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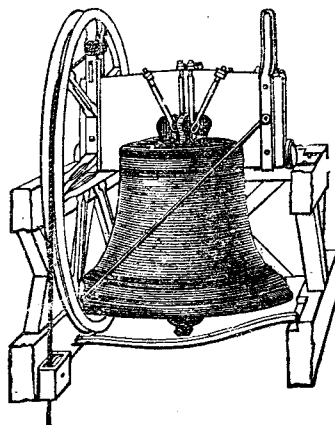
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NEW BELLS AT ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.

DEDICATION SERVICE AND DINNER.

The new bells at the above church were opened on Tuesday morning, when a special dedication service was held in connection with the event. At 11 o'clock the service commenced with the reading of a short office near the belfry by the Ven. Archdeacon Lear. The two new treble bells were then struck a few times, and the anthems "Praise him upon the well tuned cymbals," "Praise Him upon the loud cymbals" were sung. The people then proceeded to the Church, and the office concluded with a hymn. A Guild Service was held at 11.30, a short touch being rung on all eight bells as the procession proceeded up the aisle. An address was delivered by the Ven. Archdeacon Lear, who chose for his text Joel ii., 15, "Call a solemn assembly, gather the people." In the course of his remarks he observed that this text was inscribed on the tenor bell at St. Martin's church. A collection was made at the conclusion of the service in aid of the Salisbury Diocesan ringers' Guild, the amount realised being £1 os. 7d. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Mr. W. F. Fussell. A meeting was subsequently held in the Schoolroom, when the guild officers were elected. An adjournment was then made to the St. Ann-street Conservative Club room, where about 90 members of the Guild sat down to an excellent dinner which was put on in a praiseworthy manner by Mr. F. Sutton, of High street. The chair was taken by the Rev. Du Boulay Hill, and he was supported by the Rev. C. N. Wyld (Rector of St. Martin's), the Rev. W. J. Tait (Rector of St. Edmund's) the Rev. J. D. Morrice, the Rev. Wright Anderson, the Rev. H. Hankin, and the Rev. C. Gibson.

At the conclusion of the dinner,

The CHAIRMAN rose and said by being in the chair he was occupying a place which he hoped would have been occupied by someone who would fill it a great deal better. He had in his hand a telegram from Lord Nelson, who very kindly promised to be present, which said, "Daren't travel this weather, Nelson." They were thus unfortunately deprived of the kindly, genial presence of one who had always been a friend to the Guild from the beginning, and had always a choicest word to say for any Church work, not only in this Diocese, but throughout the kingdom. They would all be very sorry that he could not be amongst them that day. They would remember that the first Lord Nelson was said to have lain down in a proverbial form that what England expects was "that every man should do his duty," and he (the speaker) would try to do his in the chair to the best of his ability. He would first ask them to drink the health of her Majesty the Queen. In June next she would end the 50th year of her reign, and he supposed none of them would live to see another sovereign obtaining the 50th year of a reign of such success, honour, and so many advances as this of her Majesty Queen Victoria had been. It seemed to him to be a very fitting occasion for every single Englishman to consider what a great blessing God gave them in a Royal Family, which could be looked upon as an example in its domestic and public life; and it was an especial blessing to have the one who had been placed at the head of the nation, a Christian, a good mother, and a noble, honourable, sympathising lady.

A verse of the National Anthem was then sung, after which,

The CHAIRMAN again rose. He wanted to say a word or two about the Guild of Ringers, the welfare of which they all had at heart. He was very glad to be able to say that during the past year the Guild had accomplished a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples at St. James's church, Trowbridge, another at St. Paul's church, Chippenham, and a third at Trowbridge. So that three peals had been accomplished during the year, all conducted by Mr. McCaffery. As they were only beginners it was a grand thing to be able to say that they had accomplished something, that they had not lived in vain. They had—under the auspices of the Guild—recorded what he hoped was a new era in the annals of bellringing for the diocese—the counties of Wilts and Dorset. Dorsetshire would, no doubt, soon follow in the train, and produce some peals. He thought the members of the Guild, who gathered together in this way once a year, could carry back to their homes some benefit which they may have derived from being there. They could, so to speak, set the tone among ringers. They were joined together in order to remind themselves of the great fact that they were bands of men united for

one great object, which was the use of bells—as they should be used—for the glory of God. That was the only ground of permanence of any guild. Therefore they might carry back with them the thought for another year to their different parishes, to make their bells to be the models of the tone of what was right and proper for all about them. They could also carry back the thought that there was a wave of restoration passing through all their towers. Numbers of persons were desirous of having their bells and towers set in order: but it was a thing about which a number of persons made extraordinary mistakes, and a few years later they would be spending money to rectify them. He would like it to be known that there existed in that Guild an organisation which saw that these things were properly done. Their committee consisted of men who were mostly very conversant with ringing matters, accustomed to see bells hung, and in constant communication with some of the principal firms of bell founders and bell hangers. Therefore, he would like it to be known that all such questions in this Diocese might be referred to their committee, and advice could be obtained as to what steps should be taken. The committee should also be asked to supply someone to come and inspect the work. He must say that they were very much indebted to one member of their Guild.—Mr. Blackburn—who had very successfully accomplished the work of re-hanging the bells and preparing the frame for the reception of the two new bells at St. Martin's. He was sure the parishioners and friends of St. Martin's were glad to see that those bells had been that day re-opened, and that the work had been well done. He knew Mr. Blackburn was thoroughly capable of doing that work. As Instructor of their guild they looked to him as being a responsible person, as being able and capable of going down to certain places, and, for a small fee, superintending any work being done, and giving his advice thereon. In conclusion, he thanked the Rev. Wright Anderson, the secretary to the Guild, for his assistance and continued zeal in the interest of the Guild. He proposed a toast, "Success to the Diocesan Ringers' Guild."

The toast was well received and the Rev. WRIGHT ANDERSON having called attention to the arrangements for the afternoon's ringing, the company dispersed.

The following are the arrangements carried out by the bell-ringers during the afternoon. At St. Edmund's church, the ringers from the following places performed:—Sturminster Newton, 2.30 to 3.30; Bishops Cannings, 3 to 3.30; Mildenhall, 3.30 to 4; Great Bedwyn, 4 to 4.30; and Warminster, 4.30 to 5. At St. Paul's church, Fisherton:—Stourton, 3 to 3.30; Longbridge Deverill, 3.30 to 4; and Ebbesbourne Wake, 4 to 4.30. At the St. Martin's church, the ringers from Maiden Newton performed from 2.30 to 3.0, and those from Trowbridge and Bournemouth when required. The bells at St. Thomas' Church were placed at the convenience of the Guild, but in consequence of the serious illness of one of the parishioners near the church, the ringing did not take place.

RINGERS' OUTING, PLYMOUTH.

The St. Andrews ringers had an outing to Tavistock, on Bank Holiday. On arriving at the parish church of St. Eustace, everything was in readiness, so the fine ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), was set going to Grandsire Triples, for the first time since the bells were re-opened by the Devon Guild, after being rehung eight or nine years ago. In the afternoon a visit was paid to Whitchurch, where several 6-scores of Doubles were rung, to the astonishment of the local ringers, who had assembled for practice in "ups and downs." Plymouth was reached at 8 o'clock, after one of the most successful outings the band has ever had. The following took part in the ringing: Messrs. Taylor (conductor), Widdicombe, Gover, Manning, Tozer, Batten, Minhinick, E. Farthing, A. Farthing and Batchelor. Thanks are due to the vicars of the churches, and also to the local ringers, for a kind reception.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Members are requested to take notice:—That the next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held on Monday, January 10th, at Rickmansworth, and that the proposal will then be brought forward, to divide the Association into local branches, according to the plan which has been adopted in the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Members who intend to be present are requested to inform the secretaries of their respective bands as early as possible.

W. WIGRAM, General Secretary.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE bells of this church in ancient times consisted of a ring of four, but about the year 1829 Wm. Dobson, of Downham, had orders to recast them into a ring of six, the tone of which seemed to so please the good people of Grimsby, that two trebles were cast directly afterwards, two new bays being added each time to the old frame to take the eight bells, the whole peal being dated 1830. About thirty years since grave doubts began to be felt as to the safety of the tower (which is central), the building being a cruciform structure. Soon afterwards some disagreement arising between the rector and the ringers, ringing was abandoned, and Mr. Gilbert Scott being called in condemned the tower, but no steps were taken to restore it. The bells were now chimed for service, weddings, etc., clocked, the results being that the 2nd 5th, and 6th became badly cracked. Things remained in this state until the beginning of 1886, when a committee was formed and the services of Mr. Withers, architect, of London, was called in to once more safely place the bells in ringing position. Messrs. Warner and Sons, of Cripplegate, were entrusted with the recasting of the cracked bells, and the making of a new frame of English oak, while local tradesmen put up a framing of posts and cross braces from the lower and much thicker part of the tower, to receive the cage and bells, the whole weight being carried by eight corbels of York stone, placed just over the centre arches, every part being quite clear of the upper portion of the tower. During the ten days previous to December 16th, the new cage has been placed on top of the strutting and the bells rehung, and on the above date, in presence of the architect, the Rector the Rev. A. Young, and a large number of spectators, were rung for the first time for twenty-seven years by the following: W. Quick, 1; Rev C. Moore, 2; D. Seamer, 3; H. Fuller, 4; J. Mackenny, 5; C. Gordon, 6; G. Giffen, 7; C. Skinner, 8, to the great delight of the inhabitants, it being a new thing altogether to hear a ring of bells, the nearest being about four miles off, and only four in number. On the Tuesday previous there was a solemn dedication service for the new bells by the Bishop of Nottingham, when the hymns and usual services for such occasions were made use of. The bells are a remarkably musical ring, tenor 20 cwt. in E flat, the go of them leaving nothing to be desired; and it is to be hoped that with a good peal of bells in excellent order we may soon hear of the first 5000 being rung, and of a good company of local men being formed, some of the old ringers yet being able to take part in the ringing, and the Hull ringers being within easy reach of Grimsby. The new belfry and the restoration of the tower are expected to be ready by the end of January. The whole of the work at present seems to give much satisfaction to the committee, and the inhabitants of Grimsby can now boast of a ring of bells second to none in Lincolnshire.

TOAST LIST

On Door of Belfry in Kirkleatham Church, near Redcar, Yorks.

TOASTS TO BE DRANK, NOVEMBER YE 4TH, 1754.

1. The King. 7 Guns.
2. The Prince and Princess Dowager of Wales, the Duke and the rest of the Royal Family. 5 Guns.
3. The glorious and immortal memory of our great Deliverer, King William. 7 Guns.
4. To the ever memorable Patriots who brought in ye Bill of Exclusion.
5. Everlasting Disappointment to the Popish Pretender and his rascally adherents. 5 Guns.
6. May Great Britain always bear the balance of Power in Europe.
7. May the Navy of Great Britain under the smiles of Neptune ride triumphant. 3 Guns.
8. The County of York and all Mr. Turner's fast friends.
9. Prosperity to the Loyal Gentlemen of the Revolution Club at Stockton, and all other friends of the present happy Establishment.

There are three bells in the Tower from the Whitechapel Foundry, 1763, tenor about 9 cwt. They do not appear to have been re-hung since that date.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF RINGING FOR THE FORTNIGHT ENDING DECEMBER 28TH, 1886.

By the Arundel branch, at Arundel.—On December 25th, a 559 of Grandsire Triples in 23 mins. O. Evershed, 1; G. Baker, 2; Rev. Tompkins, 3; F. Luxford, 4; G. Balchin, 5; W. L. Chamberlain, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; A. Boniface, 8.

By the Balcombe branch, at Balcombe.—On Sunday, December 26th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob in 26 mins. T. Streeter, 1; R. Streeter, 2; A. Stoner, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Warnham Court Bob in 26 mins. T. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; H. Meads, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

By the St. Nicholas branch at Brighton.—On Christmas morning a 360 of Plain Bob, with 7-8 covering, in 14 mins. J. Neves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; J. Fox, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Boniface, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6; E. Butler, 7; W. Davey, 8. And for Divine Service at 6 a.m., 1036 of Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. Jesse Neves, 1; James Neves, 2; J. Fox, 3; H. Boniface, 4; W. Palmer, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6; C. Tyler, 7; W. Davey, 8.

By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, December 19th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43½ mins. A. Piper, 1; J. Jay, 2; W. Allfrey, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; C. E. Golds, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Also on Christmas Day, for Divine Service at 8 a.m., a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 18½ mins. C. E. Golds, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; J. Searle (conductor), 3; J. Jay, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; A. Bennett, 7; D. Ross, 8. Also on Sunday, December 26th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 18½ mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; A. Marshall, 2; —. Salmon, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; W. Palmer, 7; J. Mocket, 8.

By the Eastbourne and Brighton branches, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Saturday, December 18th, a date touch (1886 changes) of Grandsire Triples (composed by Mr. A. Bennett, of Brighton), in 1 hour and 10 mins. *E. Willoughby, 1; *H. P. Bennett (conductor), 2; *W. Siggs, 3; J. Jay, 4; C. E. Golds, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; H. Weston, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. *Members of the Eastbourne branch.

By the Christchurch branch, Eastbourne, at Christchurch.—On December 23rd, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Sharp, 1; G. Smith, 2; H. Colbran, 3; L. Smith, 4; G. Howse, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. Also on December 24th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Sharp, 1; H. Colbran, 2; T. Smith, 3; G. Smith, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. Willoughby (conductor), 6.

By the Crawley branch at Crawley.—On Wednesday, December 15th, a 5040 of Oxford Bob Triples (for particulars see peal column).

By the Eastbourne branch, at All Saints.—On Sunday evening, December 19th, a 616 of Grandsire Triples in 22 mins. I. Hammond, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; W. Siggs, 3; E. Willoughby, 4; T. Willoughby, 5; T. Lewis, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; S. Lewis, 8.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Sunday, December 12, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; T. Searle, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, December 14th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 26 mins. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, December 15th, a 720 of Plain Bob in 27 mins. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; F. Morris, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, December 19th, a 720 of College Single in 26½ mins. G. Breach, 1; G. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; J. Searle, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Yorkshire Court in 27 mins. J. Woolgar, 1; G. Gatland, 2; G. Smart, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Searle, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Single Court Bob in 26½ mins. F. Morris, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Searle, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, December 23rd, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 26½ mins. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Christmas Eve, a 720 of Plain Bob in 26 mins. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; F. Morris, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And on Christmas Day, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob in 26½ mins. F. Morris, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single in 26 mins. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor in 26½ mins. G. Breach, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch, at Warnham.—On Christmas morning, for the 8 a.m. service, 5040 changes, in seven different methods upon six bells (for particulars see peal column). GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec

FALSE COMPOSITION.

Mr. S. Marsh, of West Bromwich, writes as follows:—I have to apologise for troubling you with a false peal of Treble Bob Major, it is some time since I sent it you, and cannot recall the circumstances connected therewith, but am blameable for the oversight, as I consider every person publishing a peal should prove it beyond doubt. I have also to thank Mr. S. Wood for pointing out the defect, and so prevented its being rung, which I should have much regretted. At same time I disagree with his remarks as to the alteration of the calling to make it true interfering with the music (it is not so), if the alternative calling is used in the fourth and eleventh courses, it will increase the number of changes to 5184, but it will retain its qualities and to a slight extent increase the music, giving another each of the 6-8-4-7 and 6-8-5-7. I enclose another peal which I hope you can find room for and may say I have fully proved.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5152.

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

This peal has the 6th the extent wrong and right, the 5th twelve times wrong and nine times right, with all the 8-6's and twenty-two 8-6-7's, and has the most of these qualities of any peal yet published in fourteen courses. It is an abbreviation of a 5312 before published and has never been rung.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN., *Glossop*.

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

This peal contains the 6th its extent in 5-6, and the 5th its extent in 5th's.

Rung for the first time on Saturday, October 17th, 1885, at St. James's, Whitfield, Derbyshire. Conducted by its composer

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham*.

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

Fives times repeated.

Single instead of a bob at the first course of the third and sixth parts. This peal has the 5th and 6th eighteen times right and the 6th twelve times wrong.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR.

5088.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham*.

2 3 4 5 6

4 3 6 5 2	M
3 4 6 5 2	7th in three.
5 4 6 3 2	8th in three.
4 5 6 3 2	7th in three.
3 5 6 4 2	8th in three.

Fourteen times repeated.

8th in two instead of 8th in three in the last course of the fifth, tenth and fifteenth parts.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6080.

By YORK GREEN, *West Ham, Essex*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

This peal was first rung by members of the Essex Association and the St. James's Society, on November 13th, 1886. Conducted by A. J. Perkins.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6816.

By GEORGE H. HARDY, *Earlsheaton*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5040.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 1 4 5 6

6 5 1 4 3 2	2	11
6 3 1 5 4 2		15
6 4 1 3 5 2		15
6 3 5 4 1 2	4	15
6 1 5 3 4 2		15
6 3 4 1 5 2	4	15
6 5 4 3 1 2		15
6 1 4 5 3 2		15
6 5 3 1 4 2	4	15
3 5 2 1 4 6	3	5 8 12

Four times repeated.

First rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Liverpool, June 23rd, 1886. Conducted by Thomas Hammond.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

This peal has the 6th its extent in 5-6, and contains all the 8-6-7's and nine 8-6's.

A OF PEAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5400.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, *Ipswich*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 3 8

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

In three parts.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth*.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

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

Twice repeated.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1887.

BEFORE these lines are perused by many of our readers, another of the progeny of Old Father TIME will have departed, and the year of grace, 1887, have commenced its course. The year just deceased has not been by any means an uneventful one, even so far as the Exercise is considered; but perhaps the year just entered upon may be more eventful still, speaking generally, on account of its being the Jubilee year of the monarch of this Empire. This auspicious event will affect ringers throughout the country to some extent, no doubt, and we shall hear of their loyalty being shown in their own peculiar way. Coming more to our immediate province, it seems probable that the new year will be of great importance in the annals of ringing. Already the air is full of rumours about attempts at performances which, if successful, will eclipse anything that has yet been done, and put the achievements of our Burton-on-Trent friends into the shade. The most difficult of the "Cramp" methods known is, we hear, to be worked out to the full; and, if rumour speaks with anything like correctness, before long we shall hear of a peal of London Surprise Maximus being performed, conducted by one who is ready for anything in the shape of bob-calling, either large or small. Seriously speaking, we believe this method will, during the coming year, receive no small amount of attention, and there is no doubt that we shall hear of its difficulties being overcome by those who are investigating it.

Year by year our art is progressing, finding its way into parts where it has hitherto been unknown, through

the perseverance of many of our enterprising brethren, and the painstaking researches of those whose training has fitted them for such investigations. The year just commenced should not be one whit behind its predecessors in these respects. There is yet much to do to gain for ringing the recognition it deserves. The progress already made in this direction is cheering, but far from complete. Our ringing brethren will fervently wish with us that each successive year it may extend, throughout English-speaking countries at least, all over the globe, and that at the commencement of each year we may have some practical demonstration of the fact that it has so extended. To gain this we must all labour heartily to that end. A determination to do so will be a fitting commencement of a new year, a year that we pray may be to all our readers both HAPPY and PROSPEROUS.

The Provinces.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CRAWLEY BRANCH).

On Wednesday, December 15, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S 12-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

G. WICKENS.. .. .	Treble.	M. HEFFER	5.
W. COLLISON	2.	†F. WICKENS	6.
T. SMITH	3.	A. F. HILLIER	7.
G. F. ATTREE	4.	*E. PEARCE	Tenor.

Conducted by F. WICKENS.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal. Mr. Attree hails from Brighton.

TREDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, ON FIVE BELLS, being:

Ten 6 Scores of Grandsire Doubles; Thirty-two 6-Scores with Extremes.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM RUSSELL	Treble.	FRANK SMITH	3.
HENRY JORDAN	2.	HERBERT BROWN	4.

CHARLES W. DYSON Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. DYSON.

First peal by all. First peal on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WARNHAM BRANCH).

On Christmas Day, 1886, for 8 o'clock Morning Service, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR METHODS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London New Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Warnham Court Bob, and Oxford Single Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. CHARMAN	Treble.	H. WOOD	5.
W. SHORT	2.	*G. WOODMAN	6.
T. ANDREWS	3.	H. CHANDLER	7.
H. COOK	4.	*T. HOGSFLESH	Tenor.

Conducted by H. CHANDLER.

The above is the first peal by this Association in seven different Minor methods, *Covers.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Monday, December 27, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, CASTLE HALL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS THORPE Treble.	JAMES THORPE 5.
JAMES MOULTON 2.	WILLIAM SEVIER 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
GEORGE LONGDEN 4.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled, in consequence of the death of Mrs. Heginbotham, the wife of one of the churchwardens. The above peal has never been previously performed.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday December 27, 1886,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS THORPE Treble.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 6.
SAMUEL WEST 2.	WILLIAM SEVIER 7.
JOHN EACHUS 3.	JAMES THORPE 8.
GEORGE E. TURNER 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN 9.
JOHN E. POLLITT 5.	JAMES MOULTON Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES PRICE of Eccleston, and Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right. First peal in the method by J. Moulton. G. Longden hails from Ashton-under-Lyne, J. Moulton, from Chester, all the rest belong to Manchester. The above peal has never been previously performed.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 27, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BARON Treble.	HENRY J. DAVIES 5.
WILLIAM COPPAGE 2.	HENRY S. THOMAS 6.
ARTHUR G. THOMAS 3.	JOHN ROGERS 7.
ALBERT E. CHURCH 4.	JOHN W. MANSFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by W. BARON.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1886, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT ALL SAINT'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 31 cwt.

EDWARD PRICE Treble.	SAMUEL SNELLING 5.
REUBEN SIMMONDS 2.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY 6.
GEORGE PAWLEY 3.	HARRY PEARCE 7.
JAMES FERGUSSON 4.	JOHN JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY PEARCE.

S. Snelling hails from Sittingbourne; and H. Pearce from Aylesford.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1886, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S.S. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES SOUTER Treble.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 5.
WILLIAM SOUTER 2.	CHARLES MEE 6.
JAMES SOUTER 3.	*HARRY A. MILLS 7.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN 4.	†FREDERICK W. BRETT Tenor.

Conducted by C. MEE.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal. It was intended to start for Bob Major, but meeting one short the above was rung.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, December 28th, six members of the St. Laurence's company, rang for practice, a date touch of 1886 changes, in the following methods, in 1 hr. and 12 mins. A 86 of Grandsire Doubles (two bobs and two singles); a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs); a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles); and a 360 of Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and two singles). J. Yeates, 1; G. Miles, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; R. A. Barrett, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MARKET RASEN (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday evening, December 28th, at the parish church six of the local company rang a date touch, 1886 changes, in the following methods; 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Bob, and 446 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Hackuey, 1; S. Marshall, 2; H. Gadd, 3; W. Lunn, 4; T. Gibbons, 5; H. Burkitt (conductor), 6. It is eight years since a date touch was rung upon these bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Boxing Day, December 27th, the following members of the above guild, rang a true touch of 1886 changes of Grandsire Triples, at the parish church, in 1 hr. 9 mins. D. Francis, 1; F. E. Ward (conductor), 2; *W. Hall, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; H. Bond, jun., 6; W. Large, 7; W. Launchbury, 8. Composed by W. T. Pates, Cheltenham. *Longest length.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, December 26th, for Divine Service, in the afternoon, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. F. Bumpstead, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; J. M. Hayes, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. Messrs. J. M. Hayes and E. Carter hail from London. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, December 20th, the following attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. John's church, but it came to grief after 2300 changes were rung, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. H. Milner (longest length), 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Eggleston, 3; F. Harrison, 4; F. Lees, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6; T. Stephenson, 7; R. S. Story, 8. And on Sunday, December 26th, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. H. Milner, 1; W. G. Routledge, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; R. S. Story, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; T. P. Des Forges, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; D. J. Scott (first touch), 8. Also on Bank Holiday, December 27th, a 700 of Grandsire Triples, at St. Stephen's church. W. Reed (conductor), 1; J. Moffitt, 2; R. S. Story, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; F. Lees, 5; W. Story, 6; F. Harrison, 7; E. Wallis, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—At the house of Mrs. Story, 2, Winchester-terrace, on Christmas Day, a course of Grandsire Triples, retained in hand. Mrs. R. S. Story (first attempt), 1-2; R. S. Story, 3-4; F. Lees, 5-6; W. Story, 7-8.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Christmas Eve at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. At 9.30 a.m. on Christmas Day, for service, a 720 of York Surprise. And at the same hour, on Sunday, December 26th, a 720 of London Surprise, and at 5 p.m. on the same day, a 720 of Wells Surprise. The ringers were Jas. Clarkson, Tom Burdon, Thos. Waller, Wm. Stephenson, Thos. Stephenson (conductor), and W. Newton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—*Chiming*.—On Christmas day, 714 of Grandsire Triples, containing six 7-5-6's and six 5-6-7's. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples, 96 Kent Treble Bob and 224 of Bob Major.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, December 19th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Cornon, 1; L. Green, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; J. Nunn, 4; E. A. Barnett, 5; S. Hayes, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Christmas Eve, December 24th, at St. Nicholas church, by the following members of the above guild, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, and a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. each. G. Young, 1; J. Viner, 2; H. Fruin, 3; T. Short, 4; H. Sheard (conductor), 5; W. Faudell, 6.

MARCHAM (Berks).—On Thursday, December 23rd, at the parish church, by the following members of the above guild, from Abingdon a 720 of Grandsire Minor, and a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 30 mins.

each. G. Young, 1; J. Viner, 2; T. Short, 3; H. Fruin, 4; H. Sheard (conductor), 5; W. Faudell, 6. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor rung at Marcham.

THE REIGATE SOCIETY.

On Christmas Day in the afternoon at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, by special request, eight members of the above society met to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the marriage of Captain and Mrs. Cox, at the above church, and rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. G. Croucher, 1; F. Hoad (composer and conductor), 2; W. Bone, 3; T. Fuller, 4; E. Moses, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Howard, 8. The usual Christmas ringing being completed in the morning.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 26th, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. *G. Wood, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. Baddeley (conductor), 4; G. Walker, 5; W. Baddeley, 6. *First peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIRK ELLA (near Hull).—On Monday, December 27th, five members of Holy Trinity church, accompanied by Mr. T. Stockdale, of S. James' church, visited the above pretty little village, and rang at S. Andrew's church, with G. Batty, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, followed by a 720 of Treble Bob, and a 720 of Bob Minor, in 57 mins. The bells were then ceased in peal, thus bringing a pleasant meeting to a close. C. Bennett conducted the Treble Bob; W. Southwick, the Bob Minor. Tenor 19 cwt. by Taylor. Returning by the Hull and Barnsley Railway (Cannon-street) Station, well pleased with their outing. H. Jenkins, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; W. Southwick, 3; H. Cutter, 4; F. Drabble, 5; C. Bennett, 6.

BENGELO.—On Boxing Day, December 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, the following 720's were rung by the undermentioned bands. A 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. Grant, 1; A. Barnes (first 720), 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; H. Lewis, 4; M. Ellesmore, 5; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 6. 720 of College Single. A. Barnes, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; W. Odell, 4; T. Bennett (conductor), 5; M. Ellesmore, 6. First 720 in the method by the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd men. 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Childs, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; H. Phillips (conductor), 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Odell, 5; J. Pomfret, 6. First 720 in the method by the 2nd and 4th men. 720 of Bob Minor. W. Childs, 1; A. Barnes, 2; H. Phillips (conductor), 3; T. Bennett, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; E. P. Debenham, 6. First 720 by the 2nd, 5th, and 6th men. Also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Barnes, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; T. Bennett, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6. Messrs. H. Lewis, E. P. Debenham, J. C. Mitchell, A. Barnes, and G. W. Cartmel, hail from St. Albans, the rest belong to the local company.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Christmas morning, for Divine service, at the parish church, 1050, last part of Hollis's peal, in 40 mins. H. Mitchell, 1; F. Hounsell (conductor), 2; W. Fox, 3; W. Gibson, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; T. Fox, 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. Also on Monday, Bank Holiday, a start was made for the above peal, by the same band, except G. Walder, Bolney, on the 7th, but came to grief in the second part. In the afternoon, a visit was paid by the S. Paul's band, Brighton, and J. Jay, St. Peter's, Brighton. Among the other ringing done was a 504. J. Jay, 1; H. Mitchell, 2; J. Salmon, 3; F. Hounsell, 4; R. Walters (conductor), 5; W. Allfrey, 6; T. Fox, 7; J. Mockett, 8. Also a 504. H. Mitchell, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; J. Salmon, 3; J. Reilly, 4; R. Walters, 5; T. Fox, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; G. Murray, 8.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Christmas Day, the local company rang for early celebration, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob; for morning service, a 720 of Kent; for evening service, a 720 of Violet. Also on Sunday, December 26th, for evening service, a 720 of New London Pleasure. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6.

EXETER (Devon).—On Wednesday, December 22nd, at St. David's church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt. And on Thursday, December 23rd, at St. Sidwell's church, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. T. Townsend, 1; W. Richardson, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; P. A. Clements, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; F. Shepherd, 7; P. Moss, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Messrs. Jerram and Clements hail from Salisbury. Also at the Society's meeting house, the "Poltimore" Inn, on handbells, retained in hand, a 509 of Grandsire Triples. C. A. Clements, 1-2; E. Shepherd, 3-4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5-6; F. Shepherd, 8-7.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Christmas night, at the parish church, 1008 of Grandsire Triples. E. Pether, 1; E. E. Napper, 2; F.

Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; J. F. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; C. W. Allen, 7; A. Woodley, 8. Also on Sunday, December 26th, for Divine Service, in the evening, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; E. Pether, 2; F. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; J. F. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; C. W. Allen, 7; A. Woodley, 8. Also some stoney ringing with J. Wakefield and F. Slade taking part.

HEMPSTED (Gloucestershire).—On Christmas morning, December 25th, six members of the above company met and rung eight different 6-scores of St. Dunstan's Doubles, at the parish church, in 35 mins. W. Peglar, 1; W. Roberts, 2; A. Smart, 3; R. J. Wilkins (conductor), 4; G. Taylor, 5; H. Harris, 6.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Monday, November 1st, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 27 mins. Jos. Hillman, 1; W. Jones, 2; T. Hillman, 3; J. Sackfield, 4; E. Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And on Monday, November 8th, a 720 of College Single, in 27½ mins. T. Vaughan, 1; W. Jones, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; Jos. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And on Friday, November 10th, 360 and 180 of Double Oxford Bob, and for Divine Service on Sunday morning, November 21st, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 27 mins. T. Hillman, 1; the others as before. Also for Divine Service in the evening, a 360 of Bob Minor, conducted by William Jones. And for practice on Monday, November 22nd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. E. Bourne, 1; H. Williams, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; Jos. Hillman, 4; J. Crane, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Guest, 1; J. Sackfield, 2; E. Bourne, 3; H. Williams, 4; J. Crane, 5; W. Jones (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday evening, November 24th, for Divine Service, 360 and 120 of Double Oxford. T. Hillman, 1; W. Jones, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; Jos. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, November 27th, a 600 of Double Oxford Bob, with John Hillman, 1; the others as before. And on Sunday, November 28th, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob, in 26 mins. Also on Monday, November 29th, another 720 of Double Oxford Bob, in 26 mins. T. Hillman, 1; the rest as above. And for practice on Tuesday, December 7th, a 360 of Yorkshire Court Bob, in 13½ mins. Also on Wednesday, December 8th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob, in 26 mins. And on Monday, December 13th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. T. Vaughan, 1; William Jones, 2; James Sackfield, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. Also the same evening, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 27 mins. (nine bobs and six singles). T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; E. Bourne, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; C. F. Collom, 5; William Jones (conductor), 6. And on Monday, December 20th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. W. Pardoe, 1; C. W. Bassano, Esq., 2; W. Jones, 3; Joseph Hillman, 4; A. H. Bassano, Esq., 5; C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method. T. Vaughan, 1; J. Sackfield, 2; S. Reeves, 3; W. R. Small, 4; W. Jones, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6. And 1080 of Bob Minor. T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; Jos. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; W. Jones (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob. S. Reeves, 1; J. Guest, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; W. R. Small, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; J. Smith, 6. And a 360 of College Single. T. Vaughan, 1; J. Sackfield, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; W. Jones, 4; E. Bourne, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom (conductor), 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 26th, at the residence of Mr. F. Bate, 16, Globe-street, Southwark, a 720 of Bob Minor (twelve singles), in 22 mins. W. Bate, 1-2; F. Bate (conductor), 3-4; W. Meadows, M.D., 5-6. Tenor 15 size in C. It is intended to shortly start for a peal of Major in the above method.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 19th, for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. F. Hotchkiss, (first 720), 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; T. Cartwright (Clent), 4; W. Micklewright (Dudley), 5; J. Smith (first peal as conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 12th, at St. Thomas's church, for morning service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; J. Guest (conductor), 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; J. Crump, 6. Also two 6-scores of Plain Bob, with 7-6-8 behind, called differently. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; J. Guest, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; R. Bird, 6; J. Rodgers, 7; J. Crump, 8. Conducted by G. H. Pagett and J. Guest. On Sunday, December 10th, after Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob, with 6-8 behind, in 28 mins. W. A. Pugh, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Guest (conductor), 4; W. Lawrence, 5; J. Rogers, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; C. Barrett, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. in Eb.

ST. ALBANS.—On Christmas Day, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Grant, 1; *A. Barnes, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; A. Sibley, 8. *First 504 inside. And on Sunday afternoon for Divine Service, 504 of Bob Triples. T. Grant,

1; A. Barnes, 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; E. Hulks, 8. First 504 of Bob Triples for all. Also by the same band, 168 of Stedman, and a course of Grandsire Triples. And on Monday, December 27th, the following started for Holt's Original, but after ringing one hour, the 7th cast her rope, and the peal came to grief. T. Grant, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; E. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills, 8. Also 504 of Stedman Triples in the same order, except the 7th and 8th men, who changed places, conducted by N. N. Hills, it being the first 504 of Stedman for T. Grant. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6; A. Sibley, 7-8.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday evening, December 20th, the following members of the local company rang a 720 of College Single, in 26 mins. James Mercer, 1; George Jones, 2; Marmaduke Blezard, 3; William Morgan, 4; Walter Thomas, 5; James Morgan (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by all in the above method. Tenor 10 cwt. in Ab. And early on Christmas morning, the local ringers rang a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Jones, 1; J. Saladine, 2; R. G. Williams, 3; W. Morgan, 4; J. Morgan (conductor), 5; W. Thomas, 6. And afterwards a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Jones, 1; G. Jones, 2; J. Saladine, 3; W. Morgan, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the morning, a 240 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 120 of College Single, standing as above. And for Divine Service in the afternoon 360 of Bob Minor. G. Jones, 1; J. Mercer, 2; J. Morgan (conductor), 3; G. Jones, 4; W. Morgan, 5; W. Thomas, 6. And on Sunday, December 26th, for Divine service in the morning, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. G. Jones, 1; J. Morgan (conductor), 2; R. G. Williams, 3; G. Lloyd, 4; W. Morgan, 5; G. Jones, 6. Also for evening service, a 6-score in the same method, by the same band. Also a 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. Jones, 1; G. Jones, 2; R. G. Williams, 3; J. Morgan (conductor), 4; W. Morgan, 5; G. Lloyd, 6.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, December 22nd, at the house of Mr. W. W. Gifford, Devizes Road, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 16 mins. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), the old 720 reversed, in 16 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5-6.

STAPLEHURST (Kent).—On Christmas eve and morning, parties of the Ringer's Guild here, consisting of J. Gransbury, W. Walter, W. Pope, W. E. Pope, J. Tillmon, H. G. Pope, E. Pope, A. E. Nunn (conductor), T. Colom, and Philip Simms, of Sittingbourne, rang several touches of Grandsire, and two 720's of Plain Bob Minor. And on Monday, December 27th, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), and several touches of Grandsire Triples. They have to thank Mr. Thomas Reeves, of this parish, for a very useful portable table, fitted to carry their peal of 12 handbells.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, December 18th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2016 changes, in 1 hr. 20 mins., it came to grief through a change course. J. Beaver, 1; G. Hogg, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; J. C. Harvey, 4; W. Watchorn, 5; E. Wells (conductor), 6; E. E. Richards, 7; R. G. Carter, 8.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Wednesday, December 22nd, at the Parish church, for practice, a 720 of New London Pleasure, in 25 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Daines, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln (Writtle), 4; A. Tarbun, 5; *W. J. Piper (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method as conductor. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. J. Piper, 1; J. Daines, 2; *W. Lincoln (conductor), 3; A. Tarbun, 4; A. Shuttleworth, 5; W. Harvey, 6. *First 720 as conductor in the method.

ON A RINGING EXPEDITION.

At the kind invitation of Mr. J. W. Whiting, of Fareham, I visited him on Friday, December 24th, for the purpose of together attempting three or four peals in the neighbourhood, but on my arrival learnt, to my disappointment, that owing to a service at Fareham church that evening, later than usual, the first attempt on the programme had to be abandoned. 1030 of Grandsire Triples was rung before evening service. F. Hill, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; J. Putman, 3; C. Privett, 4; H. White, 5; G. H. Child, 6; G. Grafham, 7; J. W. Whiting, 8. On Christmas Morning, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. G. Moss, 1; H. White (conductor), 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Hill, 4; C. Privett, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; G. Hackett, 8. In the afternoon a 504 in the same method, with G. Over on the tenor, conducted by F. Hill. A peal of Grandsire Triples to have been rung at Havant was unavoidably postponed, as one or two of the band found it impossible to get there. Arrangements had been made for a

peal at Soberton, on Sunday afternoon, and after a drive of about nine miles in the pouring rain, with F. Hill, of Fareham, we were met at Soberton by G. Williams, who had driven to Havant to meet E. Jordan and T. Stedman, from Capel. Two of the local ringers, H. H. Elmslie, and H. Upton having joined us a start was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but terminated abruptly (after ringing nearly 800 changes) through the breaking of the lamp glass. Before evening service (at which the ringers formed by far the largest part of the congregation) a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. T. Stedman, 1; F. Hill, 2; H. White, 3; J. W. Whiting, 4; G. Williams, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Finding it impossible to return to Fareham that night on account of the weather, it was decided to start for the peal again early next morning. Accordingly at 4.40 a.m. on Monday another start was made which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2142 changes, in 1 hr. 17 mins. F. Hill, 1; H. White (conductor), 2; H. H. Elmslie, 3; T. Stedman, 4; E. Jordan, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; G. Williams, 7; H. Upton, 8. After breakfast we started the return journey on shank's pony, through snow which in places was up to our knees, reaching Fareham tired and wet-footed about mid-day. In the afternoon Messrs. H. Dains and E. F. Cole of London, and J. Hewett, of Gosport, having arrived a start was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which came to an untimely end after ringing over 2600 changes, in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. W. Whiting, 1; H. White, 2; T. Stedman, 3; J. Hewett, 4; E. Jordan, 5; E. F. Cole, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Dains, 8. Our friends having returned to their respective homes, we sought the rest we so much needed. Next day I left Fareham, having, thanks to Mr. Whiting, thoroughly enjoyed my Christmas outing. H. WHITE.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

The *World* says the Queen has decided, after some hesitation, that the thanksgiving service in honour of her Jubilee is to be held on Monday, June 20th, at three o'clock, in Westminster Abbey, and not in St. Paul's Cathedral, as had generally been anticipated. Efforts were made to secure a different decision, but unsuccessfully; which is greatly to be regretted, as St. Paul's Cathedral is admirably adapted for such a ceremonial, while the Abbey is the worst possible place for it. A service in the Cathedral (where it ought to be, according to all precedent) would have involved a procession from one end of London to the other, while a progress from Buckingham Palace to the grand entrance of the Abbey will be no greater affair than the opening of Parliament. At St. Paul's everybody could be quite well accommodated, whereas at the Abbey the bulk of the congregation will be in the nave, and as the organ screen shuts them off from the choir, they will neither hear nor see much of the service. It is to be hoped that the matter will be reconsidered, and that the Queen may be induced to consent to have this great solemn function in St. Paul's, which certainly is the proper place for it. Nothing has been settled as to the order of the service, but it will be short and principally musical, with a brief sermon by the Primate.

The service will also be attended officially by peers and peeresses, Privy Councillors, judges, members of the House of Commons, members of Convocation, Lords Lieutenant of Counties, the Lord Mayor of London, the Provosts of Edinburgh and Glasgow, the Lord Mayor of York, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors of the Universities, and others all in full dress. Lord Lathom will have all his work cut out to provide seats for the company, as practically only the nave and transepts will be available, for the procession will occupy every inch of space in the choir.

With reference to the above statements, it behoves us as ringers to add to the list another reason why Westminster should not be decided upon, viz., Only suggest to the Dean and Chapter the idea of visiting their dirty, black-looking belfry, sadly neglected, immediately after the ceremony, in their full ecclesiastical habiliments, and then it would be "Where are you now." After the full effect had become visible, let their ears also be similarly affected as their vision would be, by the sounds of a simple peal of six bells ringing, compared to the grand out roar of a ring of twelve like St. Paul's—nearly double the weight, are we to be blamed for saying: "He that hath eyes to see, let him see," and "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." W. H. F.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING of the year will be held at Leicester on Saturday, January 8th, 1887, and the following towers will be open for ringing: St. Margaret's, ten bells; St. Martin's, ten bells; St. Saviour's, eight bells; St. Mary's, eight bells; and St. George's, six bells. Committee Meeting in St. Margaret's schools. Tea at the St. Margaret's Coffee House, opposite the Church, which will be provided free of charge to visiting members, providing they give notice to the local Hon. Sec. of their respective districts of their intention of being present seven days before the meeting.

5 St. Paul's Street E., 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."

ANSWER TO MR. WILLIAM FORSTER.

SIR,—The Messrs. Lewis that cast the two trebles for Sawston, Cambridge, that was afterwards taken down, lives at Brixton, better known as organ builders, then bell founders, recently cast two trebles to augment the peal of six at Warnham to eight, and ringers that have heard them do not think much of them. I think it a great mistake that those people who undertake the ordering of bells for churches do not give the order to a well known good firm. E. MOSES.

LYNN COURT.

SIR,—The correspondence in your paper about Lynn Court, shows the great advantage afforded to the exercise by the circulation of your paper, it also shows something further which is this; that if the ringing world do not avail themselves of the advantage thus offered, they have only themselves to thank if they are the losers. When I drew up the course of Lynn Court, the first thing I did was to search the usual sources of such information, to ascertain whether the method had ever been published, and had I found that such was the case, I should not have troubled your readers with a mare's nest. But with all due respect to your correspondents Messrs. Copley and Hodgkin, I would venture to submit that the credit, if any, of the practical origination of a new method, peal, or other discovery of the kind, should be attributed to the first person who makes it public. Any other rule would only lead to confusion and dispute. For my own part, I can only say that I had never seen the method before, and therefore I asked for information. I cordially welcome Mr. Batchelor's suggestion as to the mode of making a bob in the method, which I think a very great improvement. It greatly adds to the interest as well as to the simplicity of the work, and renders its practical performance much easier. In fulfilment of the promise I made in my former letter I send below an easy guide to the way of ringing it for general use. In common with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, I have been much surprised that no notice has yet appeared in your columns of the masterly work of Mr. Thompson. To tell the truth I had commenced to prepare a notice for your acceptance, but after reading Mr. Davies' letter, I felt that to undertake it would be a great presumption on my part, and that the proper person to do so can be no other than the rev. gentleman himself. I may however be allowed one remark. It seems to me that the practical working of the latter on page 16 of Mr. Thompson's work, is hardly adequately explained. I mean so as to become easy to the comprehension of the general run of readers. I think if the third, fifth, and eleventh lines were actually pricked out, it would make the whole scheme much clearer, especially as this table is the gist of the argument, which is surely a splendid example of synthesis. I should be glad to do more than make such a bare suggestion, but the amount of leisure which I am able to devote to the theory and practice of ringing is limited, and is at present fully occupied in arranging for the training practice and ringing required for three towers.

JOHN T. SECCOMBE.

GUIDE TO RINGING LYNN COURT BOB MINOR.

Front Work.—Make third's place*, lead one pull, make third's, lead one pull, lay to treble one pull, lead one pull, make third's, lead again, make third's, go to back work.

Back work.—After making last third's of front work, make fourth's place*, lay behind one pull, make fourth's, lay behind one pull, dodge home, hunt to lead, lead one pull, hunt up, dodge wrong, lay behind, make fourth's, lay behind, make fourth's and go into front work.

At a bob.—The bell that is making third's, after leaving back work (at the point marked above by the asterisk), strikes one blow in third's then makes fourth's, and repeats backwork. The bell that is making fourth's after leaving front work (also marked by an asterisk), strikes only one blow in fourth's, and repeats front work. The bob should be called at the second leading stroke of the treble.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

SIR,—Seeing in last week's issue that you give Mr. Carter credit for getting the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major with only one call in each course, and also the first peal of Grandsire Major with the tenors together, I beg leave to say that he has not, as James Wilde, of Hyde, got the first peal of Double Norwich with one call in each course, and published in "THE BELL NEWS," Saturday December 15th, 1883. Is it fair for Mr. Carter to copy the 6080 out of "THE BELL NEWS" and send it to Jasper Snowdon to publish it in his book on Double Norwich? Or how is it he did not write to "THE BELL NEWS" at the time Mr. Wilde's peals were published, to say that he had got them before? I have always took it for granted that the first published the first claimed. About the Grandsire Major. Has Mr.

Carter's peal got the M. W. H.? If so a peal of that description was rang at St. George's, Hyde, composed by the late W. Harrison, March, 1856. I think Mr. Carter is claiming something that somebody else has got before him. GEORGE LONGDEN.

ACCIDENT TO THE TENOR BELL OF FROME.

On Saturday evening, December 11th, whilst "Tombstone Surprise" was being duly practiced for the gratification of the "worthy campanulogists" connected with the parish church of St. John the Baptist, Frome, their performance was abruptly stopped by a tremendous crash being heard. This was followed by some of the ringers making a hasty retreat from their positions; no doubt acting on impulse, but no less bad policy forgot to "stand," thus adding to the confusion. On ascending the tower, it was discovered that the clapper had "flew" out and with it had taken the staple from the crown of the bell. This fine old bell, which was cast in 1562, is one of the heaviest in the county, its weight being 36 cwt.

ST. SEPULCHRE, LONDON.

On December 25th, 1886, after the early morning ringing at the above church, Mr. James Rumsey was presented with a handsome marble timepiece, in commemoration of his recent marriage.

Mr. Dan Lovett, in presenting the gift on behalf of the members assembled, alluded to the respect and esteem Mr. Rumsey was held in by the local company, which was suitably acknowledged amidst good wishes from all.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL FUND.

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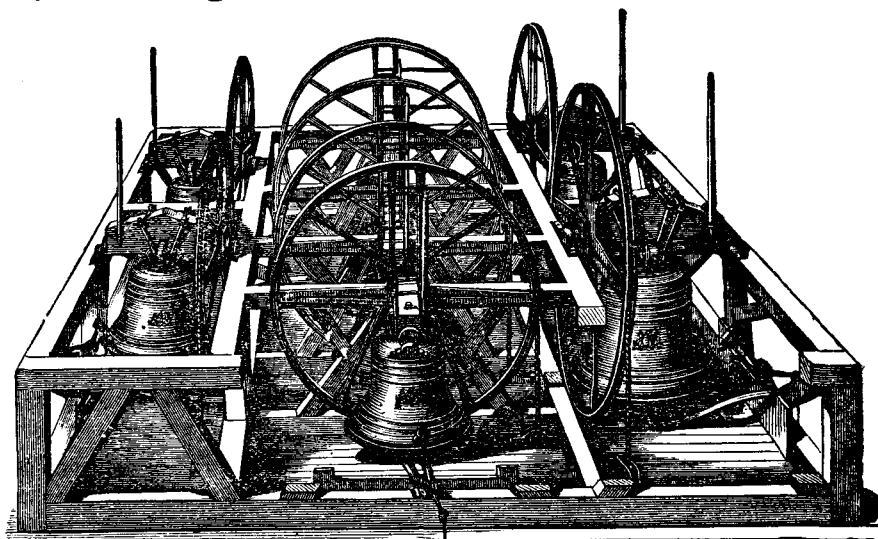
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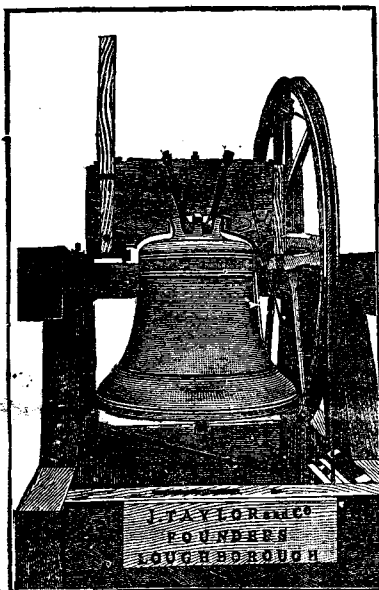
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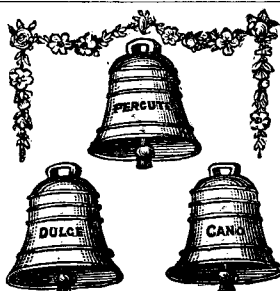
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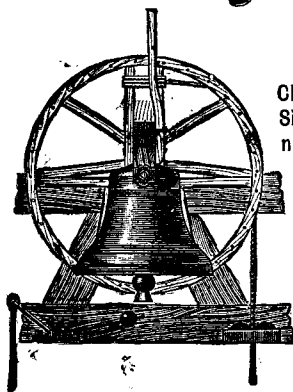
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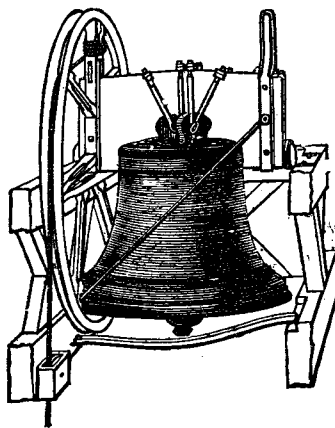
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After the repast the Chairman proposed "The Queen and the Royal Family," and said the toast should this year be treated as a matter of really heartfelt enthusiasm, for her Majesty would be in the thoughts of them all. He thought probably the Queen was more really loved now, and more really respected, than when she ascended the Throne fifty years ago. The toast having been duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," Mr. J. Betts in a humorous speech responding.

Mr. E. TEBBS proposed "The Sussex County Association of Change-ringers," and coupled with the toast the name of Mr. G. F. Attree, who, he stated, had done more for ringing in the county of Sussex than any two, or any dozen men. It was entirely owing to his perseverance that the parish church had now got a peal of bells. Sixteen years ago there was only one peal of bells, and one set of ringers in Brighton. Now there were three peals of bells, and three sets of ringers. Mr. Attree had not confined himself to the town, but in the county had effected a great improvement in bell ringing. The toast was heartily drunk.

Mr. G. F. ATTREE, in replying, said he did not lay claim to any merit for the proud position the Association stood with other Associations in England. During the short time the Association had been formed, every member had taken his share in the work, and what he had done had been of a very formal kind. The Association now ranked numerically as the third in the kingdom. Up to the present he had only heard of one society which wanted a new peal, and a new tower, which the Association could not give them, withdrawing. Looking at the list of the performances of their Association during the past year, with the exception of two other counties, the county of Sussex stood at the top of the tree in the number of peals rung during the past year. He thought it used to be considered very good work if Sussex could produce two or three peals in the year, but last year the County Association had rung twenty-three peals. Passing on, he said there was still a lot to be done in this Association. There were many places near branches of the Association in different parts of the County where they had fine peals of bells which had not joined the Association. He thought if these branches would exert themselves, this number might be greatly diminished.

Mr. E. TEBBS next proposed "The Vicar, Clergy, and Churchwardens of St. Nicholas," and thought it was a great honour to the Society that the Rev. J. J. Hannah evinced such interest in its work by taking the chair that evening, in spite of his other heavy and multitudinous duties. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The CHAIRMAN, in briefly returning thanks, repudiated any idea that it was any hardship to him to come there that night, for he always thought it a great pleasure to come amongst the working men of the parish whenever he could; and he was especially pleased to come amongst the ringers on such an occasion as that. He should be a surly customer if he was not, because he was greatly indebted to the bell ringers of the old parish church for their regular attendances and invariable good behaviour in the belfry.

The Rev. E. RILEY, who was loudly applauded on rising, also responded, making a most humorous speech. Explaining the reason which prevented him from being present at the dinner, he having had to conduct a choir class, he observed that it would not do for him to leave the lads to look after the dads. The remainder of the speech was made up of anecdotes and sharp passages of arms with Mr. Tebbs, who kept up a running commentary throughout this, and indeed most of the other speeches.

Mr. C. LYNN also replied.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Brighton (St. Nicholas) Society of Change-ringers," and in the course of his remarks said it was a great many years since a peal had not been rung at all at St. Nicholas Church on a Sunday morning, and very frequently at other services. He (the rev. gentleman) could not have carried out this reform if he had not been so cordially met and supported on all occasions by the ringers. It would be like flogging a willing horse to push them, for many and many a time he had thought he should like to have the bells rung, but he did not like to trouble them, yet if anything special occurred at the church he was sure to find them in their places, and they always got a good peal at the bells. He (the Vicar) was very grateful to them. They were always in their places, and the work was always properly done; and he was very pleased at the way they behaved. He was always struck with the reverent and proper manner with which things were conducted in the belfry. He could assure them he was paying them

no empty compliment, and he hoped the same cordial good feeling that had existed between himself and the St. Nicholas ringers would go on, and that the bells would if possible, be handled in a more masterly way than they had been in the past. The toast having been heartily drunk,

Mr. BONIFACE first returned thanks. He said he did not know how many years back their Society dated, but to his knowledge, and that of others, it had been in existence 60 years. The Society numbered 17 members, but only 14 of those were working members. During the past year those 14 members had made 1021 attendances, coming together every Sunday morning and evening, and he thought these figures would prove that their desire was to do their duty. The average was nine per meeting. At their Tuesday evening practices they had 156 attendances. The ringers were men employed day after day, and their time was not their own, but what time they had to spare they gladly gave for practice. The speaker bestowed a warm eulogy on the captain, and attributed the success and improvement of the band solely to his efforts. Their crowning point last year was in ringing Hollis's five-part peal, which Mr. Searle had the honour of calling.

There were cries for Mr. Searle, who then rose and briefly returned thanks. He denied that the success of a band depended on the conductor, and said it depended on the men themselves.

The remaining toasts were "Kindred Societies," "Visitors," "Press," "Chairman and Vice-Chairman," and "Host and Hostess." The toasts were interspersed with the rendering of some capital songs by Messrs. E. Tebbs, Badger, Harvey, J. Searle, J. Fox, Judd, and Awcock, and at the close of the toast list, the Magistrates having granted an extra hour for the occasion, a most convivial time was spent.

WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.

On Friday, December 30th, the band met for practice, at 7 o'clock, and some good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung till 9 o'clock, when the members retired to the room adjoining the tower, which, by permission of the proprietor, H. H. Powell Cotton, Esq., is now fitted up as a reading and recreation room for the band, refreshments were also liberally supplied by the above named gentleman. Ringing commenced again at 11.30, and the old year was rung out and the new year welcomed. On New Year's Day some good ringing was performed, including a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples; at 4.30, in accordance with the liberality of H. H. P. Cotton, Esq., the band, seventeen in number, sat down to a capital dinner of roast beef, plum pudding, &c., served up in good style, by host Millgate, at the "Powell Arms," Birchington. The cloth removed, and glasses charged, the Chairman, Mr. T. B. Reed, gave the toast of the evening, "Health and prosperity to Mr. Cotton and family." Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and other toasts having been duly honoured, the evening was spent in some good handbell ringing, Grandsire Triples and tunes, in which Mr. J. Jarman took part, his performances with 2 in hand being very amusing, and Mr. W. Emptage, 72 years of age, rang 7-8, in a course of Grandsire, he being the last survivor of the band of the late J. P. Powell, by whom the tower was built. At 10 o'clock the National Anthem was sung, and the band retired to their respective homes, having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Monday, December 27th, the members of the above Society met at the church of All Saints to attempt their first peal of Bob Triples. The start was made at eight minutes to twelve, but after ringing twenty-five minutes a mistake occurred, and after starting again was successful in bringing the bells round in three hours and five minutes, the account of which appears in its proper place. The rapid progress made in the art of change-ringing by the young members of this Society is rather remarkable, especially in Bristol, as good change-ringing once predominated among the ancient societies in this town, but owing to the emoluments and their abuse, has become insignificant. The go of the bells of St. James', where the Society practice, is anything but that they would desire, yet in the short space of eighteen months they have thoroughly mastered the Plain Bob method. They can also ring Stedman and Treble Bob. The Society wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the churchwardens for granting the use of the bells, the go of which reflects great credit on Mr. A. York, who rehung them some years ago, to whom the Society is very much indebted for getting the bells in readiness.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The members of this society are requested to attend the next meeting at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on January 18th, 1887, at eight o'clock precisely, to receive the report of the committee appointed to revise the rules.

G. T. McLAUGHLIN, Master.

AUGMENTATION OF THE FOXEARTH (ESSEX) BELLS.

THE bells of this village originally consisted of only three down to the year 1861, when the old tower was taken down and the present one built in 1862, which is a fine building, ranked as one of finest in the county. This new tower was built in memory of Matilda Forster, as the following inscription round the tower will show—

"This tower was built in the year of our Lord, 1862, to the honour and glory of God, in loving and pious memory of Matilda Forster, who deceased Easter-Eve, 1861."

When the tower was completed in 1862, it was decided to augment the ring to six by adding three new bells. This work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears, of London, who added a treble, 2nd and tenor, so thus making the three old bells 3rd, 4th, and 5th of the ring. All went on well until about 1870, when the 5th bell became slightly cracked. This bell was one of Miles Grays, and bore the following inscription:

"Milo Graie, me fecit, 1640."

About six or seven months ago Mr. David Ward, Master of the ringers, and organist of the church, decided to open a subscription list to provide two treble bells to complete the ring of eight. The result was that subscriptions came in so as to enable the rector to order the two additional bells, and at the same time the Rector himself providing a new seventh in place of the old cracked bell. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner, of Cripplegate, London, who have supplied the new bells, which arrived at the church on December 20th, and were ready for ringing on Christmas Eve, and were fully tested on Christmas Day by the various ringers who had assembled to ring touches upon them. It was a unanimous opinion amongst all that heard the new bells that Messrs. Warner had supplied three very good bells, and have made a capital splice, and the alteration of hanging some of the old bells to make room for the trebles has been a decided improvement with regard to the ropes, etc., these coming down in a very good circle. Mr. D. Ward must be congratulated on his great perseverance, as he has been solely instrumental in bringing this good work to a successful end. The following is the touches that have been rung:—

First touch on the eight bells was a 336 Bob Major, rang by the following persons: S. Slater (conductor), 1; G. Maxim, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; Z. Slater, 4; R. Mingay, 5; J. Lee, 6; D. Ward, 7; G. Hammond, 8. Second touch, Bob Major, 560 changes. S. Slater, 1; G. Maxim, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; J. Bird, 4; F. Wells, 5; J. Lee, 6; G. Hammond (conductor), 7; P. C. S. Scott, 8. Then a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. Afterwards for the morning service 336 Bob Major was rung by the following band: G. Maxim, 1; J. Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; F. Wells, 5; R. Mingay, 6; N. Hawkins (conductor), 7; D. Ward, 8. 336 and 112 Bob Major for the afternoon service, the band as before. After the afternoon service an attempt was made for a touch of 1008 Bob Major, but after ringing about 950 it was lost. Geo. Maxim, 1; J. Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; F. Wells, 5; R. Mingay, 6; Geo. Maxim, 7; N. Hawkins (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, for service, a touch of Bob Major, 672 changes, was rung. S. Slater (conductor), 1; J. Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; John Slater, 4; G. Maxim (Foxearth), 5; R. Mingay, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; D. Ward, 8. The same band rang a touch of Bob Major for the afternoon service. Messrs. Slater, Wells, and Honeybell hail from Glemsford; Bird, Hammond, and Scott from Long Melford; Hawkins from Belchamp Walter; Geo. Maxim from Cavendish; the rest are of the local company.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at St. Giles's, Camberwell (by the kind permission of the Vicar), on Monday, January 10th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. The tea will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 6 p.m., to be followed by the usual business meeting. All those who intend to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to the Hon. Sec. by Thursday, January 6th, in order that provision may be made for them. Ringing members free; all others 1s. 6d. each. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

34, Dingwall Road, Croydon.

HAGLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 28th, at the parish church, six 120's of Plain Bob, all called differently. W. S. Mason (Hagley), 1; J. Brooks, 2; A. Folkes, 3; G. A. Hatton, 4; F. Davies, 5; J. Davies (Hagley), 6. They beg to thank the rector through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," for the use of the bells.

NEW METHOD FOR 1887.—JUBILEE COURT TRIPLES.

By JOHN WRIGHT, KINGSTON, SURREY.

To ring the plain course, take the 4th and 5th as an example, as they are undisturbed throughout, the 4th comes down to lead, makes 3rd's place and down to lead again, and so continues till she takes the Treble from off the lead, makes another 3rd's place, down to lead again, then go and dodge in 4-5, go up behind, then come down and make 4th's place, go back and dodge last behind, come down and make 4th's again, go back and dodge first behind, come down and make 4th's again, go up behind, then come down and dodge in 4-5. If you take the Treble from off the lead at any time you are sure of going out. And if you turn the treble from behind you are sure of coming down slow.

Plain Course.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 1 3 5 4 7 6

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

3 2 4 1 6 5 7

3 4 2 6 1 7 5

4 3 2 6 7 1 5

4 2 3 7 6 5 1

2 4 3 7 5 6 1

2 3 4 5 7 1 6

3 2 4 5 1 7 6

3 4 2 1 5 6 7

4 3 1 2 6 5 7

4 1 3 6 2 7 5

1 4 3 2 6 5 7

1 3 4 6 2 7 5

4 6 7 3 5 2

6 7 5 4 2 3

7 5 2 6 3 4

5 2 3 7 4 6

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

8 4 changes

Bob Scale

4 3 6 2 7 5 1

6 4 7 3 5 2

7 6 5 4 2 3

5 7 2 6 3 4

2 5 3 7 4 6

3 2 4 5 6 7

350 changes

2 3 4 5 6 7

2 5 3 7 4 6⁵

2 7 5 6 3 4⁶

2 6 7 4 5 3⁸

2 4 6 3 7 5⁵

2 3 4 5 6 7⁶

504 changes

2 3 4 5 6 7

4 3 6 2 7 5¹

4 2 3 5 6 7⁵

4 5 2 7 3 6⁵

2 5 3 4 6 7¹

3 5 6 2 7 4¹

3 2 5 4 6 7⁵

3 4 2 7 5 6⁵

2 4 5 3 6 7¹

5 4 6 2 7 3¹

5 2 4 3 6 7⁵

5 3 2 7 4 6⁵

2 3 4 5 6 7¹

36 leads.

In this method only the bells in the front are disturbed, the Bobs are made the same as a Grandsire Double, 2nd's and 3rd's place.

Kingston tower is again closed to ringing, on account of the repairs.

A DATE TOUCH, 1887.

By A. SYKES, HUDDERSFIELD.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7

M B W H

2 6 3 5 4 - I I I

2 3 5 6 4 - - I 2

2 5 6 3 4 - - I 2

6 5 3 2 4 - - 2 I

6 2 4 5 3 - I 2 I

2 3 4 5 6 I - - 2

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120, FOUR TIMES REPEATED.

By A. SYKES, HUDDERSFIELD.

M in 5 W H

6 4 3 5 2 I I I - 2

6 3 5 4 2 - - - I 2

4 5 3 6 2 - - - 2 2

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF RINGING FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 2ND, 1887.

By the Arundel and Brighton Branches, at Arundel.—On Thursday, December 30th, a peal of Grandsire Triples, in 3 hours and 2 mins. (for particulars see peal column).

By a Mixed band, at Balcombe.—On December 27th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Stoner, 1; J. Gasson, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman (first 720 in the method), 4; F. Rice (Worth), 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Warnham Court Bob. A. Stoner, 1; E. Streeter, 2; F. Streeter, 3; B. Paine (Worth), 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourne (first 720 in the method), 2; H. Meads, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. R. Streeter, 1; J. Cheeseman, 2; R. Bourne, 3; T. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. R. Streeter, 1; H. Meads, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; F. Rice, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. B. Paine, 1; H. Meads, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And on December 30th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; H. Meads (first 720 as conductor), 6.

By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's.—On December 31st, at 10.45 p.m., a date touch (1886 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hour and 8 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; H. Weston (conductor), 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; —, Allfrey, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Jay, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. And on January 1st, 1887, at 12.5 a.m. a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 17 mins. A. Piper, 1; J. Jay, 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; —, Allfrey, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Also on New Year's Eve, for midnight service, at St. Nicholas, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. J. Neves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; J. Fox, 3; James Neves (first 720), 4; H. Boniface, 2; J. Searle (conductor), 6; E. Butler, 7; W. Davey, 8. And on Sunday, January 2nd, at St. Peter's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Piper, 1; C. E. Golds, 2; J. Salmon, 3; J. Reilly, 4; G. Thwaites, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; D. Ross, 8.

By the Crawley branch, at Crawley.—On Monday, December 27th, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples in 49 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Collison, 3; B. King, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; D. Jordon, 7; J. Collison, 8. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; W. Collison, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; D. Jordon, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; J. Collison, 8. And a 420 of Oxford Bob Triples in 13 mins. J. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; W. Parsons, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; D. Jordon, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; W. Collison, 8.

By the Eastbourne branch, at St. Mary's.—On Wednesday, December 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. E. Willoughby, 1; C. Harfey, 2; G. Howse, 3; G. Smith, 4; T. Lewes, 5; T. Hart (conductor), 6; T. Willoughby, 7; J. Lewes, 8. Also on December 31st, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 17 mins. T. Lewes, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; C. Harfey, 3; L. Haggett (conductor), 4; T. Willoughby, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart, 7; J. Rollison, 8. And on January 1st, 1887, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hour and 3 mins. G. Smith, 1; T. Smith, 2; H. P. Bennett (conductor), 3; T. Hart, 4; C. Harfey, 5; J. Potter, 6; G. Howse, 7; T. Willoughby, 8. And at 6.30 a.m., on New Year's morning, a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation), in 2 hours and 43 mins. (for particulars see peal column).

By the Hurst branch, at Hurst.—On Saturday, January 1st, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 27 mins. A. Pierce, 1; T. Mansbridge, 2; J. Gasson (conductor), 3; T. Leney, 4; W. Lauder, 5; H. Sayers, 6; A. Davey, 7; J. Pierce, 8. And on Sunday, January 2nd, six 6-scores in the same method, in 26 mins., the ringers standing as before.

By the Steyning and Brighton branch at Heene.—On Monday, December 27th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. E. Brackley, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Smart, 5; W. Palmer, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; B. Basset, 8. Also a 336 of Grandsire Triples, in which Messrs. J. Fox and G. Smart took part. And a 720 of Yorkshire Court. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob. G. Smart, 1; J. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And at West Tarring, a 720 of College Single. F. Morris, 1; J. Searle, 2; C. Tyler, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Single Court Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. Searle, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And at Steyning, on Thursday, December 30th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Matthews, 1; G. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; G. Gatland, 4;

J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Matthews, 1; C. Tyler, 2; T. Searle, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And on January 1st, 1887, a 720 of Single Court Bob. T. Searle, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, January 2nd, at Steyning, a 720 of College Single. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob. T. Searle, 1; G. Smart, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. G. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

A FLYING VISIT.

On Boxing Day, December 27th, six members of the Liverpool Youths Society not knowing how best to spend their spare time, hurriedly made it up to pay the above visit to Sheffield. Leaving the Central Station, Liverpool, at 7.15 a.m., they were soon called upon to admire the fine scenery of the surrounding country through which they passed. Passing through the counties of Lancashire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, and into Yorkshire, they arrived at the seat of the cutlery industry at 10.30 a.m. After refreshing the inner man (the frosty and clear air having whet their appetites rather more than usual), they proceeded to hunt up some brother strings, and were not long before they found themselves at the head-quarters of the Amalgamated Societies, where fortunately their hunt ended; and very shortly afterwards they were at work in the tower of St. Marie's (R.C.) church. They commenced operations by ringing seven courses of Stedman Triples. J. R. Pritchard, 1; W. Booth, 2; W. Gardner, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Dixon, 5; J. Mulligan, 6; R. Williams (conductor), 7; W. Brooks, 8. This was followed by six courses of Bob Major. C. Williams, 1; J. Gourch, 2; W. Booth, 3; W. Biggin, 4; J. Dixon, 5; J. Mulligan (conductor), 6; J. R. Pritchard, 7; R. Williams, 8. Afterwards a course of Treble Bob Major, concluding with a touch of Grandsire Triples. J. R. Pritchard, 1; C. Williams, 2; J. Mulligan, 3; W. Biggin, 4; W. Booth, 5; R. Williams (conductor), 6; J. Dixon, 7; R. Diggle, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. They again adjourned to the head-quarters by which time Mr. Thomas Hattersley had arrived, who very quickly arranged for them to have a pull on the fine peal of twelve at the parish church of St. Peter's, tenor 41 cwt., when a well struck touch of Grandsire Caters was rung on the back ten bells. W. Midgley, 1; J. Gourch, 2; C. Williams, 3; J. Mulligan, 4; J. Dixon, 5; W. Booth, 6; J. R. Pritchard, 7; T. Hattersley, 8; R. Williams (conductor), 9; R. Diggle, 10. After again adjourning to the meeting house, they were joined by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, C. Steer, Punch Smith, and several others, and spent a most enjoyable evening together, with singing, tune and change-ringing, etc., until eleven o'clock, the time for their departure, and after a hearty shake of the hand all round, and interchange of seasonable greetings, they wended their way to the station, where the iron horse was waiting, and which duly landed them in Liverpool at 2 a.m., after spending one of the most enjoyable outings they have experienced. They wish to tender their thanks through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to all who contributed to the day's enjoyment, and trust they may yet have many such meetings.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Members are requested to take notice:—That the next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held on Monday, January 10th, at Rickmansworth, and that the proposal will then be brought forward to divide the Association into local branches, according to the plan which has been adopted in the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Members who intend to be present are requested to inform the secretaries of their respective bands as early as possible.

W. WIGRAM, General Secretary.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Monday, December 27th, 1886, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. (fourteen bobs and two singles). F. A. Nunn, 1; H. A. Nunn, 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn jun., 5; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, December 28th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. (Davies). A. E. Church (Battersea), 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn jun. (conductor), 5; W. Pye English, 6. And on Friday, December 31st, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. *J. W. Barrs, 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; J. Waghorn, 5; *W. Pye English, 6. *First 720 of Oxford, it is also the first in the method by the Tottenham Society. Also on Sunday evening, January 2nd, 1887, for service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Langran, 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn jun. (conductor), 5; W. Pye English, 6.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1887.

The Provinces.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

On Thursday, December 23, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES S. WILDE Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD 5.
RALPH PRITCHARD 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY 6.
ROBERT WOLLEY 3.	THOMAS WILDE 7.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

BRISTOL.—THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, December 27, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM PADDOCK* (age 16) Treble.	*ARTHUR HOWELL (age 17) 5.
GEORGE PYMM* (age 16) .. 2.	*HERBERT TUCKER (age 17) 6.
WALTER PORCH* (age 17) 3.	†HENRY PORCH 7.
JAMES HINTON 4.	*FREDERICK PORCH Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by H. PORCH.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM MUNDY Treble.	JAMES L. MOSS 5.
*EDWARD PITT 2.	WALTER C. MARSH 6.
ALFRED SHEPHERD 3.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD 4.	THOMAS J. LAKE Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD PITT.

