *Members of the Old Hill society. This is the first in the method by the Lye company, also the first on the bells.

MIDDLETON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, October 7th, at St. Leonard's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins., being the last before re-hanging. Wm. Taylor, 1; J. Ramsden, 2; Fred Morris (conductor), 3; Thomas Holt, 4; Wm. Schofield, 5; J. Arrowsmith, 6.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 3rd, it being the Harvest Thanksgiving, the local company rang for Divine Service in the afternoon a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 30 mins. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; R. Keeble (conductor), 3; Jno. Bigg, 4; A. Keeble, 5; Wm. Green, 6. And after service was rung two 360's of Bob Minor. The first: with nine bobs, the band standing as before, conducted by W. Green. The second: twelve singles. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; Chas. Parker, 2; H. Smith, 3; R. Beddingfield, 4; A. Keeble, 5; A. Long, 6. An attempt was also made to ring a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, but after ringing upwards of 600 changes some of the bells got misplaced, caused by the Rector by coming and talking to the conductor, who was obliged to call stand. R. Keeble (conductor), 1; A. Symonds, 2; R. Beddingfield, 3; Jno. Bigg, 4; A. Keeble, 5; A. Long, 6. Messrs. Beddingfield and Long hail from Bildestone, Suffolk.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 10th, at Holy Trinity Church, 560 of Bob Triples, in 20 mins. H. Johnson, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; W. Bird, 3; *R. Bird, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 7; W. Green, 8. Tenor 23½ cwt. *First touch in the method.

ST. PAUL'S WALDEN (Herts.).—On 3rd inst. being the Harvest Festival a few touches of Stoney were creditably performed by five beginners. C. Robinson, 1 (conductor); C. Abby, 2; A. Steet, 3; A. Lucas, 4; W. Wells, 5. Tenor 20 cwt.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday October 3rd, being Harvest Festival, for afternoon service three six score of Grandsire Doubles, also after service three six score in the same method. G. E. Harbour (aged 16), 1; R. J. Pearse, 2; W. G. Burge, 3; C. E. May, 4; T. Doble (conductor), 5; T. Radford, 6.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, October 12th, for practice at the parish church, 360 of Plain Bob Minor, 240 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 120 of Stedman Doubles. A. Hubbard, 1; T. C. Grove, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; J. Waghorn, 5; W. Pye English, 6. The band was slightly altered for the Stedman.

WATERINGBURY (Kent).—On Friday, October 1st, at St. John's Church, a 720 Bob Minor, with forty-two singles. W. Eldridge, 1; Geo. Hook, 2; F. G. Newman (conductor), 3; W. Bellingham, 4; G. Newman, 5; G. Bell, 6; also a 720 in the same method (thirty-two bob and 2 singles) in 23 mins. The tenor, which was burnt when the steeple caught fire some time ago, has been recast by Messrs. Warner and Son, of Cripplegate. Tenor 8 cwt.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Wednesday evening, October 14th, at Christ Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, nine bobs, W. Smith, 1; J. Priest, 2; L. Green, 3; W. Lebbon, 4; A. H. Gardner (conductor), 5; G. Akers, 6.

WARNHAM.—On Monday evening, October 11th, for practice, a 720 of London New Bob Minor, in 26 mins., by Charman, 1; Short, 2; T. Andrews, 3; H. Look, 4; H. Wood, 5; W. Street, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; G. Illman, 4; W. Denman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. After service 360 of Oxford, standing the same as before. And for afternoon service, 720 of Warnham Court Bob. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also after service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. W. Denman, 1; B. Payne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson (Balcombe), 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single. †G. Pace, 1; B. Payne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; E. Streeter 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday evening, October 13th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; *H. Meads (Balcombe), 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. H. Meads, 1; W. Denman, 2; B. Payne, 3; F. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. †First 720.

WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A General Meeting of the above Association will be held at All Saint's church, at 8.30, on Friday, the 22nd of October, when all members are requested to attend.

REV. H. B. GURDON, Secretary.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Monthly Meeting was held at Christ Church, Mitcham, Surrey, on Sunday, October 2nd, there being a good muster of ringers present from SS. Peter and Paul, and Christ Church, Mitcham, Wimbledon, and Norwood, when 240 of Grandsire Minor, 360 of Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung. This meeting of ringers is held the first Saturday in every month, it is hoped that ringers living withing reach of Mitcham will attend, and so make this meeting a sure success. On Tuesday, October 5th, the usual practice night, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles, in 24 mins. A. Brockwell, 1; H. J. Schneider, 2; E. Burtenshaw, 3; G. Welling, 4; J. Fayes (conductor), 5; D. Burtenshaw, 6.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above society was held on Saturday last at Stone, at which there were representatives from the towers of Stoke, Norton, and Hanley. A pleasurable time was spent and various touches rung. The Rev. N. Poynty was present at tea and showed much interest in the association. Although not all the members of this tower are members of the above society, we trust that the visit of Saturday will bring about the desirable result. The next advertised meeting is at Leigh on the 30th.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16th, eight members of the St. Alban's branch of the above Association paid a visit to South Minns church, and rang some Grandsire Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. After which they were hospitably entertained by the vicar, the Rev. W. Wood, who invited them to a substantial tea. After justice having been done to the repast the handbells were brought into use, and several touches of Grandsire Triples, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples were brought round. The above ringers desire to return their hearty thanks to the Rev. W. Wood, for granting permission to ring.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the members of this Association will be held at Newcastle, on Monday, October 25th. The bells at the disposal of the ringers will be those of All Saints', St. John's, and St. Stephen's. Divine service will be held in All Saints' church at two o'clock (preacher, Rev. Marsden Gibson), which all members present at the meeting are respectively requested to attend. At three o'clock dinner will be provided at the Crown and Mitre Hotel, Grey-street. After dinner the usual business, at which the proposed revision of the rules will be submitted to the members. The belfries will be closed at 1.30 and be opened again for ringing at the conclusion of the meeting. Companies on arriving at Newcastle should proceed to St. John's church, where arrangements will be made for ringing at the different churches. Digner tickets 1s. to members; 2s. 6d. to non-members; should be applied for to the Secretary not later than Monday, October 18th. The committee will meet at All Saints' vestry at 12.45 p.m.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.—Members attending a Meeting of the above Association at Quex Park on Monday next, are particularly requested to enter the park by the Footpath leading direct from Birchington Square and Park Lane by the National Schools, and by no other park entrance.

J. J. BRISTOW.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

There will be a friendly meeting for practice at the above place on Saturday, October 30th. All interested in six-bell methods are invited to attend.

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."

SIR,—Allow me to thank Mr. Dawe for his extremely interesting, careful, and most readable article in your last issue. His description of the belfry of St. Mary's Cathedral is so graphic, that it is possible to form a perfect idea of its real appearance, and it makes an ordering ringer long to see the real thing. I cannot help observing that if ringers in accounts of their outings were to give more details of the Churches they visit, and especially of the state of the belfries, whether by way of praise or blame, and fewer of their eating, drinking and sleeping, and the wonderful qualities of "our worthy host," their accounts would be more interesting to the general reader, and would I think be calculated to advance what I believe is one of the true change-ringer's objects, namely, the reform of belfries. Of course when a band has been welcomed and hospitably entertained, it is invidious to pick holes. But I think a hint may often be delicately conveyed to incumbents in this manner through "THE BELL NEWS," and may have an effect. At any rate it will be a great pity if our most useful and popular ringers' record should degenerate into an eating record.

A COLLEGE YOUTH.

PRIZE RINGING.

SIR,—I must confess to some bewilderment at the letters of your correspondents on the above subject, and would like to ask what is the great cause of offence? So far as I understand it, some brother ringers are having a handbell contest in Leeds; this is said to be a heinous offence. But if it is wrong to use handbells for a friendly contest, because they may belong to the church authorities, would it not be just as wrong for a choir man to enter a singing contest on the ground that his voice is paid for by the churchwardens? I am no advocate for prize ringing in our towers, but when an objection is raised to handbell contests away from the church altogether, I think we ought to have some good grounds given for such objections.

PERPLEXED.

THE FIRST TEN BELL PEAL IN SCOTLAND, AND VISIT OF CHANGE-RINGERS TO EDINBURGH.

By F. E. DAWE.

(Concluded).

In the afternoon, some photographs of the Cathedral were obtained from one "Sandy," who has charge of the gas engine used for blowing the organ. Mr. Cunninghame then escorted me to his country mansion at Liberton, quite an ancient historical place, by the way, in order to be shown several other interesting antiquities, drawings, and plaster casts of bells; together with oil paintings and photographs of coming eminent men. After tea, start was made to return to town by a much prettier route, and at one spot on the side of a hill, we could not help remarking how very beautiful the city looked with the blue sea beyond, and being favoured with most glorious weather, and picturesque scenery, I felt somewhat gratified by recalling to mind that most beautiful and almost pentatonic Scotch melody, "Within a mile of sweet Edinburgh Town," the finest specimen of the famous Scotch "Snap": indeed what with shepherds and haymakers, composed of lads and lasses, the surroundings seemed to fit in exactly.

On reaching the precincts of the Cathedral, we all repaired to the Deanery in response to an invitation previously received, and were most cordially received by the Dean at a banquet, given in most princely style. The whole team of the Edinburgh ringers including Messrs. G. Hodgson, J. Johnston, J. S. Ritchie, H. G. Aldis, S. French, J. C. Fyfe, D. M. Forrester, J. Rayner, W. R. Fyfe, and W. C. S. Heathcote, were present, as well as our own party, which included our "eleventh" man, T. Cathal, together with the Rev. W. N. Usher, the Precentor, and the Rev. W. M. Meredith, the senior Canon. It will be recollected that the bells are the gift of the Very Rev. Dean Montgomery, and in addressing those present in a well delivered speech, the rev. gentleman gave numerous interesting instances and anecdotes concerning the neighbourhood, finishing by saying how very glad he was in being able to act the part of host at what was undoubtedly by far the largest gathering of ringers "over the border"; he heartily welcomed the ringers from England and Wales, and wished all a safe return to the "sunny south." Being placed in the position of honour, I of course had to respond in order to convey the heartfelt thanks of myself and brother ringers for such a reception, and having wished the society every success under such a trusty and enthusiastic leader and excellent steeplekeeper, hoped that the Dean and Mrs. Montgomery might long be spared to enjoy the music and harmony of the munificent gift of which he alone had been the donor: while this, the finest belfry in the world showed that clever heads and hands had been at work with unlimited power of purse and talent. I could not pass over without alluding to the absent friends, mentioning Mr. J. S. B. Archer, of London, Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, and Mr. H. Baker, of Hertford, all these gentlemen having previously arranged to go, the two first named in fact being unfortunately prevented by business claims almost at the last minute from attending; this being the only additional pleasure we could have wished for or desired; while last, but by no means least, Mr. G. G. Cunninghame was unable to be present at the dinner. An excellent and very kindly worded speech from the leader, Mr. G. Hodgson, was also given in good taste, followed by a few words of appreciation from Mr. R. W. Evans.

On taking leave and reaching the station, some superior special apartments were found to be reserved and having become snugly ensconced therein, and duly provided with all that was needful, and armed with several copies of the current "Tit Bits," in case of emergency the limited mail for the south steamed out of the Caledonian Station amid the enthusiastic cheers of all the principal ringers in Scotland, who thronged the platform. Songs and recitations, with excellent creature comforts, characteristic of night travelling, were freely indulged in, and after a most delightful ride had quickly passed away, we arrived at three o'clock in the morning at Crewe, where it seemed "cruel" at being obliged to wait five and a half hours in the raw part of the night and morning. At one time an extensive waiting room contained an assortment of ringers of all shapes and sizes lying about indiscriminately on chairs, tables, and cushioned seats, and being summer weather, those who were armed with overcoats at all, mostly consisted of the light textured material known as the "dust" species, all excepting one gentleman who certainly eclipsed the lot, he being enveloped in a great coat of most colossal dimensions. Amongst others waiting, was a lady with a guitar, and although many attempts were made, we could not by any means "guitar" to play it, she being one of those who would "very well pass for 45 in the shade with the light behind her."

On reaching Chester, a visit was paid to the engine house, the famous "Rows," the "Kitchen," and that portion of the city walls from which can be had the finest view of the grand old Cathedral, already described in "THE BELL NEWS," and also King John's tower, from whence he witnessed the defeat of his army. Having explored the edifice and listened to the singing, we were sorry

at not being able to see our friend Mr. Ball, the head ringer here, owing to want of time. Wrexham was reached about midday, and having repaired to a photographer's studio, the whole party were "taken" in the order they stood in the peal, the first five of course sitting. Later in the day a good rest was enjoyed and a refreshing walk followed by a very pleasant and social evening together, with a few kind words from some of the principal aldermen. The next morning a visit was paid to the Lager Beer brewery, a place full of interest, and among other things the very pipes in the engine room are covered with a thick coating of ice and frost, caused by the use of the various chemicals necessary, and presenting a most unusual spectacle amongst machinery. After seeing ice made by a mechanical process, we descended three floors below ground, amid hundreds of large barrels each capable of holding sixteen tons of beer, and it was here that several thousand tons of block ice was stored, the doors of the place being carefully padded, and when once inside it was speedily found necessary to put on our overcoats owing to the sudden chill becoming unbearable.

Having through their Captain, received special invitations to attend the Fire Brigade banquet, the three visitors proceeded by train to Ruabon to have a look round, and after joining the crews in question, proceeded on their engines to Wynnstay, the seat of Sir Watkin Wynn. On arrival here a series of most interesting competition manoeuvres and usual pleasing spectacles were being performed on the lawn, and after they were over, all proceeded on foot through the woods to a most charming spot among the trees, high up and almost overhanging the river Dee, which lay boiling some fifty yards below. This beautiful place is called Nant-y-belan, and has a circular stone tower erected by the late Sir Watkin's father to commemorate his life being saved by a servant girl when an attempt was once made to poison him in Ireland. This erection I notice is no exception to the general rule, for what is more natural to a monument in this country but that it should have a Latin inscription, and placed at such a height too, that none but the most educated, with the aid of a ladder, may be able to read it. The wide expanse of country stretching away for miles looked lovely with the first tints of autumn, and being September, reminded us of the famous song "All among the barley." Under the large and wide-spreading trees near at hand a splendid marquee had been erected, a fire lighted, and a magnificent banquet in princely style was thoroughly enjoyed, to which about thirty sat down; presided over by the Mayor and Corporation of Wrexham. Speeches, songs, and musical honours were well rendered, and it having fallen to my lot to respond for "The Visitors," after saying what was necessary, and hoping that they may live for many years, under their able "skipper," to carry on the pleasing interesting and ever useful occupation of "Fighting the Flames" and listening to a few more excellent songs and speakers, the party returned by the way they came, and on reaching the thickest part of the wood, overhanging a ravine, it being pitch dark some one produced a candle, and more singing had to be gone through, which produced a short distance away an effect of light and shade amid the surrounding thick gloom, on the glitter of matchless uniforms, never yet equalled to my thinking in the finest fairy scene ever attempted on the stage. On reaching Wynnstay, the party remounted the engines and enjoyed a splendid and novel torchlight run back of about eight miles to Wrexham, which was safely reached "later on." As the various provincial towns contain many change-ringers who are Volunteer Firemen—the most honorable public occupation indulged in—it will be seen that this paragraph is inserted specially for them alone, in fact a peal will shortly be arranged at the most convenient town, solely for a crew of eight to take part in; a certain three once visited Paris and tasted Dog pie! On again assembling at Mr. Evans' another meeting took place amid which a few well chosen remarks were made by Messrs. Field and Thomas, and before retiring for the night it was finally decided that if no unforeseen obstacles arise a Stedman Triples party will be organised, next summer to visit America; for teams travel all over the world to play cricket, and other well known international games (only their expenses are guaranteed and *ours* are not) and why should not change-ringers also travel with a view of clearly establishing the art or science in countries where at present little or no half-pull ringing is done. Thus another most enjoyable day was brought to a close. The next morning (Saturday) all were up by six and after a hasty breakfast, our kind and worthy host accompanied us to the station, where leave was finally taken with a deal of regret on both sides. After another hour, Shrewsbury was reached and it was here that Messrs. Field, Thomas, and myself had to part, the separation reminding one of having a tooth drawn out. During the week everyone had free use of my amateur apothecaries' shop; and the parting here ended the most pleasant outing any of us ever enjoyed. We should by the way much liked to have again seen another Welsh ringer of local renown, had time permitted, viz.:—Mr. Cadwallider Rowland Jones, of Dolgelly, (pronounced "Dolgethley.")

After waiting about and travelling all day, about four o'clock in the afternoon found me at Southwell Cathedral, a very secluded and grand old building with a magnificent Norman Nave having pillars 15 ft. 8

inches in circumference; and other portions of Gothic and early English, including one of the best Chapter Houses possible to imagine; as well as a west window of dimensions and tracery scarcely to be equalled elsewhere, only it unfortunately lacks the presence and addition of stained glass. The building has two pinnacled western towers, and a large central tower with a square embattled top supported at the four corner by clusters of pillars, measuring 38 feet 10 inches in circumference. This tower of course contains the bells, which, on the whole, are a fine ring of eight, tenor 30 cwt. in D., and on ascending the large circular stone staircase, and traversed the usual route at these dear old places, viz.;—nearly all round the triforium; on ascending a few more steps we find ourselves in the ringing room which is indeed a curiosity in itself, and measuring 28 feet 8 inches by 27 feet 6 inches. The ringing is done from a square gallery 4 feet wide, having two ropes on each side, with a railing and wire netting carried up all round to a height of about 6 feet, in the centre of which is the well-hole looking immediately on to the altar of the Cathedral, some 60 feet, or more below. It is indeed almost an exact copy of a very favorite place of mine, viz.—the famous belfry of Merton College, Oxford, only the latter has such a much more beautifully designed and ornamental wooden roof immediately above the ringers, and which cannot be equalled in a belfry elsewhere. After a look at the bells and a peep from the top, the following members of the Midland Counties' Association attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples which however shortly came to grief owing to the intense heat having caused the 7th to become almost unringable, besides not having sufficient time to accomplish it in. S. Wilkinson, 1; S. Burton, 2; J. W. Taylor, jun., Esq., 3; J. Hardy, 4; J. Hickman, 5; H. W. Abbott, 6; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 7; A. W. Sadler, 8. Having succeeded in a short touch, and "falling" the bells, a good look about the building, ruins, and place followed. After witnessing a feat in stone throwing by the steeple-keeper's son, and again having to rely on transit by train, later on found us in Nottingham, where we were received with every symptom of kindness, together with the obliging nature characteristic of the Midlands. The next morning early at St. Peter's Church, a well struck quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, arranged from Thurstans' well known peal, was brought round in 46 mins. F. E. Dawe (conductor), 1; S. Burton, 2; H. W. Abbott, 3; S. Wilkinson, 4; S. Simkin, 5; J. Hickman, 6; G. Middleton, 7; A. W. Sadler, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. in E. After witnessing the marvellous strength and leaps of a retriever dog some 30 feet down to the water, we adjourned to the house of Mr. H. W. Abbott, a well-known Midland ringer, in order to see the tablet for a muffled peal in memory of the late Mr. Wibberley. It is really beautiful, and has indeed been carried out in a manner that speaks well for the cabinet-making skill of Mr. Abbott. The material used is American walnut, and executed in the Italian Renaissance style, altogether forming the best I have yet seen, in fact much too good for a belfry—except of course those of the St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, species. A very pleasant and agreeable meeting was passed, and after riding on a curious sort of continental tram that somewhat reminded ourselves of being in Jersey, everyone of our Nottingham friends met at the station, in order to see me comfortably fixed and started, kind invitations and expressions of welcome being freely given for an appointment then made at a not very distant date.

It will be seen that this account has been written expressly for all who have a thirst for graphic and elaborate particulars, especially those who, like myself, are of an antiquarian turn of mind. It will of course, be subject to adverse and favourable criticism, though I have endeavoured to the best of my ability in the present instance to please the several different ideas and tastes, and trust that many portions, if not all, may be read with some degree of interest by each and all of our readers. Everyone has other things to think of, and we cannot always be ringing, especially when one remembers the quotation: "There is a tide in the affairs of man, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." It is absolutely necessary that in the midst of pleasure this "tide" must not be forgotten. And it is so in my case.

Having had a pleasant ride, I arrived at the Midland Terminus at St. Pancras (the broadest span in the world without a support in the centre), and although glad of a safe return, was soon busy, with mingled feelings of pleasure, regret and, satisfaction, in the heart of the Metropolis of the World. So ends what I may justly term

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BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held at King's Norton, on Saturday, October 23rd. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing during the afternoon. Business transacted subsequently in the old schoolroom. Members are requested to note that all arrears must be paid by the above date. Members neglecting to pay the same will be considered to have left the Association and their names will be erased accordingly.

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A LINCOLNSHIRE RINGER'S VISIT TO YORKSHIRE.

ON Tuesday, September 21st, I proceeded to York by excursion train at 3.15, then went on to Middlesboro' but unfortunately, too late to ring. On the following day I found Mr. Blakiston, but being unable to get a company for Middlesboro', that gentleman kindly accompanied me to Stockton, and being their practice night there was soon a company ready, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was brought round in good style on the pretty little peal of six bells, and after another touch or two the bells were lowered in peal. Having partaken of refreshment, and thanking the ringers for their kindness in meeting me, I returned to Middlesboro'. On the following day (Thursday), I took train to Ripon, and after paying the cathedral a visit, proceeded to Sharrow, where I found Mr. T. Clark who kindly invited me to partake of tea with him. He then set to work to get a band together for a ring, and after bringing a horse and trap into requisition, and a great deal of exertion on his part, a company was got together, and a start was made for a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major on the lively little peal of eight bells, which was brought round, conducted by Mr. Clark. A touch or two of Triples was also rung and the bells lowered in peal, which finished another very enjoyable day. The next day (Friday), after visiting Studley Royal, Fountains Abbey, etc., I proceeded to York, where Mr. Howard had arranged for me to have a pull at 7 p.m. After ascending the tower of the Minster, a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung on the back ten. I think I may venture to say they are the best peal of ten I have heard. Tenor 54 cwt. Here, I think a little alteration might be made at a very little cost, to give a little comfort to the ringers. The ringing chamber being immediately below the bells, and with that amount of metal, they are very noisy; one could scarcely hear the conductor call the bobs. If I might be allowed to make a suggestion, I think, to make the best job of it, would be to have a boarded floor just below the sallie brackets, and to line it with sheet lead or cocoa matting, then the sallie brackets might be done away with; or if the present bell-chamber floor was lined with lead or matting, it would be a great improvement. I hope my few remarks will give no offence, but I think the bells, being such a fine peal, and going so well (if my suggestion could be carried out), the ringing would be so much more pleasant to the ringers. I take this opportunity of thanking all ringing friends for contributing towards my enjoyment, more especially the Dean of York, for allowing the bells to be rung; and if any of the above ringers pay a visit to Spalding or neighbourhood, I shall be very happy to return the compliment so far as lays in my power.

R. MACKMAN.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.

ON Wednesday last the Harvest-home and opening of the new bells festival was celebrated. Previously there were only three bells at Cotleigh, one of which was cracked, so an effort was made by the parishioners to get matters remedied, and with complete success. Lord and Lady William Compton headed the subscription list with a donation of £40, and a new bell-cage. The churchwardens then set to work, and the parishioners liberally responded, which, together with some funds at their disposal, and aided by contributions from other friends, enabled them to contract with Mr Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Exeter, for the cracked bell to be re-cast, and two new ones added, making a peal of five, a very pretty musical peal. The two new bells, and the re-cast one are from the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Co., Croydon: and the work of making the new cage, and hanging the five bells, with all new fittings, has been most creditably carried out by Mr. Stokes. Special thanksgiving services were held at the church, and the bells rang out merrily throughout the day.

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At the above church, on October 3rd, the usual monthly meeting for practice was held, and was well attended, when some very good ringing was gone through in Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Minor. Friends attended from Wimbleton, Norwood, and Hadleigh, Suffolk. A meeting, taking it altogether, doing great credit to the Surrey Association, under whose auspices it was held.

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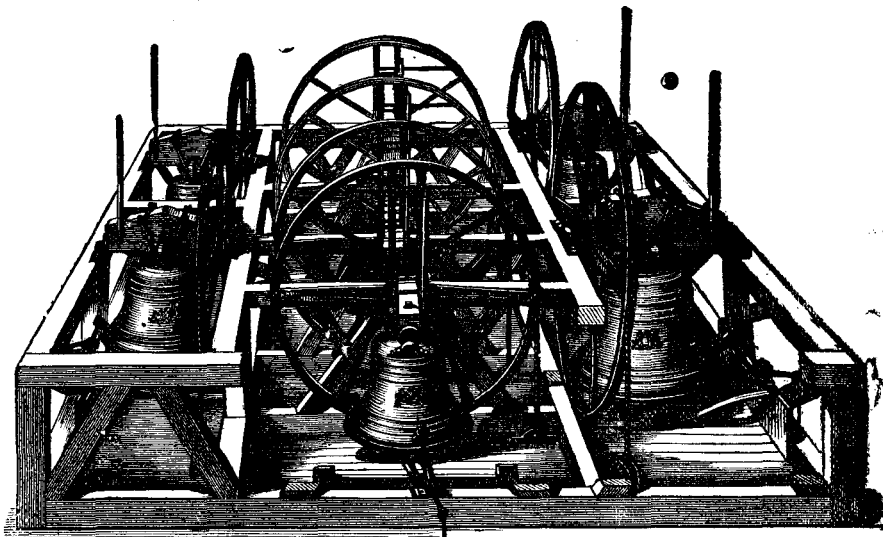


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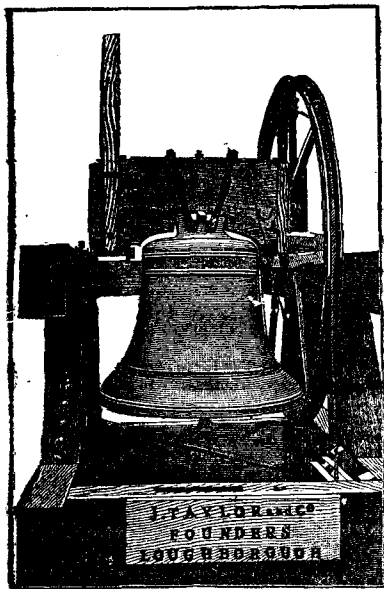
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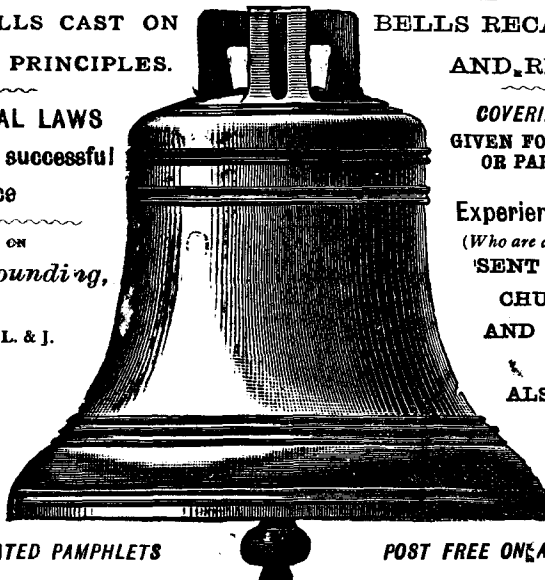
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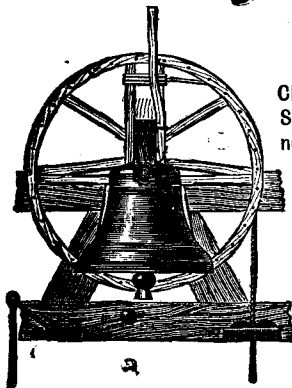
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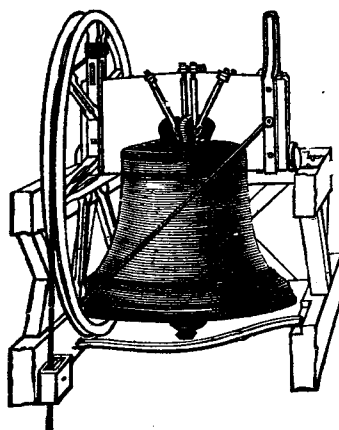
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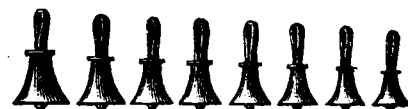
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THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE BELL-RINGERS' ASSOCIATION.

The general quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Market Rasen (one of the local centres) on Saturday, October 2nd; the members attended in good numbers, and in all respects the gathering proved to be one of the happiest and most successful that has been experienced since the Association was formed. Ringing commenced at eight o'clock in the morning, a touch on the Market Rasen bells by the local company serving not only to arouse the curiosity of the townspeople, but also to give the day's appointments a suitable opening. By the noon trains ringing brethren arrived from the Gainsboro' and several Lincoln branches. The church bells at Market Rasen and Claxby had through the kindness of the clergy and churchwardens been placed at the disposal of the Association members for that day, and while part of the company remained at Market Rasen to take part in ringing, a large number availed themselves of the opportunity of paying a visit to the pretty village of Claxby, and ringing peals on the five church bells in the tower there. During their stay at Claxby the visitors accepted the kind invitation of the rector, the Rev. S. W. Andrews, who is the vice-president of this centre of the Association, to visit the rectory, and partake of his invariable hospitality; the Lincoln hand-bell ringers had brought their musical hand-bells with them, and on the rectory lawn they rang a variety of music in excellent style, thereby contributing to the pleasure of all assembled. The time fixed for tea (5 o'clock) necessitated a hasty retreat to Market Rasen, where at the time appointed the assembly was augmented by a number of friends, including the Rev. W. W. Cooper, B.D., rector of West Rasen, and the Rev. T. P. Holdich, rector of Linwood (honorary members); the Rev. P. M. Flinn, curate-in-charge at Market Rasen; E. W. Barton, Esq., M.D., (also a honorary member), A. A. Padley, Esq., Mr. H. Scupham (churchwarden), and Mr. Nettleship, of Market Rasen; Mr. Conrad, of Claxby, and others.

The chair was taken by the Rev. S. W. Andrews, who was supported by the gentlemen mentioned above, and F. F. Linley, Esq., vice-president for the Gainsboro' centre; Mr. Nettleship occupying the vice-chair.

After tea the Chairman first submitted the usual toast of "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family," which was received in a becoming manner.

Mr. LINLEY then gave the health of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," remarking that although they as yet did not know much of the Bishop, they still had heard sufficient to cause them to drink his health with cordiality and pleasure. With regard to the Clergy they were dependent upon them to a great extent as an Association. The Clergy allowed them to go into their churches and ring their bells; the Clergy were quite masters of the situation, and ringers could not ring the bells without their permission; however, the ringers had always received the greatest kindness from the Clergy of the Diocese, and wherever they had gone the clergy had always been glad to do what they could for them. He was glad to see amongst those present several of the Clergy on whom they depended for a measure of success in the future. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of the Rural Dean, the Rev. W. W. Cooper.

The Rev. W. W. COOPER responded.

Mr. PADLEY proposed "Success to the North Lincolnshire Bell-Ringers' Association." He gave them this toast with a great amount of pleasure, and he was sorry to say he was not a ringer, and therefore not capable of doing that justice to the toast which it deserved. There were many exercises which were not particularly pleasant to outsiders, but here whilst those engaged were indulging in an exercise which was a most healthy occupation to themselves, they were producing a most pleasing effect, if the bells were well rung, on those who heard them. He knew of no more pleasant sound than the sound of bells well rung; and he was pleased to think that a movement had taken place—he believed it originated in the small town of Market Rasen—which had for its object the promotion, perpetuation, and extension of a good art such as bell-ringing, and one which looked like progressing towards such a successful end. He had great pleasure in asking them to receive this toast.

The Chairman, in responding, met with a very cordial reception. The presence of his friend on the right (the Rev. P. Holdich), who was an old bell-ringer, caused him to claim their indulgence if he was a little nervous or blundered in speaking on this subject. When he was ordained he was told he would find the most troublesome things were the singers and ringers; but he was happy to say he had had no trouble with either. He knew the ringers did now perform their work to a different aspect to what they used to do; that was a good thing—a thing which would help to create a reverential feeling in the matter. He had often thought it would be a very good thing if ringers, especially on Sundays—they might take this remark for what it was worth wore cassocks, because he believed a special dress did help people indeed to realise and think over the work in which they were engaged. In whatever way this Association could forward and better or improve the bell-ringing it should be encouraged; and in whatever way it

would tend to band all together, and bring them more closely and closely together, and hasten the time which he believed—some people said he was a terrible optimist—was rapidly coming on when the Church of England would be closely united, and when she would be the one religion of the country.

Mr. J. C. TINKER, of Gainsboro', proposed "The Honorary Members" to which Dr. Edwin Barton responded, saying, the present ring of bells at Market Rasen should be enlarged to a complete octave.

Mr. W. HODSON, of Lincoln, proposed the health of "The Vicar and Churchwardens of Market Rasen," thanking them for their kindness in granting the use of the Church bells.

The Rev. R. M. FLINN acknowledged the compliment on the Vicar's behalf, and welcomed the Association to Market Rasen.

The Rev. T. P. HOLDICH said he was very pleased to be present. He and his four children years ago could manage to get through 360 changes on ten handbells without a mistake. He helped to ring the last old year out and the new one in at Linwood; if he had not been there, there would not have been anyone to ring the bells. He should be glad to see the members of the Association in his steeple if he had bells for them, but he only had three. He was always glad to go into the belfry to watch or help to ring. He himself had rung for a wedding within the last fortnight. All his life long he had been a great lover of bells and ringing. In giving the toast of "The Visitors," he expressed a hope that if they were not all ringers, they soon would be.

At intervals during the evening the Cathedral handbell ringers rang most efficiently, a variety of first-class pieces, including "The Blue Bells of Scotland" with variations, on their numerous tuneful bells. This part of the proceedings being a rich treat to those assembled, The parts were taken as follows: W. A. Hodson (conductor), 1st treble, F. Rose, 2nd treble; J. Viehers, alto; G. Doughty, tenor; H. Doughty, bass. The church bells also rang merrily after tea, various methods being practised by mixed bands.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT ARUNDEL.

ON Saturday last, between forty and fifty members of the above association met at Arundel to hold their fourth district meeting for the present year. At 10.30 a.m. their arrival was announced from the fine old parish church tower, the bells being kept in changes throughout the day, excepting during short intervals of Divine service and meals. Luncheon was well supplied by the proprietress of the Bridge Hotel at 1.30, the tables being enriched with an abundant supply of choice hot-houses grapes, given by the Mayor of Arundel and the Vicar of Tortington; the Mayor occupied the chair, and the Vicar (Rev. A. S. Thompson) the vice-chair, being supported by the Rev. F. R. Tompkins (Tortington), Rev. G. C. Walpole (Amberley), and Rev. L. Pleyer Tedden (Arundel). After luncheon, the Mayor proposed one toast, "The Queen and the Church," and then opened the business meeting, at which thirteen fresh active members were elected. The hon. sec. reported that negotiations for cheap railway tickets had been going on with the London, Brighton, and South Coast for the past eighteen months, and that he hoped a satisfactory arrangement might be arrived at without much further delay. Lewes, the county town of Sussex, was decided upon as the place for holding the next district meeting, the date being January 2nd, 1887. Votes of thanks were passed to the vicar and churchwardens of Arundel, Angmering, and Lyminster, for kindly allowing the use of the church bells during the day, and to the mayor for presiding. A special choral service was held in the church at 4.15 p.m., which was followed by an eloquent and thoroughly practical address by the Vicar. At 6.30 p.m., members again assembled at the Bridge Hotel for tea. During the afternoon a party of ten or twelve drove to Angmering, where two 720 of Minor (one of Oxford and one of Kent Treble Bob) were rung—supposed to be the first 720s on the bells—Lyminster Church was also visited, when touches of Minor and peals of Doubles were rung. The ringing during the day comprised—two 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor, one 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, one 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, two 504's of Grandsire Triples, a 420 of Oxford Bob Triples, &c., &c. The following branches were represented:—Amberley, Angmering, Arundel, Billingshurst, Brighton, Crawley, Goring, Horsham, Ichingfield, Ringmer, and Warnham. In addition to the members of the above branches, the following gentlemen took part in the ringing:—The Mayor of Arundel, the Vicar of Tortington, and Rev. G. C. Walpole.

By the kind invitation of Mr. Wady five members of the Crawley Branch of the Sussex Association went to Billingshurst, and rung in the afternoon 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins.; and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24½ mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; A. F. Hillier, 3; W. Wady, 4; F. Wickens, 5; H. Burstow (conductor) 6. In the Kent 720, F. Wicken conducted, and H. Burstow at 5. The members wish to return thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

ON Saturday, October 9th, six members of this Society paid a visit to the picturesque little village of Shiplake, Oxon. Their object was to enjoy a spin or two on the handy little ring of six there, which go like tops. The walk from Reading through the beautiful Oxfordshire lanes was much enjoyed, and a new and seemingly formidable obstacle to ringing discovered in the shape of that toothsome morsel, the blackberry. So engrossed were the party at one time in securing this dainty, that it seemed probable they would reach the coming home course without handling a rope. However, satiated at last, they pushed on for the church, and on their arrival found it open. Having permission to ring, they, like veritable knights of the rope, made rather unceremonious haste to gain the belfry, which is on the ground-floor, but were agreeably surprised by encountering in "the dim religious light" of the old church, a bevy of fair faces, which appeared in the partial gloom like a group by one of the old masters, which had taken the liberty of deserting its frame. On closer examination it turned out to be a number of young ladies bending over a tempting collection of flowers, fruits, and cereals, their busy fingers hard at work fashioning shapes of beauty for the adornment of God's House at Harvest Festival, which took place the following day. Coats off, sleeves turned up, bells raised, rope-ends adjusted, and a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins., followed by 720 Kent, in 28 mins. 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 26½ mins., and 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. Then to the vicarage to thank the genial clergyman, the Rev. Clementson, for the use of his first rate little peal: and next to the good old hostelry of the "Plough," where such an alarming onslaught on bread and cheese, pickles, and sundry foaming jugs of half and half was made, that a countryman who dropped in looked aghast, and fumbled in his pocket as though in doubt whether he would not be expected to fork out something extra at feeding time. Thence to Reading, by Adam's method of locomotion, which, as it rained pouring all the way, was found none too speedy. However, that famous rendezvous of peripatetic campanologists, the "Mitre," was reached at last, and Host Newell received the acknowledgements of Mr. H. Egby, for his kindness in taking charge of and keeping in the dry a useful overcoat of that gentleman's, while the owner was getting soaked to the skin. The names of the adventurous and enterprising wights who took part in the immortal achievements of this truly eventful day are appended for the delectation of all brother-strings whom it may concern: H. Egby, Geo. Gibbard, A. Evans, H. Sweetzer, E. Reeves, T. Hibbert.

Following up the deeds recorded above, some of the members dropped in at the old tower of St. Lawrence, Reading, on Tuesday evening, October 12th, and there, with the help of Mr. W. Newell, rang the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob yet achieved in that belfry. Major would have been more appreciated, but as the "major" portion of the ringers were conspicuous by their absence, it was a case of "Hobson's choice." E. Reeves, 1; A. Evans, 2; Geo. Gibbard, 3; T. Hibbert, 4; W. Newell, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. This was Mr. Newell's first 720 in the method.

On Saturday, October 16th, six members of the above, with Professor Pocock, S.F.S., O.D.G., C. B. S., and Tom Harvey, the jolly brewer, and nonpareil tenor-man, padded the hoof through the slushy mud to Sonning, being forcibly reminded on the journey of Shakespeare's dictum,

"The rain, it raineth every day."

at least, it has about here, lately. Arrived at the "Bull" some began unceremoniously to milk that quadruped. In response to the host's demand as to "what we wanted," the reply came, "Holt's Original," which was, in fact, the end of our quest. Ah, John Holt, John Holt, how many little escapades hast thou to answer for? Before five minutes had flown, in came the cheery steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Ford, with the exhilarating intelligence that owing to indisposition at the vicarage, which stands very close to the tower, we could not ring. Now ensued a truly remarkable scene. Some heroic soul, destined, doubtless, to achieve great things, proposed to brave the unpropitious elements, and make for the nearest six-bell tower, which we were informed was Hurst. The band rose as one man at the idea. One member, rejoicing in the euphonious cognomen of Tom Hibbert, was absolutely black in the face with enthusiasm, at least we thought so at the moment, but that gentleman has since informed us that his Ethiopian hue was owing to a vow he registered while at work that morning, to the effect that he would ring the Original first, and wash himself afterwards. Alack! the vanity of human wishes! Well, six of us were quickly peregrinating through Arcadian scenes, the road six inches deep in mud—the trees doing all they knew to pour cold water on us and our designs, but ignominiously failing to damp our ardour, though they succeeded in damping our clothes. On, on we trudged, not knowing whither, until we met with one of the aboriginal natives, who cheered our drooping courage by informing us with a diabolical grin, "we were miles out o' the rooad." After taking soundings, we again made tracks, resolved that after all we had gone through for the love of high Art, ring we must, and ring we would. One mile—two

miles—three miles; drizzle—rain—pour—still no Church! But a something resembling campanology came to our ears; it proved to be the unostentatious tinkling of sheep bells. To spirits tried as ours had been, this appeared the very mockery of Fate, and our conductor, in the madness born of disappointment, felt like jumping the hedge, and giving those seemingly sardonic sheep to understand—

"In such wild hour, how much the wretched dare!"

However, on we pushed, our mood more to be imagined than described, when turning a corner all at once—hallo! a Church—a real Church—with a good substantial square tower, too. To see the Vicar, get permission to ring, and raise the bells, goes without telling. Hurst Church boasts a rather pretty peal of six, tenor about 18 cwt. They are hung in an unusual manner, the circle running from right to left, and do not go quite as they might be made to do. All ready—go! 720 of College Single—go again! 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Sweetzer, 1; G. Gibbard, 2; E. Reeves, 3; A. Evans, 4; T. Hibbert, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. Then the Vicar, who is proverbial for his kindness and courtesy to ringers, invited us to tea at the Vicarage. Arrived there, we were ushered into a warm and cheerful room, where was a table literally groaning with good things—a sight not to be borne just then with equanimity. Without any delay, we fell to; the stock of edibles fell too, with abnormal rapidity. Wishing the kindly Vicar of Hurst and his lady good night, we made for Twyford, where turning Shanks's pony to grass, we entrusted our precious lives to the tender mercies of the G.W.R. as far as Reading, where we arrived about 9 o'clock. E.

RINGERS' OUTING IN DEVONSHIRE.

ON Sunday, October 17th, the Kenn band of the Devonshire Guild, had their annual outing. They started from Kenn in a carriage at 7.30 a.m., and drove to Chudleigh, which they reached about 9 o'clock. Here they were met by the ringers of the place, and proceeding at once to the Church rang several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on an excellent ring of six bells. After joining in the regular morning services of the Church, they rang a few more six-scores and then drove on to Ideford, where they dined, rang the bells for service, attended evensong, and then rang several more 6-score of Grandsire and Stedman on the pretty Ideford bells. They then drove home, after enjoying a very pleasant and successful day's ringing. The ringers of both Chudleigh and Ideford seemed greatly to appreciate what was to them almost new music, and seemed disposed to cultivate the interesting and delightful art of change-ringing in preference to the clumsy system of call changes, or Churchy and Bob, which is much too common in Devonshire, and which is in great measure maintained in order to enable ringers to win money by means of the sweepstakes which still disgrace some of our sacred buildings, and the sacred instruments of public worship which belong to them in the west.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held, by the kind permission of the Vicar, at the church of the Immanuel, Streatham Common, on Monday, October 18th. The attendance was fairly good, as some fifty members were present altogether from the following parishes: Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon, Kingston, Mitcham (Christ Church), Streatham, Wimbledon, and a few from London. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were practised: Grandsire, Union, and Stedman Triples; Bob and Treble Bob Major in the Oxford and Kent variations. At six o'clock forty-five members sat down to an excellent meat tea at the "Beehive," after which the usual business was quickly dispatched, several new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Richmond, on November 27th, and the next Quarterly Meeting at Camberwell, on January 10th, 1887.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

THE MARY-LE TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

ON Wednesday evening, October 6th, several members of the above society were kindly invited to the house of Mr. and Mrs. Minter, of Sproughton, to ring upon the grand peal of twenty-nine handbells, the property of Mr. W. Scales, of Nacton, near Ipswich, who kindly lent them to Mr. Charles Mee for the occasion, when a course of Grandsire Cinques was rang upon the different peals of twelve, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. Motts, 1-2; Chas. Mee, 3-4; James Motts, 5-6; Arthur Aldham, 7-8; F. Mee, 9-10. Cinques: Thomas Steward, 1-2; Arthur Aldham, 3-4; Charles Mee, 5-6; James Motts, 7-8; W. Motts, 9-10; F. Mee, 11-12. Stedman Triples: Thomas Steward, 1-2; Chas. Mee, 3-4; James Motts, 5-6; Robert Brundle, 7-8. Each rang upon the large peal, No. 24, in A. The ringers, one and all of this society, who have heard this grand peal, assert they are the finest peal of handbells they have heard or rang upon, and wish to thank Mr. W. Scales and Mr. and Mrs. Minter for the opportunity thus afforded them, and the kind way in which the ringers were entertained.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16th, the Quarterly Meeting of the above Society took place at one of the most picturesque villages we have in Lincolnshire, namely, Langton, about four miles from Spilsby. At 10 o'clock ringers begun to arrive from Boston, Sibsey, Skirbeck, West Keal, Friskney, Frieston, Spilsby, and Halton. The Langton company kindly met their friends at the church, which contains one of the finest rings of six in the county, which were hung by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London. The home band raised the bells, and after ringing a few short touches, they handed them over to the following members, who rang a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). T. Rogers (Boston), 1; G. Clark (Skirbeck), 2; A. Barber (Frieston), 3; J. Mawer (Sibsey), 4; E. Mason (Boston, conductor), 5; J. M. Rylatt (Boston), 6. Tenor about 10 cwt. At 12 o'clock a short service was held, the prayers being read by the Rev. C. Cochrane, Rector. The Rev. F. Besant, vicar of Sibsey, gave the ringers a short address, taking for his text "Quit ye like men." After service, the West Keal company rang two 120's of Bob Doubles. H. Daulton, 1; J. A. Hand, 2; J. Seymour, 3; J. Green, 4; W. Vickers, 5; G. Seymour, 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Rogers, 1; G. Clark, 2; J. M. Rylatt, 3; J. Mawer, 4; G. F. Smith (Friskney), 5; E. Mason (conductor), 6. At two p.m. dinner was provided at the "Langton Arms," presided over by the Rev. F. Besant, one of the vice-presidents of the association, the Rev. C. Cochrane taking the vice-chair, who was supported by the Churchwarden, Captain Austin, and thirty-two ringers. After dinner, the chairman called upon the secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, this having been done, and the minutes passed, the rector gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Langton, and hoped it would not be long before the visit was repeated, and giving a very interesting account of Langton, dated from the year 817, concluded by saying he should be very glad to have his name placed on the Society's books as an honorary member. Captain Austin and Rev. L. Sherman, and two skilled and four probationers were elected. The chairman thanked the rector for his kindness in allowing the meeting to take place at Langton, and also for the use of the bells. Mr. Mason thanked the Rev. F. Besant for his kindness in presiding, and said there was only one thing that marred that day's proceedings from being one of the happiest days the association had witnessed, that was, the absence of their president, who was absent through a fractured leg, but he had a letter from him that day, and was able to say he was progressing favourably, and hoped to be with them in a few more weeks.

THE BATH AND KEYNSHAM ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday afternoon, 5th inst., the members of this association held their monthly meeting at Brislington. The members, to the number of twenty-five, went by brake from the York House to Brislington, arriving there at about six, and at once proceeded to the tower of St. Luke's Church, which had been placed at their disposal by the Rev. J. Lindsay, where they rang several good 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, and a touch of 240 of Grandsire Minor. The churchwarden, Dr. Charles H. Fox, kindly invited the members to a capital supper at the King's Arms Hotel. Mr. W. Simmonds presided, supported by Mr. F. G. Beesley and Mr. Burgess. Grace was said by the Chairman before and after supper, who, on the removal of the cloth, proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were duly honoured. The Hon. Secretary read a letter from the Rev. J. Lindsay, vicar, who is not yet in residence, apologising for his absence on that occasion, and hoping to meet them on their next visit to his tower. The Rev. W. Stokes Shaw, vicar of Twerton-on-Avon, also sent regretting his absence. Mr. Burgess then proposed the toast of the evening, "The welfare and prosperity of the Association," coupled with the name of Dr. Charles H. Fox. This was seconded by Mr. Beesley in a few well chosen words, and heartily responded to by the members with a three times three. The rest of the evening was enlivened by Mr. S. Rawlins (Bathaston), who played a selection on his handbells and sang several songs. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. W. Bevan (Brislington), and briefly acknowledged by Mr. Simmonds. The party arrived home after a very pleasant evening, at twelve o'clock.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association, for practice, was held at Woburn on Saturday, October 16th. The ringing commenced at Woburn somewhat late, owing to the Bedford members visiting the tower of Husborne Crawley, and ringing the beautifully toned six bells therein. Proceeding from Husborne Crawley to Woburn, the merry eight were soon in motion and some excellent touches rung. The day was the anniversary of the Duke of Bedford's birthday. It will be remembered that His Grace gave the two trebles in 1878, and caused the other bells to be rehung, thus completing a very handy ring of eight.

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

THE annual supper, provided by the rector (Dr. Lindsay) of St. Clement Danes, to those members who took part in the attempt for his birthday peal, took place at the meeting house of the society, viz., "The Shakespeare Head," Wych-street, Strand, on Friday evening, the 15th inst. The chair was ably filled by Dr. Lindsay, and the vice-chair by Mr. Rowe. There were also present—Mr. Phillips, Mr. Fairbairn, and Mr. Poole, friends of the rector. The following members were also present—Mr. G. T. McLaughlin (master), Messrs. Langdon and Woodley (stewards), Mr. E. Albone (treasurer), and Messrs. Winny, Weatherstone, J. Murray Hayes, Vinen, R. French, Cecil, Battrum, W. H. George, &c. A splendid supper had been placed upon the table by Mr. Husband, and the table was prettily decorated with fairy lamps and flowers. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, and the covers removed, Mr. Vinen gave a choice selection on the piano, and Messrs. G. T. McLaughlin, Winny, French, and Woodley rang a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. After the usual loyal toasts had been proposed and responded to, Mr. Albone, in a few and well chosen remarks, proposed the "Health of the Rector," which was drank with musical honours, a cheer was also given for Mrs. Lindsay, who was unable to be present. Dr. Lindsay, in his usual cheery manner, thanked the members present, and stated that he was afraid they would lose him, as he had been offered the Bishopric of British Honduras, but should he not go away, he should be very pleased to meet the ringers again next year. His remarks were received with applause. Other toasts and handbell ringing followed, and the meeting broke up at 11.30. The members present being greatly pleased with their evening's enjoyment.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association was held on Saturday last, at King's Norton, Worcestershire. The tower was open during the afternoon for ringing, when members of the several parishes in the district who have only as yet mastered the art so far as Minor ringing, availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the absence of ringers more advanced, and rang several touches of Minor. Later in the day several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. In the evening the members repaired to the old schoolroom, situate in the churchyard, where, under the presidency of Mr. W. Palmer, the usual business of the Association was transacted. The Vicar, the Rev. Digby H. Cotes Preedy, attended and gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and expressed a hope that the Birmingham ringers would shortly pay a visit, and as the rev. gentleman put it, "stir the local ringers from the lethargy into which they appeared to have fallen. A letter from Mr. J. Smith, Hon. Sec. of the Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association, was read by the Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Wright, in which in answer to the latter gentleman's note to the Worcestershire Association, anent the amalgamation of the two Associations, Mr. Smith said he would endeavour to bring it to a successful issue, but though this was said two months ago, and there had been a meeting of the Worcester Association since, Mr. Wright had heard nothing from Mr. Smith, but had learnt something from a reliable source, which he said he regretted would undo all that had been done, and for for which he himself had striven for upwards of three years. The usual votes of thanks having been accorded, the members adjourned to the "Old Bell Inn," where they were met by several friends. Thus a pleasant evening was spent, the ringing of tunes, and touches being interspersed with a selection of songs.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—The erection of the new tower of the parish church is making rapid progress—unfortunately, a fatal accident occurred to one of the workmen recently. A scaffolder, on the morning of the 20th September, was engaged fixing some poles, when, his foot slipping, he was precipitated about eight feet on to some stonework. He was removed in an unconscious state to the Cottage Hospital at Brentwood, and was attended by Mr. J. C. Quennell, who found the poor fellow suffering from concussion of the brain and paralysis, the result of injury to the spine. He died the next day; the day following, the coroner, Mr. C. C. Lewis, held an inquest, when a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

A bazaar has just been held in aid of the parish church of Donyatt, near Ilminster. It is intended to re-cast the one which is cracked, and to arrange the peal for Ellacombe's new chiming apparatus. The bazaar was opened by the Hon. Mrs. Stanley, and a good sale of the articles offered was effected.

A memorial brass, bearing the following inscription, has been placed in Highclere Church:—"The remains of the above Charles Herbert, buried in Italy, in the Castello Dolivolo, 1635, sacrilegiously torn from their grave during the French Revolution, were discovered by his kinsman Henry, fourth Earl of Carnarvon, 253 years afterwards, and after many vicissitudes rest here among others of his race and name, Requiescat in pace."

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H. BAREFIELD.—Apply to the Publisher.

The third instalment of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' article on Grandsire Triples is unavoidably postponed till next week.

The Shipway Reprint is being issued as fast as possible to subscribers. Change of addresses should at once be notified.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1886.

The Provinces.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1886, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERIC PITSTOW* Treble.	*JOHN F. PENNING 5.
CHARLES PRIOR 2.	*GEORGE MARTIN 6.
HENRY PRIOR, JUN.† 3.	*ERNEST PITSTOW 7.
GEORGE TAYLOR* 4.	*NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW.

First peal by Messrs. Prior, who hail from Stanstead; Mr. Taylor hails from Cambridge. *Cumberlands. †College Youth.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Friday, October 15, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ADAM BUTTERWORTH Treble.	JOSEPH TAYLOR 5.
JOHN GREENWOOD 2.	SAMUEL STOTT 6.
CLEMENT DRONSFIELD 3.	THOMAS BARRATT 7.
JAMES TAYLOR* 4.	LUKE HAMPSON Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

*First peal. Messrs. Stott, Greenwood, and Dronsfield hail from St. Mark's, Glodwick, the rest are of the local company.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE LONDON ST. JAMES' SOCIETY AND THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 14, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. F. A. H. DUBOULAY Treble.	REV. H. A. COCKEY 5.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 6.
REV. J. U. TODD 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 7.
REV. CANON WIGRAM 4.	G. H. PHILLOTT, ESQ. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

The first peal of Grandsire in which the changing bells have been rung by clergy-men, and the first peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3qrs., 15lbs.

W. MORRIS (aged 76) Treble.	F. E. WARD 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT, ESQ. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
F. DAY 3.	W. T. PATES 8.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 4.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES 9.
H. ROBERTS 5.	A. HUMPHREYS Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

GLODWICK, NEAR OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1886, in Two and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD GUEST Treble.	ALBERT CLEGG 5.
CLEMENT DRONSFIELD 2.	SAMUEL STOTT 6.
JOHN GREENWOOD 3.	THOMAS BARRATT 7.
JAMES PRIESTLEY 4.	LUKE HAMSON Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, of Liverpool, and Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

Messrs. Barratt and Hamson hail from Moorside, and Priestley from Leesfield.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 21, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN AUSTIN Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR 5.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT 2.	HARRY WAKLEY 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal, in three parts, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place, is now rung for the first time.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER VERRAL* Treble.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT 5.
EDWARD BALDOCK 2.	D. HALL 6.
A. H. WOOLLEY 3.	J. W. LEONARD 7.
WILLIAM HARDEN 4.	THOMAS DANES Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. LEONARD.

*First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Friday, October 22, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

A. JONES Treble.	C. STANBRIDGE 6.
G. DAY* 2.	S. REEVES 7.
W. R. SMALL 3.	J. BUFFERY 8.
T. REYNOLDS 4.	*F. DAY 9.
B. MITCHELL 5.	A. THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by J. BUFFERY.

The above was rung on the back ten, after the bells have been rehung by Messrs. Day of Eye. *First peal of Grandsire Caters. G. and F. Day hail from Eye.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong and right, and is now rung for the first time.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 17, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW Treble.	JOHN F. PENNING.. .. 5.
GEORGE MARTIN.. .. 2.	ERNEST PITSTOW 6.
CHARLES FREEMAN 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR 7.
ISRAEL ROCKETT* 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

The above peal was augmented from 6 to 8 by Messrs. Lewis some months ago, but the trebles were so unsatisfactory that they were taken down, and the casting of two more were entrusted to Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, which are a decided improvement, being much heavier. After the peal was rung (which is the first on the bells), Mr. Hedding, one of the churchwardens, came into the belfry and congratulated the ringers on their capital performance, at the same time offering to pay for a board to commemorate the peal.

All the ringers, with the exception of Mr. Rockett, are members of the Essex Association. Messrs. Taylor & Rockett hail from Cambridge, the rest from Saffron Walden. *First peal of Treble Bob.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1886, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HARRY HEAP* Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD 5.
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	JOSEPH GILLOTT 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN* 3.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT .. 7.
JAMES WOOD 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY.. .. 5.
JOHN HOWE 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
WILLIAM HICKLING 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th twenty-four times at home, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place, and consists of forty-four courses only.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, October 23, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD CALLAND Treble.	*PETER BAXTER.. .. 5.
EDWARD PRESCOTT 2.	THOMAS TICKLE 6.
JAMES ALDRED 3.	*EDWARD ARROWSMITH .. 7.
JOSEPH PRESCOTT 4.	*SAMUEL HAYES.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PRESCOTT.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung on the 20th anniversary of the consecration of the above church. Messrs. Calland, J. and E. Prescott and Tickle belong to Hindley; Aldred hails from Tyldesley; the rest from Leigh.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE

ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Wednesday, October 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN JAGGAR Treble.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 5.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY 6.
N. J. PITSTOW 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	THOMAS HOLMES Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 25, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD GUEST Treble.	FRED CROSSLAND 5.
SAMUEL STOTT 2.	JOHN GREENWOOD 6.
EDWIN B. SHAW.. .. 3.	THOMAS BARRAT 7.
JAMES PRIESTLEY 4.	LUKE HAMPSON.. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. HOLLIS and Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

Messrs. Guest, Stott, and Greenwood hail from St. Mark's, Glodwick; Crossland, Shaw and Priestley from Leesfield; Barratt and Hampson belongs to the local company.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, October 23, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

CHAS. BANCE Treble.	CHAS. GORDON 6.
WILLIAM BURKIN 2.	DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 7.
JAMES TRAPPITT 3.	GEORGE WELLING 8.
GEORGE RUSSELL 4.	JOHN PLOWMAN 9.
EDGAR BENNETT 5.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. James Cawley a member of the St. Mary's society, Beddington, and the Surrey Association, who died October 15th, aged 35 years. The ringer of the 4th is in his 77th year.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 25, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

O. OVERSHED Treble.	C. BLACKMAN 5.
G. BALCHIN 2.	F. LUXFORD 6.
G. BAKER 3.	H. BURSTOW 7.
W. L. CHAMBERLAIN.. 4.	H. HAGGETT Tenor.

Conducted by H. BURSTOW.

This is the first peal rung by the Arundel branch of the above Association, and was rung on the occasion of the 31st Anniversary of the bells being opened.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, October 26, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL (Reversed). Tenor 22½ cwt. in F♯.

EDWARD FREEMAN Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.. 5.
WILLIAM PEAD 2.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 6.
THOMAS G. DEAL 3.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	SAMUEL GIBBS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This peal was a reverse of Holt's Original, effected by Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, and the first time such a variation of the Original has been rung.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Tuesday, October 26, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088

CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY WAKLEY Treble.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 5.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 2.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 6.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	W. WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

The peal, a three part composition, with the 2nd and 3rd never in sixth's place,

ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.

THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING, AND THE
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES: IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following, viz.:

Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob Minor, College Single
Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK SWEETZ .. Treble.	EDWARD REEVES 4.
ARTHUR EVANS 2.	THOMAS HIBBERT 5.
GEORGE GIBBARD 3.	HENRY EGBY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY EGBY.

The ringers wish to signify their best thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells
and kind wishes for the success of the peal. First peal on the bells.

Date Touches.

GARSTON.—On Saturday, October 18th, at St. Michael's Church, a
date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1886 changes. S. Gough, 1; T.
Morris, 2; J. Allen, 3; J. Alexander, 4; C. Newton, 5; W. Weaver, 6;
F. Turner (conductor), 7; W. Edwards, 8. Composed by F. Turner.
On Sunday, after morning service, being the dedication of three stained
windows, the local company ascended the tower and rung the first part
of Holt's ten-part peal. S. Gough, 1; W. Edwards, 2; T. Morris, 3;
J. Allen, 4; C. Newton, 5; W. Weaver, 6; F. Turner (conductor), 7;
J. Ivison, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SHARROW (Yorks).—On Tuesday evening, October 22nd, the local
society assisted by Mr. Joseph Wrightson, president of the Thirsk
society, rang at the parish church a date touch of Plain Bob Triples,
1886 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Rumbold (Ripon), 1; J. B. H.
Conyers, 2; A. Ingleby, 3; A. H. Clark (Sharow), 3; J. Wrightson
(Thirsk), 5; W. Pick (Sharow), 6; T. Clark (Sharow), 7; J. Flowers,
8. Tenor 13 cwt. in G. Composed and conducted by T. Clark.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, October 21st, at St. Mary's Church, a 720
of Oxford Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). I. Hills, 1; M.
Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. Cullip, 5;
W. Biggs, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, October 23rd, at the
house of Mr. A. Wheatley, a 720 of Plain Bob (six bobs and fourteen
singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 2;
M. Warwick, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Biggs, 5; F. Keech, 6. Also on
Sunday, October 24th, at the house of Mr. M. Warwick, a 720 of Plain
Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; F. Keech, 2; C.
W. Clarke, 3-4; H. Chapman, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6. And a 720
of Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). J. Spencer, 1; H. Chapman, 2;
M. Warwick, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6. Also a six-
score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Keech, 1; H. Chapman, 2; J.
Spencer, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; M. Warwick (conductor), 5-6.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIBSEY.—On Saturday, October 9th, at the parish church, 720 of
Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). Timothy Rogers, 1; G.
Clark, 2; A. Barber, 3; J. Mawer, 4; E. Mason (conductor), 5; J. M.
Rylatt, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. The Rev. F. Besant kindly entertained the
members to tea at the Vicarage.