*First peal as conductor. Mr. Marsh hails from Plymouth; the rest are members of the St. Sidwell's Society.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1886, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT 5.
RALPH PRITCHARD 2.	THOMAS WILDE 6.
JAMES WOOD 3.	JAMES S. WILDE 7.
GEORGE LONGDEN 4.	WILLIAM FRITH Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

The above was rung on the anniversary of the opening of the bells. Pritchard and the brothers Wilde hail from Hyde; the rest from Ashton.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1886, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS, UPON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 each of the following:—

Association Exercise, Duke of York, Violet Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

Tenor about 17 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. GILBERT Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN 4.
MAURICE E. R. WARWICK 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
RICHARD DUNKLEY 3.	FRED GILBERT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

The brothers Gilbert hail from Raunds; R. Dunkley and H. Chapman, from Bythorn, Hunts., and C. W. Clarke, and M. Warwick, from Bedford. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells on this occasion.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 30, 1886, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

H. PECKHAM* Treble.	H. HAGGETT 5.
G. F. ATTREE 2.	W. L. CHAMBERLAIN 6.
C. BLACKMAN 3.	G. BALCHIN 7.
J. SEARLE 4.	F. LUXFORD Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. F. ATTREE.

*First peal. Messrs. Attree and Searle are of Brighton; the remainder belong to the Arundel branch.

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 30, 1886, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWARD PETHER Treble.	JOSEPH F. NAPPER 5.
DENNIS NAPPER 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
FRANK NAPPER 3.	CHARLES WM. ALLEN 7.
ERNEST E. NAPPER 4.	ALFRED WOODLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NAPPER.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

G. HOWSE Treble.	*T. LEWES 5.
C. HARFFEY 2.	T. HART 6.
T. SMITH 3.	T. WILLOUGHBY 7.
G. SMITH* 4.	J. LEWES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HART.

*First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. G. Howse, and T. and G. Smith hail from Christchurch; T. Lewes from All Saints; the rest from St. Mary's. "Go" was called at 6.20 a.m., the whole of the band being total abstainers.

HOLT SOCIETY.—ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

Muffled Peal.

On Thursday, December 30, 1886, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S.S. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

THOMAS J. HEMMING	Treble.	JAMES PLANT	6.
WILLIAM KENT	2.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ..	7.
THOMAS RUSSAM*	3.	JOHN CARTER	8.
ARTHUR JOHN JONES	4.	THOMAS REYNOLDS	9.
HENRY BASTABLE	5.	HENRY JOHNSON, JUN. ..	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by

HENRY BASTABLE.

*First peal of Stedman.

The above peal was composed in the inverted Titum position, with the 5th and 6th each twenty-two courses behind the 7th, the Treble being a fixed bell as usual. Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect for the late William Jones (a junior member, and brother to Arthur John Jones, of the above Society), who was interred at the above resting place, on the 29th December. Members of the Society were bearers, who afterwards assembled and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman, conducted by Henry Bastable and W. Kent respectively.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Friday, December 31, 1886, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL,

5400 CHANGES; Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE	..Treble.	HENRY BOWELL	.. .. 6.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	.. 2.	ROBERT HAWES	.. .. 7.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER	.. 3.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM	.. .. 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS..	.. .. 4.	FREDERICK TILLET	.. .. 9.
CHARLES SAUL	.. .. 5.	JAMES MOTTS	.. .. Temor.

Composed and Conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

The figures of the above peal appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" last week.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 3, 1887, in Five Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10176 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SAMUEL WEST	Treble.	ALBERT EDWARD WREAKS ..	5.
JOHN HOPWOOD	2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER	6.
JAMES BARRATT	3.	JOHN EACHUS	7.
EDWARD CASH	4.	SAMUEL WOOD	Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

The above peal contains the extent of the course-ends. Messrs. West, Wreaks, Sevier, and Eachus hail from Manchester; Hopwood and Wood from Ashton-under-Lyne; the rest are local men.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 5, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLISS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

A. PIPER*	Treble.	G. F. ATTREE	5.
H. WESTON†	2.	H. BONIFACE	6.
H. P. BENNETT	3.	J. SEARLE	7.
G. THWAITES*	4.	C. TYLER	Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WESTON.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal. Mr. Bennett hails from Eastbourne, the rest belong to Brighton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 4, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN HOPWOOD	Treble.	E. CASH	5.
SAMUEL WOOD	2.	C. CASH	6.
SAMUEL WEST	3.	W. GORDON	7.
A. E. WREAKS	4.	W. J. SEVIER	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

W. Gordon hails from Stockport.

Date Touches.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, January 2nd, eight members of the above Association rang for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. Bradley, 1; R. Hickton, 2; J. C. Dicken, 3; S. Clarke, 4; J. Ward, 5; W. Gilson, 6; A. Widdowson, 7; J. Barrow (conductor), 8. Tenor 11 cwt. in G. Composed by Mr. J. W. Wilson, of St. Margaret's Society, Leicester. The above touch contains all the 8,6,7's.

BIRSTALL (Yorkshire).—On Friday evening, December 31st, seven of the Birstall Company, assisted by Mr. William Smith, of Gomersall, ascended the tower, and rung the old year out and the new year in, 1887 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. Thornton, 1; W. Banham, 2; J. W. Lang, 3; W. Smith, 4; W. Stainthorpe, 5; J. Clayton, 6; B. A. Dodson, 7; J. W. Yates, 8. Composed and conducted by Mr. B. A. Dodson.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 1st, 1887, by the local company, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 3 mins. G. Smith, 1; T. Smith, 2; H. P. Bennett (conductor), 3; T. Hart, 4; C. Harfey, 5; J. Potter, 6; G. Howse, 7; T. Willoughby, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Friday, December 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1886 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins., ending at twelve o'clock, midnight, with the bells half-muffled to finish up the Old Year. W. Tarling, 1; H. Willis, 2; A. Aspey, 3; A. Pitt, 4; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 5; G. Willis, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

HIGHER WALTON (Lancashire).—On the marriage of Mrs. Rodgett of Darwen Bank, Higher Walton, the parish ringers of All Saints' church, rang a date touch, in 1 hr. 14 mins., in the following five methods, viz., 87 of Canterbury Pleasure, 720 of London New Bob, 360 of College Single, 360 of Oxford Bob, and 360 of Plain Bob Minor. George Thornley (conductor), 1; James Harwood, 2; Henry Hunt, 3; Henry Brewer, 4; John Eccles, 5; James Mather, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

ORMSKIRK.—On New Year's morning, January 1st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. John Prescott, 1; W. B. Lloyd, 2; H. Ellis, 3; W. Ellis, 4; H. Wimow, 5; W. J. Taylor (conductor), 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8. Composed by James Sholicar.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Friday, December 24th, being Christmas Eve, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Cullip, 5; W. Allan, 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Spencer, 1; W. Hall, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Cullip, 5; T. Foote, 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Pass, 1; T. Foote (conductor), 2; W. Allan, 3; M. Warwick, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Also on Friday, December 31st, being New Year's Eve, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Allan, 4; I. Hills, 5; T. Foote (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; J. Frossell, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Cullip, 5; T. Foote (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, December 24th, at St. Paul's Church, three touches of Grandsire Triples, viz., 308, 168, and 604. F. Keech, C. Pass, M. Warwick, S. Cullip, J. Frossell, W. Hall, W. Allan, I. Hills, J. Spencer, C. W. Clarke (conductor). Also on Friday, December 31st, 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Chasty, 1; S. Cullip, 2; W. Hall (conductor), 3; T. Foote, 4; W. Allan, 5; J. Frossell, 6; I. Hills, 7; M. Warwick, 8. Also a 350 of Grandsire Triples. F. Keech, 1; S. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. Frossell, 4; T. Foote (conductor), 5; M. Warwick, 6; I. Hills, 7; W. Allan, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 31st, for Divine Service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. S. Frost (conductor), 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; G. C. Scowen, 4; A. Garrett, 5; J. Cooley, 6. Also for practice on Tuesday, November 2nd, 720 of Oxford Single Bob. R. Moss, 1; G. C. Scowen, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garrett, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 16th, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. All standing as before except G. Hyde, who rang the 1st. On Tuesday, December 7th, 720 of Violet Treble Bob. G. C. Scowen, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garrett, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in this method by all.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRIVETT (Hants).—On New Year's Eve, at the church of Holy Trinity, 336 of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members: C. Hasted (conductor), 1; F. G. Ayling, 2; H. Sutton, 3; R. Baker, 4; L. Reid, 5; T. Hansford, 6; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 7; J. Baker, 8.

NEWDIGATE (Surrey).—On Saturday, December 25th, six members of the above guild visited St. Peter's church, and rang a 720 of Superlative Surprise, in 24½ mins. A. Tidy, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. The first 720 in the method on the bells. Tenor 8½ cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH.—At the parish church, on Saturday, January 1st, 1887, to ring in the new year, a 168 of Grandsire Triples, and later in the day, the first half of Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 23 mins. F. Goddard (conductor), 1; W. Green, 2; T. Aldis, 3; W. Huff, 4; A. Peachey, 5; C. Kamplin, 6; W. Easter, 7; G. Knock, 8. And on Christmas morning, a 504 in the same method. E. Green, 1; F. Goddard, 2; T. Aldis, 3; W. Green, 4; the rest as before.

RAYLEIGH.—On Thursday, December 2nd, Messrs. F. Strugnell, J. Johnson, and H. Deal paid a visit to their brother-strings at All Saints, Rettendon, and rung for practice a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Strugnell, 1; —. Turner, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Deal, 4; M. Moat, 5; W. Jay (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday afternoon, December 5th, for Divine Service, 1080 changes, consisting of a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), and 360 of Grandsire Minor. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also on Friday evening, December 17th, for practice, 1080 changes, viz., a 720 of College Single and 360 of Bob Minor. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also on New Year's Eve, 600 of Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Deal (conductor), 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; F. W. Haslam, 6. After which, having unmuffled the bells, the midnight hour was tolled with the tenor bell raised, and then the New Year was welcomed with a few short touches of College Single and Bob Minor, and then after having saluted the Queen, and having welcomed Her Majesty's Jubilee Year with some good firing, intermixed with a few rounds and Whittington a few times, we all retired to our homes for the first time in 1887. Also for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson (conductor), 3; J. Collins, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; F. W. Haslam, 6. This is the first 720 of any method by J. Johnson as conductor. Also on Sunday evening, December 19th, for Divine Service, 360 of College Single. G. Smith, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also on Monday evening, December 20th, for practice, a start was made for 1440, and after ringing 1416 it came to grief owing to a shift, it consisted of 240 of Yorkshire Court, 240 of Bob Minor, 240 of College Single, and almost 720 of Grandsire Minor. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also on Christmas Eve, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen singles and four bobs), in 26 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also on Christmas Day, 720 of Bob Minor (fifteen bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collins, 4; H. Deal, 5; *W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. *College Youth.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FRIESTON.—On Friday night, December 31st, 1886, the ringers assembled at the parish church, and rang the old year out and the new one in, and then attempted to ring a date touch of 1887 changes, which came to grief by the 3rd bell casting her rope, and setting herself, after ringing nine 6-scores in the following methods, viz., London Doubles, Dunstan Doubles, the Dream of Hudibrass, two of Gogmagog, one with the tenor half-hunt, the other with the 3rd half-hunt, and three 120's of Plain Bob, called from the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively. Joseph Sharp, 1; A. Barber (conductor), 2; W. Fletcher, 3; John Sharp, 4; S. Steeper, 5.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, December 26th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Peter's Church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 27 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; T. Newman, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. And on Friday, December 31st at midnight, the old year was rung out with a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 30 mins. with the bells half-muffled. H. Smith, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; T. Newman, 4; G. Essex, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. After office was said, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. with the bells open. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, January 2nd,

after Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of College Single in 27 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, December 26th, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor. G. Elcome, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Harper, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, December 31st, for midnight service, 720 of Plain Bob. G. Elcome, 1; A. Cornford, 2; W. Harper (conductor), 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes, 6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PERRY BAR.—On Monday, January 3rd, at St. John's Church, eight members of the above society met for a peal, but meeting too short they were compelled to bring it to a close by ringing 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. W. Long (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; *E. Unitt, 3; S. Reeves, 4; *W. Cooper, 5; W. R. Small, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F. *First 720.

THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HERTFORD.—On Friday evening, December 31st, eight members of the above society met at 11.30 p.m., at All Saints' church, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. J. Jauncey, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; J. Staples, 3; W. Goodchild, 4; S. Knight, 5; H. Baker, 6; J. G. Crawley (conductor), 7; F. George, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lbs. in Eb.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On December 18th, 1886, at S. Sidwell's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Townsend, 1; W. Richardson, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; J. Moss, 5; F. W. Batchelor, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; B. Mundy, 8. Also a 336 of Grandsire Triples. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitt, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; J. Moss, 5; F. Shepherd, 6; F. W. Batchelor (conductor), 7; C. Carter, 8. And on December 19th, a 252 of Stedman Triples. E. Pitt (conductor), 1; A. Shepherd, 2; W. Richardson, 3; F. Batchelor, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; C. Carter, 8. And on December 26th, 1092 of Grandsire Triples. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitt, 2; W. Mundy, 3; W. H. Marsh (conductor), 4; F. Shepherd, 5; A. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; J. Lake, 8. Also a 168 of Stedman Triples. E. Pitt, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. H. Marsh, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; B. Mundy, 8. And on December 28th, a 168 of Stedman Triples. J. Moss, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; R. French (conductor), 6; E. Shepherd, 7; W. Mundy, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; C. Carter, 8. And on January 2nd, a 480 of Stedman Triples. E. Pitt, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; R. French (conductor), 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; C. Carter, 8.

BARWELL (Leicestershire).—On Friday, December 31st, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. Enos Garner, 1; J. Swinfield, 2; G. White, 3; W. A. Needham, 4; W. T. Billinghamurst, 5; R. Lane (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, January 3rd, being the fourth anniversary of the death of the late Mr. William Dowling, many years steeple-keeper at the church of St. Mary Redcliff, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), the bells being muffled, was rung by the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's, at the above church in 52 mins. Mr. Dowling was a respected and valued member of the society. G. Staddon, 1; A. Anderson, 2; G. Daltry, 3; J. York, 4; E. Beak, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6; W. Emery, 7; W. Parsons and R. Watkins, 8. Tenor 50 cwt. in C.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On Monday, December 20th, at the parish church, 720 of London New Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; F. Francis, 2; W. Tidy, 3; W. Haynes, jun., 4; A. Baker (conductor), 5; A. Weale (first 720 in the method), 6. Also on Christmas Eve, 720 of Plain Bob (fourteen bobs two singles). W. Haynes, sen., 1; Fred. Francis (conductor), 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Tidy, 4; A. Baker, 5; W. Haynes, jun., 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob. Frank Francis, 1; F. Francis, 2; W. Tidy, 3; W. Haynes, jun., 4; A. Baker, 5; A. Weale (conductor), 6. Also on Christmas Day, 720 of Court Bob. W. Tidy, 1; Fred. Francis, 2; F. Francis, 3; A. Weale, 4; A. Baker, 5; W. Haynes, jun. (conductor), 6. And 720 of London New Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; Fred. Francis, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Tidy, 4; A. Baker (conductor), 5; W. Haynes, jun., 6. Also for morning service 720 of Oxford Bob. A. Baker, 1; Frank Francis, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Tidy, 4; W. Haynes, jun., 5; A. Weale (conductor), 6. And after evening service 720 of Plain Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; Frank

Francis, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; W. Tidy, 4; A. Baker, 5; W. Haynes, jun., 6. Also on Monday, December 27th, 720 of Plain Bob (forty-two singles). G. Jenkins, 1; Fred. Francis, 2; F. Francis, 3; A. Baker, 4; W. Haynes, jun., 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6. And 720 of Court Bob. F. Francis, 1; W. Haynes, jun., 2; W. Tidy, 3; A. Baker, 4; G. Jenkins, 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Bob. W. Tidy, 1; F. Francis, 2; A. Baker, 3; G. Jenkins, 4; W. Haynes, jun., 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6. And on December 29th, 720 of Court Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; F. Francis, 2; W. Tidy, 3; A. Weale, 4; A. Baker, 5; W. Haynes, jun. (conductor), 6. Also 720 of London New Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; Fred. Francis, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Tidy, 4; A. Baker (conductor), 5; W. Haynes, 6. And on Friday, December 31st, 720 of Plain Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; F. Francis (conductor), 2; W. Haynes, jun., 3; A. Baker, 4; W. Tidy, 5; A. Weale, 6. Also at midnight, 720 of Oxford Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; F. Francis, 2; W. Tidy, 3; A. Baker, 4; W. Haynes, jun., 5; A. Weale (conductor), 6. And 720 of Court Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; A. Baker, 2; F. Francis, 3; A. Weale, 4; W. Tidy, 5; W. Haynes, jun. (conductor), 6. J. Cooper and G. Jenkins hail from Rudgwick, and Fredk. Francis from Bagshot; the rest are local men. Also on Monday, December 27th, at the parish church, Mr. J. F. Penning's one-part peal of Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles). G. Jenkins, 1; F. Francis, 2; F. Francis, 3; A. Baker, 4; W. Haynes, 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Court Bob. F. Francis, 1; A. Baker, 2; W. Haynes, 3; W. Tidy, 4; G. Jenkins, 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). W. Tidy, 1; F. Francis, 2; A. Baker, 3; G. Jenkins, 4; W. Haynes, 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6.

CANTERBURY.—On Monday, January 3rd, at the Cathedral, eight members of the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Troyte, in 49 mins., in honour and to celebrate the 61st birthday of Mr. A. Foreman. F. Davison, 1; A. Foreman, 2; H. G. Fairbrass, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; A. A. Andrews, 5; R. Goodbourn, 6; J. H. Small, 7; C. Luery, 8. Tenor 34 cwt. in C.

CROYDON.—On Monday, December 27th, at St. John the Baptist Church, a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), but owing to a mishap on the conductor's part, it came to grief after ringing 2400 changes. Dudley, sen., 1; G. Russel (conductor), 2; T. Trapitt, 3; N. Holman, 4; W. States, 5; A. Bruce, 6; T. Verrall, 7; G. Rosier and W. Todd, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. in Eb. G. Russel is in his 77th year.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, January 3rd, the local company rang for practice at the parish church, 720 each of City Delight, and London Scholars' Pleasure. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; C. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 2nd, at St Martin's Church, for evening service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. G. Thurlaw, 1; T. Glead, 2; G. Harvey, 3; J. Leach, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6. Also after service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 24 mins. D. W. Greggs, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Leach, 4; N. Alderman, 5; E. Chapman, 6. Also on Monday evening, January 3rd, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Hannington (conductor), 1; T. Glead, 2; G. Harvey, 3; G. Griffin, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Nixon, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Friday evening, December 31st, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells muffled, to ring out the old year, a 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-eight bobs and two singles). W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts, 6. And 720 of Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Chapman, 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; J. Braybrook, T. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also to ring in the New Year, with the bells open, 720 of Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts, 6.

HOW TWO MEMBERS OF THE BEFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION SPENT THEIR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Christmas morning we started by the 9.48 train from the Midland Station, Bedford, having booked to Wellingboro'. As we journeyed along through the town we could hear to our delight the bells of the parish church, tenor 30 cwt. in E, so we thought we were landed for a pull, but as we came nearer the church to our surprise we found them ringing a well struck touch of "Tombstone Surprise," but before we could reach the belfry door the bells were set, and "bom" went the tenor for service. Afterwards we proceeded to the London and North Western Station, and booked ourselves to Oundle Station, the native place of one of our friends. On reaching the tower we found a friend had prepared an excellent dinner for us, which we

much appreciated. After doing ample justice to the good things provided, a move was made to the church of St. Peter, which possesses a noble ring of eight bells, tenor 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lb. in D. On arriving at the belfry a hearty welcome was given to the strangers by the local company. We then started and finished a touch of Grandsire Triples, which lasted upwards of an hour, it being rung by call-changes. J. Marriott (captain), 1; A. Cunningham, 2; A. Inman, 3; G. Langley, 4; J. Brown, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; J. Moisey, 7; M. Warwick, 8. It is much regretted that half-pull ringing is not practised in Oundle. The go of the bells is all that can be desired, and as for tone are second to none in Northants. So ended the ringing for Christmas Day. On Sunday another visit was paid, and we assisted in ringing the bells for morning and evening service. On Monday, December 27, a start was made for Oundle Station. Having booked ourselves to Thorpe Station, en route for Fitchmarsh, where according to previous arrangements an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, 5088 changes, with ringers from Raunds, Keystone, and Bythorn, but after ringing upwards of 4000 changes in two hours and a half, the 7th wheel slipped the rope, which brought the peal to an untimely end, much to the disappointment of the ringers, as they were all trying for their first peal of Major. The ringers were stationed as follows: W. J. Gilbert (Raunds), 1; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor, Bedford), 2; J. Pettitt (Keystone), 3; F. Gilbert (Raunds), 4; M. Warwick (Bedford), 5; H. Chapman (Bythorn), 6; H. W. Stubbs (Raunds), 7; R. Dunkley (Bythorn), 8. Afterwards a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted, but before one treble lead was rung the 4th rope broke, which finished the ringing at that tower; and one thing more, which will perhaps not be out of place to mention, is that the bells are not in tune, and which all ringers might know is very disagreeable while they are in the sound of them, but it is to be hoped that at no great distant date the bells will be put in tune, as the ropes all fall in a good circle and a good lighted belfry, and the ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. F. M. Stopford, M.A., for the use of the bells on this occasion. After refreshing the inner man we hastened on by "shanks' pony," commonly called, being nearly knee-deep in snow to Thrapstone, where we found the local ringers in readiness, awaiting our arrival to have a pull on the ring of five bells at the parish church, tenor about 10 cwt. in B. After ascending the ladder which leads to the belfry, the bells were set in motion, and three 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rang by the following: H. Stubbs, W. J. Gilbert, C. W. Clarke, J. Betts, and M. Warwick, conductor. After lowering the bells in peal a move was then made to the village of Denford-cum-Ringstead. After being in the "hunt" half an hour we succeeded in finding two of the local ringers. We then proceeded to the parish church, and after raising the bells, a 360 of Plain Bob was rung. A. Groom (Denford), 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; M. Warwick, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; A. Arnold (Denford), 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Tenor about 10 cwt. in A. After lowering the bells we then made a start for Raunds, which village we were to rest in that night. After arriving there about 11 o'clock p.m. we had a substantial supper, which put an end to that day's hard performance after a walk of about ten miles. On the following morning, Tuesday, December 28, according to arrangements, the bells at St. Peter's church, Raunds, were set in motion, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with nine bobs, was rang strictly non-conducted, or any signs of the bobs being given, and it is believed to be the first 720 of Treble Bob in the county of Northants without the bobs being called. The ringers stood as follows: J. Willmott (Raunds), 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; M. Warwick, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. After lowering the bells we proceeded to Ringstead, and met two of our friends, who had walked from Bythorn that morning, and according to arrangements the bells were raised, and an attempt was made for a peal of 5040 changes in seven different Treble Bob methods upon six bells, go being called at 12.15 p.m., and the last round turned up at 3.15 p.m., for particulars see peal column. This was the first 5040 rang in seven different Treble Bob methods by all and was rung at the first attempt, and is believed to be the first of the kind ever rang in Northamptonshire, and the ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells on this occasion, also the ever-ready and obliging steeple-keeper, Mr. T. Roberts, for having everything in readiness. After refreshing the inner man a start was made for a 720 Plain Bob (28 bobs and 2 singles), which was successfully brought round after some excellent tapping. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; H. Chapman, 2; E. Mayes (Ringstead), 3; R. Dunkley, 4; M. Warwick, 5; T. Roberts (Ringstead), 6. After bidding all our friends a hearty farewell a move was made to Ringstead Station, being the place appointed to shift course, one of our friends being en route for Bedford, and the other for Oundle, but the latter was just in time to see the "Iron Horse" run out quick, instead of stopping to finish the slow work, as she was not signalled to stop at that station. He then made his way to Thrapstone Station, a distance of five miles, just in time to see the train puff in, so that he could continue his journey as far as Oundle. So ended a most pleasant and enjoyable Christmas holiday.

C. W. C. and M. W.

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."

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Geo. Longden's doubts re my composition of Double Norwich, I beg to refer him to Snowdon's work on Double Norwich Court Bob Major, page 36. Also to "THE BELL NEWS," January 24, 1885. Now as to Grandsire Major, I may say, for the benefit of ringers of Mr. Longden's calibre (as he evidently does not know what he is talking about) that no peal can be produced with "tenors together throughout," with M. W. H., as any composer of the least merit knows. I also beg to inform Mr. Longden that peals were rung on the plan he speaks of thirty years previous to 1856.

Bracebridge Street, Birmingham.

JOHN CARTER.

LYNN COURT.

SIR,—Having read several letters on the above subject in your correspondence column, I now take the liberty of saying a few words on "Lynn Court," "Tuke's Exercise," or "Aldington Surprise," or whatever name your readers may think fit to call it. A brother ringer of mine has now in his possession an old mss. of the late Christopher Hles, of Leeds, and it contains the method in dispute, but without title. Now I do not wish to claim for the deceased gentleman the honor of composing the method, nor yet the man who has the mss. in his possession, but only to show your readers that the method was known in Leeds before December 16, 1879, the date of his death. This will decide that none of your former correspondents have any claim to the authorship. In writing on this subject, I trust no one will think that my remarks are intended to detract any credit or compliment which is due to any one who may be successful in composing a new method. No doubt my brother ringers can, and I sincerely hope will, come forward and give your readers more particulars as to the date in the mss. Trusting this letter, Mr. Editor, may be the means of W. Walker, of Leeds, publishing the whole of his collection of six bell methods, a portion of which have already appeared in your columns some time back, but the greater portion of which have never appeared before the Exercise.

R. BINNS.

SHIPWAY'S PEALS.

SIR,—Some little time since there was a peal reported in your papers of Shipway, and the question asked if any had lately been rung. I herewith forward you two peals, and would be obliged if you will insert for the information of such enquirer, or whom it may interest. As I took part in both peals I can vouch for the completion of both.

GEORGE R. HEYWOOD.

"CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.—The following peal was rung on May 1st, 1885, in two hours and thirty-four minutes, viz., Shipway's variation of Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes. The ringers were stationed as follows: 1st, Fred Blundell; 2nd, T. J. Fielding; 3rd, Abel Fielding; 4th, C. F. Heywood; 5th, R. Hill; 6th, H. Spencer; 7th, G. R. Heywood; 8th, C. Why-mark. C. Why-mark hails from Darley Dale, Derbyshire. *First peal of 5040. The rest was the local company."

"STAND CHURCH, WHITEFIELD, LANCASHIRE.—A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on August 30th, 1862—Shipway's variation of Reeves' Ten-Part. Time two hours and fifty-eight minutes. The ringers were stationed as follows: 1st, Charles Bally, Stalybridge; 2nd, Charles Heywood, Stalybridge; 3rd, George R. Heywood, Stalybridge; 4th, James Hope, Bolton; 5th, William Horrocks, Bolton; 6th, Wm. Warburton, Whitefield; 7th, Robert Openshaw, Bolton; 8th, Cornelius Kenworthy, Stalybridge. Conducted by Charles Heywood.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The members of the above Association are requested to take notice that the next quarterly meeting will take place on Saturday, January 15th, 1887, in the King Street Schoolroom, Dudley. The Rev. Dr. Cosens, Rural Dean, will preside. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. The tower of St. Thomas's will be open for ringing during the day to members and ringing friends. Members to meet at Mr. E. Fellows's, "Bee Hive" Inn, Stafford Street, and to note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting, according to Rule 4.

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CAPEL (Surrey).—*Ringings done by the Capel Branch, in December, at Capel.*—On Friday the 3rd, a 720 of Superlative Surprise, in 24 mins. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Superlative Surprise, in 24½ mins. M. Jenkins, 1; T. Stedman, 2; R. Jordan, 3; A. Mills, 4; H. Chandler, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Exercise. T. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; W. Short, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, the 10th, a 720 of Chichester Surprise. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford. A. Mills, 1; C. Weeden, 2; T. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, 14th, a 720 of Oxford. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; G. Hollaway, 4; H. Chandler, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Friday, 17th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Saturday, 18th, two 720's of Chichester Surprise. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Friday, 24th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; T. Stedman, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Superlative Surprise. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Saturday, 25th, at 7 a.m., a 720 of College Pleasure, and 720 of College Exercise. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And for morning service, a 360 of Oxford, and 360 of Kent. C. Weeden, 1; T. Stedman, 2; A. Mills, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And in the afternoon, a 720 of Chichester Surprise. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, in the same order. Tenor 7½ cwt.

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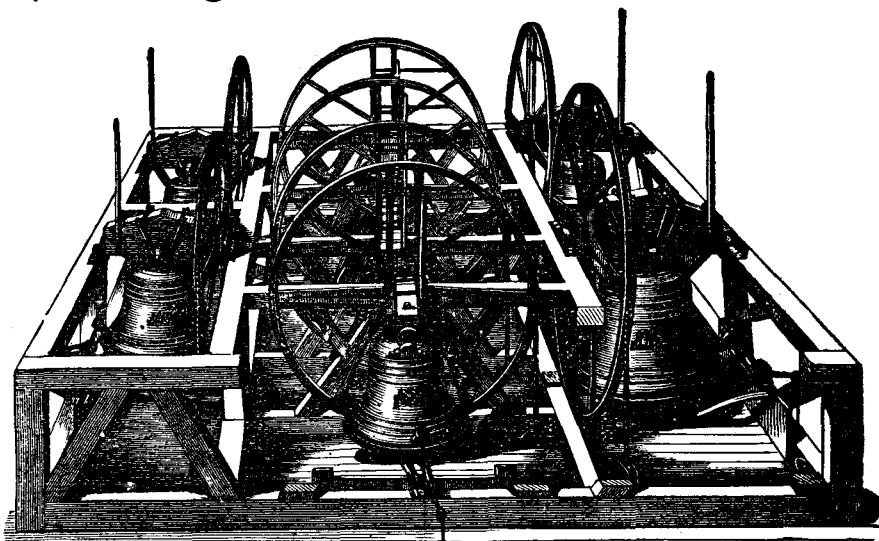
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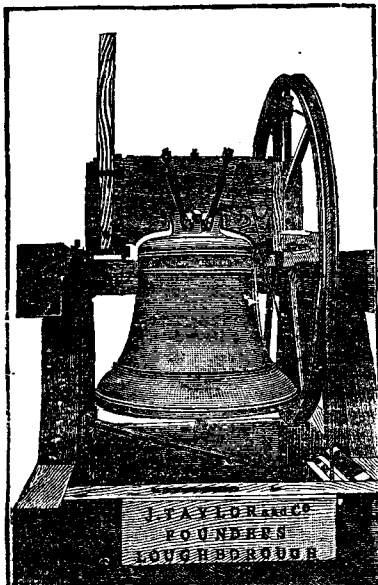
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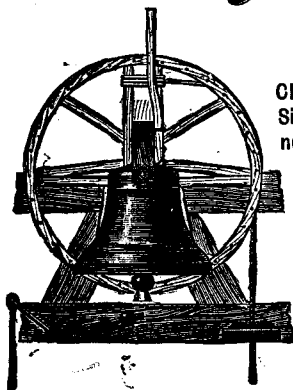
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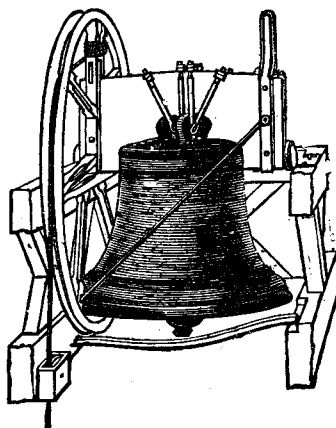
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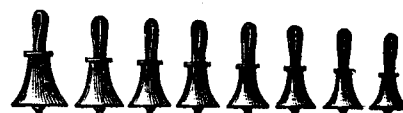
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THE Annual Dinner in connection with the above Societies took place at Brice's Bude Hotel, on Wednesday, January 5th. The Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote (Rector of Upton Pyne) occupied the chair, and among those also present were the Rev. S. Hosking (St. Sidwell's), Mr. R. B. West (Streatham Hall), Mr. Guy Fremantle, Mr. C. Pearson (Whitstone), Mr. H. V. Jones, Mr. S. Sanger, Mr. R. Jerman, Mr. W. B. Rowden, Mr. W. J. Harris, and Messrs. F. A. and E. Shepherd, J. Moss, S. Herbert, H. Swift, Templeman, Webber, T. Townsend, J. Ball, Roberts, W. Goss, Munday (2), Richardson, E. Pitt, A. Searle, F. Davey, C. Carter, T. J. Lake, Sercombe (Whitstone), Woolcott (Kenn), and Hamilton (Kenn).

The Hon. SECRETARY of the St. David's Society (Mr. R. Jerman), announced that he had received letters regretting their inability to attend from the Rev. E. Lang (Curate of St. David's), and Mr. Heath, Churchwarden of St. David's).

The dinner, which was served up in first-class style and gave every satisfaction, was done full justice to.

The tables having been cleared,

The CHAIRMAN gave the toast of "The Queen," which was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. C. PEARSON gave the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and in doing so said he thought that the success of every band depended very much upon the assistance of the clergy.

The Rev. S. HOSKING, in reply, said that he did not think that any belfry would get on well unless a complete understanding existed between the clergy and the ringers. That understanding must not be a one-sided affair, it must be perfectly even, and there must be reciprocity between the parish priest and the band of ringers. He thought that every clergyman should be a ringer, and that the clergy should look upon the ringers as friends, and the ringers should also look upon the clergy as friends. The clergymen of the parish should make it a point to attend the practices as often as possible, so as to let the ringers see that they were in sympathy with them and had their support. Continuing, he said that a band of ringers could set an example to the parish in which they lived in many ways. Perhaps one of the greatest drawbacks was for people to see the ringers take up their coats as soon as the ringing had ceased and walk away from the church. He did not think that was right; it was a very bad example. As one of the clergymen of the Diocese, he thanked them very heartily for the manner in which they had drunk the toast, and in conclusion he gave "The Guild of Devonshire Ringers." In doing so, he said he felt sure that the Guild of Devonshire Ringers had done more to improve bell-ringing in this part of the country, at least, than any other body. It had placed ringing in its proper light, and had given a good tone to it. In conclusion, he said that the Guild was deserving of the support of every person in the city of Exeter.

The Hon. and Rev. J. S. NORTHCOTE, in responding to the toast, said that although his duties were not always pleasant—because he was Treasurer of the Guild as well as Secretary, and he had to be rather craggy and stingy over the funds sometimes—yet he could say that he had always been received with the utmost kindness by the members of every tower in which he had been. He hoped that all, however, would think that he had endeavoured to carry out his duties to the best of his abilities. He had always encouraged bands to join the Guild, and done everything possible for the good of the Guild at large. Now there was a question of what was good for the Guild. It was a very serious question, and he should have to ask the members to think it over very seriously, at the annual meeting. They had to consider where they had to go, what they wanted to spend their money upon, and what they wanted to do. They had to carry out a certain work which had been given them to do. They must not look upon themselves as being merely the lucky recipients of money to which people of means had been good enough to subscribe. What they subscribed and what they received from others must be used for their great cause. They had to carry out a duty which was laid upon them as members of the Guild—the duty of improving in every possible way the ringing of the county. He thought that the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was very healthy, and doing very well, because it was endeavouring to carry out that duty. It was truly said of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers that it was a good thing, because it attracted men to the Church of England. Continuing, he said that, with regard to the statement of the Rev. S. Hosking, he believed that the reason, and the only reason, was the fact that men when ringing got very hot. Some of the country churches were very cold, and the ringers, if they attended the services, were very apt to catch a cold. That, he thought was a very good reason for not attending the services, and he had no hesitation in saying that if he were a ringer he should do the same. In his own parish they rang immediately after the conclusion of the service. He reminded those present who belonged to towers containing six bells that they must not consider that they had rung a peal when they had accomplished 120 of Grandsire Doubles—that was only a

touch. They must go on until they could ring 720 changes. In the case of towers containing eight bells, he urged the members not to be satisfied with having rung a peal of 5040 changes. They must not rest; but go on until they had succeeded in ringing a peal in every method. In conclusion, he urged upon them the necessity of getting as many bands as possible to join the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

Mr. S. HERBERT proposed the toast of "The St. Sidwell's Society," and in so doing complimented the Society upon the progress they had made.

Mr. F. SHEPHERD responded.

The Rev. S. HOSKING gave "The St. David's Society."

Mr. R. B. WEST responded, and in the course of his remarks said that his experience so far in the art of bell-ringing was very small, but he hoped in future to avail himself of the privileges held out when time would permit. With regard to the remarks of Mr. Herbert as to the St. Sidwell's peal being increased from eight to ten bells, he might state that St. David's only had six bells. These he should like to see increased to eight, and from his connection with St. David's parish he should naturally use his endeavours to see this carried into effect.

Mr. ROWDEN, whose name was coupled with the toast, also responded, and intimated that everything in his power which would further the St. David's Society of Ringers, he should be most happy to do.

Mr. R. JERMAN proposed "The Visitor," and in so doing alluded to the valuable help rendered the St. David's Society, which had only recently been started, by the St. Sidwell's Society.

Mr. G. FREMANTLE replied.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

ON Wednesday evening, January 5th, the ringers connected with the parish church of the above village celebrated their 7th anniversary by a supper at the "Harrow" Inn. The spread, which was a capital one, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and reflected great credit on the host, Mr. H. Larner. After the cloth had been cleared, J. C. Crossley, Esq., Churchwarden, was voted to the chair, the vice-chair being filled by Mr. J. Wellard, Captain of the band.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said he was glad to have the pleasure of again meeting those with whom he had passed so pleasant an evening nearly a year ago, and he hoped the present one might be the forerunner of many a one yet to come. Adverting to the fact of this being the Jubilee Year, he said it seemed a peculiarly appropriate year for social gatherings, especially among ringers, who would soon be doing their part to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee, and he trusted that all ringers, no matter what their political opinions might be, would heartily join in the rejoicings, and thereby show their goodwill to their Church and Queen. He had great pleasure in asking them to drink the health of Her Majesty the Queen. The toast being loyally and heartily circulated, was followed by the song "Silver Bells," ably rendered by Mr. F. Wickenden. The next toast was the "Bishops and Ministers of all denominations," followed by the song "The Moderate Man," by the Vice-Chairman. "Success to our Society" followed, and was responded to by the Secretary.

Mr. E. Norman Howard, who thanked the Chairman on behalf of the members for his presence that night, and for his generous kindness towards the band, for it should be here stated that the whole of the expenses of the evening were defrayed by the Chairman's liberality, and he trusted that he might be spared in good health to meet them on many more such occasions. He had great pleasure in asking them to drink heartily the health of J. C. Crossley, Esq. The toast was welcomed with musical honors, and followed by cheers for Mrs. Crossley and family. The rest of the evening was devoted to conviviality, and the meeting broke up at 10 o'clock by singing the National Anthem. Further interest should have been attached to the proceedings, as it was the intention of the band to have asked the Chairman's acceptance of a slight acknowledgment of their appreciation of his kindness, but owing to the limited time at command, and bad postal arrangements, the evening post came, while the all-important acknowledgment was *non est*. The following morning's post, however, brought it safely to hand, so in the evening (it being practice night), a messenger was despatched to ask his attendance in the belfry for a short time, and upon his arrival, Mr. Howard, on behalf of the band, asked his acceptance of an elegant gold scarf pin and case (one of Mr. Carter's, of Birmingham, justly celebrated handbell pattern ones), engraved with initials, J. C. C., as a slight token of their appreciation of his generosity and kindness, and trusted he would value it not for its intrinsic worth, but for the expression of hearty good will they wished it to convey, and hoped he might be spared in good health many years to enjoy its use. Mr. Crossley in accepting it, thanked them all for their kindness, and assured them he should always value it, highly, and whenever he saw it he should be reminded of the pleasant hours he had passed with them. The band then rang two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and concluded with some good firing.

DISTRICT MEETING OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above Association was held at West Ham on Saturday, January 8th, when there were but a small attendance of members. Representatives were present from Romford, Writtle, Little Heath, Ilford, Barking, Walthamstow, and three or four Metropolitan members, with four of the local, brought the number up to about a score. West Ham has lately secured a Corporation, and is in fact, although in the county of Essex, a London suburban district. It is seven miles square and the population during the last twenty years has increased from 50,000 to 180,000. There are in the parish sixteen churches, not including mission halls, but the parish church is the only one with a ring of bells. The church, dedicated to All Saints, is a spacious old building of brick and stone, and the register dates from the Commonwealth, 1656. It has a square tower 74 ft. high. So far as music, the ring, the only ten in the county, owing to the apathy at Chelmsford, when listened to from the outside, is a grand, melodious one, but to speak of the interior of the tower, it is by far too common, and those who wish for comfort with ringing must go elsewhere. The 2nd rope hangs within an inch or two of a huge clock case, having the 3rd within a foot, supported with the 4th at about the same distance, while upon the opposite side the treble comes down behind the tenor some two yards from the 2nd. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and in addition to touches of Grandsire Triples on the back eight, a course of Treble Bob Royal was struck through. A capital meat tea was served in the Church Hall, Canon Scott presiding, supported by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Hon. Sec. At the business meeting which followed one hon. member and ten ringing members were elected. The Hon. Sec. reported that in accordance with the resolution passed at the Braintree meeting, he had communicated with the Vicar of St. Thomas', Brentwood, as to the Association opening the bells there, and received a reply stating that it was hoped that the bells would be in position by Easter, but the architect would not allow them to be rung for two years, but simply chimed. The reply caused some little amusement among those present. The Hon. Sec. further reported that at present he had not been able to ascertain what other societies paid for entering peals. He wrote to the Secretary of the Cumberland Society for an address he saw in "THE BELL NEWS," but was not favoured with a reply, he would however, make further enquiries and report at a future meeting. Mr. A. J. Perkins, of Romford, was acting as instructor at Chelmsford, and Mr. Hammond, of Braintree, would shortly commence at Danbury. He had also received letters from clergymen in other parts of the county asking for particulars, showing there was a desire in some places to practice the art.

In reply to Mr. B. Keeble, the Hon. Sec. said he was not in a position to report anything respecting the prospect of the rehanging of the two trebles at Chelmsford. During a discussion which followed it was stated that the work was delayed for the want of a few pounds. Several of the speakers contended that the real cause was the want of some one with a little energy, and a free opinion was expressed that anyone taking an interest in the matter could, in a town like Chelmsford, obtain the sum in a few hours.

Mr. Keeble said he understood that the Rector had appealed for funds in the Chelmsford Magazine for the purpose, and expressed a hope that the completion of the ring would be one of the events of the Jubilee Year, and it was to be hoped that such would be the case. The Hon. Sec. said he had received a letter from the Vicar of Matching, asking if there was any Association that gave assistance, as he was desirous of increasing his ring of five at the parish church. He, the Hon. Sec., considered the question of devoting any of the Association funds to such purpose might be worth considering at the next meeting.

Mr. S. Hayes pointed out that as the question was one of importance it would be best to deal with it at the Annual Meeting, a suggestion which the Hon. Sec. fell in with. The usual vote of thanks concluded the meeting, and the members reassembled at the tower where ringing in various methods was carried on for some little time.

THE UNITED COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The ANNUAL DINNER and meeting of the above Association will take place on Saturday, January 22nd, at the house of Mr. James Wright, "Waggon and Horses," Hyde-road, Gorton, Lancashire. Dinner on the table at 4.30 p.m., tickets 1/6 each. Those intending being present at dinner should communicate with the above (Mr. Wright), on or before Thursday, January 20th. The bells (8), of Brookfield church (recently rehung), will be at the disposal of the members during the day. The committee desire a full muster of members, as business of the utmost importance will be placed before the meeting. Members are also requested to note that their subscriptions are now due.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 8th, the officers of the above society assembled, at the invitation of Mr. H. S. Thomas, to hold, we believe, their first dinner together, and punctually at 6.30 p.m., the time appointed, host Collins of the "Freemason's Arms," Bridge Road, Battersea, placed on his table one of the finest dinners that the Cumberlands ever wish to partake of, no pains being spared by the host to make everybody happy and comfortable. After dinner dessert was provided, and the sociable part of the evening commenced by the Chairman and Master giving the toast of the "Queen and Royal Family," which, being heartily received, was followed by some good tapping on the handbells by Mr. R. J. Williams, of Richmond, which was succeeded by a good course of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Baron, Newson, Jacob, Gardom, and Dains. "Prosperity to the Society" was next proposed by Mr. Gardom, who in course of his remarks impressed upon the members the necessity of organization and strict obedience and adhesion to their worthy Master, the like of whom he said the Society had never seen. Mr. Baron replied on behalf of the members in suitable terms. Mr. Gardom then favoured the company with a good sea song, followed by the "Health of the Composers and Conductors," by Mr. A. G. Thomas, who spoke as to the individual merits of those able persons who were seated around the festive board, to which Messrs. Dains and J. Rogers and others responded. At this juncture great sympathy was expressed by those present at the unavoidable absence of Mr. H. A. Hopkins, through the illness of his mother. The harmony was again resorted to by the execution of the "Whaler's Yarn" by Mr. Porter, and all agreed with Mr. Church that "they knew what it was to be there." Other songs being well received, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to host Collins for the very great attention given to members, they themselves being highly pleased and gratified by the excellent way in which everything was carried out, which toast having been replied to, Mr. G. Edwards proposed "The Health of the Chairman and Vice" with musical honours, which was most heartily applauded and replied to in the usual manner. Several other touches on the bells, together with more vocal music, brought to a conclusion another most enjoyable evening which the Cumberlands generally spend together in social amiability.

HOW THE SEXTON AT ROMFORD (ESSEX), TREATS THE RINGERS.

THERE are two features in connection with the chiming at Romford, that may not be generally known. 1st.—That it is a necessity through the want of members. 2nd.—That it is done by a voluntary band, for the pure love of the art. If this band ceased, of course the duty would fall upon the official known as the Sexton, an individual who in most parishes can point to his legal appointment. Now for a few words as to this official's latest dodge with the ringers. Having lost on Christmas day, by death, one of their warmest supporters, a gentleman who was one of the most influential residents ever seen in the belfry, finding they could muster half a dozen, it was decided to muffle the bells and ring during the time the funeral procession was passing by the church, on the 1st January, for which purpose the bells were left up and duly muffled. Those who have visited the tower will remember, that to get up to the bells there is some distance to travel upon upright ladders, and we should probably not be far wrong in estimating it at ten, if not more, years since the official in question found his way thither, however, during the morning down came the tenor, and by some means—doubtless, through a "lucky" was "clogged." Just at the nick of time for meeting, Mr. Official commenced tolling, having been informed that he was doing so for the funeral, and that if they wished to ring they could after he finished, the ringers took their departure, but meeting an old comrade, a touch upon the handbells was decided upon, so they returned to fetch out the handbells. Arriving at the belfry door, a short stop was the order of the day, for notwithstanding that the door had been left open night and day, not only for months, but for years, Mr. Official had locked it from the inside and left the key in. His attention was called to the matter, a full explanation, not only by the ringers, but also by one of his own family, that the handbells were required, but he was determined to remain "King of the Castle," and the ringers had to part with their friend without responding to his request. This is the kind of courtesy that has been measured out in return for taking the chiming and other dirty work off the shoulders of the Sexton for something like eight years, and the ringers leave the readers of this journal to comment upon such unjustifiable conduct with the perfect confidence that in no other tower throughout the united kingdom would such be tolerated.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The next Meeting will be held at Buckland on February 5th.

W. W. BOLTON, } Hon. Secs.
E. GLOVER, }

HARBORNE, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.—PRESENTATION TO MESSRS. DAY AND THOMAS.

At the Vicar's annual gathering of workers in connection with the parish church, on Friday, the 7th inst., the following testimonial accompanied by a presentation, was made to Messrs. John Day and Alfred Thomas, of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, by the members of the Harborne Amateur Society of Change-ringers, as a mark of respect and esteem, for the untiring zeal and energy displayed by these two gentlemen in endeavouring to forward the interests of their Society:—

Harborne,
January 7th, 1887.

Gentlemen,
We, the Harborne Parish Church Society of Change-Ringers, beg your acceptance of the accompanying token of our esteem and gratitude for valuable help rendered to our society during the past 14 months. We cannot too highly appreciate your untiring zeal and energy in endeavouring to further our progress in the art of change-ringing, and we hope that, as time goes on, we may be able to do credit to your labour of love in a science so dear to your heart.

The six volumes of Thackeray we trust will meet with Mr. Day's literary taste, and we hope the Gladstone Bag will prove useful to Mr. Thomas. We are gentlemen, yours faithfully, Rev. E. Roberts, M.A., President; Rev. F. Roberts, B.A. Vice-President; W. Bennett, C. Edwards, C. D. D. Roberts, A. F. Roberts, W. Nelson, W. Nicholls, T. Gibbs, H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

To Messrs. Day and Thomas.

Mr. Day, in reply, said he felt himself unable to adequately express his thanks to the members for the kindness, for he could assure those present the presentation was on his part so very much uncalled for. Change-ringing was very different indeed to either cricket, football, or any other pastime, for while in the latter a person entirely unaccustomed to the game could make a fair show, in the former it was impossible for a new hand to do the most simple thing in the art until he had had a good drilling. Considering that some fourteen months ago not a single member of the Society had the slightest knowledge of the art, both Mr. Thomas and himself considered they had made good progress. In conclusion he begged again most sincerely to thank the President, Vice-President, and members for their very great kindness and courtesy, and he could assure them their present would always be one of his most valued possessions, and so far as it lay in his power he would persevere to make the Society one of continued success.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, and to illness, Mr. Thomas was unavoidably absent, but the Vicar, on behalf of himself and congregation, begged Mr. Day to convey to him his most sincere thanks, and to wish him every success in his labours.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 2nd, six members of the Gargrave Branch fulfilled a long standing promise by paying a visit to their brothers in the craft at Burnsal. 7.35 saw the party out of Gargrave, with ten country miles before them, but after pluckily plodding on through snow of variable depth, underlaid with a good inch of splendide, they, after alternately walking, sliding, and falling, reached their destination at ten o'clock, where they were guests for the day of the worthy sexton of St. Wilfrid's, Mr. J. P. Birch, a gentleman by the way very widely known for his love of good ringing, his genial disposition, and his hospitality. Time allowed nothing more than a 12-score Bob Minor before morning service, so after service and a good dinner they took possession of the ropes, and with the Burnsal men rang almost incessantly till four o'clock, when tea was announced, and they adjourned for a short time. On again ascending the tower the bells were kept going merrily up to evensong, the principal lengths registered being a touch of Violet, and a 360 Oxford Delight, called by Mr. J. P. Birch, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs), called by Mr. J. McGoun, of Gargrave, and a 360 Bob Minor, called by Mr. C. Inman, a prominent member of the Burnsal company. On reaching the churchyard the men were congratulated on the striking of the peal just accomplished by Mr. J. A. Bland, himself a good ringer, and one of the principal residents in the parish.

After a few courses of handshaking the homeward journey was commenced, which, with the frozen snow underfoot, and the moon shining brightly overhead, was a very enjoyable one, and Gargrave was reached about ten o'clock, each one of the party asserting that he had never spent a more enjoyable day.

The party wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to tender their thanks to the Burnsal company for their welcome, and to Mr. and Mrs. Birch for the pains they took to make everyone comfortable.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the District Meeting announced for 22nd of January, at Southover, Lewes, is postponed in consequence of the bells being at present in the bellfounders' hands for rehanging. Another place will be selected and the meeting held early in February
GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF RINGING FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 10TH, 1887.

By the Arundel and Warnham branches, at Arundel.—On January 8th, a 559 of Grandsire Triples: E. Ede, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Chandler, 3; G. Balchin, 4; H. Haggett, 5; H. Cook, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Yetman, 8. Also on January 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. O. Evershed, 1; W. Short, 2; G. Baker, 3; H. Haggett, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. Cook, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Blackman, 8.

By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, January 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; H. Weston, 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Biggertaff, 4; J. Reilly, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; C. E. Golds, 7; J. Mockett, 8.

By the Cuckfield branch, at Cuckfield.—On Wednesday, January 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. R. Nash, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Fox, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; H. Hounsell (conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. Also on Saturday, January 8th, a date touch (1887 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 8 minutes. R. Nash, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Fox, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; T. Fox, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (composer and conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. And on Sunday, January 9th, for Divine Service in the evening, 882 of Grandsire Triples (by Banister) in 31 mins. R. Nash, 1; W. Gibson, 2; T. Fox, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8.

By a Mixed band, at Cuckfield.—On Friday, January 7th, an attempt was made to ring Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief just after the half-way single, in 1 hour and 33 mins. R. Nash, 1; H. Bennett (conductor), 2; G. Allfrey, 3; G. Biggertaff, 4; F. Hounsell, 5; J. Reilly, 6; W. Gibson, 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. H. P. Bennett belongs to Eastbourne; Allfrey, Biggertaff, and Reilly from St. Paul's, Brighton; the rest are of the local company.

By the Christchurch (Eastbourne) branch, at Christchurch.—On January 6th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. R. Howse, 1; G. Smith, 2; T. Willoughby, 3; T. Hart, 4; H. Colbran, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Thursday, January 6th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. S. Searle, 1; G. Smart, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 26½ mins. G. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Yorkshire Court in 27½ mins. T. Searle, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, January 9th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 26 mins. F. Morris, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob, G. Gatland, 1; C. Tyler, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.
G. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

On Christmas Day morning the young ringers met at the tower of St. Mary's and rung some very good courses of Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun., 1; J. Woods, 2; W. Woods, 3; W. Ringer, 4; F. Eagling, 5; J. Mordey, jun., 6. And for morning and afternoon service some more courses of Bob Minor with 6-8 behind. J. Woods jun., 1; A. G. Williams, Esq., 2; W. Woods, 3; W. Ringer, 4; F. Eagling, 5; J. Woods, 6; J. Mordey, jun., 7; J. Mordey, 8. And on Christmas evening and Boxing day the young company paid their complimentary visits to the gentry, inhabitants, and neighbourhood of Kenninghall, with their fine toned handbells, and rang some very nice pieces to the great delight of all who heard them. The band met again on New Year's Eve, and rang the old year out and the new one in with some more courses of Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun., 1; J. Woods, 2; W. Woods, 3; W. Ringer, 4; F. Eagling, 5; J. Mordey, jun., 6. The band take this opportunity of thanking those from whom contributions were received at this festive season of the year. Six of the above have only commenced ch ngeringing about nine months.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

The Guild of change-ringers attached to St. George's Church, scored their second peal on Saturday evening last. As the Rev. J. U. Todd, the founder and first instructor of the Guild, is shortly about to leave Dunster, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey's stay is also drawing to a close, it was decided to go for a farewell peal. Two unsuccessful attempts having been made on different dates, the company met for a third trial on Saturday last. The bells were started into changes at 6.41 p.m., and came round at 9.39. The striking was most excellent throughout, and with the exception of a slight trip at the end of the ninth part, which was put right in half a dozen strokes, hardly a false blow was struck. Particulars of the peal will be found in the usual column.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1887.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 1, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM BARON Treble.	HENRY A. HOPKINS 6.
WILLIAM COPPAGE 2.	ALBERT E. CHURCH 7.
CHARLES E. MALIM 3.	GEORGE NEWSON 8.
ARTHUR G. THOMAS 4.	HENRY DAVIS 9.
EDWARD F. COLE 5.	JOHN W. MANSFIELD Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by WILLIAM BARON.

This band was intended to include all the subscribers to the *Iron Safe* recently presented to this Society. Mr. A. H. Gardom, could not, however, attend, and so nominated Mr. Newson. Mr. H. S. Thomas being temporarily indisposed, nominated Mr. Church, and it is in contemplation to specially arrange a peal for Mr. R. A. Daniel.

The record of this first Jubilee performance will be the second entry in the new peal book recently presented by the Master. The first will contain together, with officers' names, the peal rung on the 27th ult., at Ashted, in which that gentleman took part.

BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON.

On Saturday, January 8, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN BONNEY Treble.	WILLIAM COOTER 5.
WILLIAM CECIL 2.	MATTHEW A. WOOD 6.
JOSEPH WEST 3.	WALTER PRIME 7.
SAMUEL JOYCE 4.	ARTHUR HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHEW A. WOOD.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association is fixed to take place at Gainsborough, on Saturday, the 22nd inst, when all members are requested to attend. The Church bells at Gainsborough and Lea will be at the disposal of the members for that day. Refreshments provided. Societies intending to be present will please communicate at once with the Hon. Sec.,

Market Rasen.

WM. LUNN,

The Provinces.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 1, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN JAGGAR Treble.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 5.
EDWARD I. STONE 2.	HARRY WAKLEY 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR* Treble.	*ALBERT LINCOLN 5.
HARRY BUTTON 2.	THOMAS STAULKEY 6.
FREDK. WILSON* 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
WILLIAM BUTTON 4.	HARRY STAULKEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD BRANCH).

On Saturday, January 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HOWE Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
EVAN MORETON 2.	JOHN W. TAYLOR 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	HARRY C. WOODWARD 7.
WILLIAM HICKLING 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and

Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which has never been previously rung, is the first in the method in the county of Leicester, and was rung on the morning of the Association's Quarterly Meeting. In it the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

J. BENNETT Treble.	J. OVERTON 5.
R. E. GROVE 2.	J. W. WASHBROOK 6.
H. SANDELL 3.	J. CRANE 7.
C. W. BASSANO 4.	T. WALTERS Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal by all except the conductor.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(TIVERTON BRANCH).

On Saturday, January 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

R. GRATER* Treble.	†R. GRATER, JUN. 5.
E. MUNDAY 2.	JAMES BABBAGE 6.
T. HARVEY 3.	JOHN GRATER 7.
J. GRATER, JUN. 4.	*S. HOARE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BABBAGE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is Mr. James Babbage's first peal as conductor.

BEDDINGTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb.

JOHN FLOWMAN Treble.	A. B. CARPENTER, ESQ., M.D. 5.
JOHN BRANCH 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 3.	JAMES H. TRAPPITT 7.
GEORGE WELLING 4.	WILLIAM BURKIN Tenor.

Composed by the late Mr. J. Cox and Conducted by W. BURKIN.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—THE DUNSTER GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs.

EDWARD HOLE* Treble.	CHARLES B. CRAZE 5.
REV. H. A. COCKEY† 2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH 6.
JAMES GRABHAM 3.	REV. J. U. TODD 7.
ROBERT HOLE 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. A. COCKEY.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

MERSHAM.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

E. RUCK, SEN. Treble.	G. PAINE 5.
G. FINN, SEN. 2.	E. RUCK, JUN. 6.
G. FINN, JUN. 3.	F. FINN 7.
D. PAINE 4.	E. FINN Tenor.

Conducted by E. RUCK, SEN.

All the above belong to Mersham.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS SALTER* Treble.	C. W. BASSANO 5.
RICHARD E. GROVE 2.	† A. H. BASSANO 6.
HARRY WILLIAMS* 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
C. S. ROWLAND* 4.	HARRY SANDELL Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Quickest 5040 on the bells. *First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. Messrs. Rowland and C. W. and A. H. Bassano are members of the Oxford University Society.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1887, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 30 cwt. in Eb.

TOM GRANT Treble.	WALTER BATTLE 5.
JOHN C. MITCHELL 2.	EBENEZER A. HULKS 6.
WILLIAM H. BUCKINGHAM* 3.	NEWMAN N. HILLS 7.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL 4.	HENRY L. WADDINGTON.. Tenor.

Conducted by NEWMAN NORWOOD HILLS.

* First peal. The above are also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Essex and Hertfordshire Associations. The peal was rung in honour of the conductor's 30th birthday.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, January —, at West Bromwich, when in all probability important business will be brought forward. It is therefore hoped all members will attend, as all are interested and affected thereby. Besides the above there will be the ordinary business, in addition to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

JOHN WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1886, in Three Hours and One and ½ Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM HAMPTON Treble.	JOHN WATHEN 5.
RICHARD H. WITHERINGTON 2.	* THOMAS DEVEREUX 6.
CHARLES AWFORD 3.	JOSIAH WATHEN 7.
JOHN HALE 4.	WILLIAM HAINES Tenor.

Conducted by JOSIAH WATHEN.

* First peal.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1887, in Three Hours and ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

A. EDWARD WREAKS Treble.	JOSEPH GRIMSHAW 5.
JAMES GRATRIX 2.	SAMUEL WEST 6.
JOHN E. POLLITT 3.	CHARLES CASH 7.
JAMES BARRATT 4.	EDWARD CASH Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by

EDWARD CASH.

Messrs. Wreaks, Gratrix, Pollitt and West hail from Manchester, the rest are of the local company. This peal, which has the half twelve times each way in 5-6, will be found in Hubbard's book, 1876 edition, page 71, the first peal in the bottom row.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAUGHTON.—On New Year's morning, at St. Anne's Church, a date touch (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 15 mins., in the following methods, 447 of Plain Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Wilde, jun., 1; J. Bardsley, 2; J. Howard, 3; J. A. Thomas, 4; W. Wilde, senior, 5; P. Smith (conductor), 6.

THE UNITED COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HYDE.—On Thursday, January 6th, at St. George's church, the following members of the St. George's Society rang a date touch of 1887 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. James Shaw, 1; Ralph Pritchard, 2; Robert Woolley, 3; Walter Slater, 4; John A. Fildes, 5; Samuel Bradley, 6; Thomas Wilde, 7; James S. Wilde (conductor), 8.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—Muffled Peal.—On Sunday last, January 9th, for evening service at the parish church, a half-muffled date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. J. Wilkinson, of Shipley, who was for some years Hon. Captain of the parish church company, and whose remains were interred in Shipley churchyard the previous Wednesday, the ringers all being members of the Yorkshire Association, to which the deceased gentleman had belonged since its foundation. A. Moulson, 1; Ben T. Coppley, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; R. Tuke, Esq., 4; J. Broadley, 5; T. Pollitt, 6; J. Angus, 7; J. H. Hardcastle, 8; J. B. Jennings, 9; W. Darbey, 10. The touch was composed and conducted by Hardcastle, and completed in 1 hr. 15 mins. Tenor 27 cwt.

WICKHAM MARKET (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 4th, a date touch (1887 changes), at the parish church, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 87 of Plain Bob, 360 of Double Court, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Reeve, 1; G. Reeve, 2; F. Reeve, 3; W. Reeve, 4; E. Todd, 5; J. Howard (conductor), 6. The above was rung to celebrate the Jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE (Durham).—On Tuesday evening, January 4th, at St. Culbert's Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. T. H. Surtees, 1; F. Barron, 2; T. Bell, 3; R. S. Story, 4; W. Oliver, 5; J. Spraggon (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. This is the first 720 conducted by a local ringer. Mr. Story hails from Whitley.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—Muffled Peal.—On Thursday, December 30th, ten members of the above Society, rang at the church of St. Sepulchre, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Charles Wilson, one of the

society's ancients, being 77 years of age. After the funeral peal, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung. W. Moore, 1; W. Fussell, 2; H. T. Davis, 3; T. Nelms (conductor), 4; T. Rumsey, 5; A. E. Church, 6; W. D. Matthews, 7; T. Barry, 8; D. Lovett, 9; T. Wheeler, 10.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, January 9th, for evening service, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Harvey, 1; W. Rowland, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Hawkes, 5; *Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; *W. Lincoln, 7; T. Parmenter, 8. Tenor 22, cwt. *First quarter-peal. This quarter-peal, containing twenty-four 6-7's, was composed by Mr. H. Reeves (see "THE BELL NEWS," October 2nd, 1886, page 211), and has never before been rung. Messrs. Harvey and Tarbun are from Widford; Rev. T. L. Papillon and W. Lincoln from Writtle. Mr. A. J. Perkins, of Romford, is instructing the ringers of St. Mary's, who have hitherto confined themselves to call changes.

WRITTE.—On Sunday, January 8th, for morning service, a 120 and a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with 6, 8, behind. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; F. Radley, 5; C. Dennison, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. Also a 180, with W. Lincoln, 5; and F. Radley, 7. This is the first 720 of Minor by all except the conductor, and is believed to be the first ever rung in Writtle by a local company.

WIDFORD.—On Christmas Day, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and a 360 of Plain Bob. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. J. Piper (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of New London Pleasure (five bobs), J. Dains, conductor. On Wednesday, December 29th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, standing as above. These are Mr. Piper's first 720's in each method as conductor. On Sunday, January 2nd, for Divine Service, a 240 of Kent and a 120 of New London Pleasure. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; T. Drake (conductor), 5; A. Tarbun, 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob. A. Edwards, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Piper, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, January 7th, for practice, a 720 of New London Pleasure, in 25 mins. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; *W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method as conductor. And on handbells, a 224 and a 168 of Grandsire Triples, with Queens and Tittums. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Piper, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7-8. And a 120 of Cambridge Surprise. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Piper, 6. On Sunday, January 9th, for afternoon service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Piper, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6. This is the rooth belfry visited by Mr. Perkins.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD.—On Tuesday, December 28th, at All Saints' Church, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's). E. Moreton, 1; S. Johnson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 4; G. Hingley, 5; A. Robinson, 6; J. Howe, 7; J. Seal, 8.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday morning, January 1st, 1887, immediately after 12 o'clock, the local society rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 27 mins. F. W. Cook, 1; J. Warren, 2; H. C. Woodward, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingsworth, 5; G. C. Tunnichiff, 6. Also in the afternoon, another 720 in the same method (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles), in 26½ mins. H. Hollingsworth, 1; J. Warren, 2; H. C. Woodward, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingsworth, 5; G. C. Tunnichiff, 6. Each touch was conducted by Mr. H. C. Woodward, of Derby.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RADCLIFFE.—On Tuesday, January 4th, at the parish church, on the back six, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 26 mins. F. Rudman, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. Hardman, 3; J. Hardman, 4; A. Barrett (conductor), 5; W. Fielding, 6. Also on Sunday morning, January 9th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples (Reeves' variation). F. Rudman (conductor), 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. Barrett, 3; J. Morris, 4; A. Hardman, 5; J. Hardman, 6; F. Morris, 7; W. Fielding, 8. And for evening service, a 672 of Grandsire Triples. F. Rudman, 1; J. Hardman, 2; F. Emerson, 3; J. Morris, 4; A. Hardman, 5; J. Hardman, 6; A. Barrett (conductor), 7; W. Fielding, 8. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday at the Parish Church, for practice, a course of Stedman Triples. T. Wilson, 1; H. Button, 2; A. Lincoln, 3; G. Lindoff, 4; W. Button, 5; R. Stannard, 6; T. Staulkey, 7; J. Button, 8. On Sunday for Divine Service 700 of Grandsire Triples. T. Staulkey, 1; H. Button, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3;

A. Rodwell, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; R. Stannard, 6; W. Button, 7; J. Button, 8. For Divine Service in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). W. Taylor, 1; H. Button, 2; T. Staulkey, 3; R. Stannard, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; W. Button, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; J. Button, 8. On Saturday, January 8th, on handbells retained in hand, two courses of Stedman Triples. F. Wilson 1; H. Button, 2; A. Lincoln, 3; G. Lindoff, 4; W. Button, 5; R. Stannard, 6; T. Staulkey, 7-8. Also two courses of Grandsire Triples. T. Staulkey, 1-2; R. Stannard, 3-4; G. Lindoff, 5-6; W. Button, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. T. Staulkey, 1-2; G. Lindoff, 3-4; W. Button, 5; F. Wilson, 6; A. Lincoln, 7; W. Button, 8; R. Stannard, 9-10.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON.—On Tuesday, January 4th, at the parish church, seven-teen courses, 3712 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 2 hrs. 8 mins., when two bells changed course, and the attempted 5056 came to an untimely end. F. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; J. Field, 4; W. Bennett, 5; C. Hounslow, 6; G. Holifield, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinsn (conductor), 8.

OXFORD.—On Wednesday, December 1st, at St. Mary Magdalen, a 720 of College Single, in 23 mins. C. Quelch, 1; F. Castle, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. H. Browning, 4; W. Cox (Kidlington), 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, December 2nd, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, a 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. J. West, 1; A. E. Hind, 2; P. A. Hind, 3; C. Tolley, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; A. Fox, 6. Also on Sunday, December 5th, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 25 mins. J. West, 1; C. Tolley, 2; W. Jeffery, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; A. E. Hind, 6. And on Thursday, December 9th, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 24 mins. J. West, 1; C. Tolley, 2; A. H. Browning, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; C. Hounslow, 6. Also on Tuesday, December 21st, at St. Mary Magdalen, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 25 mins. F. Castle, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; J. Howse, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, December 23rd, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 24 mins. W. Baston, 1; C. Tolley, 2; A. H. Browning, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; F. Castle, 5; W. Finch (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, December 25th, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 25 mins. J. West, 1; A. E. Hind, 2; C. Tolley, 3; W. Finch, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; J. Jaggard (Burton-on-Trent), 6. And on Thursday, December 30th, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 25 mins. J. West, 1; T. Payne, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; W. Finch, 6. Also on Friday, December 31st, at St. Thomas-ye-Martyr, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. A. Fox, 1; C. Tolley, 2; W. Baston (conductor), 3; A. E. Hind, 4; O. Thomas, 5; W. Finch, 6.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Saturday, December 18th, at St. Mary's and All Saints' Church, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 2000 changes it came to grief. W. A. Pugh, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; A. Parsons, 3; C. W. Bassano, Esq., 4; H. Williams, 5; A. H. Bassano, Esq., 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. W. A. Pugh hailed from Stourbridge, A. H. Bassano, C. W. Bassano, and A. E. Parsons from Old Hill. Also a 720 of Bob Minor on the back six. W. H. Pugh, 1; H. Williams, 2; C. W. Bassano, Esq., 3; A. E. Parsons, 4; J. Crane, 5; A. H. Bassano, Esq. (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 26th, 896 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; H. Williams, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; — 5; R. S. Rowlands, Esq., 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. On Monday, December 27th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 37 mins. J. Bennett, 1; E. F. Strange (conductor), 2; H. Williams, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; R. E. Grove, 5; J. Rowley (Sheffield), 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. On Sunday, January 2nd, for Divine Service, 1050 of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. J. Bennett, 1; E. F. Strange (conductor), 2; R. E. Grove, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; R. S. Rowlands, Esq., 5; H. Williams, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Christmas Day was rung, 800 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a 672 of Bob Major, for the services at the parish church. John Slater, 1; Percy C. S. Scott, 2; O. Garwood, 3; S. Slater, 4; Z. Slater, 5; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 6; J. Bird, 7; G. C. Hammand (conductor), 8. On Boxing night the company had its annual dinner at the "Black Lion" Hotel, which was served up in capital style by host Andrews. Mr. Frederick R. Steede, the master of the company, and the respected Parish Clerk, took the Chair, and Mr. Samuel Slater the Vice. After dinner the master proposed the health of the rector, which was well received by all present. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, singing, &c. On New Year's Eve, the members assembled in the tower of the parish church, and rang a capital 720 of Bob Minor, as a farewell to the old, and a welcome to the new year. Percy C. S. Scott, 1; S. Slater, 2; J. Bird, 3; Z. Slater, 4; John Slater, 5; G. C. Hammand (conductor), 6. It was with the greatest regret that the master, Mr. Steede, was prevented from attending through illness on this occasion.

LINCOLN.—On Thursday, December 30th, at the cathedral, for the last practice of the year 1886, by the cathedral company, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, being the longest length by the company unassisted. C. Hurst, 1; H. Woodthorpe, 2; S. Brown, 3; G. Doughty, 4; W. Stiles, 5; J. Vickers (conductor), 6; F. Rose, 7; F. Stewart, 8. First quarter-peal for Messrs. Hurst and Brown, and for W. Stiles on an inside bell. Messrs. Hurst, Woodthorpe, Doughty, Stiles, Vickers, Rose, and Stewart, belong to the North Lincolnshire Association.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, December 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 29 mins. F. Hotchkiss, 1; W. Micklewright (Stafford), 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; W. Micklewright (Dudley, conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob, in 15 mins. W. Prestidge, 1; R. Round, 2; W. Micklewright (Stafford), 3; W. Micklewright (Dudley), 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Also three different six-scores of Grandsire, by the local company, in 14 mins. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, it being the fourteenth anniversary of the death of Mrs. B. Skidmore, the donor of the bells. On Sunday morning, January 2nd, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob, in 27 mins. W. Prestidge, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Also for evening service 240 Grandsire Minor. R. Round, 1; W. Prestidge, 2; J. Smith (conductor), 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Townsend, 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. F. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, January 1st, at Holy Trinity Church, eight members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, visited the above place, and by the kind permission of those in authority attempted to ring Brooks' variation of Stedman Triples, but on approaching the half way, it was found advisable to omit the single and let the bells come home, owing to the indisposition of one of the band. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; A. J. Jones, 2; S. Reeves, 3; B. Witchell, 4; W. R. Small, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; H. Johnson, 7; A. Thomas, 8. This is the first attempt to ring a complete peal in the method on these bells, which are a musical ring. Great credit is due to this young society for their perseverance in the art, also for the way in which the ringing room is fitted up, leaving nothing to be desired.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday, December 27th, at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Bob, in 28 mins. J. Mercer, 1; G. Jones, 2; R. G. Williams, 3; W. Morgan, 4; W. Thomas, 5; O. J. Morgan (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band and the first on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. Tenor, which has been understood to be 11 cwt., is only 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in Ab.

SLINFOLD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, December 28th, the Ewhurst company paid a visit to the above place, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Haynes, 1; F. Francis, 2; A. Baker, 3; F. Francis, 4; W. Tidy, 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Court Bob Minor. W. Haynes, 1; F. Francis, 2; W. Muggridge, 3; J. Cooper, 4; A. Baker, 5; W. Lanaway (conductor), 6. And a 360 of New London Bob. W. Haynes, 1; F. Francis, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Tidy, 4; W. Lanaway, 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6. Messrs. Lanaway and Muggridge are local men.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Christmas morning, December 25th, at St. Mary the Virgin, 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 25½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; H. Prior, jun. (conductor), 6. Composed by H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford. Also on Sunday, December 26th, for afternoon service, 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. J. Luckey, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also on New Year's Eve, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey (conductor), 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; A. Cavill, 6. Also on Sunday, January 2nd, for morning service, 600 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Luckey, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; H. Prior, jun. (conductor), 4; G. Prior, 5; I. Cavill, 6. And after the afternoon service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. J. Luckey, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Prior, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; C. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

SYSTON (Leicestershire).—The Syston Society rang the old year out with a 336 of Grandsire Triples, in 12 mins., with the bells muffled. Afterwards a 504 in the same method, with the bells open, in 18 mins. *A. Sweinn, 1; G. Freeman, 2; W. Bail, 3; J. Peckard, 4; G. Walton, 5; J. Hall, 6; J. North (conductor), 7; J. W. Freeman, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt. *First 504 in the above method.

SHIRE OAKS (Notts.).—On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), and a 360 of Violet. G. Lidster, 1; D. Russon, 2; E. Russon, 3; R. Knowles, 4; S. Smith, 5; T. Silvester (conductor), 6. Lidster, Smith, and Silvester hail from Anston, Yorks., the rest are of the local company. Also for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Silas Harvey, 1; Daniel Russon, 2; Edward Russon, 3; William Hargreaves, 4; Robert Knowles (conductor), 5; John Hargreaves, 6.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—Recently at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 42 mins. W. Coakham, 1; A. Keit, 2; J. H. Wilkins, 3; G. Grimwade, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; J. Cullen, 6; T. Maynard (conductor), 7; W. Crockford, 8. Practice nights at this tower are the second and fourth Saturdays in the month at 7.30 p.m., when ringers are cordially invited. Sliding shutters have lately been fixed in the bell chamber to prevent the unseemly noise, unavoidable at times on practice nights, annoying the inhabitants near the church.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

For the past three hundred years at least there have been musical clock chimes in the tower of the parish church at Wellingborough. An entry in the Church Books states that new chimes were put in the church in the 42nd year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. These old chimes continued to play until the two trebles were added in 1884, when they were removed. In commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, W. Woolston, Esq., chairman of our Local Board (a member of the Society of Friends) has generously offered to provide a new chime or carrillon machine at a cost of about £200. It will play fourteen tunes, and is to be placed in the tower at once. The townsfolk loved to hear the old six-bell tunes, but with a peal of eight we hope to get superior music in every way. Below is a copy of the document authorising the expenditure of a portion of the surplus money of the Feoffee Charity, towards the new chimes put in the church in the time of "Good Queen Bess":—

"Also we appoynte for the newe Chymes in the Church (& other charges about the Church) so that the same be sett in notes after the best manner of a tune, discreetly to be considered upon & amended from the foolish time now in use—£4 in regard to the same chymes going at the end of foure hours & especially in the night season is by the grace God, a severall warning for the vyllage to have better regard to the fyres for to avoid casualties, & a tyme to prevent disorderly persons at due tymes to avoyd unlawful gaming, stealing & disorders in the night, and a tyme for to know when apprentices shall aryse & goe to their rest indifferently betwene them & theyre maisters, and other good considerations which we think is for the common benefit of the parishe of Wendlingburgh—and other payments for the repayre & about the church we appoynte the same four pounds."

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the above branch was held at Great Marlow, on Saturday, January 8th, but owing no doubt to some extent to the very bad state of the roads, the attendance was somewhat meagre. The afternoon's proceedings began with ringing at 2.30, and from then until 4.30 the bells were kept merrily going. At half-past four the members adjourned to the Boys' Schoolroom, where they found a most excellent tea arranged for them, through the kindness of Mrs. Featon, the wife of the Vicar of Great Marlow. After tea business was transacted, the number of names on the roll of members showing an increase, and the balance-sheet a fair amount on the right side. The Rev. A. H. Drummond, Vicar of All Saints, Boyne Hill, was re-elected President, Mr. E. Rogers, Hon. Treasurer, and the Rev. R. E. Spencer, Boyne Hill, Hon. Secretary. At 6 o'clock Evening-song was sung in the parish church, the Vicar having kindly provided this privilege, and the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bucks preached a most fitting sermon, dealing with the history of bells and bell-ringing from a three-fold point of view—the time of devotion, the time of decay, and the time of reform.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, January 1st, being the anniversary of the above society, the ringers met at the "King's Head," where a dinner was provided by host Fish, to which about fourteen members sat down. The chair was taken by the Rev. W. H. Cleaver, rector of the parish, the vice being filled by Mr. W. Roope, Master of the Pulham Market company. Owing to the restoration of the church, the ringers were unable to ring on the tower bells, but still a very pleasant afternoon was spent on the handbells. It is to be hoped that before next New Year's day the ring of six will be augmented to eight, so that the local company to send a 5000 to "THE BELL NEWS." The six bells have lately been rehung in a new iron frame, and space is left for two new trebles, which they would very much like to see added in the memorable year just commenced.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of this Association will be held at Bletstoe, Beds., on Saturday afternoon, January 22nd. The five bells of the parish church have been rehung, and will be placed at the service of the members attending for practice.

CHAS. HERBERT, Hon. Sec.

Woburn, Beds., 12th January, 1887.

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 BRISTOL SOCIETIES.

SIR,—Having seen a paragraph in your last week's "BELL NEWS," from the St. James' Society, Bristol, in which they state good change-ringers once predominated among the ancient societies in this town, but owing to the emoluments and their abuse, has become insignificant. Last week some of our members rang a quarter peal on Redcliff bells, at the same time there were several good ringers standing out, which prove the word insignificant is wrong in reference to the emoluments and abuse, some years ago one of our members committed an error. Well, sir, can the whole of a society be blamed for one member? I have been a member of the St. Stephen's Society for many years and can vouch for the fact that, take them as a body, you would have to travel England to get a more respectable set of ringers. It is true that the societies of this city have closed their doors against a good ringer for bad conduct, who is now in the arms of the St. James' Society, and rang in their peal at All Saints, on December 27th; referring to the peal, as there is a doubt they may have the benefit of it. Perhaps the writer of the "scandal" will kindly give us his name and look home at his All Saints' Party before scandalising other ringers.

GEORGE H. MORGAN.

AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—In your issue of the 8th there is an interesting letter from two members of the Bedfordshire Association. I regret that they did not arrive at Wellingborough in time to get a pull. With reference to their remark concerning the ringing of "Tombstone Surprise," I wish to say that had they come at any other time in the day than within half an hour of service time, they would have heard some equally well-struck touches of Triples and Doubles. It has been the invariable custom here to chime the bells for service, even on Christmas Day and other festivals. When there is ringing of course this entails raising and falling the bells several times. To save this trouble this Christmas we obtained permission to ring the bells in "set changes" for service, instead of chiming the said "set changes." That accounts for the "tombstone Surprise" that so astonished you correspondents. This arrangement saved us the trouble of getting our heavy peal up and down four times during the day. It made a pleasing variation in the music, and was generally appreciated by the townsfolk. We hope the members of the Bedfordshire Association will favour us with another visit. They will be very welcome at any time.

E. J. DENNES.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On New Year's Eve, the Burford Society held their annual meeting for the transaction of formal business. The meeting was presided over by the President of the Society, Rev. W. A. Cass, who, after a few introductory remarks, called upon the leader, Mr. T. Brown, to read the report, balance-sheet, &c., which proved to be very satisfactory. Mr. T. Brown was unanimously re-elected leader for the ensuing year, and Mr. T. E. Glanville, deputy-leader and auditor. After the meeting an adjournment was made to the Lamb Hotel, where the members, to the number of 17, together with the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Cass), the Curate (Rev. R. D. Purves), the Churchwardens (Messrs. H. P. Wood and E. P. Hambidge), and other friends, were hospitably entertained by Mr. T. Brown, the leader of the Burford Society; Mr. J. Wyatt catering for the repast in his usual magnificent style.

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THE annual dinner and meeting of the above association will take place on the 22nd of January, at the house of Mr. James Wright, "Wagon and Horses," Gorton, Lancashire. Dinner on the table at 4.30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner, 1s. 6d. each. Those intending being present at dinner should communicate with Mr. Wright, on or before Thursday, the 20th of January. The committee desire a numerous attendance of members as business of the utmost importance will be placed before the meeting. Members are also requested to note that their annual subscriptions are now due. The bells of Brookfield Church, Gorton, which have lately been rehung, will be open for ringing all day.

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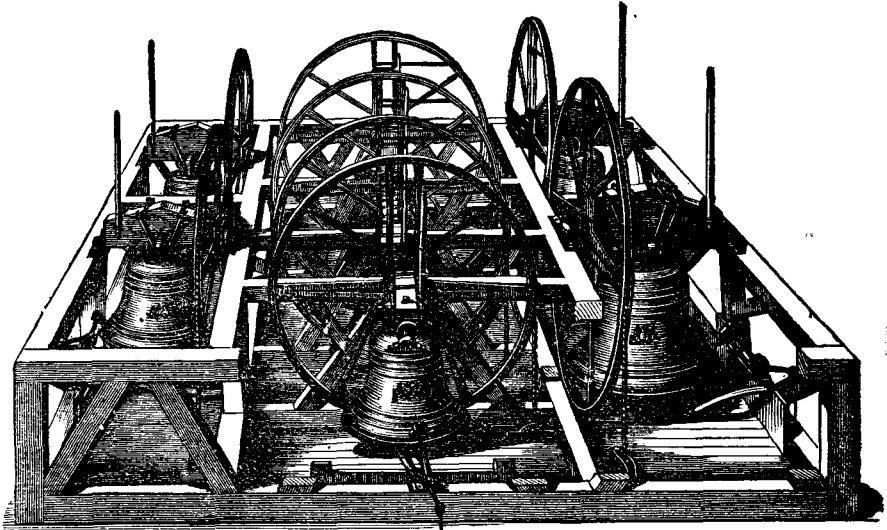
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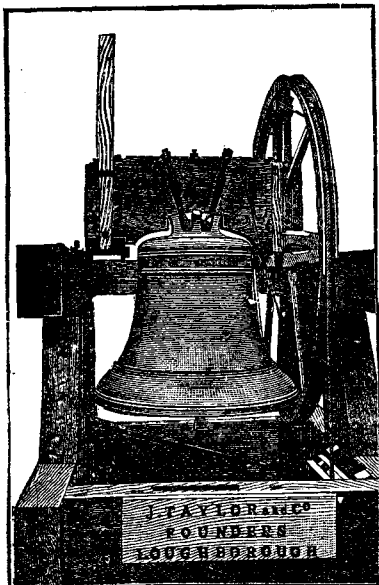
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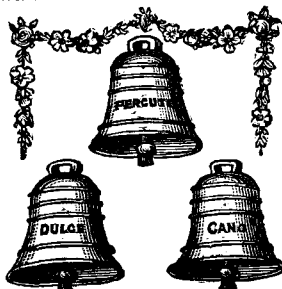
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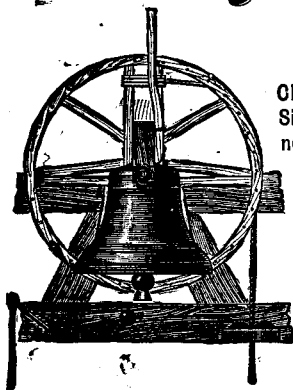
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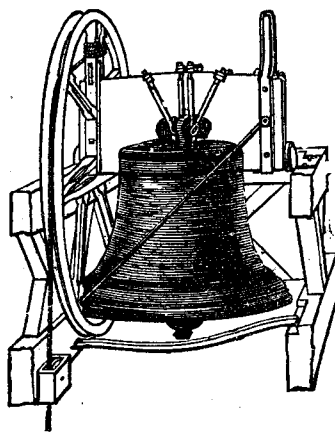
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WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15th, a quarterly meeting of the above Association was held in the Girls' Schoolroom, King Street, Dudley, when the Rev. W. R. Cosens, Vicar, D.D. and Rural Dean, Presided, who was supported by the Rev. J. W. Down, curate, and Mr. J. Naylor, Churchwarden. Members from Bromsgrove, Brierley Hill, Belbroughton, Coseley (including the Rev. C. W. Tibbetts), Clent, Dudley, Hagley, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton, West Bromwich, Wollaston, etc., were present, as were also Messrs. S. Spittle, Master, J. Smith, Secretary, and E. Crump, Treasurer.

The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters of apology were read from the Rev. Canon Cattley (including his annual subscription and a donation of £100), W. W. Douglas, J. P. Hastings, S. J. Marriott, and a telegram from the Rev. W. R. Carr, Worcester, expressing his opinion that he saw no benefit to be derived by amalgamation with the Birmingham Association. The next business was the question of amalgamation. It was proposed by Mr. S. Spittle that rule No. 1 remain as it stands. He stated as his opinion there was nothing to be gained by altering the name of the Society and amalgamating it with the name of the Birmingham Association. We were now in a good working condition, our members were steadily increasing, and the Association was becoming as large as one management committee was able to successfully control. With regard to the contributions, he considered our funds were in such a flourishing condition that we should not only be able to pay any instructors which may be needed, but also reduce the annual subscriptions at the next annual meeting. He was pleased to know that this opinion was shared by the Rev. W. R. Carr. Seconded by Mr. J. Prestidge, and carried unanimously. The next business was the matter of Mr. F. Owen, Worcester, not paying over to the Association the contributions of the Grimley company. It was proposed by Mr. S. Spittle, seconded by Mr. W. Pardee, that the Secretary write the Grimley company, informing them that in consequence of no contributions being paid by this company to the Association, they were not recognised as members. It was then resolved that a committee meeting be held at Chaddesley Corbett, to fix time and place of next Annual Meeting, according to rule 6, and also to draw out report, balance-sheet, etc., for past year. Messrs. J. Prestidge and W. Micklewright were appointed to audit the accounts. Upon the motion of Mr. S. Spittle, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, Messrs. H. Martin and J. Crane were appointed instructors to the Hagley company, and Messrs. W. R. Small and J. Goodman to instruct the Coseley company. The Tipton company and several other members were proposed and accepted. Notice of motion was given by Mr. S. Spittle that at the annual meeting rule 4 be altered, and that the annual subscriptions of performing members be 1s. instead of 1s. 6d..

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. J. Naylor, seconded by Mr. J. Prestidge, was unanimously carried.

The Rev. Chairman, in responding, thanked them for the kind way in which they had received the proposition, and said he was very pleased to be present on that occasion, feeling that these Associations were calculated to do great benefits to the work of bell-ringing in the church. He thought that the clergy meeting with their ringers on occasions like this would cause a more kindly feeling to exist between them. One benefit to be derived was he hoped that the ringers after calling others, would themselves attend the services of the church. He suggested that it would be a good thing if ringers of all villages in the Diocese (where bells existed), and they were numerous, could be induced to join the Association, he ventured to think the subscriptions for the same might easily be obtained from the clergy and churchwardens, where the ringers were not in a position to pay them. The tower of St. Thomas was opened for ringing during the afternoon, and several touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Major, Bob Minor, and Grandsire Minor were rung. The members afterwards adjourned to Host Fellow's, "Bee Hive" Inn, Stafford Street, where a pleasant evening was spent, interspersed with tunes, courses, and touches upon the handbells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROTHWELL BRANCH.

The following is the ringing done by this branch at Holy Trinity Church during the month of December. December 5th, 360 of College Treble, 360 of Primrose, 360 of Tulip; December 6th, 360 of Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Oxford Treble, 360 of Royston Delight; December 11th, 360 of College Treble, 360 of Primrose, 360 of Tulip, 720 of College Pleasure; December 12th, 720 of Duke of York, 720 of Arnold's Victory, 240 of New London Pleasure; December 19th, 720 of Violet, 360 of Royston Delight, 360 of Kent Treble Bob, 240 of London Scholars' Pleasure; December 21st, 240 of Oxford Treble Bob, 360 of College Treble, 360 of College Exercise, 360 of Tulip; December 25th, 360 of Duke of York, 720 of Arnold's Victory; December 26th, 360 of City Delight; the Old Year out and the New Year in, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 of Violet.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

The Annual Business Meeting of this Society was held after the weekly practice on the 12th inst. The Master (Mr. Baron), being unavoidably absent, Mr. Coppage was voted to the chair, and opened the business by stating that the accounts of the Society having been audited by himself and Mr. Tyack, he would ask his co-auditor to read the balance-sheet. This was accordingly done, and shewed that the Society's financial position was a highly satisfactory one. The expenditure had been liberal but judicious, and a very useful balance remained in the Treasurer's hands.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, the Chairman stating that Mr. Baron had given him to understand that he would prefer that the government of the Society be vested in the hands of some younger member, as he had been Master now for several consecutive years. Ultimately, and after many proposals and excuses, the following were unanimously elected to fill the offices attached to their names; Mr. W. Baron, Master; Mr. W. H. Fussell, Secretary; Mr. G. Wild, Steward; and Mr. C. E. Malim, Treasurer.

The Society's handbells were handed over to Mr. Welch to be cleaned, and have some slight repairs effected.

It was decided to make an effort during the coming year to meet for practice at an earlier hour than heretofore, the lateness of the start being prejudicial to the progress of beginners, and 8.15 was fixed for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers for their services during the past year, and to Mr. Coppage for presiding.

Mr. Coppage, in concluding the business of the evening, remarked that the Waterloo Society was now entering upon another year of its existence, and although the last year had been a successful and prosperous one, yet it might have been better, no peal in fact having been rung by the Society, although several very good attempts had been made. He urged the company to remember that the Waterloo Society was essentially a teaching Society, and he hoped that in the coming year many of the more proficient members would make a point of attending at the commencement of the practice to push beginners on, instead of turning up an hour late in the hope that the novices would have retired.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

A most successful Quarterly Meeting of members of the above Association was held at Leicester, on Saturday, January 8th, under the presidency of A. Percival Heywood, Esq. At the general meeting, which was held after tea, four ringing members were elected. The President stated that thirteen peals had been rung during the past quarter, making a total of forty-six peals rung by members of the Association since the Annual Meeting last Easter Monday.

The question of a "Free Tea" was again mentioned, and on the motion of Mr. John Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hickling, it was unanimously resolved that tea should be provided free of charge to visiting members at the next meeting, on the same conditions as proposed at the previous meeting at Loughborough.

It was also unanimously decided to hold the Annual Meeting at Derby, on Easter Monday, April 18th, 1887. Mr. Stephen Cooper, Leicester, and Mr. W. Dawson, Derby, were chosen to audit the accounts of the Association. It having been brought to the notice of the President that the rules for the "Easter Handbell Competition" were such as any one band could win all the prizes, the following addendum so the rules was unanimously passed:

"In the event of the same band being adjudged first for more than one of Prizes 1, 2, and 3, such band shall receive only the highest prize to which they are entitled, but shall draw their stake for the rest; the other bands receiving the remaining prizes as if the first band had not competed."

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the respective Vicars and Churchwardens of St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mary's, St. Mark's, St. Saviour's, St. George's, and All Saints' churches for the use of their bells, and to Mr. Heywood for presiding, which brought the proceedings to a close.

MELLS, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Friday, December 31st, sometime before midnight, the ringers of this parish rung touches of "Stoney Surprise," with the bells half-muffled. A halt was made while the clock struck the hour of twelve, and then with the bells open they rung another touch to "the same old tune," ushering in the New Year. This is a splendid ring of eight bells, tenor about 28 cwt., and the go of them is all that could be desired for change-ringing. It is to be hoped that the Rector (who takes a great interest in the ringing), will form a band of change-ringers, and so dispose with the plan of ringing from cards, and thus deal another fatal blow to the "surprise of Stoney." But "Stoney" seems very hard to die here.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—RINGERS' TREAT.

On Thursday, January 6th (Old Christmas Day), the ringers and chimers connected with the above parish, and a few guests, to the number of about thirty, were invited by Messrs. R. J. W. Purdy and H. G. Wright, churchwardens, to a dinner at the "Black Boys" Hotel. Mr. Purdy presided, and was well supported by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Hake, the Rev. A. Law, curate, and Messrs. R. J. Morton, and H. G. Wright. Host Stapleton catered in his usual admirable style, which gave great satisfaction and promised the company he should be pleased to give a similar treat in June, in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, if the peal of ten were rang on that occasion.

The Chairman proposed the loyal toasts, which were heartily responded to.

Mr. Morton proposed the "Bishop and Clergy," to which the Vicar responded.

Corporal Wade responded to the toast of the "Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces."

The Chairman having proposed "Success to the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers," Mr. C. Clements responded in suitable terms, and the Vicar then proposed a vote of thanks to the Churchwardens for their kindness, to which they suitably replied. Other toasts followed, and some excellent touches of Treble Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters and Cinques were rung on the handbells, which added considerably to the pleasure of the evening.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 10th, the Quarterly Meeting was held at St. Giles's Camberwell, by the kind permission of the Vicar. Tea was served at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 6 p.m., and was followed by the usual business meeting. It was attended by about forty members from the following parishes: Beddington, Benlilton, Bletchingley, Croydon, Epsom, Kingston, Mitcham, Putney, Reigate, Streatham, Wimbledon, and various parts of London. Nine new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next District Meeting at St. John's, Waterloo Road, if the necessary permission could be obtained, on Saturday, February 19th, and the next Quarterly Meeting at South Croydon, on Easter Monday. The Hon. Secretary gave notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting he would move an amendment to the rules with the object of allowing hon. members re-residing in another county, to become life members, by a donation of not less than two guineas.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in the Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob methods.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., the members of this Society sat down to their annual supper, provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. R. H. Arundel, Vice-President, in the chair. During the evening among the toasts drunk were those of "The Queen," "The Vicar," "The Secretary," "The Conductors," and that of Mr. Hubbard, who has presented the Society with a peal book, made of the very best paper obtainable, and bound in a good strong serviceable cover. The Secretary in remarking on the work of the year stated that although not successful in obtaining any peals, a very great amount of ringing had been done, no less than 1055 attendances having been put in by the nine active members of the Society, and new blood in the form of one active member, and four probationers had been introduced at the Quarterly General Meeting held the preceding week, which he trusted would show a good result. A pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing Auld Lang Syne.

The weekly practice night has been altered to Thursday, commencing at 8.30. The bells are rung for Divine Service every Sunday morning and evening, commencing at 10.15 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. respectively.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the District Meeting announced for 22nd of January, at Southover, Lewes, is postponed in consequence of the bells being at present in the bellfounders' hands for rehangings. Another place will be selected and the meeting held early in February.

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at St. James' Church, Milnrow, near Rochdale, on Saturday, January 29th. Riaging from two p.m.

A. E. HOLME, } *Hon. Sec.*
JOEL REDFORD, }

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18TH, 1887.

By the Billingshurst branch, at Billingshurst.—On Sunday, January 9th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (nine bobs) in 25½ mins. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. Voice, 5; J. T. Chantler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob in 25½ mins. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. Voice, 5; J. T. Chantler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Warnham Court Bob in 25 mins. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, 4; J. Voice, 5; J. T. Chantler (conductor), 6.

By the Brighton branch, at Warnham.—On Saturday, January 15th, a peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours (for particulars see peal column). Also after the peal, by four members each of the Brighton and Warnham branches, a 420 of Oxford Bob Triples, and a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. And for afternoon service at St. Peter's, Brighton, on Sunday, January 16th, a 560 of Grandsire Triples. A. Piper, 1; H. Weston (conductor), 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Allfrey, 4; J. Reilly, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; C. E. Golds, 7; J. Mocket, 8.

By the Crawley branch, at Crawley.—On Sunday, January 16th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 46 mins. W. Parsons, 1; B. King, 2; T. Smith, 3; F. Rice, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pierce, 8.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Tuesday, January 11th, 5040 changes in seven different Minor methods (for particulars see peal column). Also on Sunday, January 16th, a 720 of College Single. J. Mathews, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch, at Warnham.—On January 14th, a 504 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples in 18 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Wood, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Burstow, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; J. Woodman, 8.

G. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.—MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MISS LIGHTBODY.

The friends and parishioners of the late Miss Lightbody have recently paid a very graceful and costly memorial in St. Michael's church, Garston. By the general consent of the friends and parishioners it was decided to place a memorial window in the above church by public subscription, to the memory of the late Miss Lightbody, together with two companion windows placed there to the memory of the late Mr. Robert Lightbody, and the late Mr. John Lightbody respectively by their children. The windows were unveiled on Sunday Morning, October 17th, 1886, and in commemoration of the event a peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's ten-part, 5040 changes, was rung in 2 hrs. and 58 mins., by the following, on the 29th December, 1886: S. Gough, 1; W. H. Edwards, 2; F. Alexander, 3; F. Allen, 4; C. Newton, 5; W. Weaver, 6; F. Turner, 7; P. Roberts, 8. Conducted by F. Turner, and was his first peal as conductor. Edwards, Weaver, and Roberts first peal. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

On New Year's Eve the members of the Sudbury Society were invited to take part of a hot supper at the "Anchor" Hotel, provided for them by the kind liberality of Miss Kershaw, a friend of one of the hon. members of the Society. The supper was well served up by Host Nicholls, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After the cloth was removed the handbells were brought out and a touch of Stedman Triples was rung, and courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, and Grandsire Cinques were rung during the evening, and some capital tunes were played by Messrs. Sillitoe, Silvester, Scott, Howell, and Brown, interspersed with some pianoforte solos by Mr. C. Sillitoe, which passed a very pleasant evening away, the company breaking up at 11.30 and adjourned to St. Gregory's church and rang the old year out and the new one in with 560 changes of Bob Major, by the following: F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; M. Silvester, 3; J. Campin, 4; W. Griggs, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 8th, Messrs. J. S. Wright, R. Creasey, and E. Quinton, of Spalding, together with Messrs. C. A. Clements and J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, paid a visit to Moulton, and by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. R. Jackson), they rang several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles on the heavy peal of five bells in the steeple, tenor 18 cwt. Mr. Easom, an old member of the Moulton company, who happened to be spending a holiday at his old home, also rang in several 120's during the evening. It may be mentioned that Moulton bells are a very fine peal in Eb, and would make a grand ring of eight if augmented.

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E. A. Foster, Corsham, Wilts. ...	0	5	0
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Mr. John Carter, St. Giles' Company, Pontefract ...	0	5	0
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Mr. John Fosdike, Woodbridge ...	0	2	0
" 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
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Edward Webster, Tong ...	0	2	6

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday, January 10th, five members of SS. Mary and Nicholas company, Spalding, accompanied by Messrs. J. R. Jerram, T. Blackburn, and C. A. Clements, from Salisbury, paid a visit to Sleaford with the intention of starting for a 5040 of Grandsire Triples. Having raised the bells a start was soon made for Hollis's five-part peal, but after ringing for about three quarters of an hour it came to grief, and the time not being sufficient to allow another attempt, it was obliged to be abandoned, but determined not to go away empty handed, another start was made for the first part of the peal, which was brought round in about 45 mins., the men standing as follows. J. Brown, 1; R. Mackman (conductor), 2; R. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6; C. A. Clements, 7; J. W. Jarvis, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. The time arriving for departure, the ringers were obliged to make for home, which was reached about 7.30 p.m., and they wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Gainsborough, on Saturday, the 29th inst., and not on the 22nd as previously announced. The church bells at Lea (6), and Gainsborough (8), will be at the disposal of members for that day. Those intending to be present will please communicate not later than Wednesday, the 26th inst., with Mr. J. C. Tinker, 20, Trinity Street, Gainsborough. Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Miscellaneous Touches.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On January 1st, 720 of Treble Bob Minor. A. Barnes, 1; A. Sibley, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; H. Debenham, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, January 8th, 1152 of Grandsire Major. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; A. Sibley, 5; A. Barnes, 6; E. P. Debenham, 7-8.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 9th, for evening service at Christ Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; W. Smith, 2; L. Green, 3; H. Nunn, jun., 4; J. Priest, 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6. Also after service another 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 21 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; H. Nunn, jun., 2; L. Green, 3; F. Bines, 4; G. Cornell, 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 16th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Piper, 3; A. Edwards, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. This is Mr. A. Edwards' first 720 on an inside bell. He has only recently began to learn the art, and has already rung upwards of 1000 Grandsire Triples on the treble.

WICKHAM MARKET (Suffolk).—On Christmas morning, December 26th, at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. A. Reeve, 1; J. Reeve, 2; G. Reeve, 3; F. Reeve, 4; W. Reeve, 5; J. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 1440 changes, being 720 of Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (eighteen bobs), in 58 mins. A. Reeve, 1; G. Reeve, 2; F. Reeve, 3; W. Reeve, 4; E. Todd, 5; J. Howard (conductor), 6. Various other touches were rung during the day.

WILLENHALL.—On Sunday, January 9th, at St. Giles' Church, for Divine Service, assisted by Mr. T. Roberts, late of Wrexham, and now of Wolverhampton, five 720's of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. Also after service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. The band that rang the Doubles were C. Trubshaw, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Dace, 3; W. Williams (conductor), 4; J. Adams, 5; E. Wolverson, 6; W. Johnson, 7; J. Appleby, 8. The Triples with the same only Mr. T. Roberts at the 6th, and conducted by W. Johnson. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WORCESTER.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, December 18th, 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Cotton, 1-2; G. Cleall (conductor), 3-4; W. Powell, 5-6. Also on Friday, December 30th, at Tweeksbury, 720 of Grandsire Minor (all calls). W. Jenkins, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; G. Cleall (conductor), 5-6. Also on Wednesday, January 12th, 518 of Grandsire Triples. W. Jenkins, 1-2; G. Cleall (conductor), 3-4; S. Cotton, 5-6; F. Owen, 7-8. Also on the same date, 684 of Grandsire Triples. S. Cotton, 1-2; G. Cleall (conductor), 3-4; W. Powell, 5-6; W. Jenkins, 7-8.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Saturday evening, January 8th, the local company met Mr. G. Gray, from Kingston-on-Thames, and rang at the parish church a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirty-four singles). E. Streeter, 1; F. Streeter, 2; B. Payne, 3; G. Illman, 4; G. Gray, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). †G. Gray, 1; W. Denman, 2; H. Meads, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the method.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BEDFORD COMPANY.

On Christmas-Eve, December 24th, 1886, after the usual ringing, the members of the above company adjourned to their meeting house, Mr. A. Wheatley's, the "Stanley Arms," Harpur Street, where Mr. Charles William Clarke was presented with a handsome clock, as a token of respect for his able abilities during the past three years in advancing the art of change-ringing in the town of Bedford.

Mr. John Spencer, in presenting the gift on behalf of the members, alluded to the respect and esteem Mr. Clarke was held in by the members which was suitably acknowledged amidst good wishes from all.

RANMOOR NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

On Thursday evening, January 6th, the local company with a few friends, held their annual meeting at the "Bull's Head" Inn, when a capital dinner was provided by the worthy host, Mr. A. B. Stowe, to which all did justice. Afterwards, business being over, several songs and recitations were given, with touches and tunes on the handbells. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The next Meeting will be held at Buckland on February 5th.

W. W. BOLTON, } Hon. Secs.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1887.

The Metropolis.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE WANSTEAD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 15, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE CORNELL Treble.	JAMES PRIEST, JUN. 5.
ARTHUR S. BARRELL 2.	EDWARD BARNETT 6.
EDWARD BACON* 3.	†WILLIAM LEBBON 7.
LEWIS GREEN 4.	*WALTER CLARK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LEBBON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. Clark, Bacon and Lebbon hail from Loughton; Barrell from Walthamstow; the rest belong to Wanstead.

The Provinces.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 of each of the following:

Double Court Bob, Yorkshire Court Bob, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM ALLAN Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 4.
THOMAS FOOTE 2.	ISAAC HILLS 5.
HARRY CHAPMAN 3.	WILLIAM G. BIGGS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

This is the first 5040 rang on the bells. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the vicar (the Rev. C. J. E. Smith) for the use of the bells on this occasion.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 10, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW 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.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(STEYNING BRANCH).

On Tuesday, January 11, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Yorkshire Court, Single Court, Grandsire, College Single, Plain Bob, Oxford Single Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by C. TYLER.

*First 5040. First 5040 in seven methods by all.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 13, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. LINES* Treble.	†CHARLES A. CLEMENTS 5.
CHARLES MEE 2.	†FREDERICK MEE 6.
JAMES RD. JERRAM† 3.	†ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Taken from Hubbard; first edition, page 71. †First peal in any method. *First peal of Bob Major. Messrs. Jerram and Clements hail from Salisbury.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 13, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. LINES Treble.	WILLIAM MOTTS 5.
CHARLES MEE 2.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 6.
JAMES MOTTS 3.	CHARLES A. CLEMENTS 7.
HAWKINS ENGLISH 4.	FREDERICK MEE Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

C. A. Clements hails from Salisbury.

DEPTFORD, KENT,

On Saturday, January 15, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE ORIGINAL BOB-AND-SINGLE.

HARRY W. GROUT Treble.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS 5.
WILLIAM PEAD 2.	JOSEPH LAWS 6.
THOMAS G. DEAL 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	FRANK PALMER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE.

The ringers wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the vicar (the Rev. E. J. Hone), for kindly granting them the use of the bells.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, January 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY SANDELLS* Treble.	JOHN OVERTON 5.
THOMAS SALTER† 2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 6.
JOHN BENNETT 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
C. S. ROWLAND, ESQ. 4.	HARRY TOM FOWLES* .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

Messrs. Overton and Fowles belong to Bridgnorth; Washbrook hails from Oxford; the rest from Kidderminster. The above peal was rung to celebrate the 23rd birthday of Mr. Fowles, and his brother strings wish him many happy returns of the day.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 15, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	*GEORGE MAXIM 5.
JOHN LEE* 2.	*ROBERT MINGAY 6.
JAMES BIRD* 3.	WALTER GRIDLEY 7.
FREDERICK WELLS 4.	PERCY CHAS. S. SCOTT .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, of Ipswich, and Conducted by PERCY CHARLES S. SCOTT.

The above is a 2-3-part peal, published in "BELL NEWS," vol. I., p. 43, and has never been previously performed. It is also the first peal upon the bells, which were augmented to eight in December last. Messrs. Percy Scott and James Bird hail from Long Melford, Slater and Wells from Glemsford, the rest belong to the local company. *First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — BRIGHTON BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 15, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. A. FULLER Treble.	C. TYLER 5.
G. F. ATTREE 2.	J. JAY, SEN. 6.
J. SEARLE 3.	C. E. GOLDS 7.
J. REILLY* 4.	E. BUTLER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

*First peal. The above was rung to commemorate the Conductor's thirty-fifth birthday.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lbs.

EDWARD CASH Treble.	JOHN WELSBY 5.
JAMES BARRATT 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE 6.
CHARLES CASH 3.	FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE 7.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

The brothers Cash, and James Barratt hail from Eccles, the rest belong to the local company.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, January 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

N. W. TARLING† Treble.	H. SABAN 5.
A. BROWN 2.	*W. J. PLEASANCE 6.
T. SABAN 3.	P. SPRINGHAM 7.
W. MORRIS 4.	F. W. TARLING Tenor.

Conducted by N. W. TARLING.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Muffled Peal.

On Tuesday, January 18, 1887, in Three Hours and Two 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.

HAROLD HUMFREY Treble.	HARRY FRUIN 5.
THOMAS SHORT 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
WILLIAM SANDELL 3.	JOHN BROWN 7.
JOHN H. VINER 4.	*HENRY J. HYDE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NAPPER.

The above peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Lord Iddesleigh.

W. Napper hails from Didcot; Henry J. Hyde from Drayton, Berks; the rest belong to Abingdon. *First peal.

OLD BATTERSEA, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(BATTERSEA BRANCH).

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, January 18, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SANTLEY BAKER Treble.	ALBERT E. CHURCH 5.
WILLIAM BARON 2.	HENRY S. THOMAS 6.
ARTHUR G. THOMAS 3.	C. W. LUDWIG 7.
JABEZ HORTON 4.	WILLIAM AMBROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARON.

Rung to commemorate the 28th birthday of Mr. Jabez Horton (first attempt in London), his brother strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KEIGHLEY.—On Sunday, January 9th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch (1887 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hour and 6 mins. J. Bradley, 1; T. Thompson, 2; J. Normington, 3; A. Hardcastle, 4; W. Smith, 5; M. Moore, 6; J. McGoun, 7; J. Scott (conductor), 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. The above was rung as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Wilkinson, of Shipley, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, January 8th. Composed by Mr. A. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

BRIGHTON.—On Thursday, January 6th, at St. Paul's Church, a date touch (1887 changes). H. Eves, 1; H. Bennett, 2; A. Bennett (composer and conductor), 3; G. Biggatt, 4; W. Allfrey, 5; J. Reilly, 6; J. Fox, 7; J. Salmon, 8.

EARLSHEATON (Yorks).—On Monday evening, January 10th, at St. Peter's Church, with the bells deeply muffled, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins., as a mark of respect to the late William Preston, of that town. J. Blakeley, 1; W. Idle, 2; T. Hall, 3; G. Ruddlesden, 4; J. A. Idle (composer), 5; J. Ruddlesden, 6; W. Byrom, 7; C. Senior (conductor), 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

STALYBRIDGE (Cheshire).—On Thursday, January 13th, at Holy Trinity church, Castle Hall, the following members of the above society rang a date touch (1887 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hour and 6 mins. John Pownall, 1; Hugh Shaw, 2; Allen Marsden, 4; Edmund Schofield, 4; Samuel Hill, 5; Isaac Schofield, 6; James Bradley, 7; Matthew Pailthorpe, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield, and conducted by Matthew Pailthorpe.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, January 13th, 1887, ten members of the Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang at Christ Church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1887), in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; S. Reeves, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. R. Small, 4; B. Hill, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; R. Hall, 8; C. Timms, 9; T. Adkins, 10. Composed by Mr. Henry Johnson, Birmingham, and conducted by Samuel Reeves.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BERMONDSEY, S.E.—On Sunday evening, January 16th, for Divine Service, at St. James' Church, 1191 of Stedman Caters. H. Langdon, 1; S. Joyce, 2; F. G. Newman, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; Rev. F. J. O.

Helmores, 5; B. Battrum, 6; E. Horrex, 7; C. F. Winny, 8; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 9; E. Carter, 10. Also after service, 520 of Treble Bob Royal. J. Pettit, 1; S. Joyce, 2; F. G. Newman, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; Rev. F. J. O. Helmores, 5; B. Battrum, 6; E. Horrex, 7; E. Gibbs, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; E. Carter, 10. Tenor 25 cwt. in D. The above touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Idlesleigh.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, January 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; J. Hayes, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Also a 360 in the same method, in the afternoon, the ringers standing as before. And on Friday evening, January 7th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; Samuel Sargent, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, January 9th, at St. Hilda's Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and other touches were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect for the late Mr. Collin Wawn, who died at San Remo after a long and painful illness. It was mainly through the deceased gentleman's influence that the new peal of bells were procured for the above church. Mr. Wawn was an ardent change ringer and well known to the members of the above Association. The above 720 was rung with the tenors behind. R. Hopper, 1; Jas. Moffit, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; T. Gates, 4; J. T. Gibson, 5; J. Moffit (conductor), 6; J. Hopper, 7; J. Rutherford, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Tuesday, January 4th, for practice at St. Paul's Church, 252 of Bob Triples. C. Pass, 1; W. Allan, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; T. Foote, 5; H. Chapman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also a 704 of Kent Treble Bob Major. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Allan, 2; W. Hall, 3; T. Foote, 4; M. Warwick, 5; H. Chapman, 6; W. Biggs, 7; I. Hills, 8. And a 518 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Mr. J. Holt's ten-part. J. Spencer, 1; S. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. Frossell, 4; W. Allan, 5; M. Warwick, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. Also a 320 of Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; W. Biggs, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; T. Foote, 4; I. Hills, 5; M. Warwick, 6; H. Chapman, 7; J. Frossell, 8. And 168 of Grandsire Triples. F. Chasty, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; W. Hall (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Biggs, 6; H. Chapman, 7; J. Spencer, 8. And on Wednesday, January 12, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Wood (first 720), 1; W. Biggs (conductor), 2; C. West, 3; H. Chapman, 4; H. King, 5; W. King, 6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. Howard (first 120), 1; H. Chapman, 2; C. West, 3; H. King, 4; W. Biggs (conductor), 5; W. King, 6.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, January 6th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). M. Warwick, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). *C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Allan, 3; W. Biggs, 4; H. Chapman, 5; T. Foote (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. And on Thursday, January 13, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Pass, 1; W. Hall, 2; F. M. Smith, 4; H. Chapman, 4; W. Biggs (conductor), 5; F. Keech, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday evening, eight members of the above Association rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) composed by the Editor, in 48 mins. W. Nash, 1; T. Scarlett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; R. Sewell, 4; Y. Green, 5; L. Hayes, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; A. Whight, 8. Has the twenty-four 6-7's. Tenor 22½ cwt.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Wednesday, January 12th, at St. Hilda's Parish Church, 720 of Bob Minor. R. Borrowes, 1; T. Walker, 2; W. Wood, 3; S. Walker, jun., 4; H. McAdams, 5; *C. Wilkinson (conductor), 6. Also 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. McAdams, 1; T. Walker, 2; W. Wood, 3; S. Walker, jun., 4; H. McAdams, 5; C. Wilkinson, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; J. Nicholson, 8. After which another 720 of Bob Minor was rung, conducted by H. McAdams. Also on Sunday, January 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. J. McAdams, 1; T. Walker, 2; W. Wood, 3; S. Walker, jun., 4; H. McAdams, 5; C. Wilkinson, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; S. Walker, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in G. First quarter-peal by all. *First 720 as conductor.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES GUILD.

TILNEY (Norfolk).—On Saturday, December 11th, at All Saints Church, the Walpole branch of the above Guild paid a visit to the

above place, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 30 mins. Tenor 21 cwt. T. Allen (Tilney), 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; R. Grimes, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also at St. Peter's Church Walpole, on Sunday January 2nd, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Brett, 1; R. Grimes (conductor), 2; H. Allen, 3; H. Hill, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also on Sunday, January 9th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Allen, 3; H. Hill (conductor), 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also on Thursday, January 13th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 29 mins. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen (conductor), 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BROCKWORTH.—On Sunday morning, January 16th, for Divine Service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Price, 1; F. Hannis, 2; H. Downham, 3; G. Miles, 4; E. Smart (conductor), 5; W. Gregory, 6. G. Miles hails from Barnwood, the rest are local men.

BARNWOOD.—On Tuesday, evening, January 4th, six members of the Upton St. Leonard's society paid a visit to St. Lawrence, and rang 648 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Barnes, 1; G. Miles, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; J. Yeates, 6; Also a 120 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Barnes, 1; G. Miles, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite, 6. And two 6-scores of Stedman and Bob Doubles. A. A. Waite, 1; G. Miles, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; T. White (non-member), 6. Also on Tuesday evening, January 11th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles), in 29 mins. S. Romans (first 720), 1; G. Miles, 2; J. Yeates, 3; J. Wilkins (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; A. A. Waite (conductor), 5; H. Mitchell, 6. And a 240 in the same method, being the first part of the above 720. J. Wilkins, 1; S. Romans (first 240 with a bob bell), 2; G. Miles, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; H. Barnes (first 240), 5; J. Yeates, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday morning, January 2nd, six members of the Upton St. Leonard's Society paid a visit to St. Michael's church, and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), for Divine Service, in 30 mins. H. G. Gardener, 1; G. Miles, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6. Tenor 20½ cwt. in F.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, January 1st, 1887, eight members of the local band made a start to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2016 changes it came to grief through a shift course, and the conductor was forced to call stand, which was a great annoyance to the company, for it was capital striking throughout. The ringers stood as follows: J. Middlecote, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; G. Miles, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; R. A. Barrett, 6; A. A. Waite (conductor), 7; H. G. Gardener, 8. Time 1 hr. and 10 mins. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, January 15th, 1887, at the church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, a date touch of 1887 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Plant, 1; H. Bastable, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; C. Stanbridge, 4; J. W. Cartwright, 5; B. Witchell (conductor), 6; M. Murphy, 7; F. Hales, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. Composed by H. Johnson, sen., and contains 6-7 together throughout, and the treble a second bell. It was intended to start for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but unfortunately one of the members did not turn up, after which the above was accomplished with the assistance of Mr. F. Hales.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Christmas Day, December 25th, at St. Paul's Church, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Bob Minor, in 23½ mins. J. Brookes, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Welsby, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, January 9th, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; *A. Potter (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. *First 720 as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, January 16th, for evening service, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. E. Moreton, 1; J. Dawson, 2; S. Johnson, 3; B. Sugden, 4; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 5; W. Hickling, 6; G. Hingley, 7; J. Johnson, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On December 1st, at St. Thomas's, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 23 mins. W. Wakelin, 1; A. Hind, 2; W. Finch, 3; P. Hind, 4; O. Thomas, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. Also on December 14th, at St. Mary Magdalen, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. A. Hind, 1; J. Howse, 2; W. Baston, 3; A. Browning (first 720), 4; F. Castle, 5; H.

Castle (conductor), 6. And on December 15th, at St. Thomas's, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. P. Hind (first 720), 1; A. Browning, 2; A. Hind (first 720), 3; W. Baston (conductor), 4; B. Castle, 5; F. Castle, 6. Also on December 21st, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 23 mins. F. Castle, 1; P. Hind, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. Hind, 4; J. Howse, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. Also on December 23rd, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 24 mins. P. Hind, 1; C. Tolley, 2; A. Browning, 3; A. Hind, 4; W. Baston, 5; W. Finch (conductor), 6. And on December 25th, a 720 of Plain Bob in 25 mins. J. West, 1; A. Hind, 2; C. Tolley, 3; W. Finch, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; J. Jagers, 6. Also on December 31st, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 23 mins. A. Fox, 1; C. Tolley, 2; W. Baston (conductor), 3; A. Hind, 4; O. Thomas, 5; W. Finch, 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob in 24 mins. W. Sprawson, 1; C. Tolley, 2; O. Thomas, 3; A. Hind, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; W. Finch, 6.

HEADINGTON (Oxon).—On January 5th, 1887, at St. Andrew's church, three 720's were rung by members of the above Guild, in compliment to the late curate (the Rev. Du Boulay), who took a very active part in change-ringing. The first two 720's were Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and rung in 47 mins. C. Quelch, 1; A. Browning, 2; W. H. Wood, 3; C. Tolley, 4; F. Castle, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob in 25 mins. A. Quelch, 1; Rev. Du Boulay, 2; W. H. Wood, 3; A. Browning, 4; C. Tolley, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 9th, for morning service, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. E. Glover, 1; J. Baddeley (conductor), 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; G. Walker, 6. Also for evening service, a 720 of New London Pleasure, in 27 mins. E. Glover (conductor), 1; G. Walker, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Wood, 6.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Friday, January 8th, for practice, by the local company, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Ingram (first 120), 1; J. West, 2; C. West, 3; H. King, 4; H. A. Wood (conductor), 5; D. Green, 6. Also on Monday evening, January 11th, for practice, at the house of Mr. C. West, on handbells, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. R. Howard (first 120), 1; A. Ingram, 2; H. King, 3; C. West, 4; W. Billing (first 120), 5; C. Balls, 6.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, December 5th, 1886, for evening service at St. Paul's Church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; J. Reilly, 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Biggarstaff, 4; G. Hill, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. Also on Sunday, December 12th, 1008 of Grandsire Triples by the same band standing as before. And on Christmas Day, December 25th, for evening service, 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; H. Weston (St. Peter's), 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Biggarstaff, 4; J. Reilly, 5; W. Allfrey (conductor), 6; A. Bennett, 7; J. Mockett, 8. On Sunday, January 2nd, 1887, for Morning Service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. Biggarstaff, 4; G. Hill, 5; J. Salmon, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; G. Murray, 8. And on Sunday, January 9th, for Morning Service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; J. Reilly, 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Biggarstaff, 4; G. Hill, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), standing as before, with the exception of G. Murray, 8.

DEWSBURY (Yorkshire).—On Monday evening, January 10th, the local company rung a date touch with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late William Preston, of Earlsheaton, who was interred at Earlsheaton church on the same day. J. Garforth, 1; W. Ainly, 2; G. Taylor, 3; J. Idle, 4; N. Hepworth, 5; G. H. Hardy, 6; J. Buckley, 7; J. H. Dixon, 8. Time 1 hr. 9 mins. Composed by G. H. Hardy, and conducted by J. H. Dixon.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Monday evening, January 3rd, at the parish church for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; H. Pederick, 2; *H. Kenten, 3; J. Easton, 4; J. Hawkins, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. †G. Pederick, 1; H. Pederick, 2; H. Kenten, 3; J. Easton, 4; J. Hawkins, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. *First 720 Plain Bob. †First 720 Grandsire Minor.

EWHURST (Surrey).—On Tuesday, January 11th, at the parish church, for practice, by the local company, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Haynes, sen., 1; W. Haynes, jun., 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; A. Baker, 4; A. Weale, 5; W. Tidy, 6. Also on Friday, January 14th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Haynes, sen., 1; A. Baker, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Tidy, 4; W. Haynes, jun., 5; A. Weale (conductor), 6.

FINDEON (Northamptonshire).—On Wednesday, December 29th, a visit was paid to the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, and by the kind

permission of the Vicar (Rev. G. W. Paul), and Mr. Henson (Churchwarden), were allowed the use of the bells. A 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Stubbs, 1; J. Pettit, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; R. Dunkley, 4; H. Chapman, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Pettit, 1; W. Hall, 2; J. Stubbs, 3; H. Chapman, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; R. Dunkley (conductor), 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Pettit, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; J. Stubbs, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Tenor 24 cwt. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (Rev. G. W. Paul), and Mr. Henson (Churchwarden), for allowing them the use of the bells on that day. J. Stubbs, W. Hall, and F. Gilbert hail from Raunds, J. Pettit from Keyston, Hunts, R. Dunkley from Bythorn, Hunts, and H. Chapman from Bedford.

EXETER (Devon).—On Sunday, January 9th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. E. Shepherd, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; N. Munday, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. Townsend, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday, January 16th, the Sudbury company paid a visit to this village and rang after the afternoon service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 1260 changes, in 48 mins. This was rung with excellent striking, by the following: F. Tolliday, 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; G. Brown, 5; W. Howell, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Bradset, 8. The above was composed by H. J. Shade, of Greenwich, and conducted by Charles Sillitoe, and is the first touch in this method on these bells.

GT. MARLOW (Bucks).—On New Year's Eve (midnight), at the parish church, 336 of Grandsire Triples. A. H. Cocks, Esq., 1; J. Gibson, 2; C. Smith, 3; J. C. Truss, senior, 4; W. H. Badger, 5; C. H. Yates, 6; H. Collins (conductor), 7; A. W. Truss, 8. All the members of the Marlow Belfry are Volunteers, and are all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

IPSWICH.—On January 12th, at St. Clement's church, a 720 of Bob Minor. A. Durrant, 1; C. Saul, 2; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; C. Mee, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Monday, December 27th, 1886, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 40 mins. J. Bennett, 1; †E. F. Strange (conductor), 2; H. Williams, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; R. E. Grove, 5; J. Rowley, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8.

KEYSTONE (Huntingdonshire).—On Friday, December 31st (midnight), a three 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Barwell, 1; J. Pettit, 2; F. Braybrook, 3; J. Martin, 4; H. Twelvetree (conductor), 5. Also a three 6-score, each called differently. J. Pettit (conductor), 2nd; with J. Twelvetree, 6th; the others standing as above.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, December 23rd, at 4 a.m., at St. Mary's church, as a mark of respect to the Rev. C. F. Collom (who left on that day for Burton-St.-Agnes, Yorkshire), two 720's of Plain Bob Minor. T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; Jos. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; W. Jones (conductor), 6. And on January 1st, a 720 of Plain Bob (conducted by W. Jones) introduced the New Year. Also on Wednesday evening, January 5th, for Divine Service, a 720 of College Single. T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; W. Jones (conductor), 6. And on Monday evening, January 10th, a 720 of Bob Minor in 27½ mins. B. Brown (first 720), 1; T. Hillman, 2; W. Jones, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne (first 720 as conductor), 5; T. Vaughan (first 720 with a bob bell), 6.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday morning, January 16th, seven members of the local society, assisted by Mr. James Wibberley, of Nottingham, rang for Divine Service, 377 of Grandsire Triples. J. Wilberley, 1; A. Widdowson, 2; G. Bradley, 3; S. Clarke, 4; J. C. Dicken, 5; W. Gilson, 6; J. Barrow (conductor), 7; G. Kilbourne, 8. Also for evening service, 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Bradley, 1; R. Hickton, 2; J. C. Dicken, 3; S. Clarke, 4; J. Ward, 5; W. Gilson, 6; A. Widdowson, 7; J. Barrow (conductor), 8. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—*Muffled Peal.*—On Tuesday, January 11th, eight members of the St. James' Society rang the first half of Taylor's Bob and Single peal, 2520 changes of Grandsire Triples, as a last mark of respect to the memory of a very old inhabitant of Lewisham. H. Grout, 1; W. Pead, 2; W. H. Freeman (conductor), 3; T. G. Deal, 4; T. Taylor, 5; W. Bowles, 6; A. G. Freeman (conductor), 7; J. Crowder, 8. Time 1 hour 30 mins. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

OXFORD.—On January 6th, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, a 720 of Plain Bob in 22 mins. P. A. Hind, 1; T. Payne, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. E. Hind (conductor), 4; A. Fox, 5; W. Finch, 6. Also on January 9th, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 23 mins. J. West, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; W. Baston, 5; W. Finch (conductor), 6. On December 31st, at St. Thomas-ye-Martyr, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 25 mins. T. Proston, 1; C. Tolley, 2; O. Thomas, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; W. Finch, 6.

KINVER (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 9th, at the parish church, the members of St. Thomas, Stourbridge, paid a visit to the above place, and by the kind permission of the Vicar rang six 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; W. Lawrence (conductor), 4; H. Harris, 5; J. Crump, 6. Also a touch of Grandsire Minor. A. Bennett, 1; E. Brown, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; T. Westwood, 4; H. Harris, 5; J. Crump, 6. Messrs. Bennett, Brown, and Westwood belong to the local band. St. Thomas' members beg to thank the Vicar through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," for the use of the bells.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—On Friday, December 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 of Court Single. A. Coles, 1; J. Pettit, 2; R. Pendered, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5; H. Stubs, 6. Also 360 of College Little. A. Coles, 1; W. Gilbert, 2; H. Stubs, 3; J. Pettit, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also of 360 of Oxford Bob. A. Coles, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; R. Pendered, 3; J. Stubs, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. Also on Christmas morning, 720 of Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). A. Coles, 1; J. Pettit, 2; W. Gilbert, 3; G. Kirk, 4; H. Stubs, 5; R. Dunkley (conductor), 6. And for Divine service, 360 of Plain Bob. A. Coles, 1; H. Stubs, 2; J. Pettit, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6.

RINGSTEAD (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, January 8th, at St. Mary's Church, 360 of College Single. W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; F. Starmore, 2; E. Mayes, 3; T. Arnold, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also 360 of Plain Bob. F. Mayes, 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 4; T. Arnold, 5; J. Braybrook, 6. Also 360 of Yorkshire Court. F. Chapman, 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also on Tuesday, January 11th, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Chapman, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also 723 of London Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Mayes, 1; T. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; F. Chapman, 5; J. Braybrook, 6.

* * The remainder of touches will be found on page 347.

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."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I observe a notice from a Mr. Wright in the columns of your paper, to the effect that the tower of West Bromwich parish church will be opened to the members of the Birmingham Association on the occasion of their fourth annual meeting. Mr. Wright has not had the ordinary courtesy to hold any communication with my ringers or myself upon the subject, and makes this announcement entirely upon his own responsibility. Perhaps therefore you will allow me to say that the tower of the parish church will not be open to members of his Association when their annual meeting takes place.

M. MITCHELL CONNOR.

Vicarage, West Bromwich, January 15th, 1887.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In the report published in your impression of last week, of the peal of Bob Major, rung at Eccles, on the 11th instant, there is a mistake as to the length rung, which I would like you to correct, viz., that the peal was one of 5376 changes, and not 5040 as stated in your paper.

A. ED. WREAKS.

CUMBERLAND SECRETARY'S REPLY.

SIR,—At a District Meeting of the Essex Association, the Rev. T. L. Papillon is reported in your last issue to say he wrote me for some information, and has not been favoured with a reply. Let me say I know nothing of his letter, but if the rev. gentleman will repeat the question, and I get his letter, I will reply to the best of my ability.

HENRY DAINS, Hon. Sec. to the Royal Cumberland Society.

147, Barnsbury Road, N.

MEETING OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AT WEST HAM.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to correct some errors which appeared in your last number about the meeting of the Essex Association at West Ham. Whoever reported it did not know who are the local, or how many ringers that live in West Ham (that belong to the Association, was present, or else he would not have said that there were only four there. Allow me to state that there was eight of our members attended tea and four did not, which shows that the report is entirely wrong and that at the tea there was nearer thirty than twenty present. He also goes on to say that touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal was struck through, but there is no word

about Stedman Caters, Bob Major, or touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major rung on handbells double-handed. The height of the tower is also wrong, and replying on behalf of the West Ham ringers, I am requested to state that it is a poor account of the meeting altogether.

H. RANDALL.

BRISTOL SOCIETIES.

SIR,—Seeing in your issue of the 15th a letter signed G. H. Morgan, respecting Bristol Societies, I shall esteem it a favour if you will insert these few remarks of mine on the same subject, as Mr. Morgan seems to have wandered about, as is usual for him when speaking of any subject. In the first place he seems to object to the word insignificant being used to express the state of change-ringing in Bristol, and puts as an example a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rang at St. Mary's Redcliffe, and goes farther to state (as an excuse for ringing Triples in a twelve-bell tower), that there were several good ringers (I should like to know where the good ringers of Bristol are), standing out; if so, why did not they ring a quarter of Grandsire or Stedman Caters, such as he is often boasting of his forefathers having rang. But upon the latter subject, I think our self-esteemed friend had better be left alone, or it may affect his weak points worse than the peal of Bob Triples has, and leave it to the ringing world to speak of the rise or fall of Bristol ringing. Again he says some years ago one of our members committed an error, if such was the case doubt very much if G.H.M. was asked to be confessor. Again he says he has been a member of the St. Stephen's Society for a number of years, which amounts to five, previous to which the St. Stephen's Society were all robbers and rogues, to hear G.H.M. express himself. Again he says it is true the societies of Bristol have closed their doors (by which I presume he means belfry doors) against a good ringer for bad conduct, if by bad conduct he means leaving the Society through the bad conduct, he chooses to confess to, for one of their present members then, I will confess for myself and several other late members (one of thirty years' standing), that such is the case; but at the same time he should not say the companies have shut the door (as I beg to inform him he is not a company himself, neither has he yet been trusted with the charge of a tower) against them, as either of the late members of the St. Stephen's Society, that was in the peal referred to, has just received an invitation to ring at one of the towers that he imagines in his excited state belongs to him. Referring to the peal, about which he says there is a doubt, he is the only person I have heard speak of any doubt attached to it. When a man has to ask how it came home at a bob or single and confesses he could not tell any lead-end or mention any in or out of course change that came up, although he says he heard a quarter of an hour of it, then anyone can tell what a judge he must be. The fact is this. G.H.M. appears greatly annoyed at the peal being rung upon one of their company's towers, and when the ringers came down and asked him what sort of striking it was, he just gasped out "I shall con-tra-dict it, and made his way to an adjacent tavern, where he could stay to relate (to about three men that scarce knew what a belfry was like) how the peal was wrong in his opinion, and upon being asked later on by one of the men he chose to refer to how it was he did not contradict it as he said he would, he began talking about the wonder it was the person that asked him the question did not have something dropped on his head, and talking about his strength when he is put out. I am sorry to have to trouble our ringing friends this far, but as they do not all know the illusions one of the Bristol ringers is subject to, I cannot help trying to enlighten them on the subject.

W. J. HINTON.

THE PEAL AT ALL SAINTS, BRISTOL.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Morgan's letter entitled "The Bristol Societies," I must ask him to carefully read down the paragraph he refers to, and he will see at once that no one individual or Society is named, and therefore not scandalised, but as he has taken it up and the cap fits he can wear it with very great pleasure. The vindictive character of his letter clearly shows that he is much disturbed at the success of our peal which he cannot find any legitimate fault with to cause any doubt, the benefit of which I, as conductor of the peal, will not accept. This I can say, without fear of contradiction, that it was an honest and true peal, not an imposition, as he would lead those who know nothing of ringing to believe. If he was dissatisfied with it, why didn't he publish his criticisms upon it, and not go uttering a word here and there in any corner he chanced to find himself, but state publicly the grounds for the existence of such incredulity, and not endeavour by innuendo to throw discredit upon our peal. His tactics to those were listening outside displays in my opinion a great amount of jealousy. He had to ask whether the bells came home at a bob or a single. What reliance can be placed in the assertion of a ringer of his ability? If there is anyone who heard the peal and doubts its truthfulness, will they say so at once?

H. PORCH.

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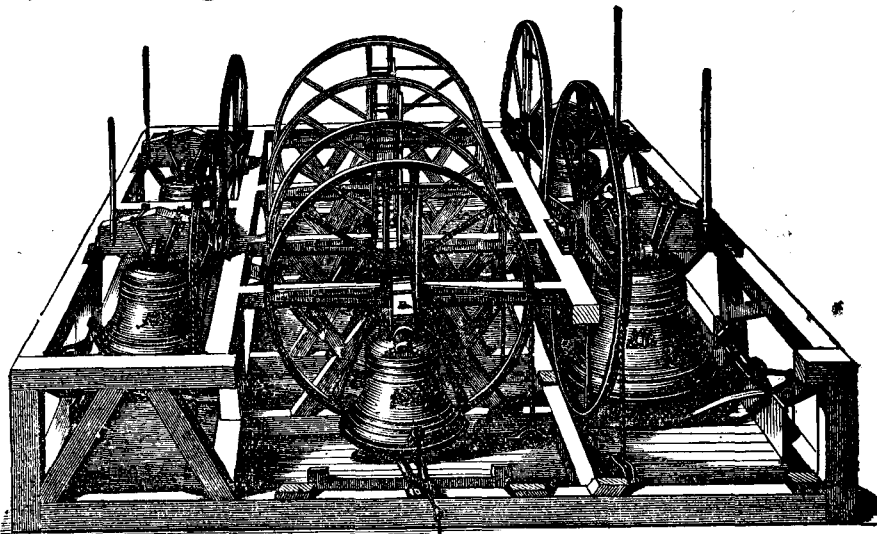


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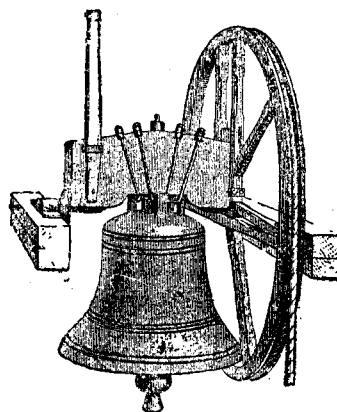
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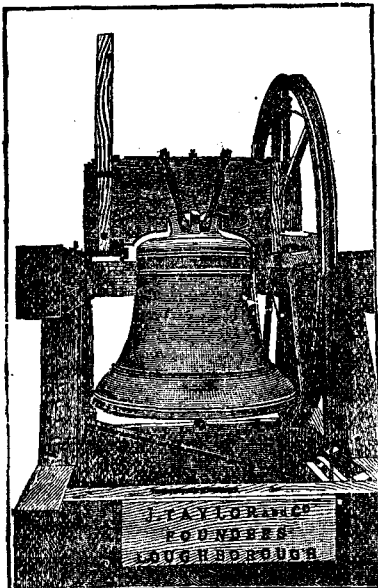
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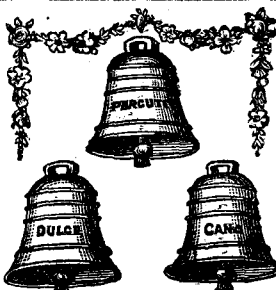
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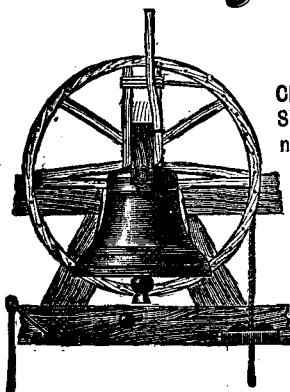
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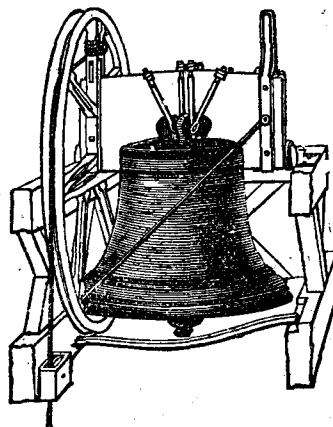
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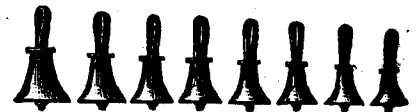
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There can be no doubt that Charles Dickens was a lover of Church bells—and that his acute power of observation led him to note the extraordinary influence exercised by the voices of the bells on the minds of people of all ages, conditions, and characters; how in some cases, they revived memories of days long since passed and intensified the pleasure or pain caused by such remembrances; how in others they gave rise to thoughts and feelings consequent on the condition, bodily and mental, of those in positions of sorrow or joy; how they helped to hurry remorselessly to their doom, those whose utter misery and abject wickedness none could pity or abate. Little Nell and Nancy, Oliver Twist and Rudge, Paul Dombey and Jonas Chuzzlewit, each felt their influence, but how differently we shall see; even the fawning, detestable humbug, "humble" Uriah Heep could not escape it, but described a most welcome sound as like the blowing of old breezes or the ringing of old bellises." Whether we accompany Charles Dickens to Rome or Venice, in London or "down in Lincolnshire," they still have a tale to tell us.

To "Little Nell," loving, faithful, loyal, beautiful, as she was, the bell spoke almost as a living voice, to which she listened with solemn pleasure; yet for her it rang its remorseful toll.

Paul Dombey, in his childlike yet old-fashioned way, asked the man who was repairing Dr. Blimber's clock, "whether people watched up in the lonely church steeples by night to make them (the clocks) strike, and how the bells were rung when people died, and whether those were different bells from wedding bells, or only seemed dismal in the fancies of the living."

Who does not sympathise with Oliver Twist when he, a friendless, desolate child, alone in a strange place, wished "that he could be lain in a calm and lasting sleep in the churchyard ground, with the tall grass waving gently above his head, and the sound of the old deep bell to soothe him in his sleep."

David Copperfield, when plunged into the depths of woe at the death of his mother, and left to the uncompromising sternness of a stepfather, who seemed willfully to misunderstand him, felt that the idea of renewing his former experience at Yarmouth of "the peacefulness of the sweet Sunday morning, when the bells were ringing, made a calm" in his heart; and when footsore and weary, flying from his tyrannical taskmasters, Murdstone and Grinby, he heard the same bells a few years later he felt that "the peace and rest of the old Sunday seemed to be on everything but him." Revisiting Canterbury at a later period of his life, when fortune had been kind to him, though his childwife, Dora, was fast sinking to her grave, he "sauntered through the dear old tranquil streets, and again mingled with the shadows of venerable gateways and churches. The scene was familiar and seemed to point out that there was no such thing as change on earth." "Yet," he says, "the bells, when they sounded told me sorrowfully of change in everything; told me of their own age and my pretty Dora's youth, and the many, never old, who had lived and loved and died, while the reverberations of the bells had hummed through the rusty armour of the Black Prince hanging up within, and notes upon the deep of time had lost themselves in air as circles do in water."

Our hearty admiration of the character of "the bachelor" loses nothing by his refusing to admit, to little Nell, the truth of the legend connected with the old village church, asserting that in it was buried a "miser who had disowned his only child and left a sum of money to the church to buy a peal of bells." If it were true we might indeed feel a sense of oppression as heavy as that felt by Arthur Clennam on his return to London after a long sojourn in China. He heard, "maddening church bells of all degrees of dissonance, sharp and flat, fast and slow, which made the brick and mortar echoes hideous." "Some doleful bell was jerking, throbbing, tolling, as if the plague were in the city, and the dead carts were going round." He "sat in the window of the Coffee House in Ludgate Hill, counting one of the neighbouring bells making sentences and burdens of songs out of it in spite of himself, and wondering how many sick people it might be the death of in the course of the year. As the hour approached, its changes of measure made it more and more exasperating. At the quarter it went off into a condition of deadly-lively importunity, urging the populace in a voluble manner to come to Church, come to Church, come to Church. At the ten minutes it became aware that the congregation would be scanty, and slowly hammered out in low spirits. They went come, they went come, they went come. At the five minutes it abandoned hope, and shook every house in the neighbourhood for three hundred seconds, with one dismal swing per second as a groan of despair. 'Thank Heaven,' said Clennam, when the hour struck and the bell stopped. But its sound had revived a long train of miserable Sundays, and the procession would not stop with the bell but continued to march on. 'Heaven forgive me,' said he, 'and those who trained me, how I have hated this day.'"

To Mr. Carker fleeing from his pursuers, the bells spoke as the voice of conscience. They seemed to repeat to him words that he had

uttered, to ask him "whither" he was going, as though they knew his only object was to escape the man he had so deeply wronged. They combined with other things to madden him. There was no rest for him.

To Nancy, whose womanly faithfulness to Bill Sykes we cannot but admire, the striking of "a deep church bell" spoke so forcibly, reminding her of the awful fate which some of her late companions were to experience when it should strike twelve hours after, that her feelings gained a complete mastery over her.

To Messrs. Guppy and Weewie, when conspiring together at Krook's house, a house of combined mystery and horror, the bells "jangled" and resounded "in tones more various than their situations."

The murderer Rudge, hearing, after a lapse of years, the sound of the bell that by its voice had proclaimed his deed of terror, was reduced to a state of madness. "The one pursuing voice was everywhere; it sounded in the earth, the air," and cried remorselessly against him. He could not even bear to hear it mentioned. "Let it be, will you," he retorted in a hurried voice, "It hangs there yet."