FRIESTON.—On Sunday, October 10th, being the Harvest Festival,
at the parish church, 6-score of Grandsire Doubles and 4-score of Bob
Doubles was rung for evening service. Timothy Rogers, 1; G. Clark,
(Shirbeck) 2; E. Mason (Skirbeck), 3; A. Barber (Frieston), 4; J. M.
Rylatt (Boston), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHARLWOOD.—On Sunday, October 3rd, on the occasion of the
Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor (twenty-six
singles), in 25 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; G. Wickens, 3;
W. Collison, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. Also 720 of
Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2;
W. Collison, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor),
6. And 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in
24½ mins. W. Parsons, 1; G. Wickens, 2; W. Collison, 3; A. F.
Hillier, 4; F. Wickens, 5; M. Heffer (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Wednesday, October 6th, on the occasion of the
marriage of Mr. W. W. Winter and Miss Pakeman, the following band
rang at St. Andrew's Church, a 560 of Bob Major in 21 mins. W.
Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; J. W. Thompson, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; H.
C. Woodward, 5; G. Mottashaw, 6; A. E. Thompson, 7; C. E. Hart
(conductor), 8. On Friday, October 8th, being the Harvest Festival,
at the above church, the following band rang 504 of Grandsire Triples,
in 20 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; C. E. Hart, 2; T. Alton, 3; W. D.
Midgley, 4; G. Mottashaw, 5; A. E. Thompson, 6; J. W. Thompson
(conductor), 7; C. Sidley, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E b.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Saturday, October 2nd, a select band
met to attempt a peal of Treble Bob on the heavy peal of eight at St.
Stephen's (tenor 30 cwt.), but having to wait some considerable time
for one of the men, a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with
two of the local band. *E. Watson, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor),
2; W. Story, 3; R. S. Story, 4; H. Ross, 5; H. Harrison, 6; J. J.
Clarkson, 6; *C. Ward, 8. *St. Stephen's Society. Then the 500 of
Treble Bob was attempted, but, unfortunately, after ringing two hours
and fifteen mins., the bells had to be set owing to a mis-call, nine
courses having been rung. John Moffitt, 1; C. Routledge, 2; H. Ross,
3; R. S. Story, 4; W. Story, 5; E. Wallis, 6; G. J. Olarkson (con-
ductor), 7; Fred. Harrison, 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, the 3rd inst., for evening service
1008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. R. Hopper, 1; R. S. Story, 2;
James Moffitt, 3; C. R. Wheldon, 4; John Moffitt, 5; J. T. Gibson
(conductor), 6; G. J. Clarkson, 7; R. Scrafton, 8. Tenor 10 cwt.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

TERRINGTON (Norfolk).—At St. Clement's Church, on October 19th,
720 Bob Minor was rung in 29 mins., for the commencement of the
winter season. W. Mallett, 1; R. Howling, 2; Dr. Seccombe, 3; F.
Easton, 4; John Herring, 5; John Green (conductor), 6. Tenor 14
cwt. Recently at the same church, a funeral peal was rung by the
company, in memory of Robert Howling, junr., a member of the com-
pany, who died on the 27th September last, aged 21.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEA.—On Thursday, October 21st, the Gainsborough ringers visited
the above place, and rang 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs
and two singles), in 25 mins. F. F. Linley, 1; W. W. Bust, 2; J. C.
Tinker, 3; W. Pattison, 4; F. W. Atkinson, 5; W. D. Tinker (con-
ductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. This is the first 720 of Grandsire Minor on
the bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, October 12th, for practice, at St.
Margaret's church, a 720 of Bob Minor. T. A. Shearing (conductor),
1; *F. Wilson, 2; A. Lincoln, 3; W. Button, 4; R. Stannard, 5; J.
Button, 6. And on Saturday, October 16th, 1190 Grandsire Triples.
J. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; T. Staulkey, 3; W. Button, 4; G.
Baxter, 5; R. Stannard, 6; T. E. Shearing (conductor), 7; J. Flegg,
8. Also 686 of Bob Triples. T. E. Shearing (conductor), 1; H.
Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; A. G. Rodwell, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; R. Stan-
nard, 6; G. Baxter, 7; J. Flegg, 8. And on Sunday morning,
October 17th, for Divine Service a 476 of Grandsire Triples. J.
Button, 1; H. Button, 2; T. Staulkey, 3; W. Button, 4; G. Baxter,
5; R. Stannard, 6; T. E. Shearing (conductor), 7; J. Flegg, 8. Also
for divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples
(1260 changes). J. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; T. Staulkey, 3; W.
Button, 4; G. Baxter, 5; R. Stannard, 6; T. E. Shearing (conductor),
7; J. Flegg, 8. *First 720 with a bob bell. Tenor 20½ cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MITCHAM.—On Saturday, October 16th, at Christ Church, to
celebrate the advent of Mr. and Mrs. Harris's wedding day, a 360 of
Grandsire Minor, Bob Minor, and Kent Treble Bob, also several
6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which the following ringers took
part: W. Gallagher, J. Fayers, G. Welling, D. Burtenshaw, E. Burtenshaw,
R. Reynolds, C. Schneider, and H. J. Schneider. The ringers
wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Harris, and hope they both may be
spared for many years to come. The usual monthly ringing meeting
will be held in the Tower, when it is hoped that there will be a good
meeting of ringers. All are welcomed.

WIMBLEDON.—On Tuesday, October 12th, at St. Mary's church,
for practice, a 720 of Superlative Surprise, in 25 mins. G. C. Scowen,
1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost
(conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, October 19th, a 720 of Woodbine
Treble Bob. S. Frost (conductor), 1; G. C. Scowen, 6; the rest
as above.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT.—On Saturday, October 16th, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Varndell, 6.

NEWDIGATE (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 3rd, being the Harvest Festival at St. Peter's Church, seven members of the above Guild rang 360 of Kent Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; A. Tidy, 2; R. Jordan, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 360 of College Exercise standing in the same order. And after service 360 of Oxford. A. Tidy, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 10th, being the Harvest Festival, six members of the above Guild visited St. Margaret's Church, and rang for Morning Service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. A. Mills, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan (conductor), 5; D. Jordan, 6. Also 120 of Oxford Bob. T. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; A. Mills (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. G. Cox and W. Mills are local men.

RUSPER (Sussex).—On Sunday October 19th, some members of the above visited the parish church, and rang a 720 of Superlative Surprise, in 26 mins, being the first in the method on the bells. G. Holloway, 1; T. Stedman, 2; A. Mills, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Oxford Bob. A. Mills, 1; T. Stedman, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; W. Wood, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Mills, 1; T. Stedman, 2; G. Holloway, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. G. Holloway hails from Rusper, G. Cox and W. Mills from Ockley, the brothers Wood from Warnham, the rest from Capel.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, October 17th, for Divine service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. O. Evershed, 1; H. Haggett, 2; H. Peckham, 3; W. L. Chamberlain, 4; G. Baker, 5; F. Luxford, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Yeaterman, 8.

ASHCHURCH (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, October 19th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. R. H. Whitherington, 1; S. Cleal, 2; C. Axford, 3; E. Wallis, 4; J. Wathen, 5; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 6.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 10th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler, 4; F. Bridger (conductor), 5.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, October 24th, at St. Paul's Church, for Divine Service in the evening, a course of New Cumberland Surprise, also two courses of Superlative Surprise Major. J. Austin, 1; T. Meredith, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; E. I. Stone, 6; R. Cartwright, 7; J. Jagger, 8.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Friday evening, October 8th, at the parish church, 720 of College Pleasure in 25 mins. A. Mills, 1; A. Tidy, 2; T. Stedman, 3; R. Jordan, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Violet. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan (conductor), 5; A. Mills, 6. And on Friday, October 15th, a 720 of Double Oxford. T. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; E. Jordan, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, October 16th, an attempt was made for a 5040 in five different methods, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 5 mins., through the organist wanting to get into the church to practice, who by adopting the Fareham plan throwing at the belfry window brought the ringers to a stand after ringing 720 Double Oxford, 720 Violet, and nearly 600 College Pleasure. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan (conductor), 5; D. Jordan, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Monday, October 11th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Plowman, 1; E. Bennett, 2; A. B. Carpenter, 3; W. Burkin (conductor), 4; G. Welling, 5; J. Trappitt, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. E. Bennett, 1; J. Trappitt, 2; A. B. Carpenter, 3; J. Plowman, 4; W. Burkin, 5; G. Welling (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Mary's Church, for Divine service in the morning, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. John Gibson, 1; E. Davis, 2; George Caldwell, 3; Richard H. Pease, 4; Ralph Curry, 5; Thomas J. Bithell (conductor) and Richard Mills, 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (no time taken). J. Gibson, 1; E. Davis, 2; J. Caldwell, 3; R. H. Pease, 4; R. Curry, 5; T. J. Bithell (conductor) and W. Johnson, 6. Also after evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. William Johnson 1; E. Davis, 2; George Caldwell, 3; John Gibson (conductor), 4; Ralph

Curry, 5; Thomas J. Bithell and Richard Mills, 6. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

CLUM (Shropshire).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, October 19th, four members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, with J. W. Washbrooke (instructor), rang, on handbells, retained in hand, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. J. W. Washbrooke (conductor), 1-2; *W. Roberts, 3; *W. Mead, 4; *J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 5; *J. Roberts, 6. *First 720. This is the first 720 rung in Shropshire on handbells by members of the Guild.

GRASSEDALE.—On Sunday morning, being the Harvest Thanksgiving, the following rang 720 of Grandsire Minor: C. Newton, 1; W. Edwards, 2; J. Alexander, 3; W. Weaver, 4; T. Morris (conductor), 5; F. Turner, 6. And after service in the evening, 360 in the same method. W. Edwards, 1; C. Newton, 2; T. Morris, 3; W. Weaver, 4; J. Allen (conductor), 5; F. Turner, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

CRAWLEY.—On Sunday, October, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, for morning service, 840 of Grandsire Triples, in 32 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wady, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Collison, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; E. Pierce, 8. In the afternoon a few touches of Court Bob and Oxford Bob Triples was rung. For evening service a quarter peal of Court Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins. W. Parsons, 1; C. Streeter, 2; W. Wady, 3; B. King, 4; *J. Gasson, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; H. Burstow, 7; J. Collison, 8. E. Streeter and J. Gasson hail from Balcombe. *First quarter peal in the method. Members of the Worth Branch visited the church during the afternoon.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Monday, October 11th, at St. Martin's Church, for practice, the local company rang at the first attempt, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 29 mins. *A. E. Bassett, 1; †T. Miles (conductor), 2; *G. Wyatt, 3; *H. Pederick, 4; *H. Kenten, 5; J. Easton, 6; J. Hawkins, 7; *G. Pederick, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in E. *First half-peal. †First half-peal as conductor. All but Wyatt are members of the Surrey Association.

HORTON (Staffs.).—On Sunday, October 10th, a 720 of Bob Minor, H. Holcroft, 1; M. Capper, 2; T. Turner, 3; S. Mitchell, 4; S. Moore, 5; W. Carter (conductor), 6; also a 360 of Bob Minor. H. Holcroft, 1; A. Aultlan, 2; W. Wood, 3; D. Bradbury, 4; W. Carter, 5; W. H. Armiets (conductor), 6.

KEYSTON (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, October 16th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, three 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Pettit, 1; E. Chapman, 2; J. Morris, 3; J. Martin, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5; also two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. F. Barwell, 1; R. Dunkley (conductor), 2; J. Pettit, 3; J. Martin, 4; H. Twelvetree, 5. Also two 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles. H. Twelvetree, 1; J. Pettit, 2; E. Chapman, 3; J. Martin, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5. J. Pettit and R. Dunkley are members of the Wellingborough District Association, the rest belong to the local company.

ORMSKIRK (Lancs.).—On Sunday, October 10th, the local society rang for evening service, at the parish church, a 798 of Grandsire Triples, in 26 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; H. J. Ellis, 3; G. Prescott, 4; W. B. Lloyd, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; J. Walker (composer), 7; P. H. Harvey, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. J. Walker hails from Blackburn.

KIDDERMINSTER.—At St. Mary and All Saints' on Monday, October 4th, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; H. Sandell, 3; J. Jones, 4; H. Williams, 5; Rev. C. T. Collom, 6; J. Brane (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. Rev. C. T. Collom and J. Jones hail from Kingswinford. On Thursday, October 7th, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; T. Salters, 2; H. Sandells, 3; R. E. Grove, 4; H. Williams, 5; H. Adams, 6; J. Brane (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. This is the first long touch of Triples by H. Adams and T. Salters. On Thursday, October 14th, on the back six, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Bennett, 1; J. Bennett, junr., 2; H. Sandells, 3; S. Rowlands, 4; H. Williams, 5; J. Brane (conductor), 6. Tenor 30 cwt. in D. J. Bennett's (junr.) first 720.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday afternoon, 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). F. A. Nunn, 1; J. Nunn, 2; W. Nash, 3; B. Keeble, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; A. Porter (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Wood, 1; L. Green, 2; J. Priest, 3; G. Akers, 4; G. Cornell, 5; T. Scarlett (conductor), 6. Also in the evening, 336 of Grandsire Triples. W. Nash, 1; J. Priest, 2; G. Akers, 3; L. Green, 4; J. Nunn, 5; T. Scarlett, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; G. Cornell, 8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 3rd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. G. Elcombe, 1; A. Cornford, 2; W. Harper (conductor), 3; J. Broom, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Martin, 6. Also after service, a 720 in the same method, in 26 mins. L. Digweed, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; A. Cornford, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, W. Harper (conductor), 6.

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FESTIVITIES AT WALKDEN PARISH CHURCH.

ON Wednesday, October 6th, a very interesting scene was witnessed by a large number of spectators, in the marriage of Mr. Andrew Hilton and Miss Barlow, only daughter of Mr. Samuel Barlow, of Little Hulton. The ceremony took place at 11 a.m. About half-an-hour before the bridegroom arrived at the church, accompanied by Mr. Peter Barlow, his best man, and Mr. Chase, his groomsmen. The bride was led into the interior of the church by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss A. Bernerson, niece of the bridegroom, and Miss Crompton, of Manchester. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. Heath, vicar of Walkden, assisted by the Rev. C. P. Roberts, vicar of Peel. Mr. Higham presided at the organ. At the close of the ceremony the bells poured forth their melodious tones, and were rung at intervals during the day. The following touches were rung:-A 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Brookes, 1; W. Denner, 2; J. Worthington (conductor), 3; J. Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; S. Oakes, 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles, in 25½ mins. J. Brookes (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. And a 360 of Bob Minor. W. Denner (conductor), 1; A. Potter, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Worthington, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. And various other touches were also rung.

On Saturday evening, and Sunday, the 9th and 10th inst., being the harvest festival, touches were rung as follows: for Saturday evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Welsby, 5; J. Brookes, 6.

On Sunday afternoon the Princesses Victoria Louise, and Louise Augusta, daughters of Prince and Princess Christian, and grand daughters of Queen Victoria, were present at the service, being accompanied by Ladies Mable, Alice, and Beatrice Egerton, daughters of the Hon. Earl of Ellesmere. The roads were thronged with people near the church, who had availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing them. A 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) was rung before service, in 24½ mins. W. Denner 1; Jno. Worthington (conductor), 2; J. Brookes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Welsby, 6. After service, while the Princesses and the Ladies Egerton were leaving the church the bells were rung in Queens. And for evening service a 720 of Bob Minor was rung, in 24 mins. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter, 4; W. Denner, 5; A. Potter, 6. And for practice, on Monday evening, October 11th, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. J. Worthington, 1; J. Williamson, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6.

BOXFORD, SUFFOLK.

ON Saturday, October 9th, the above place was visited by a party of ringers from Sudbury, Melford, Glemsford, Belchamp, and Bury St. Edmunds. The tower contains a peal of eight bells, the tenor weighing about 23 cwt. in Eb, but they cannot be heard at all nicely in the ringing-chamber, the trebles being mounted some bit above the others, the big bells just underneath them, the consequence is, the sound cannot get down, but they can be heard outside. A 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung by F. Tolliday, 1; S. Slater, 2; J. Campin, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. Griggs, 5; A. Osborne, 6; H. Harper, 7; O. Garwood, 8. Also a touch of Bob Major. J. Campin, 1; N. Hawkins, 2; G. Brown, 3; P. C. S. Scott, 4; J. Bird, 5; W. Griggs, 6; S. Slater, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. A touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung to conclude with, by F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; J. Campin, 3; H. Harper, 4; P. C. S. Scott, 5; A. Osborne, 6; S. Slater (conductor), 7; O. Garwood, 8. Some of these bells go very badly, and they want overhauling by a good bellhanger.

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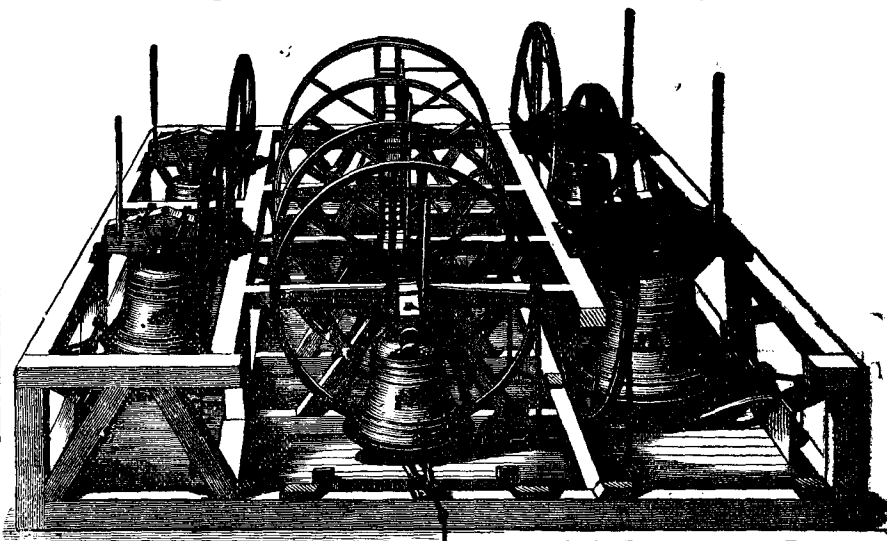


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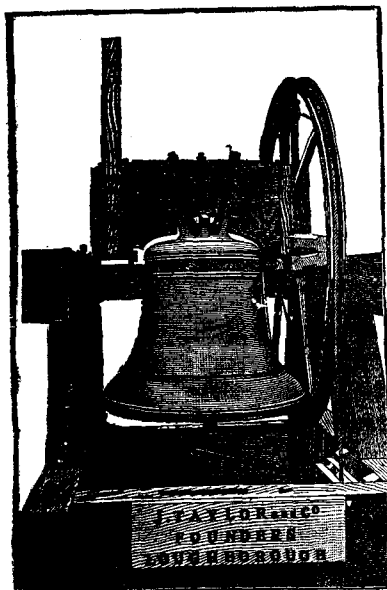
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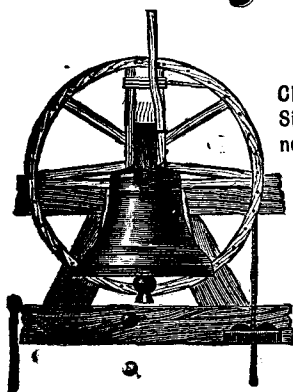
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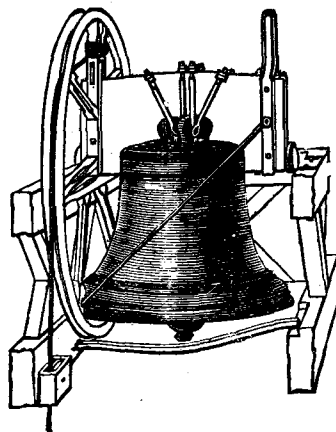
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We may now proceed to tabulate the various working forms of Table VI. These working forms will be 256 in number, and are to be produced by the various possible alternations of A and B strips. The first part of the following short Table shows the various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

	Nos. of the strips.	Numbers of various possible cases.															
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Div. 1.	1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
	2	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B
	6	A	A	B	B	A	A	B	B	A	A	B	B	A	A	B	B
	7	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Div. 2.		1	2	3	4												
	3	A	B	A	A												
	4	A	A	B	A												
	10	A	A	A	B												
Div. 3.		1	2	3	4												
	5	A	B	A	A												
	8	A	A	B	A												
	9	A	A	A	B												

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We have given these two examples in full as an indication of the manner in which all the various forms of Table VI. must be treated. As each one of these is examined, the result of the examination should be entered in a book or on a large sheet of paper prepared for the purpose. The book which I employed measured when closed, 11 inches by 9, and was ruled in squares of which 121 occupied very approximately the space of 4 square inches. These squares I found amply large enough. Each combination of strips produces a row of figures as shewn above in the case of the two examples taken viz: 1-2-3-4, etc., and 1-2-70-71, etc. Each of these rows should be entered in the book, putting the numbers successively one in each square in a horizontal direction. Put the first number of each row (it is always 1) immediately under the first of the preceding row. By this means the length of the different compositions can be easily compared. In practice it be found convenient to rule a red line perpendicularly down the page at the 36th square, so that a 504 may be easily recognised by the row of figures coming to an end when the red line is reached. Another red line may also be ruled down the page at the 69th square, which is the furthest limit to which the compositions will ever run. A margin should be kept either to the right or the left of the page for noting by what combination of strips each row of figures is produced, so that there may be no risk either of omitting any combination, or of working out the same twice over, and also for the sake of any future reference.

In the actual working it will be found unnecessary to go through all the 256 possible variations of Table VI. Some of them will run themselves out more or less speedily, not calling all the strips into requisition. Thus the particular combination of those that are used will be found to be contained in more than one, and possibly in many, forms of the whole table. For instance, take strips B 1, A 3 and B 7. This combination yields the following succession of rows 1, 2, 70, 71, 19, 20, 21. Only these three strips are required for this composition, and consequently any form of the whole table containing these three strips cannot produce anything further than is produced by these three strips alone. Therefore any form of the table containing these strips may be taken as examined, and settled. We are in this manner enabled to dispense with no less than 47 forms of the table, or, as these three strips are contained in 48 of its forms. And so with other combinations, though not to such an extent, as this is the shortest touch produced by our method of treatment. Annexed are the bob leads of it, and it in fact forms the first five short parts of the two peals published in "THE BELL NEWS," of February 9th, 1884.

There is a certain fact bearing on the whole question in general which may or may not have been noticed by my readers. It is this. The rows in the first half of Table I. are strictly parallel to the rows in the second half. An example or two will explain. In a given touch commencing with row 1, row 13 turns up—say at the 25th lead. Then, if instead of starting from row 1 we start from row 37, bobs being called at intervals similar to those in the last touch, the 25th lead will be found in row 49. And, conversely, if in the first touch row 46 had appeared as the 25th lead, in the second row 13 would be found in its place. Also where in one half of Table I two or more leads have been bracketted together, the corresponding leads in the second half will be seen to have fared in the same way. In short, the two halves of the Table are similar in all respects. One result of this is that any touch which has first been written out in the usual manner (viz. with a lead-end in row 1 for its first lead, and a lead-end in row 21 for its final lead) may be varied by starting from a lead-end in row 37 and concluding with one in 57. For example, the last short touch that was given when varied according to this rule will take the following form. Now, in its original form its lead-ends were in the rows 1, 2, 70, 71, 19, 20, 21. They will now be found in the similar rows to these, viz., 37, 38, 34, 35, 55, 56, 67. The same holds good in the case of every other composition produced by the means we are employing except under one condition. It will be remembered that the letter R in compartment 26 of Table VI. is a convenient and abbreviated form of writing rows 55-56-57-37-38, the five rows always conjoined and containing row 57, that is the Reverse course. Now, suppose some given combination of strips produces a succession of rows containing the letter R, and that from this succession of rows the bob-leads are pricked out in the usual manner. Then, if we start from a lead of the reverse course (in lieu of starting from rounds) and write bobs arranged similarly to those in the original touch, when the place is reached where in the former touch the reverse course occurred, it will be found that we now get the plain course, and that in consequence our touch will run round in the middle of one of the parts. Hence combination of rows which contain R are not available for this kind of variation.

HANDBELLS IN COURT.

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

In Memoriam.

JAMES CAWLEY.

DIED OCTOBER 15TH, 1886, AGED 35 YEARS.

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

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS AT PRESTBURY,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

CHANGE-RINGING CONTEST AT LEEDS.

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

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

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

ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.

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

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

"THE BELLS OF GLOUCESTER."

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

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

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

Gloucester.

EMILY D. BROWNE.

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

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

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

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

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF EIGHT BELLS.

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

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

H. DAINS.

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A DAYS' RINGING WITH THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

WANSTEAD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

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

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" W. Booth	0	2	6
The Society of St. Mary's, Woolwich	0	7	6
The Daresbury Society, Warrington	0	4	6
Mr. M. A. Wood, Bethnal Green	0	2	6
" H. Burstow, Horsham, Sussex	0	2	6
" J. J. Brierley, Saddleworth	0	2	6
" J. Pettitt, Keystone	0	2	6
" R. Dunkley, Bythorn	0	2	0
All Saints' Society, Sheffield	0	10	6
The Widford Company, Chelmsford, Essex	0	3	6
Geo. Breed, York	0	5	0
The St. Peter's Society, Caversham, Reading	0	12	6
The Worcester Society	0	5	0
Mr. Johnson E. Hern, Newnham-on-Severn	0	2	0
" C. Bennett, Hull	0	2	6
" W. Southwick	0	2	6
" J. Pollard	0	2	6
" R. B. Reed	0	2	6
" W. Webster	0	2	6
" H. Jenkins	0	1	6
" H. Harrison	0	1	0
" J. Dixey	0	1	0
" F. Drabble	0	1	0
" J. Allison	0	1	0
" Jno. Baster, Leamington	0	2	0
The Sussex Association:—			
Alfriston Branch	£	0	2
Arundel	0	6	0
Battle	0	2	6
Brighton (St. Peter's) Branch	0	10	6
(St. Nicholas)	0	10	6
Chailey	0	2	6
Crawley	0	5	0
Ditching	0	2	0
Fletching	0	3	0
Heene	0	6	0
Henfield	0	2	6
Horsham	0	3	0
Hurstpierpoint	0	5	0
Newick	0	2	6
Rye	0	2	6
Rype	0	2	6
Warnham	0	5	0
Geo. F. Attree, Hon. Sec.	0	10	6
The Ancient Society of College Youths	1	1	0
The following members contributing One Shilling each in addition:—J. Dwight, W. Cooter, G. Muskett, G. Dorrington, J. Comb, W. Greenleaf, J. Pettit, S. Joyce, W. Tanner, E. Clark, W. Peime, Y. Green, W. Smith, F. Newman, R. Turner, H. Springall, C. Relton, J. Bonney, A. Cutmore, W. Judd, T. Baker, D. Sutton, J. Shade, E. Wallace, T. Page, G. Page, J. Davidson, T. Jackson, L. Green, F. Dawe, J. R. Haworth	1	11	0
Also the following, per J. M. Hayes:—Mr. Howe 1s. 6d., Mr. Batrum, 1s. 6d.; R. Woodley, 1s.; E. Carter, 2s.; J. Hayes, 1s.; Mr. Winney, 2s. 6d.; Mr. French, 1s.; E. E. Vinen, 2s.; Mr. Rowbotham, 2s.; Mr. McLaughlin, 1s.; Mr. Mash, 1s.; Mr. Tyack, 1s.; Mr. Gover, 1s.; Mr. Garad, 1s.	0	19	6
The Rayleigh Society, Essex	0	5	0
The St. Oswald's Society, Guiseley	0	10	0
The St. James' Society, Hull	0	7	6
The St. Margaret's Society, Horsmonden	0	4	0
Mr. Geo. Bolland, Tong	0	5	0
Christ Church (Southport) Society, Adam Rimmer, Sec., per Rd. Hill	0	10	0
Hy. Smyth, Drighlington	0	2	6
A. H. Bassano, Esq. (Holy Trinity Church Ringers, Old Hill, Staffordshire)	10	0	0

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

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

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

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

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

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The Metropolis.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Birthday Peal.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

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

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

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

ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN.

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

The Provinces.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(DUFFIELD BRANCH).

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 size in Eb.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

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

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

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

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

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD and Conducted by EDWARD CASH.

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

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JOHN SIDEBOTHAM.

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

Date Touches.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Friday evening, October 29th, at Holy Trinity church, the local company rang a date touch of 1886 changes of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of one of their number, Mr. John J. Walsh, who composed the above touch. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; Henry Bentley, 2; Joel Redford, 3; Jacob Lister, 4; J. W. Critchley, 5; Thos. E. Turner, 6; Jas. H. Jackson, 7; R. Lindley, 8. Time 1 hr. 7 mins. Tenor 16 cwt. On Saturday afternoon, the remains of the deceased were borne to their last resting place by his brother ringers. The Rev. S. T. Williamson, M.A., curate of Holy Trinity church, officiating in the unavoidable absence of the vicar, the Rev. Chas. Lowe, M.A., President of the Lancashire Association. The deceased had been a ringer upwards of fourteen years, and had taken part in many 5040's.

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

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

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

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

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

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

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

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

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

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

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

ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

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

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

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

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, September 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a 480 Bob Minor, and for early celebration on October 3rd, 540 Bob Minor. T. Vaughan, 1; I. Hillman, 2; W. Jones, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 3rd, for Divine Service, fifteen 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, were rung by the company William Jones (calling all his differently) and E. Bourne being conductors; I. Homer taking part in some with the tenor. And for practice, on October 11th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, containing thirty-four bobs and two singles, in 26 mins. John Guest, 1; W. Jones, 2; J. Packneld, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And for practice on Saturday, October 10th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 27½ mins. Robert Schofield (Seagley; first 720 in the method) 1; James Sackfield, 2; William Jones, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And on Sunday October 17th, for Divine Service, a 540 of Bob Minor. T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; W. Jones (conductor), 6. And on Sunday afternoon, October 17th, a 720 of Bob Minor (with twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 26½ mins. T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; W. Jones, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And on Monday evening, October 18th, for practice, a 480 of Bob Minor. T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; James Sackfield, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single, in 26 mins. T. Vaughan, 1; W. Jones, 2; James Sackfield, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6.

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

LYE (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, October 23rd, at Christ Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins, being the first 720 on these bells by any band. The tenor is only 3½ cwt., and the Treble (eight bells) 84lbs. These bells must clapper on the top side in order to sound properly, and are very liable to bump off to the lower side, when the bell has to be stopped and fallen, and risen again. The 720 was accomplished with the clappers right all through. F. Davis (Lye), 1; *C. W. H. Griffith, Esq. (conductor), 2; *C. W. Bassano, 3; *H. Mason, 4; *A. E. Parsons, 5; *A. H. Bassano, 6. *Old Hill. †Cumnor, Oxford.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A REQUEST.

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

PRIZE RINGING CONTESTS.

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

October 25th.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

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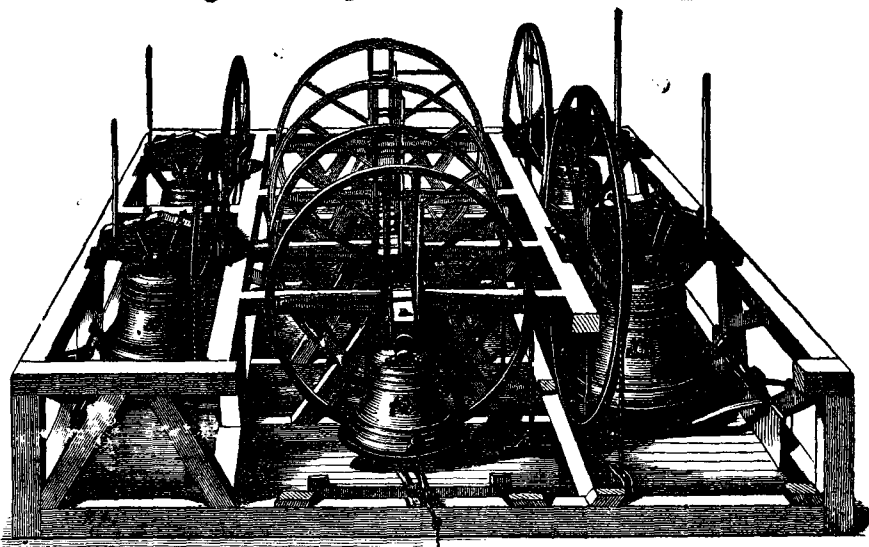
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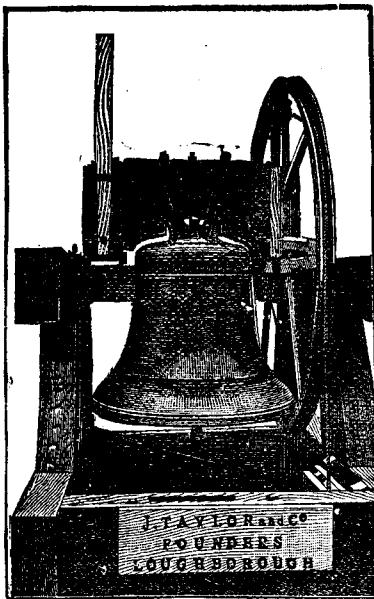


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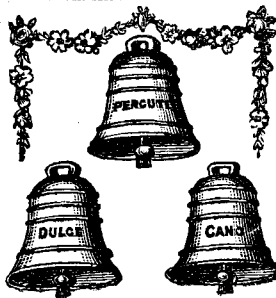
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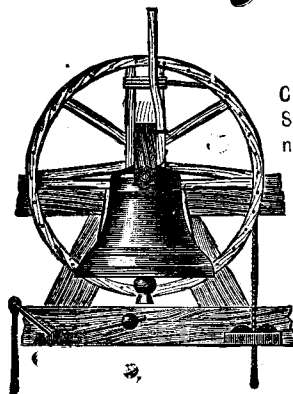
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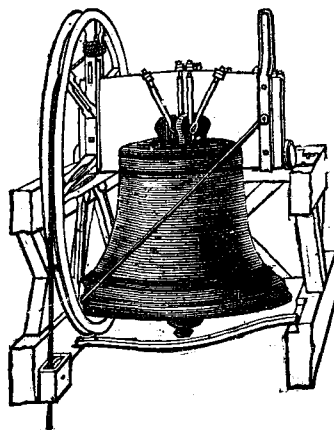
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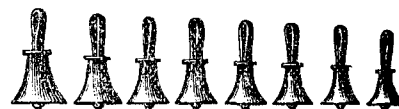
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"That the General Committee, having heard the opinion of the Secretary, resolves that a sub-committee shall in future take into consideration the whole of the matters, financial or otherwise, contained in the reports."

The amended rules were gone through very carefully, and an interesting discussion took place, it being proposed that ringers who did not cultivate change-ringing, but who went in for belfry reform, should be admitted to the Association. The proposition was lost, and the rules passed.

The Secretary stated that with regard to the application of ringers for admission to the society, the matter had been referred to the Bishops. The Bishops had written replies. The particular ringers who had applied were the Roman Catholic ringers at Blackhill and ringers at Hebburn. He read the letters to the meeting. The Bishop of Newcastle wrote saying he saw no reason why ringers belonging to other bodies should not join, provided they joined it as a Church society, and were content to abide by its rules, and did not join in such numbers as to change the character of the society. He advised the members, however, to accept the opinion of the clergy who took an interest in the Association. The Bishop of Durham wrote that he thought it would be better not to change the character of the Association as a Church of England Society. The Secretary said he thought that was conclusive against any change in the character of the Association. It was decided by vote that the February meeting of the Association be held at Jarrow, and the Whit-Monday meeting at Alnwick. Messrs. Moffatt, Harrison, and Scott, were elected a sub-committee, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman. Divine service followed in All Saints' Church, the preacher being the Rev. Marsden Gibson, M.A.

The members afterwards held their annual dinner at the Crown and Mitre Hotel, Grey Street, the chairman being the Rev. A. S. Ward-rop, Vicar of All Saints. About seventy persons sat down.

The SECRETARY, Mr. G. J. Clarkson, read the ninth annual report, which stated that the Association had raised the status and condition of the ringers in the district. The Association had had no difficulty in paying its way during the past year, but a larger increase could be used to great advantage in the work of instruction. New peals had been hung at St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, at Consett, at Wylam, and at St. Hilda's, South Shields. In all such cases the custom of having a dedication service claimed their approbation. The bells in St. Nicholas's steeple were yet in such a condition that the committee decided to leave them alone, and did not request permission to ring them that day. The number of members, hon. and performing, had increased during the year. The report alluded to the great loss sustained by the death of Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon, late president of the Yorkshire Association.

THE CHAIRMAN proposed the health of the Secretary, and alluded in most gratifying terms, to Mr. Clarkson's energy.

The SECRETARY, in replying, said the local papers had copied something from the *Lancet*, which, if it were true, would go to prove that the more he did for bell-ringing the more he would be increasing the death-rate of the country. But the *Lancet* had given no proof of that. If the sound of the ringing of the church bells did injury to people who heard them, they would at least, as ringers, try to reduce that injury to a minimum, by introducing good ringing for bad.

The report was unanimously adopted, and the amended rules submitted by the committee were approved. Various toasts were proposed, and the Rev. Charles Digby Seymour, the Rev. A. S. Ward-rop, and other gentlemen were elected honorary members of the Association. The following officials of the Association were unanimously re-elected: President, Mr. R. Story; Vice-presidents, Messrs. Lees and Clark; and Secretary, Mr. Clarkson.

In connection with the above gathering, a local paper has the following:—

"The Diocesan ringers, and they are a very decent body of men, from their secretary downward, are evidently not enamoured of our city bells. In the opinion of the committee, the cathedral bells of St. Nicholas were in such a condition the other day as to be best left alone, and alone they were accordingly left. There was no chiming, therefore, no Grandsire Triples, no Minor methods, no Triple Bob

Major from that elegant steeple with which Novocastrians are accustomed to grace almost every picture they paint, every print they issue, every book they publish. Twelve months ago the ringers found the state of affairs in the cathedral belfry "simply pitiable." Here is the description:—"a splendid belfry, presenting every appearance of neglect, and the bad go of the bells, accompanied with ropes which are utterly worn out, will account for the fact that since this meeting the cathedral tenor bell has never been rung up." The cathedral tenor in a word is cracked. 'The ringer,' I heard an authority say, 'pulls the "flapper" against the tenor to make it sound number eight, and some of the other bells in the cathedral belfry are so defective that a good company of ringers can make nothing of them.' The bells of St. Andrew's consist of six, the tenor and the fourth being cracked. In consequence of this, the tenor is disused and the fourth not much used. All Saints' has a full, and what might be made a good peal, St. John's are fair, and St. Stephen's excellent. It is somewhat remarkable that the complaints of the ringers were not alluded to at the Church Conference last week, for so long as the bells are considered necessary to churches, so long should it be the duty of church authorities to see that they are kept in proper condition. It is remarkable in particular that the bells in the cathedral are not attended to with greater care."

A Guild of bell-ringers has been started in connection with All Saints' church, Newcastle, the church being one of the few in the district possessing a peal. The young men forming the Guild have been formally enrolled by the vicar at the conclusion of the morning services during the past two Sundays.

CHANGE-RINGING CONTEST AT RAWMARSH.

On Tuesday, November 2nd, the change ringing contest on eight bells, open to all England, came off at Rawmarsh church. The contest was for prizes for the best true "peal" of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 2528 changes, tenor 10 cwt. There were eight companies entered, and the order of ringing was balloted for by the committee, who sat at the Earl Grey Inn. The first company to enter the belfry was Sheffield, at seven in the morning, who rang an hour and a half, the allotted time. The second was Almondbury, followed by Bradford, Saddleworth, Hyde, Ecclesfield, Rotherham, and Birstall. After ringing only three minutes, the Rotherham company had a mishap which threw them out of the contest. The second bell-man had the misfortune to get the rope twisted round his arm. The judges were Messrs. Robert Binns, of Leeds, and John Cordenly, of Calverly. The arrangement of the courses and the success of the contest is mainly due to the efforts of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield. Twenty-five pounds had been subscribed by local friends, and a special prize of a handsome case of cutlery was given by Mr. Thomas Rowbotham, Sheffield, to the conductor of the winner of the first prize; and Mr. Hattersley also gave a silver mounted drinking horn to the conductor of the winner of the fifth prize. The Rawmarsh society of change-ringers acted as committee of management, and they had been assisted by the rector, the Rev. Sir William Ross Mahon, Bart., and the churchwardens Messrs. George Robinson and James D. Blythe. The acting committee were Messrs. J. S. Farmery, John Hawkins, John Ensor, William Whitworth, Robert Whitworth, Thomas Wilde, V. Hawkins, and J. Schofield. Messrs. Blythe and S. Whitworth sat with the judges in the capacity of markers. The last company finished their peal at 10.15 p.m., and after counting up the faults made by each set, the judges, who had been unknown to the ringers and the public, sitting in the office of the Burial Board, near the church then went into the committee room to announce their decision. Upon their arriving there, Mr. W. Coates, conductor of the Rotherham company, on behalf of the other conductors, raised an objection against Birstall, on the ground that after ringing one hour and being stopped by the rope of one bell slipping off the wheel, they were allowed to reckon the time they had rung instead of commencing again as rule 8 provided. Much discussion ensued among the conductors regarding the point, and precedents were referred to which went in favour of Birstall. It was also pointed out that the rule provided that after recommencing in that case no faults would be taken up to the time the accident happened, and to have asked the ringers to ring for another hour without recording faults would have been a useless waste of time. However, it was agreed to refer the point to the judges, who decided in favour of Birstall. Mr. C. H. Hattersley then announced the result of the contest out of the windows of the Earl Grey Inn to a large crowd. The first winner was Birstall with 473 faults, prize £10, and case of cutlery to the conductor, Mr. Dobson; second, Bradford, 650, prize £7; third, Ecclesfield, 697, prize £4; fourth, Almondbury, 928, prize £3; fifth, Hyde, 1,016, prize £1, and silver mounted drinking horn for the conductor, Mr. Wilde; sixth, Saddleworth, 1,358; seventh, Sheffield, 2,692. The prizes were given by Mr. Hattersley, on behalf of the committee, to the different conductors, who expressed their thanks and hearty approval of the satisfactory manner in which the contest had been conducted.

THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, CHARLESTON.

At a time when Charleston has been so prominently brought under our notice by the terrible and destructive earthquake which a few weeks ago laid it in ruins, it may be interesting to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS," to peruse the following extract from a friend's journal.

"The Charlestonians are justly proud of St. Michael's bells. There is quite an air of romance about them. They were cast in England, and sent over in the colonial times. In the war of the Revolution they were seized upon by the British troops, and sent back to London. But when peace was made, they were resired by the kindness of some unknown benefactor, supposed to have been an officer. They then hung in St. Michael's tower for nearly a century, and rang out to the people of Charleston their tones of gladness or of sorrow, and summoned to the solemn assembly. When the stars and stripes were taken down, and the confederacy proclaimed, St. Michael's bells rang out a peal of joy, which brought them afterwards into trouble. During the war, when everything that was precious was freely surrendered to carry on the struggle, the bells were taken down and sent to be cast into cannon. But General Beauregard spared them, and sent them for safe keeping into some place of concealment. When Sherman's army swept through the confederacy, a negro revealed their hiding place to a northern soldier, who, in the wantonness of destruction, summoned his companions and shattered them to pieces. Long was the tower of St. Michael's silent. The chancel of the church was restored, but the familiar sound of the bells was wanting. At length, though still impoverished, the people resolved to replace them, and wrote to an old resident of Charleston, now in London, to make enquiry if a set of bells in every respect similar, could be procured. This gentleman entered into the spirit of his correspondents. Having ascertained from whom the bells were originally obtained, he found that the firm was still in existence, and on a reference to their books, found the original order given more than a century ago. On further search the proportion of metals was also found, and an old man who had been in the employment of the firm seventy years ago, was able to point out the moulds in which they had been cast. Nothing now remained but to get over the pieces of the broken bells, which were distributed among the various moulds, and the casting carefully and successfully accomplished. Great was the joy when these bells again arrived in Charleston. There was an oration at their landing; a general holiday was kept; for men could do no business, so many memories were evoked by their return. And when they were again restored to St. Michael's tower, and their joyous notes floated on the air, old men and old women wept for joy. And now the bells of St. Michael's are one of the most precious treasures of Charleston."

This extract is from the record of a visit to Charleston paid several years ago. Now another vicissitude has come upon these bells—one newspaper describing the disastrous effects of the late earthquake, says "the tower of St. Michael's is levelled to the ground. Another, which, as it gives more particulars, we may hope is more correct, says "the steeple of St. Michael's stands, but at a dangerous angle, while three of the supporting walls are split to the foundation." Since then, however, there have been several more or less severe shocks, which have brought down many of the already tottering buildings. We can only hope that if the tower has fallen, some of the Charlestonians may have summoned up sufficient courage after the first shock, which so tried it, to get the bells down into a place of safety. The present peal is a fine one of eight, the sweetness of their tones being vouched for by the fact that the firm of bellfounders spoken of above, is that of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They were cast in the autumn of 1866, and their weights are as follows; Treble—5 cwt. 3 qrs.; 2nd.—6 cwt.; 3rd 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.; 4th.—8 cwt.; 5th.—9 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.; 6th.—10 cwt. 2 qrs.; 7th.—14 cwt.; Tenor 19 cwt. Total weight 79 cwt. 2 qrs. An oak frame, and the usual fittings for ringing were sent out at the same time. From information kindly supplied by the present head of the firm, it appears that the weight of the old metal sent over from Charleston was only about three tons. The diameter of five bells are noted in their books, viz., 43½ inches, 42½ inches, 39 7-8 inches, 37½ inches, and 32½ inches, which looks as if these bells were unbroken, though possibly cracked. Should this account meet the eye

of Mr. Warskitt, who was in the employment of the firm at that date, he might be able to enlighten us. But by way of conjecture, these five bells may very probably have been the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th of the peal, the treble, third, and tenor, having been broken to pieces. It would be interesting to hear more of these bells, and if any readers of "THE BELL NEWS" is in a position to give, or to obtain further information about them, by no one will it be welcomed more than by the writer of this article.

H. A. C.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8TH, 1886.—On November 8th, 1886, by the Arundel Branch, at Arundel, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 19 mins. E. Ede, 1; W. Chamberlain, 2; Rev.—Tompkins, 3; G. Baker (conductor), 4; F. Luxford, 5; H. Haggett, 6; C. Blackman, 7; G. Yetman, 8. Also an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, of which nearly a thousand changes were rung. O. Evershed, 1; H. Haggett, 2; F. Luxford, 3; H. Peckham, 4; Rev.—Tompkins, 5; W. Chamberlain, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Yetman, 8. The above were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Alderman David Smith, M.P., a Vice-President of the Association.

On Monday, November 8th, at St. Peter's, Brighton, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of Alderman David Smith, M.P. for Brighton, an attempt was made to ring Hollis' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but failed, after 46 minutes' ringing. A. A. Fuller, 1; H. Weston, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; C. Tyler, 4; A. Marshall, 5; J. Jay, 6; W. Palmer, 7; D. Ross, 8. The same band then started for half a peal, but two bells changed course just before the bells came home, in 1 hr. and 36 mins.

On Saturday, November 6th, 1886, at St. Nicholas, Brighton, by a mixed band, an attempt was made for Hollis' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but the bells were brought round owing to the organist asking them to stop ringing, in 1 hr. 28 mins. A. A. Fuller (St. Peter's), 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; G. Gold (St. Peter's), 3; J. Fox, 4; W. Palmer, 5; G. C. Hammond (Ringmer), 6; J. Neves, 7; C. Taylor, 8. Also on Sunday evening, November 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. C. Tyler, 1; W. Palmer, 2; J. Searle (conductor), 3; J. Fox, 4; H. Boniface, 5; G. C. Hammond, 6; J. Neves, 7; E. Butler, 8. And on Sunday, November 7th, for Divine service in the morning, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 19 mins. J. Searle (conductor), 1; C. Tyler, 2; J. Salmon (St. Paul's), 3; J. Fox, 4; W. Palmer, 5; G. C. Hammond (Ringmer), 6; J. Neves, 7; P. Hodges (St. Paul's), 8.

On October 21st, the St. Mary's, All Saints, and Christchurch (Eastbourne) Branches, at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but failed after ringing 3800 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. E. Willoughby, 1; H. Bennett, 2; T. Smith, 3; L. Huggett, 4; C. Harffey, 5; E. Hart (conductor), 6; E. Willoughby, 7; J. Rollison, 8. Also on November 6th, the All Saints' branch attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but failed, after ringing 4860 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. E. Willoughby, 1; H. Bennett, 2; T. Smith, 3; L. Huggett, 4; G. Howes, 5; E. Hart (conductor), 6; E. Willoughby, 7; J. Rollison, 8.

On November 4th, by the Steyning Branch, at Steyning, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 26 mins. G. Gatland, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolger, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, November 7th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob in 26½ mins. C. Breach, 1; E. Brackley, 2; J. Woolger, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6.

On Saturday, November 6th, a mixed band at Warnham attempted a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but failed after ringing 4872 changes in 3 hrs. 2 mins. W. Short, 1; H. Chandler, 2; W. Wadey, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; T. Andrews, 5; D. Jordan, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8.

On Sunday, November 7th, by the Warnham Branch, at Warnham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Mills, 1; H. Wood, 2; R. Jordan, 3; G. Rapley, 4; C. Blackman, 5; D. Jordan, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8. An attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 2400 changes, in 1 hr. 20 mins. F. Luxford, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Wood, 3; T. Andrews, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; D. Jordan, 7; G. Woodman, 8. And a 350 of Grandsire Triples. G. Sharman, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Wood, 3; T. Andrews, 4; F. Luxford, 5; H. Chandler, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8.

On Tuesday, November 9th, by the Brighton Branch, at St. Nicholas, a date touch (1886 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Neves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; J. Fox, 4; H. Boniface, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; E. Butler, 8.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23rd, a meeting was held at Bradninch, by several bands in union with the Guild. Six of the St. Sidwell's company started in a pair-horse brake from Exeter, and drove to Upton Pyne. Here the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, son of the Earl of Iddesleigh, and Hon. Sec. of the Guild, was waiting with several of the Upton Pyne band. All being duly seated they were soon on the road to Silvertown, the next stopping place. Some six-scores on these bells were accomplished, tenor 16 cwt., lately rehung by Stokes, of Woodbury, and going well. Half an hour's drive brought them to Bradninch. Here they were well received by the local half-pull band, and some good six-scores rung on their fine six, tenor 22 cwt. in E in good going order. After ringing they were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. G. D. Melhuish, the curate, who is himself a ringer. Before leaving, arrangements were made to meet at Silvertown on November 6th, for a combined practice. This event came off last Saturday, Bradninch, Broadclyst, Upton Pyne, and St. Sidwell's being represented. Some excellent six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, several of the local ringers ringing the tenor. Some call-changes with the local band concluded the meeting. The effects of this meeting is that the young ringers seem very desirable to go in for half-pull ringing and no doubt if taken in hand at once by the rector and the Rev. J. S. Northcote, they will soon be ringing six-scores as well as their neighbours, the Bradninch band. Several copies of "THE BELL NEWS" were circulated, and the ringers wish to return thanks to the vicars for allowing them the use of the bells.

In Memoriam.

JOHN SEWELL.

On Saturday last, November 6th, was laid to rest in Hitcham (Suffolk) churchyard all that was mortal of Mr. John Sewell, a much-respected inhabitant of this parish, aged 56 years, who was for thirty years clerk and sexton of the church. The deceased, who was a brother of Mr. Robert Sewell, of Barking, Essex, was a most useful man in the parish, which many of the poor will find to their cost. He was a hardworking, industrious man, and one thing can be said truly of poor John, that he never made an enemy in his life. His old friends assembled in large numbers at his funeral to pay their last token of respect to him, and the Bildeston and Monks Eleigh companies met and rang deeply-muffled peals of Bob Minor, before the funeral service. After the funeral a capital 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, half open, was rung by his old comrades. Rob. Keeble, 1; Chas. Parker, 2; Robt. Bedingfield, 3; Joseph Taylor, 4; Arthur Keeble, 5; Wm. Green (conductor), 6. And a 9-score Court Bob, with bells open, with H. Symonds, of Preston, treble, the rest as before. On Sunday, November 7th, at Divine Service, in which allusion in the sermon was made by the Rector (Canon Orant), to the virtues of the deceased, a large congregation was present. The same ringers again met and attempted a 720 Court Bob, half open, but meeting late had not time to finish, when the alarm bell sounded, so the 720, which was being well struck, came to an untimely end, the conductor calling stand after 420 changes had been rung. After service a touch of Bob Minor brought the ringing to a close, the ringers departing for their separate homes, with heavy hearts for the loss of their old and beloved friend, John Sewell.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1886.

"UNITY IS STRENGTH." Events are daily, nay, hourly, occurring to illustrate the truth of this axiom, and the value of its application. Parable after parable, and homily after homily, has been preached to impress this truism on the mind. Especially does it apply with force to ringing societies. The fatal effect of the want of union is, alas! too often seen even among large societies who affect to direct bodies much younger than themselves in the paths of unity and concord. "Unity is strength"—a hackneyed phrase, indeed, and that without any or very little good resulting from its frequent repetition. We see it displayed and blazoned upon the insignia of almost every popular movement that has an organization, however small, of its own. Devices, supposed to be symbolical of the objects for which our greatest philanthropic, friendly, and other societies exist, would be far from complete if the legend "Unity is strength" did not occupy a coign of vantage upon such emblems. Yet, though this phrase is so frequently displayed in characters not to be understood, it is painful to confess that its teaching is as often ignored, if not absolutely set at naught.

So long as human nature remains what it is, we suppose that no movement or institution will ever exist without drawbacks, in fact, we may say that no organization which demands the closest unity in order to achieve success, will ever obtain that adamant cohesion it ought to enjoy. With most sublunary efforts something is sure to happen at a period of their history to counteract the well-directed efforts for unity, that unity which is so essential for their welfare. Yet, it would appear to well-balanced minds that the attainment of this very unity—so requisite to every combined movement—would be, as the most active ingredient of prosperous coalition; more actively striven for than it is. We are apt to say, without making the least effort towards the end in view, that "Unity is strength;" while not taking one solitary step to substantiate it. To honestly follow the precept, it may be that

long-cherished notions or purposes of some kind or another will have to be sacrificed; some amount of self-denial have to be sustained. But even if at the cost of a little personal gratification, we could more and more endeavour to act upon the adage, what a grand future there would be before us ringers.

Several questions dealt with recently have suggested these observations. One matter in particular: the proposal of an important Birmingham Association to unite with a similar body who takes its name from the cathedral city of the diocese. In this case there is evidently a desire for unity; a conjunction which would, in fact, bring strength to the one and dignity to the other; a union which we may say that under the circumstances is most natural. Here is a case where the overtures of those desirous to coalesce have not been received with that warmth and eagerness they were entitled to; such an instance, in fact, where our text "Unity is strength," is not vigorously acted on. And, unfortunately, for our science, this case does not stand alone. When the meaning and intent of the phrase is grasped, and endeavours are constantly made to thoroughly act in accordance with its truth, then will our art flourish, and internecine jealousies be things of the remote past.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 6, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNALL GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BONNEY Treble.	HENRY JAMES SHADE .. 5.
ARTHUR CUTMORE* 2.	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 6.
WILLIAM CECIL 3.	*WALTER PRIME 7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD 4.	JOSEPH WEST Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

*First peal in the method.

OLD BATTERSEA, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 6, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SANTLEY BAKER* Treble.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 5.
WILLIAM BARON 2.	HENRY S. THOMAS .. 6.
HENRY A. HOPKINS 3.	CARL W. LUDWIG 7.
ALBERT E. CHURCH 4.	WILLIAM AMBROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARON.

Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells. *First peal.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 8, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
ARTHUR JACOB 3.	JAMES BARRETT 7.
THOMAS TITCHENER 4.	HENRY DAINS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

J. Smith hails from Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk. This is the first peal rung in London by the Norwich Association.

The Provinces.**LIVERPOOL.—THE LIVERPOOL YOUTHS' SOCIETY.***On Tuesday, November 4, 1886, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

RICHARD WILLIAMS Treble.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. 6.
THOMAS HAMMOND 2.	*HENRY COLEY 7.
WILLIAM BOOTH 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES 8.
CHARLES WILLIAMS 4.	ROBERT WILLIAMS 9.
JOHN H. MOORE* 5.	WILLIAM BROOKS Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, of Sheffield, and
Conducted by ROBERT WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. First time the peal being rung.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 4, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS T. GILLET* .. Treble.	CHARLES L. GRAHAM .. 5.
ALBERT BIGGS 2.	WILLIAM WOOD 6.
JAMES BARNARD 3.	*WILLIAM ARNOLD 7.
JOHN M. COOPER 4.	*HARRY HOGGEN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WOOD.

*First peal. This is the first peal called by the Conductor, and the first rung by a band composed entirely of Faversham ringers since the year 1813.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—THE STALYBRIDGE SOCIETY.*On Thursday, November 4, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

J. POWNALL Treble.	E. SCHOFIELD 5.
H. SHAW 2.	G. LONGDEN 6.
A. MARSDEN* 3.	S. WOOD 7.
A. BYROM† 4.	†M. PAILTHORPE Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON, of Mottram, and
Conducted by M. PAILTHORPE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. ‡First peal in the method. Messrs. Wood and Longden hail from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest are local men.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**BURTON-ON-TRENT BRANCH.***On Friday, November 5, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

JOHN JAGGAR Treble.	JAMES HICKLING 5.
WILLIAM JAS. SMITH .. 2.	WILLIAM POTTS 6.
LEONARD BULLOCK 3.	JOHN WALKER 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON 4.	WILLIAM ORME Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 6, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES: IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;*Being a 720 of each of the following, viz.:*

Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Court Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Oxford Bob.

JAMES WOOD Treble.	WILLIAM BROUGH 4.
ENDON GLOVER 2.	WILLIAM BADDELEY .. 5.
GEORGE WALKER 3.	JAMES BADDELEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BADDELEY.

First peal on the bells.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.**THE SUDBURY AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.****Birthday Peal.***On Saturday, November 6, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR SCOTT Treble.	WILLIAM BACON 5.
WALTER GRIGGS 2.	WILLIAM HOWELL 6.
GEORGE S. BROWN 3.	†CHARLES SILLITOE 7.
HARRY HARPER* 4.	HARRY BRACKETT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The above was rung to celebrate the birthday of the respected foreman of the company (Mr. A. Scott), who attained his 45th year on that day. †College Youth. *Cumberland Youth.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.*On Saturday, November 6, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. Treble.	ROBERT WILLIAMS 5.
RICHARD HILL 2.	DAVID RIMMER 6.
WILLIAM BOOTH 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES 7.
JOHN MOORE* 4.	JOHN ASPINWALL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

*First peal of Treble Bob. Messrs. Hill and Rimmer hail from Southport; the remainder from Liverpool.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 6, 1886, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOHN BUTTON* Treble.	GABRIEL BAXTER 5.
HARRY BUTTON* 2.	*RICHARD STANNARD .. 6.
THOMAS STAULKEY 3.	THOMAS E. SHEARING .. 7.
WILLIAM BUTTON 4.	*JOHN FLEGG Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS E. SHEARING.

*First peal. The above is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal ever rung by a Leiston company.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION*On Monday, November 8, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G♯.

JAMES TRAPPITT Treble.	†CHARLES BANCE 5.
GEORGE WELLINGS* .. 2.	ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 3.
EDGAR BENNETT 3.	JOHN PLOWMAN 4.
JOHN BRANCH 4.	HENRY BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WELLINGS.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. The above was rung to celebrate the 8th Anniversary of the first peal rang by the Beddington company. It was intended to start for Treble Bob, but one of the members failing to put in an appearance, it had to be abandoned, and the above substituted.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.***On Tuesday, November 9, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt. in C♯.

ROBERT HAWES Treble.	*FREDERICK MEE 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	*WILLIAM JAS. NEVARD .. 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 8.
CHARLES MEE 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 9.
CHARLES SAUL 5.	*ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal on ten bells. Mr. W. Nevard hails from Great Bentley, Essex, and the rest belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

READING, BERKS.—THE ST. LAWRENCE'S SOCIETY.

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	MARTIN ROUTH, ESQ. .. 6.
TOM HIBBERT* 2.	† WILLIAM GOSELTINE .. 7.
WILLIAM JOHNSON 3.	WILLIAM WILLIAMS .. 8.
WILLIAM POCKOCK 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. 9.
WILLIAM HOLLOWAY 5.	WILLIAM ROBINS .. Tenor.

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY, of Sheffield, and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters with a bob bell. This peal was rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and as a birthday peal for Mr. William Newell, he having reached the age of 48 on Monday, November 8th. It was also rung to celebrate the anniversary of the "William" peal of Grandsire Triples, seven of the Williams taking part, the absentee being William Fussell, who was unable to attend.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 10, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
EVAN MORETON 2.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	WILLIAM HICKLING .. 7.
JOHN HOWE 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ.

This peal, which has 6-8 together throughout, is now rung for the first time, and contains most of the 4-6-8 music, the 4th being twenty courses in 7th place.

Date Touch.