The parricide, Jonas Chuzzlewit, who under cover of secrecy and darkness, was about to dye his hands with a fellow-creature's blood, felt their influence intensely. "The ringers were practising in a neighbouring church, and the clashing of the bells was almost maddening. Curse the clamouring bells, they seemed to know that he was listening at the door, and to proclaim it in a crowd of voices to all the town. Would they never be still? They ceased at last, and then the silence was so new and terrible that it seemed the prelude to some dreadful noise."

The relief with which we turn from these horrible descriptions to such an one as that of Dr. Strong's garden, with 'the congenial sound of the cathedral bells hovering' over all, is indescribable.

From Madame Defarge, in the revolutionary quarter of St. Antoine, working upon all the passions of the people to compass the time when the church bells, then ringing pleasantly in many an airy steeple over France, should be melted into thundering cannon, we turn with equal pleasure to Little Dorrit, musing in a forsaken palace in Venice, "where the death-like stillness of the days and nights was broken by no sound but the softened ringing of the church bells, the rippling of the current, and the cry of the gondoliers turning the corners of the flowing streets."

Unable as we are to feel any pleasure at the marriage of Mr. Sparkler and Fanny Dorrit, to which the bells of the thousand churches in Rome disdained to refer, we hasten to participate in the happiness of Walter Gay and Florence Dombey. For them the bells had no uncertain tone. "Blessed Sunday bells ringing so tranquilly in their entranced and happy years. Blessed Sunday, peace and quiet harmonising with calmness in their souls, and making holy air around them."

The short and pithy description of the "monotonous ringer working at the bell" in the "shady, ancient, solemn little church" at Chesney Wold may well be classed with that of "the disappointed bell" of the old city church, at which Walter Gay and Florence Dombey were married.

Solomon Daisy, of Chigwell, is a typical country parish clerk and bellringer of years gone by, and is superstitious rather than courageous. The churchyard had, at midnight, many terrors for him. He certainly was not the "bellringer of the Established Church" who subscribed sixpence to Lord George Gordon's "No Popery" fund.

Bells have many and various uses, but rarely has the same bell been rung for such contradictory reasons, in such a short space of time as that which, while ringing as a tocsin to call people to help to save "Monsignor's" Chateau, was seized by the villagers, willing followers of Madame Defarge, and rung for joy at its destruction. Well may the ringers have been "lightheaded with famine, fire and bellringing."

In another storm, not raised by men's evil passions, but a proud and majestic, though sad example of the awful powers of Nature, a bell played a solemn part. It sounded the knell of those who persisted in the shipwreck at Yarmouth which David Copperfield describes to us.

The loyal, courageous, and jolly old locksmith Varden made his anvil sound merrily with its "tink, tink, tink, clear as a silver bell," but his wife was a woman "of uncertain temper," and would at times ring the changes backwards and forwards, performing, as it were, a kind of triple bob major on the peal of instruments in the female belfry, with a skillfulness and rapidity of execution that astonished all who heard her.

The feelings of spirited Joe Willet, when he forsook the shelter of his father's roof to seek his fortune in the great wide world, we can well understand, and as lovers of bells, we feel sure that "the voices of the bells" were fraught with loving messages and kindly advice to him, but his feelings were so conflicting and tumultuous that he could not discern them. "Utterly alone in the world for the first time," just about to embark in an enterprise the end of which he knew not, "he went out by Islington, and so on to Highgate and sat on many stones and gates, but there were no voices in the bells to bid him turn,

Since the time of noble Whittington, fair flower of merchants, bells have come to have less sympathy with human kind. They only ring for money and on state occasions. Wanderers have increased in number, ships leave the Thames for distant regions, carrying from stern to stern no other cargo; the bells are silent, they ring out no entreaties nor regrets, they are used to it, and have grown worldly."

Not forgetting the deep bell of St. Paul's, or the clashing voices of Bow Bells, and having shaken off our little shower of bellringing, we must take leave of our readers in the hope that the reading of these quotations may give as much pleasure to them as the extraction of them has given to us.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—HULL BRANCH.

On Friday evening, January 14th, the members of the above branch held their annual supper at Mr. T. Aistrop's, Alexandra Hotel, Cogan Street. Members and friends to the number of thirty were present, and the manner in which they attacked the good things provided clearly showed they meant enjoyment. Mr. C. Jackson was the chairman, the vice-chair being filled by Mr. J. W. Stickney, and right royally did they serve the demands of all present. After supper, the tables were cleared, and then the company formed themselves into a large free and easy (free from care, and with an easy conscience for the time being). The toast of "the Queen" having been duly honoured, Mr. Vinson sang "The Queen of merry England," which he gave in good style. The handbells supplied the next item "March of the men of Harlech" and "In my cottage," by Messrs. Stockdale, Stickney, Jackson, Slingsby, and Chaffer. Other toasts followed, and during the evening the following songs, etc., were introduced. Song—"Terence O'Reilly," Mr. McCout; Song—"Dear Old Pals," Mr. Chaffers; Recitation—"Charge of the Light Brigade," Mr. R. B. Reed; Song—"The Four Jolly Smiths," Mr. Thomas; Stump Speech—"The Temperance Question," Mr. Woodward; Duet—"The Larboard Watch," Messrs. Vinson and Spencer; Song—"Forgive and Forget," Mr. Timms; Song—"German Band," Mr. Slingsby; Song—"The Little Sparrow," Mr. Wordsley; Song—"Jack's Yarn," Mr. Dickenson; "Admiral's Song in Pinafore," Mr. Chaffer; Song—"Got 'em on the list," Mr. McCout; Song—"The Cur at Heel," Mr. Slingsby; Song—"Studying Economy," Mr. Jackson; Song—"His Lordship winked at the Counsel," Mr. Shores. Several tunes and courses were rung on the handbells during the evening, and Mr. Shores ably presided at the piano. The toast of the hostess and hostess was drunk with the greatest possible pleasure, every person present being extremely satisfied with the admirable supper provided. The company separated at 12.45 a.m., the expression of opinion being unanimous that it had been one of the most successful and enjoyable reunions the Hull members had ever held.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Monday, December 27th, the St. Paul's Church (Brighton) Guild of ringers, visited the above place for the purpose of ringing upon the bells of the parish church. The bells are eight in number, with a tenor weighing about 15 cwt., and were cast by Thomas Mears, of the celebrated Whitechapel firm, in 1815. In the ringing-chamber there are tablets recording seven peals, each consisting of more than 5000 changes. The last peal that was rung in the tower was by the Brighton branch of the Sussex Association, and is recorded on a neat marble tablet. The members arrived at Hayward's Heath by the 10.15 train from Brighton, and after traversing two miles along a snow covered road, reached Cuckfield, where they were met by the local ringers, who gave them a cordial reception. After the visitors had taken a walk about the neighbourhood, they ascended the tower of Holy Trinity Church, and rang 504 of Grandsire Triples with the Cuckfield band. Afterwards an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but without success. Shortly before sunset an adjournment was made to the hotel adjoining the church, and a substantial tea partaken of. In the evening the bells were again rung, and it was not until nearly nine o'clock the final touch, consisting of 504 changes, was brought to a close. Before returning home, the visitors spent a social hour with their Cuckfield friends, and thanked them for the hearty way in which they had entertained them throughout the day.

ACCIDENT AT HARWICH.

On Saturday, January 15th, the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Guild started for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, but after ringing for about an hour and a half the clapper of the tenor flew out with a crash, and was thrown with great force against the louver boards, breaking them to pieces, and narrowly escaping falling through on to the roof of the church. C. Mee, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; I. Alexander, 3; W. Motts, 4; J. Motts, 5; T. Steward, 6; C. A. Clements, 7; R. H. Brundell, 8.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1886, AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

	Jan. to Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Midland Counties' Association ..	63	2	65
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	35	1	36
Ancient Society of College Youths ..	34	1	35
Lancashire Association ..	29	6	35
Yorkshire Association ..	31	2	33
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths ..	23	3	26
St. James' Society, London ..	25	1	26
United Counties' Association ..	22	3	25
Sussex County Association ..	18	5	23
Kent County Association ..	17	5	22
Norwich Diocesan Association ..	19	1	20
Birmingham Amalgamated and District Societies ..	19	1	19
Hertford Association ..	14	2	16
Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	11	0	11
Surrey Association ..	10	1	11
Holt Society ..	9	2	11
Liverpool Youths' Society ..	10	0	10
Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	7	1	8
Essex Association ..	6	0	6
Rochester and District Association ..	5	0	5
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association ..	4	1	5
Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	3	0	3
The Society of Trinity Youths ..	3	0	3
Devonshire Guild ..	2	1	3
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association ..	2	0	2
Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association ..	2	0	2
Bedford Association ..	1	1	2
Worcester and Adjoining Disiricts Association ..	1	0	1
Eastern Counties' Guild ..	1	0	1
Independent Societies ..	100	13	113
	525	53	578
Less peals entered under two Associations ..	21	1	22
	504	52	556

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 10; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 11; Double Oxford Bob Major, 9; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 17; Treble Bob Caters, 1; Treble Bob Major, 122; Stedman Cinques, 4; Stedman Caters, 11; Stedman Triples, 47; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Grandsire Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters, 25; Grandsire Major, 9; Grandsire Triples, 192; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 2; Bob Major, 30; Bob Triples, 22; Bob Minor (seven 720's), 3; Union Triples, 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 4; Court Bob Triples, 1; Seven Minor methods on six bells, 23; ditto in four methods, 2; ditto in three methods, 2; in four methods on eight bells, 1. Total 556. Greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,000. Quickest 5000 on church bells, 2 hours 32 mins.

CONDUCTORS OF FOUR PEALS AND UPWARDS.

J. W. Washbrook, 28; A. P. Heywood and J. Carter, 18; A. E. Wreaks, 17; J. W. Taylor, jun., 14; F. G. Newman, 13; G. Newson, W. Wakley and S. Wood, 11; R. French, 10; J. Griffin, J. W. Lennard, C. Mee, F. E. Robinson (Rev.), S. Stott, 8; H. Bastable, H. Burstow, T. Hattersley, and E. Haigh, 7; G. H. Hardy, S. Knott, jun., S. Reeves, J. S. Wilde, and G. Williams, 6; G. F. Attree, C. W. Clark, E. Cash, F. E. Dawe, J. Jagger, C. Jackson, J. Motts, J. Tucker, R. Williams, H. C. Woodward, 5; G. H. Beever, W. Baron, T. Hammond, N. J. Pitstow, J. Sidebotham, J. Thorp, and W. J. Williams, 4. In addition to these there were 22 who conducted three peals; 25 who conducted two peals; and 112 who conducted one peal—making a total of 200 persons who acted as conductors during the year.

The following table shows the increase in number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS."

1881.	From January to December,	1886.
1882.	"	244.
1883.	"	330.
1884.	"	419.
1885.	"	500.
1886.	"	556.

G. F. ATTREE, Brighton.

Mr. Lockwood writes as follows:—"As several letters, directed to the Leeds St. Peter's Company, have failed to reach them until too late to be of use, will you kindly insert in your paper that all letters sent to the Leeds Company should be directed to Tom Lockwood, 19, Hulls Street, Green Road, Leeds."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A circular has been sent to the members of this Association, of which the following is an abridgement:—

Dear Sir,—At the October Meeting of this Association a kind invitation to hold the February Meeting at Rothwell, on Saturday, February 5th, was accepted. The Rothwell Branch of the Society therefore request the favour of your attendance at the Meeting, for which the following arrangements have been made:—By permission of the Vicar of Rothwell (Rev. F. Fawkes, B.A.), and the Churchwardens, the use of the ring of eight bells of the parish church (tenor 13½ cwt.) will be available from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Also by kind permission of the Vicar of Woodlesford (Rev. A. J. Irvin, B.A.), the ring of six bells (tenor 9 cwt.) will be at the disposal of the Association for the day of the meeting from 8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Rothwell is 1½ miles from Woodlesford Station, on the Midland Railway 2½ miles from Ardsley Station, and a like distance from Stanley, on the Great Northern Railway; and 2 miles from the terminus of the Leeds Tramways at Thwaite Gate, Hunslet. Woodlesford Church is close to the Woodlesford Railway Station. The Local Committee will sit at the National Schools, Rothwell, to regulate the order of ringing, and to arrange any business connected with the welfare of their visitors. Members of the Woodlesford Branch will sit at their village to arrange and supervise the ringing there. The Rothwell Branch are kindly undertaking to provide a Tea, free of charge, to *Members who send in their names not later than Monday, January 31st*, to Mr. William Abbishaw, Rothwell, Haigh, near Leeds. The Tea will be given in the National Schools, and will be on the tables at Five o'clock. Tickets may be applied for on the day of the meeting—*by those who have already sent in their names*—to the Local Entertaining Committee sitting at the National Schools. The Official Committee of the Association will meet at four o'clock at the National Schools, to transact the ordinary business of the Society, and to further consider the question of designs and tenders for the "Jasper Snowdon Memorial Window" for Ilkley Church. The General Meeting of the Association, for the transaction of business, will be held in the National Schools immediately after the tea. I would take this opportunity of reminding those members whose subscriptions are not yet paid that such are now more than due, and also that much time and trouble will be saved if they take this opportunity of paying them. It is the intention of the Hon. Treasurer and myself to sit at the National Schools during the afternoon for this purpose. Reports will also be issued in exchange for Report Warrants, and Certificates may be obtained by members entitled, by their giving me three days' notice of their intention to apply for them. As it has not been found practicable to arrange a satisfactory cheap trip for the Rothwell Meeting, I would again remind members of the facilities given by the Railway Companies for cheap return tickets to parties of ten or more, and I trust that those who intend to be present will make arrangements amongst themselves and neighbouring companies to form such parties, and give the required notice to the railway authorities.

Leeds, January 21st, 1887.

W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., some members of this Society met at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and rung with the bells half-muffled a funeral peal to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Richard Burton, who died at his residence, 54, St. Martin's Lane, on Friday, the 14th inst., after several weeks painful illness. Mr. Burton, who leaves a widow with several children and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss, was for several years a highly respected vestry man of the parish, and for some fourteen years an honorary member of this Society. The remains were taken into the church, and after the sacred rites being duly administered, the funeral cortege proceeded en route from Brompton Cemetery, where the remains of the deceased were interred.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD ASSOCIATION.

THE Quarterly Meeting in connection with this Association was held at Willenhall, on Saturday, January 8th, when the following places were represented:—Perry Barr, Darlaston, Lichfield, Tettenhall, Tamworth, Wombourn, Wolverhampton, and West Bromwich. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock at the parish church, and was kept up during the afternoon and evening with some touches in the Grandsire and Stedman methods. A committee meeting was held in the Cocoa House, when two new members were elected, and it was also decided to hold the next meeting at Penkridge on Saturday, April 23rd.

NOTICE.—The St. Mary's Church Guild, Bletchingley, Surrey, beg respectfully to give notice that their ringing Sunday is now changed from the third to the first Sunday in every month, at 4 p.m.

J. BASHFORD.

BLETSOE, BEDS.

The bells of the parish church having been recently rehung with new iron frame and fittings complete, a meeting of the Bedfordshire Association of change-ringers was held there on Saturday last January 22nd. Among those present were Messrs. Hills, Frossell, Clarke, Cullip, Foote, Allen, and Spencer, (Bedford), Mayes (Cardington), W. Biggs, (Bromham), Barcock and Dickens, (Sharnbrook), C. Herbert, Hon. Sec., (Woburn). By the way touches were rung upon the Sharnbrook bells, and on arriving at Bletsoe the ringers were very cordially received by the Rector, the Rev. F. H. Bolingbroke. After inspecting the belfry the bells were raised in peal, and complete revolutions of Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, St. Simon's Doubles, Bob Singles, and Stedman Doubles were repeatedly rung. Touches were also given on the handbells. The Rector, accompanied by members of his family and others, visited the belfry during the ringing. A tea was very kindly provided by him at the "Falcon" Inn, after which ringing was resumed, the usual choir practice being dispensed with. It is hoped that under the favourable auspices of the parish clergyman, change-ringing will be introduced to and practised by the local ringers. The bells, five in number, are a fine toned ring, and bear the following inscriptions:

(1). "I mean to make it understood, that tho' I'm little, yet I'm good." (2). "Whilst thus we join in cheerful sound, let love and loyalty abound." (3). "Ye people all that hear us ring, be faithful to your God and King." (4). "I to the poor and needy am a friend, for whose relief I call you to attend." (5). "I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all." "John Coles and Nicholas King, Churchwardens." And on all the bells "R. Taylor, St. Neots, Fecit, 1786." A vacant pit has been left in the frame for an additional bell whenever it can be obtained.

RINGERS' SUPPER AT BODMIN, CORNWALL.

Thursday January 20th, saw the inauguration of a custom which has been obsolete in Bodmin for twenty years past, viz., a ringers' supper, which was held at the Globe Hotel, kindly provided and presided over by the Vicar, supported by his curates, the Revs. W. P. Burn and D. Ellison, and the churchwardens, Messrs. H. D. Foster and T. H. Spear; the company was further augmented by the adult members of the choir, on the invitation of the Vicar—in all about twenty-two sat down to an excellent repast supplied by Mr. Bartlett. After removal of the cloth the following toasts were proposed and received with musical honours, viz.—"The Queen"; "The Ringers," acknowledged by Mr. W. Rowe, the captain, who has done good service by procuring funds to re-hang the noble peal, which are in admirable order; "The Choir," responded to by Messrs. J. A. Rowe and Lancaster; "The Churchwardens," who answered for themselves, and would like a little more money to properly carry out their duties; "The clergy of the parish," to which the vicar and Mr. Ellison replied; and last, but not least, "The Organist and Choir Director" (Mr. Juleff), who was unable to be present through absence on a short holiday, well earned by the thorough manner in which he had trained those under his baton for the Christmas services. This toast was replied to on behalf of the organist by Mr. Shackell, who substituted at the organ on the previous Sunday. A most enjoyable evening, enlivened by music by the clergy, ringers and choir, was spent, which will no doubt infuse renewed exertions into the ringers, who have been a rather neglected faction of the Church's officials, receiving very little, if any, encouragement for their voluntary efforts, which it is admitted, cheer the hearts, and also invite the parishioners to Divine Service.—*Local Paper.*

CHANGE-RINGING CONTEST ON HANDBELLS.

A change-ringing contest will take place at the house of Mr. Robert Johnson, "Cheshire Cheese," Hyde Lane, Hyde, when the proprietor will give £6 to be contested for the best two courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major, to be divided as follows: first prize, £2. 10s. 0d; second prize, £1. 10s. 0d; third prize, £1. 0s. 0d; fourth prize, 15s. 0d; fifth prize, 5s. An extra prize of ten shillings will also be given for the best course of Grandsire Caters. Competent judges will be provided.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., the members of the change-ringing Society at St. Margaret's church, entertained their assistant ringers, whose ages vary from thirteen to eighteen, at the house of their sub-conductor, Mr. William Miller. A capital knife and fork tea was provided. Songs were contributed by Mr. H. Kamester, etc., and an amusing recitation by Mr. Miller, the company separating about half-past ten. It is intended to form these young assistant ringers into a junior society at an early date.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1887.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Handbell Ringing.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty 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.

JOHN C. MITCHELL* .. 1-2. | CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 5-6.
 W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM* .. 3-4. | *WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

Umpires: Mr. J. Barry, Royal Cumberland Society, and Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, Ancient Society of College Youths. Messrs. J. Pettit, J. Murray Hayes, J. R. Haworth, and other prominent members of the College Youths were present. Mr. W. Baron, to the regret of the ringers, was unavoidably prevented from coming, he having kindly acted as umpire in two previous attempts. *First peal on handbells.

LONDON.—THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 24, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL (Reversed). Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble. | THOMAS TAYLOR 5.
 ALBERT E. CHURCH 2. | JOSEPH BARRY 6.
 HENRY J. DAVIES 3. | GEORGE BANKS 7.
 WILLIAM COPPAGE 4. | WILLIAM G. WILDE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells ready at two; meeting at four in the schoolroom. Tea will be provided, tickets 1s. each, to be had from Mr. Albert Cressley, All Saints' Terrace.

The Provinces.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Six 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.

JOHN H. VINER Treble. | JOSEPH F. NAPPER 5.
 HARRY FRUIN 2. | WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
 W. SANDELL 3. | CHARLES W. ALLEN 7.
 ERNEST E. NAPPER 4. | ALFRED WOODLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NAPPER.

Messrs. Allen, Woodley, and the brothers Napper hail from Hagbourne, Berks.; the rest belong to Abingdon.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM A. ALPS .. Treble. | MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. 5.
 JASPER G. CRAWLEY .. 2. | *STEPHEN KNIGHT .. 6.
 HENRY PHILLIPS* .. 3. | HERBERT BAKER .. 7.
 REV. CANON WIGRAM .. 4. | FREDERICK GEORGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

*First peal in the method.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, January 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

S. TAYLOR* .. Treble. | C. WILLOCKS 5.
 J. LEIGH 2. | W. MIDDLETON 6.
 W. JAKEMAN 3. | G. BRADDOCK 7.
 J. ETCHELS 4. | J. THORP Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. THORP.

Middleton and Braddock are local men, the rest hail from Ashton-under-Lyne. *First peal.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 24, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE RUSSELL .. Treble. | GEORGE PELL 5.
 WILLIAM PELL 2. | JOSEPH FAYERS 6.
 DAVID SPRINGALL 3. | SAMUEL GREENWOOD .. 7.
 GEORGE WELLING 4. | HARRY PATES Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GREENWOOD.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor; also the first peal of Stedman by the Surrey Association. Mr. G. Russell hails from Croydon; Messrs. Welling and Fayers from Beddington, the rest belong to the local company.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5016 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. in Cb.

HENRY JOHNSON, JUN. .. Treble. | *CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 6.
 JOE JOYNES 2. | JOHN JAMES 7.
 HENRY BASTABLE 3. | JOHN SANDERS 8.
 THOMAS REYNOLDS* .. 4. | *ALFRED THOMAS 9.
 SAMUEL REEVES 5. | JOHN BUFFERY Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., in 1842, and Conducted by ALFRED THOMAS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. This peal, although composed for upwards of forty five years, is now rung for the first time. It contains the greatest number of course- ever rung in any one method, viz., 84, and has 334 calls. There are four courses with bells, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, at home, and 5 and 6 are each 40 courses in 5th's place, and behind the 9th, with 7, 8, 9, in Titum position.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 22, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F#.

JAMES PLANT Treble.	MARTIN MURPHY 5.
JOHN SANDERS 2.	HENRY BASTABLE 6.
JOHN BUFFERY 3.	ROBERT JOHNSON 7.
CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 4.	PETER CONLON Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

R. Johnson hails from Duffield, Derbyshire.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(BRIGHTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 22, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-three-and-½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

A. A. FULLER Treble.	J. JAY 5.
W. PALMER 2.	C. E. GOLDS 6.
G. C. HAMMOND 3.	C. TYLER 7.
G. F. ATTREE 4.	E. BUTLER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY
ASSOCIATION.—(WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. CHARMAN Treble.	T. ANDREWS 5.
W. SHORT 2.	H. BURSTOW 6.
H. COOKE 3.	H. CHANDLER 7.
H. WOOD 4.	T. HOGSFLESH Tenor.

Conducted by H. CHANDLER.

First peal in the method by all except H. Burstow.

Date Touches.

WEST RIDING OF THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Low Moor (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, January 9th, at Holy Trinity church, after morning service, eight of the local company, rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 1887 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. T. Pickard, 1; J. Briggs, 2; T. Simpson, 3; H. Jones, 4; W. Tordoff, 5; A. Wilkinson, 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Dracup (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Charles Dracup hails from Low Moor. The above was rung as a wedding touch in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Laurance Hardy of Low Moor House, and as a token of respect.

CALVERLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, January 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, at St. Wilfrid's Church, a date touch (1887 changes) of Rose of England, in 1 hr. and 7 mins. Reuben Page, 1; Walter Child, 2; Ezra Keighley, 3; William Hollins, 4; Joseph Page, 5; James Ross, 6; John Cordingley, 7; William Davison, 8. Tenor 11 cwt. The above touch was composed and conducted by John Cordingley.

Diss (Norfolk).—On Monday, January 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 16 mins. E. Broom, 1; W. Ireland, 2; J. Batram, 3; E. Jolly, 4; E. Hayward, 5; E. Batram, 6; A. Hart, 7; J. Souer (conductor), 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed by Mr. S. Marsh of West Bromwich.

ECCLESFIELD (Yorks).—On Monday evening, January 10th, at the parish church, the local company rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. H. Stringer, 1; W. Turton, 2; S. Hemingfield, 3; E. Hemingfield, 4; T. Turton, 5; F. Turton, 6; G. Shaw (composer and conductor), 7; J. Sorby, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Tuesday, January 18th, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch (1887 changes) in 1 hr. 10 mins., in the following methods: 720 of London Single, 720 of Plain Bob, 360 of Oxford Bob, and

87 of Canterbury Pleasure. F. H. Chapman, 1; W. J. Gilbert (composer and conductor), 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts, 6.

ROTHERHAM.—On Tuesday, January 18th, at the parish church, the above branch of the Yorkshire Association rang a date touch of Stedman Caters (1887 changes). G. Briggs, 1; J. Horner, 2; F. Coates (composer), 3; J. Athey, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; J. Hale, 6; W. Coates (conductor), 7; T. Lee, 8; A. Rogers, 9; W. Hurst, 10. Tenor 32 cwt. The above was rung with the bells muffled during the interment of Lord Idlesleigh.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, January 22nd, at St. Bartholomew's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), containing the titmuss and twenty-four 6-7's, in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. Hughes, 1; H. Malborn, 2; A. Malborn, 3; J. Farmer, 4; J. Batters, 5; J. Fullwood, 6; W. Smith, 7; T. Smith, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. The above was composed and conducted by J. Fullwood.

Miscellaneous.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PERRY BAR.—On Monday, January 17th, at St. John's Church, for practice by the local company, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. *W. H. Godden, 1; G. Smith, 2; E. Unitt, 3; *H. Brown, 4; W. Cooper, 5; W. Long (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F#. *First 720.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, January 22nd, at the parish church, eight members of the above society attempted to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1500 changes it came to grief. J. Windridge, 1; J. Timms, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; F. Chapman, 4; F. J. Cope (conductor), 5; G. Woods, 6; H. Slaney, 7; W. Jennings, 8. F. J. Cope hails from Lichfield, the remainder are of the local company.

WOMBURN (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, January 19th, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor (with eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. And a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (with eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. G. Little, 1; H. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. First peal of Oxford Bob, and was rung after a plain course. And on Sunday morning, January 23rd, 1887, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Deans, 1; W. Devey, 2; A. Little, 3; R. Cartwright (conductor), 4; W. Hodges (first 360), 5; G. Little, 6. Also for evening service, a 360 of Bob Minor. W. Hodges (first attempt), 1; G. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. W. Hodges, until December, resided at Cleaton Moor, Cumberland. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE (Bedfordshire).—On Thursday evening, December 23rd, for practice, a 720 of College Single (with eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Lewin, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also on December 31st, for the midnight service, a 360 of Oxford Bob, with the bells half muffled. W. Smith, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

WOBURN (Bedfordshire).—On Monday evening, December 20th, for practice, 800 of Bob Major, in 30 mins. E. Lewin, 1; W. Mynard, 2; W. E. Turney, 3; C. Herbert, 4; A. Morrison, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8. And a 160 of Bob Major. E. Norman, 1; W. Mynard, 2; W. E. Turney, 3; C. Herbert, 4; E. Lewin, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8. Also a 168 of Bob Triples. E. Norman, 1; W. Mynard, 2; E. Lewin, 3; C. Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Smith, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday, November 1st, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Palister, 3; J. W. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton, 5; F. Titt (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 28th, a 300 of Bob Major. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Palister, 4; J. W. Cleminson, 5; F. Castree, 6; F. Charlton, 7; F. Titt (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, December 5th, 300 of Kent, and 384 Bob Major. Also on Sunday, December 12th, 210 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Palister, 4; J. W. Cleminson, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7.

JARROW.—On Tuesday evening, January 11th, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. R. Wilkinson (1st 720), 1; A. English, 2; W. Henderson, 3; J. Champan, 4; J. Campbell, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE (Durham).—On Sunday, January 7th, for Divine Service, at St. Cuthbert Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. F. H. Surkees, 1; F. Barron, 2; T. Bell, 3; J. W. Forster, 4; W. Oliver, 5; J. Spraggon (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. This is the first 720 performed by a band composed exclusively of members of the local branch.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Thursday, January 18th, a band of the above Society started for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. George's church, Camberwell, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Lord Iddeleigh, when after ringing 2500 changes in 1 hr. 26 mins. the treble rope broke much to the disgust of the band, as the ringing was very fine throughout. W. Thorne, 1; H. Langdon, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; R. French (conductor), 4; J. Judd, 5; W. Jones, 6; A. Hayward, 7; H. Flower, 8.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—On Friday, January 21st, at the church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Harry J. Burg, M.A., only son of Joseph Henry Burg, Esq. The deceased was greatly respected by all who knew him, and great sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Burg, he being their only child. The age 27 was given with the whole pull and stand. J. S. Wright, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; G. Skeef, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Friday, December 31st, at St. Mary's church, with the bells half-muffled to ring out the old year, a 560 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Reeves's Variation of Holt's ten-part. Also 139 in the same method. J. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Hare (conductor), 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen, 7; G. Halsey, 8. Also to ring in the New Year with the bells open, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. And 168 in the same method, standing in the same order as before, conducted by W. Allen. Also on Monday, January 3rd, for practice, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; H. Buckingham, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, January 6th, at the house of J. Hare, Bedford Street, 1200 of Grandsire Doubles, being ten 6-scores each called differently. G. Halsey, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; J. Hare, 3-4; A. Squires (conductor), 5-6. Also on Monday, January 10th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), with 7-8 behind, in 29 mins. J. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Hare (conductor), 5; S. Hare, 6; T. Dobbs, 7; G. Halsey, 8. *First 720 as conductor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON (Near Faversham, Kent).—On Monday evening, January 24th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 120 of Bob Doubles. W. Boulden, 1; J. Burch, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; B. Ralph, 4; F. S. Harris, 5; W. Clackett, 6. First 120 by the local company. Also on the same evening, four 120s with R. Castle, 2; and S. Snelling, 5. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G. S. Snelling hails from Sittingbourne.

GRAVESEND.—On Saturday, the 15th inst., an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. George's church, but after ringing two hours a tremendous rattling was heard at the belfry door, which caused the ringers to stop. On going to see the cause, they were informed that somebody was ill in the neighbourhood and that ringing made them worse. A meeting was made for the same purpose on the 22nd, but the verger informed them that the same person was dying, so they adjourned to SS. Peter and Paul, Milton, next Gravesend, and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Hayes, 1; H. D. Davis, 2; J. W. Aitkin, 3; B. Spinner, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, January 16th, for evening service, a 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Louth, 1; H. D. Davis, 2; F. Ring, 3; B. Spinner, 4; G. Hayes, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 16th, at St. Paul's Church, before service, a 720 of Bob Minor in 24½ mins. W. Denner, 1; A. Potter, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter (conductor), 4; J. Williamson, 5; J. Brooks, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. This is the first 720 as conductor for Mr. J. Potter who is only young in the art of ringing, but he shows that he will in the future with his steady progress rank among the world famed campanologists.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAPLE DURHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, January 16th, after Divine Service, by the St. Peter's society, Caversham, a 720 of Plain Bob, being the first on the bells. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Yorkshire Court. Tenor about 13 cwt.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, January 16th, for Morning Service at the parish church, the St. Peter's society rang 720 of Yorkshire Court in 27 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, January 18th, after the usual whole pull and stand, sixty-eight times repeated, a 720 of Yorkshire Court, with the bells muffled, in 27½ mins., in memory of the right hon. the Earl of Iddeleigh, many of whose relations reside in the parish. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; T. Newman, 4; H. Smith, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, January 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. H. Smith, 1; H. Simmonds (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also after Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. E. Young, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; E. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday evening, January 11th, for practice, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. C. Bush, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; T. Newman (conductor), 5; R. King (first 120 of Doubles), 6. Also 720 of Yorkshire Court, in 27 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Young, 2; F. Simmonds, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. Menday, 5; G. Essex (conductor), 6. Also 60 of Plain Bob Minor. C. Parfitt, 1; E. Menday, 2; F. Simmonds, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also 240 of Grandsire Doubles. C. Parfitt, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; T. Newman (conductor), 5; C. Chatman (first 240 of Doubles), 6. Also 120 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Young, 1; C. Bush, 2; F. Simmonds, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. Menday, 5; G. Essex (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. F. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; G. Essex, 3; J. Hands, 4; T. Newman (conductor), 5; H. Simmonds, 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON.—On New Year's Day, January 1st, at St. John's the Baptist Church, nine members of the above association started for a peal of Union Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. 5 mins., it came to grief. T. Fisk, 1; Dr. A. B. Carpenter (conductor), 2; T. Burkin, 3; A. Fussell, 4; W. Slates, 5; A. Bruce, 6; T. Urrall, 7; U. Holman and W. Hill, 8. A. Fussell hails from London, Burkin from Beddington, the rest are local members.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

CHEADLE (Staffs.).—On Monday evening, January 24th, the local company met at the parish church for their annual practice. An attempt was then made to ring a 720 of Plain Bob, but owing to a "change-course" taking place, after 420 changes had been rung, the conductor called "stand." A second attempt was then made, which was doomed to share the same fate, for when 672 changes—which were exceedingly well-struck, had been rung, another "change-course" occurred, and "stand" was again called. Nothing daunted, however, by their previous failures, another attempt was made, which eventually proved successful, a well-struck 720 being brought round in 28 mins. from the final start. S. Burton, 1; J. Burton (aged 52), 2; H. Booth, 3; J. Shenton, 4; R. Bullock, 5; S. Spencer (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt. The above performance reflects great credit on the company and their able instructor, Mr. S. Spencer, they having only received ten lessons, previous to which, their knowledge of the method was very vague. We should like to know whether any other ringer of the same age as the ringer of the second, has ever rung a 720 in so few lessons received. This is the first time a 720 has been rung on the bells, several attempts having been made by local companies, but without success.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WHITECHAPEL (London).—On Saturday, January 24th, eight members of the above society met to attempt a peal of Stedmen Triples, at St. Mary Matfelon Church, but owing to the death of Mr. Thomas Wilson, of Osborn Street, a member of the above society, a muffled peal was rung instead as a mark of respect, the usual whole pull and stand, after which a 504 of Stedman Triples. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cecil, 2; W. Tanner, 3; H. Springhall, 4; S. Joyce, 5; E. Wallage, 6; W. Jones, 7; W. Greenleaf, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Bradford).—On Saturday, January 22nd, at St. James' church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 32 mins. A. Moulson, 1; H. Raistrick, 2; R. Tuke, 3; H. Lockwood, 4; J. H. Hardcastle, 5; L. Pollit, 6; H. W. Needham (conductor), 7; J. Longden, 8. H. Lockwood, and H. W. Needham hail from Leeds; J. Longden from Shipley, and the rest belong to Bradford. Tenor 16 cwt.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE.—On Saturday, January, 22nd, 1887, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing about 2500

changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins., it came to grief. Albert Hobday, 1; Oliver James, 2; William James, 3; Thomas Allbut, 4; Elijah Crump, 5; Walter Rea, 6; George Hayward (composer and conductor), 7; George Bourne, 8; George Morris, 9; James Parry, 10. The peal was attempted to celebrate the 25th birthday of Mr. Oliver James, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day, and hoping to have better luck next time. On Sunday January 23rd, for morning service, 476 Grandsire Triples. Albert Hobday, 1; George Hayward, 2; William James, 3; Thomas Allbut, 4; George Gibbs, 5; Oliver James, 6; George Morris (conductor), 7; James Parry, 8. And for evening service 910 Grandsire Triples, taken from Taylor's six-part peal, in 35 mins. Albert Hobday, 1; Oliver James, 2; William James, 3; George Hayward, 4; George Gibbs, 5; Walter Rea (conductor), 6; George Bourne, 7; James Parry, 8. Mr. G. Gibbs hails from Harborne.

ASHCHURCH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, January 23rd, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (with fourteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. D. Done, 1; C. Slater, 2; J. Bayliss, 3; W. Davies, 4; C. Auford, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 16th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, 240 of Bob Minor. L. Griffiths, 1; D. Garbett, 2; W. F. Hartshorne, 3; A. Beddall, 4; T. Allden, 5; A. Whatmore (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28½ mins. L. Griffiths, 1; A. Whatmore, 2; D. Garbett, 3; H. Hartshorne, 4; T. Allden, 5; W. F. Hartshorne (first 720 as conductor), 6. And on Tuesday evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. L. Griffiths, 1; W. F. Hartshorne, 2; D. Garbett, 3; H. Hartshorne, Esq., 4; T. Allden (first 720 as conductor), 5; A. Beddall, 6. The above touches were rung as a token of respect to the late Earl of Iddesleigh.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, January 8th, at the house of Mr. L. Dunkley, on handbells retained in hand, three 6-scores of Bob Major. W. Richards, 1; F. Smith, 2; J. Pettit, 3; E. Chapman, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards, 1; F. Smith, 2; E. Chapman, 3; J. Pettit, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5. And a 120 of Bob Doubles. W. Richards, 1; F. Smith, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; J. Pettit, 4; E. Chapman (conductor), 5. Also at the house of J. Chapman, on January 15th, a 120 of Bob Doubles. W. Richards, 1; E. Chapman, 2-3; R. Dunkley, 4-5. And a plain course of Bob Minor. W. Richards, 1; F. Smith, 2; E. Chapman, 3; H. Twelvtree, 4; R. Dunkley, 5-6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, January 17th, at St. Mary-the-Great, 324 of Stedman Caters. N. J. Pitstow, 1; G. Taylor, 2; G. Martin, 3; J. Rockett, 4; F. Pitstow, 5; J. Holliday, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; J. Jackson, 8; C. A. Clements, 9; J. R. Jerram, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. Also two plain courses of Grandsire Cinques.

DOVER (Kent).—On Thursday, January 20th, at St. James' church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. F. Finn, 1; F. Rolfe, 2; S. Barker (conductor), 3; E. Potter, 4; H. Coucher, 5; F. Slingsby, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Also several touches of Bob Minor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE next District Meeting is fixed to be held at Leeds on Saturday, February 19th. Permission has been given to ring at Ulcombe, East Sutton, and Chart Sutton. A committee meeting will be held in the Leeds schoolroom at 12 o'clock, for admission of members, fixing future meetings, examining specimens of entries of peals, and other business. Ringers desiring cheap fares should apply at once to the Secretary stating their route and trains, when if a sufficient number come forward, he will make application to the railway companies. The allowance is 3s. to full members, and 1s. 6d. to probationers, which will be paid in the schoolroom between 11 and 12.

Winsted Court. R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, Hon. Sec.
Sittingbourne.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

The members of this Society will assemble for practice at St. John's church, Waterloo Bridge Road, during the ensuing month at 8.15 p.m. as follows: Wednesday, February 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. When possible, notice will be given of any alteration to these meetings in "THE BELL NEWS." W. H. FUSSELL, Hon. Sec.
11, Gower Place, W. C.

The St. Martin's company, Birmingham, beg to announce their intention of holding a dinner on February 28th. Further particulars in a later number of "THE BELL NEWS."

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL.

On Monday, January 24th, the performing members of this ancient society held their annual dinner at their club house, Wine Street, where hostess Davis placed on the tables an excellent dinner. After the repast, the president and chairman (Mr. Geo. Morgan), gave the toast of the "Queen and Royal Family," which was heartily received. Mr. George Staddon gave "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and in doing so said he thought that the success of every ringer depended very much upon the assistance of the clergy. Mr. A. Anderson gave "The Society of St. Stephen's Ringers." He said he felt proud to belong to such an ancient society, which was established in 1620. He thanked them all for the kindness shown him on all occasions, in and out of the belfry, and hoped the society would still prosper. The toast was drank with enthusiasm. Mr. F. Price responded. Mr. George Staddon gave "The members for Bristol," and called for three cheers for Col. Hill, M.P., which were heartily given. Mr. E. Beake proposed "The Visitors." Mr. Dobson responded. Mr. W. Parsons gave "The Steeplekeepers." Messrs. Emery, Price, Duckham, and Staddon responded. The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner. The usual votes of thanks given to the chairman and vice-chairman brought to a conclusion a pleasant evening.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, 15th January, William Sevier, of Barnwood, Gloucester, found his way into Macclesfield in search of work, and making himself known, he was at once found lodgings, and all other necessities, where he stayed till Tuesday, the 18th. He then made his way towards Stoke, as there was nothing in his line of trade in Macclesfield. While staying with us he took part in some Stedman Caters on the Sunday morning, and in the afternoon two of us took him to Gawsorth, where, with the assistance of three of the local men, we rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. Walter Ingram, 1; James Simpson, 2; William Walmsley (conductor) 3; William Sevier, 4; William Henshall, 5; Walter Henshall, 6. Tenor about 15 cwt. At night, at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, 756 changes of Stedman Triples. And on the next night the following visited Prestbury (3 miles distant) and rang 1512 changes of Stedman Triples in 57 mins. John Farrish, 1; William Walmsley, 2; Charles Bamford, 3; William Kenny, 4; William Sevier, 5; Edward Matthews (conductor) 6; Walter Ingram, 7; James Morledge, 8. Tenor 18½ in F. A good spread was afterwards sat down to in the village with some friends, and all returned home by the 10.0 train. On the following morning he left us with heavier pockets and a lighter heart, and we hope he will soon get work. W. W.

Gurnett, near Macclesfield.

ERECTION OF A TABLET AT ST. SEPULCHRE'S, SNOW HILL.

On Thursday evening, the 20th inst., several members met at this church for a pull on the grand toned ring, and to celebrate the erection of a tablet. This tablet, which records a performance of Stedman Caters, rung on May 3rd, 1880, to celebrate the completion of some extensive restorations to the church, has a unique history. Its donor, Mr. Thomas Bates, a builder in the parish, not only had the tablet at once prepared, but he took the whole band, with several ringing friends and church officials, to the Alexandra Palace, where all were feasted to their heart's content. But through some technical flaw or other this tablet has never been allowed to enter the church till a few days ago, having for five years and more been stowed away in Mr. Bates' workshops. Thanks are due to this gentleman for his perseverance, and the courage of the present churchwardens, and to the steeplekeeper, Mr. Lovett, for his assistance in the matter.

DISS CHURCH BELLS.

The fifty-fourth anniversary of Diss Church bells was held on Thursday, January 6th, when some capital ringing in the Oxford method was rung, also some Plain Bob and Grandsire. A capital dinner was served up by host Reeve, of the "Dolphin Inn," to which ample justice was done, the Rev. A. Anstruther Wilkinson, the esteemed curate of the parish, presiding. The health of "Her Majesty the Queen" was then duly honoured, and after a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman for coming amongst them, and for his telling remarks, was passed, ringing on the handbells and on the church bells was then resumed.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The next Meeting will be held at Buckland on February 5th.

W. W. BOLTON, } Hon. Secs.
E. GLOVER, }

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL FUND.

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Amount already advertised ...	33	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:—			0 7 6
J. Dixon ...	0	2	6
J. Mulligan ...	0	1	0
Mr. Abbshaw, Rothwell ...	0	3	6
The Birmingham Amalgamated Society ...	0	2	6
The Surrey Association ...	0	10	6
A. B. Carpenter, Esq. ...	1	1	0
The Royal Cumberland Youths ...	0	10	6
The St. Peter's Parish Church Company, Leeds ...	2	2	0
The Liverpool Youths ...	1	6	0
Mr. T. Powell, Waltham Abbey, Essex ...	0	14	0
St. Luke's Society, Liverpool, per Mr. R. S. Mann ...	0	2	6
A. Percival Heywood, Esq., Duffield ...	0	8	0
Charles E. Mallin, London ...	1	1	0
Wm. Jones, Royal Cumberlands ...	0	5	0
St. Peter's Society, Huddersfield, per Tom Haigh ...	0	2	0
Collected from members present at Meeting of Norwich Diocesan Association, at Ipswich, October, 1886 ...	0	10	0
E. A. Foster, Corsham, Wilts. ...	0	15	0
The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Kings Lynn ...	0	5	0
The Doncaster Society ...	1	1	0
The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton, Berks. ...	0	5	0
Mr. John Day, Birmingham ...	0	5	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
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On Wednesday, January 5th, twelve members of the St. Mary's Guild of change-ringers, Taunton, was entertained to supper at the house of Mr. Wickenden, tower steward. After supper the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, including that of Mr. Wickenden and family, "Success to the St. Mary's Guild of change-ringers," etc. The handbells were then brought into requisition, and some capital selections were played, and several songs sung until the small hours of the morning appeared, when the National Anthem brought to a close the most pleasant evening ever spent by the above Guild.

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., at St. Mary's church, a deeply-muffled peal on the ten bells for an hour, during the time of interment of the late Lord Idlesleigh. G. E. Harbour, 1; F. B. Wickenden, 2; W. Barge, 3; C. E. May, 4; E. Wyatt, 5; T. Doble, 6; R. J. Pearse, 7; T. Radford, 8; J. Mattock, 9; F. Pearse, 10. Afterwards three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. E. Harbour, 1; R. J. Pearse, 2; W. G. Burge, 3; C. E. May, 4; T. Doble (conductor), 5; T. Radford, 6.

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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."

MELLS, SOMERSETSHIRE.

SIR,—In last week's issue of your valuable paper, I read a somewhat interesting paragraph under the above heading. True as was stated, the ringers of the parish church of St. Andrew's, Mells, are not change-ringers, a cause which is much to be regretted, although they produce good striking whilst ringing changes from cards. I venture to state if the rector, the Rev. G. Horner, was approached in a proper manner, and the objects of change-ringing explained, the rev. gentleman would give it a serious consideration, and ere long devise a plan for its introduction. Personally, I am not far advanced in the art of change-ringing, but still a firm believer in its efficacy. I had the pleasure some few months ago of visiting this picturesque village and church. The ringing chamber of the sacred edifice is a fine specimen of belfry reform, it is well lighted, ventilated, and very clean, the bells (a splendid ring of eight) in thorough good going order, and the comfort of the ringers studied in every respect by the rector, in short every facility is offered for the promotion of change-ringing. Why is it not practised? Surely with a little encouragement, the aid of Messrs. Fricker and Rebbeck, of Frome (who are doing their utmost in assisting the local ringers of neighbouring six bell towers to obtain 120's of Grandsire Doubles) could be secured, and with the valuable and combined information from *Troyte's* or any other of the books published in "THE BELL NEWS," would soon make great progress in change-ringing. In a short time no doubt the present system of ringing from cards would be conspicuous for its absence.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

SIR,—As a thorough churchman, and thus knowing the duties of laymen towards their ministers, and also the good understanding that generally exists between both parties, I was very much surprised at the action taken by the Rev. M. Mitchell Connor, Vicar of the parish church, West Bromwich, relative to the meeting as announced by me through "THE BELL NEWS," which was to have taken place at the above town on Saturday last. The Rev. gentleman accuses me of not writing either him or his ringers, thus showing a want of courtesy which is due from one person towards another. He also says that I said the tower of his church would be open for ringing during the afternoon. Now, Sir, with your kind permission, I beg to inform the Rev. Mr. Connor that I did write, asking for the use of a tower, but I must say that I did not ask for the parish church tower. I wrote upwards of a fortnight previous to the contemplated meeting to a ringer at West Bromwich, asking him if he would kindly get the use of Christ Church for the occasion, as their being twelve bells I thought those who were so far accomplished might then be enabled to have a touch of Caters, the two trebles, i.e., 1-2 not being as good as might be, are "seldom used." I also asked for a room, and in reply was informed that a band contemplated a peal the Saturday previous to our meeting, and that in the event of a failure it was proposed to start again the following Saturday. There not being sufficient time to communicate again with my friend, I wrote at once to "THE BELL NEWS," announcing the meeting, being under the impression that the gentlemen alluded to would endeavour to get the 8-bell tower. Whether my friend is a ringer at both churches I am unable to say; but certain it is that I rung with him and several others of the Christ Church company at our last meeting at West Bromwich, at the parish church, held on Saturday, November 17th, 1883, and I would call the attention of the Rev. Mr. Connor to the fact that on this occasion I did not write him, as it is left to the ringers themselves to choose the church, which is, as "hundreds of my brother ringers throughout the country can testify," the one thought the most convenient to all concerned.

Now, as regards the wording of the rev. gentleman's letter, I beg to say that I did not say his tower would be open, but that "in all probability it would be." It will thus be seen I did not wish to ride roughshod over either him or his ringers, and, assuming that the tower would have been obtained for us, I did not consider it necessary to write him. I am exceedingly sorry he should have been so precipitate, and had he have written me instead of rushing into public print, I think he would have shown better taste and better feeling towards those who would at any time be pleased to serve him.

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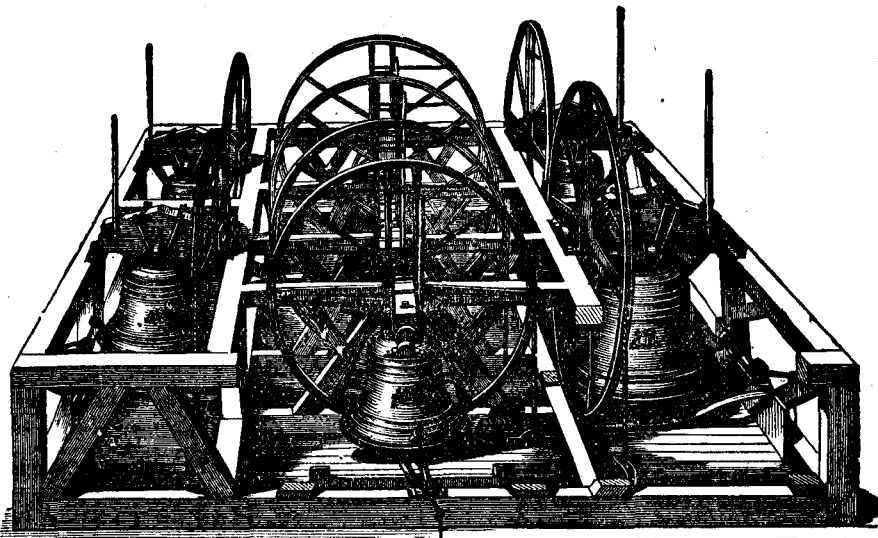
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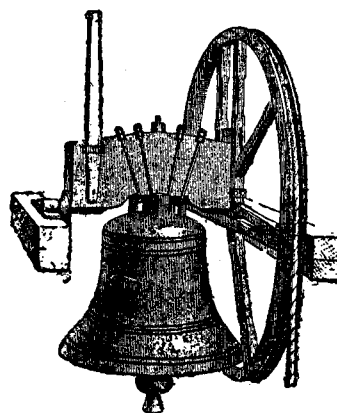
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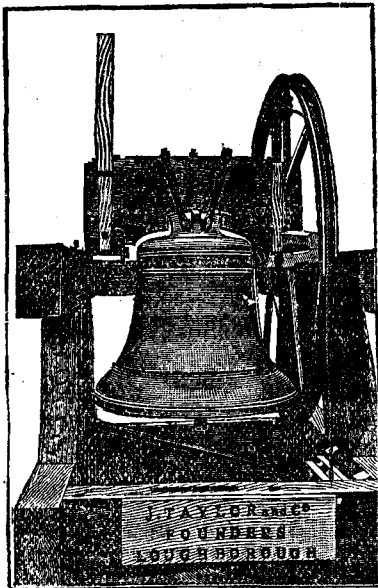
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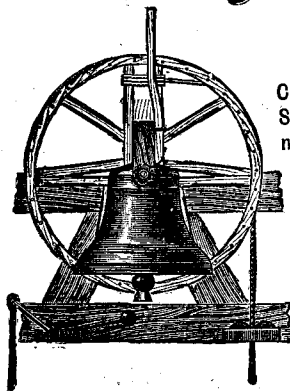
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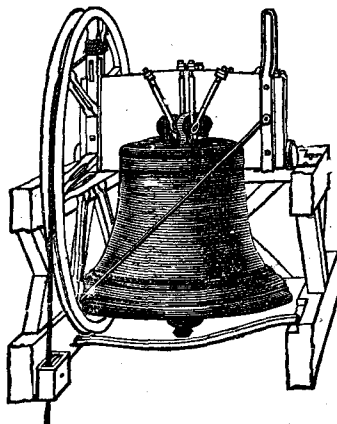
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NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above Association took place at the Gainsborough centre on Saturday last, and owing largely to the excellent management of the local reception committee, was an unqualified success.

Some of the visiting members stayed at Lea in the morning, and rang the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor that has ever been rung on those melodious church bells, the following ringers taking part: J. Hackney, 1; H. Maidens, 2; I. Vickers, 3; W. Lunn, 4; T. Shearing, 5; H. Burkitt (conductor), 6. The time occupied was 26 mins., and it was the first 720 in the method with a bob bell by H. Maidens.

After ringing at Lea, the Lincoln and Market Rasen brethren had a pleasant walk to Gainsborough, where they were met by the local company. Shortly afterwards ringing commenced on the Gainsborough bells by mixed bands, touches of Grandsire Triples being gone through. At five o'clock some of the members attended the evening service at All Saints' church, at the conclusion of which they repaired to the Coffee Tavern for tea. Here upwards of thirty members and friends sat down and partook of a plentiful repast, the Rev. Canon Williams, Vicar of Gainsborough, presiding, the vice-chair being occupied by the Rev. C. E. Cockin, Vicar of Lea. There were also present the Rev. A. W. M. Drew, Messrs. F. F. Linley, Royle, J. Craven, S. Beaumont, F. J. Sowby, etc. After tea,

THE CHAIRMAN said how pleased he was to see the brethren from Lincoln and Market Rasen, and he congratulated the company upon having such an excellent gathering. He felt sure the Association was of the utmost importance, and had done an immense amount of good. There was a time, years ago, when the state of their bells and bellringers was not what it should have been, but he was happy to say that latterly a great reform had been effected. He very much regretted that Sir Charles Anderson, Bart., was unable to be present, owing to his engagements at the Assizes, because, as most present knew, he was a great lover of bells, and having devoted much time to the study of bells, could have told them some very interesting things upon that subject. He (the Chairman) might say, however, that some time ago one of the Gainsborough bells was found to be cracked, and another was out of tune, and through the liberality of friends they were enabled to have them recast, and put into better order and tune. He congratulated the Association upon having secured the Dean of Lincoln for its president, and read a letter from Dr. Butler stating his inability to attend this meeting. In concluding, Canon Williams said he should be glad to become an honorary member of the Association.

THE Rev. C. E. COCKIN said when invited to this meeting he felt he ought to come out of gratitude to Mr. Linley (the vice-president for the Gainsborough centre) for what he had done for the ringers at Lea, besides the fact of his being himself a member of the Association. He wished, with the chairman, that Sir Charles Anderson could have been present, for that gentleman was an authority upon bells, and could have given them some interesting information about bells. Speaking about the Association, the rev. gentleman said he wished the Lea ringers had seen the wisdom of joining this Association; in his own mind one of the objects of the Association was to draw the clergy and the ringers closer together, and make them feel they were both workers in the same cause. One work which he thought ringers might do, and in so doing set an example to others of the laity, was to show reverence when in the church by always uncovering the head, by the lowering of the tone of voice, and by abstaining from improper conversation. He thought there was a wrong notion prevailing amongst some of the laity, viz., that it was the congregation which sanctified the church, instead of it being the church which sanctified the congregation; what made the church sacred was not the people who were there, but the purpose for which the church was set apart; therefore, whenever ringers and other workers went into church, their behaviour should be just as reverent whether the congregation were there or not; and if they observed a reverent demeanour, it would be noticed and felt by others, and tend to impress upon them the sacredness of God's House. He trusted the members of this Association would take this suggestion up, and act upon it, if they had not already done so. He was very pleased to be present.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy and churchwardens of Lea and Gainsborough for kindly granting the use of their church bells to the members of the Association that day, and for their presence at the meeting that evening.

THE CHAIRMAN and churchwardens acknowledged the compliment.

Letters from the Rev. S. W. Andrews (vice-president of the Market Rasen centre), the Rev. J. A. Machonochie (St. Botolph's, Lincoln), and from the Nocton branch, were read, explaining cause of absence.

At the business meeting, which was held subsequently, the following new honorary members were announced: Col. Eyre, M.P.; the Vicar of Gainsborough (Canon Williams); the Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke, Vicar of Caistor; the Rev. J. P. Young, Vicar of Grimsby; Mr. F. J. Sowby and Mr. J. Craven, of Gainsborough.

Mr. T. Shearing, now of Lincoln, but formerly of Ipswich, was elected an efficient ringer of the Association. A grant of 10s. 6d. was voted to the Snowdon Memorial Fund.

After the meeting, the ringers further exercised their skill on the Gainsborough church bells, which brought to a close a very enjoyable day.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The annual dinner and meeting was held at the house of Mr. James Wright, "Waggon and Horses," Gorton, on Saturday, January 22nd, when members attended from Ashton, Castleton, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Dinting, Disley, Glossop, Gorton, Hayfield, Hyde, Leesfield, Manchester, Mottram, Northenden, Saddleworth, Stockport, Whitfield, and Worsley. After the removal of the cloth, the President of the Association (John Holden, Esq.), occupied the chair, supported by the Vice-president (Mr. Thomas Wilde), and other officers of the Association. Accounts of the past year and report of the committee were read and adopted, although the latter occasioned much discussion, owing to some of the members objecting to the second rule of the Cup Competition, which rules are embodied in the said report and are as follows: 1st.—That where a competition is held the home ringers to be debarred from ringing in the competition. 2nd.—That all members of the Association be eligible to take part in all competitions after six months' membership. 3rd.—That when there is a draw for a place of meeting, eight-bell churches and six-bell churches be drawn for separately. 4th.—That the competition starts at the church that wins the ballot at the next annual meeting. 5th.—That if the minister objects to the competition taking place at any particular church, the meeting shall take place there as usual. 6th.—That no person be allowed to ring with more than one company. 7th.—That the committee ballot for competent judges, whose decision shall be final. 8th.—That two cups be offered for best ringing, one for six the other for eight. 9th.—That these cups be won by one company three times before it becomes their own absolute property. 10th.—That the committee determine the amount of entrance money. The rule was objected to on the ground that it would be unfair for members practicing in eight-bell steeples to compete for the cup to be given for six-bell ringing, and *vice versa*, because while members belonging to the first-named steeples had the advantage of practising either on six or eight, members belonging to the last-named steeples could only practice on six unless put to considerable inconvenience, therefore some of the members thought it would only be fair to let eight-bell ringers compete for one cup and six-bell ringers for the other. The objection was fairly supported, but was over-ruled on being put to vote. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, John Holden, Esq.; vice-president, Councillor Rawsthorne; treasurer, John Pye; secretary, James S. Wilde; committee, Messrs. George Longden, James Hall, George Ford, John Booth, Thomas James, John Blakeley, Thomas Brocklehurst, Thomas Wilde, John Harrop, Peter Brickill, John T. Dicken, Joseph Wood, Hugh Shaw, William Marsden, William Gordon, and Fred Crossland. It was decided to hold the first competition at the next July Meeting, the draw for which resulted in favour of Chapel-en-le-Frith, which place seemed to give general satisfaction to members present. A similar draw for the next annual meeting went in favour of Leesfield. It may be interesting to state that members of the association have accomplished 26 peals during the past year, which are made up as follows:—One of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 22 of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 of Bob Major, 1 of Stedman Triples, and 1 in seven different methods on six bells. The association now numbers 140 members. The bells of Broofield Church were kept in motion during the day, and touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and several Treble Bob Minor variations were rung during the day; handbell ringing was also indulged in, and courses of Grandsire Triples, Major, Caters, and Royal were rung. The toasts included the "Queen and Royal Family," "Success to the United Counties' and Kindred Associations," &c. The best thanks of the meeting awarded to the host and hostess for the very able manner in which they had provided brought the meeting to a close at rather a late hour.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL MEETING AT JARROW.

THE February Meeting will be held on Monday, the 21st, at Jarrow. The bells at the disposal of the ringers will be a peal of six at Christ Church, tenor 17 cwt., and a peal of six at St. Peter's, tenor 8½ cwt. A dinner will be provided at two o'clock at the Queen's Arms Hotel, 1s. to members, and 2s. 6d. to non-members. Dinner tickets should be applied for not later than Monday, February 14th, to the Secretary. A meeting of the committee will be held at the Inn at one o'clock. Subscriptions for the current year are now due and should be paid to the Secretary.

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INDUCTION OF THE VICAR OF FROME, SOMERSET.

The ceremony of inducting the Hon. and Rev. A. F. A. Hanbury-Tracy, M.A., formerly Vicar of Knowle, Bristol, to the vicarage of Frome, Selwood, took place on Tuesday, January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, after evensong at St. John's church. As might be expected the proceedings evoked very wide-spread interest, and attracted a larger congregation than has assembled within the parish church for some years, notwithstanding that admission was by ticket. It was necessary to provide a large number of extra chairs for the accommodation of the worshippers and these were all appropriated some time before the service commenced. The service was precisely the same as usual as far as the end of the third collect, and then during the singing of the office hymn (No. 87, "Hymnal Noted"), the churchwardens (Messrs. C. Baily and G. W. Wiltshire), with their wands of office, advanced to the chancel gates and waited until its close. During a soft organ voluntary the Ven. Archdeacon Denison advanced to the foot of the chancel and read the mandate of induction in a firm, clear voice, which must have been distinctly heard in all parts of the sacred edifice. This part of the ceremony completed, a procession of the clergy, churchwardens, and choir was formed and passed from the chancel down the centre aisle, to the western door. On their way thither they were joined by the patron, the Most Noble the Marquis of Bath, who, with other members of his Lordship's family, formed part of the congregation. On arriving at the door, which was shut, the Archdeacon was informed that the Hon. and Rev. A. F. A. Hanbury-Tracy was outside, whereupon the Archdeacon opened the door, and informed him that he had the mandate of the Bishop, which he forthwith handed to him. Mr. Tracy then entered, the door was closed and locked, and the Archdeacon laid the hand of the newly-instituted Vicar upon the key, and said: "By virtue of this mandate I do induct you into the real, actual and corporal possession of this Church of Frome-Selwood, with all the rights, profits, and appurtenances thereto belonging. The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth and even for evermore. Amen."

During the singing of another hymn, they proceeded to the font, pulpit, lectern, and altar, and the remaining portions of the special service of induction were gone through.

The Archdeacon then asked for the silent and secret prayers and humble supplications of the congregation to God for all those things, after which the Vicar proceeded to the open space beneath the tower and tolled one of the bells (forty strokes) to signify to the parishioners his having taking possession.

Then followed other prayers contained in the office, after which the following hymn was sung:—

Christ is gone up, yet ere He past
From earth, in heaven to reign,
He formed one Holy Church to last
Till He should come again.

The Ven. Archdeacon Denison then ascended the pulpit and delivered a short but impressive address, also making feeling reference to the memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. W. T. E. Bennett, M.A.

The service was brought to a close by the singing of
All people that on earth do dwell.

Another prayer and the benediction by the Archdeacon, after which Mrs. Harrold, organist, played as a concluding voluntary "Variations on Vesper Hymn," a composition of her own. At this point the campanologists of "Tombstone Surprise" repute connected with the parish church, manipulated on the fine old bells, in their celebrated style, under the able conductorship of their leader. It is hoped the new Vicar will act on the suggestion thrown out in the local press, and accept the proffered services of the young men of the congregation to formulate a Guild, whose object will be to promote change-ringing.

By the kind invitation of the churchwardens of the parish church (Messrs. C. Baily and G. W. Wiltshire) a soiree was held at the Mechanics' Hall on the following evening for the purpose of affording the communicants and others an opportunity of meeting the Hon. and Rev. A. F. A. Hanbury-Tracy. About 400 persons were present (including the clergy and churchwardens of the other churches) who were addressed by the new Vicar.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a District Meeting will be held at Crawley, on Saturday, February 19th. The following peals of bells have been placed at the disposal of the members for the day: Crawley (eight bells), Horley (eight bells), and Charlwood (six bells). Further details will be published.
GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

ON Tuesday, January 18th, six members of the Kenn band of the above Guild rung a muffled peal as a mark of respect to the late Earl Iddesleigh, he being an honorary member of the above Guild. The following were the band; A. T. Truman, E. Truman, H. Skinner, W. Woolacotte, T. Cleal, G. J. Truman.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25TH, 1886:—

By the Brighton branch at Seaford.—On Saturday, January 22nd, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples (Holt's 6-part), in 2 hrs. 43½ mins. For particulars see peal column. Also on Sunday, January 23rd, for afternoon service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; W. Palmer, 2; G. F. Attree (conductor), 3; G. Thwaites, 4; C. Tyler, 5; C. E. Golds, 6; A. W. L. Parkhouse, 7; J. Searle, 8. And on Tuesday, January 25th, at St. Nicholas' church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17½ mins. J. Neves, 1; J. Searle, 2; H. Boniface, 3; J. Fox, 4; J. Reilly, 5; W. Palmer, 6; G. F. Attree (conductor), 7; W. Robinson, 8.

By the St. Mary's, Eastbourne branch, at St. Mary's, Eastbourne.—On Wednesday, January 19th, a 2008 of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. J. Rollison, 1; T. Hart (conductor), 2; C. Harfey, 3; L. Huggett, 4; J. Avann, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; T. Willoughby, 7; J. Lewis, 8.

By the Christ Church, Eastbourne branch, at Christ Church.—On Thursday, January 20th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Knight, 1; T. Smith, 2; H. Colbran, 3; G. Howse, 4; T. Willoughby (conductor), 5; G. Smith, 6.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Monday, January 17th, a 720 of College Single, in 26½ mins. J. Matthews, 1; S. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Single Court Bob. F. Morris, 1; S. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, January 20th, a 720 of Single Court Bob, in 26½ mins. G. Gatland, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Tyler, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Yorkshire Court Bob. J. Woolgar, 1; G. Smart, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, January 23rd, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 26 mins. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 26½ mins. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch, at Warnham.—On Saturday, January 22nd, the following band made an attempt for a peal of Union Triples, but a change-course occurred after ringing 2060 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. 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 1012 of Court Bob Triples, in 40 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Chandler, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; T. Hogsflesh, 8. Also on Sunday, January 23rd, a 5040 of Union Triples (Holt's 6-part), in 3 hrs. 3 mins. For particulars see peal column. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. T. Hogsflesh, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Wood, 3; T. Andrews, 4; H. Cook, 5; G. Woodman, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; T. Wood, 8.
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NEWTON BROMSWOLD, NORTHANTS.

There are three bells in the church of St. Peter's, in this village. The tenor, cast by Watts, of Leicester, 1639, weighs about seven cwt. The second bell seems to be ancient, as it bears no date, but is inscribed, "Sancte petre ora pro nobis." The treble is dated 1746. It is proposed to raise funds to obtain another bell to add to the peal. There is a pit for a fourth bell.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We regret to announce the sudden death of a highly esteemed parishioner of Wymeswold, Leicestershire, Mr. Marshall Brown. Shortly after supper on Friday evening, January 7th, he was seized with a fit of apoplexy, and expired in about two hours. The melancholy event became known in Wymeswold on Saturday, and excited a general feeling of sorrow. Mr. Brown as shopkeeper, postmaster, and churchwarden, was so constantly before the eyes of the inhabitants, that few could realize the truth that a life so active had suddenly come to an end. In a country parish the value of a man like Mr. Brown is more felt than in a larger one, and his many-sided usefulness, knowledge, and cleverness, coupled with great obligingness, will be missed and lamented. Much sympathy is felt for his widow and family. His age was fifty-six.—Another correspondent says:—In the death of Mr. Marshall Brown, Wymeswold has lost one of its most useful inhabitants. For some time back he had been in failing health, but no one thought his end was so near. Cut off in the prime of life and in the midst of his usefulness, his death has caused a feeling of sadness throughout the village. Mr. Marshall Brown was respected in every relation of life—as a tradesman, because everyone knew that he would stoop to no trickery; as a churchwarden, because he loved the Church and her services, and was never absent from his duties; as a neighbour, because he was always willing to give a helping hand to those around him. He had been a considerable traveller in early life, and to this cause was attributed his knowledge of "men and things," his love of anecdote and his ready wit.—The Loughborough Monitor and News.

LANCASTER PARISH CHURCH NEW CLOCK.

THE new clock presented to the Lancaster Parish Church by Mr. James Williamson, M.P., was set in motion on Saturday last by Mrs. Allen, of the Vicarage. There was no formal ceremony, as in July last, at the "opening" of the peal of bells, also the gift of Mr. Williamson. The Vicar (Rev. Canon Allen, D.D.), his curates, and a few others were present, whilst Mrs. Allen performed the formal task allotted to her. The original gift of Mr. Williamson, made in the early part of last year, is now completed, and the parish church possesses not only a really splendid peal of eight bells, but also a clock of more than ordinary excellence. All the works, which are of the finest manufacture, and to which extra care has been given, have been manufactured at Messrs. Lund and Blockley's works, in Little Pulteney-street, London, where they were kept going for about ten days, and carefully tested and timed exactly to the hourly electric time-signal which this firm have laid on from Greenwich; so that they can be perfectly certain of the correct time, and to which they always time all clocks before sending them to their destination. The quarter train, which is very large on account of the weight of work it has to perform, chimes the full quarters on eight bells, by means of eighty steel cams bolted to an independent chime barrel. These cams lift and discharge, at the proper interval, eight levers, which are connected, by means of a network of levers and wires fixed to the ceiling of the clock-room, to the hammers fixed to the different bells. The chime barrel is arranged so that the changes can be altered at any time, without interfering or altering the clock in any way; but this, it is considered, would be a mistake, as, if the changes are constantly altered, the public would never know the time. Any part of the clock can be taken apart without disturbing the rest. There is a case of pitchpine with glass panels to prevent the dust from getting to the works. The clock has been erected under the personal superintendence of Mr. Blockley, jun.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY (SHEFFIELD).

ANNUAL DINNER.

ON Saturday, January 29th, the members of the above society were kindly invited by the Vicar (Rev. Henry J. Shaw) to dinner at the Vicarage. Before going to the Vicarage the members met at the tower and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hammond, 1; S. Seed, 2; F. Wilby, 3; F. Rippon, 4; W. Gardiner (conductor), 5; J. Rew, 6; W. Smithson, 7; J. Lloyd, 8. They then adjourned to the Vicarage, where they were met by the Vicar and Mrs. Shaw and a goodly company, consisting of the churchwardens and sidesmen and organist. After doing justice to the good things provided (which the worthy organist remarked required no rehearsal), marching orders brought us into the drawing-room, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, consisting of songs by Messrs. F. Wilby, W. Hammond, J. Rew, J. Thompson, and T. Wright; also tunes on the handbells, in which the worthy vicar and organist took part, causing no small amount of fun. After some half-dozen of us being made Free Masons the clock pointed to eleven, and with cordial greetings to each other we separated, after spending one of the most enjoyable evenings the society have ever had. J. R.

HANDBELL CONTEST.

A change ringing contest on handbells will take place at the house of Mr. Robert Johnson, "Cheshire Cheese," Hyde Lane, Hyde, on Saturday, March 12th, when £6 will be given for the best two courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major, to be divided as follows: First prize, £2 10s; Second prize, £1 10s; Third prize, £1; Fourth prize, 15s; Fifth prize, 5s. An extra prize of 10s. will be given for the best course of Grandsire Caters. The draw for the order of ringing to take place at 3.30 p.m. Every company to ring on one set of bells which will be provided and which are in the key of G, 18 size. Competent judges will be provided.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Report for the past year, containing a list of the peals rung, times of practice at Churches in union, balance-sheet, list of members, and a general account of the work done, will shortly be published at the price of 4d. each copy to ringing members. All who wish to obtain a copy are hereby requested to inform the Hon. Secretary through their local representatives as soon as possible. Those who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year are requested to forward them at the same time. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon Sec.