RUSHMERE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 31st, being the anniversary of the re-opening of the bells of All Saints' Church, after being augmented from five to six, the following members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang a date touch of the present year, 1886 changes, in 1 hr and 6 mins. as follows.—720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Double Court, 48 Grandsire Minor, and 38 Stedman Doubles. E. Pemberton, 1; H. Bowell, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; J. Motts (conductor), 4; F. Tillet, 5; W. Motts, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, November 2nd, at St. Paul's church, for practice, the last 700 changes of Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples. *J. Spencer, 1; W. Allen, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; T. Foote, 5; M. Warwick, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. Also a 252 of Bob Triples. M. Warwick, 1; †F. Keech, 2; W. Allen, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Culip, 5; W. Biggs, 6; J. Frossell (conductor), 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. *Longest touch in the method. †First touch in the method. Also on Thursday, November 4th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Biggs (conductor), 1; J. Frossell, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Culip, 5; H. Chapman, 6. Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, November 2nd, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; H. Chapman, 2; W. Allen, 3; M. Warwick, 4; W. Hall, 5; J. Frossell, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7-8. Also at the house of Mr. A. Whalley, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. Spencer, 1; F. Keech, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Biggs, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, November 6th, a 720 of Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Allen, 1; T. Foote, 2; H. Chapman, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Biggs, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

KING'S LYNN (Norfolk).—The following touches, &c., were rung on the occasion of the meeting of this guild, on 6th November, at St. Nicholas chapel: 518 of Grandsire Triples. W. Mallett, 1; R. Jarvis,

2; J. W. Jarvis, 3; G. Skeef, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Peck, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. All of Spalding, except W. Mallett, who hails from Terrington. Also a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Hendry, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Hill, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6. All of Walpole. Also a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Mallett, 1; R. Howling, 2; F. Easton, 3; T. Howling, 4; J. Herring, 5; J. Green (conductor), 6. All of Terrington. And at St. Margaret's church, a 168 of Grandsire Triples. G. Skeef, 1; R. Jarvis, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; J. Brown (conductor), 7; J. W. Jarvis, 8. All of Spalding. Tenor 32 cwt. Also a 216 of Bob Minor. R. Jarvis, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6; J. W. Jarvis, 7; G. Skeef, 8. All of Walpole, except 1, 7, and 8, who hail from Spalding.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—Chiming.—On Sunday afternoon, 112 Bob Major, 84 Stedman Triples, 96 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 139 Grandsire Triples. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8. Handbell Ringing.—720 Bob Minor, in 19 mins. (8 bobs and 6 singles). B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, November 7th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 216 of Kent Treble Bob. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Harvey, 3; W. Piper (conductor), 4; A. Tarbun, 5; T. Drake, 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles). W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Piper (conductor and composer), 6. And for evening service, at Writtle, W. Harvey and W. Piper assisted in a touch of 280 Grandsire Triples at 5th and 6th, respectively.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday evening, November 4th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; J. Phillips (conductor), 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; R. Jackson, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; J. Roslyn, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Also 224 Grandsire Triples. T. Webb (conductor), 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Roslyn, 5; R. Jackson, 6; Robert Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRITTENDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 336 of Grandsire Triples. J. Gransbury, 1; W. Pope, 2; E. Potter (conductor), 3; J. Tillman, 4; E. Pope, 5; T. Potter, 6; T. Daynes, 7; W. Rofe, 8. Also 360 of Bob Minor. J. Gransbury, 1; G. Rootes, 2; E. Potter, 3; J. Tillman, 4; T. Potter, 5; T. Daynes (conductor), 6; T. Colvin, 7. Messrs. Gransbury, Pope, Potter, Tillman, belong to the Staplehurst band, the rest are local men.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, November 8th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, by the local company, 720 of Grandsire Minor, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the widow of Sir Erasmus Wilson. L. Digweed, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; J. Broom, 3; A. Cornford, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning October 30th a 720 of Bob Minor was rung before divine service at St. Paul's Church, in 25 minutes. W. Denner, 1; J. Ridyard (Worsley), 2; J. Worthington (conductor), 3; S. Oakes, 4; J. Williamson, 5; J. Brookes, 6. This is the first 720 in the method for Mr. Ridyard. The touch contained 14 singles and 4 bobs. And on Sunday evening, November 7th, three of the Worsley company (Messrs. Welsby, Derbyshire, and Ridyard), along with Mr. W. Sevier, of Manchester, ascended the tower after service with two of the local ringers, and completed a 720 Bob Minor, (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 23½ mins. J. Welsby, 1; W. Denner, 2; J. Brookes, 3; F. Derbyshire, 4; R. Ridyard, 5; W. Sevier, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. The above touch will be found in Troyte.

SWINTON.—On Thursday October 28th, eight members of the above Association met at St. Peter's church for the purpose of ringing Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples; but, owing to the unsatisfactory state of the bells the conductor brought them round at the half-peal, 2,520 changes, in 1 hr. and 29 mins. Tenor 21 cwt. E. Owen, 1; J. Grimshaw, 2; R. Pearce, 3; D. Clark, 4; J. Barratt, 5; C. Cash, 6; J. Edge, 7; E. Cash, (conductor) 8. The above peal was intended for Mr. E. Cash's 31st birthday.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Monday November 1st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Austin, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; L. Bullock, 3; J. Hicklin, 4; G. Robinson, 5; J. Walker, 6; J. Jaggat, 7; W. Orme, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb. Composed and conducted by J. Jaggat. The above was rung with the bells half muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. Shilton, who for many years held the office of clerk at this church, and who was greatly respected by all who knew him.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday October 10th, after evening service (it being the Harvest Festival) at St Mary's Church. A 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung by the St. Mark's Society. J. J. Lakin, 1; W. A. Clayton, 2; H. Clayton, 3; J. N. Walton, 4; W. H. Lowe, 5; G. Daltry, 6; J. Buttery (conductor), 7; W. Millar, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CUMNOR (Berks).—On Sunday, November 7th, at the parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, for Divine Service, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. W. H. Cooper, 1; J. Buckingham, 2; C. W. H. Griffith (conductor), 3; A. Pratley, 4; W. J. Lamborne, 5; C. C. Griffith, 6. Also in the evening, a 720 of College Single, in 29½ mins. J. Buckingham, 1; C. W. H. Griffith (conductor), 2; W. H. Cooper, 3; H. Bennett, 4; W. J. Lamborne, 5; C. C. Griffith, 6. First in the method by all except the conductor. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT.—On Thursday, November 4th, eight members of the above rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Brindley, 1; H. Bailey, 2; E. Montford, 3; S. Cluerton, 4; H. Page (conductor), 5; J. Tiderton, 6; J. Austin, 7; T. Rose, 8.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday evening, November 10th, for practice, a 840 of Bob Triples. G. Pearce, 1; A. Howell, 2; G. Pym, 3; H. Tucker, 4; W. Porch, 5; J. Hinton, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; F. Jewell, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOMBOURN (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor (fifteen bobs and six singles), in 28 mins. G. Little, 1; G. Deans, 2; H. Deans, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. G. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 4. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 31st, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Chaplin, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Saunders, 5; C. Bearman, 6. And on Friday evening, November 5th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman, 6. Also on Sunday, November 7th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Chaplin, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; F. Saunders, 4; E. Radley, 5; C. Bearman, 6. Each 720 was conducted by Charles Bearman. Messrs. Radley, Saunders, and Chaplin belong to Stisted, the rest are local men.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Saturday, October 7th, at St. Paul's Church, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; W. Allfrey, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; G. Hill, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; W. Mackett, 8. On October 10th, for morning service, a 714 in the same method, standing as above, with the exception of Salmon on third and Allfrey on the treble. October 21st, a 504 for practice, Eves taking treble and Allfrey on sixth in the place of Reilly. October 24th, for morning service, 336, this time Allfrey on third and Murray on tenor, the rest as before, Bennett being the conductor. October 28th, for practice, a 350. H. Eves, 1; Thwaites, 2; Salmon, 3; Biggerstaff, 4; Hill, 5; Allfrey (conductor), 6; Reilly, 7; Mackett, 8. October 31st, a 504, for morning service, all standing as in the 350. Also 504 for evening service, with Allfrey as conductor.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, November 6th, five of the local company of St. Mary's church rang on handbells, lapped, 112 of Grandsire Triples (four bobs). And 252 of Bob Triples (four bobs). And also some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the following taking part in the above: James Merley (conductor), John Griffiths, James Powell, Frederick Sherman, James Webb.

CHESTER.—On Friday, November 5th, being the 249th anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, established 1637, Mr. James Moulton, a member of this society, tapped in the presence of J. W. Taylor, jun., Esq., of Loughborough, Mr. A. Cross, of Chester, Mr. Charles Price of Eccleston, and other members of the Society, on his musical box of fairy bells, at the Falcon cocoa rooms, Bridge street, a Plain course of Stedman Caters, followed by a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal. The next was a touch of 960 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, with the bells called in titlums and not the ordinary way. Afterwards a course of Grandsire Cinques, and finally, a touch of Grandsire Caters, with the bells called in and out of the titlums, and brought round at hand. And on Sunday evening, November 7th, for Divine service at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Joinson, 1; E. Davis, 2; G. Caldwell, 3; G. A. King, 4; R. Curry, 5; T. J.

Bithell (conductor), and R. Mills, 6. This is G. A. King's first 720 in the method, who is also a member of the Sussex County Association. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

COLN ST. ALDWYN'S (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, November 9th, the local company rang at the church of St. John-the-Baptist a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. W. Fowls, 1; E. Webb (84 years of age), 2; J. Williams, 3; G. Smith, 4; C. Bate, 5; R. Jefferies, 6; J. Kitchener (conductor), 7; T. Smith, 8. Mr. E. Webb attained his 84th birthday on the 24th of October last, and he has been a ringer for upwards of sixty-seven years, and likes it as well as ever.

EXETER.—On Tuesday, November 2nd, at St. Sidwell's church, a 216 of Stedman Triples. J. Moss, 1; F. R. Shepherd, 2; E. Pitt, 3; W. Richardson, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; W. Goss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Mundy, 8. And on Sunday, November 7th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. J. Moss, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. Townsend, 8. And a 210 of Grandsire Triples. T. Townsend, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd (conductor), 3; A. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Pitt, 6; J. Moss, 7; W. Richardson, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service at the church of St. Stephen, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. John N. Oxborrow, 1; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 2; W. Morris, 3; *H. R. Newton, 4; R. T. Woodley, 5; John M. Hayes (conductor), 6; C. F. Winny, 7; *W. Cropley, 8. Conducted by J. M. Hayes. Messrs. Phillott and Morris hail from Cheltenham. *First quarter-peal.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, November 9th, six members of the local company rang for practice a 360 of Bob Minor. G. Butcher, 1; H. Ward, 2; W. Biggin, 3; J. Biggin, 4; J. Goacher, 5; J. Atkin (conductor), 6. And 240 of Grandsire Minor. G. Butcher, 1; H. Ward, 2; W. Biggin, 3; J. Biggin, 4; J. Atkin (conductor), 5; J. Goacher, 6. And 60 of College Single. G. Butcher, 1; H. Ward, 2; W. Biggin, 3; J. Biggin, 4; J. Goacher, 5; J. Atkin, 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. G. Oates, 1; W. Biggin, 2; J. Atkin (conductor), 3; J. Biggin, 4; J. Goacher, 5; G. Butcher, 6. And 120 of Bob Doubles. T. Oates, 1; H. Ward, 2; W. Biggin (conductor), 3; J. Biggin, 4; J. Goacher, 5; G. Butcher, 6.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 7th, two 504's of Bob Triples, in 17 mins. H. Johnson, 1; W. Foxall, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; W. Bird, 4; C. W. Bassano, 5; H. Cartwright, 6; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 7; W. Green, 8. And in 18 mins., with C. W. Bassano, 2; W. Green, 3; W. Foxall, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; W. Bird, 6. On Monday, November 8th, in 1 hr. 26 mins., 2520 changes of Bob Triples. R. Bird, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Bird, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; H. Cartwright, 6; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 7; W. Green, 8. First half-peal by all the above, and on these bells. Tenor 23½ cwt.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday evening, November 1st, the local company rang at the parish church 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. G. Jones, 1; G. Jones, 2; M. Blazard, 3; W. Thomas, 4; W. Morgan, 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all except the ringers of the 4th and 6th, and was rung at the first attempt.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 7th, for Divine service at St. Margaret's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. Sullivan, 1; J. Raynor, 2; H. Greaves, 3; W. Baker, 4; J. Kidd, 5; J. Tullett (conductor), 6. The above are all members of the Kent County Association. Tenor 13 cwt.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 7th, at All Hallow's church, for morning service, a 480 of Plain Bob Major. T. C. Grove, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; J. Langran, 3; J. W. Barrs, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; J. Waghorn, 6; W. Pye English, 7; G. Lucas (conductor), 8. And for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. C. Grove, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; *H. A. Barnett (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. Pye English, 6. Also for practice on Tuesday evening, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. A. Hubbard, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; *J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 4; J. Waghorn, 5; W. Pye English, 6. Also a 120 of Stedman Doubles. A. Hubbard, 1; T. C. Grove, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; W. Pye English, 4; J. Waghorn, 5; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob as conductor.

WALTER BELCHAMP (Essex).—On Sunday, November 7th, the Sudbury company paid a visit to this place, and attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples (Reeves's Variation), but after getting just over the first four parts, about 2200 changes, in 1 hr. and 20 mins. the peal was unfortunately lost through the tenor-man letting his rope drop out of his hand. Charles Sillitoe (conductor), 1; William Howell, 2; George Brown, 3; Maurice Silvester, 4; James Campin, 5; Arthur Scott, 6; Harry Harper, 7; Nelson Hawkins, 8. Tenor 11 cwt.

RE-OPENING OF A PEAL OF EIGHT AT ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, October 28th, 1886, the peal of eight at the parish church, Ashby, which have lately undergone complete renovation at the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were formally re-opened. A special service had been arranged for 3 o'clock, by which hour the church was well filled. The ceremony of dedication was performed by Bishop Mitchinson, the suffragan Bishop of Peterborough, and an appropriate sermon was preached by Canon Twells. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Denton, having communicated with Mr. Griffin the Honorary Secretary of the Midland Counties' Association, that gentleman undertook to furnish a company to open the bells, and a full band was in consequence in attendance under the tower during the service.

The ceremony of dedication was impressive, for the tower is open to the church, and the ringing done from the ground floor in full view of the congregation.

At the conclusion of the dedicatory prayer the Bishop, who with some of the clergy had proceeded to the tower, handed the ropes to the Vicar, after which they were delivered to the following members of the Association: John Jagger, 1; Edward I. Stone, 2; Arthur Wakley, 3; A. Percival Heywood, 4; Harry Wakley, 5; John W. Taylor, jun., 6; William Wakley, 7; Thomas Holmes, 8. The bells, which had been previously raised in readiness, were then pulled off, and after a few rounds an excellent course of Stedman Triples was rung. As the draught is no less than 70 ft., and the new ropes worked as if made of elastic, this was no bad performance, especially when at the call of stand, every bell was neatly set. After the service a 504 in the same method was rung by the same band, who subsequently made way for other members of the Association, prominent amongst whom were John W. Taylor, sen., E. Denison Taylor, John Howe, John Austin, Nathan J. Pitstow, and Joseph Griffin.

The vicar and churchwardens entertained those who had performed the opening touch, together with the members of the newly-formed Ashby Society, at a capital tea, after which the Vicar, in a pleasant speech, thanked the Association for their excellent ringing, hoping that under the competent tuition of Mr. John Jagger, the local company would make rapid progress and soon be eligible as members themselves. Mr. Heywood, as President of the Association, in reply said that they had thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, and that he desired on their behalf to return to the Vicar and churchwardens very hearty thanks for the hospitable entertainment and welcome. He also expressed his pleasure that another tower had been added to the Association, and trusted that the Ashby ringers would persevere, and not be disheartened if they found change-ringing was not so easily mastered as they might have anticipated. A course of Grandsire Caters having been rung on the handbells, an adjournment was made to the tower where the evening was closed with short lengths of Superlative Surprise, Treble Bob and Stedman. The festival of dedication was continued on the following Sunday, the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, from whom the opening band had been chiefly selected, agreeing to do the required ringing before each of the four services. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung morning and afternoon, and in the evening the following rang a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, in 43 mins.: John Jagger, 1; Edward I. Stone, 2; Arthur Wakley, 3; John Austin, 4; Joseph Griffin, 5; Harry Wakley, 6; William Wakley, 7; Thomas Holmes, 8. Conducted by William Wakley. At the conclusion of the evening service the bells were lowered in peal, after which the Vicar, the Rev. J. Denton, M.A., speaking from the body of the church (which was still crowded with the congregation), said how pleased everyone had been with the ringing that day, and on behalf of the parishioners, churchwardens, and himself, he wished to heartily thank the ringers for so kindly giving their services for the day, from which all had derived the greatest possible pleasure. In conclusion he said he should be very pleased if the ringers would write their names in the visitors' book, connected with the church, which was done in the order they stood when ringing the quarter-peal.

The St. Paul's Society take this opportunity of returning their heartiest thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Denton, M.A., and the churchwardens, W. E. Smith, Esq., and Mr. C. Matthews, for so kindly entertaining them during the day; to the parishioners for their very kind welcome; and also to the gentlemen who so kindly came forward to do duty for them at St. Paul's church, Burton-on-Trent, during their absence.

OPENING OF BELLS AT DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday October 30th, the members of the Witton Society, Northwich, paid a visit to the above place and rang several touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Treble Bob. W. Forster, S. Forster, J. Boughton, R. Chantler, T. Forster, J. Bell, T. Moore. These bells have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in an iron frame in place of wood. The bells go splendidly, and there is great praise due to Messrs. Taylor for the manner in which they carried out the work.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A REQUEST.

SIR,—I wish to ask through "THE BELL NEWS" every Association Guild, or Society, to send for publication in this paper if they raise or fall the bells in peal, or if they fall the bells in peal only? Reasons for asking the favour is, I know in many places they do both, some places only the latter, and after a good touch or peal of Grandsire, Stedman, or Treble Bob, to fall in peal makes a good finish, as many people object to bells through their being jangled down indiscriminately. A favourable response will no doubt stimulate many companies to lower in peal where it is not done at the present time.

REIGATE.

A MISNOMER.

SIR,—I see in "THE BELL NEWS" of last week a report of the annual meeting of a Society under the heading of "The Yorkshire Association." To prevent misconception, will you allow me to say that this Society, whose meeting you report, is not the Yorkshire Association, but a small Society which styles itself the West Riding of Yorkshire Association. It is rather unfortunate that the members of this Society have not adopted a more distinct title, as I have reason to believe it has proved misleading on several previous occasions. May I suggest that the president, Mr. H. Wilson, should bring this matter up at their next committee meeting, with a view of giving the Society a name more suitable to the small district of the West Riding it embraces. I trust that this explanation will prevent any misunderstanding in the future.

W. WHITAKER,

Leeds, November 10th, 1886.

Hon. Sec. Yorkshire Association.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(LEISTON BRANCH).

On Saturday, November 6th, this branch succeeded in what has for some time been their ambition, namely, that of ringing a peal (particulars of which will be found in another column). This branch, which has been started about two years, has had many drawbacks and difficulties to contend with. When this fine peal (which has been the subject of praise of every ringer who has heard them) was opened, there were no ringers in the place, except one or two who had just learnt to ring the first ten changes of Grandsire Doubles by heart. By dint of hard work, the company managed to be able in eight months to ring a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, but after this, through first one and then another leaving the company, we had to begin again with young hands, and now, when it is getting into good working order, we are sorry to say we shall have to lose our able conductor (Mr. T. E. Shearing), and one of our steadiest ringers (Mr. G. Baxter), who are leaving the place at Christmas.

T. S.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

An ordinary meeting of this guild was held at King's Lynn, on Saturday, the 6th inst., and was well attended, about forty ringers being present, from Spalding, Lynn, Walpole, Terrington, Long Sutton, and Lutton. By kind permission of the vicar, the two fine peals of St. Margaret's church (tenor 32 cwt.) and St. Nicholas chapel (tenor 20 cwt.) were placed at the disposal of the members. Several touches were rung on both rings during the day, full particulars of which will be found in the proper place. At 2 p.m. an excellent dinner was provided at the Crown Hotel, by Host Heckford. Dr. Secombe presided, but on his having to leave the meeting, J. D. Thew, Esq., the Mayor, took the chair. The ordinary routine business was transacted, six honorary members, six performing members, and two probationers being elected. It was resolved that the next meeting be held at Terrington towards the beginning of February, and thanks were voted to the Mayor for presiding, and to the vicar, the Rev. B. Dale, for the use of the bells. After attending evening service at St. Margaret's church, the ropes were again put in motion, and thus was concluded a successful gathering, which was heartily enjoyed by all, in spite of the miserable weather.

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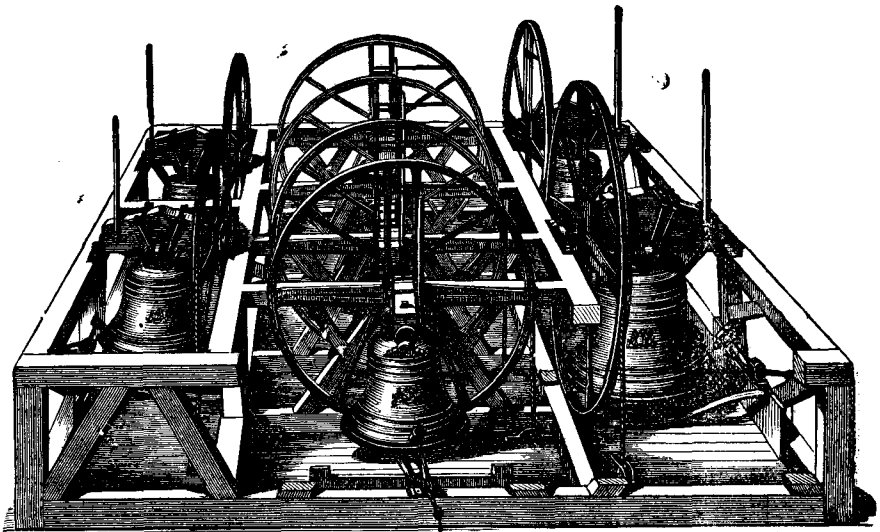


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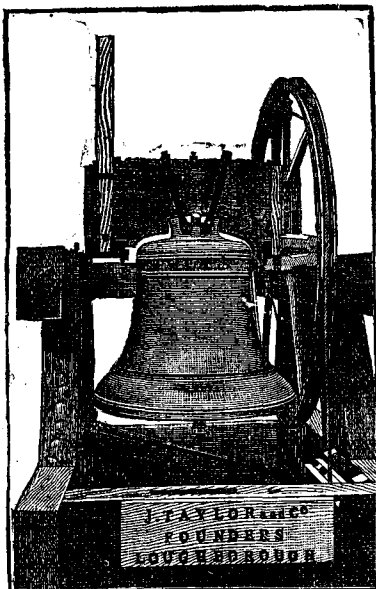


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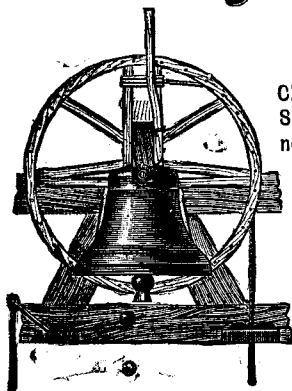
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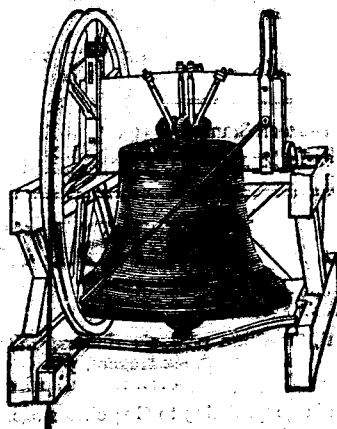
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None of the latter rows, it will be observed, occur among the former; and *vice versa*. In other words the two sets of rows thus obtained are not false one with the other. Now suppose that two of our combinations or sets of rows contain, when added together, exactly seventy-two rows. Let one of these sets of rows be varied in the manner at present under discussion. Next suppose that the whole number of seventy-two rows then obtained is found when examined to contain all the rows in Table I, each row occurring once, and only once; in other words that the two sets do not repeat with each other. In this instance we shall have obtained, if each of the two sets of rows be four times repeated, the whole peal, the only additional condition necessary being the insertion of Holt's singles, one at the end of the first five parts, the other at the close of the last five. To discover the different combinations of rows that will thus pair off and produce the whole peal, the following form will be found the most convenient.

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

In the columns headed A and B are written the numbers of the rows in Table I as arranged under heading A in Table III. The letter D is merely an abbreviation for rows 1-2-19-20-21. The letter R (as already explained) is a short form of writing rows 55-56-57-37-38. As examples of the use of this form take the successions of rows produced by the two forms of Table VI, which were given above when explaining the use of that table. Each of these forms produced a touch of 504, which being four times repeated produces a half-peal. Looking back, it will be seen that the succession of rows produced by the first is 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-22-23-18-29-30-31-32-33-24-25-26-27-28-40-41-42-12-13-14-69-70-71-19-20-21. Of these numbers the first two and the last three are represented by D in column A. Accordingly in column (a) place a cross opposite D. Next come Nos. 3-11, inclusive. Mark them off in the same way, viz., by putting a cross opposite to each in column (a). Go through the whole in this manner, putting a cross opposite to each number as it occurs. If the number of the row is found in column A, place a cross on the same line in column (a), and if the number is found in column B, place the cross in column (b). The whole touch when completed should appear as it is here given.

Next do the same with the other form of the Table producing the rows 1.2.70.71.72.7.8.9.51.52.53.28.29.23.24.25.36.32.30.31.27.3.26.22.10.11.12.13.14.15.16.17.18.19.20.21. Put the crosses answering to these numbers in the next pair of columns (a) and (b). On comparing them it may at once be seen that if either of them be reversed, that is, if we start from the reverse course, instead of from the plain course, then by means of the two touches together all the rows from 1-72 are produced. We know this thus: (1) Where one cross occurs on any line in the first pair of columns, there we find a cross also in the other pair of columns. (2) Where no crosses occur in one case we find two crosses in the other case. (3) There is no cross corresponding with letter R in either case. When any two touches (though they be of unequal lengths), correspond in this manner and produce together fifty crosses, then, if either one or the touches be reversed, all the rows will be produced. All that is then necessary is to repeat each touch four times, with a Holt's single

at the end of the first five parts, and another at the end of the whole, and the complete peal is produced. But practically it is not worth while to go through this process except in the case of 500's, which of course are all of equal length, and consist of thirty-six leads, which last is the easiest mark by which to detect them. Then when in the course of investigation one of these is reached, transfer it in the form of crosses to a pair of columns (a) and (b). When the whole 256 cases of Table vi. have been exhausted, and all the 500's thus tabulated, compare them together, marking those which will pair off according to the three conditions above specified. All the possible ten-part peals of equal parts throughout will then have been produced. They are five in number, of which one is Holt's ten-part, the other four being those published by me in "THE BELL NEWS," No. 96. The particular one which has just been considered is the second there given containing fifteen bobs in each part, the observation bell being never called before.

The main portion of this article is now concluded. There remains however one or two points upon which to touch for a moment or two. It was discovered that whether rows 30 and 66 be succeeded by a plain lead or a bob the resulting row is always 31 or 67 respectively. This is most useful. For on pricking down the bob leads of a touch from a succession of rows produced by Table vi. it is sometimes found to run round, and for this reason to be incapable of being four times repeated. But if either row 30 or row 66 occur in the course of it, a bob may be called at the succeeding lead. This bob will leave the succession of rows wholly unaltered, but will cause them to run out it some other lead-end of the plain course—in fact either at 275634 or 267453. It was by the use of these bobs that Reeves was enabled to vary Holt's ten-part, causing the first part-end to be 253746 instead of 246375—the variation being usually known as "Reeves' peal." A good instance of its use may be seen in my peal No. 1 in "THE BELL NEWS," No. 96, which would otherwise run home at the first part-end. My own private name for this bob has been "The Shunting bob." It does not affect the composition. It simply transfers the whole thing bodily into the same place in another part.

Before proceeding to the concluding portion of this article in which I purpose to re-publish the chief compositions obtained by this method of research, together with a few remarks upon each of them, it may be well to make the following concise statements, which may be taken as proved:—

1. A peal in five equal and similar parts cannot be produced by means of common bobs alone.
2. With one lead of the reverse course in each of five such parts the greatest length attainable is 4830 changes.
3. Not more than five peals are attainable on the plan of Holt's ten-part, i.e. in ten equal parts with a single midway and at the end.
4. Of five-part peals with two common Grandsire Singles at a distance of three leads from one another in each part three are attainable, but of each of the three there is one distinct variation, so that the number may be said to amount to six.

But here let me again impress upon my readers a fact which cannot be too carefully borne in mind, viz., that the investigation proceeds upon the hypothesis that we are seeking the whole peal. It was solely on this account, for instance, that we were able to dispense with all forms of Table VI. in which more than one of the strips, 3, 4, 10, or 5, 8, 9 were B strips. If we neglect the condition in question, we can of course produce touches that will not be forthcoming upon the lines indicated above. The following touch of 4830 may be given as an example. For its production the strips of Table VI. that are required are these:—A strips, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10; B strips, No. 4; and so far so good; but for strips 8 and 9 both A and B are required, which (if we are to get the whole peal) is absurd, not to mention the fact that of strips 5, 8, 9, two are B strips, which is inadmissible. This touch cannot be lengthened into a peal by the introduction of three leads in each part, between two singles.

752624
657423
346257
463257
264735
572364
375426
473652
264573
562347
365724
763452
637452
246537
542763
745326
527463
765234
267453

At the foot of each of the compositions to be next given, three numbers referring to Table VIII. will be written. To make these quite clear, let us again briefly recapitulate the explanation of them previously given. The simplest way of doing so will be to take an example. To the first composition (that of 4830, convertible into a peal) will be found appended the numbers 4, 3, 1. The first of these (4) refers to the upper division of Table VIII., namely, to that part of it which concerns strips 1, 2, 6, 7, and to the fourth column, showing that strips 1 and 2 are to be A strips, and that strips 6 and 7 are to be B strips. The next figure (3) refers to the next division of the same Table, and shews that strips 3, 4, 10 are to be composed as indicated

in the *third* column, in which 3 and 10 are A strips, while 4 is a B strip. The third figure (1) applies to the case of strips 5, 8, 9, and shews that they are to be as in the *first* column of the third division, whence it will be seen that they are all to be A strips. Hence these three figures (4, 3, 1) indicate how the whole form of Table VI. requisite for the production of the touch or peal in question is to be composed. Accordingly when the strips are duly arranged, the right-hand perpendicular column of the Table should appear as in the following form, and the Table when employed will be found to produce the touch in question.

	A.1
	A.2
	A.3
	B.4
	A.5
	B.6
	B.7
	A.8
	A.9
	A.10

We now proceed direct to the touches and peals.

FIVE-PART PEALS.—No. 1.

4830.

7 5 2 6 3 4	
6 5 7 4 2 3	
3 4 6 2 5 7	
4 6 3 2 5 7	
2 6 4 7 3 5	5040.
5 7 2 3 6 4	
6 4 5 2 3 7	(S 4 2 6 7 5 3)
2 4 6 7 5 3	(3 7 4 5 2 6)
7 4 2 3 6 5	(6 5 3 2 7 4)
5 3 7 6 4 2	(S 2 4 6 7 5 3)
6 3 5 2 7 4	
7 4 6 5 2 3	
5 4 7 3 6 2	
2 3 5 6 4 7	
3 5 2 6 4 7	
7 6 3 4 5 2	
6 3 7 4 5 2	
4 3 6 2 7 5	5040.
7 5 4 6 2 3	
4 2 7 5 3 6	(S 4 5 6 3 2 7)
6 5 4 3 2 7	(7 3 4 2 5 6)
5 4 6 3 2 7	(6 2 7 5 3 4)
2 7 5 6 3 4	(S 5 4 6 3 2 7)

Produced by

4.3.1

Variations

4.1.2

13.1.4

13.4.1

This and the two following peals are in many respects very similar, and therefore several of the remarks which are applied to this are applicable also to them. The left hand column of figures exhibits a simple series of bobs which, when four times repeated, produces a touch of 4830 changes. The bob-lead 427536 is what I have denominated the "shunting bob." This is the only bob in which the observation bell is called before. If omitted the bells will run round at 966 changes, thus:—754623, 547623, 475623, 234567.

This shunting bob is in row 67. It will be remembered that there is another in row 31. In the touch (or peal) before us the latter occurs after the bob-lead 537642, and a bob with the observation-bell before may therefore be inserted in this place, but when this is done the other shunting bob must be omitted. Only one shunting bob can be used if it is required to bring up at the part-end a lead-end of the plain course which is not round. Two shunting bobs or none at all bring up rounds; one shunting bob brings up a part-end that will run out to five parts. It is almost needless to add that the shunting bob must be called at the same place, whichever be first chosen, in all the parts.

A CHANGE-RINGING WEEK IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

For the week from November 8th to November 13th, Rev. Canon Wigram, rector of St. Andrew's, Hertford, had invited Rev. F. E. Robinson and Rev. C. D. P. Davies to stay with him. He had also very kindly made arrangements for various peals during the time, one at least each day. To an account of these we will at once proceed, without wasting our Editor's valuable space, and trying our readers' patience with accounts of scenery, of incidents foreign to the subject, of travelling either by road or by rail, or of how much bread and butter was eaten, and so forth, such as we have ere now been treated to in the pages of "THE BELL NEWS." The first peal was to have been one of Stedman Caters, at All Saints', Fulham, on Monday afternoon, before proceeding to Hertford. For this Messrs. Baker, Hills, Knight and Crawley came up from the country, Mr. Phillott and Mr. Morris from Cheltenham also joining the party, which was completed by Mr. Smith of the College Youths, and Mr. Washbrook of Oxford, at present tutoring the Herefordshire Guild, and kindly spared by the Secretary for the week. The peal unfortunately came to grief after ringing for about 35 mins., through the breaking of a rope. W. Morris, 1; N. N. Hills, 2; H. Baker, 3; W. D. Smith, 4; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 5; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; A. Knight, 8; J. Crawley, 9; G. H. Phillott, 10. Mr. Knight was previously elected a member of the College Youths. The Vicar, Rev. F. H. Fisher, who always gives ringers a most cordial welcome, was in the tower before the commencement of the attempt. Fortunately the fate of the Fulham peal was no precedent for the week. On Tuesday morning, the luck was reversed by the ringing of an excellent peal of Stedman Triples, at Canon Wigram's Church of St. Andrew's, Hertford, the rector himself ringing, as duly recorded elsewhere. Three of the band who took part in this, took part also in seven 720's in different methods at Bengoe the same evening. It was a new experience to the writer to pass from one method directly to another, and required no little amount of attention when the passage was from a plain method to a Treble Bob one or *vice versa*. The bells here would sound better with another floor beneath them. On Wednesday a peal of Treble Eight was accomplished at Hunsdon, Mr. Goodchild joining the Hertford contingent at Ware, and Mr. Sworder meeting them at Hunsdon church. The belfry at the latter is on the ground floor, and the ropes fall in a good circle. The bells go fairly well, but the frame seemed to need bracing, while guides for the ropes 10 feet or so below the ceiling would be a great addition. The rector came to the tower and cordially welcomed the party. On Thursday a move was made for Braughing, where there is a beautiful ring of eight, the bells going most excellently. Here a peal of Double Norwich was accomplished, with the help of Mr. Slater, from Glemsford, and Messrs Penning, Pitstow and Martin from Saffron Walden. The last two hours of this was splendid striking, and every one was only sorry when it came to an end. The rector was in the tower both before and after the peal, and many thanks are due to him for the kindness in welcoming the band. No ringers will be disappointed with Braughing tower. The belfry is about fifteen feet from the ground at the rear of a western gallery and open to the church. It was intended to attempt that evening at All Saints', Hertford, the peal of Stedman Caters which had been lost on Monday at Fulham, but as the peal at Braughing was later than originally purposed, the party who had gone thither were unable to get back to Hertford in time for it, and consequently it had to be abandoned. On Friday a drive brought us to Benington—what party of ringers could possibly be in Hertfordshire without a visit to Benington with its merry bells and ever genial and hospitable squire? Need it be said that we fared there right well. A capital peal of Superlative Surprise was rung here with the help of four of the Benington band. Our departure was not till late, and we left with many expressions of thanks to our kind host and feelings of pleasure at finding him so well and hearty. On Saturday a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Tottenham on the homeward journey, and thus ended one of the most pleasant and most successful weeks of ringing on record, for which it would be impossible to thank Canon Wigram too heartily or too warmly. The only "fly in the ointment" (there always seems to be one), was in this case wholly inevitable—the weather being for the most part very wet, though with bright gleams occasionally.

RE-OPENING OF ANSTON CHURCH, YORKS.

On Monday November 22nd, the above church dedicated to St. James, will be re-opened after having undergone a thorough restoration of the nave, chancel, and north aisle. At the opening services sermons will be preached by his Grace the Archbishop of York and other leading clergy of the district. The services will be held in the morning at 11.30; evening at 6. The local company will be glad to welcome any brother-strings who would like to be present, as the bells will be open for ringing the whole of the afternoon.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15TH, 1886.—On Tuesday, November 9th, by the Arundel Branch, at Arundel, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. O. Evershed, 1; W. L. Chamberlain, 2; H. Haggett, 3; F. Luxford, 4; C. Blackman, 5; G. Balchin, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; G. Baker 8. Nov. 11th, a 546 of Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. F. Luxford, 1; O. Evershed (first touch with a bob bell), 2; Rev. Tompkins, 3; W. Chamberlain, 4; H. Haggett, 5; C. Blackman, 6; G. Baker (conductor), 7; G. Yetman, 8. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. O. Evershed, 1; H. Haggett, 2; Rev. Tompkins, 3; F. Luxford, 4; W. Chamberlain, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Yetman, 8. Also on Monday, November 15th, a peal of Grandsire Triples (Shipway's ten-part), in 2 hours 57 mins. (for particulars see peal column).

On Saturday, November 13th, by the Balcombe Branch, at Plumer's Plain, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. T. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; F. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Warnham Court Bob. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; H. Meads, 3; F. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, November 14th, by the Brighton Branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; E. C. Attree, 3; A. Piper, 4; J. Jay, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; D. Ross, 8. Also on Monday, November 15th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 17½ mins. J. Jay, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; J. Searle, 4; W. Palmer, 5; H. Weston (conductor), 6; C. Thwaites, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8.

On Monday, November 8th, by the Crawley Branch, at Crawley, a muffled quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. J. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; T. Smith, Esq., 3; W. Collison, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pierce, 8. With the bell half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Alderman David Smith, M.P. for Brighton. Also on Thursday, November 11th, an attempt was made for a peal of Court Bob Triples, which failed after ringing 2222 changes in 1 hr. 21 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wady, 3; F. Wickens, 4; W. Collison, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; E. Pierce, 8.

On Monday, November 8th, by the Fletching Branch, at Fletching, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 46 mins. H. Chatfield, 1; F. Newnham, 2; W. Chatfield, 3; E. Burley, 4; G. Stevens, 5; J. Burley, 6. Conducted by W. Chatfield and G. Stevens.

On Thursday, November 18th, by the Newick Branch, at Newick, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. J. Brooks, 1; Ernest Brooks, 2; M. Brooks, 3; J. Martin, 4; Edward Brooks (conductor), 5; J. Rosier, 6.

On November 9th, by the Steyning Branch, at Steyning a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. Smart, 1; C. Chambers, 2; T. Searle, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Woolger, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. Also on November 11th, a 720 of College Single Minor in 27 mins. G. Gatland, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolger, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, November 14th, a 720 of College Single Minor in 25 mins. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Gatland, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. F. Morris, 1; E. Brackley, 2; G. Gatland, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6.

On Thursday, November 11th, by the Warnham Branch, at Warnham, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; T. Andrews, 3; H. Cook, 4; H. Wood, 5; W. Street, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; J. Wood, 8. Also a 720 of London New Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; T. Andrews, 3; H. Cook, 4; H. Wood, 5; W. Street, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; T. Hogsflesh, 8. These 720's were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Alderman David Smith, M.P. for Brighton, and a Vice-President of the Association.

On Monday, November 8th, at Buxted and at Alfriston, the local companies rang their bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Alderman David Smith, M.P. for Brighton.

G. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

RE-OPENING OF ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

The above church was re-opened on the 11th inst., after being closed for restoration since March 18th last. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Sarum performed the ceremony of opening by rapping at the church door with his pastoral staff, and demanding admission. His Lordship also preached to a large congregation at the morning service. The proceedings were further enlivened by a tea and concert in the schoolroom, and a chrysanthemum show in the council chamber.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. to Sep.	Oct.	Total.
Midland Counties' Association ..	51	6	57
Ancient Society of College Youths ..	30	2	32
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	29	1	30
Yorkshire Association ..	25	4	29
Lancashire Association ..	19	5	24
St. James's Society, London ..	19	2	21
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths ..	15	5	20
United Counties' Association ..	17	1	18
Birmingham and District and Amalgamated Societies ..	14	2	16
Norwich Diocesan Association ..	14	1	15
Kent County Association ..	12	2	14
Sussex County Association ..	10	1	11
Liverpool Youths' Society ..	9	0	9
Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	9	0	9
Hertford Association ..	9	0	9
Surrey Association ..	8	1	9
Holt Society ..	7	2	9
Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	7	0	7
Rochdale and District Association ..	3	1	4
Essex Association ..	3	1	4
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association ..	1	3	4
Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	3	0	3
The Society of Trinity Youths ..	2	1	3
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association ..	2	0	2
Devonshire Guild ..	1	1	2
Worcestershire and Adjoining District Associations ..	1	0	1
Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association ..	1	0	1
Eastern Counties' Guild ..	1	0	1
Bedfordshire Association ..	1	0	1
Independent Societies ..	84	6	90
Less peals entered under two Associations ..	407	48	455
	15	3	18
Total ..	392	45	437

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 7; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 8; Double Oxford Bob Major, 7; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 15; Treble Bob Caters, 1; Treble Bob Major, 102; Stedman Cinques, 3; Stedman Caters, 8; Stedman Triples, 38; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Grandsire Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters, 20; Grandsire Major, 9; Grandsire Triples, 151; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 1; Bob Major, 22; Bob Triples, 13; Bob Minor (seven 720's), 2; Union Triples, 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Court Bob Triples, 1; Seven Minor Methods on Six Bells, 16; ditto in four methods, 1; ditto in three methods, 2; in four methods on eight bells, 1. Total, 437; Greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,000. Quickest 5000 on church bells, 2 hrs. 32 mins.

G. F. ATTREE.

TYWARDREATH, PAR, ST. BLAZEY, AND BISCOVEY.

A ringing match between the Golant and Tywardreath ringers took place in the Tywardreath tower on Saturday evening. After a tie in the first round, they rang again two peals of ten minutes each. The umpires, Messrs. Wally, Wakem, and Welshman, then gave their decision that the fourth peal was the best. This was rung by Golant. The Rev. T. Valentine Baker afterwards presided at supper, when the teams supped together at the New Inn, the losing team paying the bill.—*Royal Cornwall Gazette*.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

It is hoped that the District Meeting will be held at Richmond on Saturday, November 27th, as arranged, but the necessary permission has not yet been given. Particulars will be given next week.

A. B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

HOLYWELL CHURCH, OXFORD.

NOTICE.—The subscriptions for augmenting this peal of six bells to eight has amounted to about £60. About £40 more is still required. All who may be interested in this work are earnestly invited to subscribe. Subscriptions may be sent to

A. F. M. CUSTANCE,

Brasenose College, Oxford.

THE SMALLEST CHURCH BELL IN ENGLAND.—The parish church of Scrivelsby, Lincolnshire, is surmounted by a handsome tower and spire. The tower contains one small bell without date or inscription. This bell is only eight inches in diameter, and certainly does not weigh more than twelve pounds. It is used for services, deaths, and every other purpose.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1886.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SAMUEL CLARK Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. 5.
JAMES PAGE 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
GEORGE GRIFFIN 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 7.
GEORGE NEWSON 4.	WILLIAM ARSCOTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

J. Smith hails from Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, November 13, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

WILLIAM A. ALPS Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	JOSEPH CULL 6.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. 3.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
REV. CANON WIGRAM .. 4.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

The Provinces.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, November 15, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lbs. in E.

JAMES H. RIDYARD Treble.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. 5.
GEORGE LEE 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. 3.	JOHN BAGULEY 7.
JAMES WELSBY 4.	WILLIAM SEVIER .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by WILLIAM SEVIER.

The above peal will be found in Mr. Hubbard's Book, page 70, being a five-part peal. It was rung to commemorate the 14th birthday of Lord Brackley, who resides in the above parish. This is the first peal of Major conducted by William Sevier, who belongs to the Manchester Cathedral society; the rest are of the local company.

BENGEO, HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1886, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES: IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 in each of the following, viz.:—

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

WALTER CHILDS Treble.	JOSEPH POMERET 4.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER 5.
HENRY PHILLIPS 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal on six bells by all except the conductor; and first in the County of Hertford.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

On Thursday, November 11th, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

SAMUEL SLATER* Treble.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 5.
JOHN F. PENNING* 2.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 6.
GEORGE MARTIN* 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
HERBERT BAKER 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

F. W. WARWICK Treble.	THOMAS FÜLKER 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	H. D. BETTERIDGE .. 6.
FREDRICK FIELD 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
CHARLES TRINDER 4.	DENNIS NAPPER Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

HUNSDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 10, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM GOODCHILD* .. Treble.	FREDERICK SWORDER .. 5.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 3.	*JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
REV. CANON WIGRAM .. 4.	HERBERT BAKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND

THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, HYDE.

On Thursday, November 12, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES SHAW Treble.	JOHN A. FILDES 5.
RALPH PRITCHARD 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY 6.
THOMAS BRADLEY 3.	THOMAS WILDE 7.
ROBERT WOOLLEY 4.	JAMES S. WILDE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the presentation of a silver plated goblet to the Society by Mr. Samuel Bennett, a member of the above Society.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9th, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At St. Andrew's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

HERBERT BAKER Treble.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 5.
MATTHEW ELSMORE 2.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 3.	*JOSEPH CULL 7.
REV. CANON WIGRAM .. 4.	FREDERICK GEORGE Tenor.

Conducted by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

*First peal in the method.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 12, 1886, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

HERBERT BAKER Treble.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 5.
JOHN KITCHENER 2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 6.
SAMUEL PAGE 3.	CHARLES SHAMBRICK .. 7.
LEONARD CHAPMAN 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method by all except the Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. Washbrook.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, November 13, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At St. John's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' BOB-AND-SINGLE-VARIATION.

JOHN ROSE Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
WILLIAM PEAD 2.	*JOSEPH LAWS 6.
FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 3.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR 4.	HARRY W. GROUT Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

This is the conductor's 30th peal, and was rung to celebrate his 23rd birthday. The ringers wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar (the Rev. Evelyn J. Hone) for his kindness in granting them the use of the bells. *First peal with a bob bell.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At St. Helen's Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES PETHER Treble.	*HERBERT J. CASTLE .. 5.
THOMAS SHORT 2.	*JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 6.
ERNEST NAPPER 3.	*WILLIAM NAPPER 7.
DENNIS NAPPER 4.	CHARLES ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*College Youths. This is the first peal of Triples rang on the bells since they were rehung.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Friday, November 12, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

CHARLES CASH Treble.	JOSEPH GRIMSHAW 5.
JAMES BARRATT 2.	J. W. SEVIER 6.
THOMAS YATES 3.	JOHN BAGULEY 7.
JOHN WELSBY 4.	EDWARD CASH Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CASH.

Messrs. Welsby and Baguley hail from Worsley, Sevier from Manchester Cathedral, and the rest are of the Eccles Company. This peal was rung to commemorate Mr. James Barratt's 1st birthday; the ringers wish him many happy returns.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 15, 1886 (no time mentioned),

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES PETHER Treble.	ERNEST NAPPER 5.
J. W. WASHBROOK 2.	CHAS. ALLEN 6.
HERBERT J. CASTLE 3.	*WILLIAM NAPPER 7.
DENNIS NAPPER 4.	ALFRED WOODLEY Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*College Youths.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 13, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At St. Margaret's Abbey,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS Treble.	SAMUEL HAYES 5.
JOHN GOBBETT 2.	YORK GREEN 6.
JOHN BONNEY 3.	WILLIAM DORAN 7.
ROBERT SEWELL 4.	JOHN M. HAYES Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

This is a one-part peal in seventeen courses, and was rung at the first attempt, the longest peal rung by the Essex Association in this County, and also the longest peal rung at St. Margaret's in this method; and now rung for the first time.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—ARUNDEL BRANCH.

On Monday, November 15, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

O. EVERSLED Treble.	F. LUXFORD 5.
W. L. CHAMBERLAIN 2.	G. BAKER 6.
H. HAGGETT 3.	H. BURSTOW 7.
C. BLACKMAN 4.	G. BALCHIN Tenor.

Conducted by H. BURSTOW.

N.B.—The Conductor would be glad to hear when and where the above peal has been recently rung.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Handbell Ringing.

On Monday, November 15, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the House of Mr. JOHN CARTER, BRACEBRIDGE STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 size in Eb.

JOHN CARTER 1-2.	THOMAS MILLER 5-6.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3-4.	CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 7-8.
JOHN T. PERRY 9-10.	

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right. Referees: Messrs. J. Callaghan and R. Hackley, who marked the peal-off as it was rung.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION—THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
EVAN MORETON 2.	ALFRED ROBINSON 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 7.
WILLIAM HICKLING 4.	JOHN HOWE Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED ROBINSON.

Date Touch.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, November 13th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1886 changes, in 1 hr 44 mins. Z. Slater, 1; R. Mingay, 2; W. Gridley, 3; S. Slater, 4; G. Maxim, 5; O. Garwood, 6; J. Lee, 7; P. C. S. Scott, 8. Composed by S. Marsh of West Bromwich and conducted by P. C. Scott. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, November 9th, at St. Mary's Church, (on the occasion of G. Hurst, Esq., who is in his 86th year, being elected Mayor of Bedford), a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). F. Keech, M. Warwick, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Allen, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; J. Frossell, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hall, 1; J. Frossell, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; H. Chapman (first 720 in the method), 4; S. Cullip, 5; W. Allen (first 720 in the method), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). W. Allen, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; F. Keech, 6. And on Thursday, November 11th, for practice, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (26 singles). W. Allen, 1; M. Warwick, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip (first 720 in the method), 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Court Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Allen, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; I. Hills, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and the first on the bells. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). M. Warwick (conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Biggs, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. Allen, 6. And on Tuesday, November 9th, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1334 changes in 52 mins. F. Keech, 1; W. Allen, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 5; H. Chapman (longest touch in the method), 6; J. Frossell, 7; I. Hills, 8. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; S. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Chapman, 5; J. Frossell, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Chasty, 8. And on Friday, November 12th, for evening service (it being the induction of the Rev. Leonard Woodward, M.A., as vicar of the above Church), the first half of 1036 Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 4-6's. F. Keech, 1; S. Cullip, 2; W. Allen, 3; M. Warwick, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 7; J. Spencer and J. Frossell, 8. Also 168 of Grandsire Triples. F. Keech, 1; W. Allen, 2; H. Chapman, 3; S. Cullip, 4; M. Warwick, 5; J. Frossell, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. And after service, the second half of 1036 of Grandsire Triples. F. Keech, 1; W. Allen, 2; M. Warwick, 3; S. Cullip, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Frossell, 8.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, November 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 of Plain Bob. J. Spencer, 1; T. Tysoe, 2; C. Stafferton, 3; W. King, 4; W. Biggs, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6. Previous to starting for the above 360, an attempt was made for a 720, but owing to a change-course occurring it was unsuccessful.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, November 15th, at the house of Mr. J. Carter, Bracebridge-street, a 337 of Stedman Caters. T. Russam, 1-2; J. Carter, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; C. H. Hattersley, 7-8; R. Hackley, 9-10. C. H. Hattersley hails from Sheffield, and this is his first touch of Stedman Caters on handbells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW.—On Monday, November 15th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 of Ken (Treble Bob Minor. W. Henderson, 1; A. English, 2; A. E. Sharp, 3; J. Chapman, 4; W. Holmes, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Messrs. Sharp and Holmes hail from Christ Church.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday evening, November 15th, at St. John's Church, 720 of Plain Bob in 27 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; F. Lees, 2; R. S. Story, 3; *L. Newton, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. *First 720. Mr. Stephenson hails from Stockton-on-Tees. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, November 9th, at the church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, being the Prince of Wales' birthday at 7.0 a.m., 1008 of Grandsire Triples. And in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. R. Jarvis, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neversen, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mack-

man, 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Peck, 8. And on Thursday, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, all standing as before except George Skeef (his first as conductor), 7. And on Sunday, November 14th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. And for evening service a 672 of Grandsire Triples. And after service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. R. Jarvis, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neversen, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; J. Brown, 7; A. Ridlington, 8. R. Mackman conducting.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH.—On Tuesday, November 9th, being Lord Mayor's Day, eight members of the Harwich band rang in the tower of St. Nicholas Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 48 mins., this being the first ever attempted by the band with the exception of F. Goddard, who formerly belonged to the West Middlesex Association, Isleworth Branch. F. Goddard (conductor), 1; J. Brewster, 2; T. Aldis, 3; D. Huff, 4; A. Peachey, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; W. Easter, 7; G. Knock, 8. Also a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, with the 4th, 6th, and 8th behind. E. Green, 1; J. Brewster, 2; D. Huff, 3; W. Green, 4; A. Peachey, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; G. Knock, 6; F. Goddard (conductor), 8. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles), in 28 mins. W. Green, 1; T. Aldis, 2; D. Huff, 3; A. Peachey, 4; C. Ramplin, 5; W. Easter (conductor), 6.

LITTLE HEATH (Essex).—On Sunday, November 14th, for evening service at the parish church, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Mumford (conductor), 1; W. F. Mumford, 2; C. Marriott, 3; W. Mears, 4; W. Mead, 5. And after service with J. Pye, 2.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 14th, at St. Edward's, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor was rung. *W. Nash, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; B. Keeble, 3; J. Nunn, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; *T. Scarlett (conductor), 6. *First 720 in this method. Also some Bob Minor and a touch of Grandsire Triples.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, November 8th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 546 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; F. Furr, 2; H. Buckingham, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Hare, 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen (conductor), 7; J. Foster, 8. Also on Monday, November 15th, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; H. Buckingham, 3; A. Squires, 4; F. Furr, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; W. Kitchener, 8. Also a 350 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; F. Furr, 2; W. Allen (conductor), 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Foster, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare, 7; W. Kitchener, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 14th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. J. Freemantle, 1; H. Greaves, 2; A. Haigh, 3; A. Osborne, 4; E. Andrews, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. *J. Freemantle hails from Willesden, and is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Leicester).—On Thursday, November 11th, Mrs. Heath, wife of the Rev. E. Heath, M.A., vicar of Walkden Parish Church gave birth to a son. The bells were rung in honour of the event. After Queens and firing, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. W., Dinner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Saturday, November 13th, at St. Andrew's church, two 420's and a 336 Bob Triples, and 252 of Bob Major. A. E. Thompson, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Warren, 3; W. Midgley, 4; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 5; G. C. Tunncliffe, 6; J. Thompson, 7; G. Mottashaw, 8. Messrs. Warren, Tunncliffe, and Fish hail from Melbourne, and they desire, through the medium of this paper, to thank Mr. Shardlow, the sexton, for kindly obtaining permission for them to use the bells on this occasion, and also to their brother ringers for the assistance and welcome given them, this being their first attempt at Triples or Major.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, November 14th, at St. Mark's, eight members of the St. Mark's Society rang for Divine service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Bindley, 1; J. Jarvis, 2; W. Lowe, 3; G. Burrows (conductor), 4; J. Walton, 5; G. Daltry (Bristol), 6; W. Clayton, 7; C. Biddles, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Helens church, for Divine Service in the evening, 168 of Grandsire Triples, A. Kimbrey, 1; W. Sandell, 2; G. Young, 3; H. Humphries, 4; E. Webb, 5; J. H. Viner, 6; H. Holifield (conductor), 7; E. Aldworth

8. Also on Tuesday, November 9th, on the occasion of Alderman Tompkins being elected Mayor, 168 of Grandsire Triples. A. Kimbrey, 1; W. Sandell, 2; G. Young, 3; H. Humphries, 4; A. Keates, 5; J. H. Viner, 6; H. Holifield (conductor), 7; J. Wheeler, 8. And on Monday evening, November 15th, for practice, 336 of Grandsire Triples. A. Kimbrey, 1; W. Sandell, 2; G. Young, 3; H. Humphries, 4; J. H. Viner, 5; E. Webb, 6; H. Holifield (conductor), 7; E. Aldworth, 8. This is the longest touch of Triples by the treble, fourth and sixth men.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Peter's church, after Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. H. Simmons, 1; *C. Hounslow, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; T. Hibbert, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob, in 13 mins. H. Simmons, 1; F. Simmons, 2; J. Hands, 3; C. Hounslow, 4; T. Hibbert, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. C. Hounslow hails from Oxford; and T. Hibbert from Reading. *First 720 of Canterbury Pleasure.

CUMNOR (Berks).—On Sunday, November 14th, for Divine service in the morning, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. W. H. Cooper, 1; W. Inness, 2; C. W. H. Griffith (conductor), 3; A. Pratley, 4; H. Bennett, 5; C. C. Griffith, 6. For afternoon service, a 360 of College Single Minor. W. J. Inness, 1; C. W. H. Griffith (conductor), 2; W. H. Cooper, 3; *A. Pratley, 4; W. J. Lamborne, 5; C. C. Griffith, 6. *First 360 in the method. On Monday, November 15th, being the first anniversary of the re-opening of the bells, in the evening was rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 30 mins. A. Hutt, 1; W. J. Inness, 2; C. W. H. Griffith (conductor), 3; W. H. Cooper, 4; H. Bennett, 5; C. C. Griffith, 6. Afterwards, a 720 College Single Minor, in 30 mins. Ed. Hutt, 1; J. Buckingham, 2; C. W. H. Griffith, 3; H. Bennett, 4; W. J. Lamborne, 5; C. C. Griffith, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 6th, at Christ Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 25 mins. C. Hyde, 1; E. Burtenshaw, 2; H. J. Schneider, 3; R. Moss, 4; S. Frost (conductor), 5; C. Gordon, 6. C. Gordon hails from Beddington; C. Hyde, R. Moss, and S. Frost, from Wimbledon, the rest belong to Mitcham. And on Wednesday, November 10th, being the anniversary of Mrs. Harris's birthday, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. J. Fayers, 1; D. Burtenshaw, 2; *A. Brockwell, 3; R. Reynolds, 4; H. J. Schneider, 5; G. Welling (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

BOLTON (Bradford, Yorks.).—On Sunday, November 14th, at St. James's church, for morning service, by the local company, a 720 of Bob Minor. Ben. T. Copley, 1; S. Clarke (first 720), 2; B. Sugden, 3; G. Titterton, 4; B. T. Lamb, 5; S. Palfreman, 6; J. Mawson 7 (covering).

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts.).—On Thursday, November 11th, eight members of the Bishop Stortford Society, being also members of the above association, rang at St. Michael's Church, a quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1269 changes, containing eighteen 6-7's, in 46 mins. W. Rickett, 1; C. Martin, 2; W. H. Tucker, 3; G. Martin, 4; A. Tucker, 5; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 6; H. N. Doughty, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Friday, October 29th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, the local company, rang their first 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Bond, 1; G. Tunbridge, 2; J. Bond, 3; W. Harris, 4; Jas. Tunbridge, 5; Hy. Tunbridge (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 31st, for Divine Service, a 720 in the same method, standing as before.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Paulinus, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1,260 changes, was rang in 43 mins. *R. Lee, 1; †W. J. Cook, 2; F. French, 3; G. Conyard (conductor), 4; J. Sloper, 5; F. M. Jacobs, 6; J. Garrard, 7; W. Saxby, 8. *First quarter peal. †First quarter peal inside.

CROOME D'ABITOT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 14th, some members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Society, by the invitation of Mr. Longney, paid their annual visit to the above place—on this occasion to commemorate his twenty-first birthday—and rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. R. H. Witherington, 1; C. W. Dyson, 2; *Lionel Longney, 3; C. Anford, 4; J. Wathen, 5; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 6. Also a †720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. R. H. Witherington, 1; Lionel Longney (first 720 as conductor), 2; C. Axford, 3; S. Cleal, 4; J. Wathen, 5; Jos. Wathen, 6. Also, on hand-bells, courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters. *L. Longney, 1-2; S. Cleal, 3-4; C. Axford, 5-6; Jos. Wathen, 7-8; R. H. Witherington, 9-10. *First attempt in the methods. †Believed to be the first on the bells conducted by a local man. On Monday, November 15th, on the occasion of Viscount Deerpark—the eldest son of the Earl of Coventry—attaining his majority, the following rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles,

1,260 changes (each 6-score called differently), in 45½ mins. *H. Willis, 1; *A. Aspey, 2; *R. G. Knowles, 3; A. Longney, 4; †Lionel Longney (conductor), 5; *G. Willis, 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the hand-bells. W. Denley, 1; T. Clifford, 2; A. Clifford, 3; W. Price, 4; L. Longney (conductor), 5-6. *Hail from Hanley Castle. †Member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

ELY (Cambs.).—On Monday evening, November 15th, at St. Mary's, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Ellis, 1; J. Sutherill, 2; W. King, 3; A. L. Brine, 4; A. Pilgrim (conductor), 5; J. Vail, 6; J. Hitchborn, 7.

EWTHURST (Sussex).—On Saturday, October 23rd, for practice, by the local company, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Haynes, sen., 1; W. Tidy, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Haynes, jun., 4; A. Baker, 5; A. Weale (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, November 9th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. W. Haynes, sen., 1; A. Baker, 1; F. Francis, 3; W. Tidy, 4; W. Hayes, jun., 5; A. Weale (conductor), 6. And a 360 in the same method, the ringers standing as before. Also on Saturday, November 13th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 25 mins. A. Baker, 1; W. Tidy, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Haynes, jun., 4; G. Jenkins, 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6.

FARNWORTH, NEAR BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 9th, at the parish church, for practice, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Brindle (conductor), 1; W. Lever, 2; W. Farnworth, 3; J. Lever, 4; A. Tonge, 5; W. Smethurst, 6. Also 120. W. Lever, 1; W. Brindle (first 120 on a bob bell), 2; W. Pitchforth, 3; J. Lever (conductor), 4; A. Tonge, 5; W. Smethurst, 6. Also 120. W. Lever (conductor), 1; J. Lever, 2; W. Farnworth, 3; W. Pitchforth, 4; A. Tonge, 5; W. Smethurst, 6.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of New London Pleasure. J. Slater, 1; Jos. Slater, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; F. Wells, 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5; O. Garwood, 6. Also 360 of Cambridge Surprise, and 360 Double Court Bob. And on Sunday, October 24th, after the afternoon service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Slater, 1; C. Adams, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; O. Garwood (conductor), 4; S. Slater, 5; J. Lee, 6. Also on Thursday, October 28th, 720 of New London Pleasure. J. Slater, 1; Jos. Slater, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; F. Wells, 4; S. Slater, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. And the same evening, 720 of Double Court Bob. C. Honeybell, 1; J. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; F. Wells, 4; S. Slater, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, November 4th, 720 of New London Pleasure. C. Honeybell, 1; Z. Slater, 2; R. Mingay (first 720 in the method), 3; G. Maxim (first 720 in the method), 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. And a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. O. Garwood, 1; Z. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; G. Maxim (first 720 in the method), 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5; J. Lee (first 720 in the method), 6.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcester).—On Thursday, November 11th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes, being ten and a half 6-scores, each called differently, in 45 mins. W. Tarling, 1; H. Willis, 2; A. Aspey, 3; A. A. Pitt, 4; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 5; G. Willis, 6. Tenor 17 cwt. This peal was rung in honour of A. Aspey attaining his 25th birthday.

KEYSTON (Hunts).—On Saturday, November 13th, at St. John's church, for practice, six 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. F. Barwell, 1; J. Pettit, 2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3; J. Martin, 4; H. Twelvetree, 5. And a 6-score of St. Simon's Doubles. H. Twelvetree, 1; J. Pettit, 2; J. Martin, 3; E. Chapman, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. H. Twelvetree, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; J. Pettit (conductor), 3; J. Martin, 4; E. Chapman, 5.