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A CORRECTION.—In the report of the metropolitan handbell peal of last week, it was omitted that J. C. Mitchell and W. H. L. Buckingham hailed from St. Albans.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Amount already advertised	£	s.	d.
St. Peter's Society, Sheffield:—	33	8	6
Charles Bower	0	2	6
Wm. Burgan	0	2	6
John Sandforth	0	2	6
St. Mary's Society, Sheffield:—	0	2	6
J. Dixon	0	1	0
J. Mulligan	0	3	6
Mr. Abbishaw, Rothwell	0	2	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
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Mr. T. Powell, Waltham Abbey, Essex	0	2	6
St. Luke's Society, Liverpool, per Mr. R. S. Mann	0	8	0
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Charles E. Malin, London	0	5	0
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	0
Swanscombe (Kent) Society, per F. J. King	0	5	0
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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	6
Mr. John Fosdike, Woodbridge	0	2	0
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	0	10	6
Mr. Alfred J. J. Giddings, Frome, Somerset	0	2	6
George Murray, St. Paul's Guild, Brighton	0	2	6
The Long Melford Company, viz.: Fred R. Steed, 1s.; Samuel Slater, 1s.; Percy Scott, 1s.; Jas. Bird, 1s.; G. Hammond, 1s.; Zachariah Slater, 6d.; N. J. Pitaw, Esq., Saffron Walden, 5s.	0	10	6
Edward Webster, Tong	0	2	6
From a few ringers of Lincoln:—	0	5	0
Per Mr. Isaac Vickers	0	2	0
Mr. John Strodger, Ripon	0	5	0
The Hertford College Youths, per Mr. James Staples	0	7	0
Mr. John Penning, Saffron Walden	0	2	6
Joseph Cheetham, Bradford	0	2	6

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Anniversary Meeting, usually held in January, will (D.V.) take place at Stroud on Monday, February 7th. Divine Service at St. Lawrence's parish church at 11 o'clock. Dinner in the Corn Hall at 1 p.m., the Vicar in the chair. Usual allowance to members who have sent the Hon. Secretary notice by Friday, February 4th. No meeting again till the "Annual," this year at Gloucester.

MOURNING PEAL.—Mourning peals of Bob Minor were rung on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., in memory of Mr. Marshall Brown, who was a ringer and chief supporter of ringing at Wymeswold. He was ever willing to assist, no matter at what inconvenience to himself, if ringing was "afloat," was always good company in the belfry, and staunch at his bell. Ringers here will feel his loss severely. The following is a list of the ringers in the peals, the Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, very kindly coming over to assist. John Brooks, sen., treble; A. Cresser, 2; E. D. Taylor, 3; J. W. Taylor, sen., 4; R. W. Charles, 5; J. W. Taylor, jun., tenor.—*The Loughborough Monitor and News*.

THE RECENT PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, AT DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—In the account of this peal a fortnight ago, we should have reported the fact of its being a "Bachelor's Peal," and it may be added that it was the first peal in any method by J. W. Lines, and the first peal in the method by J. R. Jerram, C. A. Clements, F. Mee, and A. R. Aldham.

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A. SQUIRES.—Write to Mr. H. Tucker, Huntsham Court, Bampton, Devon.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1887.

To meet the arrears of touches and several other matters awaiting publication, next week this paper will consist of sixteen pages. We hope this arrangement will console those of our friends who are impatient—not unreasonably so—to see their performances in their proper place.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Shuffled Peal.

On Saturday, January 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDE, FLEET STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. MOORE* Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
HENRY J. DAVIES 2.	HENRY DAINS 7.
THOMAS TITCHENER 3.	ALBERT E. CHURCH .. 8.
JABEZ HORTON† 4.	GEORGE NEWSON 9.
JOSEPH BARRY 5.	GEORGE R. BANKS Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters.

The peal, which has the large bells in the titum position, retains the 5th and 6th exclusively behind the 9th.

The performance commemorates the second anniversary of the death of the late Mr. J. Cox, who held the office of steeple-keeper at this church for many years, and it is noteworthy to add that it commemorates also the first anniversary of the late Mr. H. W. Haley's death. Both these departed heroes were Londoners by birth, and as their ages differed but a few years, their ringing fame rose and flourished almost contemporaneously.

These two masters of the Art have rung together in many a good performance, "aye, silent and otherwise," but they generally managed to belong to rival societies, and although a rivalry always existed between them, each have productions of Stedman Caters, &c., that will remain a lasting monument of their genius and skill.

The ringers desire to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells on this occasion.

LAMBETH, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY Treble.	G. T. McLAUGHLIN .. 5.
YORK GREEN 2.	JOHN MURRAY HAYES .. 6.
SAMUEL HAYES 3.	†RICHARD T. WOODLEY .. 7.
HENRY R. NEWTON* 4.	JOSEPH JONES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MURRAY HAYES.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, January 31, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE* .. 2.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. 6.
NEWMAN N. HILLS 3.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 7.
HENRY SPRINGHALL 4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

*First peal in the method.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and H. G. Fairbrass hail from Canterbury; N. N. Hills from St. Albans; the rest belong to London.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETIES.

On Saturday, January 29, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR HUBBARD* Treble.	WM. PYE-ENGLISH .. 5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN JUN. .. 6.
JAMES LANGRAN† 4.	GEO. B. LUCAS 7.
†HENRY A. BARNETT Tenor.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HENRY A. BARNETT.

The band met for Bob Major, but owing to the illness of a member were one short, and the above peal was rung with the tenor in, and the second left out. It is the first peal in the method on the bells, and was obtained at the first attempt. The peal was rung to commemorate the 44th birthday of Mr. J. Waghorn. *First peal. †First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

WHITFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD HAIGH* Treble.	HENRY COOPER .. 5.
WILLIAM HARROP 2.	JAMES BRIERLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM MARSDEN 3.	JOHN BRADBURY .. 7.
JOSEPH MALONEY* 4.	SAMUEL STAFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN., of Glossop, and Conducted by EDWARD HAIGH.

*College Youth.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F#.

HENRY BASTABLE Treble.	JAMES PLANT .. 5.
WILLIAM LONG* 2.	JOHN SANDERS .. 6.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	JOHN BUFFERY .. 7.
ARTHUR J. JONES 4.	CHARLES FLUCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BUFFERY.

*First peal with a bob bell.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 1, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

WM. SOUTHWICK	Treble.	JAMES DIXEY	5.
TOM STOCKDALE	2.	CHAS. JACKSON	6.
J. POLLARD	3.	FRANK DRABBLE	7.
HENRY JENKINS	4.	CHAS. BENNETT	Tenor.

Composed by J. B. LATES, of Birmingham, and Conducted by CHAS. JACKSON.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time by the Association, is the first peal in the method by all the above.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 2, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN CLARK*	Treble.	*ERNEST TURNER	5.
HUMPHREY BIRD	2.	ALFRED BIRD	6.
ALBERT BUSSELL*	3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	7.
JOHN G. WALL	4.	ROBERT CLARK	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

* First peal.

LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.

WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, January 29, 1887, in Six Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,176 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

LUKE ILLINGWORTH	Treble.	WADDINGTON TORDOFF	5.
JOSEPH WORSNOP	2.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	6.
ABSOLOM WILKINSON	3.	JAMES W. EMMETT	7.
GARFORTH TAYLOR	4.	CHARLES DRACUP	Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by CHARLES DRACUP.

The above was rung to celebrate the 45th birthday of Mr. Thomas Pickard, one of the Low Moor ringers, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. This is the longest length ever rung on the bells. Illingworth hails from Liversedge; Taylor from Dewsbury; Dransfield from Brierley Lane (late of Earlsheaton) and the rest from Low Moor.

ROTHWELL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JAS. HAIGH	Treble.	H. HUBBARD	5.
JOS. HAIGH	2.	W. ABBISHAW	6.
J. M. CHADWICK	3.	R. BINNS	7.
A. CHAPMAN	4.	J. CHAPMAN	Tenor.

Composed by the late Mr. HUBBARD, of Hunslet, and Conducted by JAS. HAIGH.

The above was rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells, and it contains all the 8-6-7's, 7-8-6's, and 6-7-8's. Messrs. Jas. and Jos. Haigh are of the Woodlesford company; Chadwick, A. and J. Chapman, and Abbishaw of the Rothwell company; and Hubbard and Binns of the St. Peter's company, Leeds.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTEMHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, January 20th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 17 mins. J. Belcher, 1; W. Morris, 2; H. Hodges, 3; F. E. Ward, Esq. (conductor), 4; H. Karn, 5; T. R. Hooper, 6; A. Estcourt, 7; F. Musty, 8; G. H. Hillcutt, Esq., 9; A. W. Humphris, 10. Tenor 23 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Friday, January 28th, at St. James' church, a date touch (1887 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 61 mins. C. Bennett, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; J. Pollard, 3; J. W. Stickney, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 6; F. Drabble, 7; J. Miller, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. This touch has the twenty-four 6-7's.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Saturday evening, January 29th, at the parish church, a date touch (1887 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. E. Hole, 1; R. Hole, 2; J. Grabham, 3; J. Tudball, 4; C. B. Craze, 5; Rev. J. U. Todd (conductor), 6; W. W. Thrush, 7; J. Payne, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Carter, of Birmingham.

LOWICK (Northants).—On Friday, January 28th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1887 changes, in 1 hr. 18 mins. being the six following methods on five bells; three 6-scores of Westminster, Dunstable, Fortune, Place, Bob Doubles and eight of Grandeire Doubles. E. Curtis, 1; C. Swan (conductor), 2; W. Fox, 3; E. Curtis, 4; R. Dunkley, 5. Tenor about 18 cwt.

RADCLIFFE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 23rd, for afternoon service at the parish church, the following rang a date touch (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 3 mins. A. Barrett (conductor), 1; J. Hardman, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Morris, 4; A. Hardman, 5; J. Hardman, 6; F. Morris, 7; W. Fielding, 2. Tenor 13 cwt. Mr. J. Gratrix hails from Manchester, the rest are of the local company.

RAWMARSH (Yorkshire).—On Thursday, January 27th, six members of the local company, assisted by Messrs. Whitworth and Briggs, of Rotherham, rang at the parish church a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Whitworth, 1; S. Whitworth, 2; G. Briggs, 3; T. Whitworth, 4; V. Hawkins (conductor), 5; J. Ensor, 6; J. Farmery, 7; J. Schofield, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. This touch was arranged by T. Whitworth.

Miscellaneous.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 27th, 1887, ten members of this Society rang at St. Sepulchre's church, London, a funeral peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Mr. Nathaniel Dillon, a much respected and greatly esteemed friend of the ringers, who was buried on that day, aged 43 years. J. Nelms (conductor), 1; H. Alford, 2; A. Moggeridge, 3; G. Gains, 4; H. Davies, 5; W. Moore, 6; D. Lovett, 7; J. Rumsey, 8; A. Church, 9; J. Barry, 10. The mourners assembled outside to hear the last tribute of respect shown to their departed brother.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE.—On Sunday evening, January 9th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24 mins. E. Norman, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 11th, for practice, a 360 of Plain Bob. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; Rev. J. C. Maltby (Rector), 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6. And a 360 of College Single. E. Lewin, 4; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6; the others as before.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, January 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 120 of Stedman Doubles. T. Foote (conductor), 1; W. Hall, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Frossell, 5; F. Keech, 6. Also on Thursday, January 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Chapman, 1; M. Warwick (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Biggs, 6. And on Thursday, January 27th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hall, 1; M. Warwick (conductor), 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Cullip, 5; W. Mayes, 6. Also a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. Biggs, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Hall, 6. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. Hall (conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; S. Cullip, 3; W. Biggs, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; J. Frossell, 6. Handbell Ringing.—Also on Thursday, January 27th, at the house of Mr. A. Wheatley, 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). M. Warwick (conductor), 1; J. Spencer, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; W. Biggs, 5-6. *First 720 double-handed. And on Monday, January 31st, a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. M. Warwick, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; J. Spencer, 5-6. First six-score double-handed by M. Warwick and J. Spencer.

CARDINGTON (Beds).—On Saturday, January 15th, at the parish church, 210 of Grandsire Triples. F. Keech, 1; W. Allan, 2; W. Hall (conductor), 3; J. Frossell, 4; W. Biggs, 5; H. Chapman, 6; I. Hills, 7; W. Mayes, 8. Also on the back six, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Chapman, 1; W. Mayes, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Allan, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6.

WOBBURN.—On Monday evening, January 10th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; C. Herbert, 4; W. Chibnall, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. And on Monday, January 17th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 25 mins. E. Norman, 1; C. Herbert, 2; W. Mynard, 3; M. Lane, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also on Monday evening, January 31st, a 672 of Bob Major. E. Norman, 1; W. Mynard, 2; W. E. Turney, 3; C. Herbert, 4; E. Lewin, 5; *M. Lane (conductor), 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. *First time as conductor in Bob Major.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Thursday evening, January 13th for practice at St. John's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Bolton, 1; *H. Taylor, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Lister, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G. *First 720.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, January 23rd, at the parish church, 720 of York Surprise, and a 720 of Durham Surprise, each conducted by T. Burdon. And on Sunday, January 30th, a 720 of York Surprise, conducted by T. Burdon; also a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, conducted by G. J. Clarkson, the other ringers in each case being J. Clarkson, W. Stephenson, T. W. Waller, and W. Newton.

WYLAM (Northumberland).—On Wednesday, January 26th, five members of the St. John's Guild, Newcastle, and one from North Shields, rang at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; F. Lees, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; R. S. Story, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; J. Hern (North Shields), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells, which have only lately been put into the tower. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 31 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; R. S. Story, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; J. Hern, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; F. Lees, 6. Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, January 24th, at St. John's Church, on the back six, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). W. H. Milner, 1; F. Lees, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; W. G. Routledge, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; T. Stephenson, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, January 25th, for practice, the local society rang 720 Bob Minor (42 singles) in 25 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnichiff (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, January 30th, the annual collections being held that day for the ringers' benefit, a 720 was rung for each service, that in the morning containing 26 singles. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Warren, 2; G. A. Fish, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnichiff (conductor), 6; and that in the evening (thirty singles and six bobs). J. Warren, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Vickers, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnichiff (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday evening, January 29th, for service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), was rung at St. Edward's church, with the assistance of Mr. S. Joyce, in 47 mins. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; J. Gobbett, 2; B. Keeble (longest touch in this method), 3; L. Green, 4; W. B. Manning, 5; J. Nunn, 6; S. Joyce, 7; T. Scarlett, 8. This quarter-peal is in one part, having four courses with the 6th at home throughout, and is taken from the Rev. Earle Bulwer's collection of Treble Bob, see "THE BELL NEWS," page 70, No. 110. Also after service, a 504 of Stedman Triples, with Queens and Tittums. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; J. Gobbett, 2; W. B. Manning, 3; L. Green, 4; S. Joyce, 5; T. Scarlett, 6; W. Doran, 7; G. Cornell, 8. Also two touches of Bob Major, being two courses each, with W. Nash, J. Wincey, and G. Cornell.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Saturday, January 29th, eight members of this Association attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob, at the parish church, but after ringing 4500 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins., it unfortunately came to an untimely end, owing to the tenor becoming unmanageable. C. Hopkins, 1; A. S. Barrell, 2; L. Green, 3; G. Grimwade, 4; J. Priest, 5; T. Maynard, 6; W. Doran, 7; F. G. Newman (conductor), 8. J. Priest was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Fox (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, January 30th, at the church of St. Mary, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, called differently. J. Phillips, 1; S. Phillips (conductor), 2; W. Phillips, 3; F. Voyce, 4; R. Treherne, 5; T. Amies, 6. W. Phillips hails from Brampton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On January 20th, at St. Martin's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). C. Slingsby, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; W. Post, jun., 3; E. Hyder, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Friday evening, December 17th, at St. Mary's Church, by kind permission of the Vicar (Canon Alcock), seven members of the Aldington branch and one from Mersham visited this place, and rung a 2016 of Bob Major in 1 hr. 20 mins. Also on Friday, January 14th, the same party attempted a 5040 of Bob Major, but after ringing 800 changes, the conductor called "stand," two bells having changed course. William Post, jun., 1; David Hodgkin, 2; Frank Wanstall, 3; George Paine (Mersham), 4; Fred Wanstall, 5; Edward Hyder, 6; William Hyder (conductor), 7; Philip Hodgkin, 8. This fine ring of 8 are now in good going order. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

CLIFFE.—On Saturday evening, January 22nd, the St. Margaret's company, Rochester, paid a visit to the above place, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with the 6th and 8th behind in 32 mins., and also assisted the Cliffe company to ring several touches of Triples. E. Rayner, 1; J. Raynor, 2; G. Chantler, 3; J. Tulett, 4; W. Baker (conductor), 5; A. Ring, 6; E. Andrews, 7; J. P. Kidd, 8. E. Andrews belongs to the Royal Engineers' Band.

SWANSCOMBE.—On Sunday, January 9th, for Divine Service in the evening, the local company rang at the parish church a 720 of Plain Bob in 27 mins. L. Digweed, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday evening, January 11th, at St. Paul's Church, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (2016 changes), in 1 hr. 17 mins., with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Wilkinson, who was for several years a honorary member of the Shipley company. The above touch contains the same number of treble leads (63) as the deceased gentleman's years. T. Lilley, 1; W. Wilks, 2; T. Lawson (Bingley), 3; J. A. Ross, 4; J. S. Clark, 5; W. E. London (Bradford), 6; J. Lilley, 7; F. London (conductor), 8.

ROTHWELL.—On Sunday, January 16th, at Holy Trinity church, eight members of the above Association met and rang 1728 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, being the first part of the late Henry Hubbard's three-part peal, which contains the twenty-four 8-6-7's, 7-8-6's, and 6-7-8's. James Haigh (conductor), 1; Joe Haigh, 2; J. M. Chadwick, 3; A. Chapman, 4; H. Hubbard, 5; W. Abbshaw, 6; R. Binns, 7; J. Chapman, 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MITCHAM.—On Tuesday, January 25th, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. J. Fayers, 1; W. Gallagher, 2; H. J. Schneider, 3; G. Welling (conductor), 4; A. Brockwell, 5; D. Burtenshaw, 6. Tenor 7½ Eb.

THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Sunday, January 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, 280 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Hubbard, 1; H. Barnett, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. Pye-English, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening a 720 in the same method, with T. Grove on the treble. On Friday, January 14th, instead of the usual practice on the Thursday, with the bells half-muffled the usual whole pull and stand was rung in memory of Dr. Caesar, a much-respected inhabitant of the parish, who was buried that afternoon in Tottenham Cemetery. J. Davidson, 1; H. Barnett, 2; T. Grove, 3; J. W. Barrs, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; J. Waghorn, jun., 7; W. Pye-English, 8. It was followed by touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major. On Sunday, January 16th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and for evening service about 1200 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, 23rd, 360 Plain Bob Minor, for Divine Service in the morning. J. Langran, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. Grove, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 in the same method, with H. Barnett in the place of T. Grove. On Thursday, January 27th, in 24½ mins., a 720 of College Singles. T. Grove, 1; H. Barnett, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; J. Waghorn, 5; W. Pye-English, 6. And a course of Oxford Bob Minor. On Saturday, January 29th, a peal of Bob Triples, 5040 changes, recorded elsewhere. On Sunday, January 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 240 Bob Major. H. Barnett, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. Grove, 3; J. Langran, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; J. Waghorn, 6; J. Waghorn, jun., 7; W. Pye-English, 8. And for Divine Service in the evening a 720 in the same method, by the same performers.

ACTON (Middlesex).—On Monday, January 10th, 1887, at St. Mary's Church, the following rang some 120's of Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering:—*A. Fenwick, 1; *G. Ilsley, 2; *W. Fenwick, 3; *J. Faithfull, 4; *G. Trinder, 5; †A. Green, 6; †W. H. George (conductor) 7; *G. Gould, 8. *Cumberlands. †College youth. ‡Local man.

BATH.—On Sunday, January 16th at St. Andrew's Church, 168 of Grandsire Triples. J. Hinton, 1; G. Temple, 2; F. Kingston, 3; G. Hill, 4; J. Smith, 5; D. H. Goodman, 6; H. Tucker, 7; G. Wyburn, 8. Also 307 of Grandsire Triples. G. Temple, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Hinton, 3; G. Daltry, 4; H. Tucker, 5; J. Wotton, 6; H. Wotton, 7; G. Wyburn, 8. And after evening service, 630 of Grandsire Triples. G. Kingman, 1; F. Kingston, 2; G. Daltry, 3; G. Hill, 4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5; D. H. Goodman, 6; H. Brown, 7; J. Hamilton, 8. The 504 of Stedman was the second attempt of the Twerton men to ring Stedman Triples, their first being 252 rang by the same band the same afternoon. Messrs. Daltry, Hinton, and Tucker, hail from Bristol, the rest are local men.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Friday, January 28th, 720 Bob Minor at All Saints' church (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. G. King, 1; H. Arney, 2; S. Smithers, 3; H. Bryant, 4; John Trendell (conductor), 5; G. Petre, 6. This is the first 720 ever rung by King, who is only a young ringer.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 30th, at the parish church, for afternoon service, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. F. Arnold, 1; Fred Sanders, 2; R. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. And after service, three 120s of Grandsire Doubles. J. Poppett, 1; F. Sanders, 2; R. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. And 120 of Bob Doubles. W. Bowyer, 1; F. Sanders, 2; R. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. Also four 24s of Bob Singles. J. Poppett, 1; F. Sanders, 2; R. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; J. Robinson, 5. Tenor about 10 cwt.

BYTHORN.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, January 23rd, at the house of Mr. J. Chapman, on handbells, retained in hand, a 360 of Bob Minor. W. Richards, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; J. Pettit, 3; E. Chapman, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5-6. Also a 360 of Court Single. E. Chapman, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; J. Pettit, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And a 144 of Court Single. W. Richards, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; W. Hall, 3; E. Chapman, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5-6. Also on January 29th, a 120 of Canterbury Doubles. W. Richards, 1; J. Pettit, 2; E. Chapman, 3; R. Dunkley (conductor), 4-5. Also on Sunday, January 29th, a 120 of Bob Doubles. W. Richards, 1; E. Chapman, 2-3; R. Dunkley (conductor), 4-5. And a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards, 1; F. Smith, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; E. Chapman, 4; H. Twelvetree (conductor), 5. Also a plain course of Bob Minor. W. Richards, 1; F. Smith, 2; E. Chapman, 3-4; R. Dunkley, 5-6. And a 120 of Bob Doubles. W. Richards, 1; F. Smith, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; J. Martin, 4; E. Chapman (conductor), 5.

BURLEY (Lancashire).—On Thursday, January 20th, a 720 Oxford (nine bobs). R. F. Lunn, 1; J. Bennett, 2; J. W. Atkinson, 3; G. H. Hoyle, 4; W. E. Kershaw, 5; H. Lindsay, 6. This is the first 720 of Oxford and the second method learnt by the Society, which was formed in February last.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Friday, January 7th, 720 College Exercise, in 25½ mins. M. Jenkins, 1; C. Weeden, 2; T. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 14th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. M. Jenkins, 1; C. Weeden, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; D. Jordan (conductor), 5; R. Jordan, 6. On Friday, January 21st, 720 College Exercise. M. Jenkins, 1; C. Weeden, 2; R. Jordan, 3; T. Stedman, 4; D. Jordan, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; D. Jordan, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 23rd, for afternoon service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. After service 720 Chichester Surprise, standing in the same order, and 720 in three different methods, being 240 each of the following. Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, and College Exercise. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, January 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 20 mins. R. Mills, 1; E. Davies, 2; G. Caldwell, 3; W. Joinson, 4; R. Curry, 5; T. Bethell (conductor) and F. Fletcher, 6. Tenor 23 cwt. in D. After ringing, the annual dinner took place at the Eagle Hotel, to which seventeen members and friends sat down.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 23rd, for Divine Service at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, 504 of Union Triples. T. Fisk, 1; H. C. Haley, 2; Dr. A. B. Carpenter (conductor), 3; W. States, 4; T. Urral, 5; A. Bruce, 6; U. Holman, 7; G. Rosier and H. Pudley, 8.

DENFORD (Northants).—On Monday, January 17th, at Holy Trinity Church for practice, 720 each of College Single and Oxford Bob Minor, (each with eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Starmore, 1; J.

Groom, 2; A. Arnold, 3; H. Groom, 4; F. Arnold, 5; A. Groom (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, January 20th, 720 of College Little (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Starmore, 1; J. Groom, 2; A. Arnold, 3; H. Groom, 4; F. Arnold, 5; A. Groom (conductor), 6. Also 360 of London Single (nine bobs). A. Groom, 3; A. Arnold (conductor), 6; the remainder standing as before.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, January 18th, at St. Thomas' Church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes) with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Lord Iddesleigh, in 1 hr. 37 mins. F. Spittle, 1; J. Fellows, jun., 2; J. Fellows, 3; J. Mills, 4; E. Fellows, 5; W. Micklewright (conductor), 6; S. Spittle, 7; F. Fellows, 8.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. George Merton (conductor), 1; George Day, 2; Walter Gooderham, 3; F. Day, 4; John Bumpstead, 5; H. Torble, 6; Fred Wright, 7; Walter Potter, 8.

EWTHURST (Surrey).—On Tuesday, January 18th, at the parish church by the local company, a 720 of London New Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; W. Haynes, jun., 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Tidy, 4; A. Baker (conductor), 5; A. Weale, 6.

FOLKESTONE (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 18th, at the parish church, seventy-nine treble leads of Grandsire Triples in commemoration of Mr. James Harrison's 70th birthday. John Croucher, 1; James Harrison, 2; James Fisher, 3; Frederick Finn, 4; Henry Croucher, 5; Samuel Barker (conductor), 6; Frederick Slingsby, 7; George Millen, 8. Mr. Harrison's brother ringers wish him health and strength to take part in the ringing on his 80th anniversary.

HUNTSHAM (Devon).—On Sunday, January 16th, between morning and afternoon services, a 720 of Treble Bob Minor in half-pulls, and a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, in whole pulls (back stroke muffled) as a tribute of respect for the late Lord Iddesleigh. J. Norrish, 1; H. Payne, 2; W. Heard, 3; J. Heard, 4; H. Tucker, 5; Colonel Troyte (conductor), 6.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, December 5th, 1886, eight six-scores of Stedman Doubles was rung without a call. E. Devereux, 1; A. Devereux, 2; H. Payne, 3; C. Smith, 4; C. Bown, 5; H. Franklin, 6. On Sunday, December 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Bown, 1; A. Devereux, 2; H. Payne, 3; F. Potter, 4; C. Smith, 5; E. Devereux (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, December 19th, ten 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, six of them for morning service, the other four in the evening. E. Devereux (conductor), 1; A. Devereux, 2; H. Payne, 3; C. Smith, 4; C. Bown, 5; H. Franklin, 6. On Tuesday, December 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Bown, 1; A. Devereux, 2; H. Payne, 3; F. Potter, 4; C. Smith, 5; E. Devereux (conductor), 6. This 720 was rung with the bells buffed.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, January 17th, upon the front six, a 720 of Bob Minor (two singles and sixteen bobs). Wm. Bobby, 1; Wm. Hollocks (Preston), 2; H. Smith, 3; John Moore (Preston), 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; Wm. Moore, 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Bobby and Wm. Moore.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, January 16th, before Divine Service at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. C. Chaplin, 1; W. Broadbent, 2; S. G. Davies, 3; W. Partington, 3; H. L. Partington, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, January 13th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters unfortunately came to grief through a slip in the slow after ringing 3170 changes in 2 hrs. 1 min. Richard Williams, 1; W. Booth, 2; John Brown, 3; Charles Williams, 4; Thomas Hammond, 5; Henry Coley, 6; John R. Pritchard (conductor), 7; William Davies, 8; Robert Williams (composer), 9; Richard Diggle, 10. Tenor 25 cwt.

LOWER HARDRES (Kent).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, January 7th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. Miss E. Brine, 1-2; Miss L. Brine, 3-4; A. Brine, Esq. (conductor), 5-6. First 720 by all in the method. Also on Monday, January 10th, a 720 in the same method standing as before.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Christmas morning, December 25th, at the parish church, was rung before Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), and a 720 of Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 1 hr. 25 mins. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; R. Keeble, 3; J. Bigg, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob known to have been rung in this steeple by any of the above ringers. The same men also rung on New Year's eve, short touches of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday evening, January 18th, at St. Andrew's Church, the local company rang 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late

Lord Iddesleigh. W. Prestidge, 1; F. Hotchkiss, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. Time 30 mins.

NEWTON HALL (Northumberland).—On Tuesday evening, January 18th, at St. James' church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 30 mins. T. Lowery, 1; W. Lisle, 2; Jas. Symm, 3; R. Scott, 4; John Symm, 5; W. Wear (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor by this company, and the first 720 for T. Lowry and Jas. Symm.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, January 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. W. Green, 1; H. Johnson, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Foxall, 4; A. H. Bassano, 5; *H. Cartwright (conductor), 6. *First time as conductor. And on Sunday, January 16th, 518 of Grandsire Triples in 21½ mins. C. W. Bassano, 1; W. Foxall, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Bird, 4; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 5; R. Bird, 6; H. Cartwright, 7; W. Green, 8. Also on Monday, January 17th, 320 of Grandsire Major in 12½ mins., being the first touch by all. H. Johnson, 1; W. Bird, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; H. Mason, 5; R. Bird, 6; W. Green, 7; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 8. And 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins., being the first in the method by all. H. Mason, 1; W. Bird, 2; C. W. Bassano, 3; R. Bird, 4; W. Green, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. Tenor 23½ cwt.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 23rd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Stedman, 1; A. Mills, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 240 in the same method, in the same order. Messrs. Stedman, Jordan, Jenkins, and A. Mills are from Capel, Cox and W. Mills are local men.

PONTEFRAC. —On Thursday evening, January 20th, at All Saints' Church, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Pearson (conductor), 1; *T. Watkinson, 2; F. Moody, 3; R. Brook, 4; *J. Gilder, 5; J. Carter, 6. *First 720. Also a 360 of Double Court Bob Minor. T. Watkinson, 1; J. Brook, 2; F. Moody, 3; W. Pearson (conductor), 4; R. Brook, 5; J. Carter, 6.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 23rd, 1887, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 25 mins. F. Fosker, 1; A. Keeble, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Wm. Hollocks, 4; Wm. Snell, 5; A. Symonds (composer and conductor), 6. It being the birthday of A. Symonds, his brother-strings wished him many happy returns of the day. H. Symonds, 1; F. Smith, 2; John Moore, 4; taking part in 360 Bob Minor after service, the others standing as before. Messrs. Fosker and Keeble hail from Monks Eleigh, Smith and Symonds from Lavenham; the others are local men.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 24th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. Hendy, 1; Gover, 2; Tay-Taylor, 3; Manning, 4; Batten, 5; Marsh, 6; Batchelor (conductor), 7; Tozer, 8. All residents in Plymouth. The above touch is recorded merely because it is the first time that Triples have been rung on these bells for Divine Service, and it is hoped it will not be the last. The previous Wednesday the band visited Plymstock, and rung Doubles. On Thursday a start was made for 672 Triples at St. Andrew's, but time being up, the conductor brought them round at 336.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday evening, January 22nd, the Painswick society rang at the Parish Church, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples (with eighteen bobs), in 41 mins, that being the longest touch accomplished by any Painswick society for over ten years. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; C. King, 3; D. Marment, 4; J. Wager, 5; W. Homan, 6; W. Hale (conductor), 7; T. Wright, 8. Longest touch as conductor. Also a 504 of the same method, in 20 mins. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; C. King (conductor), 3; D. Marment, 4; J. Wager, 5; W. Hale, 6; G. Smith, 7; E. Paul, 8. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs. All ringers are made welcome any Monday night at 7 o'clock that being our practice night.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, January 1st, for practice at St. Peter's church, a 360 of Plain Bob (four bobs and two singles). T. Wilson (first 360), 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; B. W. Allen, 4; H. W. Stubbs (conductor), 5; W. Meadows (first 360), 6. And a 360 of Court Single (nine bobs). T. Wilson, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; B. W. Allen, 3; G. Kirk, 4; W. A. Hall, 5; H. W. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Bob Doubles, on the back five. B. Green, 1; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 2; H. W. Stubbs, 3; T. Wilson, 4; W. Meadows, 5. Messrs. Green, Wilson and Meadows hail from Woodford. And on Saturday, January 8th, for practice, a 720 of Court Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Kirk, 1; B. W. Allen, 2; R. Pendered, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; H. W. Stubbs (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob. B. Morris (first 360), 1; H. W. Stubbs, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; G. Kirk, 4; W. A. Hall, 5; B. W. Allen (first 360 as conductor), 6. B. Morris hails from Stanwick.

RET FORD (Notts).—On New Year's Eve, at St. Michael's church, the local society rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor with the bells half-muffled. H. Haigh, 1; J. Briggs, 2; W. Drake, 3; N. Hunt, 4; S. Joynes (conductor), 5; J. Joynes, 6. Also on Sunday, January 2nd, for evensong, a 720 of Grandsire Minor with the bells open. *J. Clark, 1; J. Briggs, 2; W. Drake (conductor), 3; N. Hunt, 4; J. Joynes, 5; R. Potter, 6. *First 720.

RIPON.—On Tuesday evening, January 18th, at the Cathedral, the Amalgamated societies of Ripon and Sharow rang 420 of Stedman Triples in 16 mins., as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Lord Iddesleigh, who was interred on the above date at Upton Pynes, Devonshire. A. H. Clark, 1; J. Baines, 2; J. Strodder, jun., 3; W. Pick, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; G. Ingleby, 6; T. Clark (conductor), 7; J. Flower, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Monday, January 17th, at St. Thomas' church, a 720 of Single Bob Minor, with 6-8 behind, in 31 mins., with the bells muffled, as a token of respect for the late Lord Iddesleigh. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Guest (conductor), 4; W. Lawrence, 5; W. A. Pugh, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; J. Crump, 8. Also a touch of Bob Triples. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; J. Guest, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; H. Harris, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; J. Crump, 8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 23rd, at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Broom, 1; F. Hayes, 2; B. Spinner, 3; W. Harper, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. *This is W. Martin's first 720 in the method as conductor. B. Spinner hails from Gravesend.

SALISBURY.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, January 18th, at the house of Mr. W. W. Gifford, Belmont Villa, a 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), and a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 17 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5-6. And on Wednesday, January 19th, at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 20 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5-6.

SOUTH WEALD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 30th, before Divine Service in the morning at the Bentley church, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and before Divine Service in the evening, 120 of Old Doubles, and 120 of Bob Doubles. T. Barker, 1; F. Rainbird, 2; A. Payne, 3; C. Sheldon, 4; C. Harris (conductor), 5.

SOUTHWOLD (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, January 30th, for Divine Service, the S. Edmund's company rang a 360 of Bob Minor (four bobs and two singles) in 15 mins. to celebrate the dedication of the new organ. T. King, 1; F. Haken, 2; H. Thompson, 3; C. Goddard, 4; E. Upcraft, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in F. This is the first 360 of Minor by all the above, except the conductor. They only commenced Bob Doubles on handbells on 17th of last October, and made their first attempt at Bob Minor in the Power on the 17th of this month. If the good progress hitherto made be only maintained, there is every prospect of Southwold possessing before long an efficient company of change-ringers, which has not been the case for years.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Editha's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 26 mins., with 7-8 behind. J. Windridge, 1; J. Timms, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; F. Chapman, 4; G. Woods, 5; H. Slaney (conductor), 6; W. Jennings, 7; C. Chapman, 8. First 720 of Minor by all. Also on Monday night, for practice, 168 of Grandsire Triples. J. Windridge, 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. Timms, 3; F. Chapman, 4; G. Woods, 5; J. Wainwright, 6; H. Slaney (conductor), 7; W. Jennings, 8. These are all local men, and it is the most they have done in the art together. Our correspondent adds:—"We owe our favourable progress to the exertions of Mr. F. J. Cope, of Lichfield, who comes as instructor."

TIVERTON (Devon).—On Tuesday, January 18th, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by the members of this branch of this branch of the Devon Guild, with the bells deeply-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Lord Iddesleigh. On the same day muffled touches were rung at the following places in Devon; Brixham, Bampton, Ashburton, Axminster, Tavistock, Colyton, Crediton, Ilfracombe, Mariansleigh, Southmolton, Teignmouth, Thorverton, Torrington, Totnes, Uffculme, Whimble, and many others.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, supposed to be the first in the method on the bells. F. J. Wincey, 1; T. Scarlett, 2; A. S. Barrell, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; J. Nunn, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6.

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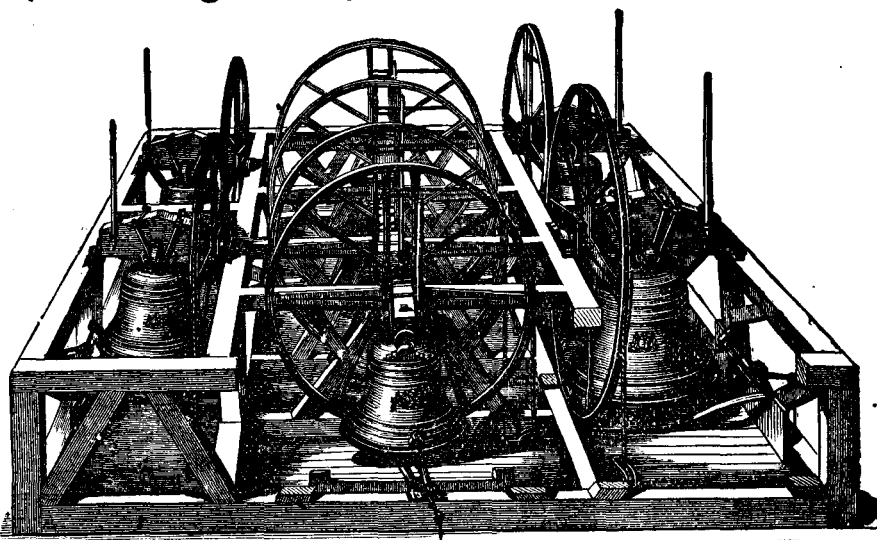
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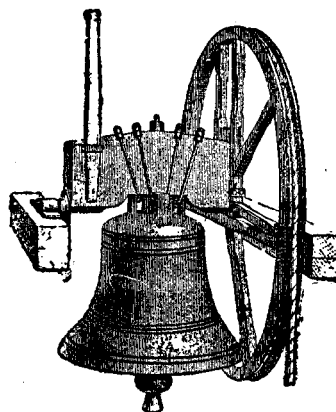
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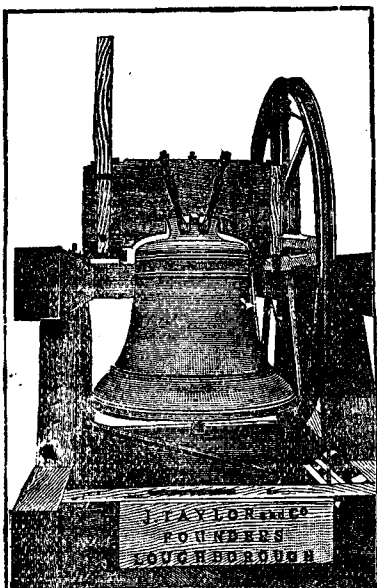
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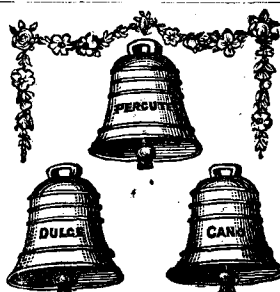
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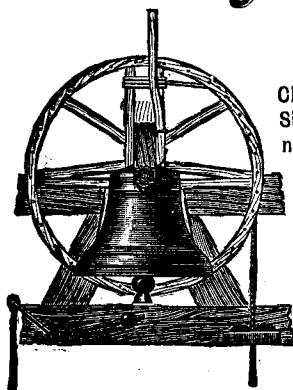
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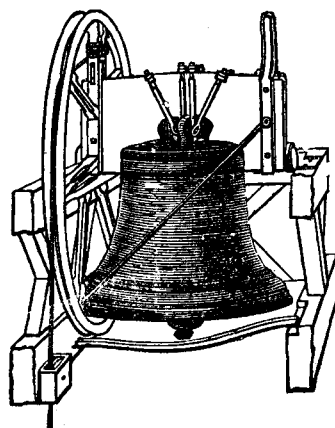
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T. C. GARFIT, Esq., proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Frieston and Butterwick, and also gave the society some very sound counsel. To this the Rev. S. Staffurth briefly responded, claiming that Frieston and Butterwick were specially favoured in having churchwardens who gave their whole heart to all that concerned the welfare of the Church and the parish, that he could speak for churchwardens and ringers as well as for himself, and say that all was intent on doing their best. The Frieston company rang a date touch in the morning consisting of Grandsire, Bob Doubles, London Doubles, Dream, and Hudibras. The West Keal company rang several touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and Frieston and Butterwick during the day. The following company proceeded to Benington and rang a well struck 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. G. Clark (Skirbeck), 1; A. Barber (Frieston), 2; J. M. Rylatt (Boston), 3; J. Mawer (Sibsey), 4; G. F. Smith (Friskney), 5; E. Mason (Skirbeck), conductor, 6. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor rung on these bells for many years. The Rev. S. Staffurth, Vicar of Frieston, provided tea for all members. The Skirbeck handbell ringers rung at the Vicarage several selections of music on their handbells. Several new members were elected including Mr. Brangman, Mr. Brumby, Rev. T. Spencer, as honorary members; also five skilled members from East Keal, and two probationers, and Master F. Staffurth, son of the Vicar of Frieston.

THE ORMSKIRK SOCIETY, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, January 29th, the third annual meeting of the above Society took place, when upwards of thirty ringers were present from the following places: Aughton, Blackburn, Hindley, Liverpool, Southport, Wigan, etc. During the course of the afternoon several well struck touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by the several companies present. At 6.15 p.m. the Vicar ascended the belfry, and addressing the company present, to whom he accorded a hearty welcome. In a brief speech the Vicar (Mr. Woodrow) said it was a great pleasure to him to notice the marked change for the better in the habits and customs of all church bell-ringers throughout the country, and who now more fully recognised their responsibilities as church workers. He paid a warm tribute to the ringers of Ormskirk church, and attributed much of the success to the leader, Mr. John Prescott. The Vicar then unveiled the tablet, which bears the following inscription: The voluntary youths of Ormskirk rang on Tuesday, May 18th, 1886, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-Part), containing 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 58 minutes. Treble, John Prescott; 2nd, James Sholicar; 3rd, Henry Ellis, 4th, William Ellis; 5th, William J. Taylor; 6th, Henry Winrow; 7th, George Prescott; 8th, William B. Lloyd. Conducted by James Sholicar. The above peal is the only one rung by all local ringers on the bells of this church since January 1st, 1813. Also on Monday, May 24th, 1886, being the occasion of the 67th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, a true and complete date touch of Grandsire Triples, containing 1886 changes, were rung in 1 hr. and 3 mins. by the following company: Treble, John Prescott; 2nd, William Bentham; 3rd, Henry Ellis; 4th, William Ellis; 5th, George Prescott; 6th, Henry Winrow; 7th, William J. Taylor; 8th, William B. Lloyd. Tenor 25½ cwt. Conducted by William J. Taylor. Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Woodrow; Curate, Rev. C. A. Watson; Churchwardens, Thomas Holcroft, Charles Warlow, John Kennedy, Edmund C. Stretch. After the tablet was unveiled the assembled company sang the Doxology, after which Mr. John Prescott, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Vicar for coming amongst them that evening. The local company then lowered the bells, after which a move was made to the house of Mrs. Holcroft, "White Lion" Inn, where a good substantial dinner was provided, and which was very creditable to the Hostess. After doing ample justice to the good things provided the cloth was removed, and Mr. J. Aspinwall (Liverpool), was voted to the chair, and Mr. John Walker (Blackburn), to the vice-chair. The toast of the Queen and Royal Family was drunk by the company standing, after which a verse of the National Anthem was sung. The vice-chairman proposed the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, and the toast having been duly honoured, a touch was rung on the handbells by Messrs. Bentham, W. J. Taylor, Joseph Prescott, and G. Turner, after which some capital songs by Messrs. Donnelly, E. Bentham, Jos. Prescott, Turner, Winrow, Diggle, and Lloyd were sung. During the course of the evening Mr. John Prescott, on behalf of the members of the Society presented Mr. John Aspinwall with a ringing book, *Shipway's Campanalogia*, as a small token of respect for the kind manner in which he has given them every assistance as regards change-ringing. Mr. Aspinwall, in reply, wished the Society every prosperity, and said it gave him very great pleasure to be amongst them on any ringing occasion, and thanked them very much for the present they had made him. The health of the hostess having been drunk, and the National Anthem sung, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 2nd, eight members of the above Association met at Great Grimsby at the request of the vicar, to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, and thus celebrate the opening of the new peal of bells which have lately been placed in the tower of St. James' church. After raising the bells in peal, a start was made about one o'clock for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), but unfortunately after ringing for 52 mins., the peal broke down owing to the seventh bell casting her rope and setting at the back stroke. After readjusting the rope it was decided to ring a half-peal (Holt's ten-part), time not allowing for a full peal being rung, and this half-peal was successfully brought home in 97 mins. W. Lunn, 1; M. W. Ashton, 2; H. Burkitt, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; T. Pattison, 5; I. Vickers, 6; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 7; C. Brewin, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. At half-past four o'clock the company sat down to a capital dinner at the "White Hart," the Rev. J. P. Young, Vicar of Great Grimsby, presiding. The secretary of the Association (Mr. W. Lunn), proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Grimsby for the honour they had conferred upon the Association in allowing them to formally open the bells. The Chairman responded, and expressed his obligation to the Association for coming forward. The early departure of the evening train necessitated an early departure of the visitors, whose only regret was that circumstances over which they had no control had prevented the peal being accomplished.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

Perhaps it will be interesting to some of our country members who knew the strong ambition among the Birmingham societies to accomplish the first peal of Stedman on handbells out of London, and to be the first in Birmingham to know something about the very intricate performance which was successfully brought home on Monday evening by the above Society. Some time ago four of the band fastened their minds on Stedman Triples, but whilst in the midst of practising and after one good attempt of nearly half a peal, which came to grief, for the then coveted honour Mr. Washbrook and friends managed to do the needful, which is fresh in the minds of the ringing community, and from that date our company then agreed to work on Stedman Caters, and to do this it was necessary to infuse another pair of hands. After accomplishing this it was set about with true intent, and getting into good trim the first start was made about the end of July or thereabouts. However, when after ringing past the half-way it came to naught by the bells in the work getting out. In about a fortnight another start was made, which was vigorously fought for upwards of two hours, when to the surprise of the referee the bells set at hand, no one attempting to lead for some seconds, and then there was a horrible discord, and so the second attempt was all in vain. Shortly afterwards practising was postponed on account of one of the band, W. Kent, having met with an accident by coming in contact with a youth whilst riding a bicycle, which in falling badly sprained the wrist, and this took a long time to get sufficiently strong enough to stand the strain of handbells. With the present new year a date touch of Stedman Caters came into the conductor's possession, and with keeping an oblique squint at our friendly rivals, who in the meantime had been on the job a time or two again, put new life into our aspirations. Getting into good fettle again another start was made on January 25th; the ringers met with their usually good spirits, and a start was made, and the course-ends rolled merrily up until thirty-six changes from the finish, the bells going in truly fine style, but unfortunately the conductor made a miscall, and immediately upon it cried stand, he having observed his error. Thus ended the third attempt, and the company in about as many seconds as it took to doom the peal donned their hats and coats with very few words, and made their exit. During the week arrangements were made for another start on February 1st. The news having circulated a goodly number mustered including Mr. Henry Johnson, sen. The time arrived, but one member short—Bernard Witchell. He however turned up three quarters of an hour late, besmeared with mud and blood, having been slightly knocked down, and a wheel going over him on his way. Fortunately, however, he recovered so that a start could be made on the 8th inst., and this was brought to a successful issue, each course-end coming and going in truly good time throughout, and when the last course came up the conductor fairly excelled himself by the precise manner in which the bobs came out. The turning course was a fine one, each bell doing its duty, and finally coming round in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. K.

RINGERS' DINNER AT SALISBURY.

The annual dinner of the ringers of the united belfries of St. Thomas, St. Martin, and St. Edmund in this city, was held at the "Shoulder of Mutton" Inn, on Monday evening last, January 31st. The chair was taken by Mr. G. Fullford, and he was ably supported by the Rev. T. J. Woodall, Mr. J. H. Dear, the Rev. A. C. Gibson, and the Rev. S. Dugdale. Mr. Wade provided a capital dinner, and after ample justice had been done to it, the Chairman proposed "The health of the Queen," which was cordially received, a verse of the National Anthem being sung. "The health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" was then drunk. The next toast was that of "The Bishop and Clergy," in proposing which the Chairman pointed out the very difficult positions which the clergy had to fill in these agitated times. This toast was responded to by the Rev. T. J. Woodall and the Rev. A. C. Gibson. The former gentleman apologised for the absence of the vicar of St. Thomas, who was obliged to be out of town on that day. Mr. Dear then sang "The jolly blacksmiths," and Mr. Short "The death of Nelson."

Mr. JERRAM proposed "The health of the Mayor and Corporation," which was responded to by Messrs. J. H. Dear and G. Fullford. Messrs. T. Blackburn and C. A. Clements then played some tunes on the handbells, and Mr. Chalk sang "The old brigade."

The CHAIRMAN proposed "Success to the ringers, especially the Salisbury Diocesan Guild," and called attention to the recent addition of two bells to the peal St. Edmund's, and also the addition of two bells at St. Martin's. He further added that they were now in a fair way for getting the noble peal of eight at St. Thomas's rehung, which had long been in a very dilapidated state. Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Short, Mr. Jerram, and Mr. Parsons responded, and called attention to the progress of change-ringing of late years, which had only a short time ago been almost unknown in Wiltshire.

Mr. JERRAM stated that no less than three peals of 5040 changes had

been rung in the county during the past year. Mr. J. Parsons, sen., and Mr. Short, gave some account of the state of the belfries and ringing in Salisbury in their younger days, when bells were used for any secular purpose, which might be requested, and rarely, if ever, for church festivals, and when eating, drinking, and smoking were freely permitted in the belfries. Next came a song from Mr. J. Parsons, followed by one from Mr. W. Prince, "Our Jack's come home." Mr. Short proposed the health of "The Chairman," and Mr. Blackburn that of "The Vice-chairman!" Both of these toasts were suitably repounded to. Mr. Judd then gave a song, which was followed by a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells by four of the ringers. Songs were then sung by Messrs. Ridley, Smith, Wade, Highman, Blackburn, Franklin, Chalk, and Stevens. The health of the host and hostess was drunk, and the company separated at midnight, after having spent a very enjoyable evening. Mr. W. J. Stevens presided at the piano during the evening.

ILFORD, ESSEX.

The following is an extract from the annual parish sermon recently delivered at Ilford parish church by the Rev. H. B. Barnes, Vicar of the ecclesiastical parish, and an hon. member of the Essex Association.

"I am very sorry that for one set of Church workers—the ibell ringers—I can no longer find work. The tower has become so unsafe that the churchwardens were obliged to stop the bells being rung. We have consulted the architect who directed the work which was done three years ago to the Church, and he reports that the walls of the tower being only eighteen inches in thickness, are too weak to bear the strain caused by the vibration of the bells, and tells us that we must build up an inner skin of brick work equal in thickness to the present walls and carry it up to the top of the tower. He estimates that the builder's contract for this work should not exceed £250, so that if we include the architect's own fees and his expenses of any necessary alterations in the hanging of the bells, we should require £300 to be spent in the tower before we can have our bells rung again. Towards this the family of the late Mr. Davis (to whose memory this tower was built), has promised £50; the late Mr. Coope gave us £25, and Mr. Bertie (a former vicar), has promised us a subscription. When the debt on the school building fund has been paid off, the next thing which should command our attention is the tower."

During this week a bazaar is announced on behalf of the school debt, it is to be hoped that the result will be the clearing off of the school debt. Ilfordians are not in the habit of allowing the grass to grow under their feet, and therefore should the bazaar be so successful as anticipated, there is but little doubt but that before the Jubilee Year closes, the bells will be on the swing again. In the meantime the local company are making fair progress upon the handbells, having recently accepted of the voluntary assistance of Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, a 336 of Grandsire Triples, and 360 of Bob Minor having been accomplished.

THE YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, February 2nd, the fifty-fifth anniversary of the day on which York Minster was set on fire by Jonathan Martin, the above society held their annual dinner. In the afternoon some of them met at the Minster and rang several courses on the bells, and at six o'clock they met at the Coney Street Cafe and rang several other courses quite different from the first, they being with knives and forks instead of bells, on an excellent dinner provided by the manager, and served in first rate style. After dinner they adjourned to the "Golden Lion Hotel," Church Street. Mr. Underwood was elected to the chair, and Mr. Howard the vice-chair. The Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured; also the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces, which was heartily received, and responded to by Private Worth, of the York Volunteers. The Chairman then proposed the health of the Archbishop, Dean, and the rest of the Clergy, which was cordially received, after which a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells. The vice-chairman, in proposing the health of the city members and the donors, said they ought to be specially mentioned for the kind manner in which they had treated the society on the present occasion, and it was received with acclamation. The handbell ringers then played the "Men of Harlech," and "Home, Sweet Home," and Mr. Hodgson sang "To be a Farmer's Boy," by request, which he did in good form. Mr. Fearney also sang "The charming young widow" in good style, and Mr. Wilkinson, the well known alto singer, rendered "She wore a wreath of roses" to the admiration of all; this was followed by several more tunes on the handbells, and a song by Mr. Dawson, and also a recitation by the Chairman. Mr. Hodgson then proposed success to "THE BELL NEWS," which was heartily drunk. The remaining toast was "The Host and Hostess," which was received with musical honours, and acknowledged by Mr. Wilkinson. The ringers then separated after having spent a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

CHRIST CHURCH (MITCHAM) SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society was held on Thursday, February 3rd, in the Mission Room adjoining the church. About 40 sat down to tea, including Messrs. Brockwell and Drewett (jun.), from SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham, and Mr. Shepherd from Streatham, Rev. F. S. Legg and Messrs. Nobes and Collins, Churchwardens.

After tea, the ringers adjourned to the tower, and had a short touch on the church bells. Returning to the Mission Room, some songs and duets were given, when the Vicar (Rev. F. S. Legg) said that he had a very pleasant duty to perform on behalf of the ringers, and that was in presenting A. Nicholson, Esq., with a gold scarf pin, in a case (made by J. Carter, of Birmingham), as a token of friendship on his leaving the neighbourhood, and the ringers hope that he would always succeed in every thing he undertook, as he had done in bell-ringing. The ringers then gave some change-ringing and tunes on their handbells. Mr. Nicholson thanked the ringers for their nice present, and said that he was very sorry that he was now so far away, but he would try and come sometimes to see them.

Messrs. Nobes and Collins thanked the ringers for ringing as they had done through the year, and said they listened to the bells with very great pleasure, as they were rung by all volunteers.

A friendly conversation then took place in regard to two more bells, it having been stated that Mr. and Mrs. Harris was willing to give the other two bells to make it a peal of eight, if the tower was strong enough to carry them.

Messrs. Legg, Nobes, Collins, and Gallagher said how pleased they would be to have the six bells augmented to eight.

H. J. Schneider, on behalf of the ringers, said they hoped that they would have the pleasure of ringing on eight bells on the Jubilee day. All present being in favour of two more bells, Mr. Nobes stated that they would have a man from Messrs. Warner to examine the tower, and see what the cost would be, and then they would lay it before Mr. and Mrs. Harris.

After some more handbell ringing and singing, &c., refreshments were again served round, when the meeting broke up.

The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Nobes through the "BELL NEWS," for their kindness in providing such a pleasant evening for them, it being one of the most pleasant they ever spent.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Ringings done by the Wimbledon Branch of the above Association, for the Month of January, 1887.—Sunday, January 2nd, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; E. Burtonshaw, 4; A. Garratt (conductor), 5; J. W. Cooley, 6. On Tuesday, January 4th, a 360 of Cambridge Surprise, and a 360 of Superlative Surprise. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. W. Cooley, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 9th, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; A. Roots, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. W. Cooley, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 11th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. W. Catley, 4; A. Garratt (conductor), 5; *G. Woodis, 6. On Sunday, January 16th, three 120's of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), and a 120 of Bob Doubles. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. W. Cooley, 4; A. Garratt (conductor), 5; †W. Mayes, 6. Tuesday, January 18th, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs). G. Hyde, 1; *E. Burtonshaw, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. W. Cooley, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Woodbine Treble Bob. S. Frost (conductor), 3; R. Moss, 4; A. Garratt, 5; C. Hyde, 6; the rest as above. On Tuesday, January 25th, a 720 of Duke of York Treble Bob (nine bobs). All standing as in Violet. †Not members of the Association. *First of the above methods.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5th, the Eccles society paid a visit to St. Mary's church, Prestwich. Arriving there, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins. William Walton, 1; Thomas Yates, 2; Charles Cash, 3; James Barratt, 4; Alfred Eggington, 5; Edward Cash (conductor), 6. Afterwards, a few more ringing friends coming up, another 720 was accomplished in the same method, in 29 mins. William Warburton (Whitefield), 1; James Barratt, 2; Joseph Grimshaw, 3; Edward Cash, 4; Thomas Yates (conductor), 5; Alfred Eggington, 6. Several touches of Bob Minor were also rung during the evening. Tenor about 15 cwt. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the "Ring o' Bells," kept by Mr. J. Berry, and courses of Grandsire Triples, Major, Royal, and Caters and a few tunes were rung. 9.30 was soon upon them, which meant train time, and they parted having spent a most enjoyable afternoon. They wish to thank, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," all those who were with them for their kindness, and also Mr. Berry for making arrangements.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS AT SLOUGH (BUCKS).

On Saturday, February 5th, Messrs. Baron, Malim, Coppage, H. Hopkins, A. G. Thomas, and H. S. Thomas (the worthy master), paid a visit to St. Mary's Church to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was duly accomplished (vide peal column). After the performance the company adjourned to the residence of Mr. Jas. Perryman, where an excellent cold collation was provided by Mrs. Perryman, to which ample justice was done. After which the London contingent wended their way home, having spent a short but enjoyable evening, and wish to tender their best thanks to the Rector (the Rev. H. Savill Young) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Leader (the steeple keeper) for having everything in readiness.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (READING BRANCH).

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Monday evening, February 21st, at the "Wheatshaf" hotel. Supper will be laid on the table at 7.30 p.m. precisely. An allowance of 1s. 6d. will be made to all ringing members of the branch. Members intending to be present must send word *without fail* to the secretary, before Friday, February 18th, stating how many friends are likely to accompany them. No allowance will be made to members who have not thus signified their intentions. Any friends from a distance will receive a hearty welcome, but are requested to send intimation beforehand.

Caversham, Feb. 9th.

G. F. COLERIDGE, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL MEETING AT JARROW.

THE February Meeting will be held on Monday, the 21st, at Jarrow. The bells at the disposal of the ringers will be a peal of six at Christ Church, tenor 17 cwt., and a peal of six at St. Peter's, tenor 8½ cwt. A dinner will be provided at two o'clock at the Queen's Arms Hotel, 1s. to members, and 2s. 6d. to non-members. Dinner tickets should be applied for not later than Monday, February 14th, to the Secretary. A meeting of the committee will be held at the Inn at one o'clock. Subscriptions for the current year are now due and should be paid to the Secretary.

16, Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.

CHANGE OF HEAD QUARTERS.—The Waltham Abbey society beg to notify to all concerned that they have removed their head-quarters from the "Three Tuns," Market Place, to the "Green Dragon," Market Place, Waltham Abbey. All enquiring friends or intending visitors are requested therefore in all instances to forward their communications to the head-quarters, addressed to the Hon. Sec.

WALTER DYMCK.

[Meeting nights every alternate Saturday, commencing Feb. 12th.]

ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.

NOTICE.—Mr. Johnson's seventy-eighth birthday anniversary dinner will take place at St. Martin's hotel on Monday, February 28th, at six o'clock. Tickets three shillings each, application to be made on or before the 21st inst. A peal of Stedman Cinques is contemplated being started for on that date at two o'clock. All friends wishing to take part in it will be welcome.

W. KENT.

Fentham Road, Birchfields, Birmingham.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a District Meeting will be held at Crawley, on Saturday, February 19th. 1887. Permission has been obtained for the following belfries during the day: Crawley, eight bells; Horley, eight bells; Charlwood, six bells; Worth, six bells. Detail particulars will be sent to the local secretaries as usual.

GEO. T. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, February 1st, at the parish church, meeting one short for tower bell practice, an attempt was made for a 720 of Grandsire Minor on handbells, but after ringing about 700 the conductor found the 2nd and 3rd had shifted. F. Geens, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6. Also on Friday evening, February 4th, on the tower bells, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25½ mins. *G. Salter, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; T. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; C. S. Rowland, Esq., 5; †H. Williams (conductor), 6. *First 720. †First 720 as conductor. Tenor 12½ cwt. J. Bennett and R. E. Grove hails from Kidderminster.

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.

For some considerable time past the ringers of this church have entertained a desire to perform some creditable change-ringing on the bells of the said church. They have been prevented from so doing owing to the eleventh bell being in such a bad condition, caused by the inferior workmanship of a local bell-hanger. The bell weighs 34 cwt., and has (when rising) ascended the wrong way, thereby causing all the iron work to be shaken off, and running the risk of cracking. This originated from the time when the above gentleman rehung her, and she has been lying idle for the past twelve months. Notice was given to the churchwardens, and an order for the rehanging of the bell was sent to the firm of John Taylor & Co., Bell Founders, Loughborough. They at once despatched two men, who thoroughly rehung her. They did their work in a most satisfactory manner, and she now rings as well as any bell in the tower. On Monday evening, January 31st, the ringers met at the church and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the lower 8, to celebrate the rehanging of the above. It consisted of 1260 changes, and was well struck and brought round in 56 mins. G. Staddon, 1; A. Anderson, Esq., 2; E. Duckham, 3; E. Beak, 4; W. Emery, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6; W. Parsons, 7; R. Watkins and G. Stallard, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The First General Meeting of this Association for 1887, was held on Saturday last, at Rothwell. In the morning an attempt was made, by a mixed company of Leeds and Rothwell members, to ring a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, but it failed after ringing eleven courses. During the day members arrived by waggonettes, busses, and on foot, from all parts of the county, the following being the principal companies represented: Birstall, Bolton, Bradford, Calverley, Dewsbury, Doncaster, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Holbeck, Hunslet, Leeds, Ossett, Ripon, Sheffield, Pontefract, Tong, Wakefield, Woodlesford, and York. In the afternoon, a committee meeting was held in the National School, at which the usual business was transacted, and several new members admitted. Two designs for the Snowdon memorial windows were considered, and after some discussion it was resolved to accept the tender of Messrs. Powell and Co. of Leeds, their design being in the opinion of the committee the most satisfactory, while at the same time, the unsuccessful one possessed many points of artistic merit. At five o'clock, the members, to the number of about 200, sat down in the school-room to a very substantial meat tea, which had been generously provided by the Rothwell friends, Mrs. Fawkes, the Vicar's good lady, and the teachers of the girls' Sunday school, presiding at the tables, and ministering effectively to the wants of the numerous visitors. The Rev. F. Fawkes, B.A., vicar of Rothwell, said grace before and after tea, and previous to leaving the tables, Mr. W. H. Howard (York), proposed, and Mr. R. Tuke (Bradford), seconded a very cordial vote of thanks to the vicar, wardens, ringers, and ladies of Rothwell, as well as the good friends of the place, for their generous hospitality. This was carried amid loud applause, and the worthy vicar suitably though briefly responded.

The usual business meeting was then held in the adjoining school-room, Mr. W. Snowdon, President of the Association, occupying the chair. In opening the proceedings, the President read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed, and he then referred to the pleasing fact that out of nearly 600 members, only about 60 up to that time failed to renew their subscriptions. He then announced the decision of the committee to accept Messrs. Powell and Co's. tender and design for the Snowdon memorial window, and asked for invitations for the next meeting on June 4th next. It being evidently the desire of the members that, if practicable, the next meeting should be made the occasion of the uncovering of the memorial window at Ilkley. No invitations were forthcoming, and Mr. Howard (York), proposed, and Mr. T. Birch (Leeds), seconded a motion that the arrangements for the next meeting be left in the hands of the committee, which was carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT then gave notice of proposed alterations in the rules of the association, after which he moved that the vote of thanks passed at the tea table, be entered in the minute book of the Association. This motion was seconded and carried with applause.

Mr. T. HATTERSLEY (Sheffield), then proposed, and Mr. J. B. Jennings (Bradford), seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens of Rothwell and Woodlesford for the use of their bells. This vote having been passed in a hearty manner, the Rev. F. Fawkes replied, who, after expressing the pleasure he felt at this visit of the association to Rothwell, said he hoped that it would result in doing them a kindness by increasing the number of their ringers. Although, as he humorously put it, his education had been sadly neglected in the matter of scientific change-ringing, he could not refrain from saying a few words on the art as a branch of church work. Complaints, he said, were often made that the ringers did not attend

the church's service as often as they might, and although that complaint did not apply to his own ringers, he was convinced of the truth of the old adage, "A house-going parson makes a church-going people," and was sure that the more a parson visited his belfry, the more he would see his ringers' faces in church. Mr. Fawkes referred briefly to some interesting circumstances respecting the arrival of the bells at Rothwell fifty years ago, and concluded by announcing that he intended speaking to his people on the Sunday morning on the subject of bells and bell-ringing. His speech was greeted with frequent tokens of warm approval by the members present.

Mr. W. H. HOWARD then introduced the question of joint action with reference to the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee in June next. After some discussion it was agreed for the present not to bind the members to any particular form of observance.

The Vicars of Doncaster and Rothwell were proposed and admitted as hon. members, and a cordial vote of thanks to the President, concluded the meeting. Previous to, and after the conclusion of the tea and meeting, the bells of Rothwell parish church were kept constantly going by the visitors, and the gathering altogether was of a very pleasing and satisfactory character.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Milnrow, near Rochdale, on Saturday, 29th of January. About thirty members were present from Bolton, Hilliwell, Heywood, Manchester, Milnrow, and Rochdale. Several touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung by mixed bands during the afternoon and evening. At 5.30 an excellent tea, kindly provided by the school teachers, was partaken of, and after this the business meeting took place. The Vicar, the Rev. F. R. Wright, presided, and in a short address welcomed the members to Milnrow, wishing them every success, and at the same time intimated his desire to become an honorary member. The Secretary having given his report, Mr. F. Birtwistle, of Rochdale, suggested that steps be taken by the committee to meet the committee of the Rochdale and District Association, with a view to arranging an amalgamation. The following were then elected as members:—The Rev. F. R. Wright, Messrs. J. Davies, S. Elson, J. Ormerod, A. Weeder, D. Whitworth, of Oldham, and Messrs. J. Brearley, W. Brookes, E. Fielding, J. Rhodes, J. Stott, A. Taylor, of Newhey, also J. Pilkington, of Heywood. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens concluded the business of the meeting.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

THE MONTHLY MEETING of the above Society was held on Saturday last, February 5th, at Bucknall, where the tower has been but recently finished, and a peal of six bells hung. Their "go" is admirable, and their tone excellent. Ringers attended from Stoke, Horton, Wolstanton, Biddulph, Leek, Burslem, Tunstall, and Norton. A large company sat down to tea, which was preceded and followed by various touches on the tower and handbells. Both the Secretaries put in an appearance, as also several of the Instructors of the Association. These latter are to be congratulated upon the progress in the art of change-ringing that they are effecting throughout the archdeaconry. Bucknall, which has now two bands, senior and junior, having just secured the attendance of Mr. Miller, will soon, we feel sure, feel at some with their bells. They are to be highly praised for the progress already made, and their enthusiasm is an assurance of success. The next meeting will be at Tunstall on March 5th.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A friendly meeting took place at the parish church, Kingswood, Surrey, on Thursday, February 3rd, members attending from Streatham, Epsom, Rigate, and Wimbledon. The following methods were rung:—720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 28½ mins. S. Greenwood (conductor), 1; S. Frost, 2; T. Miles, 3; J. Hawkins, 4; W. Webb, 5; G. Pell, 6. Also 360 of Superlative Surprise in 13 mins., and a course of Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. W. Cooley, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also three courses of Plain Bob. J. Hawkins (conductor), 6. The bells are a fine peal of six, and the go of them are all that can be desired. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells on the occasion.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E., by the kind permission of the Rev. A. W. Jephson, on Saturday, February 19th.

The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8 p.m.

Permission has also kindly been granted to ring at Christ Church Blackfriars, between the hours of 4.30 and 6.30 p.m.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1ST, 1887:—

By the *Battle branch at Battle*.—On Saturday, January 29th, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles. F. Mathis, 1; F. B. Tompkins, 2; J. Mathis (conductor), 3; W. Franks, 4; C. Eldridge, 5; T. Bedwell, 6; W. Mercer, 7; J. Pepper, 8.

By the *Brighton branch at St. Peter's, Brighton*.—On Saturday, January 29th, an attempt for Holts' six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief one lead before the mid-way single, in 1 hr. 24 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Searle, 2; W. Palmer, 3; J. Jay, 4; C. E. Golds, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; H. Weston (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Also on Sunday, January 30th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; H. Weston, 3; A. Piper, 4; J. Jay, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Pearce (Maidstone), 7; D. Ross, 8.

By the *Crawley branch at Crawley*.—On Tuesday, January 25th, a 420 of Court Bob Triples, in 14 mins. J. Dean, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; W. Parsons, 4; F. Rice, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; M. Heffer, 7; E. Pierce, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples, in 49½ mins. J. Dean, 1; *G. Wickens, 2; B. King, 3; *W. Parsons, 4; *F. Rice, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; M. Heffer, 7; J. Collison, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

By the *Steyning branch at Steyning*.—On Tuesday, January 25th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. E. Brackley, 1; C. Chambers, 2; T. Searle, 3; F. Morris, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, January 30th, a 720 of College Single, in 25½ mins. F. Morris, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. Searle, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob, in 26 mins. G. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6.

By the *Warnham branch at Warnham*.—On Tuesday, January 25th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; T. Andrews, 3; H. Wood, 4; H. Cook, 5; G. Woodman, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; *T. Hogsflesh, 8. Also 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. Charman, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; *T. Wood, 8. *Covers. A peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples was attempted, but was lost after ringing 1300 changes, in 48 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; T. Andrews, 3; H. Wood, 4; H. Cook, 5; H. Burstow, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—RINGERS' FUNERAL.

On Monday, January 31st, at the new cemetery, the funeral of Mr. William Harris, sixty-five years of age, a member of the Yorkshire Association, whose death occurred somewhat suddenly on Friday last, took place. For upwards of 100 years various members of the family have been ringers, and deceased had performed on the fine ring of bells at the parish church, Staveley, for forty-five years. The funeral cortege included Mr. Harris's fellow ringers, and a goodly number of the members of the Manchester Order of Oddfellows, of which deceased was a member, and the interment was witnessed by many people. Mr. W. Hibbert, the Past Provincial Grand Master of the Chesterfield district, read the funeral oration according to the rules of the society, and after the ceremony at the grave, eight members of the above association rang at the parish church 1344 changes of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled. J. Goodwin (Chesterfield), 1; H. Mottershall, 2; J. Hunt (Chesterfield), 3; H. Madin, 4; J. Broadhead, 5; W. Worthington, 6; A. Knights (Chesterfield), conductor, 7; S. Palmer, 8. The bells were also muffled and rung before the morning and evening service on Sunday, as a token of respect to the deceased, who was widely known and highly esteemed. For fifty-two years Mr. Harris had been employed at the Staveley Ironworks.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

On Friday evening, January 28th, an interesting event took place at this society's head-quarters, viz., the presentation of the Master's portrait. The picture is a very good likeness, and will in future adorn the walls of the society's meeting room, the compliment hailing from a combination of ringing and private friends. In response to this well merited tribute of esteem and respect, Mr. Henry S. Thomas responded suitably but briefly, his feelings being completely overwhelmed. Beneath the portrait, which has a beautiful gilt frame, is the following nicely written inscription:

"ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

This picture was presented to this society by friends out of respect and esteem for the Master, Mr. H. S. Thomas, 1887.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Horwich on Saturday, February 19th. The bells will be open for ringing from one o'clock. Business meeting at 5 p.m. in the schoolroom.