LITTLE HADHAM (Herts.).—On Saturday, November 13th, Messrs. H. J. Tucker and T. Newman, with Bishop Stortford, with Messrs. H. Prior, jun., and G. Prior, from Stanstead, and Mr. J. Harvey, from Manuden, paid a visit to the above place, and rang at St. Edmund's church several 6-scores of Grandsire and Antelope Doubles, in which Mr. F. Chapman, one of the local ringers, took part. Tenor 11 cwt.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 7th, for afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob Minor 18 bobs and 2 singles), in 26 mins. F. W. Cook, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. R. Wood, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; C. Tunncliffe (conductor), 6. This was J. R. Wood's first 720 with a bob bell. On Sunday, November 14th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; G. A. Fish, 3; J. Warren, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunncliffe (conductor), 6.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—Recently, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Bates, for many years a member of the local society, and who was greatly respected. He was interred in the churchyard on the same day. G. Foster, sen., 1; J. Drewitt, 2; H. J. Schneider, 3; F. Burtenshaw, 4; G. Foster, jun., 5; A. Brockwell (conductor), 6; J. Fayers, 7; J. Currell, 8.

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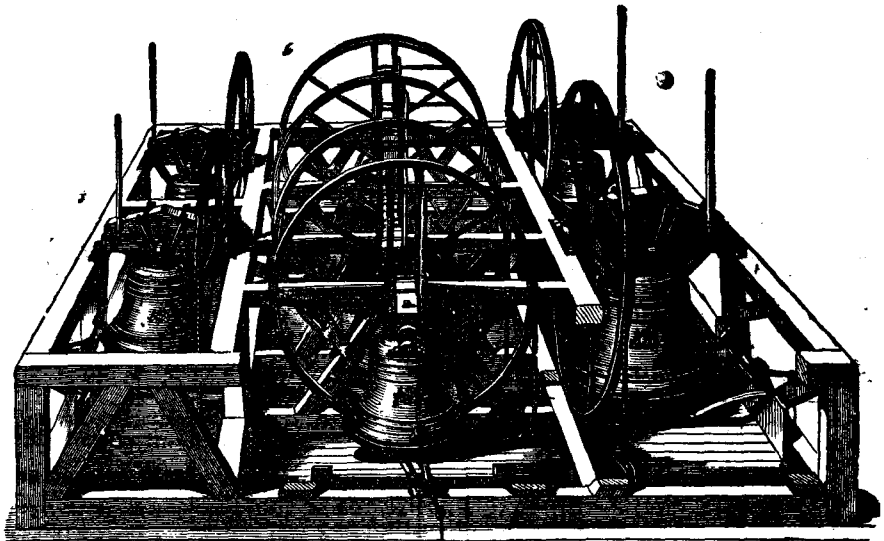
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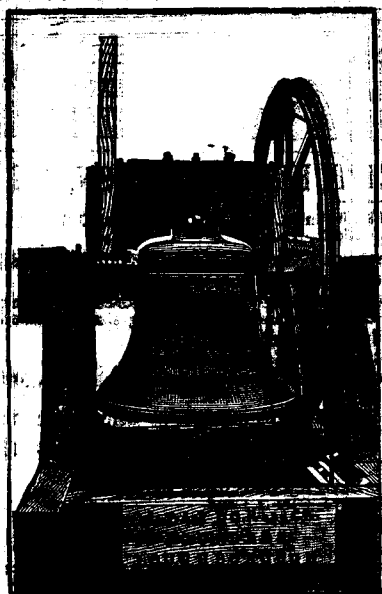
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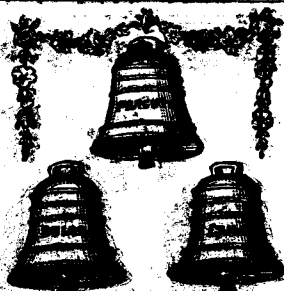
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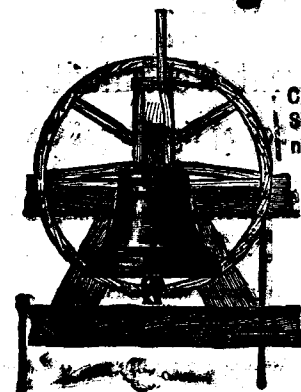
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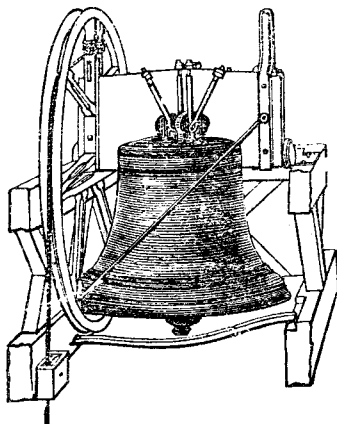
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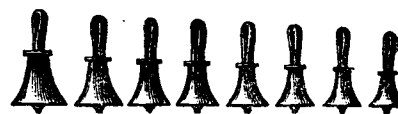
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REOPENING OF WHITSTONE (DEVON) CHURCH BELLS.

Whitstone Church bells, after having been rehung and a new tenor added to the peal of five formerly in the tower, were reopened on Saturday, and the occasion was one for general rejoicing among the parishioners. The church is an ancient structure, and formerly there were three Medizeval bells in the tower, which were probably cast at Exeter about 400 years ago. A new treble, cast by Bilbie, of Cul-lompton, was added during the last century, thus making a peal of four bells. In 1821 the then tenor became cracked, and a new bell, cast by Mears, of the Whitechapel Foundry, to take its place, was cracked about 25 years ago. Last year two trebles, cast by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, were hung in the old cage in place of the cracked tenor. The gearing of the bells was at the same time renewed. After a year's constant ringing it was found necessary to put in an entirely new cage. In the cage, a substantial oak one, room was made for the addition of a new tenor. The bell was cast by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Cripplegate Foundry. It weighs 12 cwt., is tuned to G, and in addition to the name of the firm bears the following inscription, "The gift of C. Pearson, M.A. to Whitstone." The inner portion of the tower has also been restored, a new floor has been placed in the bell chamber, and other improvements have been carried out. The whole of the expense incurred has been borne by Mr. C. Pearson, brother of the rector, and the work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury. There was no opening service, and the bells were formally re-opened about one o'clock by the Whitstone ringers. Several touches were rung by those present, and about 3 o'clock a substantial dinner, provided at the expense of Mr. C. Pearson, was served up in the rectory barn, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion by Miss Pearson and Miss Collings. The dinner, to which about fifty sat down, was done full justice to. The chair was occupied by Mr. C. Pearson, and there was also present the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote (Upton Pyne), Rev. J. B. Pearson (rector of Whitstone), Rev. S. Hosking (St. Sidwell's), Mr. James, Mr. Cheriton, Mr. Horwell, and Mr. Stokes. The following bands were also represented:—St. Sidwell's—Messrs. F. Shepherd, A. Shepherd, E. F. Shepherd, R. Shepherd, E. Pitt, W. Richardson, W. Goss, Townsend, and C. Carter. Whitstone—Messrs. Sercombe, W. Sampson, W. Chudley, W. Pester, G. Baxter, H. Baxter, C. Pester, and J. Chudley. St. Thomas, Messrs. Mudge, Knight, Caryl, Lake, Moss, Kelly, and Parish. Ide—Messrs. C. Ruddell, Eales, J. Counter, G. Westcott, F. Tucker, G. Lowton, Hardy, and J. Lowton. Broadclyst—Messrs. Skinner.

The tables having been cleared,

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "Church and Queen," and in doing so remarked that the ringers were officers, and very valuable officers of the church. They were also loyal subjects of the Queen, and he hoped that before another year had passed, they would have an opportunity of showing their loyalty and good feeling by ringing a merry peal on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee. The toast having been drunk.

The CHAIRMAN gave "Our Guests, and Success and Prosperity to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers." In the course of a few remarks he said he wished to thank all those friends who had come there that day from St. Sidwell's, St. Thomas, and Ide, not only for ringing, but also for having kindly invited the Whitstone ringers to their towers. They had present representatives of the scientific method of ringing, and also representatives of the old Devonshire style of ringing. It seemed to him that both styles were very good in their way; some preferred one style, and some another. It however depended very much upon the band of ringers themselves whether they got on successfully either with the scientific or the old methods. Having spoke in high terms of the manner in which Mr. Stokes and Mr. F. Shepherd (instructor of the Whitstone band), had carried out their respective tasks, Mr. Pearson said that there were many present who were not members of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers. The Guild was a young and thriving institution of some twelve or fourteen years' standing, and he hoped that it would be the means before long of having all the neglected bellfries in Devon re-opened. The President of the Guild, Colonel Troyte, was one who as they knew, took a great interest in bell ringing. The Hon. Secretary of the Guild—the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote—was a power in Devonshire, and all the progress that the Guild had made during late years was mainly due to Mr. Northcote's exertions. It was not too much to say that the Guild, without Mr. Northcote, would be like a conjuror without his wand.

The Hon. and Rev. J. S. NORTHCOTE, who was received with applause, in the course of his reply said it was with very great pleasure that he expressed to them his thanks, and the thanks of all those in whose name he spoke, for the kind way in which they had drank their healths that day. Having referred to the compliment paid him as Secretary of the Guild, he said that if the ringers did not take an interest in their work, no instructor, secretary, or bell-hanger could make them do it. Therefore it depended very much upon themselves whether they succeeded or not. He would not say very much about call-change-ringing, but he believed that by far the best method of

ringing was the scientific method. He liked change-ringing best, but he also liked the old style of ringing if he could get nothing better. He would put it another way, and say that he liked "bread and butter, but he liked beef better." Referring to the Devonshire Guild, he said he thought that Society was pretty healthy now, and he did not think that there was very much the matter with the Guild. They were increasing in numbers in Devonshire, new bands were joining them every year, and he thought they were producing some very good change ringers. Many bands, which he remembered as being quite babies in the art of change-ringing, were now strong bodies, and able to show very good work. Their latest "baby" was a portion of the company present—the Whitstone band—and he thought from what he had seen of the work of the members, that they would soon grow up to be as strong and useful a band belonging to the Guild as any round about there. If they were to be good ringers they must set to work with a will. When they had succeeded in ringing 120 changes they had only just begun the art, and there was a very great deal more for them to learn. Misfortunes and difficulties would also possibly come in their way. Perhaps they would have the misfortune of losing one of their band, and then they would have to set to work afresh and train up a new member. They would also, perhaps, meet with many discouragements, as many of the older bands of the Guild had. On one occasion a band (St. Sidwell's) went to ring a peal of 5040 changes at Tiverton, and just as they had nearly finished one of the ropes broke, and so they were done. That was hard lines; but they were not discouraged. Later on, the same band went to Crediton, and had very nearly completed a peal, when—well, he would not tell them what occurred there, because it was too bad. Did they suppose that they would be beaten? No, not they. He reckoned that they would go and start another peal before long. They would go to Crediton again and try another peal. He hoped soon to see the St. Thomas, Ide, and other bands joining them, and that eventually it would become a regular thing for every ringer to belong to the Devonshire Guild. Then they would be able to write in many peals, and be able to stand side by side with any other county. In conclusion, he proposed the "Health of Mr. Pearson and the Whitstone Band of Ringers." He was sure that they all wished the band prosperity.

MR. PEARSON, in reply, remarked that if he were thirty or forty years younger he should like to start learning the method again under the tuition of Mr. Shepherd. Now, as he could not, he hoped to do all he could to help on the Whitstone ringers.

Among those who assisted at the dinner tables, besides the servants of the house, were Mrs. Sercombe, Miss Lewis, Miss Lake, Messrs. Sercombe, Cheeseworth, Norman, and Sampson. During the day merry peals were rung on the bells, which "go" capitally, and at seven o'clock tea was served in the barn, after which the St. Sidwell's band rang a 120 of Grandsire Doubles and a 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. Richardson, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Goss, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; F. Shepherd, 6. The whole of the bands left about ten o'clock, having thoroughly enjoyed the day's ringing.

INGESTRE CHURCH, STAFFORD.

By the munificence of the Earl of Shrewsbury, this beautiful church is now lighted by electricity, and on Saturday, the 13th instant special services were held to commemorate this event as well as the restoration of the bells. The bells, a handy ring of six, have been quarter-turned and rehung with entirely new fittings of a most substantial and modern character, by Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham. We also understand that Mr. Barwell has recently re-hung the fine ring of ten at the parish church of Aston-juxta-Birmingham, and the ring of five at Dawley Magna, Shropshire, and is now engaged in rehanging the peal of eight at Haverfordwest, and a peal of five at Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (ROTHWELL BRANCH).

The following is the ringing done by this branch at Holy Trinity Church during the month of October.—October 3rd, 386 of Oxford, 360 of Violet; October 10th, 216 of Oxford, 240 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 240 of Arnold's Victory, 240 of Duke of York, 240 of Violet; October 16th, 720 of Oxford, 360 of Duke of York; October 17th, 720 of City Delight, 120 of Violet, 720 of Arnold's Victory, 360 of Duke of York; October 24th, 240 of Duke of York, 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 240 of Violet; October 27th, 720 of Primrose, 240 of Tulip, 240 of Primrose, 240 of College Treble; October 31st, 360 of College Exercise, 360 of New London Pleasure, 240 of Arnold's Victory.

SPARE COPIES OF "THE BELL NEWS."—The Editor would feel greatly obliged to any of his friends who could spare him copies of the following numbers of this paper. He will be glad to remit any reasonable price for the same. Nos.: 26, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 153, 154, 178, 189, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203, 206.

NOTABLE PERFORMANCE AT ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

ON Saturday last a remarkable feat was accomplished upon the bells of the above Church, which will be found recorded in our peal column of this week, and which will take its stand amongst the most famous performances of the age. It consisted of the ringing of Brook's variation of Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples, in 3 hrs. 7 mins., in perfect silence, and without any sign or indication of the progress of the peal during the whole of that period. The idea of attempting a peal of this character originated with Mr. Henry Bastable, of Birmingham, a well known Stedman ringer and conductor, who so far as three years back conceived the possibility of its achievement, and to this gentleman's forethought, patience and management, the accomplishment of the peal is mainly due. Of course in bringing a performance of this kind to a successful issue, many preliminary considerations have to be taken into account. There is not merely the difficulty of finding fit and competent men for the task, but there is also the almost equal difficulty to be dealt with of choosing a suitable and convenient centre of meeting, so that if unsuccessful in the earlier attempts, the meetings might still be adhered to until final victory should be secured. Mr. Bastable's generalship was as conspicuous in his selection of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, for the scene of his encounter (lying as it does almost midway between Birmingham and Sheffield, and therefore being easy of access to parties living in either of these great ringing centres), as it was in the choice of the following noted callers of Stedman to form his team; Mr. C. H. Hattersley from Sheffield, Messrs. J. Carter and A. Thomas, from Birmingham, Mr. S. Reeves from West Bromwich, and Messrs. J. Griffin, W. Wakley, and J. Jaggard, from Burton-on-Trent. The following gentlemen were invited to be present in the belfry during the performance: Rev. James H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; Mr. A. Percival Heywood, of Duffield; and Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., of Birmingham. The first meeting took place on Saturday, October 16th, and calls for no comment. This was followed by another and yet another attempt, the latter consisting of seventeen parts of the peal, faultlessly struck, when a slight misapprehension arose, and in an instant all hopes of success were at an end for that day at least. Nothing daunted however by their repeated failures, the band met together for the last time on Saturday, November 20th. After ringing a few rounds, Mr. Johnson called them off into changes at 3.42, and nothing but perfect stillness was observed until the bells ran round at 6.49 p.m., Mr. Johnson calling "stand" at 6.50 exactly. On this occasion Mr. Heywood was unfortunately prevented from taking his place in the belfry, but he arrived in Burton soon after the commencement of the peal, and heard the last forty-two courses from the outside. It is needless to add that the congratulations which awaited the performers on their descent from the belfry were both numerous and hearty, and several suggestions were made for the perpetuation of the peal, and amongst them a general wish was expressed that an annual dinner should be held by way of celebrating such a remarkable performance as the accomplishment of the first silent peal of Stedman Triples on the bells in the church tower.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

The Master requests members to specially attend St. Martin's belfry on Friday evening, December 3rd, next, at 7.30, and meeting house 9.15, sharp, and oblige.
HENRY DAINS, Hon. Sec.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The DISTRICT MEETING will be held (as arranged) at Richmond, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Procter, on Saturday, the 27th inst. Tower open for ringing from 4 p.m. Any ringers will be welcome.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A RINGING MEETING will be held at Newchurch, on Saturday, December 11th. All ringers in the Rossendale Division are specially invited to attend. Ringing from 2 p.m. A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

Beware, ye vicars and rectors, and ye bell-ringers! A danger lies ahead. The *Lancet* has discovered a new danger, and it is that of bell-ringing. Hear its warnings:—"Not only is ringing in cities and towns a needless and vexatious ceremony, but it is a very grave affliction, causing in many instances serious injury, aggravating disease and shortening life. This in tolerable practice is an offence too frequently entailing consequences altogether too terribly disastrous to be contemplated without indignation—a mere sentiment, which has no shadow of solemnity about it." What a life we all would lead were we to hearken to every warning of our medical contemporary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD.

On Sunday, November 13th, by the Billingham Branch, at Billingham, ten 6-scores of Bob Doubles. L. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. T. Chantler (conductor), 5; A. Mitchell, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 25 mins. L. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; T. Baker, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; G. Matthews, J. T. Chantler (conductor), 6.

On Thursday, November 18th, by the Brighton Branch, at St. Nicholas, Brighton, an attempt was made for Hollis's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 2080 changes, the 2nd bell was forced out of her bearings through an iron wedge getting loose, in 1 hr. 16 mins. J. Neves, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; F. Hounsell (Cuckfield), 3; J. Fox, 4; W. Palmer, 5; H. Boniface, 6; H. Weston, 7; C. Tyler, 8. And on Tuesday, November 23rd, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, Hollis's five-part (for particulars see peal column).

On Saturday, November 20th, by the Brighton Branch, at Crawley, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 7 mins. (for particulars see peal column).

On Monday, November 22nd, by a Mixed Band, at St. Peter's, Brighton, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. A. Piper, 1; H. Weston, 2; E. Fox, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; W. Pelling (Chailey), 5; J. Searle, 6.

On Sunday, November 21st, by the Crawley Branch, at Crawley, an attempt was made for a peal of Court Bob Triples, but failed after ringing 1512 changes in 55 mins. T. Smith, Esq., 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; F. Wickens, 4; W. Collison, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; E. Pierce, 8. And a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples in 47 mins. T. Smith, Esq., 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; H. Burstow, 7; E. Pierce, 8.

On Saturday, November 20th, by a Mixed Band (two members from each of the following Bands: St. Mary's, All Saints' and Christ Church, Eastbourne, and St. Paul's, Brighton), at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, Reeves' Variation of Holt's ten-part (for particulars see peal column).

On Sunday, November 21st, by the All Saints' Branch, at All Saints', Eastbourne, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. I. Hammond, 1; W. Siggs, 2; W. Alfrey, 3; T. Willoughby, 4; A. Bennett, 5; T. Hart (conductor), 6; T. Lewis, 7; E. Willoughby, 8.

On Tuesday, November 16th, by the Steyning Branch, at Steyning, a 360 of Court Bob. C. Chambers, 1; J. Woolger, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, November 18th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob in 26½ mins. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolger, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 21st, a 720 of Plain Bob in 27 mins. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolger, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 25 mins. C. Chambers, 1; E. Brackley, 2; T. Searle, 3; G. Gatland, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6.

On Saturday, November 20th, by a Mixed Band, at Warnham, a 5040 of Oxford Bob Triples (for particulars see peal column). Also on Sunday, November 21st, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples (for particulars see peal column). And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. B. Paine, 1; T. Andrews, 2; W. Short, 3; F. Rice, 4; H. Cook, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; F. Knight, 7; H. Wood, 8.

NOVEL RULES AND REGULATIONS.—A correspondent writes:—A friend of mine who is endeavouring to introduce change-ringing into a place near here which is decidedly "out of the hunt," writes to me as follows:—"There are practically no ringers at present, but the Vicar has drawn up most elaborate rules, one of them subjects to a fine those who spit on their hand before ringing. This rule alone, if strictly enforced, will do much to prevent good ringing. Whoever saw the horny-handed sons of toil start on a good pull without first moistening their palms in this homely way?" This is "belfry reform" with a vengeance. But why draw the line at the practice above referred to? In all well regulated towers, Sir, the men should turn up for practice in full dress clothes and patent leather boots. In event of disobedience to the conductor, he should be at liberty to repeat his orders in a mild and respectful tone of voice as often as he pleases. Any ringer so far forgetting the dignity of his profession as to smoke a clay pipe, drink four ale out of a quart pot, drop his "h's," or blow his nose otherwise than by means of a perfumed cambric handkerchief, should be expelled the tower. Perhaps some of us may yet live to see a peal rung exclusively by Marquises and Earls.

FROM.—The Hon. and Rev. Hanbury-Tracy, of Knowle, Bristol, has accepted the important living of the Parish Church of St. John Baptist, Frome, Somersetshire. The living is the gift of the Marquis of Bath. This church contains a splendid ring of eight bells, tenor 36 cwt. It is hoped that amongst other things, the new vicar will give an early consideration to the ringing, and formulate a guild of change-ringers from amongst the young men of the congregation, and thus extinguish the present grotesque ringing from cards, and help in dealing another fatal blow to the fate of Church Yard Bob.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting was held at Ashford on Saturday evening, November 6th, to commemorate the 80th birthday of Mr. John Laker, an accomplished veteran in the art of ringing. Representatives from Brabourne, Folkestone, and Mersham, joined the local band to do honour to their fellow member. A band was set for eighty treble leads of Bob Major, which however failed. The after part of the evening was passed in various touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major. Mr. Laker took part in the whole of the ringing during the evening, and when the company parted, they wished him health and strength to join in the performance on his next anniversary. It is now upwards of sixty-three years since Mr. Laker commenced handling the bell ropes. He rang his first peal of 5040 changes of Bob Major at Ashford on April 3rd, 1826. He is still a member of the Ashford company, and has been conductor of the same for many years.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

THE USUAL QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at Standish, on Saturday, December 4th. The bells will be open for ringing from two o'clock. Business meeting at five o'clock in the schoolroom.
57 Chorley Road, Blackrod. JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM GEORGE SHADE.

WE have to announce the death of the above-named gentleman, which took place on Saturday last, aged 59 years. The deceased was a member of the Ancient Societies of College Youths, Waterloo, and St. James' Society, London, and a much respected inhabitant of the parish of Greenwich, where he died. He was a pupil of the late John Cox, who conducted his first peal, which was Grandsire Triples, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Kent, June 1847, since which he has rung several peals, his last performance was a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's Church, Bow, on Sunday morning, February 14th, 1886, as reported in "THE BELL NEWS," it being rung on the anniversary of his son Henry's birthday, who composed and conducted the same. The deceased had been employed at Greenwich Hospital for a period of 37 years, and has been laid up for two years and five months. The funeral will take place at Greenwich Hospital private cemetery, East Greenwich, on Saturday, November 27th, about 2.30 p.m. According to the wish of the deceased, Mr. Banister, of Woolwich, has to carry out the funeral arrangements.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1886.

It is as nearly as possible two years ago since it was our pleasure to place on record the performance of what may be termed one of the curiosities of change-ringing, and one which in our opinion will go far to establish with posterity the conclusion that the capabilities of ringers of the present generation are not a whit behind the capabilities of the very best of their predecessors in the craft. We allude to the performance of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples without a conductor, and without a word being spoken by any member of the band during the continuance of the peal. This was rung at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields by the College Youths, on Thursday, October 23rd, 1884, and although not the first silent peal on record, for Holt's ten-part peal had been previously performed under similar conditions, and also a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, yet from the intricate nature of the composition in question, it took its stand at once as being one of the most striking achievements of modern times. We have now equal pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to another curiosity in the annals of change-ringing in the shape of the silent peal of Stedman Triples, which appears in our ringing columns this week, and which was successfully accomplished last Saturday at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. It is far from our intention to attempt any invidious comparisons between the merits of these rival performances. They are both of them unique in their way, and we are willing to leave all arguments, both for and against, in the hands of their several partisans. We will content

ourselves with placing on record the remark of the veteran, Mr. JOHNSON, of Birmingham, who kindly acted as referee on this last occasion. On the conclusion of the peal, he warmly congratulated the performers on their masterly accomplishment, and stated as his opinion that although the peal he had just witnessed might possibly meet with its equal, yet it could never in his judgment be surpassed. With us it is a matter of congratulation to reflect that our science, of which we are so justly proud, contains professors who are ready and willing at all times to grapple with difficult feats of this description, and though there is little probability of similar exhibitions ever becoming general or in any sense widely imitated, yet they are of value as pointing out the possibilities which the Exercise offers to its devoted and patient students and admirers. There seems to be no limit of skill or endurance as yet reached, beyond which the praiseworthy ambition to excel is not prepared to go. A perusal of our change-ringing columns will show that so far from standing still, the strides which the Art has taken since "THE BELL NEWS" was first established have been quite equal, if not superior to any which have previously characterized its progress. It has been our privilege to record several achievements which have outstripped nearly all previous performances. We can only particularise a few, but the peals of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, Stedman Caters in London, Treble Bob at Mottram, Double Norwich at Ipswich, Superlative Surprise at Burton-on-Trent, and notably the performances contained in our last number of "THE BELL NEWS," are fresh within our memory. We have no space to dwell upon the marvellous advances which are evidenced in the science of composition by the productions of recent contributors. To do so would be to trespass far beyond the limits of the portion we usually allot to our editorial comments. We can only conclude by throwing out the suggestion that for much of this excellence the Exercise is indebted to the interest and intelligence which has been awakened by Mr. SNOWDON's publications (to whose Memorial Fund we would direct intending subscribers); to the publication of "THE BELL NEWS" as a weekly medium of communication between brother ringers in all parts of the world; and lastly, to the perseverance and indomitable energy of select bodies of ringers throughout the country, such as those we have mentioned.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1886, in Three hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5038 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN AUSTIN	Treble.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD ..	5.
EDWARD I. STONE	2.	HARRY WAKLEY	6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY	3.	THOMAS HOLMES	7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN	4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY	Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal, which is in three parts, was rung on the occasion of the election of Edward Wright, Esq., as Mayor of Burton-on-Trent.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, November 17, 1886, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 7.
JOB JOYNES 2.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 8.
HENRY JOHNSON, JUN. .. 3.	JOHN BUFFERY 9.
W. ROCK SMALL 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 10.
HENRY BASTABLE 5.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 11.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 6.	ALFRED THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by H. BASTABLE.
This peal is now rung for the first time.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 19th, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES: IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 in each of the following, viz. —

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES WEEDEN* Treble.	MARK JENKINS 4.
ROBERT JORDAN 2.	EDWIN JORDAN 5.
ALFRED MILLS 3.	DAVID JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID JORDAN.

*First peal.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.—THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES S. WILDE Treble.	SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN., .. 5.
RALPH PRITCHARD 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY 6.
ROBERT WOOLLEY 3.	THOMAS WILDE 7.
HENRY COOPER 4.	JOHN PYE, JUN., .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL KNOTT.

The above peal contains all the 8-6-7's, 8-6's, and 6-7-8's. Messrs. Cooper, Knott and Pye hail from Glossop, the rest from Hyde, Cheshire.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1886, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23¾ cwt. in Eb.

JAMES KAY* Treble.	JOHN HARRISON 5.
GEORGE CROSSLEY 2.	JOHN MILLETT 6.
GEORGE HOYLE 3.	FRANK BIRTWISTLE 7.
WILLIAM R. BARRETT .. 4.	JAMES MILLETT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MILLETT.

*First peal. Messrs. Harrison, Hoyle, and Birtwistle hail from the Rochdale Parish Church; the rest belong to Heywood.

DRIGHLINGTON.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20th, 1886, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE THORNTON Treble.	WM. STAINTHORPE 5.
THOS. STEAD 2.	J. BARROWCLOUGH 6.
B. A. DODSON 3.	T. HAIGH 7.
JOHN STEAD 4.	WM. BROGDEN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by T. HAIGH.

Messrs. Thornton, Dodson, and Stainthorpe hail from Birstall, and the rest from Huddersfield.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, November 20, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JOHN BUTTON Treble.	THOMAS E. SHEARING .. 2.
HARRY BUTTON 2.	RICHARD W. STANNARD .. 6.
THOMAS STAULKEY 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
ALLEN RODWELL 4.	JOHN FLEGG Tenor.

Composed and conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This is A. Rodwell's first peal, and was rung upon the conductor's 18th birthday, whose name has hitherto been published Gabriel Baxter.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Silent Peal.

On Saturday, November 20th, 1886, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

CHAS. HY. HATTERSLEY .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
JOHN CARTER 2.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 6.
HENRY BASTABLE 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	ALFRED THOMAS Tenor.

The above was strictly a non-conducted peal, rung without the bobs being called or the slightest intimation of them given, in the presence of the Rev. James H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, and Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., the latter of whom marked off each course as it was rung.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1886, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN SIMON Treble.	JAMES A. IDLE 5.
WALTER IDLE 2.	GEORGE H. HARDY 6.
W. AINLY 3.	WALTER BYRAM 7.
GEORGE SIMON 4.	GARFORTH TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed and conducted by GEORGE H. HARDY.

The Brothers Simon hail from Batley Carr; The Brothers Idle and Ainly from Dewsbury, and the rest from Earlsheaton.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1886, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

W. SHORT Treble.	T. ANDREWS 5.
F. RICE 2.	H. WOOD 6.
W. WADEY 3.	H. BURSTOW 7.
H. CHANDLER 4.	*G. WOODMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BURSTOW.

*First peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—BRIGHTON BRANCH.

On Saturday, November 20, 1886, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

A. A. FULLER* Treble.	J. SEARLE 5.
G. F. ATTREE 2.	G. C. HAMMOND 6.
C. TYLER 3.	J. JAY, SEN. 7.
C. E. GOLDS 4.	E. BUTLER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

*First Peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 21, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

B. PAINE* .. .. .Treble.	H. WOOD 5.
F. RICE 2.	H. CHANDLER 6.
W. SHORT 3.	F. KNIGHT 7.
T. ANDREWS 4.	H. COOK .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by H. CHANDLER.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, November 22, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

R. BIRD .. .. .Treble.	A. E. PARSONS 5.
C. W. BASSANO* 2.	H. CARTWRIGHT 6.
H. MASON 3.	*A. H. BASSANO 7.
W. BIRD 4.	W. GREEN .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and conducted by A. H. BASSANO.

This is the first peal by each of the above, and is also the first peal on these bells by any band. *Oxford Diocesan Guild, and University Society.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ST. NICHOLAS (BRIGHTON) BRANCH.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JESSE NEVES* .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER 5.
JAMES SEARLE 2.	HENRY BONIFACE 6.
JOHN FOX* 3.	CHARLES TYLER 7.
JAMES NEVES* 4.	*WILLIAM DAVEY .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SEARLE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the first time that Hollis's five-part peal has been rung in Sussex, and the first recorded by a band composed of members of the St. Nicholas' Company since 1833.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1886, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5260 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. .Treble.	HENRY BOWELL 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	EDWARD REEVE 7.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS 8.
CHARLES MEE 4.	ROBERT HAWES 9.
WILLIAM CATCHPOLE 5.	ROBERT BRUNDLE .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and conducted by J. MOTTS.

This is the first peal of Royal since 1801, which was rung by the Royal Cumberlands at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and is also the longest.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, BROMSGROVE.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT HOBDAV* .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM BROOK 5.
WALTER REA† 2.	GEORGE BOURNE 6.
WILLIAM JAMES* 3.	OLIVER JAMES 7.
GEORGE HAYWARD 4.	ALFRED MOOR* .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER REA.

*First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. All members of the Birmingham and District Association except Alfred Moor.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

E. WILLOUGHBY* .. .. .Treble.	*G. HOWSE 5.
H. P. BENNETT 2.	T. HART 6.
W. ALLFREY* 3.	*A. BENNETT 7.
T. SMITH* 4.	*T. LEWES .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by H. P. BENNETT.

*First peal. W. Allfrey and H. Bennett hail from St. Paul's, Brighton, T. Smith and G. Howse, Christ Church, Eastbourne, E. Willoughby and T. Lewes, All Saints', Eastbourne, and the other two, St. Mary's. The first peal ever rang by Eastbourne men was rung at St. Mary's, on January 21st, 1873, the time being three hours and four minutes, conducted by H. P. Bennett, not one of the band, himself included, ever having rung through a peal before. In the peal recorded above, H. P. Bennett again conducting; six of the band claim it as their maiden peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

On Sunday, November 21, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL (Reversed). Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD PRICE .. .. .Treble.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY 5.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 2.	SAMUEL SNELLING 6.
REUBEN SIMONS 3.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT 7.
HARRY PEARCE 4.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

The above peal was to commemorate Mr. Pearce's 24th Birthday, and the 29th of Mr. A. Moorcraft, which occurred a few days previous. There has not been a peal rang on the bells for many years. The last was rang by the Leeds (Kent) Band, under the conductorship of Mr. James Barham, about the beginning of the present century.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 22, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN SIDEBOTHAM .. .. .Treble.	JAMES S. WILDE 5.
THOMAS JAMES 2.	THOMAS WILDE 6.
WILLIAM HARROP 3.	THOMAS BRADDOCK 7.
ROBERT WOOLLEY 4.	JOHN EYE, JUN. .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, and conducted by JOHN SIDEBOTHAM.

This peal contains the 6th the extent home at the last seven course-ends, and will be found in Snowden's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, Part 2, page 73. Messrs. Wilde Brothers and Woolley hail from Hyde; Sidebotham and Braddock from Mottram: the rest are of the local company.

ROCHDALE.—ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, November 22, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. .. .Treble.	*JOHN HARRISON 5.
JOHN T. LUCAS 2.	*GEORGE HOYLE 6.
JOHN HOGGARD 3.	*FRANK BIRTWISTLE 7.
BENJAMIN MEADOWCROFT 4.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BIRTWISTLE.

The above peal was rung to celebrate the 68th birthday of Mr. Joseph Butterworth, an old ringer at the above church, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. It is the first time the above peal has been rung by a band of Rochdale ringers, all of whom are ringers at the above church, and members of the Rochdale District Association. Those marked * are also members of the Lancashire Association.

Miscellaneous.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, November 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, by the local band, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. R. Giddens, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Hill, 3;

H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6. Tenor 14½ cwt. Also on Sunday, November 7th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 360 of Plain Bob. J. Hendry, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Allen, 3; J. H. Brett, 4; T. Allen (Tilney), 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6. And in the evening for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Hendry, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; T. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also on Tuesday evening, in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday, a 720 of Plain Bob, and the bells fired, and lowered in peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday evening, November 14th, for service at the Cathedral, 504 of Stedman Triples. H. Lewis, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. And on Sunday morning, 624 of Grandsire Major. T. Grant, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; E. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills (conductor), 8. Longest touch of Grandsire Major by all. And in the evening 216 of Stedman Triples, standing in the same order as in the 504.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, November 18th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, for practice, 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; J. Phillips (conductor), 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; R. Jackson, 5; R. Jackson, 6; J. Roslyn, 7; G. Gentle, 8. The above touch was taken from "THE BELL NEWS." Also 280 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Phillips (conductor), 5; R. Jackson, 6; Robt. Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8. And 120 of Stedman Doubles, on the front five. J. Phillips, 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; Robt. Jackson, 4; R. Jackson, 5; J. Smith, 6; T. Webb, 7; First 120 in the method by all. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GRAVESEND.—On Saturday evening, November 13th, at St. George's Church, 1260 of Grandsire Triples; in 42 mins. G. Hayes, 1; W. Martin, 2; H. D. Davis, 3; F. Hayes, 4; H. Pearce (conductor), 5; J. W. Aitken, 6; W. Harper, 7; B. Spinner, 8. And on Sunday morning, November 14th, for Divine Service, 1260 of Grandsire Triples. W. Royston, 1; W. Martin, 2; H. D. Davis, 3; G. Hayes, 4; B. Spinner, 5; J. W. Aitken, 6; H. Pearce (conductor), 7; W. Louth, 8. H. Pearce hails from Maidstone.

BUCKLAND DINHAM (Somerset).—On Wednesday evening, November 17th, at the Parish Church, a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. E. Helps, 1; J. Witchel, 2; T. Brownjohn, 3; J. Fricker, 4; W. G. Fricker (conductor), 5; W. Fricker, 6. And on Sunday, November 20th, another 120 of Grandsire Doubles. E. Helps, 1; J. Witchel, 2; J. Brownjohn, 3; J. Rebbeck, 4; F. Prescott, 5; W. Tricker, 6. Rebbeck, W. Fricker and W. S. Fricker hail from Frome.

EXETER (Devon).—On Sunday, 14th inst., at St. Sidwell's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 43 mins. T. Townsend, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; E. Pitt (composer and conductor), 3; F. Shephard, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shephard, 7; C. Carter, 8.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, November 20th, at the church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. D. Ivers, 1; U. Stringer, 2; M. Murphy, 3; J. Callaghan, 4; J. Murphy, 5; P. Conlon, 6; J. Plant (conductor), 7; F. Hales, 8. Also on Sunday, for evening service, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Hales, 1; P. Conlon, 2; J. Murphy, 3; M. Murphy, 4; J. Plant (conductor), 5; C. Fellows, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. J. Callaghan hails from Birmingham.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, October 31st, at the Parish Church, 630 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; R. E. Grove (conductor), 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; H. Williams, 5; H. Sandells, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. On Tuesday, November 9th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Bennett, 1; J. Crane, 2; H. Sandells, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; H. Williams, 5; R. E. Grove (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 11th, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. J. Bennett, 1; J. Crane (conductor), 2; T. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; H. Williams, 5; R. E. Grove, 6. On Thursday, November 18th, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; T. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; H. Williams, 5; H. Sandells, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. Also another 518 of Grandsire Triples with R. E. Grove on the 5th, and H. Williams on the 2nd, the others placed as before.

OLD HILL.—On Saturday, November 13th, at Trinity Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. H. Mason, 1; C. W. Bassano (conductor), 2; W. Green, 3; W. Bird, 4; R. Bird, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. Also another 720 of Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. W. A. Pugh (Stourbridge), 1; C. W. Bassano (conductor), 2; *W. Foxhall, 3; R. Bird, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; A. H. Bassano, 6. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 83½ cwt.

OXFORD.—On Saturday, November 13th, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, a 720 of Oxford Bob. P. Hind, 1; C. Fox, 2; W. Browning, 3; A. E. M. Custance, Esq., 4; F. Castle, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 13th, at Holywell church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Browning, 1; A. F. M. Custance, 2; Rev. G. M. Custance, 3; W. Paine, 4; W. Baston, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, October 31st, at St. Giles', for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. H. Egby, 1; F. Sweetzer (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; A. Evans, 3; A. Wright, 4; E. Reeves, 5; G. Gibbard (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And on Thursday, November 11th, for practice, a 720 of College Single in 26 mins. H. Smart, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. Evans, 3; H. Egby (conductor), 4; H. Blissit, 5; T. Hibbert, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob in 26 mins. T. Tarrant (first 720), 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. Evans, 3; T. Hibbert, 4; W. Pocock, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 14th, for evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins. H. Blissit, 1; T. Hibbert, 2; G. Gibbard, 3; A. Wright, 4; E. Reeves, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Tuesday, October 26th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Chapman, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Shipley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all. And 360 of College Little. T. Roberts, 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; E. Mayes, 5; J. Braybrook (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, November 9th, a 360 of Oxford Bob (twenty-one bobs). W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; A. Groom, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; R. Dunkley, 6. And on Tuesday, November 16th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. J. Gilbert, 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Monday, November 15th, for practice at St. Mary's Church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 24 mins. W. Lewis, 1; G. Burton, 2; R. Hall (conductor), 3; A. Clayton, 4; H. Clayton, 5; F. Clayton, 6. Also three 6-scores of Bob Doubles, standing as before. Tenor 21 cwt.

SPALDING.—At St. Paul's Church, on Tuesday evening, November 16th, with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect for the Rev. Edward Leigh Bennett, M.A., vicar of Long Sutton, who was an honorary member of the South Lincolnshire Association from its commencement, and who died on the 9th inst., aged 87 years. The age of the deceased was first rang with the usual whole pull and stand, after which a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rang in good style in 47 mins. G. Barker, 1; W. Jarvis, 2; G. Skeef, 3; R. Skeef, 4; C. Quinton, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6; C. Creasey, 7; T. Clark, 8. G. and R. Skeef are members of the Eastern Counties' Guild, and the rest are members of the South Lincolnshire Association.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Friday, November 5th, at St. Mary the Virgin, by the local company, a 720 of Double Court Bob in 25½ mins. F. Prior, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Oxford Bob in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts (first 720 in the method), 2; I. Cavill, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single in 25½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; H. Prior, jun., 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 7th, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and eighteen singles, composed by J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks.), in 25 mins. J. Luckey, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior, jun. (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, November 11th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And two single courses of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Prior, 6. Also on Sunday for Afternoon service, a 720 of College Single in 24 mins. J. Luckey, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, jun. (College Youth), 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, November 7th, at the parish church, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. W. P. Gridley, 1; Z. Slater, 2; S. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; J. Lee, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of New London. S. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; F. Wells, 4; J. Lee, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

In the article on a ringing week in Hertfordshire, in the last issue of "THE BELL NEWS," it should have been stated that the Rev. G. F. Coleridge was one of those invited by Canon Wigram. He was however kept at his post of duty by an unusual stress of parish work, and very great regret was felt on all sides at his absence.

** The reports of several touches are unavoidably left over. Mr. DAVIES' article on Grandsire Triples will be concluded next week,

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 BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, CHARLESTOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA.

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent, H. A. C., I give an account of the above bells, which appeared in print about ten years ago, which if correct somewhat varies from his. According to this account the original peal was cast at the Whitechapel foundry, London, in 1759, by Lester and Pack. When the British forces took Charlestown in 1780, these bells were seized and taken back to London and left on Tower Wharf for some years. At last the parishioners of St. Michael's received a letter from some unknown person in London, telling them that they might expect the bells back by a certain ship, which promise was faithfully fulfilled, and the bells were rehung in their old place with much rejoicing, and remained in peace for about seventy years. In the war of 1863-4 the bells were again removed by the enemy, and were to have been made into cannon, but being considered unfit for the purpose, they were hidden. A negro betrayed their hiding-place to a party of half-drunken soldiers, who smashed them to pieces. After tranquillity had been restored, the authorities set about getting the pieces of metal recast, and wrote to Mr. Priolean, in London, who was an Anglicised American. He thereupon communicated with Messrs. Mears and Co., who at that time had an old man of seventy-six in their employment, who had served his time as apprentice under the same foreman who was there when the bells were originally cast in 1759. This was in the year 1866. This old man managed to find the crooks and core-boards with which the original bells were swept up, and so produced moulds precisely similar to the original ones, and the bells were eventually cast and sent off and hung in the old tower again. This is the story as I read it, and that is all the information I can give.

J. R. JERRAM.

SIR,—My name being mentioned in the account of the above bells published in your issue of November 13th, in reply to the writer, whom by the initial signature, "H. A. C.," I take to be the Rev. H. A. Cockey, I beg to say, he seems to me, in addition to the very interesting extract he quotes from a friend's journal of a visit to Charleston, to have been fully enlightened on all matters thereof by the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The fine old bells, I believe, were all more or less cracked and useless, or probably would have been retained as mementos in the restored peal. The name of the gentleman in London at that time, who negotiated for the Charleston people with the firm for making the new peal, was, I think, Charles K. Priolean, and after the new bells had been hung in the new oak frame, designed by myself, and were rung for the first time on Sunday, March 24th, 1867, Mr. Priolean received from a Charleston friend, James R. Pringle, Esq., the following account of the opening:

"CHARLES K. PRIOLEAN, ESQ.

"MY DEAR SIR,—It affords me no little satisfaction to inform you that on yesterday we were all called to church by St. Michael's bells. It caused quite a sensation—many an eye filled. The tone is the same as the old bells. They brought to the minds of all the happy days that are passed. It is impossible to have hit the tone more exact. I wish that you could have been here, not only to have heard them, but to see the difference of a whole community moving to Church at one moment at the call of the bells, when before none of the congregation went in at a regular hour. Thanking you again for the kind assistance you gave me in obtaining the bells,

"Yours very truly,

"JAMES R. PRINGLE."

The foregoing letter quite accords with the extract from the friend's record, quoted by "H. A. C." I have only to add in the way of further information, that the present tenor in what ever state the late earthquake may have left it, is not the tenor cast in 1866, that unfortunately became cracked about ten years after the peal was put up, and a new bell to replace it was cast in the year 1880. W. WARSKITT.
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THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

SIR,—In view of the near approach of the year in which we hope to celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty's happy reign, would it not be well if the members of the Exercise put their heads together with a view of inaugurating it in some special manner? My suggestion is that wherever it is possible an attempt should be made for a peal commencing just after midnight on the advent of the new year. Possibly others may have a better suggestion to make. Under any circumstances let us, as a united community, do our best to show our loyalty, and by so doing bring this same duty forcibly to the minds of the country at large.

DODGER.

TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD.

SIR,—If anyone turns to *Shipway*, as I did the other day, to find the calling of a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, he will probably be surprised to find that the only quarter-peal given is false. As a matter of fact, rounds turn up before the first part-end. And he will probably be more surprised to find that the only quarter-peal of Union Triples there given is also false. If it were not for the fact that on page 103 (of the Reprint) part II, he apologises for introducing a false touch, I should have imagined that perhaps it was not usual in *Shipway's* time to pay very particular attention to the truth of touches other than peals. Not finding what I wanted, I composed the following; and in the hope that they may be of use to some one, I send them to you.

OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

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752346⁸
467352¹
674523²
236574¹
452367³
734526³
267534¹
732456⁴
567432¹
325457¹
673425¹
736254²
547236¹
735624²
357246²
420.

234567

362745⁴
253674²
652374⁵
246537²
432765⁴
734265⁵
527634¹
745263²
467352⁴
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1260.

234567

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253674²
342567²
623574³
346257²
453762⁴
754362⁵
237654¹
742365²
467523⁴
354267¹

673425

546732³

325746¹

463725¹

574632³

Tittums at 1

UNION TRIPLES.

By calling an extra bob at home at the 8th lead the part-end 354267 is produced instead of rounds, and by repeating twice a true quarter-peal is obtained. The same result is obtained by calling an extra '74 at the 16th lead. By calling both extra bobs the other part-end 524367 is produced.

1260.

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It will be seen that the same part-ends are employed as by *Shipway*, and that these quarter-peals each contain a fair number of musical changes.

34, Dingwall Road, Croydon.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

SIR,—Seeing in your issue of "THE BELL NEWS," of October 30th an account of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major said to have been rung at the parish church of St. Mary, I should like to ask Mr. N. J. Pitstow if they rang a true peal or a false peal, as I have been informed by one that took part in it, that two bells changed courses, and that when the 4th was in the slow and the third got down to the front, the third was told to go into the slow and the fourth was sent away, therefore causing four bells to change courses; and afterwards the conductor had to call the bells out the best way he could.

Bishop Stortford.

HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

A REMARKABLE QUERY.

SIR,—I should feel obliged if you will insert in your next week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS," whether steam power is generally approved of in ringing in churches in place of change-ringers, as the parson has threatened to put it in.

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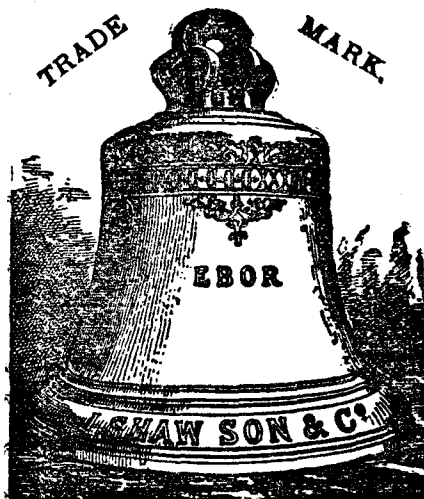
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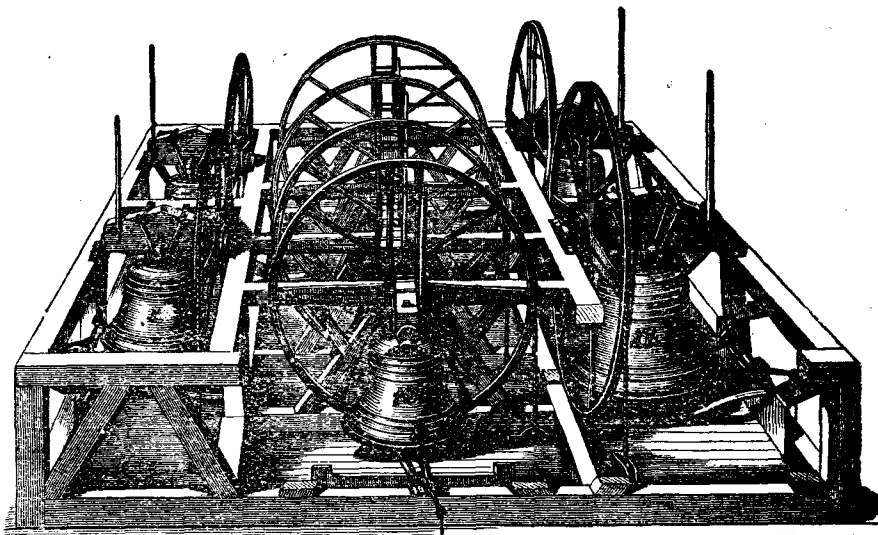
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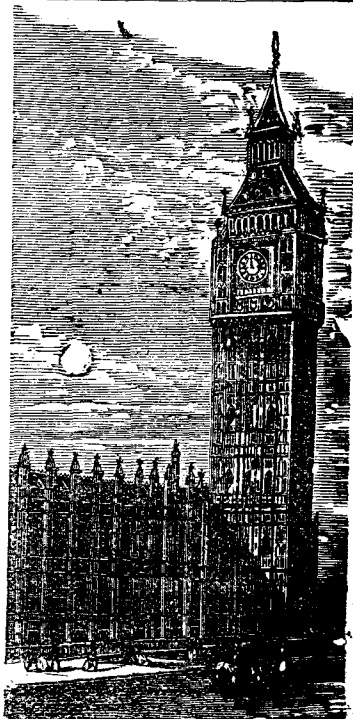
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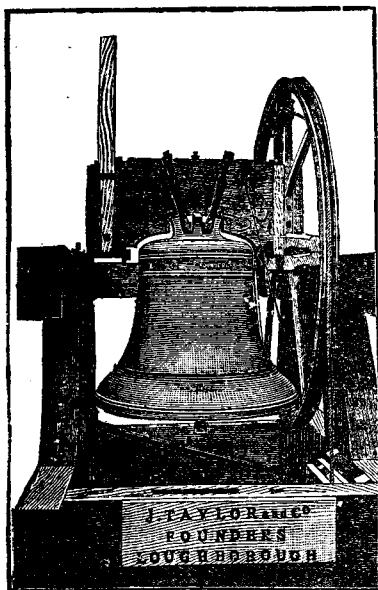
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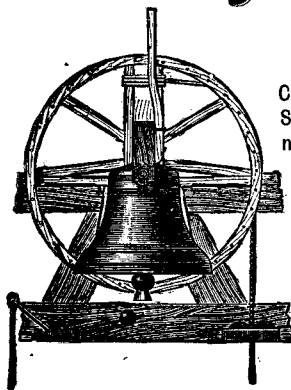
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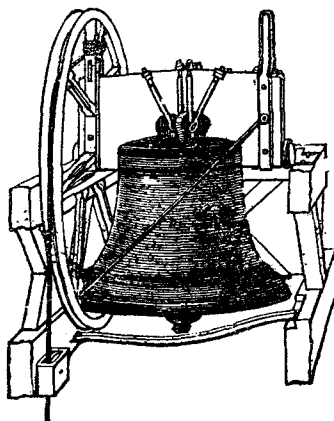
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6 5 4 3 2 7
S 4 5 6 3 2 7
7 3 4 2 5 6
6 2 7 5 3 4
S 5 4 6 3 2 7
2 7 5 6 3 4

The whole peal or touch is capable of three variations in the calling. This may be commenced as after the bob-lead 264735 and round to the same place again, and then both this form and the original one may be reversed, *i.e.*, the whole may be called backwards in the same way as the last half of Holt's ten-part is the reverse of the first. These variations are produced by the forms of Table VIII., enumerated immediately beneath the figures of the peal.

As to the calling, little can be said. Perhaps the best way to call it is by the work of the second. This bell is never called Before except at the shunting-bob and between the singles. At the fifth bob it comes into the hunt, this being a lead of the reverse course. After one call in the Middle it comes in again for five leads. On the next occasion when it enters the hunt, it occupies that position for four leads only, the omitted lead-end coming at the handstroke between the Singles in one of the other parts. It does not re-enter the hunt until the part-end, which is a lead of the plain course. The occasions on which the observation-bell enters the hunt form natural division lines for the conductor in learning the lesson. It might be feasible to call by the bells Before, but the rules for this would, as may easily be seen, have to be so complicated as to be more burdensome than profitable. Practice will soon enable the conductor to ring any bell while calling by the work of another.

FIVE-PART PEALS.

No. 2.	No. 3.
4830.	4830.
7 5 2 6 3 4	7 5 2 6 3 4
6 5 7 4 2 3	3 4 7 2 6 5
3 4 6 2 5 7	5 2 3 6 4 7
4 6 3 2 5 7	3 4 5 2 7 6
2 6 4 7 3 5	7 6 3 5 2 4
5 7 2 3 6 4	6 3 7 5 2 4
6 4 5 2 3 7	3 7 6 5 2 4
5 3 6 4 7 2	2 4 3 6 5 7
3 6 5 4 7 2	7 6 2 5 4 3
2 4 3 7 6 5	5 6 7 3 2 4
4 3 2 7 6 5	4 3 5 2 6 7
5 7 4 6 3 2	3 5 4 2 6 7
7 4 5 6 3 2	7 2 3 6 5 4
2 6 7 3 4 5	5 4 7 3 6 2
4 5 2 7 3 6	6 2 5 7 3 4
6 7 4 3 5 2	4 7 6 3 2 5
4 5 6 7 2 3	3 7 4 5 6 2
2 3 4 6 7 5	2 5 3 6 7 4
4 7 2 3 5 6	5 3 2 6 7 4
5 6 4 2 3 7	4 6 5 7 3 2
3 7 5 4 2 6	3 2 4 5 7 6
6 4 3 2 7 5	2 4 3 5 7 6
4 3 6 2 7 5	5 4 2 6 3 7
7 5 4 6 2 3	7 6 5 3 4 2
4 2 7 5 3 6	4 2 7 5 3 6
6 5 4 3 2 7	7 3 4 2 6 5
5 4 6 3 2 7	5 2 7 6 3 4
2 7 5 6 3 4	2 7 5 6 3 4
Produced by	Produced by
4. 3. 4	1 3. 2. 4
Variations	Variations
1 3. 3. 4	4. 2. 2
4. 4. 2	4. 3. 3
1 3. 4. 2	1 3. 4. 3

These two peals are very similar to that which was first given. They differ from it mainly in the fact that they have a greater number of calls; and they differ from each other in the fact that in peal No. 3, the observation-bell is called six times Before, and once either at or between the Singles, making seven times in all; whereas in peal No. 2

it is called before only twice, *viz.*, once at the shunting-bob and once either at or between the Singles. In peal No. 2 it will be noticed that the observation-bell comes five times into the hunt in each part. In peal No. 3 it is called four times into that position. The shunting-bob in peal No. 2 instead of being called as here given, may be inserted after the bob-lead 674352; and in peal No. 3 it may be caused to come after 763524. The three rows inserted between the Singles in peals 1 and 2 are the same, but those in 3 are different ones. With regard to the calling of these peals, the remarks made above on peal 1 may be applied by analogy to them also. As the late Mr. Snowden observed, these peals are the only ones yet composed on this plan, which is therefore new.

Turning now to ten-part peals on the plan of Holt's ten-part, we find that five and only five are producible. By "the plan of Holt's ten-part" is meant the following arrangement:—a series of bobs four times repeated having the leads of the plain course for part-ends, each part consisting of 504 changes, with a "Holt's Single" at the end of the fifth part; then another series of bobs four times repeated having the leads of the reverse course for part-ends, each part consisting of 504 changes, with another "Holt's Single" at the end.

The first of the five peals is Holt's ten-part itself, which being so well-known need not be further mentioned. The first half is produced by 13.1.1, and the second half by 4.1.1. It is noteworthy that Holt's Ten-part contains fewer calls than any of the other peals on the same plan.

The following is the first of the writer's Ten-part peals.

1.	5040.
2 3 4 5 6 7	2 3 5 4 7 6
7 5 2 6 3 4	6 4 2 7 3 5
6 5 7 4 2 3	7 4 6 5 2 3
4 5 6 3 7 2	3 5 7 2 4 6
2 3 4 7 5 6	7 4 3 5 6 2
7 3 2 6 4 5	5 4 7 2 3 6
3 2 7 6 4 5	6 2 5 3 4 7
5 6 3 4 2 7	2 5 6 3 4 7
4 6 5 7 3 2	3 5 2 7 6 4
5 3 4 6 2 7	4 7 3 6 5 2
7 6 5 2 3 4	6 7 4 2 3 5
2 6 7 4 5 3	2 7 6 5 4 3
Produced by	Produced by
1. 4. 4	1. 3. 2

The first and sixth parts, each of them to be four times repeated, are here given. It will be noted that there are eleven bobs in each part, the observation bell being called before (the shunting bob at the sixth, that is the middle call in all ten-parts. The conductor will find it comparatively easy to call from any bell. He may take his observations either by the work of the second, or by the bells before. Taking the former of these methods, *i.e.*, the work of the observation bell, the following will be found in all probability the simplest way of learning it:—call the observation bell "out" followed by two bobs at five, and then a bob the following lead, which brings the second "in" again. Then call her "out" at five, and before with a bob the following lead. (When a bob immediately succeeds another, as for instance here, the second bob is usually denoted by the phrase "with a double"). Then a bob at five, one the "wrong" (which is easily known by occurring the lead after the observation bell makes thirds) with a double, and one at five, bringing up a lead of the plain course. Bobs "at five" leads are easily called by simply calling the same bell before that was in this position at the last bob. Accordingly when a bob "at five" is coming, the conductor should carefully note the bell going down before the treble when he is just about to call the bob preceding the bob at five. The whole work of the observation bell in this peal may be very simply summed up as follows:—

First half:—Out and two at five with a double. Out at five, before with a double, and one at five. Wrong with a double and one at five (the last bringing up the plain course).

Second half:—Out and one at five, with a double. Right and one at five with a double. In, out at five with a double and two at five (the last bringing up the reverse course).

The "Right" is simply known by its occurring two leads after the second makes thirds, and the "in" may be called by calling the bell "before that came 'out' at the previous bob.

If the conductor prefers to call by the bells before, taking only occasional note of the second, the following seems to be the simplest way of committing the peal to the memory. Besides the observation bell there are only three others called before in each part. Call the first of these A, the next B, and the last C. Then for the first half-peal the rule will be:

Three times A with a double (which brings B). B again and 2nd with a double (which brings C). Then C again, followed by B once and C twice.

For the second half-peal the rule will be :

Twice A with a double (which brings B). Twice A again with a double (which brings 2), Twice B with a double (which brings C), and C twice more.

In this and the two next following peals the calling of the two halves may be reversed, that is to say, the bobs of the first half may be arranged as are those in the second half, those in the last half being of course at the same time called on the plan of the first half. By omitting the shunting bob the bells run home at 504.

The next peal to which we come, contains fifteen bobs in each part, or one hundred and fifty calls in the whole peal. As in the case of the last, the first and sixth parts are given, each of them to be four times repeated.

II. 5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4
6 5 7 4 2 3
4 5 6 3 7 2
2 3 4 7 5 6
5 6 2 4 7 3
3 4 5 7 6 2
5 6 3 4 2 7
2 7 5 3 4 6
5 4 2 7 6 3
6 3 5 2 7 4
7 4 6 5 2 3
3 5 7 2 4 6
7 4 3 5 6 2
3 6 7 4 2 5
2 5 3 7 4 6

Produced by 4. 4. 4.

2 3 5 4 7 6

6 4 2 7 3 5
3 5 6 2 7 4
6 7 3 5 4 2
3 4 6 7 2 5
5 7 3 2 4 6
4 6 5 3 2 7
2 7 4 5 3 6
4 3 2 7 6 5
6 5 4 2 7 3
4 7 6 5 3 2
2 5 4 3 7 6
7 6 2 4 3 5
5 4 7 3 6 2
3 4 5 2 7 6
2 4 3 6 5 7

Produced by 13. 3. 2.

Having entered more fully into the composition and calling of the last peal, I shall leave the conductor to form his own rules for learning this peal. One or two points may however be noted. The observation-bell does not continue in the hunt for five leads, her work in that position being divided into two parts, one of two and the other of three leads. In the first half-peal she comes in first for two leads and afterwards for three, this arrangement being reversed in the second half-peal. On the whole I am rather inclined for some reasons to prefer this peal to any other in ten parts. The observation-bell is never called before throughout the peal, which possesses also the valuable qualification that the part-ends of the first half-peal are the leads of the plain course in their natural order. By this means any number of the five-parts may be called or omitted, the truth of the whole touch being retained.

The third peal in this series is presented in two forms.

III. (a).

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4
3 4 7 2 6 5
5 2 3 6 4 7
3 4 5 2 7 6
6 2 3 7 4 5
4 5 6 3 7 2
7 2 4 6 3 5
5 6 7 3 2 4
7 2 5 6 4 3
2 5 7 6 4 3
6 5 2 3 7 4
4 3 6 7 5 2
7 3 4 2 6 5
5 2 7 6 3 4
2 7 5 6 3 4

2 3 5 4 7 6

6 4 2 7 3 5
4 2 6 7 3 5
5 7 4 3 2 6
3 7 5 6 4 2
2 6 3 4 7 5
4 6 2 5 3 7
6 2 4 5 3 7
4 3 6 2 7 5
5 2 4 7 3 6
3 6 5 4 7 2
7 2 3 5 4 6
6 5 7 4 2 3
7 2 6 5 3 4
4 5 7 3 2 6
2 6 4 7 3 5

Produced

by 13. 2. 3.

by 4. 2. 3.

III. (b).

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4
3 4 7 2 6 5
5 2 3 6 4 7
3 4 5 2 7 6
6 2 3 7 4 5
4 5 6 3 7 2
7 2 4 6 3 5
5 6 7 3 2 4
7 2 5 6 4 3
2 5 7 6 4 3
6 5 2 3 7 4
4 3 6 7 5 2
7 2 4 6 3 5
4 7 5 2 3 6
6 2 4 3 7 5

2 3 5 4 7 6

6 4 2 7 3 5
4 2 6 7 3 5
5 7 4 3 2 6
4 2 5 7 6 3
6 3 4 5 7 2
2 5 6 7 3 4
7 5 2 4 6 3
5 2 7 4 6 3
7 6 5 2 3 4
4 2 7 3 6 5
6 5 4 7 3 2
3 2 6 4 7 5
5 4 3 7 2 6
3 2 5 4 6 7
7 4 3 6 2 5
2 5 7 3 6 4

The last form of the peal is produced by the same arrangements of Table VI. as those producing the first form, differing as the one form does from the other, merely by the insertion of the shunting bob. The latter is inserted in the form (b) of the peal, and renders it interesting by the fact that there is then a bob every time the observation-bell comes before throughout the peal. This extends the number of calls to one hundred and sixty, but the addition to the number is more than compensated by the simplicity of the arrangement, the conductor knowing that there must be a bob each time the second comes before. In this peal the observation bell, except at the part-ends, is always five leads in the hunt at a time.