57 Chorley Road, Blackrod.

JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already advertised	33	8	6
St. Peter's Society, Sheffield:—			
Charles Bower	£0	2	6
Wm. Burgan	0	2	6
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J. Dixon	0	2	6
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A. Percival Heywood, Esq., Duffield	1	1	0
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Wm. Jones, Royal Cumberlands	0	2	0
St. Peter's Society, Huddersfield, per Tom Haigh	10	0	0
Collected from members present at Meeting of Norwich Diocesan Association, at Ipswich, October, 1886	15	0	0
E. A. Foster, Corsham, Wilts.	0	5	0
The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Kings Lynn	1	1	0
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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	0
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	6
The Willesden Branch of College Youths	0	5	0
" St. John's Society, Bromsgrove	0	5	0
" Woodbridge Society, Suffolk, from fund	0	5	6
Mr. John Fosdike, Woodbridge	0	2	0
" 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
" Employees in "THE BELL NEWS" Office	0	12	0
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
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Mr. Henry Hayes, Church, Lancashire	0	2	6
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Mr. Alfred J. J. Giddings, Frome, Somerset	0	2	6
" George Murray, S. Paul's Guild, Brighton	0	2	6
The Long Melford Company, viz.: Fred R. Steed, rs.; Samuel Slater, rs.; Percy Scott, rs.; Jas. Bird, rs.; G. Hammond, rs.; Zachariah Slater, 6d.; N. J. Pitstow, Esq., Saffron Walden, ss.	0	10	6
Edward Webster, Tong	0	2	6
From a few ringers of Lincoln:—			
Per Mr. Isaac Vickers	0	5	0
Mr. John Strodger, Ripon	0	2	0
The Hertford College Youths, per Mr. James Staples	15	0	0
Mr. John Penning, Saffron Walden	0	2	6
" Joseph Cheetham, Bradford	0	2	6
R. K. Knight, Esq., Walthamstow	0	2	6

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.

On Tuesday evening, February 1st, the change-ringers of St. Mary's and the "Stedfast Handbell Ringers," were invited by Mr. J. Symons, M.R.C.S., to supper at the "Union Hotel." An excellent supper was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, Mr. Symons occupying the chair, and the Rev. A. B. Berry the vice-chair. After supper the Chairman gave the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen," "Church and State," which were suitably responded to. In proposing the toast "Success to St. Mary's change-ringers," the Rev. A. B. Berry glanced briefly at the work done in the belfry during the last five years, and spoke of it as a most satisfactory record of steady progress, comprising peals and touches in the Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob methods, Doubles, Minor, Triples, and Major. Mr. Symons proposed "The health of the Stedfast Band," coupling with the name of Mr. Way, who responded heartily. Last, but not least, the health of the chairman was enthusiastically drunk, with an expression of sincere thanks for his hospitality and unwearied interest in the welfare of the society, individually and collectively. The rest of the evening was spent very enjoyably in listening to recitations, music, vocal and instrumental, and touches and tunes on the handbells. Mr. N. H. Symons, Mr. Way, Mr. Sellers, and Mr. Lovell, gave some capital songs, Mr. N. H. Symons presiding ably at the piano. It is greatly hoped that a diocesan change-ringing Guild may be formed in the county of Cornwall ere long.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1887.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM CECIL Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 5.
JAMES PETTIT 2.	E. WALLAGE 6.
WILLIAM TANNER 3.	EDWIN HORREX 7.
HENRY SPRINGHALL 4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

This is the first peal rung on the bells since they have been hung in the new tower.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 5, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in F#.

WILLIAM BEDWELL Treble.	WILLIAM BOWLES 5.
WILLIAM PEAD 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN* .. 4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. G. FREEMAN.

*First peal in the method. It was intended to start for a "William" Peal, but owing to one of the band being unable to come, Mr. A. G. Freeman kindly rang in his place. Messrs. W. W. Gifford and W. E. Tydeman hail from Salisbury.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Ringing Meeting will be held at New Hey, near Rochdale, on Saturday, February 19th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

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

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5th, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD* .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
JOHN C. MITCHELL 2.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 6.
J. MURRAY HAYES 3.	WALTER BATTLE 7.
E. PERCY DEBENHAM 4.	RICHARD T. WOODLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN C. MITCHELL.

*First peal. The Conductor is 19 years of age, and this is his first attempt at calling a peal. Messrs. J. M. Hayes, R. T. Woodley, and W. E. Garrard hail from London; the rest from St. Albans, Herts.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL (Reversed).

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. KEIT Treble.	ROBERT MAYNARD 5.
THOMAS MAYNARD 2.	JOHN HUGH WILKINS .. 6.
GEORGE GRIMWADE 3.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 7.
HENRY NUNN, JUN. 4.	WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

Two previous attempts have been made for this peal, the first was lost owing to two bells shifting in the last course, and on Wednesday last owing to the gas being turned out, leaving two courses to be rung.

The Provinces.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, February 1, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT WRIGHT Treble.	WILLIAM MIDDLETON .. 5.
JOHN HARROP 2.	MORRIS WILLIAMSON .. 6.
ROBERT SHAW 3.	GEORGE BRADDOCK 7.
G. D. HADFIELD 4.	THOMAS BRADDOCK .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ROBERT WRIGHT.

The above was rang to celebrate the 26th birthday of one of the local band, who is ill at present.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN THE GRANDSIRE METHOD.

Tenor 1 ton 1 cwt. 2 qrs.

F. ALLEN Treble.	H. GRINDON 4.
W. GLEED 2.	F. TRIGG 5.
F. HART 3.	F. WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by H. GRINDON.

WEST MALLING.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REUBEN SIMMONDS Treble.	EDWARD BALDOCK 5.
CALEB PAYNE 2.	DAVID HALL 6.
ALFRED H. WOOLLEY 3.	SAMUEL SNELLING 7.
ALLCHIN MOORCRAFT 4.	JAMES W. LEONARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 15 cwt.

JNO. WM. STICKNEY Treble.	HENRY JENKINS 5.
TOM STOCKDALE 2.	CHAS. BENNETT 6.
JOHN POLLARD 3.	ROBT. CHAFFER 7.
WM. SOUTHWICK 4.	CHAS. JACKSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

This peal, which is in four parts, contains the 6th twenty times right and twelve times wrong, and is now rung for the first time by the Association.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (WARNHAM BRANCH).

On Thursday, February 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. CHARMAN Treble.	H. COOK 5.
W. SHORT 2.	H. BURSTOW 6.
H. WOOD 3.	H. CHANLER 7.
T. ANDREWS 4.	T. HOGSFLESH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by H. CHARMAN.

The above is the first peal ever rung in the method.

MITCHELDEAN.—THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 4, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED. Tenor 18 cwt.

H. BIRD Treble.	JAMES JONES 5.
W. HONEYFIELD, Esq. .. 2.	A. BIRD 6.
J. G. WALL 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
J. ATKINS 4.	R. CLARK Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Messrs. Honeyfield and Jones hail from Monmouth.

DINTING, DERBYSHIRE.—THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 4, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

5040 CHANGES: IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Holmfirth Surprise, Duke of York, Merchants' Return, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL HARROP Treble.	CHARLES BROOKE 4.
HENRY COOPER 2.	*JOHN BRIERLEY 5.
SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES BRIERLEY Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL KNOTT.

*First peal. First peal ever rung on the bells. The Brothers Brierley belong to Dinting, the rest hail from All Saints', Old Glossop.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM BARON Treble.	W. WILDER 5.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL† .. 2.	HENRY S. THOMAS, Esq. 6.
WILLIAM COPPAGE 3.	ARTHUR G. THOMAS, Esq. 7.
CHAS. E. MALIM, Esq. .. 4.	*JAMES PURSEY Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED C. FUSSELL.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles last year by Frederick Charsley, Esq., a great benefactor to this town, and the ringers take this opportunity through the medium of this paper, to thank him for his munificent gift.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1887, 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.

BENJAMIN SUGDEN Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 2.	WILLIAM HICKLING 6.
JOHN HOWE 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 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.

DISS, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, February 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

G. MURTON Treble.	W. IRELAND 5.
C. WEBSTER* 2.	G. FORD 6.
F. WRIGHT 3.	W. BROWN 7.
H. TORBELL 4.	J. SOUTER Tenor.

Conducted by G. MURTON.

*First peal. Messrs. Murton, Torbell, and Ford hail from Eye.

YORKSHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS. (SADDLEWORTH BRANCH).

On Saturday, February 5, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF ALBION MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. BRIERLEY Treble.	JOSEPH L. BUCKLEY 5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE 2.	EDGAR BUCKLEY 6.
JOHN HOLDEN 3.	JAMES H. SHAW 7.
JAMES WRIGLEY 4.	JOSEPH WOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN J. BRIERLEY.

The first peal of Albion Major on the bells, and the first peal in the method by all the above, who are all members of the local company, and members of the above Association.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (ARUNDEL BRANCH).

On Saturday, February 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

O. EVERSHERD Treble.	W. L. CHAMBERLAIN .. 5.
J. SEARLE 2.	H. HAGGETT 6.
G. BALCHIN 3.	C. BLACKMAN 7.
G. BAKER 4.	A. BONIFACE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SEARLE, of Brighton.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, February 7, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 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.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal is a variation by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Middleton's original peal. The members of the St. Paul's society decided on January 1st this year to commence learning the above method, but owing to illness very little was done in the early part of the month. A plain course was accomplished for the first time on January 20th and short touches were rung on the 27th and 30th, and on February 3rd and 6th.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 7, 1887, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES GRATRIX Treble.	SAMUEL WEST 5.
JAMES BARRATT 2.	JAMES THORPE 6.
JOHN E. POLLITT 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER 4.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. J. Barratt hails from Eccles, the rest belong to Manchester.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES JACKSON Treble.	WM. SOUTHWICK 5.
HARRY CUTTER 2.	JAMES DIXEY 6.
JOHN POLLARD 3.	FRANK DRABBLE 7.
HENRY JENKINS 4.	CHAS. BENNETT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by
CHAS. JACKSON.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time by the Association, contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 6th's place, and the 6th the extent in 5th's place.

THE HOLT SOCIETY.—ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

Handbell Ringing.

On Monday, February 8, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE HOUSE OF MR. W. KENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5013 CHANGES;
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND.

HENRY BASTABLE 1-2.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. 5-6.
WILLIAM KENT 3-4.	*GEORGE TOWNSEND .. 7-8.
HENRY JOHNSON, JUN., 9-10.	

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by
HENRY BASTABLE.

*First peal of Stedman.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th each twenty-three courses behind the 9th, with 7, 8, 9, in titum position, and the treble a 2nd bell, and was rung in the presence of Mr. John Buffery and Mr. Thomas Reynolds, who accurately checked the course-ends, &c. This is the first peal of Stedman Caters out of London, and the first peal of Stedman Caters by the whole of the band on handbells.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1886, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD PRICE Treble.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT .. 5.
GEORGE PAWLEY 2.	JAMES W. LEONARD .. 6.
EDWARD BALDOCK 3.	CALEB PAYNE 7.
ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. 4.	SAMUEL SNELLING Tenor.

Conducted by CALEB PAYNE.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH.—On Monday, January 3rd, at the parish church, a date touch (1887 changes) consisting of the following methods:—447 of Plain Bob Minor, 720 of Grandsire Minor, and 720 of College Single. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collin, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, January 27th, at the church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. S. Wright, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; G. Skeef, 7; J. Peck, 8.

ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, February 1st, for practice, a date touch (1887 changes) of Stedman Cinques, in 1 hr. 24 mins. W. Haywood, 1; J. Joynes, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; J. Buffery, 4; H. Bastable (conductor), 5; W. R. Small, 6; J. Sanders, 7; C. Stanbridge, 8; A. Thomas, 9; F. H. James, 10; H. Johnson, jun., 11; J. Johnson, 12. Tenor 36 cwt. in C. Composed by Hy. Johnson, sen.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, six members of the above association rang a date touch (1887 changes) in the following methods:—720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Grandsire Minor, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 60 College Single, 27 Bob Minor. H. Button, 1; R. Wells, 2; T. Staulkey, 3; W. Fisher, 4; W. Button, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6. R. Wells and W. Fisher belong to the local company, the rest hail from Leiston. This is the first attempt at calling long touches.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire). On Sunday, February 6th, a mixed band ascended the tower of St. Lawrence Darlaston, and rung for Divine Service in the evening a touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes) containing the Tittums and 24 6-7's, in 1 hr. and 7 mins. J. Rough, 1; H. Malborn, 2; S. Atkins, 3; J. Jones, 4; J. Tinsley, 5; J. Fullwood (composer and conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Malborn, 8. Tenor 1 ton.

MIRFIELD (Yorks).—On Tuesday evening, February 1st, at St. Mary's Church, the following rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 15 mins. H. Collison, 1; T. Crawshaw, 2; W. Holmes, 3; S. Peacock, 4; H. Barker, 5; W. Barraclough, 6; R. Ellis, 7; W. Peacock, 8; B. Robinson, 9; J. Peacock (conductor), 10. Tenor 30 cwt. The above touch was composed by Mr. A. Sykes, of Huddersfield, and is in two parts.

SOUTH ELMHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 25th, at St. Margaret's Church, a date touch (1887 changes) in the following methods: three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, three 6-scores of St. Simon, three 6-scores of Violet, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and the remaining changes in Old Doubles, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Aldous (conductor), 1; S. Bird, 2; H. Aldridge, 3; C. Clarke, 4; A. Aldridge, 5.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Wednesday, January 26th, at St. James's Church, for practice, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Paddock, 1; J. Hinton, 2; H. Tucker, 3; W. Porch, 4; G. Pymm, 5; H. Porch (conductor), 6. And with Mr. J. York, a 1008 of Bob Major. G. Pearse, 1; W. Paddock, 2; J. Hinton, 3; G. Pymm, 4; J. York, 5; W. Porch, 6; H. Tucker, 7; H. Porch (conductor), 8. Also a 252 of Stedman Triples. W. Paddock, 1; J. York, 2; W. Porch, 3; G. Pearse, 4; H. Tucker, 5; J. Hinton, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; F. Porch, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, January 18th, for practice, 360 of Kent Treble Bob and 360 of Plain Bob Minor. And on Friday evening, January 21st, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Also on Tuesday evening, January 25th, 720 of Court Single. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—Ringing done by the Bishop Auckland Branch during the month of January. On Saturday, 1st, to usher in the new year, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. *H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; J. W. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; and on the same date at Brancepeth, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, with A. J. B. Waldron in the place of H. C. Mayne. On Sunday, the 2nd, three courses of Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, 9th, in the morning, 360 of Plain Bob Minor; and in the evening, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. Pallister, 2; J. G. Pratt, 3; E. Titt, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, 11th, two 240s of Oxford Treble Bob. On Monday, the 17th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. G. Pratt, 1; F. Charlton, 2; F. Castree, 3; A. J. B. Waldron, 4; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 5. On Tuesday, 25th, several courses of Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, 30th, in the morning, 240 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Titt, 1; A. J. B. Waldron, 2; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 6; and in the evening, 168 of Grandsire Triples. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; J. W. Cleminson, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. On Monday, 31st, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H.

C. Mayne, 1; A. J. B. Waldron, 2; J. G. Pratt, 3; F. Castree, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all, and the first with a bob bell in Treble Bob by A. J. B. Waldron. It was rung in 27 mins. Tenor 11½ cwt. *First 720 in the method.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday evening, January 25th, at St. John's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Simpson, 1; H. Taylor, 2; J. Mallaby, 3; J. Temple, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; J. Garbutt (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G. Messrs. Simpson, Temple, and Garbutt hail from Hurworth-on-Tees, and J. Mallaby from Masham, in Yorkshire.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Thursday evening, February 3rd, 1887, at St. Margaret's Church, eight members of this association started for a peal of Bob Major, but lost it through a "shift" after ringing about a hour. Afterwards a 720 of Bob Major was rung. W. Nash, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; W. B. Manning, 4; R. Sewell, 5; W. Lebbon, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; T. Scarlett, 8. Tenor 22½ cwt. This peal was started for to commemorate the birthday of one of the ringers, and would have been the first peal in this method by six of the band.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 1st, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. *E. Dains, 1; H. F. de Lisle, 2; J. Dains, 3; C. Waskitt, 4; *W. Piper, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; E. Scotcher (conductor), 7; J. Bloomfield, 8. First quarter-peal.

CHIGWELL (Essex).—On Wednesday evening, five members of the Loughton Society rang for Divine Service six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. George Perry, 1; James Rann, 2; Edward Bacon, 3; Frederick Freeman, 4; William Lebbon, 5. This was rang on the occasion of the re-opening of the church which is a now a splendid building. This is the first six 6-scores that have ever been rung on the bells, several previous attempts being a failure owing to the long flight and the incessant clattering of the ropes against the galleries, which have now been removed, but still it is no easy matter to ring them in change-ringing. Tenor about 15 cwt.

RAYLEIGH.—On Monday, January 4th, 1160 changes in the following methods: 720 of Grandsire Minor and 440 of College Single. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collin, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, January 30th, for Divine service in the evening, 720 of College Single, in 26 mins. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by G. Smith with a bob bell. All communications concerning the above company to be addressed to F. H. Brewer, High-street, Rayleigh, Essex.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, January 31st, for practice at St. Mary's Church, 518 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; A. Squires, 2; F. Furr, 3; H. Buckingham, 4; J. Foster, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Monday, January 31st, eight members of this Association attempted Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples but after ringing about 2 hrs. it came to grief through the conductor missing a call. J. Fergusson, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; E. Elliott, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; G. King, 5; G. Pawley, 6; A. H. Woolley, 7; J. Johnson, 1. And on Saturday, February 5th, a peal of Grandsire Major was attempted, but after ringing 3 hrs. and 15 mins., it unfortunately came to grief through two bells changing course. A. H. Woolley, 2; E. Elliott, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; G. King, 5; A. Moorcraft, 6; G. Pawley (conductor), 7; H. Pearce, 8. Also on Monday, February 7th, for evening practice, a touch of Grandsire Triples. H. Pearce, 1; A. H. Woolley, 2; R. Simmonds, 3; J. Fergusson, 4; S. Snelling, 5; A. Moorcraft, 6; G. Pawley, 7; E. Dunk, 8. And a course of Treble Bob Major. R. Simmonds, 1; E. Elliott, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; A. Moorcraft, 4; G. Pawley, 5; J. Fergusson, 6; Sam Snelling, 5; H. Pearce, 8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. H. Pearce, 1; J. Constable, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; E. Elliott, 4; A. Moorcraft, 5; R. Simmonds, 6; Sam Snelling, 7; J. Fergusson, 8; G. Pawley, 9; E. Dunk, 10. Tenor 31 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, January 18th, six members of the St. Lawrence's Society rang for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. H. Barnes, 1; S. Romans (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; G. Miles, 3; J. R. Wilkins, 4; A. A. Waite (conductor), 5; J. Yeates, 6. Also on Sunday morning, January 23rd, prior to Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 26 mins. H. Barnes, 1; G. Miles, 2; W. Sevier, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G. This 720 of Treble Bob Minor was rung to

celebrate the return home of Mr. W. Sevier, after being absent for about six months in the north of England. His brother ringers were much pleased to receive him. He arrived home just in time to fulfil the office of a instructor for the above association.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—BURTON BRANCH.

On Saturday, February 5th, at St. Mark's Church, on the occasion of the Winhill Ringers' annual supper, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. *J. Plummer, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; *C. Golder, 3; L. Bullock, 4; J. Austin (conductor), 5; J. Jagger, 6. *First 720. Also, after supper, some touches of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. J. Austin, 1-2; W. J. Smith, 3-4; J. Jagger (conductor), 5-5; L. Bullock, 7-8. And a 280 with Queens and Tittums, was "lapped" by W. Wyld, R. Logic, L. Bullock, W. J. Smith, and J. Jagger (conductor).

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, January 30th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, the following rang a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 46 mins. B. Sugden, 1; S. Johnson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; E. Moreton, 4; G. Hingley, 5; A. Robinson, 6; J. Hove, 7; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks.).—On Sunday, February 6th, at St. Helen's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins., with 7, 8, behind. A. J. Kerabrey, 1; T. Short, 2; W. Sandell, 3; J. Brown, 4; *H. Humfrey, 5; J. H. Viner (conductor), 6; E. Aldworth, 7; J. Wheeler, 8. *First 720. †First 720 as conductor, and the first ever rung on the bells.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, January 16th, at St. Thomas-ye-Martyr's church, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 24 mins. Thos. Proston, 1; C. Tolley, 2; A. E. Hind, 3; O. Thomas, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, January 18th, at St. Mary Magdalen church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. W. Baston, 1; C. Tolley, 2; W. H. Wood, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; F. Castle 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, January 19th, at St. Thomas-ye-Martyr's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 22 mins. W. Baston (conductor), 1; C. Tolley, 2; W. H. Wood, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; H. J. Castle, 5; F. Castle, 6. And on Sunday, January 23rd, at St. Peter's-in-the-East church, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 24 mins. J. West, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; W. Finch, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, January 25th, at St. Mary Magdalen church, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 24 mins. Thos. Proston, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; F. Castle, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. Also at St. Peter's-in-the-East church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. G. Tolley, 1; A. E. Hind (conductor), 2; P. A. Hind, 3; C. Tolley, 4; T. Payne, 5; F. Castle, 6.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HAMER (Near Rochdale, Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 5th, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. *R. Whittles, 1; *A. Bamford, 2; *Ed. Isherwood, 3; A. Hurst, 4; A. Clegg, 5; *A. Crossley (conductor), 6. Those marked * first peal in the method.

THE SALOP ARCHDIOCONAL ASSOCIATION.

WHITCHURCH.—On Wednesday, February 3rd, 1887, at Whitchurch, Salop, eight members of the above association made an attempt to ring Taylor's variation peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2100 changes in 1½ hrs., it came to grief through the fourth ringer forgetting to dodge in 6-7 down. E. Langford, 1; W. Hutchinson, 2; G. Wright, 3; R. Houlding, 4; J. Griffiths, 5; G. Woodhall (conductor), 6; T. Barron, 7; F. Rider, 8.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHDIOCONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Saturday, February 5th, being the monthly meeting, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. E. Glover (conductor), 1; S. Spencer, 2; J. Moreton, 3; J. Wood, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; H. Page, 6. Mr. Page hails from Stoke, and Spencer from Wolstanton, the rest from Norton. Also on Sunday, for evening service, a 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. E. Glover (conductor), 1; J. Baddeley, 2; J. Moreton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; G. Walker, 5; J. Wood, 6.

HAMNER.—On Saturday, February 6th, six members of the above association payed a visit to this place, and rung a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins., at the third attempt, through the ropes being so long without sally, and not being able to hear the bells strike, the conductor missed a call twice. E. Langford, 1; J. Gibson, 2; George Wright, 3; T. Barron, 4; J. Griffiths, 5; George Woodhall (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON.—On Saturday, February 5th, at St. Mary's, seven courses of Steilman Caters (757 changes). E. Bennett (conductor), 1; J. Branch, 2; G. Russell, 3; A. B. Carpenter, 4; W. Burkin, 5; J. Trappitt, 6; J. Plowman, 7; G. Welling, 8; C. Gordon, 9; E. Burtenshaw, 10.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On January 21st, at All Saints' Church, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. H. Arney, 1; John Trendell (conductor), 2; W. Walker, 3; E. Burtenshaw, 4; S. Smithers, 5; H. Bryant, 6. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, January 3rd, 720 of Kent Toeble Bob Minor, on the back six in 20 mins. G. Passingham, 1; C. Privett, 2; J. Hewitt, 3; F. Hill, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. And 336 Stedman Triples. J. Hewitt, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; C. Privett, 3; F. Hill, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Passingham, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Carter, 8. On Thursday, January 13th 720 Kent Treble Bob G. Passingham, 1; C. Privett, 2; F. Hill, 3; G. Grafham, 4; J. Whiting, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Another 720 of Kent, Williams and Grafham changing places the rest standing as before. And on Monday, January 31st 742 of Grandsire Triples, the last part of Holt's Original. G. Hackett, 1; J. Whiting, 2; C. Privett, 3; F. Hill, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Passingham, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; W. Swash, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in Fg.

DORKING.—On Monday, February 7th, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 47 mins. H. Dobinson, 1; H. Wood, 2; R. Harden, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; E. Hull, 5; C. Boxall, 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; C. Dudley, 8. Also a 378 of Grandsire Triples. E. Dodd, 1; H. Dobinson, 2; R. Harden, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; E. Hull, 5; C. Boxall, 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; F. Hudson, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, January 18th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 25 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And a 120 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, standing as before. Also on Tuesday, January 28th, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. F. Sanders, 4; the others as before. And on Tuesday, February 1st, a 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses (composer and conductor), 5; W. Sadler, 6.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, February 1st, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27½ mins. L. Griffiths, 1; W. F. Hartshorne, 2; H. Lloyd, 3; A. Beddall, 4; T. Allden, 5; *H. Hartshorne (conductor), 6. *First peal as conductor. Tenor 14 cwt.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Monday evening, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins. with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Prosser, who died on Sunday, January 30th. A. Hobday, 1; G. Bourne, 2; E. Dixon, 3; G. Hayward (conductor), 4; O. James, 5; A. Moore, 6; G. Morris, 7; J. Parry, 8. Messrs. Dixon and Moore hail from Hanbury, and it is the longest touch by either of them with a bob bell.

ENGLEFIELD (Berks).—On Saturday, February 5th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently) in 24 mins. G. Allen, 1; W. Allen, 2; W. Home, 3; H. Chamberlain, 4; W. J. Williams (conductor), 5; W. Vince, 6.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, January 31st, at the parish church, the local company rang with the bells half-muffled, 720 of Duke of York, as a token of respect to the late William Harris, of Staveley. J. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday, February 6th, six members of the Sudbury company, with Mr. Slater, of Glemsford, and Mr. Lee, of Foxearth, met and rang for Divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. S. Slater, 1; W. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; M. Silvester, 5; W. Griggs, 6; H. Harper, 7; J. Lee, 8. Composed by E. Barnett, of Monmouth. Tenor 8½ cwt. in Bb. Also on Sunday, January 9th, for Divine service in the afternoon, 1008 of Bob Major (being the longest touch rang upon the bells). S. Slater (conductor), 1; J. Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; F. Wells, 4; G. Maxim (Foxearth), 5; R. Mingay, 6; O. Garwood, 7; D. Ward, 8. Also on Thursday, January 27th, 1008 of Bob Major, in 36 mins. S. Slater (conductor), 1; J. Lee, 2; Z. Slater, 3; R. Mingay, 4; W. P. Gridley, 5; O. Garwood, 6; J. Bird, 7; D. Ward, 8.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, January 19th, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. C. Adams, 1; J. Slater, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5; O. Garwood, 6. Also on Saturday, January 29th, 720 of New London Pleasure. J. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; Z. Slater, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, January 31st, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; F. Wells, 4; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 5th, four members of the Bedford Company and four of the Birmingham Society attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing two of the three parts, it unfortunately came to grief through a change-course. J. Callaghan, 1; J. T. Perry, 2; J. Carter, 3; *W. Allen, 4; T. Russam, 5; *W. Biggs, 6; *I. Hills, 7; *C. W. Clarke, (conductor), 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in F. *Members of Bedfordshire Association.

HALSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, February 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 of Bob Minor. W. Gladwell, 1; W. Moore, 2; H. Wiffen, 3; W. Bearman, 4; N. Hawkins, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Gladwell, 1; J. Chatters, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Bearman, 4; N. Hawkins, 5; W. Ward (conductor), 6. Tenor 19 cwt. Messrs. Hawkins and Chatters hail from Belchamp Walter, C. Bearman, W. Bearman, and W. Moore, from Bocking, the rest are local men.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, February 4th, at the parish church, six members of the local company met for practice, and started for a date touch of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles, but after ringing 55 mins., owing to a wrong call, the conductor called "stand." W. Pegler, 1; W. Roberts, 2; R. J. Wilkins (conductor), 3; A. Smart, 4; G. Taylor, 5; H. Harris, 6.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 22nd, at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. P. Gridley, 1; P. Scott, 2; R. Mingay, 3; O. Garwood (conductor), 4; J. Lee, 5; G. Maxim (Foxearth), 6. Also on the same evening, 720 of Oxford Single Bob (being the first in the method on the bells). O. Garwood, 1; S. Slater (conductor), 2; P. Scott, 3; R. Mingay, 4; G. Maxim, 5; J. Lee, 6. It was intended to start for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on this evening, but owing to an unforeseen accident, the above had to be rung instead. And on Saturday, February 5th, 1720 of Kent Treble Bob. P. Scott, 1; Z. Slater, 2; O. Garwood (conductor), 3; C. Honeybell, 4; J. Bird, 5; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 6.

MONKS LEIGH (Suffolk).—On Saturday morning, December 25th, 1886, the local company assembled at the parish church, and rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. and 25 mins. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; R. Keeble, 3; John Bigg, 4; A. Keeble, 5; Wm. Green (conductor), 6. First 720 of Kent by all. Also on Sunday, January 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 of Bob Minor. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; C. Green, 3; John Bigg, 4; A. Keeble, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. And 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Symonds, 3; Wm. Green (conductor) 6; the others standing as before. Tenor 18 cwt.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 1st, the local company rang at the parish church, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins. G. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; C. Sharples, 3; H. Ellis, 4; W. B. Lloyd, 5; W. Ellis, 6; W. J. Taylor, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8. Composed and conducted by J. Sholicar, and was rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. James Shawe, Asmal House, Scarisbrick.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday evening, January 26th, at St. Mary's Church a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and first in the method by all. Also on Sunday, February 6th, after Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Bobby, 1; H. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, February 5th, at St. Peter's Church, a 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs). A. Coles, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; B. W. Allen, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; E. Chapman (first 720 in this method), 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And a 360 Yorkshire Court (nine bobs). J. Stubbs, 1; W. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; J. Pettit (first 360 in this method), 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5; T. Slade (first 360 in this method), 6. Also a 360 Double Oxford Bob (four bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; J. Stubbs, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; H. W. Stubbs (conductor), 6. This is the first 360 in this method by all. R. Dunkley and E. Chapman hail from Bythorn, Hunts, and J. Pettit from Keyston, Hunts. *Handbell ringing.*—On Monday, February 8th, at the house of Mr. N. Martins, a 336 Bob Major. W. Lack, 1; W. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert, 6; H. W. Stubbs (conductor), 7; F. Slade, 8. Also a plain course of Bob Major. T. Slade, 1-2; F. Gilbert, 3-4; W. J. Gilbert, 5-6; H. W. Stubbs, 7-8. This is the first course of Major double-handed by the above.

SAWBIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Tuesday evening, 1st inst., for practice, a 504 of Stedman Triples in 18 mins. J. Freeman, 1; G. Rochester (conductor), 2; N. Tarling, 3; W. Morris, 4; J. Tarling, 5; H. Saban, 6; P. Springham, 7; H. J. Tucker, 8. Also another 504 in

the same method in 18½ mins. J. Freeman, 1; G. Rochester (conductor), 2; A. Brown, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; J. Tarling, 5; N. Tarling, 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. First 500 in the method by W. Morris, H. Saban, P. Springham, A. Brown, W. J. Pleasance, and F. W. Tarling. Also a 350 of Grandsire Triples. I. Freeman, 1; N. Tarling, 2; A. Brown, 3; W. Morris, 4; J. Tarling, 5; F. W. Tarling, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; W. J. Pleasance, 8. H. J. Tucker hails from Bishop Stortford, the rest belong to the local company.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday evening, February 1st, at St. Paul's Church, 2016 of Kent Treble Bob Major, with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Wilkinson, who was for several years a member of the local company. The above touch contains the same number of treble leads (63) as the deceased gentleman's years. T. Lilley, 1; W. Wilks, 2; T. Lawson (Bingley), 3; J. A. Ross, 4; J. S. Clark, 5; W. E. London (Bradford), 6; J. Lilley, 7; F. London (conductor), 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, February 7th, at St. Lawrence's church, eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang a 1400 of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett, 2; C. King, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; F. Nash, 5; G. Lathan (conductor), 6; W. Sloman, 7; G. Smith, 8.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening the local company met for practice at St. Gregory's Church, and rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. F. Tolliday, 1; H. Harper, 2; W. Howell, 3; A. Scott, 4; W. B. Ransom, Esq., 5; W. Griggs, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; R. Parrot, 8. Also a touch of Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; G. L. Andrews, Esq., 3; A. Scott, 4; W. B. Ransom, Esq., 5; W. Griggs, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Also a touch of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; H. Harper, 2; W. Howell, 3; A. Scott, 4; W. B. Ransom, Esq., 5; W. Griggs, 6; W. Cross, 7; J. Campin, 8. Also on Sunday, February 6th, for Divine service in the afternoon, 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; H. Harper, 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Howell, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Cross, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. This was rung as a birthday touch with Mr. W. Cross, who attained his 64th year on that day.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, January 29th, at St. Martin's Church, a 720 Bob Minor (on the back six). J. Judd, 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5; C. A. Clements, 6. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. Tenor 15 cwt.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday, January 30th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, several members of the Cathedral society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 46 mins. A. Barnes, 1; J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 2; R. Fowler, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; N. N. Hills, 6; W. Battle, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. And a 924 of Grandsire Triples. A. Barnes, 1; T. Grant, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; E. A. Hulkes, 6; W. Battle, 7; A. Sibley, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, January 22nd, at the house of Mr. G. Cartmel, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Sibley, 1; A. Barnes, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6. Also on Tuesday, January 13th, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; A. Sibley, 3; W. H. Buckingham, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, January 31st, at the Bernard Street school rooms, the following members of the St. Peter's branch rang three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Hull, 1; E. Hull, 2; E. D. Debenham, 3-4; S. E. Mitchell, 5-6. Afterwards assisted by Messrs. G. W. Cartmel, and J. C. Mitchell, of the Cathedral society they rang some plain courses of Grandsire Triples. *A. Hall, 1; *E. Hull, 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3-4; E. D. Debenham, 5-6; S. E. Mitchell, 7-8. And 168 and 42 in the same method. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; E. Hull, 3; S. E. Mitchell, 4; E. D. Debenham, 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. *First time at Triples.

SPROUGHTON (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, January 29th, at the house of Mr. C. Mee, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1120 changes), in 35 mins. W. Motts, 1-2; C. Mee, 3-4; J. Motts, 5-6; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 7-8. Also 880 of Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. Motts, 1-2; C. Mee, 3-4; J. Motts, 5-6; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 7-8; F. Mee, 9-10. And two courses of Stedman Triples and Bob Major standing as before. Tenor 13 size.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, January 6th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin, the local company rang for practice a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Composed by Mr. J. F. Penning, of Saffron Walden. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; H. Prior, jun., 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; G. Prior, 6. Also 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, January

9th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty bobs and twenty-three singles), in 24½ mins. J. Luckey, 1; W. Prior, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior, jun. (conductor), 6. Composed by Mr. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks. Also for the afternoon service, 720 of College Single Minor, in 25 mins. W. Prior, 1; H. Prior, jun., 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, January 13th, for practice, 720 of Double Court Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also two six-scores of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Cavill, 6. G. Prior rang the 4th in the second 120, the rest as before. Tenor 13 cwt.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 30th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 25 mins., with 7-8 behind. J. Windridge, 1; J. Timms, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; F. Chapman, 4; G. Woods, 5; H. Slaney (conductor), 6; W. Jennings, 7; C. Chapman, 8. Also for practice on Monday evening, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. J. Windridge, 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; J. Timms, 4; F. Chapman, 5; H. Slaney, 6; G. Woods (conductor), 7; W. Jennings, 8.

TWERTON-ON-AVON (Near Bath).—On Thursday, January 13th, at the church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's ten-part peal. G. Temple, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3; J. Wotton, 4; J. Blackmore, 5; G. Daltry, 6; H. Wotton, 7; E. Bendall, 8. Also on Sunday, January 16th, at the same church, 504 of Stedman Triples. H. Tucker, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3; J. Wotton, 4; J. Blackmore, 5; G. Daltry, 6; H. Wotton, 7; G. Temple, 8. And 384 of Grandsire Major, G. Temple and J. Hinton changing places, the others standing as before.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, February 6th, after Divine Service, eight members of the local company rung 672 of Bob Major (four bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. J. Middlecote, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; J. R. Wilkins, 4; D. Aston, 5; G. Miles, 6; A. A. Waite, 7; H. Gardener (conductor), 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—Recently, at St. Peter's church, by the voluntary band, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27 mins. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes, 2; Hy. Hill, (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, standing as above, with H. Allen (conductor). Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Allen, 3; H. Hill (conductor), 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. And another 720 in the same method, standing as before with R. Grimes, conductor. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and nine bobs). J. Hendry, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

WOMBOURN (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 30th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles) in 27 mins. G. Little, 1; W. Devey, 2; H. Deans, 3; R. Cartwright (conductor), 4; W. Hodges (first 720), 5; A. Little, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 25th, the members of the Writtle company, with some of the ringers from the neighbouring parish of Widford, were entertained at supper by the Vicar, the Rev. T. L. Papillon, and Mr. G. E. Hilliard. The party met in the belfry at 7 p.m., and after a short preliminary touch of Bob Minor, to occupy time until a sufficient number had assembled, the bells were kept going for more than an hour with touches of Grandsire Triples. The first (756) was brought round by the following: A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. Piper, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; C. J. Dennison, 8. Mr. Piper is from Widford, the rest belong to the Writtle company. A second touch of 546 was less successful, a shift occurring near the end. J. Everard, 1; J. Dains, 2; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Piper, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bannington, 8. Messrs. Dains, Tarbun, Piper and Harvey are from Widford, and Mr. De Lisle from Galleywood. Both these touches are composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. At 8.30 a move was made to the "Cock and Bell" Inn, where an excellent supper was done full justice to, and after some touches on the handbells and a short speech by the Vicar, in reply to the proposal of his health, the proceedings ended at 10 o'clock with "God save the Queen," played on the handbells by the Widford ringers, Messrs. J. Dains, Harvey, Piper, and Tarbun. It is rather more than eighteen months since change-ringing was begun at Writtle, and just a year since the company accomplished their first 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and considering that nearly all the old call-change ringers have dropped off, while some of the younger hands have not persevered, the progress made is encouraging. The bells are a fine ring of eight, in good order, tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

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."

BOYCOTTED PEALS.

SIR,—Will you allow me to ask Mr. Attree through your columns why he has boycotted the two peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal that were rung in Ipswich on the 23rd of November and 31st of December last year; has he any doubt as to the method, or does he doubt their performance in either case; he can set his doubts aside if he enquires of Mr. Barrell, formerly of "THE BELL NEWS" staff, who rang the second to the first course we had rung on February 28th, 1885—a Mr. F. G. Newman who rang the tenor to a course when on a visit here, and others, or he can come and hear us ring it himself. When one prepares statistics he should make sure they are correct. As to the quality of the peals, I can say that they were both good peals, the first was the best, and contained some of the best ten-bell ringing I ever heard. I don't wish to offend Mr. Attree, but I think it is only bare justice to ourselves to speak out. W. L. CATCHPOLE.

EXPLANATIONS.

SIR,—In your issue of the 29th ult. there appears a very incorrect account of some ringing which took place at Croydon on New Year's Day, evidently communicated by some one who knew very little about it. Only four of the nine names mentioned are given correctly; but what chiefly excited me is to find the undertaking described as a total defeat and rout; whereas in truth we retired in good order; we executed a strategic movement to the rear. As a matter of fact, after ringing just over half a peal it became evident to the ringers of the 7th that that bell was not going well enough to justify him in continuing his exertions, and therefore the bells were called home. We had not thought it sufficiently important to be published in "THE BELL NEWS," but if accounts are to be sent up by those outside of what they imagine took place, we shall be obliged to publish every 500 we ring. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER.

TUNE PLAYING ON CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—It is the custom in some towns to play tunes on the church bells instead of chiming or ringing for Divine Service. This is done at Southover church, Lewes, I believe. Can any of your readers tell me how this is done. Are the bells chimed on the swing or are the ropes tied to the clappers? ENQUIRER.

BRISTOL SOCIETIES.

SIR,—I see in "THE BELL NEWS" there is a little rivalry going on in the ancient city. Well, I believe a little is good sometimes, as it stimulates the respective Societies to excel each other in the science of change-ringing. I think there was great credit due to the St. James's Society for the performance of a peal of Bob Triples on the 17th December last, with so many young members in it, five of them quite boys, and to show the animation and ability of the St. Stephen's Society (not ancient Society), rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the 14th inst., at Redcliffe, and several good ringers belonging to the Society remained outside. I think those members would have shewn greater respect to the memory of the late Mr. Dowling, if they had gone inside and took part in ringing a touch of Stedman Caters or Grandsire Cinques, but I doubt that the good ringers of the St. Stephen's Society cannot ring Stedman Triples, and not much of Grandsire Caters, although there is one member, Mr. A. York, who is competent, he having taken part in a peal of Treble Bob and one of Stedman Caters, that confirms the statement that there used to exist a good company, namely the Redcliffe Society, of which the late W. Dowling was a member and a good change-ringer in several methods, but that society broke up about nine or ten years ago, then the St. Stephen's Society was founded, when Messrs. York and the late W. Staddon, were the two principles in starting this new Society. Not one of the other members could ring any method besides Grandsire. The members in January 1st, 1880, did not exceed fourteen in the Society and not very sure in Grandsire Triples. This new Society had the ringing of ten churches, namely Redcliffe, twelve bells, St. Nicholas, ten, Christ Church, ten, All Saints, 8, Maryport, 8, St. Stephen's, 8, St. Peter's, 8, Clifton parish church, 8, St. John's, 6, and Mayor's chapel, 6. I think you will agree there should be from forty to sixty ringers for all these churches. Now, Sir, to prove the respective merits of the two Societies I will suggest that in three months from this date they ring a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, each Society to give notice to each other of the church and time of performance. I may here state that the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's are not ringers at all, hardly one of them ever pulled a bell rope. They generally dine at the "Montague" Hotel in November. OBSERVER.

A REQUEST.

SIR,—Will any of the Secretaries of the various Associations of change-ringers be kind enough to forward copy of their year-book or Report to the following, who would send such, one of the Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Year-Books in return. Suggestions more or less valuable may be thus learned. REV. W. W. BOLTON.

Ashford Street, Stoke-upon-Trent.

LYNN COURT AND OTHER METHODS.

SIR,—In reading the correspondence in "THE BELL NEWS," I find Mr. Seccombe appears to be the last to invent the above method, and I think Sir, as Mr. Binns has come forward with this method from 1879, that Mr. Seccombe like myself had ought to give up all claim to this method as it has been composed for several years previous to the above date no doubt, and hope Mr. Binns will come forward with the title of this method and the date of its composition. The two following methods I have never seen in print and hope, Mr. Editor, you will submit them to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS," the first one I had in my possession five years, having composed it in 1882, and the second one has been rung at Aldington for nearly twelve years as Aldington Pleasure, and if any of your readers can come forward with the name of these methods I shall feel much obliged. I have composed a 720 in this method with twenty-six singles made the same as in Plain Bob.

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

The calls in this method are made the same as Plain Bob.

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

PHILIP HODGKIN,

Aldington, Kent.

HANDBELL CONTEST.

A change ringing contest on handbells will take place at the house of Mr. Robert Johnson, "Cheshire Cheese," Hyde Lane, Hyde, on Saturday, March 12th, when £6 will be given for the best two courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major, to be divided as follows: First prize, £2 10s; Second prize, £1 10s; Third prize, £1; Fourth prize, 15s; Fifth prize, 5s. An extra prize of 10s. will be given for the best course of Grandsire Caters. The draw for the order of ringing to take place at 3.30 p.m. Every company to ring on one set of bells which will be provided and which are in the key of G, 18 size. Competent judges will be provided.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Report for the past year, containing a list of the peals rung, times of practice at Churches in union, balance-sheet, list of members, and a general account of the work done, will shortly be published at the price of 4d. each copy to ringing members. All who wish to obtain a copy are hereby requested to inform the Hon. Secretary through their local representatives as soon as possible. Those who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year are requested to forward them at the same time. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon Sec.

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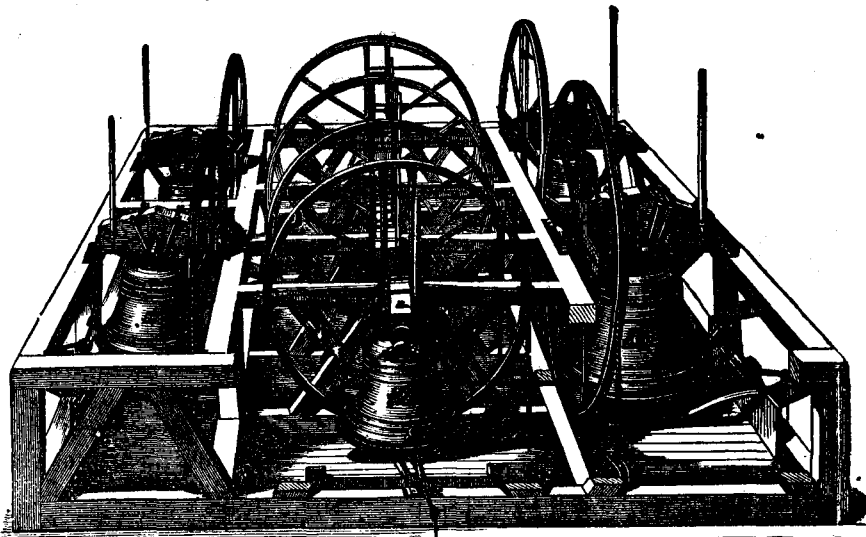


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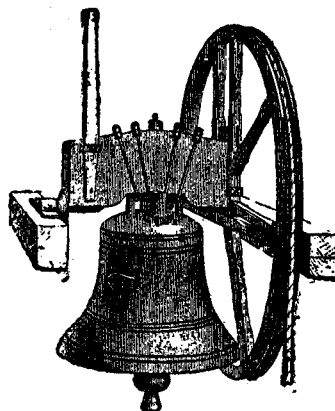
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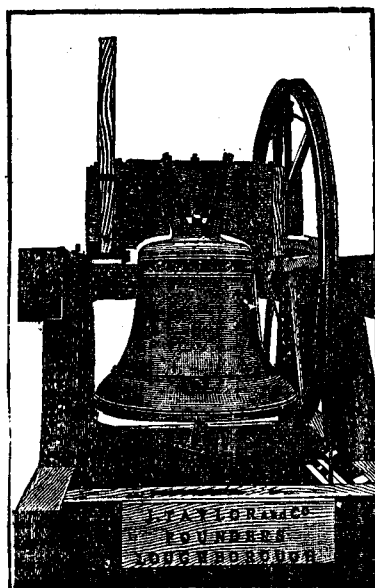
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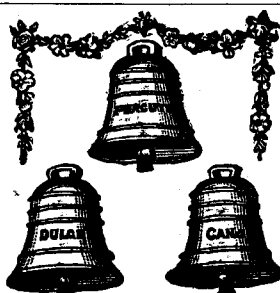
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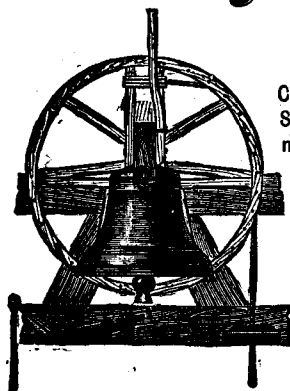
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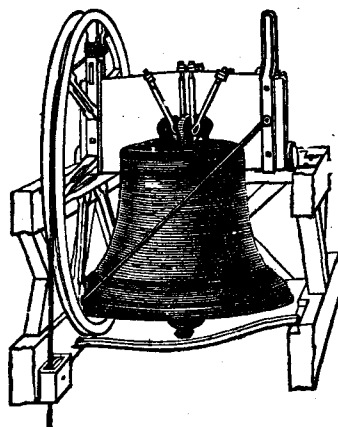
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THE SERMON.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies selected as his text St. Matthew xx. 16: "The last shall be first, and the first last." He said these words formed part of the Gospel for the previous Sunday, in which our Lord told the parable of the labourers in the vineyard, and if they looked at the few concluding verses of the previous chapter they would find that the beginning of the parable was a question asked by St. Peter as to what they would have who had given up all and followed Christ. St. Peter thereby seemed to suggest that if we left all and followed Christ we should, so to speak, earn a reward, and therefore our Lord told us this parable to show that whatever God gave was of his mercy and freewill, and not of any right on our part. These words, placed at the beginning and end of the parable, struck its keynote, and conveyed a warning, showing us that, like the twelve Apostles, everyone who was privileged to be near God, in whatever way, held with that privilege a corresponding responsibility. This privilege applied to their own particular case. They, as ringers, were called to be near God. Perhaps they did not think so. They looked upon their art, their science, or their exercise, whatever they liked to term it, as certainly in some way connected with the Church, because they called people to service, but had they ever thought seriously upon it as a responsibility which God had put into their hands in bringing them close to Himself in His holy Church. Whether they thought it a responsibility or not, it was one; what they thought of it made no difference as far as the real thing was concerned. They could not alter the reality of the fact. They were near God in that responsibility; they were near Him because of the opportunity which He gave them. They went every Sunday to call people to Church, and perhaps they did not think it a very serious thing to walk away from Church themselves; but if they were to believe God's Word, if they were to believe what God told them again and again, there was a responsibility in it. They were in a sense first; they were among the first in privileges, and must try to realise that position. It did not matter how lowly their office might be. They might say that the ringers' office was a very lowly one in the Church's service, that it was beneath that of the choir who sang the praises of God within the Church, or even that it was the lowest of all. But what did David say; "I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness." The one lesson which he wished to press home to their hearts was that they occupied a position of privilege; let them never forget this, but try and realise it more and more. They should try and set an example to those around them, not merely on Sunday, but on every day of the week; and when they did this a new life came into their ringing itself, because they would look upon it, even the week-day practices, as something done for God to his glory. They should always look at their progress from that point of view. Their weekly practice should be something to make them more perfect in every way for Sunday. He was afraid they were apt to be content with a little chiming on week days, but he thought they ought to do their best at these practices. If they could not do a difficult method on Sunday, let them do a simple one, whether only Grandsire or the more difficult Stedman, but let them do their best. If they were thus realising their position of privilege, they were among the first, and would be in less danger of finding themselves among the last at the end. Their responsibility was one in addition to

that which rested on every Christian. He, as a priest, had a greater responsibility than a layman; so, accordingly, each office had its own duty and responsibility. Let them not shirk their responsibility, but live up to it, and then they would be among the first in the great day when Christ came to take his own to himself.

THE MEETING

Was held shortly after service in the Corn Hall, the Rev. the Master presiding. The following were among the members present:—Messrs G. Latham, F. Stevens, C. King, J. Nash, W. S. Sloman, (Stroud), W. Hale, J. Wager, A. Gwinnett, A. Trigg, (Painswick), F. Howell, (Thornbury), J. Middlecote, (Upton St. Leonards), H. Roberts, (Deerhurst), J. Wilkins, (Gloucester), and W. Sevier, (Upton St. Leonards), the instructor. It was stated that the Ven. Archdeacon Sheringham had been prevented from giving the address in church by duties in Convocation. Six new members were elected. The meeting was chiefly taken up with the Instructor's report, which gave particulars of instruction given at Tytherington, Thornbury, Iron Action, Chipping Sodbury, and Wotton-under-Edge. It was mentioned that a large number of apologies from hon. members had been received for non-attendance.

THE DINNER.

Was served in the Hall at one o'clock. About thirty sat down. The Vicar, Rev. H. D'Ombraim, presided, supported by Rev. T. Kebble Bisley; Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. F. Smith, Rev. E. H. Hawkins, and Mr. W. Hobbs. A short toast list was gone through at the conclusion of the repast.

The CHAIRMAN, in submitting "Church and Queen," said very few words of commendation were required in any assembly of Englishmen, especially in a company of Church bellringers, for they could scarcely practise their art in the many towers scattered throughout the diocese without some affection for the venerable fabrics. With regard to the loyal portion of the toast, this being the Jubilee year, all eyes were turned with a peculiar interest to the throne, particularly as only three of our Sovereigns before had reigned 50 years, and one of whom was quite a child when he began. The event was almost unique in English history. We ought to be celebrating the Jubilee now, and not wait till next June, but when the time came in the opinion of Her Majesty he had no doubt they would all be ready to give her some splendid peals. In giving the toast of the day "Success to the Association," he coupled with it the name of the Master, Rev. C. D. P. Davies. He sincerely wished the duty had devolved on one who took a special interest in bellringing, and was acquainted with their work, for he was almost totally ignorant of the subject. He had lived in a district where there were many fine peals, but he felt bound to say that there were drawbacks in connection with bellringing in his former neighbourhood which prevented him taking that interest in it which he should otherwise have done. He regretted more were not present at the service. He certainly thought that ringers had, as it were, if they would forgive him for saying so, to make a character for themselves. The past history of bellringing was connected with so much that was extremely unpleasant, and he might use a stronger word, sinful, that it must be a work of time for them to establish that character which they should desire for an Association in any way connected with the Church. They were constantly reminded of the words on their papers as to the belfry being part of the church, &c., and it was impossible for him to add anything that would better remind them of the important work that they carried on in connection with the Church. As they were told that morning, they really took upon themselves a responsibility when they became bellringers, with which however, they had a privilege. He urged upon them to always remember their responsibility; and concluded by saying there was nothing like water, and hoping that on another occasion he would see more join with him in his glass of water, as he was sure that if they took to water they would be able to ring the bells much better than at present.

The Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, who was cordially received on rising to respond, said although this was the first time the Association had visited Stroud for six years, he hoped the local company would not think they had been slighted, as there had been no intention on the part of the Association to neglect Stroud. It had been more of an oversight than anything else. At the last committee meeting, Prestbury was considered a very good place, when someone said "You have not been to Stroud for a long time," and then all agreed that they ought to come, and were glad of the opportunity. The church contained a fine peal of ten, which went very well indeed. He wished more members were present, but perhaps this was partly owing to short notice. It was customary for the Master to refer to the condition and work of the Association. He thought they were in a fair way of getting on better than in the past. He confessed that he did not think they could congratulate themselves upon the work of the past; they had really done very little, they had now been an Association since January 8th, 1878, and really, speaking merely of a change-ringing point of view, they had done very little. He had been through the peals rung by the Association, and he did not think they exceeded a

dozen, whereas the Midland Counties rang about fifty peals per annum. They would agree with him that they were behind-hand, because he believed they had just as many peals—three of twelve, two or three of ten, and he might say endless peals of eight, and therefore with regard to change ringing they ought to have accomplished more. But with improved funds they had been able to appoint an instructor, a step which he thought would be productive of very much good. The instructor went to Thornbury, where there were five towers, twice a week, and he thought they might look for an accession of members and of peals from that part of the diocese in consequence. From a belfry reform point of view he thought that the Association had been useful. He thought there were very few belfries in the diocese, and he might say none in connection with the Association, where anything unseemly or anything unfitting the House of God was seen—he thought this was very nearly a thing of the past. Perhaps outside the towers there might be something to be wished for, but even in the daily life of the members he thought there was very little that the Association need be ashamed of. He appealed to them to work hard during the next few months, so that at the end of ten years they might have a good record to point to.

The Rev. PITT EYKYN, in proposing "The health of the Chairman," said the Association had been warmly received by the vicar. When he wrote to him to ask him if they might come, Mr. D'Ombrian at once replied telling them that he should be glad to see and welcome them. They were indebted to the vicar for the use of the church, for his presence there, and for his presidency at that dinner.

The CHAIRMAN said it had been a great pleasure to him to place the church and tower at their disposal. He must not forget to give them a message from the veteran bellringer, Giles Mansfield, who desired him to give them all kind wishes and to say that it would afford him great pleasure to see any of them. They would find him in bed, but in the possession of all his faculties, and at the mention of bell-ringing he pricked up his ears like an old war horse. It was eighty-two years the fifth of next month when he began bell ringing, and he was now in his ninety-fifth year. He believed that if the old man had the use of his legs he would be able to ring a peal for the Queen's jubilee.

The Rev. T. KEBLE gave "The Officers of the Association," coupled with the name of the indefatigable hon. sec.—(hear, hear)—who did his work in a most exemplary way. He felt a most especial interest in the society, not only because of its most important object, the reform of the customs of belfries, which he thought it had succeeded in accomplishing to a great extent, but also because the society was founded from his own house some nine years ago. His son, Mr. Davies and Mr. Phillott, met in his drawing room and talked the matter over, the result being that circulars were sent round to all ministers having peals of eight bells and upwards. Subsequently a meeting was held at the Chapter House at Gloucester, at which the society was organised. He felt a warm interest in the first starting of the society, and although he must confess to having attended scarcely any committee meetings, that interest had not ceased. Some years ago a portion of the society paid a visit to Bisley, and rang on their bells, which had a reputation of not being some of the worst in the diocese, although not very large ones, and he trusted they would be able to pay a similar visit before long. He wished his own parochial band of ringers were in a more flourishing condition. Owing to young men leaving home, they found that when a member had learnt to ring very well he left the parish, the consequence being that the band was being constantly broken up, and at present they were in rather a bad way, but he hoped that for the future there would be less changing. In conclusion he suggested that they should visit Bisley in the course of the ensuing summer.

The Rev. PITT EYKYN, in responding, regretted the absence of Mr. Witts, the treasurer, through family circumstances, and said all the officers were united and worked in harmony, which ensured the best results for the Association, while they now welcomed amongst them another friend in the form of an instructor. Their prospects were better than ever before, and he should only be too willing to do anything in his power to further the objects in view.

This concluded the toast list, and the company separated.

CHANGE RINGING.

Various touches were rung on the Church bells during the day, including 350 Grandsire Triples before the business meeting, followed subsequently by several touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob, and Bob Major. In the evening the members of the Stroud Branch, assisted by a member from Painswick and another from Gloucester, rang a touch of 1,400 Grandsire Triples in fifty minutes. The ringers were A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett (Painswick), 2; C. King, 3; J. Wilkins (Gloucester), 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham (conductor), 6; W. Sloman, 7; G. Smith, 8.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

A Special General Meeting of the above Society will be held at Mr. A. Hadley's, "Ring of Bells," Aston, on Thursday evening next, January 24th, at 8 o'clock. It is requested that members will make an effort to attend.

T. J. HEMMING, Sec.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

An ordinary meeting of this Association was held at Terrington St. Clement, on Saturday, February 12th, and was well attended by ringers from Lynn, Spalding, Yarmouth, Walpole and Terrington. Several well-struck touches were brought round during the day, the particulars of which are given in our ringing columns. At two p.m. twenty-six guests sat down to a good plain dinner at the "King William Inn," the Rev. Marlborough Crosse, the Vicar of the parish, presiding. The usual loyal and complimentary toasts were duly honoured, and several honorary members elected. The Rev. J. N. Coates was elected Secretary in the place of the Rev. B. Matthews, resigned, and it was resolved that the next meeting should be held at Wisbech. This next meeting being the annual one, several alterations in the rules were given notice of, to be discussed on that occasion, and it was also resolved that the clergy should be respectfully asked to receive the Guild at a short service in church on the day of meeting. A detachment from Spalding then drove to All Saints', Tilney, where there is a very interesting church, with a fine ring of bells. The ringing was kept up until 9 o'clock, and whilst the last 720 of Treble Bob was being rung by the Walpole men, a straw stack was set on fire directly opposite the belfry window, which sent up an enormous blaze, to be seen many miles off; but so intent were the performers on their work, that they did not notice the fire until they left the tower. In connection with this Guild it may be mentioned that good prospects attend its work in Kings Lynn, where the fine old company, for some time past in danger of becoming extinct, has been well reinforced by ringers from Terrington, by whom, with the constant help of Dr. Seccombe, the Christmas ringing has been ably and regularly carried on, and a good band of recruits are working hard, so that in the course of a few months it may be hoped that both the fine peals in the town will be heard as frequently and as skilfully rung as heretofore.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—RESTORATION OF THE TOWER.

An influential committee of noblemen and gentlemen interested in architecture, with the Archdeacon of Oakham as Chairman, has lately been formed for the above object. But as the cost of the work cannot fail to be large, it is considered advisable to leave no stone unturned by which funds may be raised; and thus it is proposed to hold a bazaar (probably in August next). During the last six years the condition of the tower has become very much worse, and it is evident that the fabric cannot stand much longer. The parishioners have done their utmost in the complete restoration of the church, at a cost of £2800; and they trust that, even under ordinary circumstances, this fact would justify them in now going further afield for help. But they know that their tower has an interest which is by no means confined to the area of the parish; and they feel that the restoration of so striking a building, if happily accomplished, will take by no means the meanest place among the public works proposed in so many parts of the country, by way of celebrating the event that has come but three times before in the history of the nation—the Jubilee of the Sovereign.

There was a peal of six bells in Irlthlingborough tower, but owing to the unsafe condition of the structure, they were removed a few years since, and are now housed in a hut in the churchyard. They are a nice musical peal from the Whitechapel foundry, 1829, tenor about 12 cwt. in G. The old ringers and inhabitants generally long to hear their bells once more.

HANDBELL CONTEST.

A change ringing contest on handbells will take place at the house of Mr. Robert Johnson, "Cheshire Cheese," Hyde Lane, Hyde, on Saturday, March 12th, when £6 will be given for the best two courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major, to be divided as follows: First prize, £2 10s; Second prize, £1 10s; Third prize, £1; Fourth prize, 15s; Fifth prize, 5s. An extra prize of 10s. will be given for the best course of Grandsire Caters. The draw for the order of ringing to take place at 3.30 p.m. Every company to ring on one set of bells which will be provided and which are in the key of G, 18 size. Competent judges will be provided.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

On Monday, February 7th, the Steyning Branch of the Sussex County Association held their annual outing, Chailey Church being selected. Having to wait at Brighton, and through the kindness of the officials of St. Nicholas' Church, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob was rang. After reaching Chailey the following 720's were rung:—720 of College Single, 720 of Yorkshire Court, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Plain Bob, and 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. The members take this opportunity of thanking the vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells on the occasion.

WILBY, NORTHANTS.

Wilby is a little village about two miles from Wellingborough. The church of St. Mary is mostly in the perpendicular style, the tower and spire being a very beautiful and striking piece of work. The lower portion of the tower is square, the upper octagonal, crowned by a spire with pinnacles and flying buttresses. There were formerly only three bells, but a fourth was added when the church was restored eight years ago, the whole peal being at the same time rehung by Taylor, of Loughborough. The tenor weighs about 9 cwt. Another bell would be a great improvement. It is to be hoped a new treble may be forthcoming before long, Wilby will then possess as sweet a ring of five as any in the district. A new clock was placed in the tower a few years since, as the result of a very successful bazaar.

An entertainment of an interesting character was given in the Schoolroom, Wilby, on Friday evening last, on behalf of the Church Choir Fund. The room was crowded, and the audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy the lengthy and varied programme, which was carried out most satisfactorily. Rev. H. Dale presided. At intervals during the evening seven of the Wellingborough parish church ringers (Messrs. Turnell, Ette, Craddock, Clayson, Randall, Wood, and Underwood), delighted the company with selections of handbell music, consisting of "raise" and "fall" rounds, Queen's change, and Grand-sire Doubles in pairs, on twelve bells; Grand-sire Triples and "fall" on eight bells, and the following tunes:—"Joe Tims," "Blue Bells of Scotland," "Molly Musk," "Postboy," and "Oswald." After the concert the Rev. J. S. Hall very kindly invited the ringers to Wilby House to supper.

CORSHAM, WILTS.

On Saturday, February 12th, 1887, the Trowbridge ringers with Mr. W. W. Gifford from Salisbury, visited this place at the invitation of Mr. E. D. Foster. On arriving, the bells were raised in peal and a few 6-scores rung. The company were then very hospitably entertained at tea by Mr. Foster, this over they again visited the belfry, and rang six 6-scores of Grand-sire Doubles (each called differently) in 30 mins. W. Alley (conductor), 1; J. Hayward, 2; E. A. Foster, 3; W. McCaffrey, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; A. Palmer, 6. A few more 6-scores, and the bells being lowered in peal, a capital evening was afterwards spent, when some good songs were given by Messrs. Palmer and Hayward, followed by a recitation well rendered by Mr. Walter Lane. The above is a beautiful ring of bells, tenor 27 cwt. in D. all by Thomas Bilbie excepting the 5th and they bear the following inscriptions:—

1.—"Robert Neale and Anthony Guy, Gent. Churchwardens, 1757, T.B. F;" 2, 3, 4.—"The same Churchwardens and founder (Bilbie) 1758;" 5.—"William Hulbert and Harry Ovens, Churchwardens, James Wells, Aldbourne, fecit. 1820;" 6.—"Robert Neale Esq. and Anthony Guy, Gent. Churchwardens—Thomas Bilbie cast mee 1758."

I to the church the living call,
And to the grave do summon all.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday a DISTRICT MEETING of this Association was held in conjunction with the anniversary of the Halesworth Ringing Society. Ringing was commenced early in the morning by the Halesworth company, and was continued at intervals during the day by representatives from Aldeburgh, Beccles, Brandeston, Fressingfield, Hasketon, Melton, Norwich, Peasenhall, Redenhall, Woodbridge, Wenboston, St. Margarets, Southelmham and Yarmouth. A capital dinner was provided at the Swan Hotel by Host and Hostess Kent, at which between 40 and 50 sat down. Mr. Parry presided, supported by the Rev. A. Scott Thompson Halesworth, the Rev. W. C. Pearson Southwold, Captain Moore Redehall, Dr. Smith and Mr. A. Smith &c., while the vice-chair was occupied by the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, Association Secretary. The loyal and other toasts were duly honoured, and several touches were rung on the hand-bells. This meeting was the largest and best that has been held for some years past.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL MEETING AT JARROW.

The February Meeting will be held on Monday, the 21st, at Jarrow. The bells at the disposal of the ringers will be a peal of six at Christ Church, tenor 17 cwt., and a peal of six at St. Peter's, tenor 8½ cwt. A dinner will be provided at two o'clock at the Queen's Arms Hotel, 1s. to members, and 2s. 6d. to non-members. Dinner tickets should be applied for not later than Monday, February 14th, to the Secretary. A meeting of the committee will be held at the Inn at one o'clock. Subscriptions for the current year are now due and should be paid to the Secretary.

16, Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

In Memoriam.

HENRY PRIOR, SEN.

Few deaths have been more deeply regretted in the circle in which he lived and moved than that of Mr. Henry Prior, sen., manager of the Stanstead Hall Estate brickworks. Mr. Prior, who had been staying for the benefit of his health at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Litson, Eastbourne, expired there on Friday, February 4th, and his remains were brought thence on Tuesday last, the interment taking place in the parish churchyard of Stanstead Mountfichet, Essex, on Wednesday, February 9th. Mr. Prior, who was in his fifty-eighth year, was a member of the Royal Cumberland Society, and of the Essex Association, had been a ringer from his boyhood, and was well-known to campanologists in Essex and adjacent counties, and had his death and funeral been more widely known there is no doubt a larger company of change-ringers would have wended their way towards Stanstead, to show their regard to so ardent a lover of the science. The mourners included the widow, five sons, and four daughters, and numerous other relations, besides Messrs. H. J. Tucker, and W. H. Tucker, Bishop Stortford; J. Mumford, Henham; G. Harvey and H. Ward, Manuden; G. Martin, E. Pitstow, F. Pitstow, and N. J. Pitstow, Safron Walden; G. Rochester and N. W. Tarling, Sawbridgeworth; I. Cavill, J. Cavill, J. Luckey, G. Gray, and W. Watts, Stanstead. The grave is situated near the foot of the tower, under the shade of a fine cedar tree, a spot in every way suitable for one who had passed, to him, many happy hours of his life close by. Immediately after the funeral a muffled 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung. G. Rochester, 1; G. Martin, 2; N. J. Pitstow, 3; H. J. Tucker, 4; E. Pitstow, 5; F. Pitstow (conductor), 6.

WILLIAM H. M. BLEWS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Henry Maxwell Blews, of Birmingham, which took place at his residence, Wyld Green, on Sunday, January 30th, aged 59 years, after two months severe illness. Mr. Blews' name as a bell-founder will no doubt be known to some of the readers of this paper. He cast the first peal of eight bells that were ever cast in Birmingham, which hang in Bishop Ryder's church, Birmingham. He has also carried on extensive brass work in nearly all its branches, having executed some large government contracts for weights and measures, etc. On Monday, February 7th, a muffled peal was rung at Bishop Ryder's church, Birmingham, by the following: Reuben Bloomfield, 1; Frank H. James, 2; Thomas Miller (conductor), 3; Bennet Stevens, 4; John Dunn, 5; Charles Carmell, 6; Albert Hackley, 7; Robert Jones, 8. On Saturday, February 8th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grand-sire Triples at the same place, but after ringing 2016 changes in 1 hr. and 16 mins. a change-course occurred, and stand was called. William Saniger, 1; Frank H. James, 2; Thomas Miller (conductor), 3; Bennet Stevens, 4; John Dunn, 5; Albert Hackley, 6; John Ward, 7; Robert Jones, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (READING BRANCH).

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Monday evening, February 21st, at the "Wheat-sheaf" hotel. Supper will be laid on the table at 7.30 p.m. precisely. An allowance of 1s. 6d. will be made to all ringing members of the branch. Members intending to be present must send word *without fail* to the secretary, before Friday, February 18th, stating how many friends are likely to accompany them. No allowance will be made to members who have not thus signified their intentions. Any friends from a distance will receive a hearty welcome, but are requested to send intimation beforehand.

Caversham, Feb. 9th.

G. F. COLERIDGE, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.

NOTICE.—Mr. Johnson's seventy-eighth birthday anniversary dinner will take place at St. Martin's hotel on Monday, February 28th, at six o'clock. Tickets three shillings each, application to be made on or before the 21st inst. A peal of Stedman Cinques is contemplated being started for on that date at two o'clock. All friends wishing to take part in it will be welcome.

W. KENT.

Fentham Road, Birchfields, Birmingham.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E., by the kind permission of the Rev. A. W. Jephson, on Saturday, February 19th.

The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8 p.m.

Permission has also kindly been granted to ring at Christ Church, Blackfriars, between the hours of 4.30 and 6.30 p.m.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1887.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE TANNER Treble.	HENRY SPRINGHALL 5.
WILLIAM CECIL 2.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 6.
HENRY PAGE* 3.	JAMES PETTIT 7.
EDWARD WALLAGE 4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

* Formerly of Hackney, now of Stoke-upon-Trent.

CAMBERWELL, SURREY.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5130 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON* Treble.	† WILLIAM H. JUDD 6.
JOHN BONNY* 2.	WILLIAM W. THORNE 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL* 3.	WILLIAM JONES 8.
HENRY LANGDON 4.	ARTHUR HAYWARD 9.
RICHARD FRENCH 5.	TOM COXHEAD Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY BOOTH, and Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters with a bob bell.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Members are requested to attend St. Martin's belfry, at 7.30 p.m. sharp, Friday next, February 25th, and meeting room 8.30 p.m., to oblige the Master.

HENRY DAINS, Hon. Sec.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY (LONDON).