The fourth and last peal of this series is interesting chiefly on account of the different variations of which it is capable.

IV. 5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4
2 3 7 5 4 6
5 3 2 6 7 4
3 2 5 6 7 4
5 7 3 2 4 6
3 4 5 7 6 2
7 4 3 2 5 6
6 2 7 5 4 3
4 3 6 7 5 2
6 5 4 3 2 7
5 4 6 3 2 7
2 7 5 6 3 4
Produced by
6. 3. 3
Reverse
1 1. 4. 3

2 3 5 4 7 6

6 4 2 7 3 5
2 3 6 4 5 7
7 4 2 5 3 6
3 6 7 2 5 4
5 4 3 7 2 6
6 7 5 2 4 3
7 5 6 2 4 3
3 2 7 4 5 6
5 6 3 7 4 2
4 2 5 3 7 6
6 3 4 7 2 5
7 3 6 5 4 2
2 5 7 4 3 6
5 7 2 4 3 6
6 4 5 3 7 2
7 2 6 5 3 4
4 5 7 3 2 6
2 6 4 7 3 5
Produced by
7. 2. 4
Reverse
1 1. 2. 2

This peal is capable of three variations. First variation—reverse the two halves of the peal, that is call the first half-peal with eighteen bobs in each part, and the last half-peal with twelve bobs in each part. Second variation—taking the parts as given above, reverse the calling in the following manner, viz., call a bob at 1, then begin from the bottom of the twelve-bob part, and call bobs at 2, 4, 3, 2, etc., doing the same with the eighteen-bob part for the second half-peal. Third variation—call the second half-peal of the last variation first, followed by the first half-peal of the same. This peal contains the same number of calls as the two preceding ones, viz., one hundred and fifty.

This completes the list of regular ten-part peals. In concluding this part of the subject it may be remarked that there are four other forms of Table VI. producing a succession of 36 rows, but these will not combine among themselves or with any others to form a whole peal. They are produced as follows:—(1) 8-3-4. (2) 5-2-2. (3) 3-2-4. (4) 15-4-2.

The foregoing ten-part peals consist of parts of equal length, each part containing 36 leads or 504 changes. But other peals might be composed with the same part-ends and singles, but the five-parts of the one half shorter or longer than those of the other half. For instance, the first five parts might consist of 35 leads each. Then the last five parts would have to contain 37 leads each. Or again the first five parts may have 38 leads each, while those in the last five are 34 in number, the only condition being that the number of leads in one of the first five parts together with those in one of the last five shall amount to 72. In this way we may continually shorten the number of leads in one set of parts, at the same time, increasing the number in the other. We may do so until a certain limit is reached, that limit being, for the short parts seven leads in each part, and for the long parts sixty-five leads. The chief advantage accruing from the use of such peals is that the first single may be accelerated or delayed. If the first short parts be called first the first single can occur as early in the peal as the 490th change, or by calling five long parts first it may be delayed till the 4550th change. It may in fact be made to come during either the first or the last quarter of an hour. Experience will most probably have taught the conductor that the former of these alternatives is of immense advantage. Two examples of these peals are appended—the only two that are producible.

5040.

(I and II.)

5040.

(I) 2 3 5 4 7 6

6 4 2 7 3 5
2 3 6 4 5 7
7 4 2 5 3 6
5 4 7 6 2 3
2 3 5 7 6 4
6 4 2 5 7 3
3 5 6 7 4 2
5 6 3 7 4 2
2 7 5 4 6 3
4 7 2 3 5 6
6 3 4 5 7 2
4 7 6 3 2 5

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4
3 4 7 2 6 5
6 5 3 7 2 4
2 4 6 3 7 5

(II) 2 3 5 4 7 6

6 4 2 7 3 5
3 5 6 2 7 4
2 5 3 4 6 7
4 5 2 7 3 6
6 7 4 3 5 2
7 4 6 3 5 2
6 5 7 4 2 3
4 5 6 3 7 2
5 6 4 3 7 2
2 3 5 7 6 4
6 4 2 5 7 3
7 3 6 2 5 4

I.—Continued.

5 3 4 2 7 6
3 4 5 2 7 6
7 6 3 5 2 4
4 5 7 2 6 3
6 3 4 7 2 5
5 7 6 2 3 4
7 6 5 2 3 4
5 3 7 6 4 2
7 4 5 3 2 6
3 4 7 6 5 2
4 7 3 6 5 2
2 6 4 5 7 3
7 3 2 4 5 6
2 5 7 3 6 4
Produced by
7. 3. 4
Reverse
7. 4. 2

II.—Continued.

6 5 7 3 4 2
2 3 6 4 5 7
5 7 2 6 4 3
3 6 5 4 7 2
4 6 3 2 5 7
5 7 4 3 2 6
6 3 5 2 7 4
7 4 6 5 2 3
4 6 7 5 2 3
3 5 4 2 6 7
6 7 3 4 2 5
2 5 6 3 4 7
7 3 2 4 5 6
2 5 7 3 6 4
Produced by
15. 1. 2
Reverse
8. 1. 4.

The five short parts in these two peals are identical, and are therefore printed between the two as being common to both. They are on a very simple plan. The second is called out of the hunt at the first lead, and then there is a bob every second lead till she comes "in" again. It will be seen that the observation bell is never called Before in either of the peals. They both contain one hundred and fifty calls. The calling of the long parts may be reversed. This property, together with the alternative of calling the long parts first, gives four possible variations of each of them. The parts in these peals contain more bobs than do those in the previous peals. But this does not really entail any greater strain upon the conductor, as he has but one series of bobs to learn instead of two as before. If the conductor wishes to ring a non-observation bell he will find it by far the simplest plan to make his calls by watching the work of the second, as the plan of the bells Before would be intricate and troublesome to commit to memory.

It now remains to bring this article to a conclusion with one or two general remarks.

In working out the 256 possible forms of Table VI., some will be found to produce compositions identical with those produced by other forms of the Table. This may be very simply explained. For example, the short parts in the two peals last given need only three strips for their production. These strips are B1, A3, B7. Any form therefore, and there are very many, of the whole Table, containing these three strips will merely produce the short series of four bobs in question. In going through the Table the investigator should accordingly take note each time of the strips that are employed, so that when in future he comes across another form of the whole Table containing such strips he may be saved the trouble of going over ground which he has practically trodden before.

A noteworthy feature of every composition produced on the system I have endeavoured to explain is that *it must be true*. No proof whatever is needed. Table VI. is constructed upon grounds which render it impossible for any row to be produced more than once. There can therefore be no repetition of changes.

In these days when full light has been shed upon the nature of varying touches and peals, and when the rights of a composer to the claims of any given composition have been so clearly defined, it need scarcely be said that everything capable of being produced by Table VI. must be deemed to have been composed by myself.

My aim throughout this article having been simply an endeavour to explain and logically justify my previously published conclusions, I have avoided the mention of many minor points discovered in the course of the investigation. Some of these are interesting in their way, but would not have served to promote the present argument.

In the "BELL NEWS" of October 24th, 1885, I intimated that I had attempted the investigation of Union Triples on the same lines as I had followed in the case of Grandsire. In the Grandsire method five rows connect themselves together, but in Union the number is only three. This fact, together with the additional one that the number of rows in Union, instead of, as in Grandsire, being reducible to 50 are reducible only to 60, renders the whole matter very lengthy and tedious. But perhaps some one with more leisure on his hands than I have, may be induced to take up the subject, or to apply this treatment to other methods. May such an one forward our science. Much yet remains to be done.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM G. WILD* Treble.	WILLIAM BARON 6.
WILLIAM LALLY 2.	ALBERT E. CHURCH 7.
JOHN W. MANSFIELD 3.	HENRY SWAIN 8.
WILLIAM COPPAGE 4.	JOHN ROGERS 9.
HENRY J. DAVIES 5.	JOSEPH BARRY Tenor.

Composed and conducted by JOHN ROGERS.

*First peal. The above peal (which is now rung for the first time), contains fifty-five courses in five parts, and has an exactly equal number of courses and leads in each part, and is supposed to be the only peal of Caters in the method rung that has those qualities.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, November 29, 1886, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES R. HAWORTH Treble.	*WILLIAM W. THORNE 6.
RICHARD FRENCH 2.	GEORGE R. BANKS 7.
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JOHN M. HAYES 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 9.
HENRY LANGDON 5.	EDWARD ALBONE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

*First peal of Caters.

The above peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Lindsay, wife of the Rev. J. Lindsay, D.D., rector of the above church. A peal was attempted on the rector's birthday, but it came to grief. J. C. Mitchell hails from St. Albans.

The Provinces.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 20, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

GEORGE HITCHMAN* Treble.	CHARLES CARMELL 6.
JOHN CALLAGHAN 2.	JAMES PLANT 7.
JOHN CARTER 3.	*WILLIAM SMITH 8.
JOHN TINSLEY* 4.	THOMAS HOLMES 9.
CHARLES BARNACLE 5.	ALBERT HACKLEY Tenor.

Composed and conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal of Caters.

The above peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, also the 5th thirteen times wrong and six times right, and is now rung for the first time. Mr. T. Holmes hails from Burton-on-Trent; J. Tinsley and W. Smith from Darlaston; J. Plant from Erdington.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, DERBY.

On Thursday, November 25, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S 5-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM SHARDLOW* Treble.	GEORGE MOTTASHAW 5.
THOMAS ALTON* 2.	*JOHN W. THOMPSON 6.
HARRY CHAS. WOODWARD 3.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON 7.
WILLIAM B. MIDGLEY* 4.	*CHARLES HART Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

*First peal of Major.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE-VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE YOUNG* Treble.	JOHN H. VINER 5.
WILLIAM SANDELL 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 6.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD 3.	JESSE AVERY 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4.	*HAROLD HUMFREY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

*First peal. Messrs. George and Edmund Holifield and Jesse Avery hail from Appleton; the rest belong to Abingdon.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE CHARMAN Treble.	THOMAS ANDREWS 5.
HENRY WOOD 2.	HENRY CHANDLER 6.
WALTER WADEY* 3.	*HARRY COOK 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	GEORGE WOODMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

*First Peal.

The above peal is taken from "Shipway's Reprint," page 81, and contains 190 bobs and fifty singles.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 28, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD PRICE Treble.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY 5.
REUBEN SIMMONDS 2.	GEORGE PAWLEY 6.
ALLCHIN MOORCRAFT 3.	HARRY PEARCE 7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 4.	JOHN JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY PEARCE.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE E. TURNER.. ..Treble.	FRANK BIRTWISTLE 5.
JOHN E. POLLITT 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER.. .. 6.
GEORGE HOYLE 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS.. .. 7.
JOHN HARRISON 4.	JOHN EACHUS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This is the first peal of Major ever rung on these bells. Messrs. Hoyle, Harrison, and Birtwistle belong to the Rochdale parish church company, and the rest are from Manchester. This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, and the 5th its extent at home, and has never been rung before. The Manchester ringers, together with Messrs. Hoyle and Harrison, wish, through the medium of this paper, to tender their best thanks to their brother-ringer, Mr. F. Birtwistle, for the kind manner in which they were entertained by him after the above peal was rung.

HARLOW, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 30, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qrs., in E.

NEHEMIAH W. TARLING ..Treble.	*HENRY PRIOR, JUN... .. 5.
ARCHIBALD BROWN 2.	JOSEPH TARLING 6.
THOMAS SABAN 3.	PHILIP SPRINGHAM 6.
FREDERICK SWORDER* 4.	*HENRY JAMES TUCKER ..Tenor.

Composed and conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

The peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 4th and 5th each eighteen times in 6ths place, and the 6th twelve times wrong and twelve times right. First peal in the method on the bells and also the first peal in the method by all except the treble and tenor men. It was rung to celebrate the opening that day of a handsome pulpit, erected in the above church by parishioners and friends to the memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Perry Watlington, of Moor Hall, Harlow. It being also the birthday of the ringer of the 5th, his brother-ringers wish him many happy returns. *College Youths.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (ASHTON BRANCH).

On Tuesday, November 30, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

HARRY HEAP* .. ..Treble.	*CHARLES WILLOCKS.. .. 5.
JOHN LEIGH* 2.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN* 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 4.	*MATTHEW PAILTHORPE ..Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal in the method, and the first peal in the method by the Association.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, November 18th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-two singles and two bobs). W. Biggs, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Allen, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Keech, 6. Also on Thursday, November 25th, 720 of Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs). M. Warwick, 1; I. Hills, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Chapman, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Allen, 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, November 21st, at the house of Mr. J. Spencer, 720 of Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Chapman, 1; J. Spencer (first 720 on a bob bell), 2; M. Warwick (conductor), 3; W. Allen, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; F. Keech, 6. Also 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; H. Chapman, 3; W. Allen, 4; C. W. Clarke (first 720 in the method double-handed, conductor), 5-6. Also on Monday, November 22nd, at St. Paul's, for practice, 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; H. Chapman, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Hall, 5; J. Frossell, 6; I. Hills, 7; T. Foote, 8.

BIDDENHAM (Beds.).—On Wednesday, November 24th, at St. James' Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; C. West, 3; M. Warwick, 4; T. Foote, 5; H. Chapman, 6. Also 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. West, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. King, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Double Court Minor (nine bobs). C. West, 1; H. Chapman, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; T. Foote, 4; W. Biggs, 5; I. Hills, 6.

CARDINGTON (Beds.).—On Saturday, November 27th, the following members attempted a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing twenty-six courses, a mishap occurred. F. Keech, 1; W. Allen, 2; M. Warwick, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; T. Foote, 5; H. Chapman, 6; J. Frossell, 7; I. Hills, 8.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, November 23rd, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins., with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of the Rev. Reginald George Dutton, late assistant curate at this church. Deeply lamented by all who knew him. Edward Freeman, 1; T. G. Deal, 3; W. Pead, 4; W. Bowles, 5; A. G. Freeman (conductor), 6; W. H. Freeman, 7; J. Eastgate (as cover) 8. It was intended to go for a 5040, but meeting one short a 720 was rung. Tenor 22½ Eb. — *Muffled Peal.*—On Saturday, November 27th, at the parish church of St. Mary, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 28 mins. Harry W. Groult (Greenwich), 1; William Pead (Deptford), 2; Thomas G. Deal (Lee), 3; William H. Bowles (Lewisham), 4; Frederick W. Thornton (Greenwich), 5; William H. Freeman (Leyton), 6; A. George Freeman (conductor, Lewisham), 7; James S. Eastgate (Lewisham), 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. William G. Shade, a member of the above and other London Societies, who was interred in the Royal Naval College Cemetery on that day. Deceased was for many years a ringer at Lewisham and St. Alphege, Greenwich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE (Durham).—On Tuesday evening, November 23rd, at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins. T. H. Surtees, 1; R. S. Story (conductor), 2; Thos. Bell (first 720), 3; F. Barron, 4; Will Oliver, 5; J. W. Forster, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Mr. Story hails from Whitley.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—On Sunday, November 21st, at SS. Mary and Nicholas, for Divine service in the evening, a 546 of Union Triples. This is the first touch of Union Triples by the local company. And on Tuesday, November 23rd, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. R. Mackman (first 360, aged 11 years) rang the treble. Also three 6-scores in the same method. J. Peck (first 360), 1; J. S. Wright, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; R. Mackman, 4; C. Neverson (conductor), 5; G. L. Richardson, 6. And a 366 of Grandsire Triples. G. Ladd (first touch of Grandsire Triples), 1. Also on Wednesday, November 24th, on the occasion of a Confirmation, a 546 of Union Triples, conducted by R. Mackman. And a 518 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. Skeef. Also on Advent Sunday, November 28th, at 7 a.m., a 360 of Plain Bob, conducted by J. S. Wright. And a 360 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. Brown. Also at 10 a.m., a 546 of Union Triples. R. Jarvis, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; J. Brown, 7. J. Peck, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, November 11th, at the residence of Mr. S. Hammond, Panfield Lane, Bocking, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 17 mins. Also on Monday, November 22nd, another 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs); in 18 mins., each called differently. F. Rudkin, 1-2; S. Hammond (conductor), 3-4; H. E. Hammond, 5-6. The above was rung on a splendid set of handbells recently left in the care of the Braintree ringers by a kind friend.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—On Saturday, November 27th, at the Parish Church, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. G. Evans (first 720), 1; A. C. Buckell (first 720), 2; J. T. Horton, 3; E. J. Beaten, 4; J. Field (first 720), 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. All are members of the Herefordshire Guild.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NOCTON.—On Wednesday afternoon, November 3rd, the following ringers from Lincoln visited the above place, and rang at the parish church a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 28½ mins. C. Bingham, 1; J. W. Watson, 2; C. Wells, 3; T. Robinson, 4; F. Rose, 5; J.

Vickers (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells. Afterwards some touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Minor were rung, in which Messrs. T. Keyworth and H. Maidens took part.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Friday, November 19th, at the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, 720 of Oxford and 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, each in 30 mins. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; W. Nudds, 2; G. Edwards, 3; J. Woods, 4; C. Everitt, 5; J. Mordey, 6. The above was rung as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Miss Holmes, aged 97 years, who died the previous Saturday and was buried on the above date at the cemetery.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, November 13th, 1886, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 854 Grandsire Triples. J. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; C. Smith, 3; W. Button, 4; T. Staulkey, 5; T. E. Shearing (conductor), 6; G. Lindoff, 7; J. Flegg, 8. On Sunday, November 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, 1008 Bob Triples. T. Staulkey, 1; H. Button, 2; *F. Wilson, 3; J. Button, 4; *A. Lincoln, 5; R. W. Stannard, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; J. Flegg, 8. In the afternoon 700 Grandsire Triples. J. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; W. Fisher, 3; H. Rodwell, 4; T. Staulkey, 5; R. W. Stannard, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; J. Flegg, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. *First 1000. C. Smith hails from Aldeburgh-on-Sea, and W. Fisher from Kelsale. And on Tuesday, November 22nd, for practice, at St. Margaret's church, 812 Grandsire Triples. W. Taylor, 1; H. Button, 2; G. Lindoff, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; W. Button, 5; R. Stannard, 6; T. E. Shearing (conductor), 7; J. Flegg, 8. On Saturday, November 27th, 252 Grandsire Triples. H. Button, 1; C. Smith, 2; *F. Wilson, 3; R. Stannard, 4; T. E. Shearing (conductor), 5; T. Staulkey, 6; G. Lindoff, 7; J. Flegg, 8. Also 350 in the same method. W. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; R. Stannard, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; *A. Lincoln, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6; T. Staulkey, 7; J. Flegg, 8. Also 1750 Grandsire Triples. H. Button, 1; W. Button, 2; C. Smith, 3; T. Staulkey, 4; T. E. Shearing (conductor), 5; R. Stannard, 6; G. Lindoff, 7; J. Flegg, 8. *First attempt at the method. This is also the longest length of Grandsire by the St. Margaret's Society.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, November 28th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; G. Essex, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith (first in the method with a bob bell), 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE.—On Monday, November 22nd, at the parish church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 33 mins. J. Titterton, 1; J. Baddeley, 2; E. Glover, 3; W. B. Allison, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; J. Austin, 6; H. Page (conductor), 7; T. Rose, 8. Messrs. Baddeley, Glover, and Brough hail from Norton.

NORTON.—On Sunday, November 28th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Walker (conductor), 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; D. Bradberry, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; W. Baddeley, 6. D. Bradberry hails from Horton.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFIED, NEAR SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, November 14th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, five of the local company, with Mr. J. Mulligan, of Sheffield, made an attempt to ring a peal of 5040 changes in seven different methods. All went on right until within a few leads of the end when two bells changed course and stand was called, after ringing 5000 changes in 2 hrs. 50 mins. G. Merryman, 1; J. Mulligan, 2; D. Brearley, 3; J. Gillott, 4; G. H. Uttley, 5; A. Brearley (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. The following are the methods which were rung, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, and Kent Treble Bob.

HULL.—On Tuesday, 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, for Divine service, 480 of Stedman Triples. H. Cutter, 1; C. Jackson (conductor), 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; W. Southwick, 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Bennett, 8. On Wednesday, November 17th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. C. Bennett, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; J. Pollard, 3; W. Southwick, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. W. Stickney, 7; J. Miller, 8. On Thursday, 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, 480 of Stedman Triples. W. Southwick, 1; H. Cutter, 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; C. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Bennett, 8. On Sunday, 21st inst, at Holy Trinity Church, 480 of Stedman Triples. C. Jackson (conductor), 1; H. Cutter, 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; W. Southwick, 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Bennett, 8. On Monday, November 22nd, at the same place, 408 of Stedman Triples. C. Bennett, 1; H. Cutter, 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; W. Southwick, 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Jackson (conductor), 8.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Saturday, November 13th, at St. James's Church, 432 of Bob Caters. G. Pearse, 1; F. Porch, 2; W. Paddock, 3; H. Tucker, 4; G. Pymm, 5; J. Hinton, 6; W. Porch, 7; A. Howell, 8; H. Porch (conductor), 9; F. Jewell, 10. Also in the evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 48 mins. G. Pearse, 1; W. Paddock, 2; G. Pymm, 3; A. Howell, 4; W. Porch, 5; H. Tucker, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; F. Jewell, 8. This is the first touch of Bob Caters, and the first quarter-peal of Bob Triples by the society.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 20th, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Union Triples, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. U. Holman, 1; H. C. Haley, 2; A. B. Carpenter, 3; T. Boniface, 4; W. States, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; A. Bruce, 7; T. Verral and W. Todd, 8. Composed and conducted by A. B. Carpenter. Messrs. Boniface and Hawkins hail from Bletchingley; the rest belong to Croydon. It was intended to start for the whole peal, but owing to illness near the church the attempt was abandoned. As it happened neither the 6th nor 7th bell went well enough to be got through a 5000.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday, November 22nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. *Herbert Rippon, 1; I. Goodwin, 2; G. Toplis, 3; D. Farthing, 4; J. Ellis, 5; J. Hunt, 6; A. Knights (conductor), 7; S. Mee, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt. *First quarter-peal.

MELBOURNE (Derby).—On Sunday morning, November 28th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the local society rang 216 of Grandsire Minor, and 108 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; J. Vickers, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. C. Tunnickliff, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; *G. A. Fish (conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOMBOURN.—Recently at the parish church, the St. Benedict's society rang a 720 of College Single Minor in 26 mins. G. Little, 1; H. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; H. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. This is the first in the method by all, and the first on the bells.

BACUP.—On Sunday evening, November 28th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. L. Hardman (conductor), 1; A. White, 2; Z. Lord, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith, 6. Also 360 of Oxford Single Bob. A. L. Hardman (conductor), 1; A. White, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith, 6.

EASTNOR (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, November 28th, at the Parish Church, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. G. Peacy, 1; M. Wagstaff (first 720), 2; R. G. Knowles, 3; T. Williams, 4; J. T. Horton, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. Tenor about 10 cwt.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, November 22nd, the local company, to celebrate the 83rd birthday of the Rev. Edmond Hiley Bucknall Estcourt, M.A., who has been rector of the parish of Eckington over forty years, 720 of Oxford, 360 of Violet, and 360 of New London Pleasure. F. Hancock, 1; G. Norman, 2; E. James, 3; J. Shaw (conductor), 4; W. Price, 5; S. Lunn, 6. Also on Tuesday, November 23rd, to celebrate the marriage of Sir George R. Sitwell, Bart., of Renshaw Hall, Chesterfield, and the Hon. Ida Denison, third daughter of Lord Londesborough, of Berkeley Square, London, Londesborough Lodge, Scarborough, and Market Weighton, Yorkshire, 720 each of Oxford and Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; S. Lunn, 6. J. Shaw rang and conducted in Violet in place of G. Marsden.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning for service at Holy Trinity Church a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. A. Rose, 1; W. Cook, 2; E. W. Snowden, 3; G. May, 4; F. French (conductor), 5; T. Blackman, 6; E. Everson, 7; H. Rose, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, November 14th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. G. Griffin, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. Lucas (conductor), 5; A. Jacob, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. T. Grove (first 720 Treble Bob), 1; †J. Waghorn, jun., 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; *A. Jacob (conductor), 6. †First 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. *First 720 of Oxford as conductor.

KINGSWINFORM (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, November 20th, several of the Stourbridge ringers from St. Thomas's Church, paid a visit to St. Mary's Church, and with the assistance of some of the local ringers rang a 360 and a 420 of Bob Minor. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; J. Guest, 3; W. Sackfield, 4; W. Lawrance (conductor), 5; W. Jones, 6. Afterwards a 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. A. Pugh, 1; J. Hillman, 2; J. Guest, 3; J. Hartshorn, 4; W. Lawrance (conductor), 5; W. Jones, 6.

PINCHBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, November 22nd, seven members of the Eastern Counties' Guild paid a visit to St. Mary's Church and by permission of Canon Wayte, vicar, rung nine 120's of Grandsire Doubles. J. S. Wright, J. Brown, R. Mackman, J. W. Jarvis, R. Jarvis, J. Peck, G. Ladd, and C. Creasey.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday November 17th, nine members of the Liverpool Youths' Society, with John W. Taylor, Esq. of Loughborough, met at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, and started for a peal of Stedman Caters (5001 changes,) which however came to grief after ringing 1220 changes in fifty minutes. R. Williams, 1; W. Booth, 2; T. Hammond, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. H. Moore, 5; J. W. Taylor, 6; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 7; W. Davies, 8; R. Williams (composer), 9; R. Diggle, 10. It being too late to start again a touch of Treble Bob Major, 288 changes was rung on the back eight. W. Booth, 1; C. Williams, 2; J. H. Moore, 3; R. Williams, 4; J. R. Pritchard, 5; T. Hammond, 6; W. Davies, 7; J. W. Taylor, Esq. (conductor), 8.

LONDON.—On Saturday, November 27th, 1886, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. C. Chaplin, 1; W. Partington, 2; A. Wood, 3; S. G. Davies, 4; W. Broadbent, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 28th, after Divine Service in the afternoon, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles). H. Symonds, 1; H. Smith, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; A. Symonds (composer and conductor), 6. Afterwards the band was invited to the meeting house of Mr. H. Symonds for a touch on the handbells, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung (twenty-six singles). H. Smith, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; W. Snell, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5-6. And on Saturday night, A. Symonds tapped at his father's house on the handbells, a course each of Double Bob Major, Double Yorkshire Court Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major, being 560 changes in all. *Cumberland Youth.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 23rd, at All Saints' church, for practice by the local band, a 720 Bob Minor, taken from the *Clavis* (9 bobs and 6 singles). J. Hartley, 1; R. Whittles, 2; A. Bamford, 3; T. Stott (first 720 in the method), 4; J. Crossley, 5; A. Crossley (conductor), 6.

STEBBING.—On Sunday, November 14th, at St. Mary's, four 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, two 6-scores of New Doubles, two 6-scores of Slow Course, one 6-score of St. Simon's, and one 6-score of Antelope. A. Barker, 1; H. Gomers, 2; J. T. Barker, 3; E. Claydon, 4; E. Hynds, 5; and W. Emery, 6; conducted by E. Claydon and J. T. Barker. Also six 6-scores on handbells, retained in hand, of Canterbury Pleasure, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Stedman's Slow Course, Grandsire, and Antelope. John T. Barker (conductor), 1-2; E. Claydon, 3-4; E. Hynds, 5-6.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Friday, November 5th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, the local company rang a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor in 25½ mins. G. Prior, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; *W. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single in 25½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; H. Prior, jun., 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, November 7th, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and eighteen singles), in 25 mins. J. Luckey, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior, jun. (conductor), 6. Composed by Mr. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal. Also on Thursday, November 11th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And two plain courses of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Prior, 6. And on Sunday, November 14th, for the afternoon service, a 720 of College Single in 25 mins. J. Luckey, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, November 21st, for the afternoon service, 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor in 24½ mins. W. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Cavill, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; C. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. And after service a 720 of College Single in 25 mins. C. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Prior, 5; *H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. *First 720 in the method; †College Youths. Mr. Tucker hails from Bishop Stortford.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, November 23rd, at St. Thomas's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 30 mins., with 6, 8, behind. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harris, 3; W. H. Hughes, 4; W. Lawrance (conductor), 5; W. A. Pugh, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; *J. Rodgers, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. in Eb. Mr. Hughes belongs to Wordsley, the rest belong to St. Thomas's. *First 720 in the method. The above was rang in honour of the anniversary of the wedding-day of W. Lawrance, who deserves great praise for his most assiduous efforts in instructing the young band of St. Thomas.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, November 10th, the local company met at St. Gregory's Church on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. Charles E. Crump, Vicar of Sawston, Cambs., and late curate of S. Peter's and S. Gregory's in this town, to Miss Georgina Andrews, sixth daughter of G. W. Andrews, Esq., Mayor of Sudbury. A course of Bob Major was rung while the registrar was being signed, and the bells were then fired as the wedding party emerged from the church. A 1024 of Kent Treble Bob Major was then rung by F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; A. Scott, 8. Also 1152 of Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; M. Silvester, 3; A. Scott, 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Cross, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. And a 672 of Stedman Triples. A. Scott, 1; W. Griggs, 2; W. Howell, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Cross, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; H. Harper, 7; J. Campin, 8. Also a touch of 350 and 210 of Grandsire Triples, and 408 of Stedman Triples was also rung, the day's ringing amounting to about 3900 changes. It may be interesting to add that Mr. Andrews was Mayor of this town at the Queen's Accession of the throne, and has been Mayor seven times since, and has been Alderman over fifty years.

WOLLASTON.—On Saturday, November 20th, a party from Rushden paid a visit to the above place, and rang six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently, in 27 mins. W. Lewis, 1; G. Buxton, 2; W. Hall (conductor), 3; A. Clayton, 4; H. Clayton, 5; F. Clayton, 6. Also another six 6-scores in the same method, standing as before. Also another three 6-scores. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and hope to pay another visit shortly.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 17th, for practice, 168 of Grandsire Triples. Also 504 with Queens and Tittums (from Troyte), in 20 mins. A. Edwards, 1; *H. Tunbridge (Broomfield), 2; R. Wood, 3; F. Radley, 4; H. F. De Lisle, Esq. (Galleywood), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. *First attempt at Triples. This is the longest touch yet rung by any of the above, with the exception of the conductor and Mr. de Lisle. On Sunday, November 21st, for morning service, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently; and for afternoon service, two 6-scores, with the 7th, 2nd, and 8th behind. A. Edwards, 1; W. Emery, 2; J. Everard, 3; F. Radley, 4; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6; C. J. Dennison, 7; A. Bonnington, 8.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 14th, being Hospital Sunday, for service in the morning, a touch of Grandsire Caters (containing 503 changes), in 25 mins. J. Hares, 1; T. Horton, 2; W. R. Small, 3; T. Frisby, 4; B. Hill, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; R. Hall, 8; C. Timms, 9; T. Adkins, 10. And on Monday, November 18th, for practice, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters (containing 1259 changes) in 50 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Reeves (conductor), 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; R. Hall, 8; C. Timms, 9; T. Adkins, 10. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. in Eb. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Salisbury, on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, when the bells of St. Thomas, St. Edmund, St. Martin, and St. Paul, will be at the disposal of the Guild. It is intended to open St. Martin's bells on this day, the same having been augmented to eight. A dedication service will be held in the morning at that church.

ST. SIDWELL'S AND ST. DAVID'S SOCIETIES, EXETER.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the above societies will be held at the Bude Hotel, on Monday, January 3rd, 1887, at 8 p.m. sharp, when all ringing friends in the neighbourhood will be very welcome. Tickets are now being issued and may be obtained of the secretary, price 2s. 6d. each. EDWARD PITT, Hon. Sec.

10 Stover Place, Cheeke Street, Exeter.

A very large clock has just been erected upon a tower at Ingestre Hall stables (a seat of the Right Hon. Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot). It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and is guaranteed to keep very accurate time. It chimes the Cambridge quarters upon four bells and strikes the hours upon a large bell. The work has been carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

In Memoriam.

ROBERT NUDDS.

Many a ringer, particularly in the eastern counties, will receive the news of the death of the above named gentleman, at the comparative early age of 58. For many years past his familiar face was present amid welcomes at most of the gatherings of ringers in the Eastern Counties. The deceased, who lived formerly at Banham, Norfolk, was sexton of that parish church for nearly 27 years. He resided in Banham for over 30 years, during which time he has seen many a ringer come and go—and now his loss is mourned. He retired from business temporarily to recruit his failing health, and took up his residence in the same village as his son at Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, near the renowned Lavenham, but he lived less than a month in his new abode, for he succumbed to disease of the heart and liver, on Wednesday, November 17th. At the funeral of the deceased on Tuesday, November 23rd, a company of ringers from Bildeston, and Monks Eleigh paid their last respects by bearing him to his last resting place, and after the coffin was lowered by ringing a muffled peal. The ringers were W. Green, W. Keeble, A. Keeble, C. Parker, A. Long (Bildeston), J. Bigg. The same company again showed their tribute of respect on Sunday last when half-muffled peals before and after service were rung, concluding with an open peal. Muffled peals were also rung for the deceased at Banham, Kenninghall, and Tibenham: adjoining places in Norfolk, where he had had in his lifetime himself rung many a peal. The deceased had been a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association since 1878.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

THE USUAL QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at Standish, on Saturday, December 4th. The bells will be open for ringing from two o'clock. Business meeting at five o'clock in the schoolroom.

57 Chorley Road, Blackrod.

JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A RINGING MEETING will be held at Newchurch, on Saturday, December 11th. All ringers in the Rossendale Division are specially invited to attend. Ringing from 2 p.m. A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

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 SILENT PEAL.

SIR,—The remarkable feat of ringing in the tower a silent peal of Stedman Triples, as recorded in the columns of your last issue, is, as you justly point out, one which will rank among the highest campanological performances; and as unfortunately it has been too often the case that these supreme efforts have been at a time subsequent to their accomplishment subjected to defamatory criticism, for the most part entirely undeserved, but which the absence of a sufficient amount of independent testimony may have made it exceedingly difficult to disprove, I think it only fair to add my own to the already ample evidence you have published in regard to the Burton-on-Trent peal. Much to my regret I was unable to reach St. Paul's church in time to take my place with the Vicar and Mr. Johnson in the tower, but I may say that on the previous Saturday, when I sat through the first seventeen parts, each ringer was to outward appearance (and I was disposed to be jealously critical) a mere machine, not a sign by either hand, head or eyes, much less a sound of any sort, denoting any connection between the performers. A little trip in the "slow," which a nod or even a wink would have rectified, and all was over. There was no mistaking the intention that the peal should be got "*sans reproche*," or not at all. I felt as if I could realise the feelings of our great electricians when in 1859 they saw the Atlantic cable part, and the end of 1500 miles of wire disappear over the stern of the Agamemnon. Few ringers I imagine will know the value of the friendly nod in Stedman ringing till they have tried a silent peal. A man may accomplish the 5040 without a trip, but practically such a peal as that under notice requires that no one of the seven shall hitch from start to finish. So much then for the style of the ringing as observed from inside. Outside, in answer to my interrogations, the Vicar informed me was equally exact during the next and successful attempt. Finding myself then too late to join the party in the tower, I set about criticising the ringing from outside. Having a "score" of the peal with me I waited for a part-end, when I was able to satisfy myself that six of them were already to the good. From this point to the end, with the exception of one part, I heard every course. Better striking I scarcely suppose possible. The tenor topping each change with an accuracy unattainable by anyone, but a master of the inside work. Not until well into the second half was there the slightest disturbance of this clockwork regularity, for

Mr. Johnson informed me the beat was uninterrupted from the first. A little after the half-way single there was what I can only call a "slight uncomfortableness," for it did not amount to a clash; in three changes, however, the time was re-established, and the peal went steadily forward. During the 18th part I made bold to step into the adjoining meeting house and order up supper, returning a few moments after to hear the commencement of the 19th; immediately before this part-end a slight difference of opinion in 4-5, which under ordinary circumstances would have attracted little or no notice, made the listeners involuntarily shudder, and the excitement became intense; another moment and matters were righted, and we impatiently awaited the final single. This time, at all events, there was to be no disappointment, for with the exception of a wide and close blow just before the finish, the bells came neatly home, and a silent peal of Stedman on tower bells was an accomplished fact. So far as I am aware, beyond the three inaccuracies above mentioned, there was not the least variation during the whole of the ringing from a true and regular beat, and I feel proud, as President of the Association under whose title the peal was rung, that a performance so truly indicative of the splendid mental power of our English ringers should be enrolled in our records.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

SIR,—In your last issue I notice that Mr. Henry James Tucker brings forward some charges against a peal of Treble Bob rung here recently, and asks if we rang a true or a false peal. To this I reply that the peal was arranged specially "for his informant," and the ringing went on fairly well for nearly three hours, when suddenly in a slight jumble "his informant and the fourth" did change course, but this was noticed instantly, and as the fourth was going down to the front and was in position to take the slow, it was allowed to do so, and the third was put in its proper place when it came to lead. There was no other shift, and the peal proceeded in a proper manner, although I admit the striking from that time was disagreeable to me. I deny that four bells changed course, or that I had to call the bells out the best way I could. I do not wish in the slightest degree to defend a "shift" in a peal, although it may be as in this case a momentary one, but I do contend that it is admissible as much as "firing" in either case the proper changes for the time being are never struck. I shall be glad to give any further information to Mr. Tucker if he desires it.

N. J. PITSTOW.

A REMARKABLE INVENTION.

SIR,—I am now too far advanced in the "sere and yellow leaf," to hope to be able to take further active part in the exercise of change-ringing, especially in this district, where wind and muscle are much more needful than mental knowledge in guiding our bells through the intricacies of hunting, dodging, and place-making, etc., but notwithstanding my lack of the needful strength, my interest in the cause does not in any way abate I therefore derive great pleasure in a weekly perusal of your paper, from which I learn of the rapid advances made and making throughout the kingdom: may I therefore trouble you with a line in reference to a report, which appeared in the "Engineer" of September 3rd, concerning an invention by a Mr. Hoffman, of 54 Junction Road, N., by which he professes to be able to effect a very great improvement in the manufacture of Church bells, the insertion of which in your paper would, I think, excite sufficient interest among your readers to cause those immediately interested in improvements of the kind, to enquire and report through your columns the value or otherwise of the invention, which cannot fail to interest all who are engaged in the exercise of change-ringing. I send herewith a copy of the report for insertion if you see fit.

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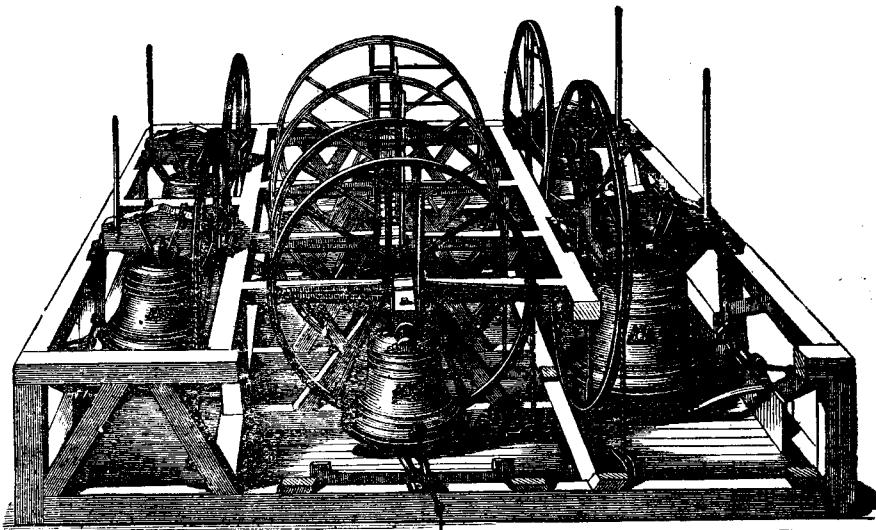
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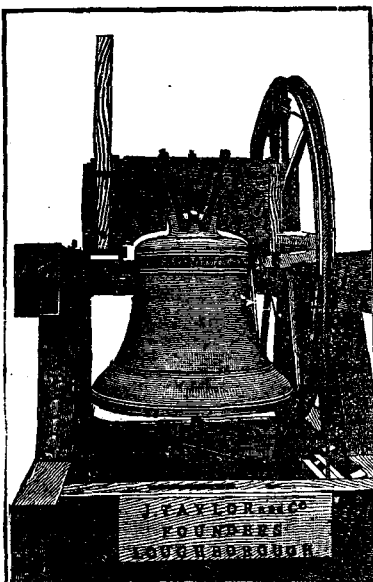
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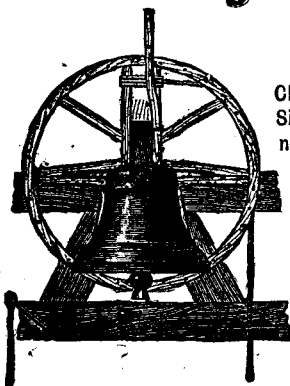
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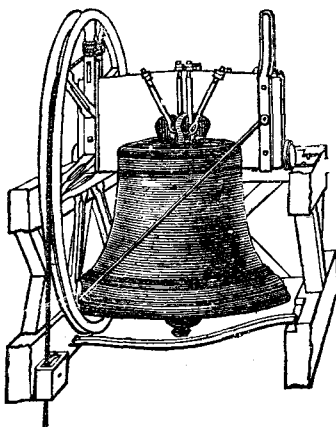
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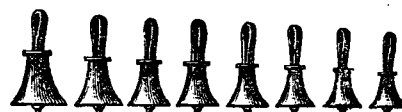
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Last August, while the bells at this church were being rung for Divine Service one of them jumped out of the frame, and if it had not fortunately lodged on the corner of the frame, it would probably have fallen through on to the heads of the ringers below. This accident caused an inspection to be made of the other bells, and they were all found to be in a dangerous state. Steps were immediately taken to remedy the mischief, and the well-known Whitechapel firm were employed to rehang the bells in a new frame. This has been now carried out in a most satisfactory manner, and last Saturday a dedication service was held at 2.30, when an appropriate hymn written for the occasion by Dr. White, the vicar of Hambledon, was sung. After the service a few "plain courses" of Churchyard Bob were rung by the local band, and then the ropes were handled by members of the Guild belonging to bands in the neighbourhood. In the course of the afternoon several 120's of Grandsire Doubles and a 720 of Grandsire Minor were rung. Members were present from Bishops Waltham, Havant, Fareham, Chalton, Catherington, Southampton, and Twyford. The 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung by Rev. H. A. Spyers, 1; Rev. C. Buston, 2; F. Hewlett, 3; W. West, 4; G. Shirfield, 5; W. Irish, 6; and by G. Williams, 1; J. Staples, 2; J. Whiting, 3; T. Newnham, 4; E. N. Garnett, 5; J. Knight, 6. The 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Staples, 1; F. Hill, 2; T. Newnham, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; J. Whiting, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. The visitors were afterwards hospitably entertained by the Rev. T. White, LL.D., at the Vicarage, and the Guild take this opportunity of thanking the good people of Hambledon for the hearty welcome they received. The tone of the bells was much admired, which is very mellow and musical, and the mechanical arrangement of the frame and the go of the bells leave nothing to be desired.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH.—The following was rung during the month of November. On Friday evening, November 5th, at Holy Trinity church, for practice, a course of Kent Treble Bob, on the handbells. J. Collins, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Deal, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; F. W. Haslam, 6. This is the first in the method by Messrs. J. Collins, F. Strugnell, and F. H. Brewer. Also on Sunday, November 7th, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 26 mins., F. Strugnell, 1; W. Dowsett (Prittlewell), 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, November 21st, for Divine service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; F. W. Haslam, 6; H. Deal (conductor), 6. This 720 is not divided into equal parts, it contains 42 calls, viz., twenty-six singles and sixteen bobs, and was composed by Mr. J. F. Penning, of Saffron Walden. And on Tuesday evening, November 23rd, it being the birthday of Mr. F. Strugnell, a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), to celebrate the event. H. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. †First in the method. Also on Monday evening, November 29th, for practice, seven courses in the following methods. Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; College Single; Yorkshire Court; Grandsire Minor; Double Court and Plain Bob. The band stood as follows: in the Kent G. Smith rang the treble, and in the remaining six courses. J. Collins, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; H. Deal, 6.

ACCIDENT TO THE TENOR AT LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 13th, while this bell was being tolled for the funeral of the late vicar of Long Sutton, she suddenly cracked. Clocking was probably the immediate cause of the accident, but she was a very thin bell, and had some deep pits worn in her bow both by the clapper and the clock hammer. She had been quartered once. She was nevertheless a fine soft-toned bell in the key of F and only 40 inches in diameter, which under ordinary circumstances would not give a note lower than G. She was cast in 1716, with the rest of the peal by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, an account of whom, together with a list of bells cast by him, was given in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 21st, 1883, with the history of the bells of Long Sutton. It will be a matter of some difficulty to replace this bell with another anything like the original tone.

A CORRECTION.—In Mr. Heywood's letter of last week, line 11 from bottom of page; "So much then for the style of ringing as observed from inside outside, in answer to my interrogations," read "So much then for the style of ringing as observed from inside, which, in answer to my interrogations," etc.

LOCKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, November 22nd, the picturesque village of Lockington was enlivened by the sound of the peal of bells which have for many years been almost dormant and unringable. Formerly a ring of five, by the munificence of N. C. Curzon, Esq., of Lockington Hall, a new treble has been added to make six, and all the bells have been re-tuned and rehung in a new iron frame on the most approved principles. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Several 720's were rung by the bellfoundry band, assisted by Mr. Draycott, of Loughborough, Mr. John Howe, of Derby, and Messrs. Ward and Bradley, of Long Eaton, under the conductorship of Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun. On the following Sunday, November 28th, the formal reopening of the bells was celebrated, occasional collects being used by the Rev. R. L. Story, the esteemed Vicar of Lockington, who delivered an earnest and appropriate sermon. In the afternoon collections were made in aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. In the middle of each service a short touch of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles was rung which had a solemn impressive effect upon the congregation. Several 720's were accomplished throughout the day, and the ringers were most liberally entertained at the Hall by Mr. Curzon. Mr. Woodward, of Derby, and Messrs. Ward and Dicken of Long Eaton, kindly come over and rendered valuable assistance to the Loughborough band. The note of the tenor is F., and the weight of the new treble is 5 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs., and bears the following inscription: on the one side—"Omnia fiant ad Gloriam Dei," and on the reverse, "Ex dono N. C. Curzon, 1886."

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday evening, December 4th, the following members of the above Association rung at St. Thomas' church, Market Rasen, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor before service, a 720 in the same method after service, and a third 720 on Monday evening: *J. Hackney, 1; *S. Marshall, 2; H. Gadd, 3; *W. Lunn, 4; T. Gibbons, 5; H. Burkitt (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. *First 720 in the method. This was the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob rung by any one Society connected with the above Association, all the members belonging to Market Rasen.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

The Master requests all members in town to attend Meeting, Head Quarters, St. Martin's Lane, on Friday, December 17, at 9 sharp, and country members to kindly send present address on post card to 71 Bridge Road West, Old Battersea, Surrey.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above association will hold its intermediate meeting on Saturday, December 18th, at Walsden parish church. Bells ready at 2. Meeting at 4. Members are requested to attend; business of importance.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A RINGING MEETING will be held at Newchurch, on Saturday, December 11th. All ringers in the Rossendale Division are specially invited to attend. Ringing from 2 p.m. A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

SPARE COPIES.—The Editor very kindly thanks those gentlemen who replied to his request for spare copies of "THE BELL NEWS." He has now more than sufficient, and will be happy to at once send payment for those received if particulars with the amount of the sum desired, is forwarded to him.

ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday, November 24th, George Smith, a ringer at the Eckington Parish Church for over twenty years, met with a serious accident while following his employment as a circular sawyer. His hand slipped and was caught by the revolving saw, taking the thumb and the three fingers off the right hand. The unfortunate man has since been admitted to the Chesterfield Hospital, and is doing as well as can be expected.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.—In another column will be found the announcement relating to the contents of our Christmas number. We hope our friends will take care to procure copies by ordering them previously of their booksellers, as we cannot reprint under any circumstances.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF RINGING FOR THE FORTNIGHT ENDING DECEMBER 6TH, 1886.—By the Brighton Branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton. On Saturday, November 27th, an attempt was made for Hollis's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but failed through a mis-call, after ringing 2632 changes. A. A. Fuller, 1; H. Weston, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; C. Tyler, 4; C. E. Golds, 5; G. C. Hammond, 6; J. Jay, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Also on Sunday morning, November 28th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Jay, 2; C. E. Golds, 3; A. Piper, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 7; D. Ross, 8. And for afternoon service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 43½ mins. A. Piper, 1; J. Searle, 2; J. Salmon (first quarter-peal), 3; C. E. Golds, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; G. C. Hammond, 7; E. Butler, 8. Also on Monday, November 29th, a 742 of Grandsire Triples. G. Thwaites, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; J. Fox, 4; J. Jay, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; W. Vernon, 8. And a 210 of Union Triples (the first in the method by a Brighton band). A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Jay, 2; H. Weston, 3; J. Fox, 4; A. Piper, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. And on Saturday, December 4th, at Kingmer, a peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 2 mins. (for particulars see peal column). Also on Sunday, December 5th, at St. Peter's, Brighton, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; J. Searle, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; C. E. Golds, 4; H. Boniface, 5; H. Weston (conductor), 6; G. Thwaites, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8.

By the Balcombe Branch, at Balcombe.—On Sunday, November 28th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; H. Meads, 3; G. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; F. Rice (Worth, conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; F. Rice, 3; E. Streeter, 4; H. Meads, 4; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Stoner, 1; H. Meads, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And on December 2nd, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Gasson, 4; E. Streeter, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, December 4th, with Messrs. T. Leney, of Hurstpierpoint, and C. Gasson, of Batterssea (formerly members of the Balcombe branch), a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. T. Streeter, 1; C. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; T. Leney, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. C. Gasson, 1; A. Stoner, 2; H. Meads, 3; T. Leney, 4; F. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6.

By the Crawley Branch, at Crawley.—On Thursday, December 2nd, a half-peal (2520 changes) of Court Bob Triples in 1 hour and 29 mins. W. Parsons, 1; M. Heffer, 2; W. Wadley, 3; F. Wickens, 4; W. Collison, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; E. Pierce, 8. Also on Sunday, December 5th, at Charlwood, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25½ mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor in 24½ mins. W. Parsons, 1; G. Wickens, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6.

By the Cuckfield and Brighton (St. Nicholas), at Cuckfield.—On Saturday, November 27th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 17½ mins. J. Searle, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Fox, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; J. Fox, 5; H. Howell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; W. Palmer, 8.

By the Christ Church and St. Mary's (Eastbourne) Branches.—On Thursday, November 25th, at Christ church, Eastbourne, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. J. Sharp, 1; H. Colbran, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. Harfey, 4; T. Hart (first 720 in the method), 5; T. Willoughby (conductor), 6.

By the Eastbourne Branch, at Eastbourne.—On Saturday, December 4th, a peal of Grandsire Triples in 2 hours and 45 mins. (for particulars see peal column).

By the Heene Branch, at Heene.—On Thursday, November 24th, two plain courses of Bob Triples (the first by all the band, who have received but three lessons in change-ringing from the Association Instructor). H. Hodges, 1; A. E. Poland, 2; E. H. Linduff, 3; J. Searle (instructor), 4; T. Turner, 5; M. Riddles, 6; R. Newman, 7; M. Streeter, 8.

By the Steyning Branch, at Steyning.—On Monday, November 22nd, a 720 of Single Court Bob in 26½ mins. T. Searle, 1; J. Woolger, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Gatland, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Woolger, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, November 25th, a 720 of College Single in 26½ mins. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolger, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26½ mins. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolger, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 28th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25½

mins. F. Morris, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 1st, a 720 of Plain Bob in 27 mins. G. Breach, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, December 2nd, a 720 of College Single in 26 mins. F. Morris, 1; G. Smart, 2; C. Chambers, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Woolger, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, December 5th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob in 25 mins. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Woolger, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob in 13 mins. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; G. Gatland, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolger, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham Branch, at Warnham.—On Saturday, November 27th, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 6 minutes (for particulars see last week's peal column). On Monday, November 29th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. with 7-8 covering. G. Charman, 1; H. Cook, 2; H. Chandler (conductor), 6, 3; W. Short, 4; T. Andrews, 5; W. Charman, 6. Also on Sunday, December 5th, a 720 of College Exercise in 26 mins. with 6-8 covering. G. Charman, 1; E. Jordan, 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Burstow, 5; T. Hogsflesh, 6; D. Jordan (conductor), 7; T. Wood, 8. And 840 of Court Bob Triples in 32 mins. G. Charman, 1; E. Jordan, 2; W. Chandler, 3; W. Short, 4; T. Andrews, 5; D. Jordan, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; T. Hogsflesh, 8. G. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, December 4th, seven members of the Brighton branch of the Sussex County Association visited the above place with the intention of ringing Hollis's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples. At the church they were met by Mr. Hammond, one of the local ringers, and after the usual preliminaries, "go" was called at 3.45 p.m. After ringing about 400 changes, a slight mishap occurred, and the conductor called "stand." Another start was made, but immediately came to grief. Nothing daunted, another start was made, and nearly 1000 changes rung, when two bells shifted course, and "stand" was again called. At this unfortunate occurrence, some of the ringers were slightly discouraged, but the majority were in favour of another start, so "go" was again heard at 4.46., and it was with the greatest pleasure that the welcome single was called, and the bells brought round at 7.55. Particulars of the peal will be found in the proper place. Some of the local ringers then rang two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, with 7,6,8, behind. A. Washer, 1; J. Tasker, 2; A. Slarks, 3; G. Washer, 4; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 5; G. Painter, 6; C. Tyler, 7; G. Taylor, 8. In the second 120, Messrs. G. Washer, G. Painter, and J. Tasker, took the 2nd, 4th, and 6th, respectively, the rest as before. Afterwards the ringers were entertained through the liberality of the Rev. F. H. Fisher, at the reading room. After a merry chat, the ringers started for Lewes station, about three miles distant, and the air being frosty, the walk was thoroughly enjoyed. These bells are a fine peal, the tone being excellent. They were cast by Messrs. Meares and Stainbank, and were awarded a silver medal at the Crystal Palace, 1884. The tower was begun in 1844, and the bells hung in the following year. On December 1st, 1884, the bells were formally opened by the Brighton ringers, and Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. The expense of the tower, and also the bells, with the exception of the second, the "people's bell," was defrayed by the generous liberality of W. L. Christie, Esq. This peal is certainly one of the finest in the county. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the Rev. F. H. Fisher for his generosity in entertaining them.

S. PETER AND PAUL, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday last, the re-opening peal at the above church was successfully brought round in 3 hrs. 8 mins., by members of the Holt Society of change-ringers, Aston, which will appear in the peal column the conductorship being cast upon Mr. J. Carter. This gentleman acquitted himself in that position, in the ablest manner. The peal was composed by Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., and suffice it to say, was one of his best productions framed on the plan. The bells of the old parish church have recently undergone proper renovation, the successful competitor being Mr. James Barwell, of this town, and the masterly style in which the job has been completed by a firm in our midst, reflects great credit to the officials or manager, for leaving (what was undertaken in contract), in a sound, satisfactory, and workmanlike manner, with new wheels, new and improved gudgeons, iron carriages for brasses, &c., and we, the ringers, can confidently state that the bells will before long go to their old standard, which used to be commented upon by all comers, it also being a favourite resort of the old ringing Society, St. Martin's. Possibly we may soon hear of some records being beaten now that these bells are in good working order. Any brother-strings visiting the town who would like to have a pull, the Holt Society will do their best to make everything comfortable. Usual practice night, every Thursday at 7.45 p.m. W. K.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

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Amount already advertised	8	6	
St. Peter's Society, Sheffield:—			
Charles Bower	£0	2	6
Wm. Burgan	0	2	6
John Sandforth	0	2	6
St. Mary's Society, Sheffield:—			
J. Dixon	0	2	6
J. Mulligan	0	1	0
Mr. Abbshaw, Rothwell	0	2	6
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Wm. Jones, Royal Cumberlands	0	2	0
St. Peter's Society, Huddersfield, per Tom Haigh	0	10	0
Collected from members present at Meeting of Norwich			
Diocesan Association, at Ipswich, October, 1886	0	15	0
E. A. Foster, Corsham, Wilts.	0	5	0
The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Kings Lynn	1	1	0
The Doncaster Society	0	5	0
The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton, Berks.	0	5	0
Mr. John Day, Birmingham	0	2	0
Mr. Urban Holman, Croydon, per A. B. Carpenter, Esq.	0	2	0
The St. James' Society, Bolton, near Bradford	0	6	6
Swanscombe (Kent) Society, per F. J. King	0	5	0
Mr. John Carter, St. Giles' Company, Pontefract	0	5	0
" William Pearson	0	2	6
" W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, Essex	0	2	0
The Willesden Branch of College Youths	0	5	0
" St. John's Society, Bromsgrove	0	5	0
Woodbridge Society, Suffolk, from fund	0	5	0
Mr. John Fosdike, Woodbridge	0	2	6
" W. M. Meadows	0	1	0
" W. Ward	0	1	0
" C. Ward	0	0	6
" E. F. Cole, London	0	5	0
The Bedfordshire Association, Bedford company, per M.			
Warwick	0	8	0
Per E. F. Elwin, Walsingham, The St. Giles' Society,			
Houghton-in-the-Dale	0	5	0
The Proprietors of "THE BELL NEWS"	1	1	0
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T. Clark, Esq., Keldale Villa, near Ripon	1	0	0
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Rev. G. M. Gorham, Vicar	0	12	6
Mr. Blezard, Pulford, Chester	0	2	6
Edward E. Lawson, Esq., Leeds	1	1	0

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A NEW METHOD?

SIR,—I think I have hit upon a method which is true, new, and original; but in order to learn whether it be so, I beg to submit it to you; and if you think well, to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS." There are certainly some curious points about it. The lead-ends, bobs, and singles are the same as those of Plain Bob. If it passes muster, I would propose to call it Lynn Court. I add below a plain lead, and if it be approved, will send the guide to the best way of ringing it.

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JOHN T. SECCOMBE.

Terrington Lodge, King's Lynn,
 29th, November, 1886.

Miscellaneous Touches.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Saturday, November 20th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-four bobs and twelve singles). A. Coles, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; E. Chapman (first 720), 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Court Single (nine bobs). A. Coles, 1; R. Pendered, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; G. Kirk, 4; N. Martin, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, November 27th, (with the bells muffled, a 720 of College Little (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5; *F. Slade, 6. *First 720 in the method. Also a 360 of Court Single (nine bobs), W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; H. Stubbs, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; B. W. Allen, 4; T. Stubbs, 5; F. Slade, 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob (twelve singles). A. Coles, 1; T. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. And a 120 of Bob Doubles, on the back five. A. Coles, 1; R. Pendered, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; T. Wilson, 4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5. E. Chapman hails from Bythorn; A. T. Wilson, from Woodford. This was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Mr. J. Sawford, of Ringstead, who died suddenly, on November 19th, and was a member of the Raunds and Wellingboro' District Association.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Tuesday, November 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells deeply muffled, 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; F. Chapman, 2; J. Braybrook, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also 360 of Court Single (nine bobs). W. J. Gilbert, 1; G. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6. And 360 of Plain Bob (nine bobs). E. Mayes, 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, for evening service, a 360 of Plain Bob (nine bobs). W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; F. Chapman, 2; J. Braybrook, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Bob (twelve singles). E. Mayes, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; G. Roberts, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. This was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. J. Lawford, who died suddenly on November 19th.

STALYBRIDGE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, November 27th, at Holy Trinity church, 2520 changes of Stedman Triples, being the first half of Brook's peal, in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. Wood, 1; J. Leigh, 2; W. Lakeman, 3; J. Hopwood, 4; C. Willocks, 5; B. Broadbent, 6; G. Longden (conductor), 7; M. Pailthorpe, 8.

SDGLEY (Staffs).—On Saturday, November 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. John Goodman, 1; David Bruce, 2; Robert Schofield, 3; Samuel Bunn, 4; *George Hughes (conductor), 5; *William Pardoe, 6; Joseph Devenport, 7; *Thomas Bennett, 8. *Hails from Tipton. This is the first quarter-peal that G. Hughes has conducted. Tenor 20 cwt.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, November 27th, at the Parish Church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Alley (conductor), 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; A. Prescott, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; W. Lane, 6; A. Palmer, 7; J. Cooper, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 5th, at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. F. Turley, 1; G. Salter, 2; F. Geens, 3; J. Bennett, 4; T. Salter (conductor), 5; W. Shilton, 6. J. Bennett hails from Kidderminster, the rest are members of the local company. Also another 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Geens, 1; G. Salter, 2; J. Bennett, 3; J. Walker, 4; T. Salter (conductor), 5; W. Shilton, 6.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, December 4th, 1008 of Stedman Triples. *C. W. Dyson, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; C. Axford, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Divereux, 6; Jos Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8. *Longest touch of Stedman Triples.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, December 4th, at the parish church, 518 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. W. Alley, 1; J. Hayward, 2; A. Prescott, 3; F. Sidwell (first touch), 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 6; A. Palmer, 7; J. Cooper, 8.

WOODHILL (near Hatfield, Herts).—On Wednesday, November 17th, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. and 720 Grandsire Minor 38 bobs and twenty-two singles, in 25½ mins. Samuel Seymour (conductor), 1-2; John Smith, 3; Robert Rogers, 5-6. Also on Wednesday, November 24th, two 720s of Grandsire Minor, both in 25 mins., one with twenty-two bobs and twenty-six singles, the other with thirty-four bobs and fourteen singles. Samuel Seymour, (conductor), 1-2; John Smith, 3-4; Robert Rogers, 5-6.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1886.

The Provinces.

BICESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 18, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

C. HOUNSLOW	W. NAPPER
J. W. WASHBROOK	E. E. NAPPER
H. D. BETTERIDGE, Esq.	C. W. ALLEN
F. FIELD	D. NAPPER

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

C. Hounslow and J. W. Washbrook hail from Oxford; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., and F. Field, from Drayton; E. E. Napper and D. Napper, from Hagbourne; W. Napper Didcot; C. W. Allen, Coscot.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Wednesday, December 1, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WORSLEY	GEORGE BELL
CALEB PAYNE	DAVID HALL
GEORGE NEWMAN	EDWARD BONNER
WILLIAM HARDEN	JAMES W. LEONARD

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 33rd birthday of the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 2, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL WEST	JOHN E. POLLITT
THOMAS G. DOWNS*	WILLIAM SEVIER
THOMAS YATES	A. EDWARD WREAKS
JAMES BARRATT	JOHN EACHUS

Composed by JOHN THORP, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal contains the greatest number of calls possible in a three-part peal. Messrs. Yates and Barratt are of the local company; the rest hail from Manchester. *First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Friday, December 3, 1886, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN AUSTIN	ARTHUR WAKLEY
HENRY D. BETTERIDGE	HARRY WAKLEY
CHARLES HOUNSLOW	JOHN JAGGAR
JOSEPH GRIFFIN	WILLIAM WAKLEY

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal, which is three parts, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late O. E. Coope, Esq., head of the firm of Messrs. Ind, Coope, and Co., of Burton-on-Trent and Romford. Mr. Betteridge hails from Drayton; and Mr. Hounslow from Oxford.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1886, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS WEST	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM
HARRY ODDY	SIMEON LONGSTAFF
MATTHEW TOMLINSON	GEORGE BOLLAND
WILLIAM BOLLAND	ROBERT BINNS

Composed by the late JOSEPH TEBBS, of Leeds, and conducted by ROBERT BINNS.

S. Longstaff hails from Pudsey; the Brothers Bolland and Oddy from Tong; the rest from Leeds.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

E. WILLOUGHBY	T. SMITH
H. P. BENNETT	*T. HART
G. HOWSE	T. WILLOUGHBY
C. HARFEY	J. ROLLISON

Conducted by T. HART.

*First peal as conductor.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 4, 1886, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

W. FOXALL† .. .. .Treble.	H. MASON 5.
A. E. PARSONS 2.	*W. GREEN 6.
R. BIRD* 3.	A. H. BASSANO 7.
C. W. BASSANO 4.	W. BIRD .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and conducted by A. H. BASSANO.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BRIGHTON BRANCH).

On Saturday, December 4, 1886, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. A. FULLER .. .. .Treble.	C. E. GOLDS 5.
J. SEARLE 2.	G. C. HAMMOND 6.
W. PALMER 3.	J. JAY, SEN. 7.
C. TYLER 4.	E. BUTLER .. .. .Treble.

Conducted by J. SEARLE.

The above was rung on the anniversary of the opening of the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 4, 1886, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

JOHN CARTER .. .. .Treble.	*CHAS. STANBRIDGE 6.
HY. JOHNSON, JUN.* 2.	*BERNARD WITCHELL 7.
ARTHUR JONES* 3.	*JOHN SANDERS 8.
JOHN BUFFERY* 4.	*THOMAS REYNOLDS 9.
HENRY BASTABLE* 5.	*WILLIAM KENT .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN., and conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times behind the 9th, and the 5th twenty-two times behind the 9th. *Members of the St. Martin's Society.

MANCHESTER.

THE ST. PHILIP'S (HULME) SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 4, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5075 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOHN HEALD* .. .. .Treble.	E. ETTOCK 5.
T. HEALD 2.	†J. A. O'BRIEN 6.
A. EGGINGTON 3.	J. F. WOODS 7.
H. WOOD† 4.	*JAMES HEALD .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by J. F. WOODS.

†First peal in the method. *First peal.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. .Treble.	SAMUEL WEST 5.
WILLIAM WALMSLEY 2.	WALTER INGHAM 6.
WILLIAM SEVIER 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
JOSIAH ROGERS 4.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place the 2nd never being there, and has never been previously performed. Messrs. Walmsley and Ingham hail from Macclesfield; the rest belong to Manchester. It was intended to start for Treble Bob Royal, but meeting two short, the above was rung instead.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 4, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

NATHANIEL MARTIN* .. .. .Treble.	RICHARD DUNKLEY 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 2.	†FRED GILBERT 6.
ALFRED GROOM* 3.	HENRY W. STUBBS 7.
WILLIAM A. HALL* 4.	*ROBERT BILLINGS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and conducted by FRED GILBERT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This meet was arranged for a peal of Bob Major, but as two members were unable to attend it had to be abandoned and the above substituted. W. J. and F. Gilbert, H. W. Stubbs, N. Martin, and W. A. Hall hail from Raunds; R. Dunkley from Bythorn, Hunts; A. Groom from Denford; and R. Billings belongs to the local company. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Rev. F. M. Stopford for placing the bells at their disposal.

SHEFFIELD.—THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, December 6, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

E. F. RIPPON .. .. .Treble.	SAMUEL SEED 5.
JOSEPH ROWLEY 2.	GEORGE HOLMES 6.
FRANK WILLEY 3.	WILLIAM SMITHSON 7.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY 4.	JOHN LLOYD .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

The above peal was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Sir John Brown, the donor of the church and bells.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

JAMES HAREST .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
WILLIAM COOPER* 2.	REUBEN HALL 6.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	*CHARLES TIMMS 7.
JAMES HALL 4.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 6, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WORSLEY .. .. .Treble.	JOHN M. COOPER 5.
ALLCHIN MOORCRAFT 2.	PHILLIP SIMMS 6.
EDWARD BALDOCK 3.	EDWARD BONNER 7.
WILLIAM HARDEN 4.	JAMES W. LEONARD .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

Mr. J. M. Cooper hails from Faversham; Mr. P. Simms from Sittingbourne; A. Moorcraft from Maidstone; the rest belong to the local company.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, December 6th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1886 changes). R. H. Witherington, 1; *Lionel Longney, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; J. Hale, 4; S. Cleal, 5; J. Wathen, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8. *Longest touch.

TREDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, November 19th, for practice, a date touch of 1886 changes of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Hawker, 1; H. Jordan, 2; F. Smith, 3; H. Brown, 4; W. Dyson (conductor), 5.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Friday, December 3rd, at St. James' Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1886 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. M. Brownrigg, 1; C. Bennett, 2; J. F. Mallaby, 3; J. Pollard, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; C. Jackson, 6; F. Drabble, 7; J. W. Stickney, 8. The above touch, which has the 6th twenty-four times right, was composed by A. Knights, of Chesterfield, and conducted by J. W. Stickney. J. F. Mallaby hails from Masham. Tenor 15 cwt.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 28th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1886 changes, in 1 hr. 11½ mins. W. Bircham, 1; J. Chapell, 2; G. Crawshaw, 3; M. Garforth, 4; J. A. Idle (composer and conductor), 5; W. Dixon, 6; W. Byron, 7; D. Stephenson, 8. Tenor 26½ cwt. The above was rung to celebrate the 39th birthday of Mark Garforth.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Tuesday evening, November 2nd, for practice, a 720 of College Single, (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23½ mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Lewin, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. W. Chibnall, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6; the others as before. Also on Tuesday evening, November 9th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 23½ mins. E. Norman, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; M. Lane, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Milton Bryant), 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 23½ mins. E. Lewin, 1; W. Chibnall, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, December 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hall, 1; I. Hills, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; M. Warwick, 6. Also 720 of Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. Allen, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Bob (nine bobs). W. Allen, 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; H. Chapman, 4; J. Frossell, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, December 5th, at the house of Mr. J. Spencer, 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Spencer (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; H. Chapman, 2; W. Allen, 3; M. Warwick, 4; C. W. Clarke (first 720 in the method double-handed, conductor), 5-6. Also 720 of Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). C. W. Clarke, 1-6; J. Spencer, 2; H. Chapman, 3; W. Allen, 4; M. Warwick (conductor), 5. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Spencer, 1; H. Chapman, 2; W. Allen, 3; M. Warwick, 4; C. W. Clarke (first 720 in the method double-handed, conductor), 5-6.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Wednesday, December 1st, for practice, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; T. Foote, 2; M. Warwick, 3; H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). T. Tysoe, 1; F. Keech, 2; M. Warwick (conductor), 3; W. King, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. Biggs, 6.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY (Beds).—On Thursday evening, November 4th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; W. E. Turney, 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6. Also on Thursday evening, November 25th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. W. Chibnall (conductor), 5; M. Lane, 6; the others as before.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday evening, November 20th, for practice, a 352 of Bob Major. E. Norman, 1; W. Mynard, 2; E. Lewin, 3; C. Herbert, 4; A. Morrison, 5; W. E. Turney, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8. Also some courses of Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples in which W. Smith took part.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday evening, December 5th, 720 of Bob Minor on handbells (twenty-two singles). B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TREDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 21st, for Divine Service, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Hawker, 1; W. Russell, 2; H. Jordan, 3; H. Brown, 4; C. W. Dyson (conductor), 5. Also two 6-scores of St. Dunstan's Doubles, and 120 of Antelope. W. Bussell, 1; H. Jordan, 3; F. Smith, 3; H. Brown, 4; C. W. Dyson (conductor), 5.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Tuesday, November 30th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 51

mins. *J. Randall, 1; *H. Buckingham, 2; F. Furr, 3; *A. Squires, 4; W. Allen, 5; *S. Hare, 6; †J. Hare (composer and conductor), 7; W. Kitchener, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. *First quarter-peal; first quarter-peal as conductor, and the first by the local company.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, November 14th, for the afternoon service, 720 of Grandsire Minor. A. Cornford, 1; W. Martin, 2; W. Harper, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; G. Hayes, 5; H. Pearce (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. G. Hayes, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 28th, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Harding, 1; *A. Cornford, 2; W. Martin, 3; E. J. Ring, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Sunday, December 5th, for Divine Service, 560 of Bob Major. E. Baldock, 1; J. Worsley, 2; J. M. Cooper, 3; W. Harden, 4; P. Simms, 5; D. Hall, 6; E. Bonner, 7; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 8. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Worsley, 1; D. Hall, 2; E. Baldock, 3; P. Simms, 4; J. M. Cooper, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, December 5th, the local company rang after the afternoon service at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 26 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; J. Vickers, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff (conductor), 6. The above was rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of the Rev. J. Deans, who has been Vicar of Melbourne for fifty-three years, and president of the Melbourne society since its formation in 1884. Also for Divine Service in the evening, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff (conductor), 6.

LEICESTER.—On Thursday, December 2nd, eight members of the above Association started for a peal of Grandsire Triples as a farewell peal to Geo. Daltrey, but after ringing two hours it came to grief owing to a change course. J. Wilson, 1; W. A. Clayton, 2; S. Cropper, 3; J. M. Walton, 4; J. S. Needham, 5; G. T. Daltrey, 6; A. Millis (conductor), 7; C. Biddles, 8. G. Daltrey hails from Bristol, and is a member of the above Association.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks.).—On Saturday, November 27th, eight members of the above Society attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was unfortunately lost, after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins., owing to the breaking of the 6th rope. James Pether, 1; H. Sheard, 2; D. Napper, 3; H. Fruin, 4; T. Short, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; C. W. Allen, 7; A. Woodley, 8. Being late there was not time for another attempt, so a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rang in 50 mins. E. E. Napper, 1; H. Fruin, 2; D. Napper, 3; H. Sheard (conductor), 4; T. Short, 5; C. W. Allen, 6; W. Napper, 7; A. Woodley, 8.

THEALE (Berks).—On Saturday, November 27th, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. Coffee (first 720), 1; J. Hands, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; H. Evans, 5; G. Gibbard (conductor), 6. J. Hands hails from Caversham, the rest from Reading.

READING.—On Sunday, November 28th, for Divine Service at St. Giles' Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Hands, 1; A. J. Wright, 2; H. Egby (conductor), 3; A. H. Evans, 4; G. Gibbard, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

WOKINGHAM.—On Saturday, December 4th, 720 of Bob Minor, on the back six, in 26 mins. W. Houlton, 1; J. Hands, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; W. Goseltine, 4; G. Gibbard, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Goseltine, 1; J. Hands, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; G. Gibbard (conductor), 5; W. Houlton, 6. And 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung with T. Houlton on the 1st and T. Harvey on the 8th. Tenor 18½ cwt.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BURSLER (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, December 4th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. E. Glover, 1; *D. Hulme, 2; S. Spencer (conductor), 3; *S. Brown, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; J. Baddeley, 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Glover, Brough, and Baddeley hail from Norton, and Spencer from Wolstanton.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON.—On Tuesday, November 30th, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, two courses of Bob Major, 224 changes. S. Fisk, 1; G. Russell, 2; H. C. Haley, 3; A. B. Carpenter (conductor), 4; W. States, 5; A. Bruce, 6; T. Verrall, 7; U. Holman, 8.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday morning, December 5th, at the parish church, 756 of Stedman Triples. A. Challis, 1; *G. Woodin, 2; J. Parslow, 3; H. Parslow, 4; J. Strutt, 5; *G. Gray, 6; J. Wright (conductor), 7; C. Slade, 8. Also two courses with C. Slade, 5; and J. Strutt, 8. *Longest length of Stedman. This is the longest length of Stedman by a Kingston company for over twelve years.

WIMBLEDON.—On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Mary's Church, for Divine service, 720 of Duke of York, in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; T. Cooley, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Friday evening, November 26th, seven members of the St. Mary's Society, and one of All Saints, met by invitation at St. Saviour's tower and attempted a date touch of Grand-sire Triples on the fine peal of eight, lately completed by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and opened for Divine Service on Easter Monday last. The touch collapsed after ringing 1718 changes in 1 hr. 2 mins. Tenor 25 cwt. This is the first open touch of change-ringing on the bells, and the time occupied in ringing the number of well-struck changes will speak for the going of the bells. The band desire to thank the Vicar for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and Mr. Wm. Ticehurst and the rest of the St. Saviour's band for the honour of an invitation.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, November 16th, for practice, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins. A. Mills, 1; C. Weeden, 2; R. Jordan, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, November 26th, 360 of College Exercise and 360 of College Pleasure in 24 mins. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Kent Treble Bob. R. Jordan, 1; C. Weeden, 2; A. Mills, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, November 28th, for afternoon service, 720 of Violet. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; E. Jordan, 4; *W. Wadey, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also after service, another 720 of Violet by the same band. Also 720 of College Exercise. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; *T. Andrews, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Wickens, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; *W. Sadler, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Oxford Bob. C. Weeden, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Francis, 3; F. Arnold, 4; W. Sadler, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 of College Exercise. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; F. Wickens, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. F. and R. Arnold and Sadler hail from Betchworth, Wadey from Billingshurst, Andrews from Warnham, Wickens from Charlwood, and Frances from Ewhurst, and the rest are local men.

BENGEO (Herts).—On Sunday, November 28th, at Holy Trinity Church, for service in the morning, 720 of College Single. T. Barker, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Bennet (conductor), 5; H. Phillips, 6. And for service in the evening, 720 of Kent Treble Minor. W. Childs, 1; H. Phillips, 2; J. Channer, 3; M. Ellsmore, 4; W. Bennet, 5; J. Pomfret (conductor), 6.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 23rd, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; Frank Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, November 30th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob in 25 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; R. Jordan, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. And four plain courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Bridger, 1; R. Arnold, 2; Frank Arnold, 3; R. Jordan (Capel), 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses, 6.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Thursday, November 25th at the parish church, 120 of Bob Doubles. W. Bowyer, 1; F. Sanders, 2; J. Poplett, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. First 120 by the local company. Also two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. J. Poplett, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. F. and R. Arnold hail from Betchworth, the rest are of the local band.

DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, November 27th, at St. Helen's church, the local company rang for practice a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. S. Groom, 1; J. Derbyshire, 2; *J. Siddall, 3; C. Whymark, 4; C. Gwatkin, 5; E. Hallows (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also on Saturday, December 4th, another 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins., standing as above.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, November 29th, the local company rang for practice at the parish church, 720 of Primrose. Also on Monday, December 6th, 720 of Tulip. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 16th, for practice at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Haynes, sen., 1; W. Haynes, jun., 2; E. Francis, 3; A. Weale, 4; A. Baker, 5; W. Tidy (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, November 22nd, 720 of Plain Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; F. Francis, 2; W. Ansell, 3; W. Tidy, 4; A. Baker, 5; W. Haynes, jun. (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, November 27th, 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor. W. Haynes, sen., 1; F. Francis, 2; W. Tidy, 3; A. Weale (first 720 in the method), 4; A. Baker, 5; W. Haynes, jun. (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, November 30th, 720 of Court Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; W. Tidy, 2; F. Francis, 3; A. Weale, 4; A. Baker, 5; W. Haynes, jun. (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, December 4th, 720 of Court Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; F. Francis, 2; W. Tidy, 3; A. Weale, 4; A. Baker (conductor), 5; W. Haynes, jun., 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob in 28 mins. W. Haynes, jun., 1; F. Francis, 2; A. Baker, 3; W. Tidy, 4; W. Ansell, 5; A. Weale (conductor), 6.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, December 2nd, the St. Mary de Lode society rang with the bells muffled, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Arkell, 1; †W. Pegler, 2; G. Brunsdon, 3; E. F. Hart (conductor), 4; F. White, 5; W. Rodway, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G. †Member of the Hempstead company.

GORLESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 5th, at St. Andrew's church, for evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins., by the local company. A. Fuller, 1; G. E. Fleming, 2; H. D. Arnott, 3; T. Fleming (conductor), 4; W. Gibbs, 5; B. Collins, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

HEADINGTON (Oxon).—On November 24th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. G. Tolley, 1; A. Hind, 2; C. Tolley, 3; J. Powell, 4; F. Castle, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6.

KIDLINGTON (Oxon).—On November 26th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. W. Long, 1; H. J. Castle (conductor), 2; C. Tolley, 3; W. Cox, 4; J. Franklin, 5; J. Baker, 6. Tenor 36 cwt.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—*Muffled Peals.*—On Saturday, December 4th, at St. Mary's church, the local company rang the following muffled touches as token of respect to the late John Hillman (aged 67) who in years gone by was a ringer, and had held the office of beadle at this church: 720 of Bob Minor, 720 of Double Oxford Bob, and a 720 of College Single (no time taken). T. Hillman, 1; W. Jones, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. They also rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, conducted by John Guest. Also on Sunday morning, December 5th, a 720 of Bob Minor. T. Hillman, 1; F. Davis (Lye), 2; J. Brooks (Lye, first 720), 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; James Sackfield, 5; William Jones (conductor), 6.

LEEDS (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, December 5th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's Church, 1005 of Stedman Caters in 46 mins. T. Lockwood, 1; W. Pawson, 2; H. Lockwood, 3; J. Hutchinson, 4; W. Walker, 5; H. Hubbard, 6; H. Needham, 7; T. West, 8; R. Binns, 9; G. Fothergill, 10. Conducted by T. Lockwood.

LEEK (Staffordshire).—On Monday, November 22nd, a muffled touch, consisting of 504 changes of Plain Bob Triples, was rung for the vicar, whose death took place on Sunday, 21st. †F. Curbishley, 1; R. Gibson, 2; W. Wood, 3; H. Carding, 4; A. Holton, 5; E. Sharritt, 6; T. Turner, 7; T. Rider, 8. Also on Tuesday evening, November 23rd, a 252 in the same method, and by the same band. On Wednesday, November 24th, a 504 of the same method, but differently called, and by the same band. And on Thursday, the day of the funeral, a 1008 in the same method, and by the same band. Also several touches with the bells half-muffled, after the funeral on the same day, consisting of a 504, 252, and 756 in the same method, and by the same band. On Sunday, November 28th, the ringing was continued, when a 360 of Bob Minor and 252 of Plain Bob Triples were rang. Also after evening prayer, with the bells un-muffled, a 504 in the same method. T. Rider, 1; R. Gibson, 2; W. Wood, 3; W. H. Armitt, 4; A. Holton, 5; E. Sharritt, 6; *T. Turner (conductor), 7; R. Armitt, 8. †Seventeen years of age. *Conductor of all.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 5th, at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, before service, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 42½ mins. C. Chaplin, 1; W. Broadbent, 2; W. Partington, 3; S. G. Davies, 4; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinegar, 8. Also on Thursday, December 2nd, at the church of St. Mary, Matfelon, Whitechapel, with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the late O. E. Coope, Esq., M.P., the usual whole pull and stand, after which a 504 of Grandsire Triples. Also in the evening, after Divine service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 57 mins. J. Bonney, 1; G. Tanner, 2; W. Cecil, 3; H. Springhall, 4; C. Beech, 5; E. Wallace (conductor), 6; S. Joyce, 7; W. Jones, 8. Composed by M. A. Wood.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Monday evening, December 6th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 6-7's, in 48 mins. T. Chapman, 1; G.

Perry, 2; E. Bacon, 3; F. Freeman, 4; J. Rann, 5; W. Lebbon (conductor), 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Brown, 8. This is the longest length ever attained by all local men. First quarter-peal by all except the third, fourth, and sixth ringers. Afterwards a 518 of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. E. Bacon, 1-2; W. Lebbon, 3-4; E. Barnett, 5-6; F. Freeman, 7-8. And a 396 of Grandsire Caters. E. Barnett, 1-2; F. Freeman, 3-4; E. Bacon, 5-6; W. Lebbon, 7-8; W. Clark, 9-10.

LYE (Worcestershire).—Recently, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 minutes (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Davis (Lye), 1; †H. Mason, 2; F. Davis (Lye), 3; †A. G. Parsons (conductor), 4; †R. Bird, 5; W. Bird, 6. Also a 180. W. Taylor (Lye), 1; †R. Bird, 2; F. Davis (Lye), 3; A. Folkes (Lye), 4; †W. Bird, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the Lye Band, also first 720 conducted by A. E. Parsons. †Members of Old Hill Society. Tenor 3½ cwt.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 5th, before evening service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 23½ mins. W. Prestidge, 1; J. Townsend, 2; *T. Cartwright, 3; M. I. Robinson, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. *Hails from Clent, and is the first 720 by him in the above method.

NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, December 4th, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. W. Forster, 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; T. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; T. Moore (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all. Tenor 14 cwt.

NORTHENDEN (Cheshire).—On Sunday, November 28th, at the Parish Church, for Divine service in the morning, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). W. A. Brickell, 1; P. Brickell (conductor), 2; J. Leigh, 3; J. Wilde, 4; T. Price, 5; S. Brickell, 6. Also for service in the evening, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 27 mins. P. Brickell (conductor), 1; T. Brickell, 2; J. Leigh, 3; J. Wilde, 4; T. Price, 5; S. Brickell, 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, November 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 26½ mins. W. Foxall, 1; *H. Johnson, 2; W. Green, 3; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 4; R. Bird, 5; W. Bird, 6. And on Sunday, November 28th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. E. Parsons, 1; R. Bird, 2; W. Bird, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6; H. Cartwright, 7; W. Green, 8. Also 688 of Bob Major, in 27 mins., being the first touch with tenor in. W. Bird, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; R. Bird, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; H. Mason, 5; W. Green, 6; H. Cartwright, 7; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, December 5th, 504 of Grandsire Triples in 18½ mins. H. Johnson, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; W. Foxall, 3; H. Mason, 4; C. W. Bassano, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6; H. Cartwright, 7; R. Bird, 8. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. Johnson, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; H. Mason, 4; R. Bird, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. Tenor 23½ cwt.

OLNEY (Bucks.).—On Tuesday, November 30th, by the local company, at the parish church, twelve 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 1 hr. G. Mynard, 1; W. Osborne (conductor), 2; T. Cole, 3; W. Freeman, 4; W. Jones, 5; B. Brangom, 6. Tenor 36 cwt.

OXFORD.—On Monday, November 1st, at St. Thomas', a 720 of Plain Bob in 24 mins. P. Hind, 1; O. Thomas, 2; A. Hind, 3; W. Finch, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; A. P. M. Custance, Esq., 6. And on Monday, November 7th, at St. Peter's in the East, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. J. West, 1; A. Fox, 2; A. Hind, 3; P. Hind, 4; J. W. Washbrook, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. Also at All Saints, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 23 mins. W. Jeffrey, 1; W. Baston, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. Browning, 4; A. Fox, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, November 9th, at St. Thomas', a 720 of Oxford Bob in 25 mins. W. Wakelin, 1; A. Hind, 2; A. Browning, 3; P. Hind, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; H. Castle, 6. And on Monday, November 14th, at St. Peter's in the East, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 24 mins. J. Fisher (first 720), 1; A. Hind, 2; A. Browning, 3; P. Hind, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; W. Baston, 6. Also on Thursday, November 17th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. A. Fox, 1; W. Finch, 2; E. Field, 3; — Betteridge, Esq., 4; J. W. Washbrook, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. And on Monday, November 23rd, at St. Mary Magdalen, a 720 of College Single in 24 mins. C. Quelch, 1; A. Browning, 2; A. Hind, 3; C. Tolley, 4; F. Castle, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob. P. Hind, 1; H. Castle (conductor), 2; A. Hind, 3; C. Tolley, 4; F. Castle, 5; A. Browning, 6. And on November 28th, at St. Peter's in the East, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 25 mins. J. West, 1; C. Tolley, 2; P. Hind, 3; A. Hind, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; A. Fox, 6. And at All Saints, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 23 mins. W. Jeffrey, 1; P. Hind, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. Browning, 4; A. Hind (conductor), 5; W. Finch, 6. And on November 29th, at St. Michael's, a 720 of College Single in 28 mins. P. Hind, 1; A. Hind, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. Browning, 4; H. J. Castle (conductor), 5; F. Castle, 6.

PIMLICO.—On Saturday evening, November 20th, at St. Barnabas Church, a muffled touch, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, was rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. C. Absolom, one of the oldest members of the society, who died on the 13th inst. A. C. Massey, 1; J. S. Archer, 2; W. La Roche, 3; H. Rowland, 4; G. Wild, 5; W. Goulding, 6; G. Longhurst, 7; G. Massey, 8; T. Blon-din, 9; G. Chesterman and C. Polston, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday evening, December 6th, at the parish church, the local company rang their first true and complete 720 of Superlative Surprise Minor, in 26 mins. J. Saladine (aged 14), 1; G. Jones (aged 14), 2; M. Blezard, 3; W. Thomas, 4; W. Morgan (aged 16), 5; J. Morgan (conductor, aged 17), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in Ab. This is believed to be the first 720 in this intricate method ever rung in the county. The members of this society take this opportunity of acknowledging their indebtedness to Mr. C. Price (College Youth), of Eccleston, for much valuable advice and assistance.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, November 28th, at the church of St. Mary-the Virgin, six of the local company rang for the afternoon service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Luckey (conductor), 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; G. Prior, 5; I. Cavill, 6. And on Thursday, December 2nd, 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; I. Cavill, 5; G. Prior, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; I. Cavill, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by all, and the first on the bells. Tenor 13 cwt.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 28th, for morning service at the parish church, 336 of Bob Triples. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; J. Guest, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; H. Harris, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; J. Crump, 8. Also for evening service, 360 of Bob Minor, with 6, 8, behind. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Guest, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; J. Rodgers, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; J. Crump, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

WINKFIELD (Berks).—The six bells of Winkfield church having recently been rehung in new oak frame, with new fittings, and the four middle bells quarter-turned by Mr. Edwin Rogers, of Maidenhead, they were reopened on Saturday, October 9th, by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, when two 720's of Minor were rung. First 720 by T. Woodford, 1; H. Rogers, 2; R. Smith, 3; Edward Rogers, 4; J. W. Wilkins, 5; W. A. Garraway, 6. Second 720 by H. Rogers, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; R. Smith, 3; Edward Rogers, 4; W. A. Garraway, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor about 14 cwt. Some Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were afterwards rung, several of the Winkfield band taking part in the latter. These bells, which have for years been barely ringable, are now in good condition, and go remarkably well.

WOODFIELD (Herts).—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, November 10th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. S. Seymour, 1-2; J. Smith (conductor), 3-4; R. Rogers, 5-6. And on November 15th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. S. Seymour, 1-2; J. Smith (conductor), 3-4; R. Rogers, 5-6.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Wednesday evening, November 17th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. F. Rice, 1; F. Streeter, 2; J. Tullett, 3; W. Denman, 4; B. Payne, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Meads, 1; F. Streeter, 2; W. Denman, 3; F. Rice (conductor), 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter, 6. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Rice, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And on Monday evening, November 22nd, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. W. Owden, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; G. Illman, 4; W. Denman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; F. Rice (conductor), 2; F. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter, 6. And on Wednesday evening, November 24th, a 720 of Oxford Bob. W. Owden, 1; A. Stoner (Balcombe), 2; T. Tullett, 3; F. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Rice, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, November 21st, at St. Mary's Church, an attempt was made to ring Taylor's Bob and Single peal with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. W. G. Shade, of Greenwich, but after ringing 2100 changes in 1 hr. 15 mins., it came to grief through a change-course occurring. G. Hogg, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; H. Harman, 3; J. C. Harvey, 4; W. Wells, 5; E. E. Richards (conductor), 6; H. Harvey, 7; R. J. Carter, 8.

(Other miscellaneous touches will be found on page 299.)

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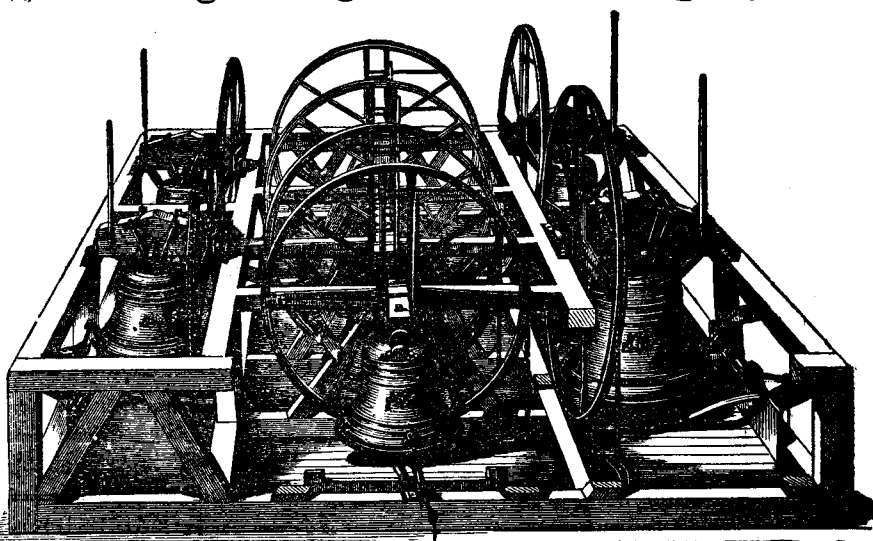
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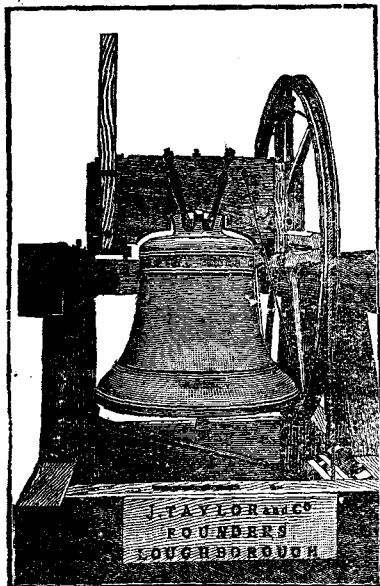
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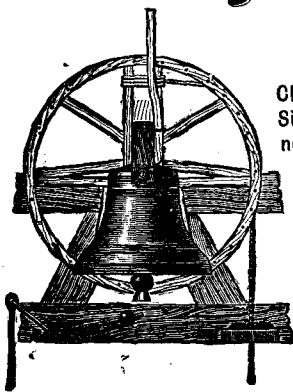
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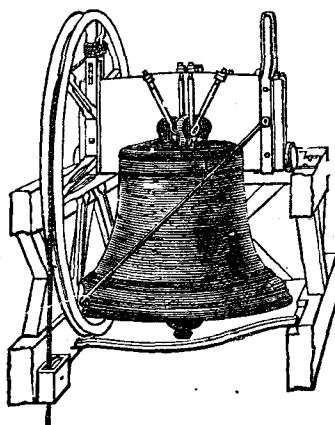
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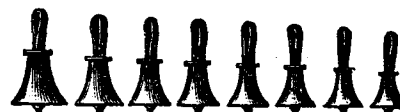
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ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. to Oct.	Nov.	Total.
Midland Counties'	57	6	63
Oxford Diocesan Guild.. .. .	30	5	35
Ancient Society of College Youths	32	2	34
Yorkshire Association	29	2	31
Lancashire Association	24	5	29
St. James' Society, London	21	4	25
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	20	3	23
United Counties' Association	18	4	22
Norwich Diocesan Association	15	4	19
Sussex County Association	11	7	18
Birmingham Amalgamated and District Societies	16	2	18
Kent County Association	14	3	17
Hertford Association	9	5	14
Winchester Diocesan Guild.. .. .	9	2	11
Liverpool Youth's Society	9	1	10
Surrey Association	9	1	10
Holt Society	9	0	9
Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	7	0	7
Essex Association	4	2	6
Rochdale and District Association	4	1	5
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	4	0	4
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	3	0	3
The Society of Trinity Youths	3	0	3
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association	2	0	2
Devonshire Guild	2	0	2
Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association	1	1	2
Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association	1	0	1
Eastern Counties' Guild.. .. .	1	0	1
Bedford Association	1	0	1
Independent Societies	90	10	100
	455	70	524
Less peals entered under two Associations	18	3	21

Total— 437 67 504

The above peals were rung in the following methods.—New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 9; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 10; Double Oxford Bob Major, 8; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 16; Treble Bob Caters, 1; Treble Bob Major, 114; Stedman Cinques, 4; Stedman Caters, 9; Stedman Triples, 45; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Grandsire Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters, 25; Grandsire Major, 9; Grandsire Triples, 175; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 1; Bob Major, 25; Bob Triples, 17; Bob Minor (seven 720's), 2; Union Triples, 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 3; Court Bob Triples, 1; seven Minor methods on six bells, 19; ditto in four methods, 1; ditto in three methods, 2; in four methods on eight bells, 1. Total, 504. Greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,000. Quickest 5000 on church bells, 2 hrs. 32 mins. GEO. F. ATTREE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Ringing Meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, December 11th, at Newchurch, Rossendale. About thirty ringers were present from Bacup, Haslingden, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, and Waterfoot. Touches of Bob Minor, College Single, and Grandsire Triple were rung in the course of the afternoon. At the business meeting, over which Mr. Nutter of Ramsbottom presided, the following resolutions were passed: (1) That an association be formed for the Rossendale division, which association will be willing to join the Lancashire Association, as its Rossendale branch, and pay all dues and demands as other members of the Lancashire Association, and be bound by the same rules, if the Lancashire Association pay the postal expenses of the local secretary. (2) That Mr. J. T. Stott, of Newchurch, be appointed local secretary, and be empowered to get ready a list of Rossendale ringers willing to join the Association. (3) That the district be extended so as to include Ramsbottom.

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THE QUARTERLY MEETING in connection with the above Association, was held on Saturday, December 4th, at Standish, when the following companies were represented: Leyland parish, Leyland St. James, Preston, Blackrod, Chorley, and Standish. About 230 a mixed band from Leyland parish and St. James, assembled in the tower of the parish church, and rang a 720 of College Single Bob in 24 mins., after which several 720's of Bob Minor was rung. At 5 p.m. the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where the usual business was gone through, the meeting closing with a vote of thanks to the rector for the use of the bells and schoolroom for the purpose of this Association.

WALKERVILLE CLOCK AND BELLS.

A novel and interesting church service has recently taken place at Walkerville, when the bells of St. Andrew's were dedicated by the Bishop, and rung for the first time. As this peal is the first which has been acquired by any of our churches, and is the only companion in this colony to that in the tower of the Town Hall, a description of the bells and of the ceremony will be interesting to many readers, especially those whose memories cherish far away echoes from an old parish tower in England. It was evident that there was something unusual astir on Saturday in the quiet village of Walkerville by the number of people bending their steps towards the church, from the top of whose tower waved the flags of St. Andrew and St. George. We may premise that this tower, which has been specially built for the clock and bells since January of the present year, looks a strong and massive piece of work, and is withal in its lines and height of about 70 ft. an object pleasant to the eye. The church was packed with people before four o'clock, the hour of service, and many stood without by the open doors. Away up in the tower the bells had been already raised, with clappers lashed, and now lay with wide upturned mouths and tongues set free waiting for the signal to break the unwilling silence, the ringers standing each by his rope some 30 ft. below. The chancel of the church was bright with blooms of roses, now in their first and best perfection. To the singing of "The Church's one foundation," the choir of St. Andrew's, consisting of eleven men and twelve boys, came up the aisle followed by fourteen or fifteen of the clergy, the incumbent (Archdeacon Dove), and Bishop Kennion, before whom was borne his pastoral staff. The clergy present, besides those named, were Archdeacons Farr and Marryat, Canons Andrews and Denny, and the Revs. H. M. Pollitt, F. S. Poole, F. T. Whittington, B. C. Stephenson (bishop's chaplain), A. Sells, Borrow, P. R. Dodd, F. W. Merrill, W. Ward, and S. Hinson. After a service by the bishop, which was strictly in accord with the present use of the Church of England on such occasions, his lordship, with the clergy and choir, returned to the tower, and the bishop with his hand on a rope, which had been specially let down from the belfry, having said a brief prayer of benediction, gave the word to the ringers and down came the bells in order, the treble leading in D, their tongue giving voice for the first time together. The intention was to have rung about six rounds, while the choir and clergy were regaining their places at the far end of the church, but some unseen mischance had befallen the fourth bell, and her enforced silence marred the harmony of the rest, and spoilt what should have been a bright and inspiring interlude in the service. A hymn, which Archdeacon Dove had specially written for the day, was then sung to the tune of "Faith of our fathers, holy faith," the choir taking their part with much feeling and expression, and the bishop preached an eloquent sermon on the part which church bells have played in Christian worship and in English life. The service concluded with hymn 308, "When morning gilds the skies," in which there occurs a mention of bells, and the music of which has a curiously regular movement. The amount of the offertory was £24. As the congregation dispersed the bells broke out once more, this time with no refractory member in the tuneful company, but coursing merrily after one another in a plain round peal. Very favorable opinions were expressed as to the tone and quality of the bells. It may be that ropes and wheels and blocks, the adjustment of which in a bell-chamber, where 12 feet square of room leaves not an inch to spare, is a matter of great nicety, will work more easily after a little while; and the ringers on this occasion seemed to feel their bells with greater accuracy as the peal went on. Indeed, considering that there had been no "full dress rehearsal" allowed, Mr. Hird (who had charge of the bells) and his friends had many difficulties, but these they ably surmounted. The next thing will be for the Walkerville friends of the church to form a society of young ringers and educate them in this interesting art, which, while it requires the greatest perseverance, is one of the most healthful and interesting exercises both for the mind and body. The ringers were—Messrs. G. Mills, C. Cox, J. Williams, jun., C. M. Hird, J. Boucher, and F. M. Hird (tenor), who were assisted by Messrs. G. Mitchell, H. Spiller, E. Heath, and G. Fraser.

In the procuring of the bells great pains have been taken to get the best possible for their size. Mr. H. H. Walters, late of Adelaide, who is now living in England, took immense trouble in obtaining the highest opinion as to the best founder to employ. At one time he thought of Van Aerschott, the Belgian, who Mr. Haweis, the celebrated musical authority, praises so much, then of Taylor, who cast our excellent Post Office bells, but he was finally led to select Messrs. Mears and Stainbank from hearing a beautiful peal of theirs in his own neighbourhood. The Mears are a race of bell founders during three centuries, and the Whitechapel foundry has been in their family for more than 100 years. There are immense numbers of their bells in England, and their most famous modern achievement is Big Ben, of Westminster, over thirteen tons in weight, which though unhappily cracked is said to be nevertheless a splendid fellow. The order given towards the end of last year to Mears and Stainbank was faithfully carried out,

and entirely to the satisfaction of everyone concerned, the bells proving sweet as well as clear and resonant in tone, and successfully passing the criticism of Dr. Bridge, of Westminster Abbey. As specimens of workmanship they are well worth inspecting. They correspond in calibre nearly to the Town Hall peal, their weights being: tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.; 5th, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.; 4th, 8 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.; 3rd, 7 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb.; 2nd, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.; treble 5 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.; total 50 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. Considerable praise is due to Mr. Brailey, of North terrace, for the way in which he has handled the bells and placed them in position in their frames without any misadventure.

The clock, which occupies a chamber immediately below the bells, presents two clear faces to the village, and has the train for a third dial, which no doubt will some day be added. It is the handsome gift to the church of Mrs. Kent Hughes, in memory of her husband, who for many years with herself was a member and generous helper of the church in Walkerville. The clock is from J. W. Benson, the famous London maker, and no expense seems to have been spared upon it, the pendulum in particular, of mixed metals, being a first rate piece of work. It has three trains and strikes both hours and quarters. The wheels are of fine gun-metal fitted on steel arbors with lantern pinions. It is regulated by a one and a half seconds compensated pendulum of the best type—zinc and iron, which is seven feet in height, and weighted with a solid 11-inch bob. Messrs. Day and Machum, of Rundle street, who were entrusted with the duty of putting the clock together, ingeniously managed to avoid cutting a hole in the floor below for the pendulum by suspending it from the floor above. The hours are struck upon the biggest bell of the peal, and the quarters upon the first and third. The clock will be a boon to the inhabitants of Walkerville and to travellers passing along the North-Eastern road. It may be mentioned that the work of erecting the tower of the church was carefully and efficiently built by Mr. J. Varley, and superintended by Mr. F. J. Naish, the architect.

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HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

Having visited this interesting country place some months ago, I promised the readers of "THE BELL NEWS," an "article" descriptive of the locality. I now hasten to do so for the information and interest of my brother-ringers. It is but a few years past when the name of Hagbourne first appeared in print—no change-ringing whatever being reported in these columns previous to the restoration of the bells in October, 1883—since then, however, numerous performances have come to light.

Hagbourne, an extensive parish with an area of 2,755 acres, situated in the Deanery of Wallingford, and the Diocese of Oxford, consists of the Township of East Hagbourne and the liberty of West Hagbourne, the latter place, one mile out, due west, formerly had a church; nothing can be seen of the building at the present day, and a field called "Church Croft" is the only evidence of its existence. My remarks will therefore only apply to East Hagbourne, or Hagbourne proper, sixteen miles from Wallingford, and two from Didcot, the nearest station on the Great Western Railway. The entire population in 1881 was only 1,270.

The town is situated on a stream, "Haccas Brook," so called, in Saxon times, from a person of that name. It rises from a spring by name "Shovel Spring," which is never known to be dry. At the time of the "Great Survey," Walter, the son of Otherius, held this locality, which was named or spelt "Hackbone" in the Domesday Book.

Henry I. is said to have given the manor to the Monastery of Cirencester, which he founded on the 24th May, 1644. The Parliamentary Army quartered here under the Earl of Essex.

The houses are very picturesque and quaint, there being some good examples of half timbered work, with intervening plaster and tile, and thatched roofs, the Lord of the Manor, S. R. Lloyd Lindsay, V.C., K.C.B., M.P., of Lockinge Park, having very carefully restored some of the most dilapidated places. The neighbourhood is remarkable for its cherry orchards and water-cress beds, and as the season of cherry gathering was full on, the writer had the privilege of seeing the pickers at work, tasting the fruit, and conveying some home at the time of his visit.

St. Andrew is the saint to which the parish church is dedicated, a building of not more than ordinary interest or attraction, large and roomy in proportion with the size of the town, and one often wonders how such grand and imposing edifices appear in such isolated localities. The present days of steam and iron roadways have much to account for and where these imposing erections are met with, showing evidence of man's glory to God. We usually find traces of past flourishing prosperity long since gone, together with the "Stage Coach" of olden times. Various styles of architecture appear in the composition of St. Andrew's, which consists of chancel, nave, north and south aisles, the tower placed at the west end of the nave, and a north porch. The chancel is Early-English, both aisles are clerestoried. The tower is a square embattled perpendicular structure, with angle staircase carried to the tower top, surmounted with a turret. There is a bell cot with canopy pinnacles, and sanctus bell on the roof of the tower, from which may be had a fairly good view of the surrounding country. The scenery is mostly undulating and very extensive towards the river Thames at Wallingford and Moulsoford. The interior of the church shows an open timbered oak roof, good east window, a locker piscina, and several brasses and monuments. The north aisle or chapel was built by John York, and contains several tablets, the first to his wife, Claricia Wyndesore, who died March, 1403, formerly lady of West Hackborn, who caused the chapel to be erected; the second is a tablet to the founder himself, July, 1413. Another handsome tablet in marble is to the memory of John Phillips, a carpenter, at Windsor Castle, to Kings George I. and II., who accumulated a good deal of property in this locality. At the west end of the nave there is a fine oil painting representing King David singing, with his harp—underneath appear the words, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Some years since the church was restored substantially at the cost of £1,200; £200 being given by the Earl of Craven, a former Lord of the Manor. Registers date from 1662. The living, which is a vicarage, has been held since 1878 by the Rev. R. Baker, B.A. The lower part of the tower is open to the nave. On the walls there are fixed notices of various charities, which amount to about £80 annually. The ringing-room is immediately beneath the bell cage, with a double floor intervening, reached by the angle stairs from the inside.

The ringing-room is large, clean, and well lighted, ropes fall in a good circle, short draught, and altogether a good compartment for the purpose. There is also a clock by Fairer, of London, 1863. At the time of my visit there was scarcely sufficient ventilation, owing to the warm weather. There are two peal boards fixed, and another about to go up, which record Holt's Original and Taylor's six-part peals of Grandsire Triples respectively.

On Monday, October 15th, 1883, Hagbourne was the scene of considerable rejoicing of a two-fold character—the harvest festival and the reopening of the bells after being rehung.

The bells had been in an ill-going state for years, but through influential exertions, Mr. White was instructed to restore the fittings, &c., the old frame being renewed and strengthened. At the special afternoon service it was expected that the Bishop of Oxford would preach, in his absence through illness, the Venerable Archdeacon Potts gave an able discourse, most of the local clergy and gentry attending, including the Oxford Guild Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and a company of ringers from Appleton; touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rang all day.

From this day forward the local ringers entertained the idea of method ringing—not without many difficulties were they able to make a start, with the tuition of Mr. Newell, of Reading, and subsequently the services of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, as instructor. Mr. Pether and all the Nappers having kept energetically to their task, are now able to score a peal composed of local men entirely, which is an example for other bands to follow who have far more facilities in their favour, and who still ring in the old style, and Hagbourne, I must remind you, is a place where a suitable person to start bell-ringing is hardly to be met with.

On the 16th January, 1885, the Hagbourne ringers rang their first 120 of Grandsire Doubles—proceeding with Triples very rapidly—in little more than a year they rang a complete peal with no outside assistance. Their abilities have not been entirely confined to home, several successful peal-ringing visits having been paid to Drayton and Dorchester, while we have grown accustomed to see the name of Hagbourne in "THE BELL NEWS" attached to reports of numerous touches, which tend to show what can be done where the influence of a society is brought to bear, like that of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Having been made aware that the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was to take place at Abingdon, on Monday, July 19th, I decided to "go," this old fashioned town being of interest. The church tower restored, the bells augmented, and the vicar, the Rev. R. C. F. Griffiths, having formerly held a curacy in our own parish of Upton-cum-Chalvey, greatly added to my decision. I now look back to that day with pleasurable feelings. Thoughts frequently arise of the various events of the day, the more than usual eloquence of the sermon in the grand old church of St. Helen's, the improved condition of the Guild announced at the business meeting, and the tasteful manner in which some ladies had very kindly written the various performances in the peal-book, the great improvement by the dinner being served in a spacious marquee in the beautifully laid-out abbey grounds, and in the evening a pleasant trip to Drayton with our worthy master, all tended to bring the day, only too soon, to a close. However, we found ourselves at Radley Junction, saying good-bye to several Oxford friends. A knowing porter having told us there was an up train at 9.30, we endeavoured to get home by it, but only to be turned out at Didcot—a miserable wooden station about 40 miles from home—and informed that there was no more trains that night, cast adrift, as it were, in a strange place, the night pitch dark, not a soul about, and to add to our discomfort, rain falling. After getting accustomed to the darkness, we procured a bed for the night at the Prince of Wales, kept by an old ringer, who was very unwell at the time. The following morning we turned out much happier, the weather was clear and bright, and Hagbourne, we were told, only two miles off. Our minds were soon made up to pay a visit to the Nappers. The same day we also saw a numerous meeting of the members of the Oxford Archeological Association for the purpose of examining the antiquarian objects of Hagbourne, including several old crosses, one near the church particularly attracting our notice, standing in the middle of the roadway with a tall shaft surmounted with a cubical sun-dial placed on lofty stonesteps.

Although I live in the country, as I walked across those two miles of Berkshire fields from Didcot to Hagbourne, the morning air seemed to blow over with such healthful influence, recalling to memory some few lines descriptive of summer mornings in the county I recently read.

Arriving at Hagbourne we were entertained at the "Fleur-de-Lis," by the host, Mr. William Napper, who, with the other local ringers, gave us a kind welcome and made our day a happy one.

There is nothing further of interest that I can describe to my readers about Hagbourne. I have explained how it was I came to go there—through being dished by the railway company—and what was seen, with the hope that my contribution may be acceptable, it only remains for me to tender the best thanks of my brother and myself to those numerous friends met during our two days in Berkshire, and to add that any ringers who are anxious to have a happy day in the country—must go in the summer, when the cherries are ripe, and if they can manage it—"go to Hagbourne."

W. H. F.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

The Master requests all members in town to attend Meeting, Headquarters, St. Martin's Lane, on Friday, December 17th, at 9 sharp, and country members to kindly send present address on post card to 71 Bridge Road West, Old Battersea, Surrey.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1886.

The Provinces.

DEWSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 11, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5555 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN GARFORTH Treble.	NATHANIEL HEPWORTH .. 5.
ARTHUR GOODALL* 2.	GEORGE H. HARDY* .. 6.
ISAAC IDLE* 3.	JOHN BUCKLEY* 7.
JOHN H. DIXON† 4.	GARFORTH TAYLOR* .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. HARDY.

*Yorkshire Association, †College Youth.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—THE ORMSKIRK SOCIETY.

Birthday Peal.

On Thursday, December 9, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT Treble.	JAMES SHOLICAR 5.
WILLIAM B. LLOYD† 2.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 6.
HENRY WINROW 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7.
WILLIAM ELLIS 4.	PETER H. HARVEY* .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

The above was rung in honor of the treble ringer attaining his 64th year, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD BRANCH).

On Saturday, December 11, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN HOWE Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
JOHN CARTER 2.	ALFRED ROBINSON 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
WILLIAM HICKLING 4.	A. PERCIVAL Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

In this peal, which is now rung for the first time, 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th place.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 11, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM STRINGER Treble.	JOHN MURPHY 5.
JOHN BENN 2.	PETER CONLON 6.
AUSTIN HALES 3.	JAMES PLANT 7.
MARTIN MURPHY 4.	FRANCIS HALES Tenor.

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY, of Birmingham, and Conducted by JAMES PLANT.

This is the first peal rung by the above Society.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER VERRAL Treble.	ALFRED WOOLLEY 5.
EDWARD PRICE 2.	DAVID HALL 6.
EDWARD BALDOCK 3.	JAMES W. LEONARD .. 7.
WILLIAM HARDEN 4.	WILLIAM HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

The above peal was rung on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a new chapel at Eccles, a hamlet of Aylesford.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

J. GOUGH Treble.	J. TINSLEY 5.
G. GARMSTON 2.	J. JONES 6.
J. FULLWOOD 3.	W. SMITH 7.
J. CARTER 4.	T. SMALL Tenor.

Composed by J. BRUERTON, and Conducted by JOHN TINSLEY.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 11, 1886, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

D. WILSON* Treble.	J. W. LANG 5.
C. B. D. FARROW* 2.	J. CLAYTON 6.
G. THORNTON 3.	A. BRIGGS 7.
T. GOODALL 4.	B. A. DODSON Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY, of Earlsheaton, and Conducted by B. A. DODSON.

Messrs. Goodall, Lang, and Briggs belong to Liversedge; Farrow hails from Tong; the rest from Birstall. This peal is in two parts and has never been previously performed. *First peal.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD AMALGAMATED
SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 11, 1886, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CHANGES, IN FOUR DIFFERENT
METHODS,

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor, one 720 of Grandsire Minor, and two 720's of Plain Bob Minor.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

S. J. WINCEY* Treble.	E. BARNETT 4.
J. GOBBETT 2.	W. LEBBON 5.
J. NUNN 3.	HUGH SCARLETT Tenor.

Conducted by HUGH SCARLETT.

*First peal, and was proposed previous to starting for the peal, a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths. This is the first 5040 ever accomplished by the Wanstead and Woodford Amalgamated Society on six bells, and the first ever rung in the parish church of Woodford. This peal was rung on the occasion of the annual dinner at the meeting house, the White Hart Hotel.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE
HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1886, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THOMAS WEBB* Treble.	*JOHN W. ROSLYN 5.
WALTER BATTLE 2.	*RICHARD JACKSON 6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL 3.	NEWMAN N. HILLS 7.
JOHN SMITH* 4.	HENRY L. WADDINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by NEWMAN NORWOOD HILLS.

Messrs. Hills, Waddington, Cartmel, and Battle are members of the St. Alban's Cathedral Society, the rest are local members. *First peal. First peal on the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. BASSETT* Treble.	*HENRY KENTEN 5.
THOMAS MILES† 2.	JAMES EASTON 6.
STEPHEN BROOKER 3.	JESSE HAWKINS 7.
HENRY PEDERICK* 4.	GEORGE PEDERICK* Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This peal was rung at the first attempt, and is the first conducted by a resident of Epsom for sixty-three years. Stephen Brooker hails from Leatherhead; the rest are local members.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above association will hold its intermediate meeting on Saturday, December 18th, at Walsden parish church. Bells ready at 2. Meeting at 4. Members are requested to attend; business of importance.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN HOPWOOD Treble.	JAMES WOOD 5.
JOHN LEIGH 2.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 4.	*JOHN HARRISON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE LONGDEN.

*First peal.

Date Touches.

BENGOE (Herts.).—On Sunday, December 12th, for Divine service in the evening, a date touch (1886 changes), in four different methods with two made-up changes, in 60 mins. T. Barker, 1; W. Childs, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Bennett, 5; H. Phillips (conductor), 6. Longest touch by the local company. Our correspondent, Mr. H. Phillips, Bengoe, Herts., adds:—"I should esteem it a great favour if some kind friend would send me a 446 and 447 of one of the following methods: Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Court."

LINCOLN.—On Thursday, December 9th, at the cathedral, a date touch (1886 changes) of Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. W. Stiles, 1; S. Woodthorpe, 2; T. Kegworth, 3; G. Doughty, 4; T. Robinson, 5; J. Vickers, 6; F. Rose, 7; F. Stewart, 8. All are members of the North Lincolnshire Association. The peal with 6th eighteen courses the right in 5-6. Composed and conducted by Mr. T. Robinson.

Miscellaneous.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, December 4th, at the church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Union Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins., being the first quarter-peal in this method on the bells. J. S. Wright, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; G. Skeef, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; R. Jarvis, 8. And on Sunday, December 5th, at 10 a.m., 518 of Grandsire Triples. And for evening service, 672 of Grandsire Triples. And after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 49 mins. J. Brown, 1; R. Jarvis (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; G. Skeef (conductor), 7; C. Creasey, 8. On Tuesday, December 7th, 518 of Grandsire Triples. J. R. Mackman, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; J. W. Jarvis, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; C. Neaverson, 7; J. Brown, 8. And on Thursday, December 9th, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Hollis's five-part peal. J. Brown, 1; R. Jarvis, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; G. Skeef, 4; J. W. Jarvis, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. S. Wright, 7; J. Peck, 8. And on Saturday, December 11th, a quarter-peal of Union Triples. R. Jarvis, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; J. W. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; G. Skeef (conductor), 7; J. Brown, 8. And on Sunday, December 12th, for Divine Service in the morning, 518 of Grandsire Triples. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 714 of Grandsire Triples.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, December 7th, at St. Paul's Church, for practice, 504 of Bob Triples. S. Cullip, 1; F. Keech, 2; W. Allan, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. Chapman, 5; M. Warwick, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; S. Cullip, 2; W. Allan, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Biggs, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. Frossell, 8. Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, December 13th, for practice, at St. Paul's Church, 504 of Bob Triples. J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; W. Allan, 4; H. Chapman, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6-7; C. Pass, 8. Also on Thursday, December 9th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 of College Little (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick, 2; *F. Keech, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. Cullip, 5; *H. Chapman, 6. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

BROMHAM (Beds.).—On Saturday, December 11th, for practice, 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. King, 1; H. Chapman, 2; F. Foote, 3; C. West, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOREHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, November 12th, Messrs. W. Harvey, A. Tarbun and W. Piper, of Widford, and W. Lincoln, of Writtle, paid a visit to St. Andrew's Church, and rang 360 of Bob Minor. W. Harvey, 1; M. Rolfe, 2; J. Young, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; H. Argent (conductor), 5; W. Piper, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Richell, 1; J. Shonk, 2; W. Harvey, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Piper, 5; †W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. M. Rolfe hails from Springfield, the rest are of the local company. †First 720 in the method as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, December 5th, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. McLaughlin (first double-handed), 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; T. Scarlett (first 720 as conductor double-handed), 5-6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRADLEY.—On Saturday, December 11th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. G. Evans, 1; A. C. Buckell, 2; E. J. Beatley, 3; J. T. Horton, 4; J. Field, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, December 11th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. Also some 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. G. Evans, 1; A. C. Buckell, 2; E. J. Beatley, 3; J. T. Horton, 4; J. Field, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, December 13th, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Broom, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; F. Hayes, 3; G. Hayes, 2; G. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

MERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, November 30th, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1680 of Bob Major. W. Post, jun., 1; E. Ruck, sen., 2; F. Wanstall, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; G. Pain, 5; F. Wanstall, 6; W. Hyder (conductor), 7; P. Hodgkin, 8. Messrs. Ruck and Pain are local men, the rest hail from Aldington. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Sunday, December 12th, for Divine Service in the afternoon at St. Martin's Church, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). W. Post, sen., 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; F. Wanstall, 3; Fred Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Also after service another 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and six bobs). W. Post, jun., 1; C. Viggers, 2; D. Hodgkin, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Friday evening, December 10th, at St. Werburgh's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. R. Redgate, 1; W. H. Poyser, 2; A. Taberner, 3; J. Howe, 4; W. Midgley, 5; R. Bosworth (conductor), 6; H. Found, 7; G. Slack, 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, December 5th, for Divine service in the morning, at St. Peter's Church, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; T. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, December 12th, after Divine service in the evening, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. E. Young, 1; T. Simmonds, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, December 5th, for Divine service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with the tenor behind, in 28 mins. E. Smith, 1; H. Smith, 2; W. Smith, 3; H. Bond, jun., 4; W. Large (conductor), 5; D. Francis, 6; W. Launchbury, 7. The above is the first 720 in the method by the society. Also on Monday evening, December 6th, the above band rang another 720 of Plain Bob Minor. The above are the first two 720's in the method by the Burford Ringers. On Sunday evening, December 12th, for Divine service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Hall, 1; D. Francis, 2; H. Smith, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; H. Bond, jun., 7; W. Launchbury, 8.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

SHEFFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, December 5th, at St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. J. Mulligan, 1; *T. Sarel, 2; E. Woodward, 3; J. Goacher, 4; W. Biggin, 5; J. Mulligan (conductor), 6; J. A. Dixon, 7; W. Midgley, 8. Also 224 of Bob Major. W. Midgley, 1; J. Goacher, 2; W. Gardiner, 3; W. Biggin, 4; J. Dixon, 5; J. Mulligan, 6; J. Mulligan, 7; E. Woodward, 8. *First quarter-peal; formerly of Chelmsford.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHDIOCONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 12th, a silent 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Walker, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. J. Morton, 3; J. Baddeley, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; J. Wood, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants.).—On Monday, November 15th, at St. Peter's Church, 504 of Stedman Triples, in 18 mins. (being the first 504 of Stedman rang by members of the Guild in Hampshire). J. Hewett, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; C. Privett, 3; F. Hill, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 8. And on the handbells, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 19½ mins. C. Privett, 1; G. Grafham, 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; F. Hill, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6. Also on Friday, December 10th, at St. Peter's Church, on the back six, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 and 26 mins. respectively. G. Passingham, 1; C. Privett, 2; J. Hewett, 3; F. Hill, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in F. These are the first 720's of Treble Bob ever rang by a local band in Fareham.

HAMBLEDON (Hants.).—On Saturday evening, December 4th, at S.S. Peter and Paul Church, 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 24 mins. E. N. Garnett, 1; J. Staples, 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; F. Hill, 4; T. Newnham, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, December 21st, for evening service, at the parish church, a 1344 of Grandsire Triples, with the twenty-four 6-7's, in 47 mins. †Frank Elliot, 1; I. Goodwin, 2; G. Toplis (conductor), 3; D. Farthing, 4; †John Goodwin, 5; A. Knights, 6; J. Hunt, 7; T. Mee, 8. †First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal inside. Tenor 24½ cwt.

OSSETT (Yorks.).—On Sunday, December 12th, for Divine service in the evening, a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (2528 changes), in 1 hr. 38 mins. A. Spurr, 1; W. Bircham, 2; G. Crawshaw, 3; J. Chapell, 4; J. A. Idle, 5; W. Dixon, 6; W. Byrom, 7; D. Stephenson (conductor), 8. Composed by G. H. Hattersley. Tenor 26½ cwt.

ASH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, in 24 mins. R. Rogers, 1; E. Baldock, 2; J. Worsley, 3; J. W. Leonard, 4; R. Edge, 5; Chas. Taylor, 6. Also another 720 in the same method. R. Rogers, 1; John Worsley, 2; Chas. Taylor, 3; E. Baldock, 4; J. W. Leonard, 5; John Rogers, 6. Both the above 720s were conducted by J. W. Leonard.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 12th, after evening service at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. L. Griffiths, 1; D. Garbett, 2; *J. Cartwright, 3; H. Hartshorn, 4; W. Hartshorn, 5; A. Whatmore (conductor), Tenor 14 cwt. *Hails from Clent.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 7th, for practice, a 360 of Bob Minor. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. K. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford Single Bob. E. More (conductor), 6; F. Bridge, 4; the rest as before. Also another 360 of Bob Minor. F. Arnold, 1; F. Bridger, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Saunders, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, December 12th, for evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. E. Jordan (conductor), 1; R. Arnold, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. Arnold, 1; T. Stedman, 2; A. Mills, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. E. Moses, 1; T. Stedman, 2; F. K. Arnold, 3; A. Mills, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Messrs. Jordan, Mills, and Stedman hail from Capel, the rest from Betchworth.

BYTHORN (Hunts.).—On Sunday, December 5th, for Divine service, 240 changes, being five 24's of Reversed Bob Singles, and five 24's of Double Bob Singles. W. Richards, 1; F. Smith, 2; R. Dunxley, 3; E. Chapman, 4. And on Thursday, December 9th, 720 changes, being five 24's of the following methods upon four bells, Single reversed, and Double Bob Singles, reversed, and Single Grandsire Singles, and Single Place Singles. W. Richards, 1; F. Smith, 2; E. Chapman, 3; H. Twelvtree, 4. Tenor 14 cwt.

DARESBURY (Cheshire).—On Sunday, October 31st, the local society rang for morning service a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. T. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; P. Hamblett, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, 6. And on Saturday, November 13th, a 360 of Bob Minor, in 14 mins. T. Houghton, sen., 1; D. Melbourne (first 360), 2; P. Johnson, 3; C. Hartley, 4; P. Hamblett, 5; T. Houghton, 6. Also on Sunday, November 14th, for morning service, a 360 of Bob Minor. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; A. de Prez, 3; C. Hartley, 4; P. Hamblett, 5; T.

Houghton, 6. Also on Saturday, November 27th, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. T. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; A. de Prez, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. de Prez, 5; P. Hamblett, 6. And a 360 in the same method. D. Melbourne, 2; the others standing as before. Tenor 12 cwt.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, December 13th, the local company rang for practice 720 each of College Trebles and Arnold's Victory, in 55 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 14 lb.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, October 31st, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. G. Griffin, 1; T. Glead, 2; G. Harvey, 3; J. Leach, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; J. Nixon, 6. And on Sunday morning, December 5th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 24 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; T. Glead, 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Leach, 4; J. Nixon, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; G. Griffin, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; J. Barrett (Queen's Park), 4; (fifth man omitted), J. Nixon, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LONDON.—On Friday, November 26th, 1886, at St. George's church in the Borough, S.E., a band met to ring, if possible, a St. James's Society peal of Stedman Triples, but owing to the absence of F. G. Newman, Esq., it could not be attempted. Dr. W. Meadows, and W. W. Thorne turned up late by accident, however, and a touch of seven courses was rang. W. Jones, 1; H. Langdon, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; R. French (conductor), 6; A. Hayward, 7; G. Woodage, 8. Only the week before another band were served in a similar manner, Mr. Newman failing to be at Mortlake to attempt Holt's Original as promised.

THE ALLAN REQUEST.—At a meeting of the sidesmen of Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, held on Wednesday, it was announced that the £300 left by the late Mr. Robert Henry Allan, Blackwell Hall, to provide a peal of bells for the church was now available, and it was therefore decided to proceed with the project at once.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, December 9th, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 25½ mins. W. Prestidge, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. R. Round, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; W. Micklewright (Dudley, conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. The above were rung to commemorate the marriage of Mr. William Hipkiss, vicar's ward. And on Sunday, December 12th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 26 mins. R. Round, 1; W. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 25 mins. R. Round, 1; J. Brookes, 2; J. Townsend, 3; F. Davies, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith, 6. And a 240 of Kent Treble Bob was rung before morning and evening service. F. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith, 6. The ringing on Sunday being conducted by J. Smith. All the above are members of the Worcester Diocesan Association except Messrs. Brookes and Davies, who hail from the Lye, Worcestershire.

PETERBOROUGH (Northamptonshire).—On Tuesday, November 30th, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and four bobs), with the 6th and 8th behind. C. W. Holdich, 1; H. Plowman, 2; E. F. Read, 3; G. Baker, 4; T. Measures, 5; J. T. Binks, 6; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 7; Robinson (Whittlesea), 8. Also on Sunday, December 5th, for Divine service in the morning, 420 of Bob Triples, containing Whittington, Queens, and Tittums, and for evening service, 532 in the same method, being the full extent of the Tittums, taken from *Rope Sight*. C. W. Holdich, 1; H. Plowman, 2; E. F. Read, 3; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 4; G. Baker, 5; T. Measures, 6; J. Hancock, 7; J. S. Binks, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Also on Tuesday 7th, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), rang on the front six. C. W. Holdich, 1; W. A. Tyler, 2; J. Hancock, 3; T. Measures, 4; G. Baker, 5; E. F. Read (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Cheshire).—On Sunday afternoon, December 12th, at St. Lawrence's church, by the local company, assisted by Messrs. Day and Bannister, rang six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, each called differently, in 29½ mins. A. Bannister, 1; T. Allibone (conductor), 2; G. Tarlton, 3; *P. J. Tarlton, 4; T. Day, 5; W. Hopkinson, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. *First 720 in any method.

RIPPLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 12th, some members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Society visited the above place, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. R. H. Witherington, 1; S. Cleal, 2; C. Axford, 3; *C. W. Dyson, 4; Lionel Longley (conductor), 5; J. Wathen, 6. *First 720 in the method on a bob bell.

SEDGLEY (Staffs).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Friday, December 10th, at the parish church, by the local company, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples,

in 44 mins., with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Hickman, of Sedgley. J. Goodman, 1; D. Bruce, 2; W. Mills, 3; S. Bunn, 4; J. Screen, 5; R. Schofield (conductor), 6; J. Devenport, 7; E. Screen, 8. And on Sunday December 12th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 minutes. J. Goodman, 1; D. Bruce, 2; J. Devenport, 3; G. Hughes, 4; W. Purdoo, 5; S. Bunn, 6; R. Schofield (conductor), 7; E. Screen, 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Tuesday, December 7th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. A. Barnes (first quarter-peal), 1; R. T. Kent, 2; T. Grant, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, December 11th, a quarter-peal, taken from Holt's Original, in 44 mins. J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; E. P. Debenham (first quarter-peal double-handed), 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, December 12th, after evening service 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. F. A. Nunn, 1; W. Smith, 2; L. Green, 3; F. Bines, 4; G. Cornell, 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, November 28th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one and twelve singles), in 24 mins. A. Kirby, 1; R. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittam, 4; A. Tennant, 5; F. Weare (conductor), 6.

WITNESHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 11th, 1886, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Sadler, 1; T. Sadler, 2; C. Chovett, 3; W. Motts, 4; J. Motts (conductor), 5; A. R. Aldham, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—Several courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples. C. Chovett, 1-2; T. Sadler, 3-4; A. R. Aldham, 5-6; J. Motts, 7-8; W. Motts, 9-10. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 28 mins. W. Motts, 1; *J. Ramsey, 2; C. Chovett, 3; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 4; J. Motts, 5; J. W. Lines, 6. *First 720.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 5th, at the parish church, for morning service, 720 of Plain Bob and 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullet, 3; G. Illman, 4; W. Denman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also for service in the afternoon, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; H. Meads, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also in the evening 720 of Kent Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; E. Streeter, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Streeter, 1; H. Meads, 2; W. Denman, 3; F. Rice (conductor), 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter, 6. Also on Wednesday evening, for practice, 720 of Plain Bob. W. Owden, 1; F. Streeter, 2; J. Tullett, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Violet Treble Bob. F. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; H. Meads, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.—PRESENTATION OF A PEAL BOOK.

A meeting of this society was held at the rectory on Friday evening, the Venerable Archdeacon Lawrance presiding. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and signed, the chairman read a letter from Mr. N. N. Hills, who was unavoidably absent, requesting the Archdeacon to present to the society a handsomely bound peal book, in memory of his late wife, and in commemoration of having conducted the first peal of the society. In presenting the book, the chairman remarked on the deep interest Mr. Hills had taken in furtherance of the art, and said that the rapid progress the members were making was mainly due to the efforts of Mr. Hills. The thanks of the society he said were due to the donor of the book for the great trouble he had taken in instructing them. A resolution of thanks was passed to Mr. Hills. The first page of the book bears the following inscription:—"To the loving memory of Emily, the dearly loved wife of Newman Norwood Hills, who departed this life August 30th, 1886, aged 30 years. Presented to the society by the conductor of its first peal in memory of a dear wife." On the next page are the names of the society's officers and original members, following this is an inscription recording the peal above mentioned. The book which is neatly and strongly bound, in boards, with gilt letters and edges, and contains space for about 150 peals is the work of Mr. B. Keeble, of Waterloo Road, Romford, Essex, into whose hands a work of this description could not be better placed, he being alike thoroughly proficient in the science of change-ringing, and the art of first class bookbinding, and he has in this instance carried out the work in a most satisfactory manner.

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W. W. BOLTON, } Hon. Secs.
T. E. GLOVER, }

Correspondence.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE "NEW MINOR METHOD."

SIR,—It is with some reluctance that I write to question Mr. Seccombe's claim to the title of originator of the Minor method he sends you, and which he proposes to call "Lynn Court," but the fact is that I had that method in my possession for some time. It was shown to me three years ago by Mr. Robert Tuke, who had propounded it, and had it not been for the paucity of spare time at my disposal, and the fact that we ring very little of Minor in Bradford, we should have rung a 720 of it before this. However, I would not for one moment wish to detract any of the credit due to Mr. Seccombe in this matter; if not actually the first "inventor" of it, he certainly has been the first to publish it in your columns. With regard to the method itself, I think it is well worthy a place among our numerous Minor systems, as there are (to quote Mr. Seccombe), "many curious points about it," one of which is that in each lead as the treble is coursing straight up and down, another bell is coursing in exactly the reverse way down and up (see 6th in first lead). As to the guide for ringing the method, I give our mode of ringing it; perhaps Mr. Seccombe may have a better one. The principle is, that each bell on going up after its lead makes third's place and back, unless it meets the treble in 3-4, in which case it goes straight on; in like manner each bell coming from behind makes fourth's place and back, unless the treble is immediately in front of it, when it strikes into fourth's. The bell the treble takes off the lead lays to it and leads again as in Plain Bob; the bell which meets that and the treble makes thirds, fourths, and out; second and treble dodges in 5-6 up; three and treble dodges in 5-6 down; four and treble makes fourth's, thirds, and in to lead. At a bob the bell the treble takes off the lead makes thirds, and back; that and treble also makes thirds and back; two and three and treble dodge together in 5-6 as before; and four and treble makes two fourths places and up. Singles are made the same as in Plain Bob. The method will be found not difficult to master, especially with Plain Bob ringers, and as to the question whether it will come true with the same calling as Plain Bob, I might say that on Mr. Tuke submitting it to Mr. Snowdon, three years ago, he proved it and found it correct. I would add one more word. Mr. Seccombe proposes to style this method "Lynn Court," the name we have practised it under is "Tuke's Exercise." B. T. COPLEY.
Bradford, December 13th, 1886.

SIR,—Dr. Seccombe is entitled to whatever credit is due to him who makes a new addition to the hundred and one or more Minor Methods which are known to be in existence. Personally, I am not sufficiently well acquainted with all these varieties to be able to say with certainty whether the method Dr. Seccombe has given us is absolutely new or not. If new, it will, no doubt, be a welcome addition to the repertoire of our six-bell ringers. I have been wondering whether Dr. Seccombe derived his inspiration from Double Stedman's Slow Course. If not he is entitled to all the more credit for his production. Anyone who examines Lynn Court will see at once that it is founded upon the double three-bell-peal plan, and is divisible into groups of six changes, the passage of the treble in 3-4, marking the "parting of the sixes." Moreover, these groups are further distinct by being composed alternately of out and in course changes. Thus, with the treble in 4-5-6 we have a group of six out of course changes; then with the treble in 1-2-3 a group of six in course changes. The working bells pass from one three-bell-peal to another by making progressive places in 3-4. Now, in all these particulars Lynn Court is analogous to, and indeed one with, Double Stedman's Slow Course, the difference between the two being that in Lynn Court the leads are all plain leads, and the work is simpler, there being no snapping blows or whole turns in front or behind, while on the other hand the places are better distributed in Double Stedman than in Lynn Court. I hope Dr. Seccombe may be induced to carry his work further, and give us the Major variation, making a double method of it. H. EARLE BULWER.

SIR,—Having seen in "THE BELL NEWS" of last Saturday, December 11th, a method which Mr. J. T. Seccombe, of King's Lynn, claims as his composition under the title of Lynn Court, I beg to state that I composed the self-same method five years ago, and sent the same to you Mr. Editor, in January 1883, for publication in "THE BELL NEWS," under the title of Aldington Surprise. But I understood by an answer in the next week's "BELL NEWS," February 3rd, 1883, from you, that it was a very old method, nearly 100 years old, so I rested content until now. But now the method has at last appeared I claim it as my original composition, viz., Aldington Surprise, a 720 of which I sent you for inspection with the method to publish if you

found it true. And yet I hope Mr. Seccombe may still find a method which is, as he states, true, new, and original, and that my remarks may not discourage him in the least, and trusting I have not trespassed too far on your valuable space. PHILIP HODGKIN.
Aldington, Kent.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF RINGING FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 13TH, 1886.

By the Angmering and Goring Branches, at Goring.—On December 3rd, fourteen 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Hayler, 1; S. Parsons, 2; C. Hills, 3; W. Ratley, 4; H. Evans (conductor), 5; W. Payne, 6.

By the Brighton Branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, for Divine service in the afternoon, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; E. C. Attree, 3; A. Piper, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8.

By the Steyning Branch, at Steyning.—On Tuesday, December 7th, a 720 of Single Court Bob in 27 mins. T. Searle, 1; G. Smart, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob in 27 mins. G. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Single Court Bob. T. Searle, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 180 of Yorkshire Court Bob. T. Searle, 1; G. Smart, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham Branch, at Warnham.—On Monday, December 6th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Wood, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; G. Woodman, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; T. Wood, 8. Also a 360 of London New Bob, and a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. And on Saturday, December 11th, eight members of the above Association attempted Holt's six-part peal of Union Triples, but after ringing upwards of 800 changes it came to grief through a miscall. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Cook, 3; H. Wood, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Burstow, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; T. Hogsflesh, 8. And a half-peal (2520 changes) in the same method, the ringers standing as before. The first in the method by all except H. Burstow. Also on Monday, December 13th, for practice, a plain course of each of the following methods: Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, London New Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Warnham Court Bob and a 720 of Oxford Single Bob with 6-8 covering, in 44 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; T. Andrews, 3; H. Cook, 4; H. Wood, 5; W. Charman, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; T. Hogsflesh, 8. Also two 210's of Oxford Bob Triples. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4th, eight members of the above Association journeyed to Christ Church, Pendlebury, for the purpose of ringing a peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes, taken from the Shipway reprint. A start was made, and all went on smoothly until 4564 changes were rung in 2 hrs. 34 mins., when the vicar of the church started kicking at the door for three or four minutes. The conductor called "stand," and the door being opened, the vicar politely said that there would be service at 7 p.m., and he did not want the ringing to exceed that time. When told the peal was nearly finished, he (the Vicar), was very sorry. The following took part: W. Crossley, 1; J. Grimshaw, 2; J. Barratt, 3; J. Welsby, 4; C. Cash, 5; R. Ridyard, 6; F. Derbyshire, 7; E. Cash (conductor), 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Messrs. Cash brothers, Barratt and Grimshaw, hail from Eccles; Ridyard, Welsby and Derbyshire, from Worsley, and W. Crossley from Swinton. This would have been the first peal in the method on the bells.

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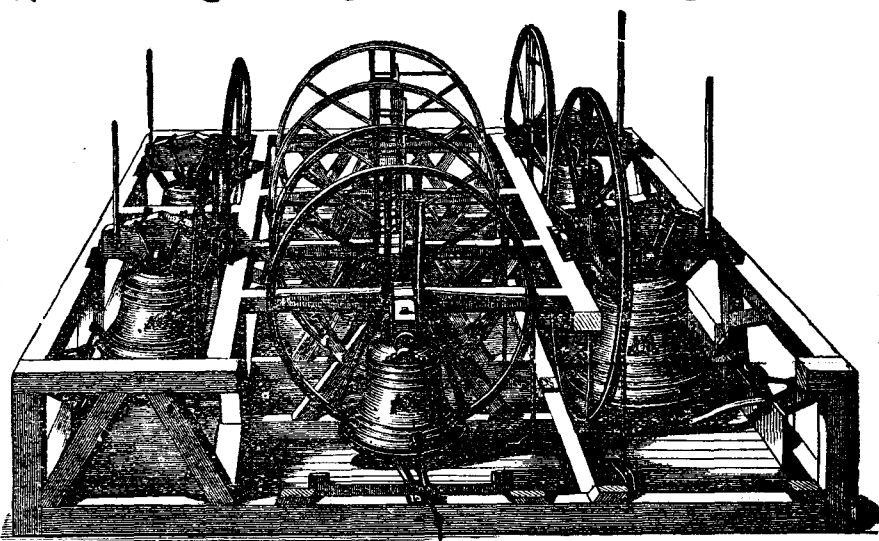
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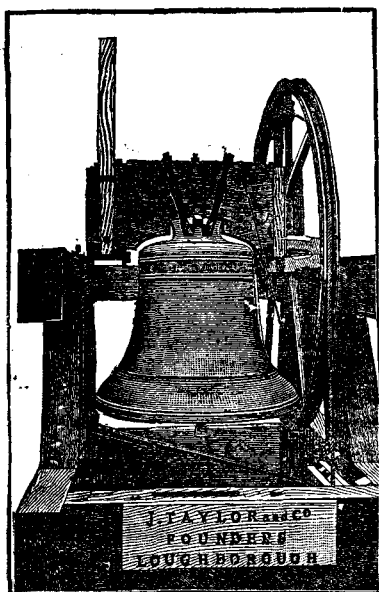
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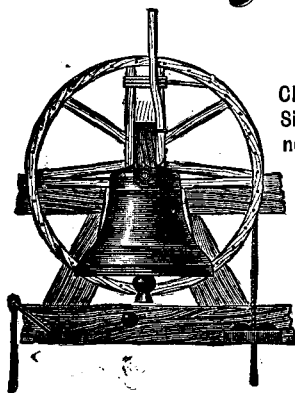
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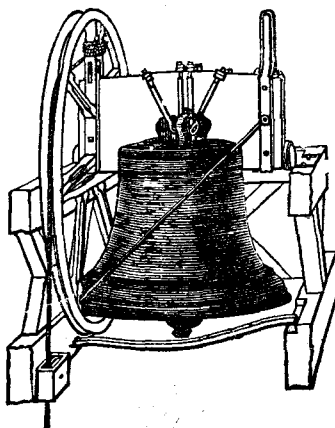
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HARTLAND CHURCH BELLS.

A SERVICE for the dedication of the church bells was held at St. Nectan's, Stoke Hartland, on Dec. 10, at 2.30 p.m. It was the occasion of general rejoicing among the parishioners, and the sacred edifice was crowded, not less than eight hundred being present. The service was intoned by the Rev. S. Vidal, vicar of Abbotsham, and the vicar, the Rev. T.H. Chope, read the lesson and pronounced the blessing. In the middle of the service, after the chanting of Psalm cl., a short touch was rung by the Bideford band of ringers, after which was sung the beautiful hymn commencing—

Now at length our bells are mounted
To their holy place on high,
Ever to fulfil their mission
Midway 'twix the earth and sky.

A most practical and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Conrad Finzel, vicar of Woolsery, from the word "Remember," taken from the part of the 25th verse of the 16th chapter of St. Luke. The bells, he said, at one time plaintive, at another joyful, were voices that spoke continually of God, calling us to prayer and praise in our chequered life. To the sinner they were voices of warning, for they seemed to say to his conscience, "Return, and come to God." The voices of the bells bid one and all remember their duty and their responsibilities, and live the only life worth living for. The collection made at the close in aid of the bell fund amounted to £8 11s. 6d.

At 4.30 p.m. the parishioners and friends of the neighbourhood sat down to a sixpenny public tea in the Board schoolroom. Trays were generously given by Mrs. Stucley, of Hartland Abbey, and other friends to the cause. The sum realised from this source was £8 3s. 6d. In the evening a miscellaneous entertainment, consisting of music, songs, and magic lantern scenes, was given by Misses Fane, of Clovelly Court, the Misses Chope, of Hartland Vicarage, and the Rev. Conrad Finzel and other amateurs. The amount collected at the doors realised £7 6s. 6d., bringing the total proceeds of the day to £24 1s. 6d.

The fine tower of the parish church, dedicated to St. Nectan, unequalled by any other in the deanery, surpassed by few in the county, is admired by all who have seen it. The cage of bells and the bell chamber within it had long been going to decay, and on Friday the parishioners, Nonconformists as well as Churchpeople, rejoiced together that the work had been happily accomplished of improving the peal of bells by re-hanging and by the recasting of one of them, and of a new floor to the bell chamber, the cost of which will amount to £200, while the new pinnacles, the lightning conductor, and other improvements, some time completed, have caused a deficiency of £100 more. To liquidate this debt the people in the parish are "one and all," "heart and hand," joining in raising the sum of £300, being anxious to sustain the fair beauty of the Lord's House in their parish, which their forefathers have handed down to them as a much-valued possession; and which they feel it their duty and their privilege to hand on, perfect and uninjured, to those who shall come after them.

At the close of the entertainment, the Vicar rose and gave the crowded audience a brief account of the origin of church bells. Large bells, he said, were in England as early as A.D. 670, that is more than 1200 years ago. A complete peal, however, did not occur till nearly two hundred years later, when Turketal, Abbot of Croyland in Lincolnshire, presented his Abbey with seven bells. At this early period, and for some centuries later, bell-founding, like other scientific crafts, was carried on by the monks. In after times, bell-founding became a regular trade in large towns. It was scarcely probable that any bells now remained in this country of date prior to the fourteenth, or at most thirteenth century. So much for bells. Now it remained for them to thank those who had so kindly contributed to the day's enjoyment. First of all Col. Stucley, the best and most liberal squire that had ever lived under the Abbey roof, deserved their thanks for having first proposed the work of re-hanging their church bells and the recasting of one of them. The work had been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. Henry Tardrew, Iron Founder, of Bideford. To the Mrs. Stucley of Hartland Abbey, to the Misses Fane of Clovelly Court, and to the Misses Chope of the vicarage, too much praise could not be accorded for the very active part they had taken throughout to make the day a complete success.

After singing "God save the Queen," the immense audience dispersed to their several homes, thoroughly delighted with the day's rejoicing and pleasure.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The third Quarterly Meeting of the year, will be held at Leicester, on Saturday, January 8th, 1887.

Visiting members who have paid their subscriptions will be provided with tea free of charge, if they give notice to the local hon. sec. of their respective districts of their intention of being present seven days before the meeting. Further particulars in our next.

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CAERLEON CHURCH BELL RINGERS' SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the bell-ringers of St. Cadoc's church was held on December 15th, the occasion being also the fifth anniversary of the opening of the bells. Mr. Thomas Parry presided, and there was a strong muster of ringers present. The conductor, Mr. Evan Davies, presented a report, which is as follows:—

"This Society having stood the test of five years' existence on this anniversary of the dedication of the back six bells, may certainly look with satisfaction at the progress of the science of change-ringing which now seems to have taken firm root in this tower. It certainly cannot be said that it is simply an outburst of zeal common with new undertakings, which hold together for a while, and then collapse; for facts and figures show an annual progress from the time when five portions of bells were converted into six whole ones, until the last "stand" was called. With regard to the figures which follow, the team must not feel disappointed because they have only struck 47,276 changes this year, as compared with 51,549 last year. There is not one member who is not a better ringer now than he was a year ago. Last year the sight of eight ropes would have bewildered us, while to-night we take in eight with very little difficulty. To-night's 47,276 contains over 6000 changes, which we never struck last year. If we had spent the time we took to learn Triples in striking Doubles, we might have beaten last year's score, and yet not have been better ringers than we were last year. The falling off was mainly in Grandsire Minor, a method generally condemned on even bells because of the blows behind. Stedman Doubles fell off because we preferred Minor to Doubles but we certainly ought to go for Stedman Triples this year. Undoubtedly it is easier to train young half-pull ringers than to attempt to cultivate the science among old ringers, for where there remains an old team "Stoney" dies hard. Here was no old team to obstruct, and therefore "half-pull" progresses. Not so with some of our neighbours. The great advance this year is the removal of the 720 limit (which brought the bells into a repeat in 24 minutes), by the addition of two trebles, making the present limit 40,320, which postpones the repeat for fifteen hours, and when that hitherto unattainable limit is reached (which for the sake of the neighbouring residents we don't intend attempting just yet,) the present team had better take a back seat and let some young members take their ropes."

"The "go" of the bells is perfect. The trebles are mellowing in tone. They are powerful and will not be overpowered by their larger neighbours. A new bell is always distinguishable by the prominence of its harmonics, until the clapper adapts itself to the side of the bell. A few of the promised subscriptions have not yet come in. The Vicar kindly advanced the money and paid Messrs. Warner at once, and to enable him to close the account it is desirable that those who received the promises should apply for the subscriptions and hand them to the Vicar that the accounts may be closed and that the committee appointed last year may be dissolved.

"Leaks though complained of for three years have not been repaired. During last week's gale our peal-book was much damaged. A leak around the flag-staff will rot the cage between 4 and 5 if not prevented. A crack in the keystone of the second west window damages our blind and matting every time it rains. The clock face seems inclined to fall out. The six old ropes have been spliced many times."

"The ringers have not failed to ring for every service on Sundays, his being one of the few churches in the land where the bells are rung full up for service. Their Wednesday night's practices were only broken while preparing for an entertainment for the Bell Fund.

"The thanks of the Society's working members are due to the Vicar and Mr. Parry for the part they have taken during the year with regard to the Bell Fund, and (unless leaks destroy our peal-book) future generations of ringers referring to this night's meeting will understand why the names of those gentlemen are recorded on the treble bells."

The Report having been put to the meeting, was agreed to without dissent. Mr. Parry remarked that it afforded him great pleasure to be present at their meeting, and trusted the Society would continue to flourish. The work of the ringers was no doubt a labour of love, but still he thought they deserved the best thanks of the parishioners. The high degree of proficiency which the team had attained under the supervision of their energetic conductor was a good augury for success in the future. A vote of thanks to Mr. Davies for the interest he had taken in their welfare was, on the proposition of Mr. W. F. Westen, unanimously passed. A few Triple touches were then rung, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. Parry for presiding.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

The Master thanks those members who have so kindly sent name with address, and requests others to forward, and in due course they will be communicated with as to special business on hand.

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H. S. THOMAS.

WINDHILL, YORKSHIRE.

NEW PUBLIC CLOCK.—A new public clock has just been erected in the tower of the new Town Hall, Windhill, by Messrs. James Shaw, Son and Co., of Bradford. The order was placed in the hands of the firm named in August, and the result of their work is that a most useful and well-finished clock is now completed and in thorough working condition. The clock indicates the time upon four large illuminated dials, each measuring 5 ft. 9 in. in diameter, composed of skeleton cast iron frames to form the circles, figures and minutes, glazed with patent white opal glass, with gas fittings and automatic gas apparatus for turning on and off the gas according to the season of the year. The pointers or hands are made of strong copper, and correctly balanced to counteract the effect of the wind. There are eight jets of gas to each dial. The works are fixed upon a strong cast iron horizontal bed frame, planed perfectly flat, with plumb blocks or uprights firmly bolted to the frame and so arranged that any part of the clock work can be removed without interfering with the others in case of alteration or accident. The frame is twice the required size in order that Cambridge quarter chimes may be added at any time if required. The wheels, brushes, caps, expansion joints and all brass work are made of the very best hard gun-metal, and the wheel teeth engine cut and finished, and the working parts are all truly formed, fitted and finished in the best manner. The small wheels and going parts drive lantern pinions. The flies are at the back of the clock, and are long enough to make the time of striking quite uniform. The ratchets and wheels are keyed on. The escapement is upon the double three-legged gravity principle, with pendulum attached, compensated with zinc, iron rod and tube, the bob, which has a dome-shaped top, being 2½ cwt. in weight. The large going wheel is 15 inches in diameter, and the striking wheel 18 inches. The latter has cams attached to the proper side for lifting a hammer weighing forty pounds, which strikes with sufficient force to bring out the full tone of the bell, which is suspended at the top of the tower. The bell was cast on the premises of Messrs. Shaw, at Bradford. It is named "The Victory." All the going parts of the clock are made to go eight days betwixt winding, and Harrison's maintaining power will keep the clock going during the time of winding. The key is constructed to prevent the possibility of the winding part being turned the wrong way. The winding barrels—cast iron, turned true and equally balanced—are so constructed that the ropes lay on only one course during the eight days. The ropes on which the weights are fastened are made of the very best crucible steel, manufactured for the purpose, and are capable of sustaining more than six times the weight they bear. The weight pulleys are large in their diameter, with steel pivots, working in gun-metal bushes. A special feature of the clock is that it is a four train clock, having pinions two thirds larger in diameter, and therefore of larger wearing surface than ordinary clocks. There is an indicating dial in front of the works, the pointer of which goes the right way round, and not as is usual in turret clocks, the wrong way.

The works are all accurately arranged, and include everything that is required in the construction of a first-class clock. Messrs. Shaw are the makers of the clocks of the parish churches of Calverley, Shipley, Baildon, Oakworth, Howarth, etc.

The firm have in hand a large Cambridge quarter striking clock for Saltaire, and have just completed the rehanging with all new fittings, the peal of eight bells at the parish church, Burnley, Lancashire, also rehanging and retuned the peal of eight at the parish church, Knaresborough, Yorks. They also have in hand the rehanging with all new fittings of the peal of bells at the parish church, Roundhay, also the addition of two new treble bells, and the rehanging with all new fittings and quarter turning, the old peal of six at the parish church of Skipton.

WHITSTONE, NEAR EXETER, DEVON.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the Devonshire Guild was held at the above place on Saturday, December 4th, when there was a good attendance from Kenn, and Bradninch, which, with a strong local band and Messrs. Mundy and Shepherd from Exeter, brought the party up to the number of thirty. Dinner was held in the barn, Colonel Hobart, of the Royal Artillery occupied the chair, and after the loyal toasts had been given, the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, and C. Pearson, Esq., made some very interesting and gratifying speeches. Three hearty cheers were given for Mr. Pearson, who very kindly arranged the meeting, and generously provided the dinner and tea. After some tunes on the handbells by the Kenn band, a move was made to the tower, some well struck Grandsire Doubles were rung each by the Bradninch and Kenn bands, also several by the Whitstone band, which is a late addition to the Guild, they having rapidly learnt the art under the able tuition of Mr. F. Shepherd, of St. Sidwell's, Exeter, and several 120's were also rung. — Chudley (Whitstone), 1; — Saunders (Bradninch), 2; Rev. J. S. Northcote (conductor, Upton Pyne), 3; F. Shepherd (Exeter), 4; C. Pearson, Esq. (Whitstone), 5; G. Truman (Kenn), 6.

CURIOSITIES.

It is presumed that H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales is not aware of the existence of two well-known "city ringers" who bear his christian initials—one a Cockney Cumberland, nicknamed "Dickey," who has rung in many a London Church, the other *Wreaks* his ability in a cathedral where

The Voluntary Ringers
And the Voluntary Singers

have lately been *misinterpreted*.

We well remember an issue of "THE BELL NEWS" appearing for the 32nd of February, 1884—although "leap year" extends the number of days of the month in question, composers will observe it was a "long course," at the same time our compositor was "out of the hunt."

There is no truth in the statement that the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone is about to have published an historical work on "The Bells and Ringers of Ireland," together with an account of "Irish Change Ringing"—or that he has seen the heading "Where we went," to an article which lately appeared in "THE BELL NEWS"—from which emanates *What we want*, the supposed title of a new work on "Home Rule and Disestablishment."

By-the-bye, in the undesired event of Disestablishment, what would all those supporters of the G.O.M. do to get a pull, who now practice ringing—turn "Continental Carrillon Thumpers," I suppose. Even the most Ancient Society would not preserve its supposed continuity.

Isaac's head was not made of "stone" or wood when he rang in the peal of *Bulwer* production at Burton to the *Cumberland's Surprise*; this is entirely new and the first of the kind ever performed.

Coals come from Cumberland, but the Royal Cumberland Society of London have a very good "Cole." It seems Coles are worked in *seems* and frequently in *ridges*. The Caversham people have an excellent long *Cole-ridge* in good working condition, while a *Better-ridge* was recently found at Abingdon on the 19th ult., and although only recently started has been very successful.

There is an R. *Dunkley* comes from Bythorn, has he any relation with *Thorn* from *Dunk(er)ley*?

Mr. A. Ring, of Finsbury, ought to reside for a time at *Ringstead*, *Ringmer*, or *Ringwood*, which have a peal of five, six, and eight bells respectively, no doubt we should then hear of a *ringer* of *ringmarkable ringnoun*.

I have frequently read of a J. Nix ringing somewhere, but more often of a J. Nix(on) the job at Haverstock Hill.

At Prescott, Lancashire, on May 9th, Bryon and Abraham must have been happy to ring with such a jolly band of ringers, as they are nearly all J's, but they have no relations at Brighton. Was there much *chattering* during the touch?

What a curious conglomeration of names our dear Editor has to typify each week. The *Fussells* of Slough, and *Frossell* of Turvey. At Liverpool we hear of a *Man* and an *Ape* ringing a peal (Darwin ought to be alive now, this would open his eyes), while *Sillytoe* and *Silvester* have been ringing with a *Harper* at Colchester, and at Reading *Sweetzer* had a sweetener by ringing his first 720 at St. Giles.

Again *Wallage*, *Woodage*, and *Babage* have been ringing at Woolage, Southwark, and Tiverton. *Odell* and *Udel* at Bengoe and Slough, *Stickdale* and *Stockdale* at Hull, and at Finsbury on Easter Sunday, *Ring* rang the second and conductor *Hunt* the tenor. Then we have F. G. Newman and G. F. Newson, able representatives of the two well-known London Ringers' chief societies, viz., the *Collegians* and the *Cumberlands*. Can we be surprised, therefore, if a little error or mistake occurs in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" and annoys our readers—all correspondents must be careful and avoid writing those *curiosities* of the English A.B.C. when forwarding reports to our Journal.

W. H. F.

CHURCH BELLS.—"A town without bells," said the scholastic Janotus, when sent to beg back the chimes of Notre Dame, which Gargantua had appropriated, "a town without bells is like a blind man without a stick, an ass without a crupper, and a cow without a bell, and till you have restored ours to us we shall not cease to shout after you like a blind man who has lost his stick, to bray after you like an ass without a crupper, and to low after you like a cow without a bell." We quote this passage from Rabelais to show these gentlemen who write to the newspapers complaining of church bells, the ugly alternative which would stare them in the face, were they to succeed in silencing their noisy tormentors. The bell grievance is no new one. Most likely, even in the fourth century, when bells were first hung in belfries—a word, by the way, no more etymologically connected with bell than gooseberry with goose—there were grumblers opposed to bell-ringing. In the discourse from which we have already quoted, mention is made of a poet who one day wished aloud that bells were cast of feathers, having foxes' tails for clappers, so that he might not be disturbed when verse-making. We presume that this wish was considered heterodox, for Janotus informs us that the poet was declared a heretic, a fate which must have borne a decided and disagreeable resemblance to a modern boycott by the National League.

In Memoriam.

HENRY BOWERS.

We have to announce the death of the above named gentleman, which took place at Great Waldingfield on Thursday, December 2nd, aged 87. Deceased, who was a local ringer of fifty years' standing, was greatly respected by his ringing friends, and by all who knew him. The deceased was borne to his last resting place on Wednesday afternoon, December 8th. According to the wish of the deceased's friends, four of the local ringers, with Mr. Jno. Death, of Edwardstone, and Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, met to show their last token of respect for him. After the deceased was lowered into the grave, the band rang with the bells deeply muffled, a 720 of Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; R. Theobald, 2; Jas. Stiff, 3; Jno. Death, 4; Wm. Bantock, 5; H. Diggins, 6. Also a 360 with the bells half open. H. Diggins, 1; A. Symonds, 6; the others as before. It is over thirty years since a muffled peal was rung on the bells.

ALL SAINTS, MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday evening, December 13th, by kind permission of the Rev. J. R. Jackson, Vicar, seven members of the Eastern Counties Guild paid a visit to the above church, and rang nine 120's of Grandsire Doubles. The following are the names of the ringers: J. S. Wright, R. Mackman, J. Brown, G. Skeef, J. W. Jarvis, R. Jarvis, and J. Peck. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells. There are now only five bells at this church, and on mentioning the subject to the Curate, the Rev. Bree, about having them augmented to six, he told me he mentioned it to the gentleman from Wisbeach, who came to repair the clock, and his answer was that more music could be got out of five bells than six, which of course I will leave to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" to judge. My opinion is, the sooner the clock has done striking in that key the better. There is a great deal of talk how to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, this would be a most appropriate celebration by adding a sixth bell here, which might be done at very little extra cost beyond the bell, as there is the pit vacant. We feel certain if the vicar was to move in the matter the work might soon be accomplished, and would make one of the best peals of six in South Lincolnshire.

R. MACKMAN.

HARBORNE, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, December 10th, the Amateur Society, assisted by Mr. J. Buffery, rang their first touch of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 503 changes, stationed as follows: A. Proberts, 1; W. Nicholls, 2; A. Thomas, 3; W. Bennett, 4; J. Buffery (conductor), 5; T. Gibbs, 6; H. Bradley, 7; J. Day, 8. And on Saturday, December 11th, four members of the above society paid a visit to the neighbouring church of Selly Oak, and with the assistance of two members of the home society rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, stationed as follows: J. Day, 1; *W. Nicholls, 2; A. Thomas, 3; E. Boylin, 4; T. Lewis, 5; †H. Bradley (conductor), 6. *First 720. †First 720 as conductor. And on Sunday, December 12th, for evening service, three members of the Amateur Society, with the assistance of three members of the Selly Oak Band, rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, stationed as follows: W. Nicholls, 1; E. Boylin, 2; T. Lewis, 3; T. Gibbs, 4; E. Bryant, 5; H. Bradley (conductor), 6.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, December 18th, a social gathering amongst ringers and their friends was held at this place when there were representatives from Hagfield, Manchester, and Whitefield. A good substantial supper was provided at the "Dandy Cock Inn," and ample justice was done to the good things provided. After the cloth had been removed several courses of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells, and a 120 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The tower was next visited, when a 720 of Oxford was rung by the Hayfield ringers, which was followed by a 720 of Bob Minor. And on Sunday morning, at the above church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by the following: James Gartricks, 1; Joseph Brocklehurst, 2; Thomas Whitehead (conductor), 3; James Hardman, 4; William Warbuton, 5; Thomas Brocklehurst, 6. For afternoon service a 720 of Bob Minor. William Booth, 1; Thomas Johnson, 2; James Gartricks, 3; William Warbuton, 4; Thomas Atkinson, 5; Thomas Brocklehurst, 6.

The Secretary of the Brighton (St. Nicholas) Society would be glad to know the address of George King, one of the members of the above society. H. Boniface, hon. sec., 1, Hampton-street, Brighton.

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The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton, Berks.			0 5 0
Mr. John Day, Birmingham			0 2 0
Mr. Urban Holman, Croydon, per A. B. Carpenter, Esq.			0 2 0
The St. James' Society, Bolton, near Bradford			0 6 6
Swanscombe (Kent) Society, per F. J. King			0 5 0
Mr. John Carter, St. Giles' Company, Pontefract			0 5 0
" William Pearson			0 2 6
" W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, Essex			0 2 0
The Willesden Branch of College Youths			0 5 0
St. John's Society, Bromsgrove			0 5 0
" Woodbridge Society, Suffolk, from fund			0 5 0
Mr. John Fosdike, Woodbridge			0 2 6
" W. M. Meadows			0 1 0
" W. Ward			0 1 0
" C. Ward			0 0 6
E. F. Cole, London			0 5 0
The Bedfordshire Association, Bedford company, per M. Warwick			0 8 0
The St. Giles' Society Houghton-in-the-Dale, per E. F. Elwin, Walsingham			0 5 0
The Proprietors of "THE BELL NEWS"			1 1 0
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The S. Michael's Society, Sittingbourne			0 5 0
T. Clark, Esq., Keldale Villa, near Ripon			1 0 0
The Masham Ringers, in mem. November 16th, 1885, per Rev. G. M. Gorham, Vicar			0 12 6
Mr. Blezard, Pulford, Chester			0 2 6
Edward E. Lawson, Esq., Leeds			1 1 0
Mr. Henry Hayes, Church, Lancashire			0 2 6
St. Paul's Church Guild of Change Ringers, Brighton, per Mr. Edward Inker, Hon. Sec.			0 10 6

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday evening, December 20th, for practice, a 630 of Grandsire Triples (ten bobs), in 30 mins., and 448 of Grandsire Triples (eight bobs), in 19 mins. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; J. Everatt, 6; G. Smith, 7; T. Wright, 8. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs. The above two touches are the longest as yet rung by the Painswick ringers, as two years ago not one of the above, including the conductor, could ring a plain course, or had any idea how changes were rung by method, but by perseverance amongst themselves they have, without outside help, accomplished the above touches. They are all young men, their ages ranging from 18 upwards. This tower contains a fine peal of twelve bells in good ringing order, and any ringers would be made welcome any Monday evening, that being their practice night, as far as their small abilities would admit, also Stroud tower, Tuesday nights, containing a peal of ten.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

ON Saturday, December 18th, six members of the Midland Counties' Association, from Burton-on-Trent, paid a visit to this picturesque village, to ring on the pretty little peal of five bells, tenor about 7 cwt. by Taylor & Co., Loughborough. After being heartily welcomed by the vicar (Rev. Charles Pratt, jun.) some very good 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by W. J. Smith, L. Bullock, J. Austin, W. Orme, G. Robinson, and J. Jaggard. A few 24's with the local band (who are making headway with half-pull ringing) concluded the ringing. The tone of the bells are very mellow and musical, and the go of them left nothing to be desired. A pleasant walk to Ashby (2 miles) was taken, accompanied by the Packington ringers, when several plain courses of Grandsire Triples with some of the Ashby ringers were rung. The ringers wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the vicar of Packington for so kindly entertaining them, and to the several Ashby ringers for so kindly meeting them on this occasion.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1886.

WHATEVER the exigencies of our paper may be with regard to space being allowed us, we have invariably had the opportunity at Christmastide, to express our good wishes and seasonable compliments to our many kind readers. And we cheerfully accept the opportunity again given us at this festive season, of renewing our acquaintance, as it were, with our friends in all parts of the globe. There is something more than ordinary in the relationship between the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" and ourselves; some closer kinship than that which commonly exists between the readers of a paper and those who are responsible for its contents. We claim to be of the fraternity and brotherhood of the Exercise, a position we have acquired by a long apprenticeship in its mysteries, and many years of practical application. Therefore it is under peculiar gratifying circumstances that we on this occasion tender to our brother-strings "the compliments of the season." We know in a great many cases the feelings which beget this sentiment will be reciprocated, in fact, much of the correspondence that has come to hand during the past few days has been accompanied by the usual good wishes, both from old friends and new, and such kind expressions are by no means limited to ourselves, but are extended to others who are near and dear to us. No matter how ill-tempered people may scoff, the fact remains that these Christmas courtesies when so expressed mean a great deal, and this will not be disputed by those who enjoy a healthy and well-balanced mind. Would that their genuineness could in every case be depended on, that they were always totally void of dissimulation, and their use indicated a hearty and fervent craving for abruptly terminating the jealousies,

the rivalries, the discords, and the feuds that exist, alas! even among ringers. Many are there who having been estranged from friends of old, would hail with delight the opportunity which the present season affords to become reconciled, and we may say, *en passant*, that whoever holds out against such reconciliation is churlish in the extreme, and becomes an outlaw to the society of reasonable men. True it is that there are to be found in almost every grade of society those who are determined to keep open the breach, but such people as these are not worth trying to redeem.

May be that on Christmas morning next there will be meetings in the steeple of ringers who have not, during the year that is past been on amicable terms together. We say to them that the time and place is peculiarly appropriate for a reconciliation, and any one who leads the way to such a desirable end, will earn the gratitude of his fellows.

We lay great stress upon the desirability, at this festive season, of bringing to an end all unpleasantness which exists, wherever it may be. This is the time, *par excellence*, for mirth and enjoyment; how much better when that enjoyment is not contaminated or marred by feelings of anger or hostility towards anyone. Perhaps our remarks upon such a subject may not be considered inopportune or impertinent. We certainly have no desire to offend. To preach goodwill and forbearance one with another is, we should say, commendable. And in the hope that our observations will have some effect, we conclude by wishing our brother-ringers, and in fact all our friends—and enemies, if we have any—

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 11, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDE, FLEET STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5104 CHANGES; Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BARON Treble.	*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 7.
CHARLES E. MALIN, Esq.* 2.	HENRY SWAIN 8.
HENRY J. DAVIES* 3.	GEORGE NEWSON 9.
HENRY A. HOPKINS 4.	*ARTHUR JACOB 10.
ALBERT E. CHURCH* 5.	HENRY DAINS 11.
EDWARD F. COLE 6.	*JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM BARON.

*First peal of Cinques. Mr. J. Smith hails from Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk. The ringers, through the medium of this paper, wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells on this occasion. This is the first peal of Grandsire Cinques that has been rung in London since the year 1869, which was also rung by the Cumberlands.

The Provinces.

LEESFIELD, LEES, LANCASHIRE.—THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 18, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN B. SHAW Treble.	*THOMAS B. SHAW 5.
FRED CROSLAND 2.	JAMES PRIESTLEY 6.
JAMES W. HOLME 3.	JOHN HILTON 7.
JAMES BAILEY 4.	JOSHUA PLATT Tenor.

Conducted by FRED CROSLAND.

*First peal with a bob bell.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE WELLINGBORO' DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1886, in Three Hours and Twelve-and- $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN METHODS, ON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 each of the following—

Double Court, Yorkshire Court, London Single, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, College Little, and Plain Bob.

J. PETTIT* Treble.	H. STUBBS 4.
W. J. GILBERT 2.	F. GILBERT 5.
W. HALL 3.	†R. DUNKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by R. DUNKLEY.

J. Pettit hails from Keaton, and R. Dunkley from Bythorne Hunts. * First peal. † First peal as conductor. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. H. Bryan for granting permission to ring.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 16, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES: CONSISTING OF SEVEN DIFFERENT CALLED 720's OF BOB MINOR, viz.:—

42 Singles, 22 Singles, 9 Bobs and 6 Singles, 18 Bobs and 2 Singles, and three with 14 Bobs and 2 Singles.

Tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

JAMES MAYNARD.. .. Treble.	FREDERICK STILL 4.
JAMES BAKER 2.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.
GEORGE TURLEY* 3.	†FRANK STILL Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK STILL.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. The above was rung as a great wish of G. Turley, who has lately returned, having been away for about three years, and being a former member of the Association.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

Officers' Peal.

On Saturday, December 18, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN HOLDEN, ESQ.. .. Treble.	JAMES SELLARS.. .. 5.
HUGH SHAW 2.	THOMAS WILDE 6.
JAMES S. WILDE 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN 7.
JAMES WRIGLEY.. .. 4.	JOHN PYE, SEN.. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

This peal, which has never been previously performed, is in two parts, with the 6th its extent in 5-6. Messrs. Holden and Wrigley hail from Saddleworth; Shaw from Stalybridge; brothers Wilde from Hyde; Sellars and Pye from Glossop; and Longden from Ashton.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 20, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Yorkshire Court Bob, College Little, and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. in B.

FREDERICK KEECH Treble.	WILLIAM BIGGS 4.
MAURICE WARWICK 2.	SAMUEL J. CULLIP 5.
THOMAS FOOTE 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

The above was rung on the second anniversary of the reopening of the bells.

The peal of eight bells at St. Edmund's, Exeter, are going to be rung by Mr. Hooper, of Woodbury, the tenors and treble are from the Whitechapel Foundry; 2,3,4,6,7, were cast by Evans of Chepstow, and the 5th, a bad bell, by Aannell, of Exeter; tenor about 14 cwt. in Fg.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 18, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIS'S FIVE-PART.

JOSEPH POMFRET* Treble.	MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. 5.
HERBERT BAKER.. .. 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT 6.
JAMES JAUNCEY†.. .. 3.	JASPER G. CRAWLEY .. 7.
REV. CANON WIGRAM .. 4.	JOSEPH CULL Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal inside.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 17, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ in Fg.

THOMAS THORPE.. .. Treble.	SAMUEL WEST.. .. 5.
JOSEPH GRIMSHAW 2.	JAMES THORPE 6.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 3.	JOSIAH ROGERS.. .. 7.
WILLIAM SEVIER 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. J. Grimshaw hails from Eccles, the rest belong to Manchester. This peal contains the greatest number of calls possible in a five-part-peal.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, HYDE.

On Sunday, December 19, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LONGDEN Treble.	ROBERT WOOLLEY 5.
RALPH PRITCHARD 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY 6.
THOMAS BRADLEY 3.	THOMAS WILDE 7.
WALTER SLATER.. .. 4.	JAMES S. WILDE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

This peal, which has never been previously performed, is in two parts, with the 6th three courses each way in each part, and its extent home.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 20, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

JAMES SHAW Treble.	ROBERT WOOLLEY 5.
RALPH PRITCHARD 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY 6.
JAMES GRATRICK 3.	THOMAS WILDE.. .. 7.
WALTER SLATER 4.	JAMES S. WILDE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

This peal, which has never been previously performed, is in six parts, and has the 6th twenty-four times each way in forty-eight courses.

James Gratrix hails from Manchester; the rest are of the local company.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DEWSBURY (Yorks).—On Saturday, December 18th, 1886, at the parish church, for practice, a date touch of Kent Treble Major (1886 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Goodall, 1; C. B. D. Farrow, 2; W. Ainley, 3; I. Idle, 4; J. A. Idle, 5; G. H. Hardy (conductor), 6; W. Byrom, 7; G. Taylor, 8. Composed by W. Ainley. Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

WOODLESFORD.—On Sunday evening, December 19th, at the parish church, the local company rang a date touch, 1886 changes, in the following methods in 1 hr. 3 mins. 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure,

720 of Arnold's Victory, 446 of College Pleasure. J. Harrison, 1; W. Haigh, 2; Jas. Haigh, 3; T. Wrigglesworth, 4; F. Denison, 5; J. Haigh (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, December 18th, at the "Goose and Gridiron," St. Paul's churchyard, on handbells retained in hand, 909 Grandsire Triples. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; F. T. Gover, 5-6; W. W. Gifford, 7-8. Also over 2000 in the same method, in 1 hr. 10 minutes. Afterwards a course of Bob Major, and 756 Grandsire Triples. E. Horrex, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; F. T. Gover, 7-8. Conducted by C. F. Winny. Also at the house of Mr. McLaughlin, 265 Grandsire Triples. G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; W. Garrard, 7-8. At the "Shakespeare," Wych Street, Strand, 1260 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. H. Fussell, 1-2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7-8. Also 518, Messrs. McLaughlin and Fussell changing places. Also a course of Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, December 14th, for practice at St. Paul's Church, 336 of Bob Triples. C. Pass, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Keech, 3; T. Foote, 4; S. Cullip, 5; M. Warwick, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also a 518 of Grandsire Triples, containing the twelve 4-6's. J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; S. Cullip, 4; W. Allen, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; W. Biggs, 7; F. Keech, 8. And on Thursday, December 16th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, a 720 of Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Pass, 1; W. Hall, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; T. Foote, 4; S. Cullip, 5; M. Warwick, 6. Also a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Foote, 3; M. Warwick, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Biggs, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday morning, December 19th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins., taken from Brook's variation. W. H. Buckingham, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman by the Cathedral society, and the first for all except the conductor, and the first he has called. It was rung at the second attempt, the same band having completed it all but a course the previous Sunday evening.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Thursday, November 25th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty two singles), in 26 mins., the first 720 by all the band. J. Brewster, 1; D. Huff, 2; W. Green, 3; C. Ramplin, 4; W. Easter (conductor), 5; F. Goddard, 6.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, December 19th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, by a mixed company, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Harvey, 1; W. Rowland, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 4; W. Piper, 5; E. Scotcher, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; W. Brazier, 8. Also 168 in the same method, with A. Tarbun, at the 5th, and J. Broomford, 8. Tenor 13 cwt. Both touches were composed by John Carter, taken from "THE BELL NEWS." It was intended to ring a longer touch after service, but after having stripped and ready to start, this had to be abandoned, owing to a choir practice in the Church.

ROMFORD.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday evening, December 20th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Keeble (fifteenth birthday), 1; W. Nash, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; B. Keeble, 5-6.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Sunday, December 19th, for Divine Service at St. Clement Danes, 467 Grandsire Caters. W. Alford, 1; W. Garard, 2; W. Chew, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; G. R. Banks, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8; R. T. Woodley, 9; T. Coxhead, 10. Also two courses of Stedman Triples, conducted by J. M. Hayes.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER.—On Sunday morning, December 12th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25½ mins. E. Raynor, 1; J. Raynor, 2; A. Ring (first 720), 3; J. Tulett, 4; W. Baker, 5; A. Haigh (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, December 15th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and several touches of Grandsire Minor and Doubles were rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Whistler Smith to Lieutenant Paynter, R. E. O. Sullivan, 1; J. Kidd, 2; H. Greaves, 3; J. Tulett, 4; W. Baker (conductor), 5; A. Osborn, 6. Also on Sunday evening, December 19th, for Divine Service, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. O. Sullivan, 1; J. Tulett, 2; H. Greaves, 3; J. Baker, 4; A. Haigh, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. A. Ring hails from Frinsbury, J. Baker, and A. Haigh from Gillingham.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOMERLEYTON (Suffolk).—On Monday, December 20th, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins.; also 720 of Association Exercise, in 25 mins. (this is the first time it has been rung by the Somerleyton Society). G. Wright (conductor), 1; G. Rudd, 2; John Orford, 3; James Orford, 4; H. Orford, 5; R. Wilson, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, December 19th, after Divine Service in the evening at St. Peter's Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; H. Evans, 3; J. Hands, 4; T. Newman, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 13 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; J. Hands, 3; H. Egby, 4; T. Newman, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. H. Egby, F. Sweetzer, and H. Evans, hails from Reading, the rest belong to Caversham.

DRAYTON (Berks).—On Monday, December 20th, the plain course of Superlative Surprise Major was rung seven times during a practice of nearly three hours. W. Finch, 1; J. Jones, 2; F. Field, 3; C. Trinder, 4; W. Warwick, 5; H. D. Betteridge, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 8.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Monday, December 6th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; F. Money, 3; A. Bunce, 4; H. Smith, 5; F. May, 6. First by all. And on Sunday, December 12th, for morning service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; A. Bunce, 3; C. Page, 4; A. Gregory, 5; F. May, 6. Also on Thursday, December 16th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 30 mins. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; F. Money, 3; A. Gregory, 4; C. Page, 5; F. May, 6. And on Monday, December 20th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; F. Money, 3; C. Page, 4; A. Bunce, 5; F. May (conductor), 6. Tenor 25 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—CUCKFIELD BRANCH.

CUCKFIELD.—On Sunday evening, December 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. R. Nash, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Fox, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (composer and conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. Also on Monday evening, December 20th, six of the above visited Bolney, and rang with the local ringers a muffled peal in memory of the late Mr. T. Attree, who for many years was associated with ringing both at Bolney and Cuckfield, and was that day interred at the age of 62—1078 of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled, in 45 mins. R. Nash, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Fox, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; G. Walder, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (composer and conductor), 7; F. Walder, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Messrs. G. and F. Walder hail from Bolney.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Wednesday evening, December 8th, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, a muffled peal, the usual whole pull and stand, was rung as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. W. G. Shade, of Greenwich. Afterwards touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob, were rung for practice.

ASHCHURCH (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday evening, December 16th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. T. Taylor (first 720), 1; C. Slatter, 2; W. Wellon (first 720), 3; W. Davis (first 720), 4; C. Auford, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6; Tenor 12 cwt.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Friday evening, December 17th, seven members of St. Peter's and St. James' companies met at St. James', Bolton, and rang a parting touch with Ben Sugden (who is about to leave for Duffield), 1512 of Bob Triples, in 54 mins. A. Moulson, 1; H. Raistrick, 2; R. Tuke, Esq., 3; G. Titterton, 4; B. Sugden, 5; B. T. Copley (conductor), 6; S. Palframan, 7; J. Mawson, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Wednesday evening, December 15th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., taken from the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Greenwich in the year 1732. J. Rose, 1; W. Pead, 2; E. E. Richards, 3; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 4; E. Wells, 5; J. Law, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; F. Parmer, 8.

EXETER.—On Sunday, November 21st, at St. Sidwell's Church, 504 of Stedman Triples. E. Shepherd (conductor), 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; W. Munday, 8. Also on Saturday, December 11th, the first part of Hollis's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Captain Pearson, of York Road. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Munday, 5; J. Moss, 6; T. Shepherd (conductor), 7; C. Carter, 8.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, December 20th, the local company rang for practice, a 720 each of College Pleasure and Duke of York, in 55 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

GORLESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, December 5th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's Church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. A. Fuller, 1; G. E. Fleming, 2; H. D. Arnott, 3; T. Fleming (conductor), 4; W. Gibbs, 5; B. Collins, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 5th, for morning service at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles). *H. Bowers (conductor), 1; R. Theobald, 2; Jas. Stiff, 3; Jno. Death, 4; Wm. Bantock, 5; H. Diggins, 6. *First time as conductor. The above touch was composed by Mr. J. F. Penning.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 10th, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, the local company rang for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Broadbent, 1; S. G. Davies, 2; A. Wood, 3; W. Partington, 4; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; C. Chaplin, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, December 7th, eight of the local company rang for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. W. Walmsley, 1; J. Holt, 2; C. Bamford, 3; W. Kenny, 4; J. M. Davenport, 5; E. Matthews (conductor), 6; W. Ingham, 7; J. Morlidge, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, December 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's bob and single variation), but after ringing about 4300 changes it came to grief. It was the longest touch in the method by all, and the first attempt at calling the 5000 by the conductor. W. Bird, 1; H. Mason, 2; W. Foxall, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; R. Bird, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6; H. Cartwright, 7; W. Green, 8. And on Tuesday, December 14th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. R. Bird, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Green, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. Time 29 mins. Tenor 23½ cwt. First 720 in the method by all.

SALISBURY.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, December 15th, at Belmont Villa, Devizes Road, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 18 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; Tom Blackburn (conductor), 5-6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, December 2nd, at St. Mary the Virgin, by the local company, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 25½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Oxford Bob in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Prior, 6. And on Sunday, December 12th, for afternoon service, a 720 of College Single in 25 mins. H. Prior, jun., 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, December 16th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 25½ mins. *J. Cavill, 1; *W. Watts, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; *G. Gray, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; G. Prior, 6. Also on Sunday, December 19th, for morning service, a 360 of Plain Bob. J. Luckey, 1; G. Gray, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill (conductor), 5; H. Prior, jun., 6. And for Divine Service, in the afternoon a 720 in the same method, in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single in 25 mins. W. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Prior, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. This makes H. Prior, jun.'s 100th 720. Tenor 13 cwt.

WEST DERBY.—On Sunday, December 5th, for morning service at St. James's Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. B. Davis, 1; W. Leyland, 2; T. Orrett, 3; G. Acton, 4; G. Wearing, 5; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. First on the bells in the method.

WINTERBOURNE EARLS (Wilts).—Recently at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. W. Gifford, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; Tom Blackburn (conductor), 5. And another six-score, with E. J. Holt, 4th.

WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles in 17 mins. G. Salter, 1; H. Williams (conductor), 2; C. S. Rowland, 3; J. Bennett, 4; T. Salter, 5; W. Shilton, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. And on handbells, 216 of Grandsire Minor. *F. Geens, 1; *G. Salter, 2; J. Bennett, 3; T. Salter, 4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6. *Longest touch of Minor.

YAXLEY (Huntingdonshire).—On Saturday, December 18th, the Peterboro' society visited the above place, and by kind permission of the Vicar rang the following touches: four 120's of Bob Doubles, called on the 5th, 4th, 3rd, and 2nd, as observations, being the full extent of the method on five bells. C. W. Holdich, 1; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 2; E. F. Read, 3; T. Measures, 4; J. Hancock, 5; J. T. Binks, 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. George, 1; E. F. Read, 2; C. W. Holdich, 3; T. Measures, 4; J. Hancock, 5; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also another touch with the Rev. F. J. Moule ringing the treble. Afterwards two more 120's of Bob Doubles. C. W. Holdich, 1; E. T. Read, 2; J. Hancock, 3; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 4; J. George, 5; T. Measures, 6. And 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. E. T. Read, 1; C. W. Holdich, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; J. Hancock, 4; T. Measures (conductor), 5; J. George, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROTHWELL BRANCH.

The following is the ringing done by this branch at Holy Trinity Church during the month of November. November 7th, 240 of College Exercise, 240 of College Pleasure, 360 of City Delight, 240 of Primrose, 240 of College Treble, 240 of Tulip, 360 of Royston Delight; November 11th, 240 of Royston Delight, 240 of Primrose, 240 of Tulip, 240 of College Treble; November 14th, 240 of London Scholars Pleasure, 360 of Duke of York, 240 of New London Pleasure, 720 of Arnold's Victory, 240 of City Delight; November 21st, 360 of Primrose, 240 of Tulip, 240 of City Delight, 360 of Tulip, 240 of London Scholars Pleasure, 240 of Primrose; November 22nd, 360 of Woodbine, 360 of College Treble, 360 of Royston Delight; November 27th, 360 of Woodbine, 360 of Primrose, 720 of College Treble, 360 of Woodbine; November 28th, 360 of Violet, 360 of New London Pleasure, 240 of Arnold's Victory.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at West Ham, on Saturday, January 8th, 1887. Ringing at the parish church (10 bells), to commence at 12.20 p.m. The girls schoolroom in the churchyard will be open for handbell ringing. Tea at the Church Hall, Meeson Road, at 4.30 p.m. Business Meeting immediately after the tea. The vicar, the Rev. Canon Scott, will preside. West Ham is close to Stratford station. Return tickets to Stratford at one fare and a quarter, will be issued by the Great Eastern Railway to members who inform the Secretary before Wednesday, January 5th, from what station they propose to start, and produce, at the booking office, their receipt for this year's subscription. Tickets for the tea (price 6d. to members), should be applied for beforehand, that we may have some idea of the number to be provided for. The tower of St. John's, Leytonstone (six bells) will be open to members between 12 and 2 p.m.

T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

SILLY BUCKS AGAIN.—The old church of Penn, in Buckinghamshire, still possesses one of the old-fashioned square pews; it is occupied by the squire. A late visitor to the church tells the following story, which was recalled to his memory by the sight of the old pew. On one occasion the old clerk was ill, and the Vicar brought in his stable-man to collect the offertory on a sacrament Sunday. The man did not know his way about the church, and at first missed the square pew. Going back, he returned with the occupant's half-crown, but could not make the parson understand where he had got it, till at last, pointing with his thumb over his shoulder, he whispered, "From the gentleman in the loose box, sir." The "stable-man" might have made a good "Stoney ringer."

W.H.F.

A NEW BELL FOR THE PARISH CHURCH, SPALDING.—A public vestry meeting was held in the Market House, on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. G. S. Leigh-Bennett occupying the chair. The meeting was called to consider what steps should be taken in reference to the large bell which has become cracked. It was the feeling of the meeting that inasmuch as the bell was the one upon which the clock strikes, it was exceedingly desirable that it should be replaced by a new one, and that the cost be defrayed by public subscription. Accordingly the following resolution was unanimously passed: "It was desirable that the cracked tenor bell of the parish church be replaced by a new one, and that subscriptions be asked for by the churchwardens." No steps however will be taken for replacing the present bell until the required sum is assured, which it is estimated will not be less than £50.