On Saturday, February 12, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL (Reversed). Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PEAD Treble.	WILLIAM WATCHORN .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	EDWARD WELLS 6.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 3.	HUGH SCARLETT 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

Previous to starting Mr. W. Watchorn was elected a member of the above Society.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 12th, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
JOSEPH BARRY 2.	ALBERT E. CHURCH .. 6.
JABEZ HORTON 3.	GEORGE NEWSON 7.
HENRY J. DAVIES 4.	WILLIAM G. WILD Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

Mr. Meads (who is an old Cumberland) hails from Haywards Heath, Sussex. This is his first peal and was arranged for him on the previous evening at the St. Martin's meeting house, W.C. This is the quickest peal rung on the bells.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETIES.

On Saturday, February 12th, 1887, in Two Hours and fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR HUBBARD Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN 5.
JOHN W. BARRS 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN JUN. .. 6.
THOMAS C. GROVE* 3.	WILLIAM PYE-ENGLISH .. 7.
HENRY A. BARNETT 4.	GEORGE B. LUCAS Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.

* First peal with a bob bell. The conductor is aged 18, and is believed to be the youngest who has called this peal from a bob bell.

The Provinces.

BRISTOL.—THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, February 10, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM PADDOCK Treble.	ARTHUR HOWELL 5.
GEORGE PYMM 2.	JAMES HINTON 6.
WALTER PORCH 3.	HERBERT TUCKER 7.
JAMES YORK* 4.	HENRY PORCH Tenor.

Conducted by H. PORCH.

* First peal and member of St. Stephen's Society. The above is the first peal of Bob Major by all and was rung to celebrate the 47th anniversary of Her Majesty's Wedding. The average age of the above ringers is 19 years.

BIRSTALL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM STAINTHROPE .. 5.
GEORGE THORNTON 2.	JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. 6.
HENRY HUBBARD 3.	BENJAMIN A. DODSON .. 7.
MATTHEW TOMLINSON .. 4.	ROBERT BINNS Tenor.

Composed by the late JOSEPH FLEMING, of Halifax, and Conducted by ROBERT BINNS.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 9, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN HOWE	Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY	5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON	2.	WILLIAM HICKLING	6.
WILLIAM WAKLEY	3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN	7.
HARRY C. WOODWARD	4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which was composed for the occasion, was rung at Mr. Wakley's request, he being anxious to include this method in his 100 peals, this being his 99th. The composition contains the full extent of the combinations of 4, 5, and 6, in 5-6; the 2nd and 3rd being never in 6th's place, and only five and three courses respectively in 5th's place. This peal is the quickest yet rung on the bells in a peal of Major.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 10, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE	Treble.	JOHN WELSBY	5.
JAMES H. RIDYARD	2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE	6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD*	3.	JOHN BAGULEY	7.
JOSEPH DERBYSHIRE	4.	RICHARD RIDYARD	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

*First peal. The above is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal in the method by a local company. The peal will be found in the Shipway reprint, page 88, in the third part.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12th, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

B. F. LAMB*	Treble.	W. WILKS	5.
G. A. O. NETTLETON*	2.	*J. S. CLARK	6.
B. T. COPLEY	3.	W. E. LONDON	7.
S. H. LONDON*	4.	*F. LONDON	Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by F. LONDON.

*First peal.

DEWSBURY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, February 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. SPURR	Treble.	J. A. IDLE	5.
J. CHAPPEL	2.	W. DIXON	6.
M. GARFORTH	3.	W. BYRAM	7.
G. MARSDEN	4.	D. STEPHENSON	Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY, and Conducted by G. MARSDEN.

Messrs. Spurr, Chappel, Marsden, Dixon, and Stephenson hail from Ossett; Garforth and Byram from Earlsheaton, and Idle from Dewsbury.
The above was rang to celebrate the 22nd birthday of W. Byram.

EASTBOURNE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EASTBOURNE BRANCH).

On Saturday, February 12, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ISAAC HAMMOND*	Treble.	T. WILLOUGHBY	5.
T. HART	2.	J. POTTER	6.
W. SIGGS*	3.	T. LEWES	7.
E. WILLOUGHBY†	4.	J. LEWES	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HART.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION,
(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Friday, February 11th, 1887, in Three Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

BENJAMIN SUGDEN	Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY	5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON	2.	ALFRED ROBINSON	6.
WILLIAM HICKLING	3.	JOHN HOWE	7.
EVAN MORETON	4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which is now performed for the first time, was rung at the first attempt, and is the first peal in the method by all except the conductor. It is also the third within a week, all three being in different methods. The composition is in four parts, without a bob at 6.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 11, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN JAY	Treble.	CHARLES TYLER	5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE	2.	JAMES SEARLE	6.
GEORGE HOWSE	3.	THOMAS HART	7.
THOMAS SMITH	4.	HARRY WESTON	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

The above peal was rung on the occasion of the reopening of the bells after being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The ringers were afterwards entertained at supper by the Rector (Rev. W. E. Richardson).
Messrs. Howse, Smith, and Hart hail from Eastbourne, and the remainder from Brighton.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

JAMES N. FROSSELL	Treble.	WILLIAM G. BIGGS	5.
WILLIAM ALLAN	2.	HARRY CHAPMAN	6.
FREDERICK PITSTOW	3.	ERNEST PITSTOW	7.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE	4.	ISSAC HILLS	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLAKE.

This peal, which is now rang for the first time, has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and is the first peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by Messrs. Allan, Biggs, Clarke, Chapman, Frossell, and Hills, who are members of the Bedfordshire Association and Bedford Society; the Pitstow Bros. are members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and hail from Saffron Walden, Essex, in which this peal was arranged for them on their paying a visit to Bedfordshire. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells on this occasion, and also to the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal.

PRESTBURY.—GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 14, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

D. DAVIS*	Treble.	F. MUSTY	5.
W. T. PATES	2.	†G. H. PHILLOTT, Esq.	6.
F. E. WARD, Esq.	3.	*T. DAVIS	7.
T. STEEL*	4.	*T. COMPTON	Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. PHILLOTT, Esq.

The above is the first peal on the bells by the local company since their augmentation and rehanging in last October. The peal was rung perfectly true and reflects great credit on those of the band who had never rung a peal of Triples before. The bells were rehung in October last, and were augmented by a pair of trebles from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The new bells are a most beautiful pair, and an excellent splice has been made. The "go" of the whole peal leaves nothing to be desired. Prestbury may think itself fortunate in possessing now such a melodious and handy peal of eight.

*First peal on eight bells in any method. †First peal as conductor.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
 Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs., in E.

HENRY HIPKISS .. .. .Treble.	JAMES HALL .. .. .6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. .2.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. .7.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. .3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. .8.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. .4.	CHARLES TIMMS .. .. .9.
BENJAMIN HILL .. .. .5.	THOMAS ADKINS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters rung by this Association, and also the first by any of the band except Messrs Reeves and Small.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(WARNHAM BRANCH).

On Sunday, February 13, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. CHARMAN .. .. .Treble.	H. COOK .. .. .5.
H. CHANLER .. .. .2.	C. BLACKMAN .. .. .6.
T. ANDREWS .. .. .3.	H. WOOD .. .. .7.
W. SHORT .. .. .4.	T. HOGSFLESH .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by A. DUMSDAY, of Cuckfield, and Conducted by H. CHANDLER.

C. Blackman hails from Arundel.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 14, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

JAMES HEWETT .. .. .Treble.	CHARLES PRIVETT .. .. .5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .2.	GEORGE GRAHAM .. .. .6.
FREDERICK HILL .. .. .3.	JOHN WHITING .. .. .7.
REV. H. A. SPYERS .. .. .4.	GEORGE PASSINGHAM .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first time that Holt's Original has been rung in Hampshire by Hampshire men.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—CROYDON BRANCH.

Birthday Peal.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G#.

HENRY C. HALEY .. .. .Treble.	URBAN HOLMAN .. .. .5.
GEORGE RUSSELL .. .. .2.	WILLIAM STATES .. .. .6.
HENRY DUDLEY, SEN. .. .. .3.	ALFRED BRUCE .. .. .7.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, M.B. 4.	SAMUEL FISK .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY C. HALEY.

The above was rung to celebrate the 41st birthday of the conductor; his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

Date Touches.

YORKSHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

SADDLEWORTH.—On Tuesday, February 8th, 1887, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. John J. Brierley, 1; Joseph Radcliffe, 2; John T. Holden, 3; Joseph Wood, 4; Edgar Buckley, 5; John Holden, 6; James H. Shaw, 7; Edward Wood, 8. Composed by James S. Wilde, Hyde, and conducted by John J. Brierley, Saddleworth.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

WARNHAM.—On Monday, February 14th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Court Bob Triples, 1887 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. W. Charman, 1; H. Cook, 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Short, 4;

H. Chandler, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8. Composed by F. W. Harding, of Heathfield, Sussex, and contains the twenty-four 6-7's.

RIPPLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 23rd, the Tredington Society visited the above place and rang, assisted by C. Hayling of the local company, a date touch (1887 changes) of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles, in 1 hr. and 8 mins. C. Hayling, 1; H. Jordan, 2; F. Smith, 3; H. G. Brown, 4; C. W. Dyson (conductor), 5; W. Hawker, 6.

TREDINGTON, (Gloucestershire).—On Friday evening, January 21st, for practice, a date touch (1887 changes), being 87 of Grandsire Doubles, 120 of Antelope, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles, three 6-scores of St. Dunstan's Doubles, four of Grandsire, and five 6-scores of Dream Doubles, in 1 hr. 4 mins. W. Hawker, 1; H. Jordan, 2; F. Smith, 3; H. G. Brown, 4; C. W. Dyson (conductor), 5.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday evening, February 13th, for Divine Service, a 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Springall, 1; C. Beech, 2; J. Bonney, 3; H. E. Hammond (of Brantree), 4; S. E. Joyce, 5; E. Wallage, 6; E. Carter, 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 6th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. *C. Sparks, 1; E. Boylin, 2; J. T. Perry, 3; C. Barnacle, 4; E. Bryant, 5; C. Carmell (conductor), 6. Also two 120's of Grandsire Doubles by the same band with C. Sparks at the 3rd. *First 720.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, February 6th, for Divine service at Christ Church, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Wilkinson, 1; F. J. Pattison, 2; W. Holmes, 3; A. Sharp, 4; R. Heron, 5; R. Oliver, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt. First 720 for Wilkinson and Pattison.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Wednesday, February 9th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. J. Blakiston, 1; R. Alcock, 2; *H. MacAdams, 3; T. Burdon (conductor), 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; G. J. Clarkson, 6. And on the same night a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. J. Blakiston, 2; *H. MacAdams, 3; R. Alcock, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; W. Newton, 6. H. MacAdams and J. H. Blakiston hail from Middlesborough. *First peal in the method.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

TERRINGTON.—At the ordinary meeting of this Guild, held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at St. Clement's Church, the following were rung:—720 Bob Minor, in 28½ mins. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes (conductor), 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. All the above of Walpole. Also three 6-scores Grandsire Doubles. J. S. Wright, 1; R. Mackman, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; G. Ladd, 4; G. Skeef, 5; J. W. Jarvis, 6. All six of Spalding. Also a 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. Mallett, 1; R. Grimes, 2; F. Easton, 3; Dr. Seccombe (conductor), 4; D. D. Greeves, 5; G. Holland, 6. Messrs. Mallett, Easton, and Dr. Seccombe are of Terrington; Grimes hail from Walpole, and Greeves and Holland from Lynn. Also a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. All of Walpole. Tenor 14 cwt. And at All Saints', Tilney, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. S. Wright, 1; G. Skeef, 2; R. Mackman, 3; R. Jarvis, 4; J. W. Jarvis, 5; G. Ladd, 6. All of Spalding. Tenor 16 cwt. Several well struck touches of Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Major were also rung on the handbells. J. W. Tayler, 1; D. D. Greeves, 2; W. Mallett, 3; F. Easton, 4; John Green, 5; Dr. Seccombe, 6; T. Taylor, 7; G. Holland, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, February 12th, at St. Mary's Church, four of the Writtle company, with Messrs. Perkins, of Romford, Parmenter and Rowland, Chelmsford; and Tarling, Sawbridge-worth, rang a 503 of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; J. Everard, 2; W. Rowland, 3; F. Radley, 4; J. Tarling, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; J. Parmenter, 8.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, February 6th, for Divine service in the afternoon, 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 26 mins. *S. Hunt, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collin, 4. F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also for evening service, 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. H. Deal (conductor), 1; *W. Dowsett, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collin, 4; F. Strugnell, 5. F. H. Brewer, 6. *First

720 in the method. And 360 of Bob Minor, in 15 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; H. Deal (conductor), 5; W. Dowsett, 6. S. Hunt and W. Dowsett hail from Prittlewell; the rest are local members. The above company would be very pleased if any brother-strings would pay them a visit.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, February 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. *A. Edwards, 1; *J. Everard, 2; *R. Wood, 3; *F. Radley, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; †W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; *A. Bonnington, 8. *First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor. Mr. Perkins is from Romford; the rest are of the local company. This quarter-peal, composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," contains the twenty-four 6-7's the right way, and is the first quarter-peal published having this property.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WROTHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 4th, at St. George's Church, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and singles), in 26 mins. F. Taylor, 1; G. Barham, 2; G. Osborne, 3; J. Rogers, 4; F. Shoobridge (conductor), 5; C. Taylor, 6; —Hosmer, 7.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RADCLIFFE (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 12th, at the parish church, the local company rung the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes) in 1 hr. 25 mins. A. Barrett (conductor), 1; J. Hardman, 2; F. Emerson, 3; J. Morris, 4; A. Hardman, 5; J. Hardman, 6; F. Morris, 7; W. Fielding, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt. in Ft.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derby).—On Wednesday, February 2nd, 1887, the local society rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 25 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; Jos. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. The above 720 was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. T. Adcock, the organist, at the parish church, to Miss M. Blackshaw, youngest daughter of Mr. W. Blackshaw, stationmaster, Melbourne. And on Saturday, February 5th, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles) in 27 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Warren, 2; J. Vickers, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 5; G. C. Tunnicliff, 6. First peal in the method by H. Hollingworth and J. Vickers. First peal in the method with a bob bell by G. A. Fish.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Saturday evening last, the following eight members of the above association rang on the Cathedral bells a half-peal of Bob Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 39 mins. W. Stiles, 1; S. Woodthorpe, 2; H. Gadd, 3; H. Doughty, 4; W. Lunn, 5; I. Vickers (conductor), 6; F. Rose, 7; J. Stewart, 8. This was the longest length which has been rung upon these bells by a Lincolnshire company for over half a century. Messrs. Gadd and Lunn hail from Market Rasen, the remainder belonging to the cathedral company. Tenor 18 cwt.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Sunday, February 13th, at St. Helen's Church, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. A. J. Kimbrey, 1; J. Brown, 2; J. H. Viner, 3; H. Humfrey, 4; Private H. Sheard (Royal Berkshire Regiment, conductor), 5; W. Sandell, 6; E. Aldworth, 7. The above was rang on the back seven.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, February 7th, at St. Mary's, eight members of this branch of the above association, attempted Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples, to commemorate the 23rd birthday of A. E. Reeves, but unfortunately owing to a "shift," the conductor was compelled to call "stand." A. E. Reeves, 1; R. Swain, 2; W. J. Williams, 3; H. Egby (conductor), 4; H. Blissett, 5; A. Thomas, 6; W. Newell, 7; T. Harvey, 8.

ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

WOOLWICH, (Kent).—On Monday evening, February 14th, at St. Mary's church, eight members of the above Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 42 mins. H. Grout, 1; J. Bonney, 2; I. G. Shade, 3; H. J. Shade (composer and conductor), 4; E. E. Richards, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; A. G. Freeman, 7; W. Freeman, 8. This was rung on the anniversary of Mr. H. Shade's birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday evening, February 7th, at their club house, White Horse, Haymarket, with E. Francis, late of Diss, a course of Bob Maximus. T. Smith, 1; W. Bales, 2; F. Fiddiment, 3-4; P. Sadler, 5-6; G. Smith, 7-8; F. Knights, 9-10; E. Francis, 11-12. Also a course of Stedman Cinques. J. Fiddiment, 1-2; P. Sadler, 3-4; W. Bales, 5; E. Francis, 6; G. Smith, 7-8; F.

Knights, 9-10; J. Skinner, 11-12. Also a course of Grandsire Cinques. W. Bales, 1-2; E. Francis, 3-4; J. Fiddiment, 5-6; G. Smith, 7-8; F. Knights, 9-10; J. Skinner, 11-12. Also a course of Bob Royal. J. Fiddiment, 1-2; E. Francis, 3-4; P. Sadler, 5-6; G. Smith, 7-8; G. Moy (Aylsham), 9-10. And a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. E. Francis, 1; W. Bales, 2; G. Smith, 3-4; J. Fiddiment, 5-6; F. Knights, 7-8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Monday evening, February 14th, at Immanuel Church, for practice, eight members of the above association rang a 336 of Grandsire Triples, in 12 mins., conducted by G. Pell. And a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins., (Brook's Variation). G. Russell, 1; E. Burtenshaw, 2; W. J. Pell, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; D. Springall, 5; G. Pell, 6; S. Greenwood (conductor), 7; W. Ely, 8.

WIMBLEDON.—On Tuesday, February 8th, at St. Mary's church, 720 of Superlative Surprise. G. Woodis, 1; R. Moss, 2; G. Byde, 3; J. Strutt, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Messrs. Strutt and Woodis hail from Kingston, the rest are of the local company.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHDIOCONAL ASSOCIATION.

BIDDULPH (Staffordshire).—On Monday, February 14th, at St. Lawrence's Church, 360 of Yorkshire Court Bob and 360 of Oxford Bob, in 25 mins. J. Moss, 1; M. Capper, 2; A. Cottrell, 3; S. Mitchell, 4; S. Moore, 5; W. J. Carter (conductor), 6.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, February 8th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 and 360 of Bob Minor. H. Barker (first 720), 1; R. Hutton (conductor), 2; W. Nudds, 3; C. Tite (first 720), 4; R. Chapman (first 720), 5; W. Nudds, jun. (first 720 with a bob bell).

BATTERSEA.—On Saturday, February 12th, at St. Mary's, eight members of St. John's Society rang a 1260 Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Baron, 1; W. Partington, 2; A. Wood, 3; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 4; W. Broadbent, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, February 8th, at St. John's, Deritend, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes. J. Carter, 1; J. York, 2; J. Perry, 3; J. Callaghan, 4; J. Hinton, 5; —6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; A. Hackley, 8. And at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, a 464 of Bob Major. W. Saniger, 1; J. Callaghan, 2; J. Perry, 3; J. Carter, 4; J. Hinton, 5; J. York, 6; A. Hackley, 7; H. Porch (conductor), 8. Messrs. Hinton, Porch, and York hail from Bristol.

BISHOP STORTFORD (Herts).—Muffled Peal.—On Saturday evening, February 12th, at St. Michael, a quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. W. Rickett, 1; C. Martin, 2; G. Martin, 3; A. Tucker, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 6; W. H. Tucker, 7; J. Scatney, 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Henry Prior, senr., of Stanstead, Essex.

BRADLEY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 12th, at St. Martin's Church, six 6-scores, each called differently. S. Ronde, 1; B. Reaves, 2; W. Johnson (Willenhall), 3; H. Ronde, 4; W. Williams (conductor), 5; J. Ronde, 6. Tenor 4 cwt. in Eb.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday evening, February 5th, a mixed band met at the parish church with the intention of ringing a 720 of Plain Bob, when after ringing for twenty minutes, it unfortunately came to grief, through the rope of the sixth breaking. C. Barrett (Stourbridge), 1; J. Hillman (Kingswinford), 2; J. Guest (Brierley Hill), 3; D. Garbut, 4; W. Lawrence (Wordsley), 5; E. Bourne (Kingswinford). The above was rung to commemorate the 50th birthday of Mr. R. B. Guest, of Brierley Hill.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On February 8th, a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. Urban Holman, 1; S. Fish, 2; *T. Matthews, 3; *C. E. Buckingham, 4; A. Bruce, 5; —6. And a 120 in the same method. S. Fish, 1; H. C. Haley, 2; *H. T. James, 3; C. E. Buckingham, 4; A. Bruce (conductor), 5; Urban Holman, 6. *First 120 in the method.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, February 13th, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Triples. J. Henson, 1; J. Blackman, 2; E. W. Snowden, 3; F. French, 4; Corpl. W. B. Rose (Dragoon Guards), 5; F. Hayes, 6; E. Everson (conductor), 7; H. Rose, 8.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, February 13th, at St. Mary's Church, before service, 1330 changes of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 54 mins. G. Wild, 1; G. Ilsley, 2; W. Baron, 3; W. Fenwick, 4; *J. Basden, 5; C. Porter, 6; J. Taber, 7; †B. Green, 8. *College Youth. †Local. The rest Cumberlands.

RINGSTEAD (Northamptonshire).—On Tuesday, January 25th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles).

W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; F. Chapman (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; R. Shipley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts, 6. And 360 Double Court. F. Chapman, 1; T. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; E. Mayes, 5; J. Braybrook (conductor), 6. And on February 1st, a 720 Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Chapman, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts, 6. And on February 8th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. J. Gilbert, 1; F. Chapman (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And a 360 Double Court. T. Roberts, 1; F. Chapman (first 360 in the method with a bob bell), 2; R. Shipley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; J. Braybrook (conductor), 6.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—Recently, for Divine service, at the parish church, 504 of Bob Triples. T. Staulkey, 1; H. Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; W. Button, 6; R. Stannard (conductor), 7; J. Button, 8. Also 384 of Bob Major. H. Button, 1; C. Smith, 2; F. Wilson, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; R. Stannard (conductor), 6; W. Button, 7; J. Button, 8. The above contained Queens and Tittums. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples (with Queens and Tittums). F. Cooper, 1; C. Smith, 2; H. Button, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; R. Stannard (conductor), 6; W. Button, 7; J. Button, 8. Also 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Taylor, 1; H. Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; T. Staulkey, 4; W. Button, 5; A. Lincoln, 6; R. Stannard (conductor), 7; J. Button, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—For practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor. F. Wilson, 1; H. Button, 2; A. Rodwell, 3; A. Lincoln, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; T. Staulkey, 6. First in this method by Leiston company. Also 720 of Bob Minor. H. Button (conductor), 1; F. Wilson, 2; J. Button, 3; A. Lincoln, 4; W. Button, 5; R. Stannard, 6.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, February 13th, six of the Christ Church company rang 360 Bob Minor, at the parish church, in 12½ mins. F. Davies, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. Folkes, 3; J. Brooks (conductor), 4; G. A. Watton, 5; H. Wooldridge, 6. This is the longest touch by a local band, also the first 360 by all except the conductor. And for evening service another 360, standing as before, and 120 Plain Bob, with A. Wooldridge treble.

LONDON.—On Monday, February 7th, at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 27 mins. C. Chaplin, 1; A. Wood, 2; W. Broadbent, 3; W. Partington, 4; *W. Coppage, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. *Waterloo Society.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 15 mins. R. Bird, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; H. Mason, 4; W. Bird, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. Also at Cradley Church, on Saturday, February 12th, in 14 mins. each, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. H. Bassano, 1; R. Bird, 2; W. Bird, 3; H. Mason, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; W. Green (conductor, first time), 6; 360 of Plain Bob. W. Bird, 1; A. H. Bassano, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; R. Bird, 4; W. Green, 5; H. Mason (conductor, first time), 6; 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Green, 1; H. Mason, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; R. Bird, 4; A. H. Bassano, 5; W. Bird (conductor, first time), 6; 360 of Grandsire Minor (H. Cartwright conductor). After 320 had been rung, the second rope broke, so the Grandsire 360 could not be accomplished.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday, February 7th, at the parish church, 1440 changes, in 49 mins, consisting of 720 of Plain Bob Minor and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Saladine, 1; G. Jones, jun., 2; W. Morgan, 3; M. Blezard, 4; J. Morgan (conductor), 5; W. Thomas, 6. Also the same evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. A. Matthews, 1; J. Mercer, 2; J. Saladine, 3; M. Blezard, 4; W. Morgan, 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in Ab.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, January 25th, at W. W. Gifford's rooms, 720 of Bob Minor (the old 720 reversed, with eighteen bobs and two singles), in 15½ mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5-6. Also on Wednesday, 26th of January, at St. Martin's Church, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Judd, 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5; C. A. Clements, 6. First 720 on the bells since they were rehung. Also on Wednesday, February 9th, 504 of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's ten-part). *J. Judd, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; T. Blackburn (conductor), 4; *J. Wilton, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; *W. M. Lush, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. *First touch of Triples, and first touch of Triples on the bells since the new two trebles were added.

SALISBURY.—On Wednesday, February 9th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Judd, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; T. Blackburn (conductor), 4; J. Wilton, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Lush, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Thursday, February 10th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 57 mins. T. Grant, 1; A. Barnes, 2; R. T. Kent, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; H. Lewis, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." The above was rung with the bells half-muffled immediately after the funeral of John Chapple, Esq., J.P., who was clerk of the restoration works now being carried on at the Cathedral, also churchwarden, and an alderman of the city. Also on Sunday, February 13th, for Divine service in the morning, 1008 of Grandsire Major in 40 mins. T. Grant, 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. Tenor 30 cwt.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, February 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Hogg, 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; T. Banister, 3; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; E. E. Richards, 7; H. Bright, 8. And on Sunday February 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. G. Hogg, 1; H. Bright, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; H. Harman, 4; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; E. E. Richards, 7; H. Carter, 8. Messrs. W. W. Gifford, and W. E. Tydeman hail from Salisbury. Tenor 13 cwt.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, January 21st, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Dains, 1; A. Shuttleworth, 2; J. Dains, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; E. Scotcher, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. On Friday January 29th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Harvey, 3; Rev. L. Papillon, 4; W. Piper, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, on handbells. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Piper, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7-8. The Rev. T. Papillon and W. Lincoln are from Writtle; E. Scotcher from Galleywood. On Wednesday, January 19th, three of the Widford company. Messrs. J. Dains, Tarbun and Piper, took part at Writtle in a touch of 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Edwards, 1; J. Dains, 2; R. Wood, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Piper, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 1. This touch is composed by Mr. J. Carter, and contains all the possible 6-7's.

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REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8TH, 1887:—

By the Arundel branch at Arundel.—On Saturday, February 5th, a 5040 (Hollis five-part peal) of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs and 4 mins. For particulars see peal column. Also on Sunday, February 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 42 mins. O. Evershed, 1; C. Blackman, 2; H. Haggett, 3; W. L. Chamberlain, 4; J. Searle (Brighton; conductor), 5; G. Balchin, 6; G. Baker, 7; G. Yetman, 8. And on Monday, February 7th, a 708 of Grandsire Triples in 26 mins. O. Evershed, 1; G. Baker (conductor), 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; H. Haggett, 4; C. Blackman, 5; G. Balchin, 6; W. L. Chamberlain, 7; E. Ede, 8.

By the Brighton branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, February 6th, for afternoon service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Salmon, 2; J. Jay, 3; J. Rielly, 4; C. E. Golds, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; G. Thwaites, 7; D. Ross, 8. Also on Monday, February 7th, a 560 Bob Major. A. Piper, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; J. Searle, 5; J. Jay, 6; C. Tyler, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8.

By the Christ Church branch, Eastbourne, at Christ Church, Eastbourne.—On February 5th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 25 mins. J. Sharp, 1; G. Howes, 2; H. Colbran, 3; G. Smith, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6.

By the Cuckfield branch, at Cuckfield.—On February 5th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. R. Nash, 1; H. P. Bennett (Eastbourne), 2; W. Gibson, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell (conductor), 6; F. Hounsell, 7; F. Smith, 8. Also on Sunday evening, February 6th, for service, a 504 Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. W. Bennett, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; W. Gibson, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Thursday, February 3rd, a 240 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart, 6. Also on Sunday, February 6th, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And a 720 Yorkshire Court Bob Minor, in 26 mins. F. Morris, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch at Warnham.—On Thursday, February 3rd, a 5040 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples, in 3 hrs and 4 mins. For particulars see peal column. G. O. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

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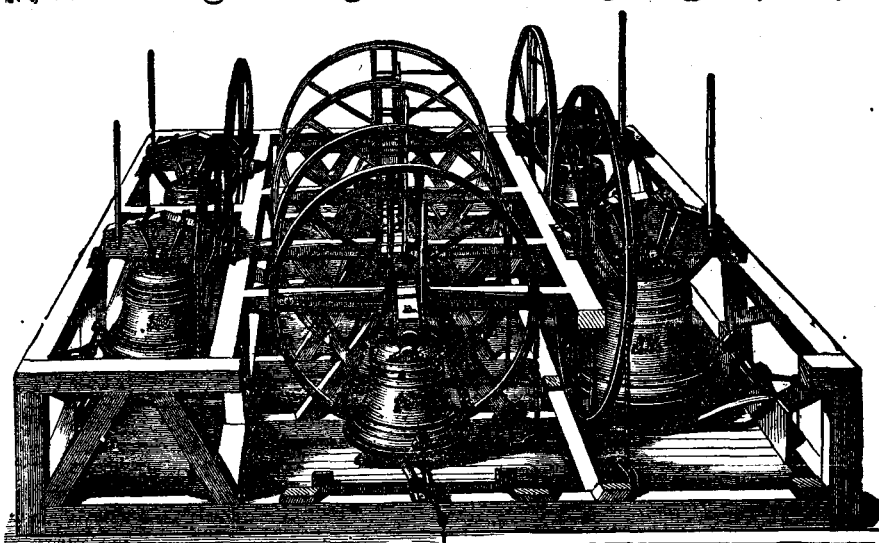
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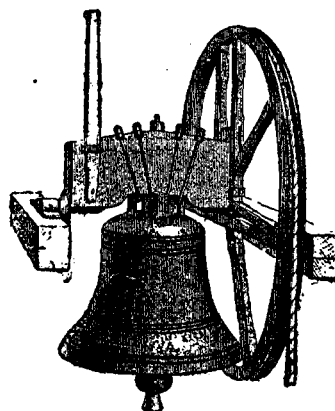
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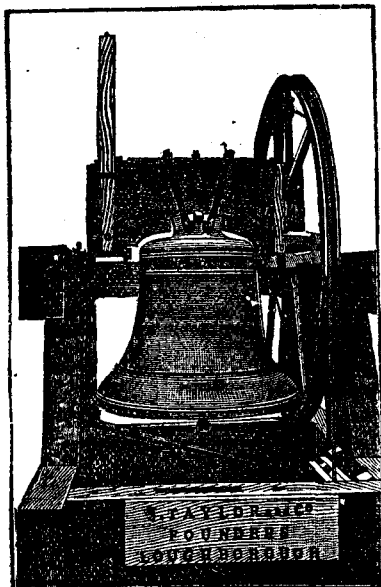
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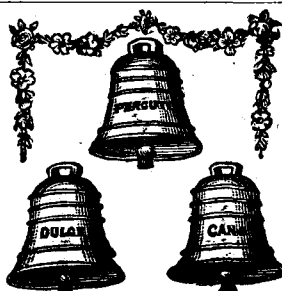
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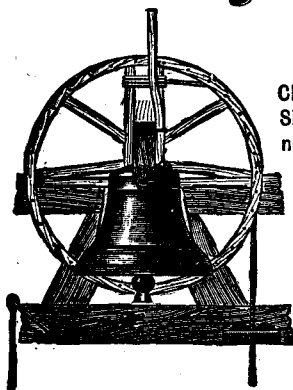
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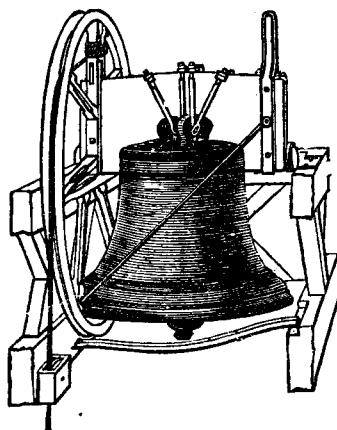
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ANNIVERSARY OF THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

ON Thursday, February 17th, the members of the above society celebrated their fifteenth anniversary at the church of St. Helen's, Abingdon, Berks. Arrangements had been made for ringing a peal, but owing to various mischances only seven members turned up at the time fixed, and in order to make up a side, the help of one of the Abingdon ringers had to be called in, who kindly consented to join at a moment's notice. The first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was then rung in 1 hr. 34 mins. Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Pembroke, conductor), 1; A. F. M. Custance (B.N.C.), 2; Rev. C. C. Child (Ch. Ch.), 3; Rev. J. R. Vincent (St. John's), 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson (Exeter), 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Kemble), 6; G. H. Phillott (Ch. Ch.), 7; W. Tandell (Abingdon), 8. In the evening, according to the usual custom, the members met for dinner at the "Crown and Thistle," Abingdon. Unfortunately, several of those who had rung were obliged to leave by an early train, and in consequence the attendance at the dinner was somewhat small. Among the guests present was the Rev. R. C. F. Griffith, the vicar of Abingdon, who had very kindly put both his belfries at the disposal of the society during the day. After dinner, the Master (Mr. A. F. M. Custance), proposed the health of the "Queen and Royal Family," which was drunk in the usual loyal manner. He then proposed "The Church," and remarked that though the Oxford University Society were not nominally a "Church Society," yet it was closely connected with the Church, and was, he believed, helping on the work of the Church in three ways; first, in improving and disseminating the art of change-ringing; secondly, in fitting undergraduates who were intending to be ordained, to take the lead in the belfries of their several parishes, and so materially helping their vicars; and thirdly by joining in one of the many good works by which laymen can help the clergy.

The Rev. R. F. C. GRIFFITH, the Vicar of Abingdon, responded, thoroughly endorsing the remarks of the Master, and saying that he as a Vicar and non-ringer most thoroughly appreciated the help which a curate could give if he were able to take the natural lead in the belfry. He was most pleased to welcome the University Society to his two belfries of St. Helens' and St. Nicholas Churches, and thanked them for the way in which they had drunk the health of the Church.

The Rev. T. L. PAPILLON then proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," to which the Rev. H. Cockey responded, as being about to obtain an appointment as chaplain in the Royal Navy. The latter gentleman remarked that change-ringing was not so particularly connected with the Army and Navy, though by means of the latter branch of the service the art of ringing was often extended in our colonies; indeed he hoped himself ere long to be ringing a peal in New Zealand. He also reminded the company present that more than one member of the Oxford University Society had served with distinction in the University Volunteer Corps, especially Messrs. Coleridge and Child.

The Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Oxford University Society of Change-Ringers," saying what an excellent work the society was doing in spite of the peculiar circumstances under which it laboured. He referred to the scheme for adding two more bells to the peal of six at Holywell Church, and looked forward to its completion, as a means of helping the society very materially. The secretary (Mr. G. C. Joyce), responded, and after thanking the company for the warm way in which they had drunk the toast, said that he was able to inform them what was the present position of affairs as regarded the scheme for adding two bells at Holywell Church. In round numbers the estimate of the cost had amounted to £135; of this sum £55 still remained to be collected, and he appealed to all old members to do their utmost in helping on the work.

The MASTER then proposed the health of "The Visitors," among whom were the Vicar of Abingdon, Mr. Baker of Hertford, and Mr. Washbrook. Mr. Baker having responded, the Master said he had one more toast to propose, and that was the health of the Rev. F. E. Robinson. In past years he had always been most kind and generous in welcoming and entertaining the society at Drayton, and it was not for want of invitation that they had not gone there this year, but simply that because it was so out of the way. All knew how generous Mr. Robinson had been in promising to give the new treble bell at Holywell, while as to his capacities as a ringer it was not for him (the speaker) to enlarge before those who had known him so much longer than he.

The Rev. F. E. ROBINSON then replied in suitable terms. Referring to the society, he said he was afraid that just now it had to labour against a special difficulty in addition to others, namely, opposition on the part of the authorities in high places in the University. It seemed a very hard thing that a society which was doing its best to further an excellent work, and which provided splendid exercise, both physical and mental, for the undergraduates, should be opposed and trodden down by the authorities. The latter were incurring a heavy responsibility of doing so, and he hoped that the time would soon come when such a state in things would cease, and both the art of change-ringing and the University Society would be properly recognized by

those who had it in their power to a great degree to make or mar it. The evening was then spent in handbell ringing; touches in several methods, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, etc., were rung, and also some tunes were played upon the bells. This was continued until the party broke up in time to catch the last train back to Oxford.

VISIT OF HULL RINGERS TO GRIMSBY.

ON Saturday last, February 19th, eight members of the above branch of the Yorkshire Association visited the above place through the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Young), and ringers, to attempt a peal of Bob Major. A start was made from the Hull pier at ten past twelve, and Grimsby was duly reached at ten past one. Mr. D. Seamer and several friends met the ringers at the station, and escorted them to the "White Hart," where light refreshment was indulged in prior to starting for the peal. The party then ascended the tower which has recently undergone extensive repairs. A new independent frame has been constructed to carry the bells, which have been rehung, the second, fifth, and sixth have been recast, and everything put into thorough working order, the work having been done by Messrs. Warner and Sons. The weight of the tenor is put down in the old church accounts as 18 cwt. some quarters, but to look at the bell and also the way in which the bells ring, would certainly lead any one to believe she was over a ton. The ringing chamber is very comfortable, and the circle of ropes good. The bells are somewhat noisy, being only in the next chamber, and it requires a conductor to exercise his vocal organs beyond the ordinary degree in order to make himself heard, but this will no doubt be remedied in due course of time, and then it will be a real pleasure for any one to have the opportunity of ringing there, the "go" of the bells being very good indeed. The bells were raised in peal, and at two o'clock precisely "go" was called, the peal being brought round at 5.28 (see peal column). The party then left the tower, and re-entered the "White Hart," where a substantial and attractive tea had been provided. About sixteen sat down to tea, the Vicar presiding, and Mr. Seamer occupying the vice-chair. Certainly the peal had put a keen edge on to the ringers' appetites, and as keenly did they make the attack on the good things provided. At the conclusion of the tea, the Vicar addressed the assembled company, and in a choice speech warmly welcomed the Hull ringers, and highly complimented them on their success in having accomplished the first peal on the bells, it now being about thirty years since any ringing had been done upon them. Mr. Jackson having responded to the kind expressions of the Vicar, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Thompson for the generous manner in which he had entertained the company at tea. The rest of the evening was spent in suitable chat, singing, tune and change-ringing, until 8.30, when the Hull ringers were obliged to leave their kind friends. Two or three "BELL NEWS" were handed to their Grimsby friends, who will no doubt see the benefit and information our paper can bestow upon them, and become subscribers forthwith. The very best thanks of the Hull company are herewith expressed to the genial Vicar, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Seamer, and the Grimsby company generally, for the kindness and hospitality bestowed upon them on this their first visit. Amidst mutual expressions of pleasure and hopes of visiting each other in the future, the ringers were carried away homeward by the iron horse, having spent one of the most enjoyable ringing excursions anyone could wish.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

ON Saturday, January 22nd, the members of St. Thomas's church assembled with a few friends in the belfry, and after ringing a few touches of Grandsire Triples they proceeded to the "Crispin Inn" and sat down to a substantial supper which was capitally provided by the host, Mr. T. Cannadine. On the removal of the cloth, Mr. Lawrence, of Wordsley, was voted to the chair, and Mr. J. Guest, of Brierley Hill, to the vice-chair, both of whom have rendered good service in instructing the present band. After the usual toasts were drunk, the health of the "Vicar and Churchwardens" were drunk with musical honours. The toast of the evening, "Success to Change-ringing," was next given, which was responded to by most of the members. Next followed a variety of songs and recitations by Messrs. Lawrence, Guest, Pagett, Harris, Lee and Barrett; Messrs. Pagett and Guest officiating at the piano. The health of the host and hostess, was next drunk, for the excellent way the supper was served. "God Save the Queen" was then sung, which brought a very convivial and pleasant meeting to a close.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AND TESTIMONIAL TO MR. FRANCIS LEES, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Thursday evening last, the Clergy, Churchwardens, and ringers of St. John's Church, together with a few friends, met at the "Crown and Mitre" Hotel, Newcastle, to do honour to the above-mentioned local ringer. The proceedings commenced with a capital repast provided by host Tait, at which the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Milner, presided, supported on his right by the guest (Mr. Lees), and on his left by the Secretary, Mr. W. G. Routledge. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. Churchwarden Wm. Woodger, supported by the curate, Mr. Digby-Seymour, and Mr. W. S. Findley. After the inner man had been thoroughly satisfied, the business of the evening commenced with the toast of "Church and State," followed by the "Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," which were both duly honoured with zest. After the Vicar had replied on behalf of the latter, he proposed the toast of the evening, "Our Guest," at the same time calling upon the Secretary to read the inscription on the beautifully illuminated address, which is as follows:—

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Signed on behalf of the subscribers,

J. W. MILNER, Vicar.

WM. WOODGER, Churchwarden.

W. G. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.

17th February, 1887.

This is surmounted by a portrait of the recipient and a painting in water colours of St. John's Church at the bottom.

The Vicar then in a neat speech dwelt on Mr. Lees' many excellent and sterling qualities, and spoke of the remarkable zeal and energy displayed by him during the time he had acted as instructor and conductor of the ringers. With these words he handed to Mr. Lees the address and purse of gold amidst thunders of applause and cheering from those present, and his health was drunk with musical honours in a most enthusiastic and thoroughly English manner.

Mr. R. S. STORY, in supporting the testimonial, spoke of Mr. Lees as a teacher of no small capabilities, in fact when he first joined the St. John's ringers (with whom he learnt the art), which was almost at the commencement of the guild, a worse prospect for a young band could hardly have been; but now, what a contrast to this state of things. The belfry was now in perfect ringing order, and those who were learners then are now teaching other bands in the neighbourhood, and some with great success. Mr. Lees had also been one of the pioneers of the Durham and Newcastle Association, in which he was one of its best known and most valued members, and of which he had been one of the vice-presidents since its commencement.

Mr. P. CROW said that no better testimony to Mr. Lees' wonderful work in St. John's belfry could be had than to hear the beautiful peal of eight bells at the head of Grainger Street on a Sunday morning. He thought nothing could be nicer or sweeter than that.

Mr. W. G. ROUTLEDGE said he wondered what Mr. Lees' thoughts were that night, when his young ringers rang nearly 1500 of Grandsire Triples before service on bells that went like clockwork, so to speak, and in a room nicely painted and floorclothed out—contrasted this scene with that of when he (Mr. Routledge) first entered the ringing room. The walls were supposed to be white-washed, but he would not be far wrong if he said black-washed, the floor was in a positively dangerous condition through rot and wear, the ropes were not fit to handle, and the less said about the hangings and fittings of the bells the better. Since then Mr. Lees had rehung the whole of the old six bells and quartered them, and also hung the treble when it was recast. When the additional two bells were placed in the tower in the spring of 1884, he had to move the whole of the other bells, except the tenor, to make room for them, and had hung the new ones himself. Various other things Mr. Routledge pointed out, but which are too numerous to mention here. He also read a letter from the late Vicar of St. John's, Rev. W. E. Houldey, which spoke in very gratifying terms of Mr. Lees' work.

Mr. WM. WOODGER said he had been a Churchwarden of this church for over ten years, and there was not a man in the congregation who had given more assistance to him and his co-wardens in their work of church improvement than the conductor of St. John's ringers. He was always willing to do anything to forward the work of belfry reform.

Mr. WM. STORY also spoke in support of what the former speakers had said, and remarked that as a man and a brother no truer or kinder friend never existed than Mr. Francis Lees.

Mr. LEES, who was received with storms of applause and cheering, very briefly and feelingly returned thanks for the honour they had

done him, but they must not place all the honour of the work done in St. John's tower on him, because it would have been impossible for any man to have got through that amount of work without the hearty co-operation and help of clergy, churchwardens, and ringers, who had always taken a delight in improving their belfry.

At this stage of the proceedings the Rev. J. W. Milner vacated the chair in favour of Mr. Seymour, as he had to leave.

The toast of the "Churchwardens of St. John's" followed, and was very ably responded to by Mr. Woodger. This was followed by "The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association," to which the President, Mr. R. S. Story, replied.

The Secretary then proposed "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Mr. Pearson, who in responding, read some very able and interesting notes he had compiled on "Bells, their origin and history," which of course were very attentively listened to, and were very highly appreciated.

The healths of "The Secretary" and "The Bachelors" were then proposed, the latter being ably replied to by Messrs. G. Forsyth and W. Story.

During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. W. Carverhill, W. Story, W. G. Routledge, W. S. Findley, T. Stephenson, and P. Crow, and the Rev. C. D. Seymour gave a reading in verse, "The Moderate Man." A course of Grandsire Caters was also rung on the handbells by F. Lees, 1-2; R. S. Story, 3-4; T. Stephenson, 5-6; C. L. Routledge, 7-8; W. Story, 9-10.

The striking of the Cathedral clock at eleven warned those present that it was time to depart, and with the "National Anthem" and a course of Grandsire Triples, a most pleasant and enthusiastic meeting was brought to a close.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—READING BRANCH.

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held on Monday, February 21st, at the "Wheatshaf Hotel," Reading, when some twenty-five members of the branch sat down to an excellent supper under the presidency of the Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was supported by J. Martin Routh, Esq., late Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Revs. H. Carr-Smith, and G. F. Coleridge, Hon. Sec. of the branch. After the usual loyal toasts, that of the Church being responded to by the Rev. H. Carr-Smith, the Chairman gave "Prosperity to the Guild," stating that though started only six years ago, it took a very high rank among kindred associations, numbering as it did 940 members. In the number of peals rung, it stood second on the list; he hoped it would keep diligently pegging away, and that before long there would be a complete band of Stedman ringers in Reading, competent to open peals in that method. Referring to Mr. Washbrook who was present, and who had conducted more peals last year than any other man in England, he regretted that he had somewhat slipped through our fingers. The Hereford Guild not being slow to take advantage; he hoped however that some arrangement could be made whereby the Oxford Guild could be sure of his valuable services at least for a portion of the year. He concluded by expressing regret that the St. Lawrence's society as a body, held aloof from the Guild, and hoped that those members present would use their influence among their brethren and induce them if possible to join.

Mr. Newell, with whose name the toast was coupled, expressed his opinion that the reason change-ringing did not flourish and abound was that the clergy did not take sufficient interest in the matter; he cited the instance of St. Mary's, the chief church in the county, which had not a single ringer a member of the Guild; it only required a word from the clergy when such a state of things would cease for ever. Mr. Newell after other remarks resumed his seat amidst great applause. During the evening the purely formal business was transacted. In place of Canon Garry, R.D., vicar of St. Mary's Mr. J. Martin Routh was unanimously elected chairman of the branch. In returning thanks for the honour, he stated that the work of the Guild had been simply miraculous, and it should be no fault of his if the Reading Branch should not take a new lease of life and activity. He stated that any band contemplating a peal would receive a hearty welcome at Tilehurst. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge was re-elected secretary, treasurer, and representative of the branch on the General Committee, the Rev. H. Carr-Smith and T. Newman being elected to serve on the branch committee. The statement of accounts showed a balance of £5 10s. 6d., while the numbers on the books were fifty-seven, an increase of one on the previous year. Harmony prevailed throughout the evening. Messrs. Routh, Newell, Newman, Sweetzer, Sadler, and Thomas, obliging the company, while Mr. Coleridge gave an example of Devonshire dialect. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman by Mr. Thomas, whose speech we regret we are unable to print in extenso, brought the evening to a close.

CORRECTION.—The 720 of Bob Minor which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 12th, rung at Salisbury, was rung on Wednesday, January 26th, not Saturday, January 29th.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15TH, 1887.—

By the Brighton and Eastbourne branches at Southover, Lewes.—On Friday, February 12th, a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part) in 2 hrs. and 48½ mins. For particulars see peal column.

By the Brighton branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Saturday, February 13th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, it however came to a sudden termination after 2590 changes had been rung, in 1 hr. and 32 mins, owing to the treble rope breaking off close to the wheel. A. A. Fuller, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; J. Jay, 3; G. Biggerstaffe, 4; C. E. Golds, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; H. Weston (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. And on Sunday, February 13th, a 1008 of Bob Major, in 38 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; W. Palmer, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Searle, 5; J. Jay, 6; C. E. Golds, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8.

By the St. Nicholas branch, at Brighton.—Also on Saturday, February 12th, an attempt was made for Davies' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4872 changes, in 2 hrs. and 50 mins., it came to grief. J. Neves, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; H. Boniface, 3; W. Palmer, 4; J. Fox, 5; J. Reilly, 6; C. Tyler, 7; G. Gatland (Steyning), 8. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 45 mins. J. Neves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; H. Boniface, 3; J. Fox, 4; C. Tyler, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6; J. Neves, 7; E. Butler, 8.

By the St. Paul's branch, at St. Paul's, Brighton.—On Sunday, February 6th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; J. Reilly, 2; G. Biggerstaffe (conductor), 3; J. Salmon, 4; G. Hill, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; A. Bennett, 7; G. Murray, 8. Also on Thursday, February 10th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), in 1 hr. and 25 mins. H. Eves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; G. Biggerstaffe, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; G. Hill, 5; J. Reilly, 6; G. Bennett (conductor), 7; — Cornwall, 8. And on Sunday, February 13th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; G. Biggerstaffe, 3; J. Salmon, 4; G. Hill, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8.

By the Crawley branch at Crawley.—On January 30th, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples, in 45 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; W. Parsons, 4; F. Rice, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pierce, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples, in 44 mins. W. Parsons, 1; G. Wickens, 2; B. King (conductor), 3; J. Newnham, 4; F. Rice, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pierce, 8. Also on February 8th, a 420 of Court Bob Triples, in 14 mins. W. Parsons, 1; G. Wickens, 2; B. King, 3; J. Newnham, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens, 6; E. Streeter, 7; E. Pierce, 8. And 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. Parsons, 1; E. Streeter, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; E. Pierce, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; G. Wickens, 8.

By the Cuckfield branch, at Cuckfield.—On Wednesday, January 26th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. W. Meads, 1; A. Bennett, 2; R. Nash, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; W. Gibson, 5; H. Howell (conductor), 6; F. Hounsell, 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. Also on Saturday, January 29th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Nash, 1; W. Gibson (conductor), 2; W. Fox, 3; H. Mitchell, 3; H. Howell, 5; F. Hounsell, 6; J. Fox, 7; C. Cheeseman, 8.

By the Eastbourne branch, at St. Mary's Eastbourne.—On Saturday, February 12th, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. and 46 mins. For particulars see peal column.

By the Christ Church branch, Eastbourne, at Christ Church.—On February 13th, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Sharp, 1; H. Colham, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Howse, 4; J. Hammond, 5; F. Smith (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Tuesday, February 8th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. F. Morris, 1; E. Brackley, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Chambers, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob. J. Smart, 1; G. Smart, 2; E. Brackley, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, February 10th, a 720 of College Single, in 26 mins. J. Mathews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Searle, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, February 13th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. C. Chambers, 1; E. Brackley, 2; G. Gatland, 3; J. Searle, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; E. Brackley, 3; J. Searle, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also at St. Nicholas Church, Brighton, on Monday February 7th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. F. Morris, 1; J. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6; G. Breach, 7; J. Smart, 8. Also at Chailey, a 720 of College Single. G. Breach, 1; J. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Yorkshire Court. F. Morris, 1; G. Smart, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Searle, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; G. Gatland, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Plain Bob. J. Woolgar, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; C. Tyler,

4; G. Gatland, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; J. Searle, 4; T. Searle, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch, at Warnham.—On Thursday, February 10th, an attempt was made for a peal of Plain Bob Triples, but after ringing 2400 changes in 1 hr. and 25 mins., it came to grief. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; T. Andrews, 3; H. Cook, 4; H. Wood, 5; H. Burstow, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; T. Hogsflesh, 8. Also on Sunday, February 13th, a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), in 2 hrs. and 59 mins. For particulars see peal column. And a 560 of Grandsire Triples. G. Charman, 1; C. Blackman (conductor), 2; H. Chandler, 3; W. Short, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Cook, 6; H. Wood, 7; G. Woodman, 8.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon Sec.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

On Saturday, February 12th, the members of the above Society, with a few friends, sat down to a capital supper at the house of Mr. J. Armstrong, Ellemere Road. After the removal of the cloth, Mr. Thomas Hattersley was voted to the chair, and a letter of apology was read from Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who was unavoidably absent. Mr. T. Hattersley, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," spoke in a very pleasing manner of the advance made in change-ringing during the last thirty years, and also of the social ability of the ringers of the present day, compared to what they were then.

Mr. Hattersley also proposed the "All Saints' Society," which was ably responded to by Mr. Willey, he being the oldest ringer of the company, having been connected with the place some sixteen years.

Mr. J. Rowley proposed the "Visitors," which was responded to by Messrs. Hattersley and Bower. An excellent programme was gone through, consisting of songs by Messrs. Hattersley, Willey, Rowley, Lloyd, Hammond, Thompson, and Howells. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells. C. Bower, 1-2; G. Holmes, 3-4; W. Gardiner, 5-6; H. Thompson, 7-8. The following tunes were also rung: Ashgrove, Vesper hymn, Men of Harlech, etc., conducted by Mr. Fitzclark. Also a violin solo by G. Holmes, Mr. Fitzclark and G. Holmes making very able accompanists. The company separated about eleven, hoping the next merry meeting will not be far distant.

HANDBELL CONTEST.

A change ringing contest on handbells will take place at the house of Mr. Robert Johnson, "Cheshire Cheese," Hyde Lane, Hyde, on Saturday, March 12th, when £6 will be given for the best two courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major, to be divided as follows: First prize, £2 10s; Second prize, £1 10s; Third prize, £1; Fourth prize, 15s; Fifth prize, 5s. An extra prize of 10s. will be given for the best course of Grandsire Caters. The draw for the order of ringing to take place at 3.30 p.m. Every company to ring on one set of bells which will be provided and which are in the key of G, 18 size. Competent judges will be provided.

ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.

NOTICE.—Mr. Johnson's seventy-eighth birthday anniversary dinner will take place at St. Martin's hotel on Monday, February 28th, at six o'clock. Tickets three shillings each, application to be made on or before the 21st inst. A peal of Stedman Cinques is contemplated being started for on that date at two o'clock. All friends wishing to take part in it will be welcome. W. KENT.

Fentham Road, Birchfields, Birmingham.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Committee Meeting of the above Association will be held in the Church Schoolroom, Chaddesley Corbett, on Saturday, March 5th, at 4 p.m. prompt, when each representative is requested to attend. The tower will be open for ringing. Ringing members to meet at the "Talbot Inn." Business: To make out annual report, etc., and to make arrangements for next annual meeting.

JOHN SMITH, Hon Sec.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday next. Further particulars will be given in a future issue.

CHARLES HERBERT, Hon. Sec.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 20th, after the evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. Burkin, 1; T. Leeson, 2; J. Skinner, 3; E. Fuller, 4; J. Tidy, 5; T. Boniface (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1887.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 19, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 CHANGES.

JAMES PETTIT	*HENRY PAGE	7.
WILLIAM CECIL	GEORGE F. MACLAUGHLIN ..	8.
HENRY SPRINGALL*	SAMUEL E. JOYCE	9.
EDGAR E. CLARK	WILLIAM D. SMITH	10.
ROBERT JAMESON	EDWIN HORREX	11.
WILLIAM TANNER	WALTER PRIME	*Tenor.

Composed by Mr. HENRY W. HALEY, and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

*First peal of Cinques. Henry Page (formerly of Hackney) hails from Stoke-upon-Trent.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, February 14th, 1887, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 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.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal is C. Middleton's composition, and, in its original form, is now rung for the first time. It is the hundredth peal in which the conductor has taken part, the number being made as follows: Grandsire Triples, 12, conducted 4; Stedman Triples, 21, conducted 9; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Bob Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1, conducted 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 21, conducted 11; Kent Treble Bob Major, 16, conducted 10; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 21, conducted 14; Ditto, Burton Variation, 1, conducted 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2, conducted 2; Total conducted 53.

BENINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

Recently, in Four Hours and Two Seconds,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

6720 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

NATHAN WARNER	*TREBLE.	*WALTER HOBBS	5.
JOSEPH KITCHENER	2.	*JABEZ WARNER	6.
JOHN KITCHENER	3.	CHARLES SHAMBOOK	7.
LEONARD CHAPMAN	4.	SAMUEL PAGE	*Tenor.

Composed by T. MILLER, and Conducted by SAMUEL PAGE.

*First peal in the method. The above was rung to celebrate the 71st birthday of Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Benington, who has rung in that tower for forty-two consecutive years. All the members reside in the village. This is the fifth peal in the Surprise method, which has been rung upon the Benington bells, and the third in the Superlative Variation.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 14, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS FULKER	*TREBLE.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES	5.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD	2.	H. D. BETTERIDGE	6.
HERBERT BAKER	3.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW	7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON	4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	*Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

The above is a six-part peal with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place, and is the first peal in the method on the bells.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 15th, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY EAGLING	*TREBLE.	*JOHN WOODS	5.
ROBERT HUTTON*	2.	WILLIAM NUDDS	6.
GEORGE MAY†	3.	*ROBERT STACKWOOD	7.
ARTHUR J. NEALE†	4.	*JEREMIAH MORDEY	*Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by JEREMIAH MORDEY.

*Royal Cumberland Youths. †First peal. Messrs. May, Neale, and Stackwood hail from Aylsham, the rest are local men.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK	*TREBLE.	HERBERT BAKER	5.
FREDERICK FIELD	2.	H. D. BETTERIDGE	6.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES	3.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD	7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON	4.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW	*Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES; Tenor 9 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE	*TREBLE.	HERBERT BAKER	5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK	2.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES	6.
H. D. BETTERIDGE	3.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW	7.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD	4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	*Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The above is a 3-part peal with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

TOM STOCKDALE.. .. Treble.	CHARLES JACKSON 5.
HARRY CUTTER 2.	HENRY JENKINS.. .. 6.
G. M. BROWN RIGG 3.	ROBERT CHAFFER 7.
JOHN POLLARD 4.	CHARLES BENNETT Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, of Liverpool, and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, February 17, 1887, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5103 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Treble.	HERBERT J. CASTLE .. 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER .. 7.
FREDERICK FIELD* .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD.. 8.
H. D. BETTERIDGE .. 4.	ALFRED THOMAS .. 9.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW.. .. 5.	*WILLIAM NAPPER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This peal has the 6th in 2nd's place throughout. *First peal of Caters.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, February 18th, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
FREDERICK FIELD 2.	H. D. BETTERIDGE.. .. 6.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 3.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
HERBERT J. CASTLE .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq. and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and is the first in the method on the bells

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, February 18, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

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

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	GEORGE BAKER.. .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING 2.	WILLIAM L. CHAMBERLAIN 6.
JOHN STAPLES 3.	HENRY HAGGETT 7.
JAMES HEWETT 4.	GEORGE GRAHAM Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Messrs. Baker, Chamberlain, and Haggett hail from Arundel, Sussex; Williams, Whiting, and Graham from Fareham; Hewett from Gosport; and Staples is of the local band.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(STEYNING BRANCH).

On Saturday, February 19, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS, UPON SIX BELLS.

Being a 720 each of the following:—

Plain Bob; Kent Treble Bob; Canterbury Pleasure; Single Court; Yorkshire Court; Oxford Single Bob, and College Single.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

*First peal.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor about 20 cwt.

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

Composed and conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

The above company belong to Hull, and this is the first peal on the bells since the recasting of the 2nd, 5th and 6th, no ringing having been done for about thirty years previous to them being rehung.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, February 19, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT WRIGHT Treble.	RICHARD HILL 5.
JOHN HARROP 2.	DAVID E. RIMMER 6.
ROBERT SHAW* 3.	GEORGE BRADDOCK 7.
GEORGE D. HADFIELD .. 4.	THOMAS BRADDOCK Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by ROBERT WRIGHT.

Messrs. Hill and Rimmer are members of the Christ Church Society, Southport the rest are local members. *In his 70th year.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 19th, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS MOSS.. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT.. 5.
JOHN HOPWOOD.. .. 2.	JOSEPH GILLOTT 6.
JAMES WOOD 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN 7.
JAMES ADAMS 4.	SAMUEL WOOD.. .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD and Conducted by GEORGE LONGDEN.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 19, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A SIX-PART PEAL. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN DAY Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.
WILLIAM LONG 2.	JOHN BUFFERY 6.
HENRY BASTABLE 3.	*HERBERT BRADLEY .. 7.
TOM GIBBS* 4.	*EDWARD BRYANT Tenor.

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by JOHN BUFFERY.

*First peal.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, February 19, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD CALLAND Treble.	EDWARD KAY 5.
EDWARD PRESCOTT 2.	THOMAS TICKLE 6.
EDMUND BROWN.. .. 3.	GEORGE TURNER 7.
JOSEPH PRESCOTT 4.	GEORGE LANG Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PRESCOTT.

The above peal contained the first half of Reeves' Ten-part Variation peal and the last half of Holt's Ten-part peal. The occasion being the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

On Monday, February 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. S. WRIGHT Treble.	G. L. RICHARDSON 5.
R. MACKMAN 2.	G. SKEEF 6.
J. W. JARVIS 3.	J. BROWN 7.
C. NEAVERSON 4.	G. LADD Tenor.

Conducted by R. MACKMAN.

WEST MALLING.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 21, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD BALDOCK Treble.	GEORGE NEWMAN 5.
JOHN WORSLEY* 2.	DAVID HALL 6.
EDWARD PRICE* 3.	EDWARD BONNER 7.
WILLIAM HARDEN 4.	JAMES W. LEONARD Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

*First peal of Major on a bob bell.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

F. WHITE Treble.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, Esq. 5.
E. MENDAY* 2.	J. M. ROUTH, Esq. .. 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 3.	A. THOMAS 7.
T. NEWMAN 4.	J. W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal. This is the first peal in the method on the bells and the first since they were rehung by Mr. White, of Appleton.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, February 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES JACKSON Treble.	HARRY CUTTER 5.
JOHN POLLARD 2.	JAMES DIXEY 6.
TOM STOCKDALE 3.	FRANK DRABBLE 7.
ROBERT CHAFFER 4.	CHARLES BENNETT Tenor.

Composed by the late T. DAY, of Birmingham, and Conducted by FRANK DRABBLE.

The above was rung to commemorate the birthday of Frank Drabble.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 22nd, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR;
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

F. S. WHITE Treble.	G. HOLIFIELD 5.
E. HOLIFIELD 2.	J. W. WASHBROOK 6.
B. BARRETT 3.	F. WHITE 7.
W. BENNETT 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON Tenor.

Composed by JAS. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CALVERLEY.—On Saturday, February 19th, 1887, at St. Wilfrid's Church, a date touch of 1887 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. Thos. Lilley (Shipley), 1; Walter Child (Calverley), 2; Hy. Raistrick (Bradford), 3; Robt. Tuke (Bradford), 4; T. Pollitt (Bradford), 5; Wm. Hollings (Calverley), 6; Jos. H. Hardcastle (Bradford), 7; Wm. Davison (Calverley), 8. Tenor 11 cwt. Composed and conducted by J. H. Hardcastle.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 15th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch (1887 changes), being 447 of Bob Minor, 720 of College Single, and 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 1 hr. 6 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6.

HULL.—On Sunday, February 20th, for Divine service in the evening, at Holy Trinity Church, a date touch of Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Southwick, 1; J. Pollard, 2; T. Stockdale, 3; F. Jenkins, 4; H. Cutter, 5; C. Jackson, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Bennett, 8. Composed by C. Jackson, and conducted by F. Drabble. Tenor 25 cwt.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday evening, February 15th, at the parish church, the following members of All Saints' Society rang a date touch of 1887 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. E. Woodhall, 1; W. Cooper, 2; J. Siddons, 3; R. Jones, 4; S. Reeves (conductor), 5; S. Smith, 6; S. Slater, 7; G. Griffiths, 8. Composed by H. Johnson.

Miscellaneous.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, February 22nd, at the University Church, on Seage's dumb-practice apparatus, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. O. Assheton (Jesus), 1; Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey (Trinity), 2; M. C. Potter (Peterhouse), 3; J. T. Rickman (Jesus), 4; J. R. Ellis (Trinity), 5; Rev. H. J. Elsee (St. John's, conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Shrove Tuesday, February 22nd, at the church of S.S. Mary and Cuthbert, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Brown, 1; *G. Curry, 2; J. Anderson, 3; *J. Jopling, 4; J. Huntley, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. *First 720. Mr. F. Harrison hails from Jarrow.

MIDDLESBORO'.—On Sunday morning, February 20th, for Divine Service at St. Hilda's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. *J. McAdams, 1; *R. Borrow, 2; T. Walker, 3; S. Walker, 4; H. McAdams, 5; C. Wilkinson, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; J. Nicholson, 8. *First quarter-peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN (Beds.).—On Saturday afternoon, February 19th, 1887, eight members of the local company, all members of the above Association, attempted a 5040 of Bob Major, but after ringing for 2 hrs. and 37 mins., it came to grief. E. Norman, 1; W. Mynard, 2; E. Lewin, 3; C. Herbert, 4; A. Morrison, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, February 19th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. W. Harvey, 1; W. Rowland, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Hawkes, 5; *W. Lincoln, 6. *First 720 in the method. And at the "Golden Fleece," a 240 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Hammond, 1-2; W. Rowland, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; M. Rolfe, 6. And a 144 of Plain Bob Minor. A. J. Perkins, 1-2-3-4; S. Hammond, 5-6. And a touch of Double Court. W. Harvey, 1; W. Rowland, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; A. Tarbun, 5; M. Rolfe, 6. And a course of Bob Major. W. Harvey, 1; W. Hawkes, 2; S. Hammond, 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6; W. Lincoln (first in the method), 7; M. Rolfe, 8.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Monday evening, February 21st, a peal of Bob Major was attempted, but was lost after ringing a hour; afterwards a touch of about 600 was rung, also a touch of Grandsire Triples. W. Nash, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; J. Nunn, 4; C. Chapman, 5; G. Cornell, 6; A. J. Perkins, 7; G. Newson, (conductor), 8. Handbell Ringing.—Afterwards a 391 of Grandsire Triples. E. Chapman, 1-2; W. H. Fussell, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; G. Newson, 7-8. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. H. Fussell

1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; G. Newson (conductor), 5-6. First double-handed by Mr. Fussell. Also touches of Double Court and Double Oxford Bob Minor; and a course of Stedman Triples. G. Newson, 1-2; W. H. Fussell, 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, February 20th, at St Mary's Church, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; W. Piper, 5; A. Tarbun (first 720 as conductor), 6. And a 120 of Cambridge Surprise with A. Tarbun, 5, and W. Piper, 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; W. Piper, 5; A. Tarbun (first 720 as conductor in the method), 6.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday, February 9th, at SS. Mary and Nicholas Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins. J. S. Wright, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; G. Skeef (conductor), 7; G. Ladd, 8. Also on Tuesday, February 15th, the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 35 mins. G. Skeef, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. S. Wright, 7; J. Peck, 8. The above was an attempt for a 5040, being came to grief at the half-way single.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FRISKNEY.—On Saturday last, February 19th, by kind invitation of the President, the Rev. H. J. Cheales, several members visited this place, and rung 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. G. Clark, 1; Rev. H. J. Cheales, 2; J. M. Rylatt, 3; J. Mawer, 4; G. F. Smith, 5; E. Mason, 6. And a 360 of Bob Minor by the same company. Owing to a funeral having to take place, there was no more time for ringing. Tea was provided by the President at the vicarage.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 21st, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. Harper, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Ring, 3; G. Brown, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derby).—On Thursday, February 10th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunicliff (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method (eight bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. F. W. Cook, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunicliff (conductor), 6. The above was rung in honour of the wedding of Capt. J. A. Lambert (Queen's Bays) to Miss G. S. Fane, eldest daughter of W. D. Fane, Esq., of Melbourne Hall, which took place that afternoon.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KENNINGHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, February 20th, at the parish church, for Divine service in the afternoon, several 6-scores of Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun., 1; J. Woods, 2; W. J. Woods, 3; J. Mordey, 4; F. Eagling, 5; W. Nudds, 6. Also 6-score by C. Edwards, 1; A. G. Williams, Esq., 2; J. Woods, 3; J. Mordey, 4; F. Eagling, 5; W. Nudds, 6. Also a course of Bob Minor, with the 6th and 8th behind. J. Woods, 1; A. G. Williams, Esq., 2; W. J. Woods, 3; W. Ringer, 4; F. Eagley, 5; J. Mordey, 6; J. Woods, 7; W. Nudds, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM.—On Sunday, February 20th, after Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob, in 27 mins. H. Smith, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. First in the method by the Society.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 21st, at the parish church, 1184 of Treble Bob (from the Rev. Earle Bullwer's collection), in 46 mins. W. H. Smith, 1; J. T. Lucas, 2; J. Hoggard, 3; B. Meadowcroft, 4; J. Harrison, 5; A. Hurst, 6; G. Hoyle, 7; F. Birtwistle (conductor), 8.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BIDDULPH (Staffordshire).—On Friday, February 17th, at St. Lawrence's Church, 2520 changes, 360 each of the following methods: Yorkshire Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, in 1 hr. 28 mins. J. Moss, 1; M. Capper, 2; A. Cottrell, 3; S. Mitchell, 4; S. Moore, 5; W. J. Carter (conductor), 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY.—On Wednesday, February 16th, at St. Mary's Church, eight members of this Society was to have met to attempt a peal of Stedman's Triples, but meeting one short for that method, Holt's Original Peal was started for, which came to grief after ringing 3080 changes in 1 hr. 48 mins., the conductor missing a bob. B. E. Battum (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; W. W. Thorne, 3; J. Strutt, 4; G. Woodiss, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; G. Gray, 7; S. How, 8.

THE WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Sunday, February 13th, before evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. F. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; T. Cartwright (Clent), 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And on Thursday evening, February 17th, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Prestidge (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; W. Micklewright (Dudley, conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, February 16th, for practice at the parish church, 336 of Grandsire Triples in 13 mins. T. Curtis, 1; F. Bennett, 2; T. Higgins, 3; J. Higgins, 4; F. Staples, 5; G. Capron, 6; H. White, 7; W. Hatten, 8. F. Staples hails from Havant, the rest belong to the local company.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Wednesday, February 16th, 1887, at the parish church, eight members of this society started for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. 53 mins., 1 came to grief. G. Brown, 1; J. Tidy, 2; F. Smith, 3; J. Bashford, 4; G. Potter, 5; T. Boniface, 6; W. Hawkins (conductor), 7; W. Mayne, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. All except J. Tidy and W. Mayne are members of the Surrey Association.

BURLEY (Near Leeds).—On Sunday morning, February 20th, at St. Matthias Church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. R. F. Lunn, 1; J. Bennett, 2; R. Thomas, 3; G. H. Hoyle, 4; W. E. Kershaw (conductor), 5; J. W. Atkinson, 6. *First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, February 20th, at the parish church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. F. French, 1; W. Cook, 2; J. Blackman, 3; E. W. Snowden, 4; Corpl. W. B. Rose (5th Dragoon Guards), 5; J. Saxby (conductor), 6; E. Everson, 7; H. Rose, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Saturday, February 19th, at All Saints' Church, 1223 changes of Grandsire Caters, in 44 mins. J. W. Kelley, 1; W. W. Thorne, 2; R. T. Woodley, 3; R. Newton, 4; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 5; J. Strutt, 6; F. Gover, 7; G. Gray, 8; B. E. Battrum, 9; S. How, 10. And a 416 of Grandsire Caters. R. T. Woodley, 1; J. Strutt, 2; F. Gover, 3; R. Newton, 4; J. W. Kelley, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; W. Thorne, 7; G. Gray, 8; B. E. Battrum (conductor), 9; S. How, 10. And recently, by the local band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 23 mins. C. Kelley, 1; J. Kelley (conductor), 2; F. Kelley, 3; H. Gale, 4; B. E. Battrum, 5; W. Bidwell, 6; S. Eales, 7; S. How, 8.

HACKNEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 13th, for Divine service in the evening, at the parish church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Rumens, 1; J. Pettit, 2; C. Lee, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; G. Page, 5; H. Page (conductor), 6; W. Prime, 7; J. Balaam, 8. Also after service, 1260 of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; W. D. Smith, 3; J. Page, 4; C. Page, 5; H. Page, 6; W. Prime, 7; J. Balaam, 8. Mr. H. Page (formerly of Hackney) hails from Stoke-on-Trent, for whom the above was arranged.