NEW PEAL BOOKS.—Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, has supplied a new Royal 4to Peal Book to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, which has given entire satisfaction. Mr. Keeble was also entrusted with the special manufacture of the presentation Peal Book recently presented to the Rev. J. U. Todd. Ringers requiring the numbers of Shipway bound should forward the same—cloth, 1s.; half-roan, 1s. 6d.

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 WHOLE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—For the past three weeks or so as the post has brought my "BELL NEWS" I have opened it in eager expectation of seeing its pages all ablaze with reviews, letters to the Editor, and various expressions of opinion with regard to Mr. Thompson's recent publication on the subject of Grandsire Triples, shewing that the whole peal with plain leads and common bobs only is not within the bounds of possibility. But lo, not a sound, not a line, not a word! I am driven therefore to believe that living as we do in such an age of wonders there is positively nothing left that can so much as draw from us a single momentary expression of surprise. Yet within the last month we have seen the final settlement of the great question that has agitated the whole Exercise for nearly, if not quite, two hundred years. Mr. Thompson conclusively proves, not only that the whole peal cannot be produced, but that the two maximum lengths attainable have already been reached, the one omitting five plain leads, the other and longer one omitting three bob leads. I will not now attempt to trespass on your space with any description of the method employed by Mr. Thompson. Sufficient to say that it is at once most thorough, most concise, and perfectly conclusive. My present object is rather to point out that in my recent article in the columns of this paper I virtually forestalled Mr. Thompson in not a few particulars but this fact is the more noteworthy when it is considered how closely contemporaneous, though perfectly independent, were the publication of the results we have each obtained. In fact the last word of my article had been put in the paper scarcely a fortnight before the first of Mr. Thompson's letters reached me, this first being the commencement of a most pleasant and interesting series. But I am digressing, and will therefore at once proceed to point out where Mr. Thompson has unwittingly trodden in my steps. On page 12 he says "Repetition will occur if a row (x) is got both by plain and by bob." This is his method of guarding against false composition. But it is precisely the method which I had adopted. For when on page 226 of "THE BELL NEWS" I say, for instance, "if 19 be succeeded by 20 then 1 must be succeeded by 2." I am, to adopt Mr. Thompson's language, stating that 20 being "got by plain" cannot be also "got by bob." It is by this means that I secure the truth of everything composed by means of my Table VI. For when in the latter table we substitute A and B strips for each other, we are laying down that we must not have the leads following that strip got by both A and B, that is plain and also bob, but only by one at a time. On page 13 Mr. Thompson shews the existence of sets of five leads, which he denominates "Q sets." These are given in my table V, and are none other than those on each strip in my Table VI. He afterwards demonstrates that when one of these be followed by a plain lead or a bob the others must be similarly treated. This is precisely what I shew in the twenty lines preceding my Table V on page 235. In this table on page 16 of his pamphlet, Mr. Thompson gives material help to composers. But the use of this table seems to leave the composer with a considerable amount of drudgery to go through. Now the different forms of my Table VI contain the whole thing ready to hand, and it is only necessary to read it off. Also I may point out in conclusion that in my touches of 4830 there is just one B block omitted in each part. I trust that no one will think that in the foregoing remarks I have in any way endeavoured to detract from the value of Mr. Thompson's wholly independent researches. Far from it. In common, as I hope, with other members of the Exercise, I am most grateful to Mr. Thompson, and I sincerely and heartily recommend every ringer to buy a copy of his most excellent and conclusive pamphlet. My reason for writing is that uniform experience has taught me that in ringing matters if one does not make good one's own claims, no one else will do it for one. This must be my excuse for this blowing my own trumpet, which otherwise I should have been most unwilling to do.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

"PEAL MEETING."

SIR,—I write to you with reference to a paragraph concerning Mr. F. G. Newman, which appeared in last week's paper, in connection with some ringing at St. George's in the Borough. As one of the band, I wish to say that there must have been some misunderstanding either in the correspondence or otherwise—many ringers will readily testify to the willingness of Mr. Newman on all occasions to oblige any band at any time, and I do not think he is entirely to blame in the matter.

W. H. FUSSELL.

LYNN COURT BOB MINOR.

SIR,—I venture to suggest an improvement in Mr. Seccombe's new method. If the bobs are made as in Plain Bob Minor, each bob will affect the work of three bells, and will cause a considerable disturbance in the succession of in and out of course changes, causing these

changes in a bob lead to be in the proportion of 8 to 4. I would suggest that the bobs should be made immediately as the treble leaves the lead, thus:

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5
2 4 1 6 3 5

Thus 3 and 4 in the above example dodge instead of making their places. This affects the work of two bells only, and keeps the in and out of course equal as in a plain lead. Singles are quite unnecessary, the bob as above puts the next lead-end out of course. Which ever way you make the bobs, you can call three bobs in a course without disturbing the tenor, whereas in Bob Minor you can only call two. In my way you can make the bobs immediately after any lead-end at which tenor is either home, wrong, or before, and the course-end will come up at five leads.

720.
2 3 4 5 6 H. W. B.

2 4 3 5 -
5 3 2 4 - - -
4 3 2 5 -
5 2 4 3 - - -
5 4 2 3 -
3 2 4 5 - - Repeated.

The method seems to be a very ingenious one. F. W. BATCHELOR.
Plymouth, December 15th, 1886.

PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE.

SIR,—Referring to the accident mentioned in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 11th to a bell ringer, these accidents can easily be prevented by having my improved patent prize medal safety guards fitted to the sewing machines.

E. R. DALE.

Christchurch, Hants.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL.

SIR,—I should like to know if the Committee which has this matter in hand is still in existence, or if it has completely died out, and the subscription list is to go on week after week, and no particulars as to how the affair stands be forthcoming.

A SUBSCRIBER.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—In "The BELL NEWS" of October 30th, there is a peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Sawston, Cambridge; the peal has been augmented from six to eight a few months ago by Messrs. Lewis and the trebles taken down. Can you inform me of a bell firm in that name, or is it Llewellyns and James of Bristol?

WILLIAM FORSTER.

CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHPORT.

ON the occasion of the funeral of the crew of the lifeboat, the bells of the parish church were deeply muffled, and from 1.30, the time for the procession to form, until 4 o'clock when the cortege returned from the cemetery, the ringers rang the usual whole pull and stand, and in the evening they met again and rang their first 504 of Grandsire Triples in 17 mins. H. Baldwin, 1; R. Hill, 2; W. M. Varley, 3; J. Lea, 4; A. L. Porter, 5; A. Rimmer, 6; D. E. Rimmer (conductor), 7; W. Baldwin, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lbs.

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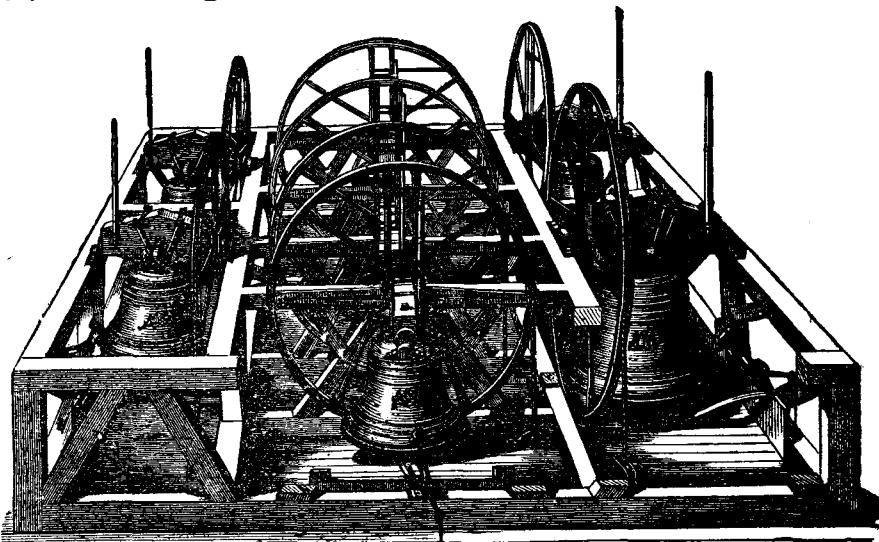
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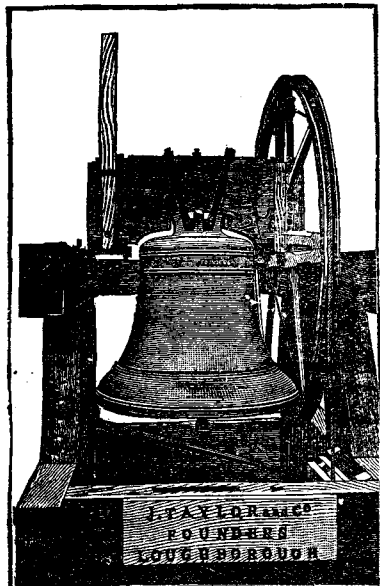
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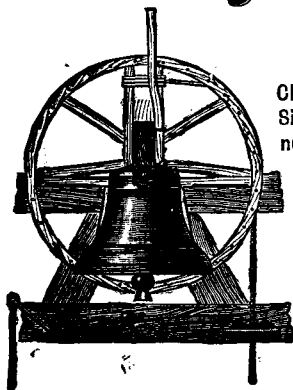
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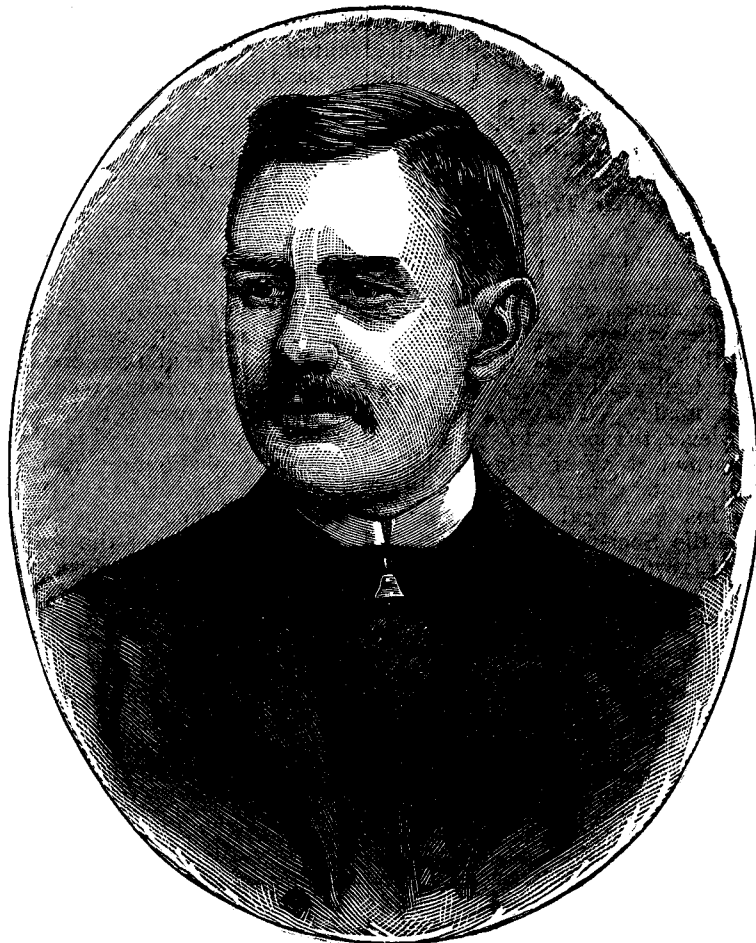
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CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT
TO
The Bell News and Ringers' Record.



MR. JOHN CARTER, OF BIRMINGHAM;

Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths; the St. James's Society of London; the Midland Counties' Association; the Birmingham Amalgamated Society; the Birmingham and District Association; the Devonshire Guild; the St. Saviour's Society of Wallhamstow, etc., etc.

THE historic renown enjoyed by the Midlands—at any rate so far as the production of clever men in the Ringing Exercise is considered—does not appear to be losing its ground in the present day. The exponents of the art in the town of Birmingham have certainly among them men who are worthy successors of those whose talents gained for them such lasting honour. The distinguished ringer and composer who is portrayed above is certainly a worthy successor in the field occupied by such men as COOPER, LATES, THURSTANS, JOHNSON,

and DAY, and we shall not be far wrong in giving expression to an opinion that, in steady perseverance in the practice of the art, he is equal to any of those who have gone before him. The number and quality of the performances in which he has taken a leading part, the skill displayed by him in overcoming many of the principal difficulties of the science, difficulties which are well known to exist, but which appal many from attempting their solution, eminently point him out as one of the clever ringers of the present generation. As a performer upon

handbells there are very few, perhaps, able to compete successfully with him. Indeed, we may say he possesses many natural gifts which are not the common lot of every one; gifts of perception which enable him to grasp readily the true intent and requirement of everything he takes in hand. To these gifts are added a kindly-natured disposition, at once hospitable and courteous.

JOHN CARTER was born at the town of Darlaston, in Staffordshire, on the 30th day of April, 1854, so that he is now in his 33rd year, and is by profession a pistol manufacturer. In the month of July, 1873, he was led to enter the tower of Darlaston parish church, which visit ultimately led to his joining the local company, who had just begun to practice Stedman Triples. In less than seven months from his becoming a member he rang a date touch in this deservedly popular method at Willenhall, and at the same church on the 7th of July following, he rang his maiden peal—Grandsire Triples. The progress made by Mr. Carter being too rapid for the comfort of the bob-caller of the Darlaston company, that worthy pressed him to resign! In the teeth of such opposition, however, the conducting of the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung upon the Darlaston bells fell to his lot thirteen years after. Matters not being comfortable there, he threw in his lot with the Walsall company, to which place he went twice a week, performing the journey, a distance of three miles each way, on foot. The Walsall people accorded him a hearty welcome, and thus he was enabled to enjoy practice among friends and well-wishers who were not jealous of the progress he made. The exigencies of business compelled him, however, to remove to some other spot, and having pitched his tent at West Bromwich he called Holt's Original at All Saints' church, on the 7th of February, 1876, this being his first peal as conductor. About this time he joined the Society of St. Martin's, Birmingham, and on June 1st, 1876, at the residence of the veteran, Mr. H. Johnson, he rang his first peal on handbells. This peal was conducted by his friend Mr. H. Bastable, and was the second peal ever rung in the Midlands on handbells. In March, 1878, he called Holt's Original upon handbells at West Bromwich, and in May of the same year he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at the church of St. Martin, Birmingham, to which town he migrated. From that date to the present his ringing career has been a series of successes. We may thus summarise his performances: Grandsire Triples 23; Major 12; Caters 18; Royal 1; Cinques 1. Stedman Triples 5; Caters 2; Cinques 1. New Grandsire Triples 6; Caters 1. Bob Triples 1; Major 2. Treble Bob Royal 2. Double Oxford Bob Major 1; in all 76 peals. He also has composed and conducted peals of 10,176 Grandsire Major and 6137 of Grandsire Caters on handbells, these being the longest peals in the methods. He rang the 2nd in the silent peal of Stedman Triples at Burton-on-Trent, so fresh in our memory; and has successfully taken part in the large number of twenty-seven handbell peals, conducting twenty-two of that number. Mr. CARTER's knowledge of composition is extensive. He has composed peals in the Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich methods, containing all the most musical qualities to be obtained. A 5003 Grandsire Caters, with the 6th the extent in 5-6 twelve courses alternately, also one in the inverted tittums position with the 6th in the same position; and the same number with the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right and the 5th twelve times right) which was supposed to be the first upon this plan); 6137, which was rung upon handbells, and contained the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th twenty-four times right, being the

shortest with the above qualities composed up to the present time; 13,137 with the 120 course-ends without a 9-7-8 being called, and only five calls on 8-9; 10,752 Grandsire Major, with the 120 course-ends; also a 13,440 without a call at every lead, being the first composed on that plan with the tenors together throughout. He was the first to compose a 9600 with the tenors together every lead, and was the first to compose and ring a peal on that plan. He has some ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples which by some were thought impossible. His Double Norwich compositions need no comment, they speak for themselves, and he was the first to produce a peal in that method with only one call in each course.

We believe that it is mainly to his efforts that the two ringing societies known as the Birmingham Amalgamated Society and the Birmingham and District Association, came into existence. Opinions will differ perhaps as to the desirability of separate companies existing in a town like Birmingham, but it must be conceded that these two Associations have upon the whole, done as much to advance the art as any other and older body in the county. It is to be deplored that the Diocesan Association did not respond to the invitation to amalgamate with these societies.

Our friend is not only a ringer but also an inventor, and his name can be found many times in the Patent Office chiefly in connection with his business. He is at the present time engaged in the manufacture of a wonderful machine to record peals as rung. This ingenious contrivance is to be placed in the belfry while a peal is in progress, and will record the peal as it is rung, denoting any slight mistake, and pointing out the bell that made it. Particulars of this contrivance will no doubt appear in due course.

As a member of the local volunteer force he is well known at the annual shooting tournament at Wimbledon, where he has taken several prizes; and from which national meeting he very seldom retires without taking away some trophy or other.

JOHN CARTER is well known not only in Birmingham, but in many parts of England, and among his most intimate ringing friends is much respected; not only for his geniality and good nature, but for his readiness to impart any information. He always has a welcome for strange brother-strings who, when visiting Birmingham, should chance to give him a call, and is ever ready to do his best to oblige them by making the necessary arrangements for a peal.

MY EXPERIENCES AS A SAILOR.

A TERRIBLE VOYAGE.

THE 19th of November is always a busy day in the port of Quebec, for by the terms of insurance policies, all ships outward bound from thence must be clear of the port by the 20th, and the terms must be strictly adhered to, as it has been no uncommon occurrence for the river St. Lawrence to be perfectly open and free from ice at that date, and for a single night's frost in that remarkable climate to lock up the river with an impenetrable barrier, to be no more opened until late in April or early in May of the following year.

Very busy then upon this morning was the scene on board the steamship "Jutland," a large brig-rigged vessel loading for London. The stevedore's gangs of lumpers were crowded thickly at every hatch and cargo-port, some tumbling in the last few thousand bags of wheat, others stowing pine planks and cases of matchwood, in the after-hatch and lazarette; the more valuable products of the rich Canadian pastures in the shape of huge cheeses, each in its wooden envelope, and tubs of fragrant butter, were being carefully packed tier upon tier, under the watchful eye of the head stevedore himself; while some of the

steward's people were packing barrels of choice apples into the unoccupied deck cabins, each barrel bearing an address to friends in the old country, being for the most part Christmas presents from prosperous Canadian settlers.

The incessant rattle of the steam winches, and clanking of chains and strops, made a sort of rough but appropriate music, while now and then the hoarse cry of the boatswain shouting an order to Jack who was aloft making things snug, could be heard above the babel of voices; voices many of them clear and musical, rolling out the sonorous patois of old Canadian French, others generally rather husky, the effects of much cheap whisky and plug tobacco, garnished with the quaint sayings and rich bronze of the first "gem of the sea," the honours of "lumping" in Quebec being about even between these two nationalities.

The sky is dark and lowering, already, three or four days ago, the first snow had come, and freezing hard, had made good sleighing; from the ship could be seen on the heights of Point Levis, cutters, buggies, and drays, slipping smoothly along on their runners, behind quick stepping horses, each with its arch of jingling bells surmounting his shoulders.

But the gaze of the smart chief officer, Mr. Stone, is now directed to the opposite shore, for, as it seems in the gloom, from the very foot of the frowning old fortress of Quebec itself, a boat is putting off, which, as it approaches the ship, is seen to contain in addition to the captain and pilot, some female forms: the word is passed therefore to the chief steward who stations himself at the gangway to receive the lady passengers, while the officer renders a similar courtesy to the captain.

Eager enquiries are made by the commander as he steps upon deck, as to how the preparations for sea are progressing, and upon being informed that all will be ready in half an hour, he gives the order to "heave short," and retires to his cabin with brokers' clerks and shipping agents to sign the last few papers; the passengers, each with the advice and assistance of several friends to see them off, are settling themselves and impedimenta into their cosy state rooms. The chief officer, with the carpenter, bosun, and several seamen proceeds to heave short on the anchor; the second officer with the quartermaster take a last look at the steering gear to see that that most important machine is in good order; the junior officer, with the remainder of the seamen, coil down ropes, set up derrick guys, and square up the decks generally; while in the depths below the engineers are at "stand by," the greasers are filling oil cups and firemen skillfully touching up the huge fires in readiness for the stroke of the telegraph gong ordering "ahead full speed."

All is now ready, passengers and their friends are clustering round the gangway making their final adieus, and as the last visitor steps into the shore boat, the captain, who is looking on impatiently at the long drawn partings, strikes the telegraph sharply, and in obedience to the signal the ponderous engines commence their lively motion, and away down the dark river dashes the stately ship, all on board anticipating with joy the prospect of Christmas at home.

The following night, off Father Point, the weather is so bad that it is very difficult to land the pilot, but Captain Johns is an "old soldier" as well as an old sailor, and knows that if that functionary is carried on it will be an expensive business for the ship, as he must be maintained and a stiff salary paid him until he can be returned to his home, a period of, possibly six months, so that the ship is dodged about and blue lights and port fires burned, until the boatmen ashore pluck up their courage and put off into the howling night, and with a lot of backing and filling manage to lay their heavy whale boat alongside, into which, amid many strange oaths in broken English and Canadian French, the pilot scrambles and his kit is dropped after him, snugly rolled up within which is a bottle of old Cognac, a present from the Captain, who is no niggard with his grog, but has a stern Medo-Persic rule that no pilot has so much as a nip on board of the ship while in the discharge of his duties.

All that night and next morning the weather continued rough, and none of the ladies had yet ventured to table, though most of the gentlemen had put in an appearance as hunger got the better of their qualms; towards night the breeze lessened, and at 11 p.m., the order was given for "half speed," to avoid reaching Sydney before daylight.

Sydney, Cape Breton, is a small dull town, the seat of a large coal mining industry, is three days nearer to England than

Quebec, and being little out of the direct track, is often utilised at the latter end of the season as a coaling station, thus enabling steamers to start upon their dangerous winter navigation of the North Atlantic with a good supply of fuel. While at the wharf taking in four hundred tons of coal, a work of about twenty-four hours, many of the passengers and crew made visits to the town, several of the latter returning with live geese, and knitted woollen socks, which seem to be the only two commodities on sale in Sydney, and each purchasable for the same amount of coin, *i.e.*, one shilling sterling.

In the meantime the wind had freshened into a stiff breeze, and the ship had hardly cleared Sydney harbour when she was in the midst of a gale that lasted about two days, and wound up with a very heavy squall; then came a lull, and though a heavy sea was still running, most of the passengers had been tempted to come out to view the glorious fiery sunset. Quite a merry party assembled at the tea table that evening, and one lively young lady, Miss Racer, caused amusement by dealing out sweethearts, husbands and wives, and large fortunes, to all and sundry, according to the various forms assumed by the "grounds" at the bottom of the tea cups; one of her prophecies to the effect that "company was coming to-morrow," being received as the best joke of all, the ship being then many hundreds of miles out on the stormy ocean. But while at breakfast on the following morning, the officer of the watch sent word to the captain that there was a sailing vessel in sight showing signals of distress, and shortly after the "Jutland" was stopped as near to the unfortunate barque as possible, and the port lifeboat manned by the chief officer "Chips," and four A B's, was struggling through the heavy seas to the rescue of their brethren in distress. After two hours battling with the waves, during which time they had traversed a distance not exceeding two miles, the lifeboat regained the steamer, bringing with her the captain, five of the crew, and a small terrier dog, all that remained on the barque "Mendoza" of Greenock, which had been waterlogged for several days, and had the larger portion of her crew taken off by a boat belonging to another sailing ship two days before, but during a tremendous squall the other ship had been driven away out of sight, leaving the poor mariner on the barque in a state of dreadful uncertainty, both as to their own ultimate fate and that of their comrades, who had been overtaken by the squall before reaching the rescuing snip.

Miss Racer gained much prestige as a prophet from this incident, and was presented with the rescued terrier by the captain of the Mendoza, as a souvenir of her remarkable tea cup prediction.

The mercury in the barometer had been slowly falling ever since leaving Sydney, and there now burst a most terrific westerly gale, accompanied with a fearful sea, which gathered in strength and destructiveness for many days. The "Jutland" had a very long bridge house amidships, under which were berthed the deck and engine officers of all grades, and contained in addition mess rooms, closets and store rooms of various descriptions, in all about ten rooms on each side; these rooms began to give way before the furious battering force of the heavy seas shipped on board, and the occupants had transferred their gear to the engine-room, where nearly all hands now resorted for shelter, for it was utterly impossible to live in the fore-castle or even venture on the fore deck; short sail was made upon the ship to keep her before the wind, but was blown away bit by bit, until but about one half of an upper fore-top sail alone remained; the whole of the boats, six in number, were either carried away or smashed into matchwood, and the huge davits broken off short like carrots. These davits were of iron five inches thick, from which some idea of the force of the seas may be formed. Immense seas swept through the galleys, and for many days no particle of cooked food was available, no drinking water could be obtained from the ordinary source, the deck pump being destroyed, but fortunately the water-tanks could be reached through a trap in the engine-room bulkhead, so that by means of a dipper a supply of the life-sustaining fluid was obtained.

During daylight two or three men would watch a chance, and in a momentary lull make a rush aft, where all was yet secure, the strong deck houses of teak and cabin skylights being securely battened down, from the stores there the adventurers would get supplies of biscuits and tins of cocoa paste, stowing

these in their jumpers they would again seize the moment of a lull to regain the shelter of the engine-room, and for many days biscuits, spread with cocoa paste was the only food that sustained the weary crew in their fight with the fearful gale. The first life was lost upon this service, a fine young seaman, Frank Ashurst, having ventured at night, the moment after he had left the engine-room hatch, an immense sea overwhelmed the ship, which must have carried him overboard, for poor Frank was never more seen.

The situation in the engine-room was critical in the extreme, the salvation of the ship depended upon the speed of the engines being kept up to the highest possible point; six hours watches were set, thus throwing fifty per cent more labour upon all hands, being closely battered for so long, in spite of which every sea that came over the ship, and they were legion, sent heavy showers of water down on engines and boilers, raising volumes of vapour for which there was but little outlet, the atmosphere became horribly oppressive, ranging to an height of 140° to 150° Fahrenheit, and all were wet and soddened, and miserable; moreover the excessive labour, coupled with insufficient food and want of sleep, began to tell upon the firemen, and it was with great difficulty that some of them could be kept to their post. One or two did in fact leave their work in despair, and commenced praying instead, rendering it necessary for the chief engineer to admonish them somewhat roughly, that they should have done their praying before they came to sea, or at least to defer it until the gale was weathered.

On the bridge the scene was truly frightful, and enough to cow the heart of any but the staunchest of seamen; the shrieking and howling of the gale, the terrifying, overwhelming crash of the huge mountains of water that repeatedly buried the ship, hour after hour, and day after day, four seamen lashed to the wheel, the Captain and officers lashed to the bridge stanchions, or main-top-mast stays; Captain Johns declared this to be by far the worst gale he had ever encountered in his thirty-five years' service of crossing the Atlantic.

Fears were entertained that the funnel would carry away, a crowning disaster, as several of the guy bolts were torn through the deck, and the funnel itself even dented by the furious impact of the waves, and the waste steam pipe, a huge tube of copper, actually bent and crushed. Owing to the whole of the bridge boats being carried away with their chocks and gear the bridge was left clear of anything in the shape of bulwarks, and life-lines were stretched to the few available stanchions.

It must be understood that the ship had been running before the gale, and about the sixth morning, when the wind had somewhat abated, was in even more danger than at any other time; this may seem inexplicable to a landsman, but is to be explained thus: As long as the wind has a much higher velocity than the sea, the ship can, by the help of its canvas, be kept before the wind, but when the wind lessens the seas still for days after runs with great velocity and force, and running faster than the ship can go, poops her, the most dangerous form in which a ship can be struck by a sea. This then is nearly what happened to the unfortunate "Jutland." About 2 p.m. the chief engineer had ventured to the companion to have a look out, and was speaking to Mr. Stone, who was saying cheerily that "it," meaning the gale, "was all over," when at that moment the engineer saw an enormous wave, seemingly higher than the main top-sail yard, breaking over the starboard waist; dashing to the companion cover he held on to the doors for a space of time that seemed terribly long, but was really but a minute or so, during which time the ship was fairly submerged; upon the water ceasing to pour through the cracks of the doors he again looked out, expecting that the chief officer had been carried away in the terrible deluge, but that official had luckily become entangled in a winch and so saved. While in the act of congratulating him upon his providential escape the boatswain came running along the bridge shouting that the Captain was gone overboard, which, alas, was but too true. Captain Johns had just stepped forth from the chart room, which structure, strange to say, escaped all damage, and was standing close by the funnel, when the huge wave dashed over the ship and swept him away into eternity.

Of course nothing could be done but to keep running as hard as possible, the gale was dying out and less frequently the heavy seas broke on board, but about 9 p.m. the same night the worst

occurred: a fearful crash, accompanied by masses of water pouring down the stoke-hole, a long, heaving, sickening lurch, told the tale to the people in the engine-room of the ship having having broached to, and it was with great difficulty that the firemen could be restrained from deserting their posts, in the belief that the ship was foundering. After a few most anxious minutes the voice of the second officer was heard calling from above for an engineer to fix the after steering gear, the carpenter whose duty it was being laid on the floor of the engine-room with broken ribs, having thus suffered early in the gale. The second engineer and a trusty fireman started with tools to render the required assistance, and so impressed were all with the close proximity of death, that the chief and second engineer, old friends and comrades in many a scene of peril, wrung each other by the hand, never hoping to meet again in this world.

But thanks be to God for all his mercies, that last frightful sea was the beginning of the end of our troubles, and truly it had done great havoc; the entire steering gear, with the two poor fellows who were lashed to it, the engine-room telegraph, the flying bridge, an erection of iron stanchions as thick as a man's arm, the huge iron ventilators for supplying air to the furnaces, the side lights, all had gone, and the chief officer who was lashed found himself hanging by the waist to a broken stanchion when the sea had passed over the ship.

She was now much quieter, head to sea, and at daylight it was seen that the last awful sea had stove in the main hatch and the deck close around it, and besides torn away about fifty feet of the iron bulwarks on the port side, this latter, no doubt having been her salvation, otherwise the immense weight of water must have foundered her.

The following morning being comparatively fine, and the broken hatch and deck repaired with planks, the ship was put on her course, and it was with thankful feelings that St. Agnes, the Scilly Islands, was sighted. The stock of coals were rather low, but the two chiefs, mate and engineer, after consultation, agreed to push on for London, for had they gone to Plymouth for coals, the Board of Trade officials there would not have let her out again, such a wreck as she was, without heavy repairs.

Getting a pilot at Dungeness, the story of the fearful voyage was carried ashore by the pilot boat, and telegraphed to London, and on entering the Albert Docks, many friends of the crew were waiting on the dockhead. A sad scene ensued when the friends of the lost ones learned their bereavement, while on the other hand the survivors were welcomed as if they had returned from the dead, and so ended the terrible voyage of the good ship "Jutland."

It may be added that the first portion of the crew of the "Mendoza" were landed at Queenstown, some few days later, by the barque, "Ruby," of Quebec, who had rescued them.

THE MAN IN THE BELL.

IN my younger days, bell-ringing was much more in fashion among the young men of ——— than it is now. Nobody, I believe, practices it there at present except the servants of the church, and the melody has been much injured in consequence. Some fifty years ago, about twenty of us who dwelt in the vicinity of the Cathedral, formed a club, which used to ring every peal that was called for; and, from continual practice and a rivalry which arose between us and a club attached to another steeple, and which tended considerably to sharpen our zeal, we became very Mozarts on our favourite instruments. But my bell-ringing practice was shortened by a singular accident, which not only stopped my performance, but made even the sound of a bell terrible to my ears.

One Sunday, I went with another into the belfry to ring for noon prayers, but the second stroke we had pulled showed us that the clapper of the bell we were at was muffled. Some one had been buried that morning, and it had been prepared, of course, to ring a mournful note. We did not know of this, but the remedy was easy. "Jack," said my companion, "step up to the loft, and cut off the hat;" for the way we had of muffling was by tying a piece of an old hat, or of cloth (the former was preferred), to one side of the clapper, which deadened every second toll. I complied, and mounting into the belfry, crept as usual into the bell, where I began to cut away. The hat had been tied on in some more complicated manner than usual, and

I was perhaps three or four minutes in getting it off; during which time my companion below was hastily called away—by a message from his sweetheart, I believe—but that is not material to my story. The person who called him was a brother of the club, who, knowing that the time had come for ringing for service, and not thinking that anyone was above, began to pull. At this moment I was just getting out, when I felt the bell moving; I guessed the reason at once—it was a moment of terror; but by a hasty and almost convulsive effort, I succeeded in jumping down, and throwing myself on the flat of my back under the bell.

The room in which it was was little more than sufficient to contain it, the bottom of the bell coming within a couple of feet of the floor of lath. At that time I certainly was not so bulky as I am now, but as I lay it was within an inch of my face. I had not laid myself down a second, when the ringing began.—It was a dreadful situation. Over me swung an immense mass of metal, one touch of which would have crushed me to pieces; the floor under me was principally composed of crazy laths, and if they gave way, I was precipitated to the distance of about fifty feet upon a loft, which would, in all probability, have sunk under the impulse of my fall, and sent me to be dashed to atoms upon the marble floor of the chancel, a hundred feet below. I remembered—for fear is quick in recollection—how a common clockwright, about a month before, had fallen, and, bursting through the floors of the steeple, driven in the ceilings of the porch, and even broke into the marble tombstone of a bishop who slept beneath. This was my first terror, but the ringing had not continued a minute, before a more awful and immediate dread came on me. The deafening sound of the bell smote into my ears with a thunder which made me fear their drums would crack: there was not a fibre of my body it did not thrill through. It entered my very soul; thought and reflection were almost utterly banished; I only retained the sensation of agonising terror. Every moment I saw the bell sweep within an inch of my face; and my eyes—I could not close them, though to look at the object was bitter as death—following it instinctively in its oscillating progress until it came back again. It was in vain I said to myself that it would come no nearer at any future swing than it did at first; every time it descended I endeavoured to shrink into the very floor to avoid being buried under the down-sweeping mass; and then, reflecting on the danger of pressing too weightily on my frail support, would cower up again as far as I dared.

At first my fears were mere matter of fact. I was afraid the pulleys above would give way, and let the bell plunge on me. At another time, the possibility of the clapper being shot out in some sweep, and dashing through my body, as I have seen a ramrod glide through a door, flitted across my mind. The dread also, as I have already mentioned, of the crazy floor, tormented me; but these soon gave way to fears not more unfounded, but more visionary, and of course more tremendous. The roaring of the bell confused my intellect, and my fancy soon began to teem with all sorts of strange and terrifying ideas. The bell pealing above, and opening its jaws with a hideous clamour, seemed to me at one time a ravening monster, raging to devour me; at another, a whirlpool ready to suck me into its bellowing abyss. As I gazed on it, it assumed all shapes; it was a flying eagle, or rather a roc of the Arabian story-tellers, clapping its wings and screaming over me. As I looked upward into it, it would appear sometimes to lengthen into indefinite extent, or to be twisted at the end into the spiral folds of the tail of a flying dragon. Nor was the flaming breath or fiery glance of that fabled animal wanting to complete the picture. My eyes, inflamed, bloodshot, and glaring, invested the supposed monster with a full proportion of unholy light.

It would be endless were I to merely hint at all the fancies that possessed my mind. Every object that was hideous and roaring presented itself to my imagination. I often thought that I was in a hurricane at sea, and that the vessel in which I was embarked tossed under me with the most furious vehemence. The air, set in motion by the swinging of the bell, blew over me, nearly with the violence, and more than the thunder of a tempest; and the floor seemed to reel under me, as under a drunken man. But the most awful of all the ideas that seized on me were drawn from the supernatural. In the vast cavern of the bell hideous faces appeared, and glared down on me with

terrifying frowns, or with grinning mockery still more appalling. At last, the devil himself, accoutred as in the common description of the evil spirit, with hoof, horn, and tail, and eyes of infernal lustre, made his appearance, and called on me to curse God and worship him, who was powerful to save me. This dread suggestion he uttered with the full-toned clangour of the bell. I had him within an inch of me, and I thought on the fate of the Santon Barsisa. Strenuously and desperately I defied him and bade him begone. Reason, then, for a moment resumed her sway, but it was only to fill me with fresh terror, just as the lightning dispels the gloom that surrounds the benighted mariner, but to show him that his vessel is driving on a rock, where she must inevitably be dashed to pieces. I found I was becoming delirious, and trembled lest reason should utterly desert me. This is at all times an agonising thought, but it smote me then with tenfold agony. I feared lest, when utterly deprived of my senses, I should rise—to do which I was every moment tempted by that strange feeling which calls on a man, whose head is dizzy from standing on the battlement of a lofty castle to precipitate himself from it, and then death would be instant and tremendous. When I thought of this, I became desperate. I caught the floor with a grasp which drove the blood from my nails; and I yelled with the cry of despair. I called for help, I prayed, I shouted, but all the efforts of my voice were of course drowned in the bell. As it passed over my mouth, it occasionally echoed my cries, which mixed not with its own sound, but preserved their distinct character. Perhaps this was but fancy. To me, I know, they then sounded as if they were the shouting, howling, or laughing of the fiends with which my imagination had peopled the gloomy cave which swung over me.

You may accuse me of exaggerating my feelings; but I am not. Many a scene of dread have I since passed through, but they are nothing to the self-inflicted terrors of this half hour. The ancients have doomed one of the damned, in their Tartarus, to lie under a rock, which every moment seems to be descending to annihilate him—and an awful punishment it would be. But if to this you add a clamour as loud as if ten thousand furies were howling about you—a deafening uproar banishing reason, and driving you to madness—you must allow that the bitterness of the pang was rendered more terrible. There is no man, firm as his nerves may be, who could retain his courage in this situation.

In twenty minutes the ringing was done. Half of that time passed over me without power of computation,—the other half appeared an age. When it ceased, I became gradually more quiet, but a new fear retained me. I knew that five minutes would elapse without ringing, but, at the end of that short time, the bell would be rung a second time, for five minutes more. I could not calculate time. A minute, and an hour were of equal duration. I feared to rise, lest the five minutes should have elapsed, and the ringing be again commenced, in which case I should be crushed, before I could escape, against the walls or frame-work of the bell. I therefore still continued to lie down, cautiously shifting myself, however, with a careful gliding, so that my eyes no longer looked into the hollow. This was of itself a considerable relief. The cessation of the noise had, in a great measure, the effect of stupifying me, for my attention being no longer occupied by the chimeras I had conjured up, began to flag. All that now distressed me was the constant expectation of the second ringing, for which, however, I settled myself with a kind of stupid resolution. I closed my eyes, and clenched my teeth as firmly as if they were screwed in a vice. At last the dreaded moment came, and the first swing of the bell extorted a groan from me, as they say the most resolute victim screams at the sight of the rack, to which he is for a second time destined. After this, however, I lay silent and lethargic, without a thought. Wrapt in the defensive armour of stupidity, I defied the bell and its intonations. When it ceased, I was roused a little by the hope of escape. I did not, however, decide on this step hastily, but, putting up my hand with the utmost caution, I touched the rim. Though the ringing had ceased, it still was tremulous from the sound, and shook under my hand, which instantly recoiled as from an electric jar. A quarter of an hour probably elapsed before I again dared to make the experiment, and then I found it at rest. I determined to lose no time, fearing that I might have lain then already too long, and that the bell for evening service would catch me,

This dread stimulated me, and I slipped out with the utmost rapidity, and arose. I stood, I suppose, for a minute, looking with silly wonder on the place of my imprisonment, penetrated with joy at escaping, but then rushed down the stony and irregular stair with the velocity of lightning, and arrived in the bell-ringers' room. This was the last act I had power to accomplish. I leant against the wall, motionless and deprived of thought, in which posture my companions found me, when, in the course of a couple of hours, they returned to their occupation.

They were shocked, as well they might, at the figure before them. The wind of the bell had excoriated my face, and my dim and stupefied eyes were fixed with a lack-lustre gaze in my raw eyelids. My hands were torn and bleeding; my hair dishevelled; and my clothes tattered. They spoke to me, but I gave no answer. They shook me, but I remained insensible. They then became alarmed, and hastened to remove me. He who had first gone up with me in the forenoon, met them as they carried me through the churchyard, and through him, who was shocked at having, in some measure, occasioned the accident, the cause of my misfortune was discovered. I was put to bed at home, and remained for three days delirious, but gradually recovered my senses. You may be sure the bell formed a prominent topic of my ravings, and if I heard a peal, they were instantly increased to the utmost violence. Even when the delirium abated, my sleep was continually disturbed by imagined ringings, and my dreams were haunted by the fancies which almost maddened me while in the steeple. My friends removed me to a house in the country, which was sufficiently distant from any place of worship, to save me from the apprehensions of hearing the church-going bell; for what Alexander Selkirk, in Cowper's poem, complained of as a misfortune, was then to me as a blessing. Here I recovered; but, even long after recovery, if a gale wafted the notes of a peal towards me, I started with nervous apprehension. I felt a Mohammedan hatred to all the bell tribe, and envied the subjects of the Commander of the Faithful the sonorous voice of their Muezzin. Time cured this, as it does the most of our follies; but even at the present day, if, by chance, my nerves be unstrung, some particular tones of the cathedral bell have power to surprise me into a momentary start.—*Tales from Blackwood.*

A RINGER'S DREAM.

Ne'er by day did reason's mint
Give my thoughts a clearer print,
Of assured reality.
Than was left by phantasy,
Stamp'd and colour'd on my sprite,
In a dream of yesternight.

OUR company had met together one evening late in autumn for a peal of Treble Bob. I had agreed to make one of the band, but at the last minute a brother ringer from a neighbouring town appeared unexpectedly and I resigned my rope to him. I was tired that night in mind and body, and, to confess the truth, it was with a feeling of satisfaction that, having locked the church door on my comrades to secure them from interruption, I made myself comfortable by the fire in our club-room, and prepared to sit out the peal. To pass away the time I took up "Standard Methods," and began to puzzle myself with Mr. Snowdon's diagrams of that inscrutable method known as London Surprise. In an hour's time I had forgotten my name, and found myself beginning to question my own identity, so to clear my head again I put on my coat, climbed the long newel staircase in the corner buttress, and stepped out upon the roof of the tower. A fresh south-west breeze was blowing, and some heavy masses of cloud were looming up in the southern sky, but overhead the stars were still shining brightly and peacefully. I leaned upon the battlements and looked out over the country which lay around in a dark circle, broken only by the light which streamed from the west window of the tower, and shone on the white gravestones in the churchyard a hundred feet below. The solid floor of lead and timber upon which I stood softened down to music the voices of the bells. The tenor had just taken up the slow work, and as I listened to the changes the booming of her deep rich note dwelt upon my ear till I gradually lost consciousness of every other sound, and then, soothed by the warm night wind and the gentle rocking of the tower, I fell asleep. Immediately I had a strange and vivid dream. It seemed to me that

our tower hung high in space and that far below me the whole world revolved, and showed me, as in a great panorama, scene after scene of the toil and the sorrow of human life. Giddy at the sight for a moment, I shut my eyes. When I opened them a crowded city was passing beneath me. I saw through the window of a room the form of a once strong man wasted with disease tossing wearily on his bed. Beside him sat a woman trying with loving words to give him rest, and at the bed knelt a little girl holding his hand in hers and looking wistfully in his face. And just as the scene passed away I saw a smile upon that face, worn with pain and restlessness, and I knew that the sufferer had heard the music of our bells, and that they had brought him peace. When I looked again it was grey morning. The wind had risen to a gale, and below was a vessel struggling in a furious sea, a full-rigged ship trying under double reefed topsails to weather out the storm. There were two men at the wheel, a tall, big-boned, blue-eyed Swede, and a sturdy Scotch lad. The skipper in a peajacket, and sou' wester, stood on the weather side of the poop, and the watch, in their oilskins, were grouped to leeward of the mizen mast, for there was no safety forward where the green seas were curling over the bulwarks and thundering down upon the deck, sweeping all before them. The skipper, a thickset, round-shouldered little man, cast from time to time an anxious glance upwards at the two narrow strips of canvas upon which his life depended, but I saw a look of quiet confidence on his face as if some echoes of our peal, full of memories of home, had reached him through the bellying of the gale, and given him fresh courage for the fight. But ship and ocean passed away and again I looked down upon the life and turmoil of a great city. I saw a student surrounded by his books, a man worn down by hard thought, grey before his time, with an unsatisfied longing in his eyes as if with all his learning he had come to no knowledge of the truth, and as the sound of the bells was borne in through the open window he started, moved, I thought, by some strong memory of a past, when no haunting doubts disturbed the peace of a pure childhood's faith. Then far away to the west I saw a little clearing in a boundless forest of grey poplars. A rough log hut stood in a corner, and by it was a little patch of garden ground, but the rest of the clearing was strewn with trunks of fallen trees, which lay half buried in a dense and matted undergrowth. A man was leaning on his axe wiping the sweat from his face and resting a moment in his fiery struggle with nature for his bread. And as the air around him was filled with the music of our peal, he took new heart and strength, and raising his axe worked on with redoubled vigour to prepare a home for wife and little ones left waiting in the old country beyond the sea. And now another ocean stretched before me and on a nameless coral island I saw the figure of a lonely man, the survivor of some one of these many untold tragedies of which the story of the great deep, could we but read it, is too full. A tall, gaunt man clad in rags with matted hair hanging over his shoulders, a face wasted with the sickness of hope deferred, and eyes haggard with straining for the first glimpse of the sail that never came. But as the voices of the bells were borne to him across the sea his eyes filled with tears, and the yearning look left his face as if with the sound peace had entered into his soul. Then there was a long interval of oblivion, only from time to time there came up a confused murmur of sounds which blended strangely in my dream with the coursing of the bells, and made me half-conscious of the life of a busy world below. At last I roused myself again and looked down upon a mighty continent glowing beneath the rays of a torrid sun. And I saw that this land, bathed as it was in glorious light, was darkened by an awful curse. Along a hot and breathless valley there wound slowly one of those ghastly processions with which Livingstone and Gordon, Felkin and Nachtigall, and a score of other writers had made me too familiar—a slave caravan. I thought that I had before me the actual reality of a scene which had often haunted my dreams, the white-robed evil-hearted Mohammedan merchants with their brutal following of armed ruffians, the long files of wretched men yoked together like beasts, and staggering under their burdens, weary and despairing women, little children doomed to shame and misery, from the very thought of which they should have been tenderly shielded. One figure in that sad train riveted my attention—the figure of a little boy fastened by a cord round his right wrist to the left arm of a villainous-looking Arab, who

slouched along with an old muzzle-loading rifle over his shoulder. The boy could not have been more than twelve or thirteen. He had been better cared for than the rest, or perhaps had but just been taken. Bare from head to foot he might, for symmetry of limb, have stood for any painter as a model of childish grace and beauty. But across his back from shoulder to shoulder stretched a cruel scar, which showed that even his tender years had not saved him from the driver's lash. My boy plodded bravely on, keeping as far from his companion as the length of the cord would allow. Once I saw his face; there was little of the African type about it, but there was a look there of conscious helplessness, of yearning for that love which was his due, of dread of a dark and unknown future which would have moved a heart of stone. My dream had become a nightmare, and sick with horror I turned away. When I dared to look again I saw upon a hill slope, not twenty miles from that dreadful valley, a Christian church, a humble building, but above it flew a flag which bore the ensign of our faith. And outside the church, looking up into the sky, stood a white man, a missionary, weary and disappointed, he seemed to be, with the burden of that lonely struggle with the powers of evil and the brute forces of nature. But suddenly there burst upon him the full music of those triumphant bells, sweeping from his heart every doubt and fear, bringing him a pledge of light for Africa, an assurance of victory as though Armageddon were already fought and won.

Thrilled by the scene I started out of sleep. My dream was over. I was alone in darkness and driving rain on the tower top. The bells were still ringing, but before I had groped my way down the stairs they had ceased, and the peal was over. The cheerful light and cheerful talk of the club-room did much to restore my spirits, but my brother ringers must pardon me if they found me poor company as we trudged home through the mud that night, for the form of my African boy haunted me, and haunts me still.

JACK HODGE.

MRS. BROWN AMONG THE RINGERS.

Now of course I'm not a ringer myself, though as I've heard say there was one ringer a many years ago who made his wife get up out of her warm bed in the cold winter's morning to ring the kerfew at Soreditch, while her husband, drat him, lay asleep in bed. And so would I; I don't think. Very likely this was always through his keeping late hours with them there Cumberlins, as I made a bargin with my 'usband before we were married that he should never go to ring only at our own parish church, where me and him were krisened, and brought up, in the parish, that is. Dear me; if men wants to ring why can't 'em ring at home, leastways at the church they belongs to, and not be galliwanting all over London at all hours of the night. Brown comed it once or twice, this stopping out late, and when I blowed him up about it the next morning, he had the impudence to tell me he was Master. Master indeed! though I must say he explained to me later on what he meant—that he was Master of the Collidge Youths. Well I never thought Brown ever went to Collidge, though I dare say them Youths wanted a Master over them now and then, and as Mrs. Jones—whose 'usband, so I heard, rings St. Paul's tenner, tells me, there is nice goings on at that ere Collidge. Though Jones, like Brown and all the rest of 'em, never blows the gaff, wulgarly speaking, as to their doings at Collidge. But, dere hart! the langwidge they talk. We don't have any wisiters, but Jones is werry fond of company, and you may always see a parlour-full at Jones' a-playing of hand-bells. Not but what they play werry pretty, and when I do drop round to Jones's—Mrs. Jones being an old 'quaintance—and werry conwiwial, I don't mind heering such muzegit, though the way one man rings two bells and throws hisself about is orful, and quite makes one presfire. But sometimes they kick up such a row, hooting and hollering, that it soon becomes a noosance, and Mrs. Jones, who is a lady as knows er book, beckons me down stairs to have somethink. Why these ringers can't speak plane English is a poser to me. The langwidge, as I was sayin' is enough to make a respectable married ooman blush. I heard one man say the tother night "Bob, you made a shift." I thought if I were Bob's wife, I'd give him "shift" when I got him ome. I wonder a respectable-looking set of men aint careful of their langwidge. But lor! Mrs. Jones larfed at me when I told her, and as for Brown, I thought he'd go into sterriks

about it. But I did'n't go again to Jones's for a long while, for I could'n't abear, as is a gentle'oman born, to be made lafter of.

Well, as I was saying, them ere "Youths" sometimes wants a Master, and as mine was pintoed to that posishun, I thort I'd try and see how he looked in his offis. So I managed to have a peep into the room one night—never mind how I got there—and there was the ringers, quite a spectacle lot of gents, with Brown at one head of the table—all as quiet as a body of Methodises, and one werry nice gent, quite a family man, was reding a letter. I dunno what this letter was about, but I thort afterwards as it must be from some poor ringer, and I've seen a lot of em, who was hard up, because one of 'em in the room went round collectin' and gave what he gathered to the man who red the letter. Then another gent got up, and said he wanted to give notice of somethin' about a terrible mob at some church in Birmunsey, and then another gent, with a werry-red face, wanted some Hamsher taters, at Fulham. Whatsoever they wanted to here about a mob I couldn't see for the life of me. Very likely it was a meeting of them Chartises as almost robbed the Bank of England once, if the Dook of Wellington had not stopped their little game. And the idea of goin' to Fulham just to have taters from Hamsher. Well, these ringers are a funny lot, I thought. The man with the red face didn't meet with a werry good reception, with his taters and him, so he made a great noise, which quite upset the party. Now I thought if Brown does his duty he'll shut some on 'em up, specially the red-faced young man, who certingly was not used to perlite society. But all he dun was to say "gentlemen," "gentlemen," and it is a fact that all was quiet in no time, and this red-faced man looked just as if he had been sat on. Then the nice gentleman who read the letter had a bit more to say, and Brown got up and said that bisness was over. So I thought that I had better make myself scarce, as the sayin' is, but afore I could get down the stairs I was overtaken by the young man with the red face, who spotted me in no time, and shouted to Brown that the "old ooman" was come. I ject gave him a smart knock on is ed with my umbreller, as I always carries for convenience sake, and give him the length of my tong. "Who ar you calling old ooman, Mr. Sassbox," I said. "I'll teach you to be respectful to a married female." He umbly begged my parding, but I was not going to be smoothed over so easy, and it was a long time before I'd umble myself to have anythink with him.

Now I aint going to say I want amooosed a bit the evenin' I went to have a spy at the ringers. Brown says he'll take me to Pulker's some time, which is that church at the end of the Hobun Wiadock, where they rings the bell when the convicts is agoing to be hexecuted at Newgate. Then I shall see the ringers in full fig, as Brown says, but I wants to know more about the ins and outs of it before I ventures up into a belfry. Mrs. Jones says she could'n't think of it. I don't see any arm whatsomdever, especially if I meet with such a nice lot of gents as I saw before at the meeting. It seems as how I made a error in thinkin' what I did about Chartises, for Brown says they ringers are stanch for church and stait, as the saying is, them 'ere Cumberlins as well. Ah! Well, they are a nice lot of gents after all. Brown says they ar all alike; and so I think I shall go to Pulker's the fust hooportunity. And when I do, Mr. Bell News, I'll let you know how I got on.

On the occasion of the Jubilee of George III, says the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle*, October 25th, 1809, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, the day was ushered in by the ringing of bells, the flag was hoisted on the Castle, flags were also displayed upon some of the Churches, and also by the ships in the river. The Union society of change-ringers rang in St. Nicholas's belfry, a complete peal of Holt's Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins.

At a wedding at Scaynes Hill a few days ago, a peal of bells was im-provised in a singular manner. The village blacksmith having obtained some old ploughshares, turned them to the diatonic scale. Eight of the residents were supplied with one each, together with a clapper in the form of a blacksmith's hammer. They then formed themselves into a circle, and played several peals in honour of the bride and bridegroom.

The incumbent of St. Paul's, Sandgate, the churchwardens and congregation of which had forwarded a memorial to the Earl of Chichester asking him to grant a small piece of waste ground for the building an apse and organ chamber, have received a reply from his lordship declining to give the space asked for.

A TEN DAYS' TOUR IN MERCIA.

BY A GOSSIPING ANTIQUARY.

VERY reluctantly did we leave Deerhurst behind us, but the cruel captain of our expedition had little sympathy with our antiquarian fervour. Go thither by thyself O man, who lovest the ancient stones and the sacred shrines of hoar antiquity; take with thee only thy sketch book, and let thy pencil be sharply pointed, and if thou must have a companion, let it be a congenial soul, and not a young man, who thinketh mankind were created to be tobacco chimneys, and that there is more interest to be taken in a young woman's glances than in a real Saxon interlaced carving.

Pleasantly, however, did we float down the broad stream of the Severn. The non-antiquarians toiled at the oars, the archaeological section meditated on what they had seen, and at length, after many a pleasant curve and sweep of the stately stream, we landed at Ashelworth. Worth is a commonplace name in Hampshire, where there are two parishes curiously enough named Bishopsworthy and Martyrworthy, though I never heard that either of them secured Prelate or Martyr for their incumbents. Ashelworth seems to point to a growth of ashes, and worth is probably connected with the word "warth"—the sea-edging of rough grass, part turf, part mud, near Clevedon, is locally spoken of as "the Salt Warths," and may be derived from "wertha," an old Teutonic word for valuable or useful—the compound signifying a spot valued for its ash plantation. Here we found a very interesting old church, with herring-bone work in the north wall; a curious rood-screen staircase, a quaint fresco painting of the Royal arms, and other features, which would have deserved more attention, but that the most picturesque and almost perfect Manor-house, close by, stole away our hearts. Old churches are frequent enough, but well-preserved "domestic work" is rare enough to be a fascination. Here the "Solar" is perfect, though the hall has been filled up with partitions.

But Ashelworth Manor-house is far too picturesque a spot to be described in words—one needs to have of it some of those exquisite little woodcuts which Llewellyn Juvitt used to produce about 30 years ago, and which are now unequalled. Under the fading sunset—which spread a golden sheen on the Severn—with the melodious chime of the oars, and the songs and glees which the young folks insisted on singing, whilst the old ones trembled at the thought of rheumatics! We saw the reflection of the Cathedral's tall tower falling athwart the stream. We at length floated down to the three-arched bridge at Gloucester, which replaces but poorly the ancient one with its gate tower as "seen in old views of Gloucester."

Now, kind reader, do not fear that you are going to have a complete history of Gloucester, including its Cathedral and its vanished Castle, forced on your attention, for we know that most of our antiquarian friends have seen the noble church, which was monastic, but is now the Cathedral; but we are going to tell you of what is almost a discovery, at least I do not think the local guides and books give half enough prominence to the interesting fact that there still remain in Gloucester two desecrated churches, one of considerable size, which once belonged to the Grey Friars, and is situated near St. Mary de Crypt church. The other is more curiously concealed, having been turned into a house. This building was once over the church of the Dominicans or Black Friars. They were the followers of St. Dominic, the wonderful Spanish "revivalist" of the middle ages. They reached England in the 12th century, and this establishment was founded in 1239. A good deal of it was destroyed, shameful to relate, within the last twenty years, but still part of the cloister plan survives; also the dormitory still remains nearly perfect. That such treasures of antiquity should remain neglected and unnoticed is a terrible disgrace to the culture of our age. These remnants of the past are simply of incalculable value, and they are left to decay unnoticed! Surely the Gloucester Architectural Society might take up the case of the still existing remains of the Grey Friars and the Black Friars, and they might be utilised for a museum or library. Many people would not notice the remains of this church, as it now forms a house, with windows and partitions, and chimneys, but a careful observation of the roof-lines shows the features of a cruciform church, with nave and chancel, north and south transepts. Perhaps some portions were shortened when the building was converted into a mansion-house by an energetic citizen, who attained a grant of the premises when the Friars gave it up in the time of Henry VIII. He gave the altered building his own name, and called it Bell's-place. The records of the Royal visitors about this Priory are still extant and very curious. The Black Friars seem to have been in debt to various tradespeople and citizens. The Commissioners complain of "the clamour" of the creditors. A second report, which was signed by the Mayor of Gloucester, is very amusing, it runs as follows:—

"This 28th day of July in the 30th year of our most dred Sovereyn, Lord Henry the VIII., to Richard Byschop, of Devon, and vesityor under the Lorde Privy Selle (seal) for the Kynges grace was in Glowsetur, and ther before the Meyar and Aldermen, in the howses of (the)

Freers (Friars) ther at two tymeys in two days, putt the seyd Freers att ther lyberteys, whether they vold contynew in their howseys and kepe ther relygyon and injuncions, according to the same, or ellys gyff ther howseys into the Kyngs hands: The injuncions he ther declared among them the [which was thowthe (thought) by the seyd May'r and Aldermen to be good and reasonabull: and also the seyd Freers sayd they war according to ther rewolys, yet as the world ys nowe they war not abull to kepe them, and leffe in ther howseys: wherefore voluntarilye they gaffe ther howseys into the Vesityors hands to the King's use: The vesityor seyd to them, thinke not, nor hereafter report not, that ye be suppreseyd, for I have no such auctoritey to suppresse yow, but only to reform yow; wherefor yff ye will be reformed according to good order ye may contynew for all men: they seyd they wer not abull to contynew; wherefore the vesityor took ther howseys and charitably delivered them and gaff them letters to vesitye their friends, or to goe to other howseys," &c., &c.

This curious report, which capitally illustrates the mingled craft and hypocrisy of the Royal Commissioners, is signed amongst others by "Master Thomas Bell, elder Alderman." He became the granter of the Black Friars property, and turned the buildings into a manufactory, where he employed 300 persons. This church, as we see, he sacrilegiously turned into his private residence. However, we must trust that his conscience gave him a few wholesome twinges, for he gave a house to St. Aldate's church, and also built certain almshouses. A few more particulars may be gleaned from his quaint epitaph, which is in St. Mary de Crypt's church, and on the margin of which we read "Dame Joan Bell, the wydowe of Sir Thomas Bell, Knight, hath caused this tomb to be made, and fynished this lyfe the 14th day of June, in this year, 1567."

Curiously enough this lady's name is still familiar in Gloucester, for a lane leading down to what was once a postern on the wall near the Black Friars is called "Lady Bell Gate." But we must first give the epitaph, and say more about the Gloucester Friars again:—

EPITAPH ON SIR JOHN BELL.

"Berefte this life here lyeth under stone
Syr Tomas Bell whylom a knyght of fame
Who lyving here gave food to many a one
And left behynd provision for the same
Hath laste in store for ever to be hadd
Among the poore that here in towne shall dwell
Of lyme and stone an Almes-house hath he made
For see poor folks and—the same full well
Here in this streat, fast by the southerne yate
And hath the same withe lyvelyhoode, endewed
That aye shall ask and never shall —ce.

Thriese wt free voyce eke hath this towne allowde
This worthy man a mayor's rome to wealde
And thriese him cal'd in parlement to sytt,
Force wealthe of them in rest at home that dwelde.
And now hathe d(ea)d the his worthy travayle quite
When he hate rune of fower sco(re) yea/res the race
Whose spryte in maye, as pleased God prefyxe
The syve and twentie day, and yere of grace
And thousand fyve hundred threscore and syxe,
This tyer fled into the heavenly skye
Where he God graunt and everlastinge tyme
In joye may lyve, and never more to dye."

A correspondent sends us the following letter:—

DEAR "BELL NEWS,"—Now that the silent system of ringing is getting into vogue, "we"—that is me and my three brother-ringers—think the ringing world would like to know the origin of it, "we" used to do it long before the Bethnal Green chaps did it. How it came about was this: we have a peal of four in our tower, and the way we rang our peal was this—every treble lead our conductor called "dodge," now this conductor's conduct in general was civil enough, but in the belfry he, or "we" fancied he, assumed a sort of superiority, which me and the other two did not much like, so we had a sort of "hole-and-corner" meeting about it, behind his back, you know, when we agreed to tell him *suaviter in modo*, that we thought the system of dodge calling "slow"; but who was to "bell the cat"? We cast lots, I am happy to say it did not fall on me. He luckily took it in good part, we started at first with the friendly nod, which we found useful, *vide* Percival Heywood, but in a little time we rang our peal without a dodge being called, a nod given, or any sign whatever; that, Sir, me and my three brother-ringers claim as the origin of the Silent System of Ringing. I am glad the system is coming into vogue as I, like some other ringers, take my "five days' ramble," and I find that "bob-callers," though in the main I believe good fellows enough, assume certain "airs" are all there. Now, Sir, the Silent System will take down a peg those conductors, those bob-callers, those —, there, Sir, I must break off, I am beginning to lose my temper. QUAD.

BOXING DAY AND OLYMPIA.—The Railway Companies are making special arrangements for conveying visitors on Boxing day to Olympia, the new National Agricultural Hall, at Addison-road Station, to witness the first performances of the Great Hippodrome of Paris at 2 and 7.30 on Boxing Day.