LANCASTER.—On Tuesday, February 15th, for practice, at St. Mary's Church, a half-peal of Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 28 mins. R. S. Hirst (conductor), 1; W. Clayton, 2; R. Walker, 3; W. Jackson, 4; T. J. Parker, 5; W. H. Hirst, 6; R. Johnson, 7; R. Smart, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. The above is the first half in the method. *First half in any method.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, February 3rd, at St. John's, Newcastle, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. James Weddle, 1; F. Lees, 2; W. Milner (first touch with a bob bell), 3; J. Simm, 4; H. Ferguson, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6; Alfred Nicholl (of St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, Black Hill, first attempt on eight bells), 7; J. Gillings, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 15th, at All Saints' Church, Hamer, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. James Hartley, 1; Albert Bamford, 2; Byron Bamford, 3; Robert Whittles, 4; Joseph Crossley, 5; Albert Crossley (conductor), 6. First peal in the method for James Hartley, Byron Bamford, and Joseph Crossley, and the first for Robert Whittles with a bob bell.

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."

HOW THE SEXTON TREATS THE RINGERS.

SIR,—I see in your "BELL NEWS" of January 15th, 1887, about how the sexton treats the ringers at Romford. I think I can comment upon such conduct. Now, sir, the Aylsham ringers are treated in a similar way. We had the order to ring for a wedding a few months ago, and service afterwards, and while ringing the eight bells the sexton came up the tower and said, "I shall destroy your ringing," and chimed the trebles to ten, trying to interrupt us ringing the eight. But we merely grinned. As he found that did not annoy us, he went across the other side of the tower, and pulled the Gabriel, which is a small bell only used for tolling in for service; and one of the company said to him, "You are a capital troubleman," he being a ringer himself, but too disagreeable to belong to the company. A short time ago, on a Sunday, as he and the chimers were chiming, a stone fell on the floor, and after they had done, the sexton said he could feel it against his rope, and said it fell on the peak of his cap. He told the Vicar and Churchwarden about it, but they could not see how the stone could be placed in the hole where his rope come through. He afterwards told other people that he had seen one of the ringers come down the tower that afternoon, and he was the gentleman that had laid it there, which was a falsehood, he being out of town that day. As that did not operate, I see it is written up in the tower by some one, "Next premeditated murderer." And the next complaint was on the Sunday after Christmas. He said his long stick which he uses for killing bats in the church, was laid across the steps of the tower, for the purpose of throwing him down; but no one saw it but himself. Then the next thing was he said, the marriage book was missing out of the vestry; but the next time he went, he said it was put back. Now, sir, do you think any ringer would interfere with such an important thing as that. Some people say he must lay awake half the night to think how he shall set his neighbours at variance. The next morning, in fact, he seems to be beloved by all, as he holds the pleasant duty of bum bailiff.

LOVER OF THE ART.

THE HOLT SOCIETY AND THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

SIR,—Seeing in your issue of the 12th a record of a peal of Stedman Caters upon handbells by the Holt Society, it struck me after reading the account of their troubles that it would only be fair to us (the Birmingham Amalgamated Society) to let our brother ringers—some of whom I know expected to see us record a peal of Stedman Caters upon handbells before this—know the great difficulty we are labouring under. We were rather late coming into the field, owing to our determination to ring through the Grandsire method, which we did, finishing up with an excellent and up to the present the only peal of Grandsire Cinques ever rung upon handbells. After this it was decided to go in for a peal of Stedman Caters, our first attempt being about the beginning of August, when we rang for the first practice almost a quarter-peal. Highly pleased with this start we determined to persevere, which we did, with the result that after having a few abortive attempts we one night in the latter end of October got in full swing and rang three parts out of four, when lo! a mis-call did the job again. This I think was the beginning of our troubles. We did not have a fair start again, and one of our band who was in the unfortunate predicament of ringing with us and the Holt Society, thinking perhaps it best to confine his attention to one society, left us altogether. Then another one of our principal men announced his intention of giving up handbell ringing, so that it left us in November with two men short, which was a serious loss, well nigh insurmountable, it being no mean task to initiate a man into the complexity of ringing Stedman Caters upon handbells. But we do not despair. We can still muster a band for Stedman Triples in our Society, with the assistance of one of our oldest members, who had been put on the shelf as it were, while other younger members were pushed forward, and then forgot to reciprocate, so that our friends will see that it is impossible for us to do what we intended (at least for the present), viz., ringing a peal of Stedman Caters upon handbells.

T. R.

BOYCOTTED PEALS.

SIR,—I am much obliged to Mr. Catchpole for rectifying a slight error that occurred in my analysis of peals for the past year, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 22nd ultimo. I think most ringers will understand that my motive in publishing the monthly analysis, is rather to stimulate peal ringing and to give honour to whom honour is due, than to cast the slightest doubt upon any published record. The fact is that in casting up the peals of Double Norwich Court Bob, I accidentally added the two peals of Royal with the peals of Major, and published the total as eleven peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, instead of nine of Major and two of Royal. If Mr. Catchpole

had ever analyzed five or six hundred peals, extending over a period of twelve months I do not think he would say that so slight a mistake entitled the author to such a rebuke as "that when one prepares statistics he should make sure they are correct." In conclusion, I can assure Mr. C. that it will require many a much more severe rebuke from him for the writer to take offence, and that it is to me a matter of regret that the distance from Brighton to Ipswich is too great to allow me to accept his kind invitation to come and hear his band ring some Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, which to me would be a great treat.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

SIR,—At this time when the air is so full of proposals and suggestions in all parts of the country for the best way of commemorating Her Majesty's Jubilee, I hope the interests of change-ringing will not be overlooked, but that in all places where a tower exists without a ring of bells, or with a ring that requires overhauling or augmenting, an effort will be put forth with a view of creating a better state of affairs. For my part I cannot think of a more fitting way of celebrating such a happy event than by furnishing the means of pouring forth strains of joyous and jubilant melody, to be heard far and wide. Especially in cases where an entirely new ring is started, this cannot fail to bring to the minds of those that hear them the blessings of which have attended the present reign. This suggestion may perhaps be more properly applied to such places as are the centre of an extensive rural district, the inhabitants of which would thus be enabled to participate in raising a fitting memorial, and at the same time one which would be a joy for all time.

DODGER.

TUNE-PLAYING ON CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—On looking through a recent issue of your paper I notice that a correspondent is enquiring therein as to the usual method of attaching chiming hammers to church bells. The simplest form is to run a small rope up alongside of the ordinary bell-rope, or through the same holes and over the same sheave, and then tie it on to the tongue of the bell, below the ball, so that by this rope the tongue is pulled against the sound-bow, without any swinging of the bell as when chimed. Permit me to tell your correspondent that this "tongue ropetapping," is in my opinion a sure and safe way to crack bells, as two of our bells in St. Peter's church here are badly cracked, and it is believed that this cracking was the direct result of tune striking with tongue ropes in days gone by. Mr. John James Hall has patented and taken an Exhibition prize for a safety appliance for fitting to bells when it is found necessary to extemporise their proper use by using chiming hammers, and I shall be glad to give your correspondent further particulars, should he wish to know more about this matter.

The Rectory, Bishop's Waltham.

CAMERON BROCK.

SIR,—In reply to Enquirer, I should advise him not to tie ropes to the clappers unless he wishes to crack the bells. Tunes are easily played on church bells by one person with the Ellacombe chiming hammers or chiming machines.

E. R. DALE.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Can any of our kind bellringing friends inform me of the greatest number of calls, either bobs or singles or both, yet obtained in a Minor peal.

NOVICE.

BELL RESTORATION IN SALISBURY.

The peal at St. Martin's having been augmented to eight, it has at last been determined to rehang the heavy peal of eight at St. Thomas', Salisbury, comments upon the condition of which have frequently appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" during the past few years. The work has been undertaken by Mr. T. Blackburn, who last week began to dismantle some of the bells. At present there are only funds enough to rehang the four heaviest bells, but it is hoped that before they are finished, further subscriptions will be collected, so as to enable the other four bells to be rehung, and several minor improvements in the belfry carried out.

A fortnight ago Mr. Blackburn removed the cracked tenor bell at St. Paul's, and it has been sent to the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to be recast.

DEATH OF A CHURCHWARDEN.

We are sorry to record the death of Mr. Thomas Wallwork of Walkden, who had been a warden at the parish church for upwards of 30 years. He was taken to his rest on the 3rd inst, and was interred at the parish church on the 7th inst. As a mark of respect, the local band rung a 720 Bob Minor (with the bells muffled) at the close of the ceremony in 29 mins. W. Denner (conductor) 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6.

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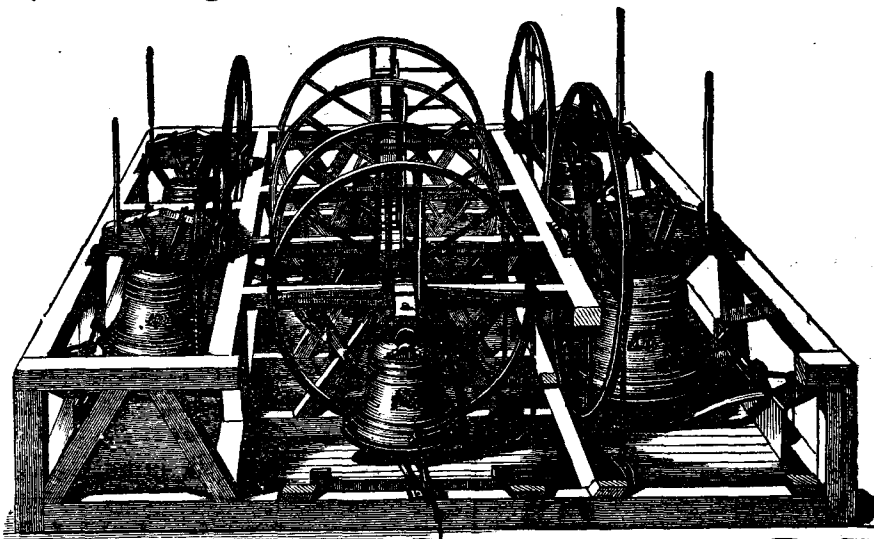


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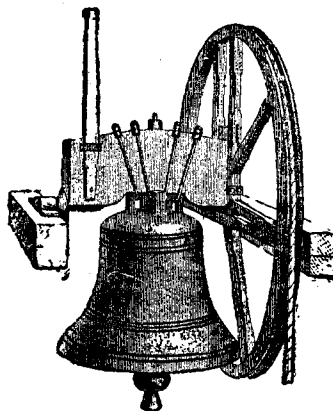
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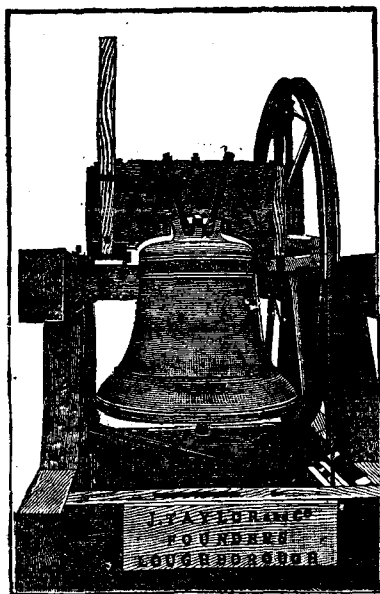
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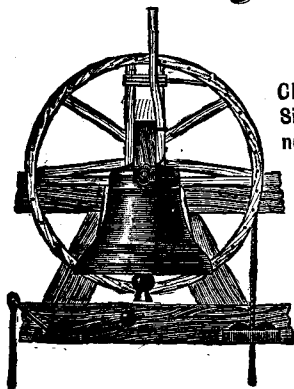
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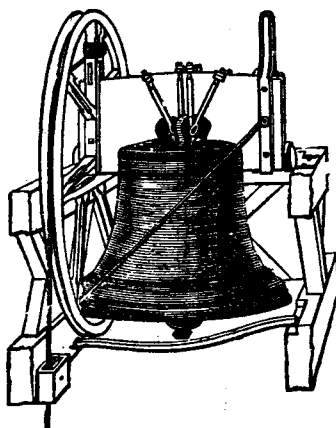
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IN "THE BELL NEWS" of April 24th, 1886, I pointed out what was, I believe, new to the Exercise, namely how in Superlative Surprise course-ends with the bells in 5-6 reversed could under certain limitations be made available by the use of bobs "Before." In Cambridge Surprise bobs B will exert a more important influence still upon the truth of the courses, and I propose in the present paper to tabulate the results of my enquiries into this latter method in such a way that any composer hereafter taking it up may have ready to hand a clear exposition of its proof and possibilities; and that this may be the more complete, a review of the only peal yet obtained, together with the several variations that have appeared, is appended. I am afraid that the subject will be of interest only to a narrow circle, but my apology must be the importance of making public property of every step in the science, however small, in order that successive enquirers may avoid the great loss of time entailed by a necessity for seeking out paths already trodden; a contingency but for which the art, so far as all events as concerns its mathematical side, would be in a more advanced condition than is at present the case.

In the following explanation of the composition of Cambridge, it is to be understood that the tenors are kept together throughout, and further, that only the proof required for the discovery of false changes within the leads is considered, the truth of the lead-ends being so easily tested by any composer as to make any reference to it here unnecessary. False internal rows may, in Cambridge, occur in the first three and last three leads of the courses; the fourth lead can contain no false rows, neither can there be any with the treble in 1-2 down in the third lead, or in 1-2 up in the fifth; therefore, as the M and W come respectively at the ends of the third and fourth leads, it is a matter of entire indifference to the internal proof what calls there may be at these places, for false rows cannot come at or between them. In order to make what follows clearly understood I must ask particular attention to the fact that in proving this method a course-end must not be taken as connected with the whole of following course as in Treble Bob, but with half of the previous and half of the following course, that is, since the fourth lead may be neglected, from the fifth lead of the previous to the third of the following course. We thus get rid of any necessity for noticing bobs at M and W, and may confine ourselves entirely to bobs B and H. With respect to bobs B, as they merely cut away the three middle leads of the course, it is only necessary to notice them as concerns their effect in getting rid of leads in which false rows might occur. In regard to bobs H we simply have, when required, to unmake or "plain" them (to use Mr. Thompson's terse term) so as to get, as will be presently explained, the correct order of the bells in the previous half-course.

Now false rows may occur with the treble in 1-2 and 7-8, and also in 3-4, never in 5-6; and it is necessary that the proof should be divided into two entirely separate parts, firstly that in 1-2 and 7-8, secondly that in 3-4.

False rows will, with one exception to be hereafter noted, be produced with the treble in 1-2 and 7-8 when there are course-ends having the bells in 5-6 reversed, that is as 6-5 to 5-6, but such rows may, within certain limits, be cut out by the use of bobs B; to what extent this can be done will now be explained. These false rows occur at four places in the course, as may be seen from the subjoined table viz.: rows with the treble in 7-8 up and down in the first lead, marked AA, may repeat with one another, the same may occur in the seventh lead, ZZ; also rows with the treble in 1-2 down, and up between the second and third leads, DD, may repeat with one another, the same may occur between the fifth and sixth leads, WW. The course-ends entered against the various letters in the table are those that are false in such places against 23456; thus 43265 AA signifies that if we take the two courses 23456 and 43265, false rows will occur between those from 23456 at the first A, and those from 43265 at the second A, also reciprocally between those from 43265 at the first A, and those from 23456 at the second A.

Treble in	5th lead.	6th.	7th	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
1,2 up,		24365W				24365.D
7,8 up & dn.			32465 ^Z _Z	43265 ^A _A		
1,2 down.	24365W				24365.D	

Now if we suppose the course-end 24365 to come up after a bob B, there will be no fifth lead before the course-end, and consequently 24365 W in the fifth lead is cut out, and there can be no repeat between rows from 24365 in the fifth lead, and those from 23456 in the sixth; but we still have the reciprocal false rows from 23456 in the fifth against those from 24365 in the sixth; if, however, the course-end 23456 also comes up after a bob B, these latter false rows will also be eliminated, and we may safely use these two course-ends so far as regards the last three leads of the course. The same reasoning will hold good of the false rows from 24365 in the second and third leads after the course-end; that is, if a bob B follows each of the course-ends

23456 and 24365, these will be true in the first three leads of the course. It is also clear that there are no means of cutting out false rows that come from 43265 and 32465, because they occur in the seventh and first leads of the course which leads a bob B does not affect, but bobs H may be used to change the order of the bells after the course-end, and thus in certain cases prevent an order which is true up to the course-end, from falling into a false order after it. The following table gives all the ways in which reversed course-ends can be used, taking 23456 to work from. The letters B to the left and right of the course-ends shew where it is necessary that these shall be preceded or followed by bobs B, and the letters H denote that the course-ends to which they are affixed must come up at a bob, those not so marked being plain leads. The first column shews the possible arrangements where 23456 is a bob lead, the second where it is a plain lead. The horizontal lines divide the various sets.

Preceded by bobs B.	Course- ends.	Followed by bobs B.	Preceded by bobs B.	Course- ends.	Followed by bobs B.
	23456 H		B	23456	B
	32465 H		B	24365	B
B	23456 H		B	23456	
B	32465		B	32465 H	
	23456 H	B		23456	B
	24365	B		24365 H	B
B	23456 H	B	B	23456	
B	32465		B	34256	B
	24365	B	B	32465 H	B
				23456	B
			B	42356	
			B	24365 H	B

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 in full to avoid confusion.

To use the table, 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 B and H are brought in exactly as in the tabular arrangement selected. Reversed course-ends of a length already composed may be proved by transposing any one of them to 23456; then as the remaining course-ends with the same bells in 5-6 are transposed from the one taken, so must 23456 be transposed to obtain course-ends similarly related to it; an example of this will be found in the proof of the touch given later on. If the resulting course-ends can be found together 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. It will be noticed that there is one pair of reversed course-ends that can be had true without the use of bobs B.

The actual proof of any of these reversed course-ends may be worked out, if required, in the following way: For proof in the first, second and third leads after a course-end, transpose the course-ends that have the same bells in 5-6, by each of the false course-ends 43265 and 24365, note where the original course-ends are followed by bobs B, and strike out from these the false course-ends coming from 24365, because the false rows 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 rows after the course-ends. For proof in the fifth, sixth, and seventh leads before a course-end, it is necessary that those course-ends that come up with a bob at H should be "plainned," i.e. have the bob unmade, in order that the bells may be in the order which they occupied previous to the course-end. Thus if 23456 is a bob course-end, "plainned" it would be 34256. Having reduced all the course-ends to plain ones, these must be transposed by 32465 and 24365; note where they are preceded by bobs B, and strike out from such the false course-ends coming from 24365, because the false rows it brings would be in the fifth lead which a bob B cuts out. If none of the remaining false course-ends repeat with the plain course-ends which were transposed, there will be no false rows before the course-ends. Thus much for proof with the treble in 1-2 and 7-8, which it will be understood is totally unnecessary when there are no course-ends with the bells in 5-6 reversed.

Before passing on to the proof with the treble in 3-4, I would point out that so far we have been comparing the three leads following a course-end with three other leads also following a course-end; and the three leads preceding a course-end with three other leads also preceding a course-end, so that up to this the proof of Cambridge closely resembles that of Superlative. Now, however, we must change our tactics, and in considering the false rows with the treble in 3-4 must note that rows in the three leads before a course-end can only repeat with rows in the three leads after a course-end, and *vice versa*. The liability to falseness with the treble in 3-4, is owing to the absurd plan adopted by the inventor of the method of making four bells lie still whenever that bell dodges in 3-4, both up and down, such a gross liberty with the fundamental principles of change-ringing as would not

be tolerated in any new method, and without which any peal free from reversed course-ends that runs true in Superlative would be equally applicable to Cambridge; whereas owing to this blot but one peal, and that a miserably unmusical one, has yet been composed.

The course-ends false against 23456 with the treble in 3-4 are 32546 and 46253; the places where the false rows occur are indicated in the annexed table.

Treble in	5th lead.	6th.	7th.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
3-4 up,	{46253E 32546F}			46253 E	32546 F	
3-4 down.		46253 T	32546 V			{46253 T 32546 V}

It will be seen that rows with the treble in 3-4 up in the first lead, marked E, and in the second lead marked F, may repeat with rows with the treble in the same position in the 5th lead, also that rows with the treble in 3-4 down in the 6th lead, marked T, and in the 7th lead, marked V, may repeat with rows with the treble in the same position in the 3rd lead. Suppose the course-ends 23456 and 32546 to come up at a plain lead after a bob B; there will be no fifth lead before the course-ends, consequently, there can be no repeat between rows from 32546 in the fifth lead before and those from 23456 in the second lead after the course-end, but we still have the reciprocal false rows from 23456 in the third lead after, and those from 32546 in the seventh lead before the course-end; if however, the course-end 23456 is followed by a bob B, there will be no third lead, and consequently the false rows from 23456 are also cut out. It will further be noticed that this treatment also gets rid of the false rows between 46253 and 23456, so that we arrive at this rule: that when the end of one course is false against the beginning of another, bobs B called at the respective sides of the course-ends where the repeat occurs cut away all the false rows. But there is a further important point which must not be lost sight of, viz.: that if two course-ends which are false with one another come up both at a plain lead, i.e. without a bob at H, not only will the leads before a course-end 32546 repeat with the leads after course-end 23456; but the leads before 23456 will also repeat with those after 32546; therefore, to eliminate the whole of these false rows, each of these course-ends must be both preceded and followed by bobs B. If either or both of two course-ends come up with a bob, they can be cleared of false rows by the use of two bobs B only. To make these somewhat puzzling statements clear, I will give the proof of a touch in full.

X	Y	Z	A	B	C
False from	False from	Natural	Fixed C.-ends.	False f'm	False f'm
46253	32546	course-end.		46253	32546
24365	53624 P	35264 Q	23564 BH	54263	32654
42635	56342	65432	65432 MW	42635	56342
64523	35264	53624	53624 P B	64523	35264 Q
56342	23456 R	32546 S	32546 B	56342	23456
56423	34256	43526	54326 WH	36524	45236
53462	24653	42563	54263 BH	23564	45623
35642	26435	62345	36245 MWH	25346	63425
25346	63425	36245	23645 H	65243	32465
26354	43526	34256	23456 R BH	46253	32546 S

A is a column of fixed course-ends, that is, the actual course-ends of the touch, which give the order of the bells in the three leads after the course-end. Columns B and C are the false course-ends obtained by transposing the fixed course-ends by the false course-ends 46253 and 32546 respectively.

Column Z contains the "natural" course-ends, that is the fixed course-ends "plained"; where there is no bob H the course-ends under A and Z are clearly identical. Columns X and Y are the false course-ends obtained by transposing the natural course-ends by the false course-ends 46253 and 32546. The natural course-ends are necessary for the proof of the last three leads of the courses, for otherwise we should not get the correct order of the bells in these leads, when there is a bob at H. To prove the touch it is necessary to bear in mind that course-ends under X and Y can only repeat with those under A, and conversely those under B and C only with those under Z. Having thus compared them the following repeats will be found: 53624 marked P, and 23456 marked R, both under Y, occur again under A; also 35264 marked Q, and 32546 marked S, both under C, occur again under Z. In reality there are here only two false courses, namely, P and R, for Q is merely the reciprocal of P, and S of R; this is evident from the fact that if neither 53624 or 23456 appeared as fixed course-ends there would be no repeat at all. Having noted all the false courses in the touch, we next observe how they are affected by the bobs B. Any false course-ends under X and Y repeating with course-ends under A will have the false leads cut out by a bob B preceding the course-end from which such false course-ends under X and Y are transposed, and the reciprocally false course-ends under C and D, repeating with course-ends under Z, will likewise have the false leads cut out by a bob B following the course-end from which such false course-ends

under C and D are transposed. Therefore, as both the fixed course-ends 23564 and 32546 are preceded by bobs B, and both 53624 and 23456 are followed by bobs B the whole of the false rows with the treble in 3-4, are eliminated. By thus tabulating the fixed and natural course-ends with their respective false course-ends the effect of the bobs at B and H is clearly shewn, and the simplicity of the results presented more than compensates for the somewhat lengthy nature of the proof. Referring again to what has previously been said on proof with the treble in 1-2, and 7-8, it will be noticed that there are in this touch two course-ends that have reversals in 5, 6, namely, 23564 and 32546; in order that the touch may be completely proved it remains to examine whether the arrangement of these course-ends, with the adjoining bobs at B and H, is such as to cut out the false rows with the treble in 1-2 and 7-8. Transpose as before directed one of them, say 23564 to 23456; then as 32546 is to 23564, so will 32465 be to 23456. Now 23564 comes up with a bob at H, and 32546 at a plain lead, therefore 23456 must be taken as coming at a bob, and 32465 at a plain lead. Referring to the table of reversed course-ends, we find this the second set in the left hand column, both course-ends are there shown to be preceded by bobs B. On turning to our touch we shall find this is the case with 23564 and 32546, therefore these course-ends are true with one another, and the whole touch is correct.

I have now fully set out all the various ways in which bobs B may be used to counteract the false course-ends. Whether what has been advanced can be turned to practical account in the composition of a fresh peal, I am not prepared to say, but it is evident that considerable possibilities are opened up, especially as regards the power of getting rid of the courses false with the treble in 3-4. The method is, however, so narrow in its capabilities that it would seem almost impossible to get further than some new variation on the original peal. This will be better understood after perusing the latter portion of this paper, in which the composition of Middleton's peal is analysed.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE WELLINGBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH AND ST. BARNABAS' CHOIRS.

ON Tuesday evening last, February 22nd, the annual supper of the church choirs and ringers connected with the parish church, took place in the Drill Hall, which was prettily decorated, with flags, etc. At the top end of the room was the word "Welcome," with the motto, "Be ye kind one to another," on the one side, and "Work and wait" on the other. At the centre of the bottom end of the room was "God save the Queen." The catering was entrusted to Mr. T. Smeathers, who was assisted by an energetic staff of waiters, and the whole of the arrangements were carried out under the direction of a committee consisting of Messrs. J. T. Smith, E. J. Dennes, and S. H. Kimbell. About ninety sat down, and amongst these present were:—The Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, Mr. W. Davis, Mr. H. J. Russ, Mr. G. H. Burnham, Mr. Willan Jackson, Dr. W. W. Clark, Dr. Morris, Mr. J. T. Smith, Mr. S. H. Kimbell, Mr. E. J. Dennes, Mr. E. Head, Mr. Bliss, Mr. W. J. Henry, Mr. T. Gillett, &c. Grace was said by the Vicar, and after ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the cloth was removed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The chair was taken by the Vicar, who after a few prefatory remarks proposed "The Queen," which was drunk with great enthusiasm. Mr. Davis then proposed "The Choirs," coupling with the toast the names of the organists, Mr. E. Head and Mr. G. Underwood. Mr. Head responded on behalf of St. Luke's choir, and Mr. Olney (in the absence of Mr. Underwood) on behalf of St. Barnabas' choir. (Song, Mr. Head). Mr. G. H. Burnham then proposed "The health of the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot," which was received with "For he's a jolly good fellow," and a "three-times-three." The Archdeacon responded with a brief speech, in which he thanked the company for the manner they had received the toast. (Song—Mr. Mayo). The Chairman proposed "The Churchwardens," to which Mr. W. Davis and Mr. H. J. Russ replied. The toast was received with musical honours. (Song—Mr. F. Rice.) The next toast on the list was the "Ringers and Chimers," coupled with it the name of Mr. E. J. Dennes, the energetic conductor, proposed by Dr. W. W. Clark, who spoke of the very rapid progress in the chiming and ringing since the new bells have been put up. In reply Mr. Dennes said he had the privilege of proposing the health of the donors of the bells, and he could not let that opportunity pass without mentioning the gift of new chimes by Mr. W. Woolston, and he gave the health of that gentleman, which was received with three ringing cheers and musical honours. The ringers next gave a very pleasing performance on the handbells, for which an encore was responded to. Mr. Davis then proposed "The Sidesmen," coupling with the toast the names of Mr. W. J. Henry, and Mr. Willan Jackson, the former of whom suitably replied.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday next. Further particulars will be given in a future issue.

CHARLES HERBERT, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 21st, a meeting of this Association was held at Jarrow, where there are two peals of six, viz., at Christ Church, new peal by Messrs. Taylor, tenor 17 cwt., and at St. Peter's, new peal by Messrs. Warner, tenor 8½ cwt. The meeting was attended by members from Bishop Wearmouth, Chester-le-Street, Benfieldside, Jarrow, Newcastle, North Shields, Newton Hall, South Shields, Stockton, and Winlaton. A committee meeting was held at the "Queen's Arms" Hotel, at which the Rev. F. Steggall, vicar of Consett, presided. Mr. W. G. Routledge, acting as minute clerk, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which was held in All Saints' Vestry, Newcastle.

THE MINUTES.

The HON. SECRETARY said they had entered upon an improved and more systematic way of recording the minutes of the committee meetings, and it would be well if they were possessed of a proper minute book. It was agreed to empower the Secretary to purchase the book for the joint use of the minute clerk and himself.

THE CONDITION OF ALNWICK CHURCH BELLS.

The HON. SECRETARY, in formally intimating that Whit-Monday the meeting would be held at Alnwick, asked if it would not be well to send a member to that place to inspect the peal.

Mr. FRED. HARRISON: They were in a fine state when we were there.

The SECRETARY acknowledged that their condition was not altogether satisfactory.

The PRESIDENT: We once had to send a man from North Shields with a block and tackle to put one of the bells right.

Mr. LEES said he had been at Alnwick, and was of the opinion that several things required putting right in the belfry of St. Paul's.

The PRESIDENT said that on the occasion of a recent visit he found the bells ringable, but certainly nothing to boast of. He strongly recommended the meeting to send a member to Alnwick to make an inspection of the bells.

Mr. HARRISON: They have not been oiled since last Christmas.

The SECRETARY: If you (Mr. Lees) report that the bells are not ringable we should put the meeting off.

The PRESIDENT: You need not be afraid of that. It is not so long since we were there and found them pealable.

Mr. LEES said he had seen them rung for an hour before a bell had cast its rope.

The PRESIDENT: We put several of them right.

The SECRETARY: I should say that if, when Mr. Lees gets there, he finds that he can get some of the small things put right at a trifling cost, the members of the Association will not refuse to pay for them.

Mr. ROUTLEDGE: If Mr. Lees places facts in connection with their condition before the vicar and churchwardens they will in all probability have the bells put right.

It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Routledge, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to request Mr. Lees to pay a visit of inspection to the church belfry prior to the March meeting.

THE PEAL BOOK.

The Committee considered a suggestion by the Secretary, that there should be a uniform way of entering the peals rung in connection with the Association's meetings in the peal-book. After some conversation, it was agreed on the motion of Mr. Fred. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Lees, to request the Secretary to make a full and complete entry of the peals in the peal book, and to include in such entries the full name of each ringer.

THE FOUNDERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The PRESIDENT suggested that the names of the originators of the Association should be placed on the title page of the Association peal books. He thought that this would be a well deserved compliment to the originators.

The SECRETARY believed that it would be difficult to secure the names of the real promoters of the Association.

Mr. LEES, in concurring, said the promoters appeared to have met promiscuously and agreed to form an Association.

The SECRETARY said he intended to call a meeting of the sub-committee, and at it he would present a brief sketch or history of the Association. It was agreed to relegate the matter to the sub-committee.

THE JUBILEE.

The SECRETARY commenced a conversation on the subject of the Association endeavouring to do something in the way of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. He suggested that each peal entered in the peal book as being at all connected with the celebration of the Jubilee, be headed by the Royal Arms.

After some conversation had taken place,

The SECRETARY moved, and the President seconded, a motion embodying the suggestion of the first-named.

Several suggestions were before the meeting regarding the time during which Jubilee peals should be rung, and it was finally agreed that all Jubilee peals be rung between the 20th of June and the 31st of December.

THE ASSOCIATION'S REFEREE.

The Committee decided to elect Mr. Reid referee in the room of Mr. Smith. Mr. Lee withdrew in favour of Mr. Reid.

ST. NICHOLAS' BELLS.

The SECRETARY: What are we to do with reference to the condition of St. Nicholas' bells at Newcastle?

Mr. Routledge: There was an impression abroad that we ought not to take any notice of them.

THE SNOWDON TESTIMONIAL.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Scott, to invite the members of each belfry in the district to subscribe to this testimonial.

After the disposal of routine business, the business part of the proceedings terminated.

At two o'clock, the company numbering thirty-eight, sat down to dinner, the Rev. F. Steggall occupying the chair, and the president, Mr. R. S. Story, the vice-chair. The Jarrow clergy were represented by the Rev. P. J. B. Ffoulkes, the Rev. R. M. Carrick, and others being unavoidably absent.

The CHAIRMAN said the toast he had to ask them to honour always held the first place on their programmes, it was that of "The Church and Queen." Not during the whole of Her Majesty's reign had she occupied so prominent a place in the feelings of her subjects as she did at the present time when she was just completing the fiftieth and jubilee year of her reign. The bellringers were looking forward to commemorate during the next few months, the jubilee of her Majesty and the way in which the bells would then ring out, would be an honour to the Queen.

The toast having been honoured,

The PRESIDENT gave "The Bishops and Clergy of the Diocese." He referred to the interest generally displayed by the clergy in the bellringers.

The CHAIRMAN replied, and thanked them for coupling his name with the feast.

The Rev. P. J. B. FFOLKES said that in his extreme anxiety to avoid taking the chair, he had been "lugged" in for a speech. In the first place he thanked them kindly for the way in which they had honoured the toast. He thought one could not but agree with the remarks made by the proposer of the toast with respect to the need there was for a deal of sympathy between the clergy and the ringers. The clergy were essential to the existence of the ringers, because if there were no clergy and no churches there would be no bells. They ought to work hand in hand together, and he hoped that if there was any cause for complaint it would be, if slowly, at least, surely removed in Jarrow. He hoped there would be greater unity between the clergy and the ringers of Jarrow in the future, and as this was the first meeting of the kind held in Jarrow, he hoped and trusted that it would give an impetus to bell-ringing.

Mr. ROUTLEDGE proposed "The health of the President." He said that it would take him to talk almost all night to tell them of all Mr. Story's good qualities. He referred to enthusiastic support the art of ringing was receiving from the President. In Mr. Story they had the right man in the right place, and if they searched throughout the Association they could not secure a better President.

The PRESIDENT, in replying, expressed the hope that before long they would succeed in getting every belfry in the two dioceses into good order, and that all the members of the Association would get themselves into an efficient state of change-ringing. He assured them of his pleasure at the intention of the committee to assist in the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. He thought the ringers connected with eight-bell towers should pay special attention to Jubilee music. He knew that their friend Mr. Harrison, Jarrow, had it in his mind to ring 5000, and he saw no reason why that should not be done with the ringing talent there was in Jarrow.

The SECRETARY (Mr. Clarkson) spoke deprecatingly of a suggestion which, he said had been made in a Newcastle paper, to insert a peal of new bells in St. Nicholas' church, Newcastle. The bells were simply out of order in their fittings. The framework might require some attention, but the bells were perfectly sound with the exception of the tenor bell, which had, he believed, a bit out of its lip. To suggest the re-casting of the bells because they were out of order in the fittings, was something like suggesting the re-building of the Cathedral itself because some of the windows were broken.

"The health of Mr. Fred. Harrison" was given by Mr. Clarkson. The proposer referred at some length to the successful efforts made by the leader of the St. Peter's band to extend the art of ringing in Durham. Mr. Harrison, he said, had been very successful in bringing on the art in Chester-le-Street, and his pupils were within measureable distance of ringing 720 changes. It was only with the assistance of members of the type of Mr. Harrison that the duties of his office—which otherwise would be difficult—were rendered gratifying to himself and useful to the art they were trying to promote.

Mr. HARRISON replied, and after other toasts had been given, the proceedings terminated.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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The Provinces.

HEYWOOD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

JAMES MILLETT* Treble.	JOHN HARRISON 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	FRANK BIRTWISTLE 6.
GEORGE HOYLE 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
SAMUEL WEST 4.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY, of Birmingham, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

*First peal of Treble Bob. This is the first Major peal ever rung on the bells. Messrs. Hoyle, Harrison, and Birtwistle hail from Rochdale; Millett is of the local company; the rest hail from Manchester. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6 at consecutive courses. The best thanks of the above ringers are given, through the medium of this paper, to Mr. Harrison, for the kind manner in which he entertained them after the peal was rung.

SADDLEWORTH—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND
THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 15, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five-and-½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. BRIERLEY Treble.	EDGAR BUCKLEY 5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE 2.	JOHN HOLDEN 6.
JOHN T. HOLDEN 3.	JAMES H. SHAW 7.
JAMES WRIGLEY 4.	EDWARD WOOD Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by JOHN J. BRIERLEY.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE SAYER Treble.	REV. H. A. SPYERS 5.
HENRY WOOD 2.	EDWARD HULL 6.
HENEAGE SAYER 3.	STEPHEN BROOKER 7.
WILLIAM MARKS 4.	JOSEPH LISNEY Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN BROOKER.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GEORGE BRADLEY Treble.	DENISON TAYLOR, Esq. 5.
RICHARD HICKTON 2.	JOHN WARD 6.
JOHN C. DICKEN 3.	RICHARD LANE 7.
SAMUEL CLARKE 4.	JOSEPH BARROW Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN MARTIN, of Leicester, and Conducted by J. BARROW.

Messrs. Taylor and Lane hail from Loughborough; the rest belong to the Long Eaton Society. The above peal was first rung in the Oxford Variation at St. Martin's, Leicester, on November 6th, 1761, in 3 hrs. 31 mins., tenor 22 cwt., conducted by its composer.

BEDDINGTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM BURKIN Treble.	ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, M.B.6.
JOHN BRANCH 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 7.
CHARLES MARTIN* 3.	CHARLES BANCE 8.
EDGAR BENNETT 4.	JOHN PLOWMAN 9.
EDWARD F. COLE 5.	GEORGE TURNER† Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JOHN PLOWMAN.

* First peal of Caters with a bob bell. † First peal of Caters.

SADDLEWORTH.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ALBION MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. BRIERLEY Treble.	JOSEPH L. BUCKLEY 5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE 2.	JAMES S. WILDE 7.
JOHN HOLDEN 3.	JAMES RADCLIFFE 6.
FRANK BRIERLEY* 4.	JOSEPH WOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. BRIERLEY.

This peal has never been previously performed. The two peals of Albion Major rung at Saddleworth church are believed to be the two first peals ever rung in the method. *First peal in the method. Mr. Jas. S. Wilde hails from Hyde, the rest are members of the local company.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND
THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES; Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

BENJAMIN SUGDEN Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
HARRY C. WOODWARD 2.	ALFRED ROBINSON 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	JOHN HOWE 7.
WILLIAM HICKLING 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which is now performed for the first time, was rung on the third anniversary of the opening of the bells. In it the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th place.

ROTHWELL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

JOSEPH HAIGH Treble.	ROBERT BINNS 5.
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 6.
JOHN M. CHADWICK 3.	JAMES HAIGH 7.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 4.	JOHN CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by
JAMES HAIGH.

The above peal contains the 6th its extent in 5-6, and the 4th the extent before the tenor. Messrs. Joseph and James Haigh hail from Woodlesford; Needham and Binns from Leeds; the rest are of the local company.

THE BIRMINGHAM.—ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, February 28, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

JOHN BUFFERY Treble.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 7.
HENRY BASTABLE 2.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY 9.
SAMUEL REEVES 4.	JOHN HOWE 10.
WILLIAM KENT 5.	A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq. 11.
CHAS. HY. HATTERSLEY .. 6.	HENRY JOHNSON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHAS. HENRY HATTERSLEY.

The above peal was rung to commemorate the 78th birthday anniversary of Mr. Henry Johnson, sen.
A. Percival Heywood, Esq., and Mr. Howe hail from Derby, Messrs. H. and T. Hattersley hail from Sheffield, and Mr. Wakley from Burton.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056
CHANGES; Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. WHITE Treble.	W. BENNETT 5.
E. HOLIFIELD 2.	J. W. WASHBROOK 6.
B. BARRETT 3.	G. HOLIFIELD 7.
C. HOUNSLOW 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

This is Mr. H. Johnson's variation of the peal by C. Middleton, and is now rung for the first time.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, February 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. D. Davis, 1; W. Morris (aged 77), 2; W. T. Pates, 3; T. Steel, 4; F. Musty, 5; T. Davies, 6; F. E. Ward, Esq. (composer and conductor), 7; T. Compton, 8. Tenor 13½ cwt. The ringers are desirous of expressing their appreciation of the "go" of the bells, which have recently been rehung.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, February 20th, at Christ Church, eight members of the above Association rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. and 6 mins. J. Hares, 1; J. Frisby, 2; T. Horton, 3; S. Reeves (conductor), 4; C. Timms, 5; R. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; J. Hall, 8. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson.

WAKEFIELD.—On Monday evening, February 21st, ten members of the Wakefield company ascended the tower of the parish church and rung a date touch of Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. and 22 mins. W. Milnes, 1; G. Firth, 2; R. Wrigley, 3; J. P. Healy, 4; T. Prince, 5; J. T. Hollis (conductor), 6; W. Firth, 7; T. Ormond, 8; T. Moorhouse, 9; J. Styles, 10. Tenor 32 cwt. in C. This touch was composed in the inverted titum position.

WORKSOP (Notts).—On Wednesday evening, February, 16th, the local company from Shire Oaks paid a visit to the Priory church, Worksop, for the purpose of attempting a date touch (1887 changes), on the back six of the ring of eight, which was accomplished in 1 hr. 8 mins., in the following methods: 447 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent, and 720 Violet. David Taylor, 1; Silas Harvey, 2; Edward Russon, 3; William Hargreaves (conductor), 4; Robert Knowles, 5; Daniel Russon, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, February 13th, at St. Paul's Church, for Divine Service, a 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Allan, 1; E. Pitstow, 2; H. Chapman, 3; M. Warwick, 4; F. Pitstow (conductor), 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. Frossell, 8. Also on Thursday, February 17th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; M. Warwick, 3; C. West, 4; S. Cullip, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. West (first 720 in the method), 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6. Also a 360 Plain Bob. M. Warwick (conductor), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Mayes, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Keech, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—Also on Tuesday, February 1st, at the house of Mr. A. Wheatley, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. F. Keech, 1; J. Spencer, 2; W. Biggs, 3-4; M. Warwick (conductor), 5-6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Spencer (conductor), 1; F. Keech, 2; W. Biggs, 3-4; M. Warwick, 5-6. Also a 6-score of Bob Doubles. J. Spencer, 1; F. Keech (conductor), 2; W. Biggs, 3-4; M. Warwick, 5-6. Also on Saturday, February 12th, a 168 Grandsire Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1-2; F. Pitstow, 3-4; W. Biggs, 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, February 20th, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Woods, 1; H. King, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Biggs, 5; C. West (first 720 as conductor), 6. Also on Friday, February 25th, a 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles). W. King, 1; C. West, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Woods (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; W. Biggs (composer and conductor), 5; H. King, 6. And a course of Kent Treble Bob. H. King, 1; C. West, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. Biggs, 6.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, February 20th, a 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles, composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow). T. Tipoe, 1; F. Keech, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. West, 4; W. King, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—Also on Sunday, February 27th, at the house of Mr. W. Biggs, a 6-score each of St. Simons, Antelope, Grandsire, Bob, Canterbury, and London Doubles. W. Biggs, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; H. Chapman (conductor), 5-6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday, February 15th, for practice at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Bolton, 1; J. Little (first 720), 2; W. Patton, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; W. Lester, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, January 20th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Bolton, 1; J. Little, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, February 22nd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. J. Bolton, 1; W. Patton, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; W. Lester (first 720), 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, February 21st, at St. Peter's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Henderson (Jarrow), 1; G. J. Clarkson (Stockton), 2; H. Ross (North Shields), 3; F. Lees (Newcastle), 4; F. Harrison (Jarrow), 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor, New-

castle), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob. H. Ross, 1; J. Rossiter (North Shields), 2; *T. Walker (Chester-le-Street), 3; W. Reed (conductor, North Shields), 4; J. Campbell (Jarrow), 5; J. Leighton (Bishop Wearmouth), 6. *First 720. And a 720 of Plain Bob. J. Chapman (Jarrow), 1; A. English (Jarrow), 2; T. Walker, 3; J. Leighton, 4; *J. Swinburne (Chester-le-Street), 5; J. Moffit (conductor, South Shields), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob. W. Siddoway (Winlton), 1; A. English, 2; W. C. Bennett (Winlton), 3; J. Leighton, 4; T. Harrison (conductor), 5; Z. Scott (Winlton), 6. And at Christ Church, a 720 of Bob Minor. Z. Scott, 1; W. C. Bennett, 2; W. Lisle (Newton Hall), 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; F. Lees, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob, being the first 720 in the method by the Christ Church company. W. Wilkinson, 1; F. Pattison, 2; W. Holmes, 3; A. Sharp, 4; R. Heron, 5; R. Oliver (conductor), 6.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Monday, February 21st, at St. Hilda's Church, 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major. C. L. Routledge, 1; J. Moffit, 2; W. Eggleston, 3; Jno. Moffit, 4; R. S. Story, 5; W. Reed (conductor), 6; F. Harrison, 7; F. Lees, 8. Also on the back six, a 720 of Double Court Bob. W. Eggleston, 1; J. Moffit, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; Jno. Moffit, 4; J. Hopper, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ILFORD.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday evening, February 19th, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. F. Mumford, 1; J. Mumford, 2; W. Mead, 3; W. M. Mears, 4; B. Keeble, 5-6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRITTENDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, February 27th, after Evening Service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Edgar Taylor, 1; G. Rootes, 2; E. Potter, 3; W. Brattle, 4; T. Potter, 5; T. Daynes (conductor), 6; C. Watson, 7. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, February 20th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. E. Moreton, 1; G. Dawson, 2; S. Johnson, 3; W. Hickling, 4; G. Hingley, 5; A. Robinson (conductor), 6; A. P. Heywood, 7; B. Sugden, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, February 1st, at the parish church, by the local company, 360 of Kent Treble Bob, and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. And on Friday evening, February 4th, 360 of Court Single, and 360 of Plain Bob Minor. Also on Friday evening, February 18th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. And on Friday evening, February 25th, 720 of Court Single. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Monday, January 3rd, at St. Giles' Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. J. West, 1; A. Fox, 2; F. Castle, 3; A. Browning, 4; H. J. Castle (conductor), 5; T. Payne, 6. On Tuesday, February 15th, at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). P. Hind, 1; A. Browning, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. Hind, 4; W. Baston, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, February 16th, four members attempted a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells retained in hand, (Thurstans composition), but after ringing eleven parts, a shift brought it to an end. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1-2; H. J. Castle, 3-4; W. C. Baston, 5-6; A. F. M. Custance, Esq. (B.N.C.) 7-8.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

CHEADLE (Staffs).—On Monday evening, February 28th, at St. Giles's Church, by the local company, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. S. Spencer, 1; J. Burton, 2; *S. Burton, 3; J. Shenton, 4; R. Bullock, 5; †H. Booth (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt. *First 720 with a bob bell. †First 720 as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, February 21st, at St. Peter's Church, 630 of Grandsire Triples. W. G. Moss, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; G. Grafham, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; T. Matthews, 8. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On February 19th, at the parish church, by the Kidderminster and Chaddeley Corbett Societies, assisted by H. Martin, of Belbroughton, 1428 of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins. H. Bough, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; H. Williams, 3; H. Martin, 4; J. Broad, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; ———, 8. J. Crane, R. E. Grove, and H. Williams hail from Kidderminster.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Tuesday evening, February 22nd, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. H. Simmonds, 1;

E. Menday, 2; G. Essex, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Stedman Doubles. F. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; G. Essex, 3; H. Smith, 4; T. Newman, 5; H. Simmonds, 6. E. Menday rang the treble in the last two 120's in place of F. Simmonds. And on Sunday, February 28th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; E. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—*Muffled Peal.*—On Monday, February 21st, at St. Clement's Church, the following members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society rang 1145 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. A. Parker, for upwards of sixty years sexton at the parish church. F. Tillett, 1; J. Motts (conductor), 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; A. R. Aldham, 4; H. Bowell, 5; W. Motts, 6.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On February 3rd, at the church of St. Mary and All Saints, a 228 of Grandsire Major. J. Bennett, 1; H. Williams, 2; H. Sandell, 3; J. Bennett, 4; R. S. Rowlands, 5; T. Salters, 6; R. E. Grove, 7; J. Crane, 8. And 210 of Bob Triples. J. Bennett, 1; H. Williams, 2; T. Salters, 3; H. Sandells, 4; R. S. Rowlands, 5; R. E. Grove, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; T. Walter, 8. The first touches of Major and Bob Triples by all the band. Also two 120's of Stedman Doubles. J. Bennett, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; H. Williams, 3; J. Bennett, 4; J. Crane, 5; T. Salter, 6. The first Stedman Doubles on the bells, and the first in the method by all the band. On February 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; T. Salters, 2; H. Williams, 3; J. Bennett, 4; R. S. Rowlands, 5; H. Sandells, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles on the back six. J. Bennett, 1; T. Salters, 2; H. Williams, 3; R. S. Rowlands, 4; J. Crane, 5; R. E. Grove, 6. On February 22nd, a 420 of Bob Triples. J. Bennett, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Green, 4; W. Bird, 5; H. Williams, 6; A. H. Bassano, 7; H. Adams, 8. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Green, 1; H. Mason, 2; A. H. Bassano, 3; W. Bird, 4; J. Crane, 5; R. E. Grove (conductor), 6. The first Treble Bob by J. Crane and R. E. Grove. Also a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; W. Bird, 3; A. H. Bassano, 4; H. Mason, 5; W. Green, 6; J. Crane, 7; H. Sandell, 8. Messrs. A. H. Bassano, W. Bird, H. Mason, and W. Green are members of the Old Hill Society. On February 24th, a 742 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; G. Salters, 2; T. Salters, 3; H. Williams, 4; H. Sandells, 5; H. Adams, 6; J. Crane, 7; H. Smith, 8. The first touch of Triples by G. Salters and H. Adams.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday, February 20th, after evening service at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). H. Nunn, sen., 1; J. Nunn, 2; W. Manning, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; E. Barnett (conductor), 5; H. Scarlett, 6.

PRESCOT (Lancashire).—On Thursday, February 17th, at the parish church, the local company met for practice, and rang the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 504 changes, in 19 mins. James Chesworth, 1; Walter Finney, 2; Thomas Byron (conductor), 3; Thomas Abraham, 4; John Renshall, 5; John Case, 6; John Cook, 7; John Moston, 8. And the first three parts of the same peal, 1512 changes, in 57 mins. James Chesworth, 1; Walter Finney, 2; Thomas Abraham, 3; John Case, 4; John Renshall, 5; John Moston, 6; Thomas Byron (conductor), 7; Henry Abraham, 8. This is the longest length by W. Finney and H. Abraham, and the longest length with a bob bell by J. Moston.

RHYL (Flintshire).—On Tuesday, February 15th, for practice, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). P. Lunt, 1; J. Wallis, 2; F. Hordley, 3; J. P. Powell, 4; J. Vaughan, 5; F. Wallis, 6; F. J. Gamlin (conductor), 7; J. P. Owen, 8. The above is the longest touch in the method by all.

SALISBURY.—On Wednesday, February 17th, at St. Martins' Church, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, being the two first parts of Holt's ten-part peal, in 37 mins. J. Judd, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydemann, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Wilton, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday evening, February 22nd, at St. Paul's, Fulney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late George Sly, of Spalding, who was respected by all who knew him. Time 43 mins. G. Barker, 1; *G. Skeef, 2; R. Skeef, 3; E. Quinton, 4; C. Quinton, 5; *R. Creasey (conductor), 6; C. Creasey, 7; T. Quinton, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. All members of the South Lincolnshire Association, except G. Skeef, who belongs to the Eastern Counties' Guild. *Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, February 13th, at St. Thomas's Church, several touches of Bob Triples were rung. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Hillman, 4; J. Guest, 5; E. Bourne, 6; W. Jones (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8. And

a plain course of Bob Major. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Guest, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; E. Bourne, 6; W. Jones, 7; W. Johnson (conductor), 8. Messrs. Hillman, Bourne, and Jones hail from Kingswinford, Lawrence from Wordsley, Guest from Brierley Hill, and W. Johnson from Darlaston. And on Monday evening, February 14th, for practice, 504 changes of Bob Triples. W. Hartshorn, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; A. Whatmore, 3; H. Harris, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; H. Hartshorn, 6; W. A. Pugh, 7; C. Barrett, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. Messrs. Hartshorn and Whatmore hail from Brierley Hill; the rest are local men.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, February 26th, at 'Christ Church, the local company rang a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. W. Taylor, 1; A. Folkes, 2; F. Davies, 3; G. A. Hatton, 4; H. Wooldridge, 5; J. Brookes (first 720 as conductor), 6. This 720 is Shipway's 3-part, taken from *Clavis*. This is the first 720 by all except F. Davies and the conductor, and the first by the local company. Tenor 3½ cwt.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, February 19th, for practice, at St. Mary's Church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the 7th, 6th, 9th, 8th, and 10th covering. G. E. Harbour, 1; R. J. Pearse, 2; W. G. Barge, 3; C. E. May, 4; T. Doble (conductor), 5; E. Wyatt, 6; T. Radford, 7; J. Slocombe, 8; J. Maddock, 9; W. Pearse, 10. Also a 6-score, with C. H. Venning, 6, E. Wyatt, 8, and J. Slocombe, 10, the others standing as before. The Guild's practice nights are on Saturdays from seven to nine o'clock, and they also ring for service every alternate Sunday, their next being Sunday, February 27th. Should any brother-ringer visit Taunton he would receive a hearty welcome at St. Mary's on any of these nights.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, February 13th, after Divine service in the evening, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Smith, 1; J. Priest, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; E. Barnett, 4; G. Cornell, 5; A. S. Barrell (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, February 15th, another 720 in the same method (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). F. A. Nunn, 1; W. Lebbon, 2; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 3; E. Barnett (conductor), 4; J. Wood, 5; G. Cornell, 6.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday, February 10th, at St. Helen's Church, the first half of Holt's Six-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes). W. Pudge, 1; L. Longney (Croome), 2; N. Wale, 3; H. Pheasant, 4; W. Jenkins, 5; G. Cleal (conductor), 6; W. Page, 7; T. Malin, 8. The above was an attempt for a peal, but owing to a death in the parish, they were asked to stop the bells, having only a few leads to bring up the half-way. Also on Tuesday, February 15th, at St. John's Church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. B. Hill, 1; W. Jenkins, 2; S. Cotton, 3; W. Page, 4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5; T. Gwynn, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Report of Ringing done by the Burford band during the month of February.

—On February 4th, a 504 of Bob Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Smith, 3; W. Smith, 4; H. Bond, 5; D. Francis, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Shayler, 8. And 360 of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; W. Large (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Smith, 4; D. Francis, 5; H. Bond, 6. On February 9th, 360 of Bob Minor. H. Bond, 1; H. Smith, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Smith, 4; W. Large (conductor), 5; D. Francis, 6. On February 12th, 720 of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; D. Francis, 2; H. Smith, 3; T. E. Glanville, 4; H. Bond, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; H. Shayler, 7. On February 13th, 360 of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Smith, 3; H. Bond, 4; W. Large (conductor), 5; D. Francis, 6. On February 14th, 720 of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Bond, 3; H. Smith, 4; D. Francis, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; W. Lauchbury, 7. On February 20th, 252 of Bob Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Brown, 3; H. Bond, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; D. Francis, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; W. Lauchbury, 8. On February 27th, 112 of Bob Major. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Brown, 3; H. Bond, 4; H. Smith, 5; D. Francis, 6; T. E. Glanville, 7; W. Large, 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Brown (conductor), 3; H. Brown, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Large, 6; T. E. Glanville, 7; D. Francis, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19th, a District Meeting was held at Leeds, when seventy-two practising and two honorary members were present. There was some good striking on the Leeds bells, and several other towers were also visited, viz.; Hollingbourne, Harrietsham, Berstead, etc. A number of new members were elected at the committee meeting, and the annual general meeting was fixed to be held at Tonbridge, where the bells have lately been rehung and everything put in good order, the local band having been re-organised and begun in earnest to learn change-ringing.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 26TH, 1887.—

By the Balcombe branch, at Balcombe.—On February 17th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourne (first 720), 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

By the Christ Church, Eastbourne branch, at Christ Church.—On Wednesday, February 16th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Sharp, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Howse, 3; H. Colbran, 4; J. Hammond, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, February 20th, a 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Short, 1; T. Smith, 2; G. Howse, 3; H. Colbran, 4; G. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. And a 360 in the same method. A. Piper (Brighton), 1; G. Howse, 2; T. Smith, 3; G. Smith, 4; J. Hammond, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6.

By the Henfield Branch, at Henfield.—On Sunday, February 13th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 15 mins. J. Boniface, 1; T. Mansbridge, 2; J. Stringer, 3; W. Pearce, 4; W. Lander (conductor), 5; T. West, 6.

By the Hurst Branch, at Henfield.—On Saturday, February 12th, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 20 mins. A. Pierce, 1; T. Mansbridge, 2; T. Leney, 3; T. Stringer, 4; W. Lander (conductor), 5; T. West, 6.

By a mixed band, at Horsham.—On Sunday, February 7th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Short, 1; W. Wadey, 2; G. C. Hammond, 3; T. Andrews, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Tuesday, February 15th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. C. Tyler, 1; T. Searle, 3; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single, in 26½ mins. J. Smart, 1; C. Chambers, 2; G. Smart, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, February 17th, a 720 of Single Court, in 27½ mins. G. Gatland, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart, 6. And on Saturday, February 19th, a 5040, being seven 720's in different Minor methods (for particulars see peal column). And on Sunday, February 20th, a 720 of College Single, in 26 mins. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch, at Warnham.—On Thursday, February 17th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Triples was lost, after ringing 3000 changes, in 1 hr. 40 mins. T. Hogsflesh, 1; H. Cook, 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Wood, 5; H. Burstow, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8.

By a mixed band, at Warnham.—On Sunday, February 20th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost after ringing upwards of 2000 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Short, 1; H. Chandler (conductor), 2; W. Wadey, 3; G. C. Hammond, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. Cook, 6; H. Wood, 7; G. Woodman, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Andrews, 1; C. Blackman, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Chandler, 4; H. Cook, 5; H. Wood, 6; G. C. Hammond, 7; G. Woodman, 8. Conducted by G. C. Hammond. And 420 of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Short, 1; T. Brown, 2; H. Chandler, 3; G. C. Hammond, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; E. Waller, 8.

By a mixed band, at Worth.—On Saturday, February 19th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, in 24 mins. C. Blackman, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Streeter, 2; T. Leney, 4; H. Wood, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The next District Meeting will be held at Harwich, on Saturday, March 19th. Ringing to commence at St. Nicholas Church (eight bells) at twelve o'clock. Tea at the Great Eastern Hotel at 4 p.m., and business meeting immediately afterwards. Return tickets to Harwich at reduced fares will be issued by the G.E.R. to members who inform the Secretary before Wednesday, March 16th, from what station they propose to start, and produce at the booking-office their receipt for the current year's subscription. It is particularly requested that all subscriptions still due for the year ending Whitsuntide 1887, may be forwarded as soon as possible. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

• Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

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 QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

SIR,—The suggestion proposed by "Dodger" this week is an admirable one, and worthy of the approval of every Churchman interested in our art and science of change-ringing. The newspapers are full of suggestions for the celebration of the Jubilee this year, and now that bell metal is comparatively cheap, the ringers and ringing associations of the country have a grand opportunity of advocating in the local press of various districts where peals of bells are scarce, and other peals could be improved by augmentation or repairing, etc., the claims of the art they practice. How many towns are there of large size containing only very few rings of bells; and how many of these again require a few pounds spending on them in repairs, which can scarcely be got together, unless it be on some special occasion like the present one, while many a village would be glad to obtain a peal of bells if someone took up the matter for them. Now is the ringers' opportunity, surely bells are at least as sensible a suggestion as some of those that are just now seen in the newspapers. G. B. A.

ANSWER TO NOVICE.

SIR,—I saw in last week's "BELL NEWS," a question asked by "Novice," the greatest number of calls yet obtained in a Minor peal. Would you kindly inform our "Novice," that in 1868 a Minor peal was produced by Mr. Hollis, of Glenton, with 138 bobs six singles and four extremes, making 148 calls in all. If our "Novice" has not seen this peal, will he kindly borrow *Rope Sight*, where he will find several Minor peals, and amongst them one composed by Mr. Penning, with twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles. J. SPENCER.

Cavendish Street, Bedford.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING JANUARY.

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Devonshire Guild	1
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Less peal entered under two Associations 1

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The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 6; Treble Bob Major, 9; Grandsire Caters, 2; Grandsire Triples, 22; Bob Major, 4; Bob Triples, 2; Union Triples, 1; Seven Minor methods on six bells, 2; Total, 50.

Greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,176. Quickest 5000 on church bells, 2 hours and 43 minutes.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING in connection with this Association was held at Horwich, on Saturday, February 19th, when the following places were represented; Leyland parish, Leyland St. James', Blackrod, Chorley, Preston, Standish, and Horwich. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock, and at 5 o'clock the members retired from the tower to hold their meeting. After the usual business was gone through, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Pigott, M.A.), after which a mixed band assembled in the belfry, but little ringing could be done owing to the third rope breaking.

VISIT TO DRAYTON, BERKS.

During the course of last week, as will be seen by a perusal of the peal column, some most excellent results were achieved in the neighbourhood of Oxford. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks, had invited Mr. A. Percival Heywood, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Mr. Herbert Baker, to pay him a ringing visit, and to the great kindness and excellent organization of their host was due the success which attended the proceedings. The company met at Abingdon on Monday afternoon, and with the help of Mr. Betteridge and Mr. Fulker, from Drayton, Oxon, Mr. Hounslow, of Oxford, and Mr. Washbrook (whose services for the week were kindly spared by the Hon. Sec. of the Oxford Guild), rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, being the first in the method on the bells. The visitors then drove home to Drayton, Berks., and started early next morning for a drive to Dorchester, which was reached at eleven. Here was made an unsuccessful attempt at a peal of Superlative Surprise. After dinner however, an excellent peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the same band as on the previous day excepting one, that Mr. F. Field took the place of Mr. Fulker. On Wednesday morning after proceeding by train from Stevenston to Didcot, where they were joined by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and walking thence to Hagbourne, a start was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which came to grief through a rope slipping wheel just after the third quarter-peal end. A. P. Heywood, 1; H. D. Betteridge, 2; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 3; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 4; J. W. Washbrook, 5; H. Baker, 6; A. Thomas (late of Birmingham), 7; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 8. This mishap was however well repaired by a most excellent peal of Superlative Surprise at Drayton in the evening. On Thursday, the company parted in two, the one part proceeding to Appleton, where a good peal of Stedman Caters was accomplished, the other part being members of the Oxford University Society, dining with the latter society at their annual dinner at Abingdon. On Thursday evening both Mr. Heywood and Mr. Coleridge were unfortunately called away by business. On Friday, the party drove to Appleton, where 5024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was accomplished. The evening was concluded with some plain courses of Cambridge Surprise Major. On Saturday morning, Mr. Davies and Mr. Baker returned home, having spent a thoroughly enjoyable week—the weather too, with the exception of a slight drizzle on Friday, having been most propitious.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its fourth annual meeting at Birmingham, on Saturday, February 19th, members attending from Birmingham West Bromwich, Harborne, Moseley, etc.

The President of the Association, the Rev. Canon Bowlby, rector of St. Philip's, Birmingham, presided at the meeting held in the schools connected with St. Philip's church, who in welcoming the ringers, in graceful terms, alluded to the high office of ringers and the close relationship existing between them and the clergy. In speaking of the rules of the Association he said it was extremely gratifying to him to see the spirit which animated the members of the Association. It appeared, said the rev. gentleman, that it was not simply the gratification of ringing peals, which should be encouraged nevertheless, but a far nobler work that of calling God's people to prayer and praise. After calling on Mr. Wright, the Hon. Sec. to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed, the president again called on the Sec. to read the report, which compared favourably with previous reports, and shows a considerable saving in the funds of the Association. Instructors are now being sent out to those districts where such are required. The President, in moving the adoption of the report, said it appeared a very satisfactory one, and he was very pleased from the very small sum paid by members, to see such a balance to the good. He was also very pleased the Association had embraced the clergy in their ranks, and he was certain that if anything was required to assist the Association in the noble work they had begun, they, the clergy, would be most happy to render every assistance that lay in their power.

The President, who through prior engagements was compelled to leave somewhat early, met with a hearty response to the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Wright, for presiding over the meeting, and for the use of his bells and schools for the occasion, having suitably replied, withdrew, after which the election of officers took place, the result being as follows:—

President, the Rev. Canon Bowlby, Birmingham; Vice-President, Mr. William Ellesmore, West Bromwich; Secretary, Mr. John Wright, Kings Heath; Treasurer, Mr. John Carter, Birmingham.

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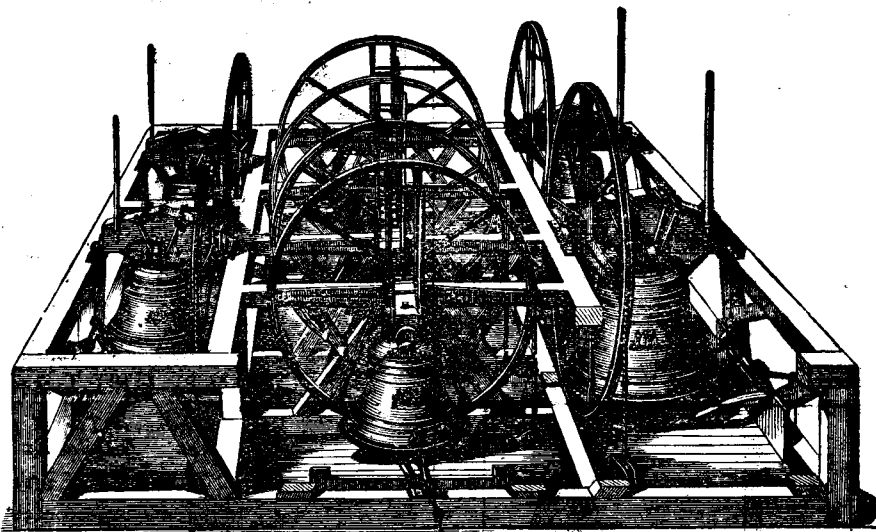
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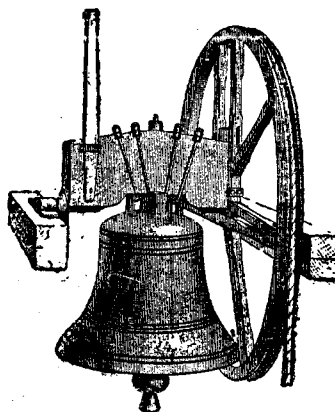
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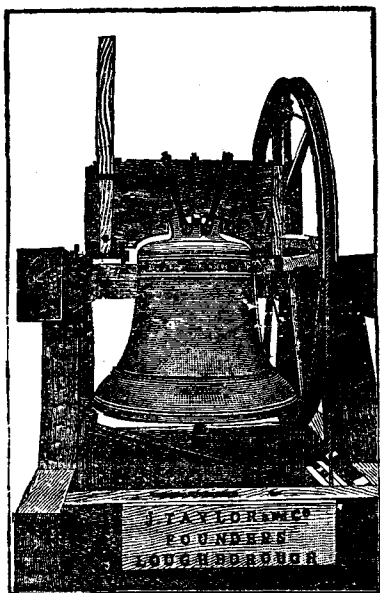
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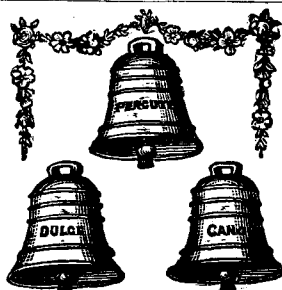
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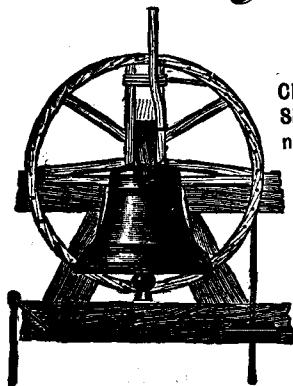
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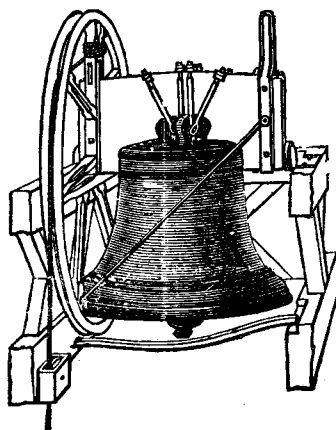
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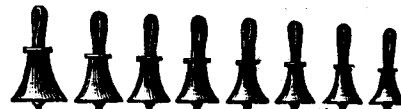
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True.	False.	
2 3 4 5 6	4 6 2 5 3	3 2 5 4 6
4 2 3 5 6	3 6 4 5 2	2 4 5 3 6
3 4 2 5 6	2 6 3 5 4	4 3 5 2 6
True.	False.	
5 3 2 4 6	3 5 4 2 6	
2 5 3 4 6	5 2 4 3 6	
4 5 2 3 6	5 4 3 2 6	

From the false course-ends another fact is clear, that having three 5-6's we cannot also have three 2-6's, three 3-6's, or three 4-6's. What then is the extent of any one bell, say the 6th, in 6th's place? Taking the two remaining 4-6's we find only one 3-6 left, and having pricked these with their respective false course-ends, none of the 2-6's can come up true. The result in number will be the same if we only take two of the 5-6's to start with, viz., that only six of the twelve courses with the 6th, or any other bell in 6th's place can be had true. The same reasoning is true of 5th's place, because the false course-end 46253 acts against 5th's place exactly as 32546 acts against 6th's place. Therefore, no bell can be more than six courses in either 5th's or 6th's place. Neither can a bell be more than six courses in 2nd's, 3rd's, or 4th's place, for although the above false course-ends will not prevent this, yet, if twelve courses are pricked out, keeping a bell in any place other than 5th's or 6th's, half of these course-ends will have the bells in 5-6 reversed as against the other half, and therefore false with them. We may, therefore, now confidently state that no bell can be more than six courses in any place. If we further prick out six true courses with any bell in one place, and six more true courses with the same bell in another place, we shall find that it is impossible to have this bell six courses in any one of the three remaining places; therefore a bell cannot be six courses in each of three places. Now in a three-part peal two bells do the same work in each part, and are therefore at least three times in each place they fall into during the peal. Such a peal cannot consist of less than eight courses in each part, and as there are only five places every bell must be at least two courses in each of at least three places. Thus the two bells doing the repeating work must be at least twice in each of at least three of the same places in each part, that is, they must be at least six courses in each of at least three places. But this has been proved impossible, therefore a three-part peal of Cambridge is impossible.

As to a two-part peal it will be found that barely sufficient course-ends on this plan can be got free from reversals in 5-6 to make the required number, and when we further test these by the two false course-ends, which themselves bear the same relation to true course-ends that one part of a two-part peal bears to the other, it is at once evident such a peal is out of the question. If, therefore, we are to have a peal in parts, five is the only number possible. Three and two-part peals have been disposed of first in order to clear the ground, but it is clear from a glance at the false course-ends against the three courses with 5-6 at home that a five-part peal offers the best chance, and would be the natural one to attempt first, because from the nature of the false courses no great extent in one position is possible, and a five-part peal has the bells in the greatest variety of positions.

Having determined to try to obtain a peal in five parts, and having already proved that the three 5-6 courses must come either actually, or by possible transposition, in any peal, we arrive at the necessity of having four more similar sets of three courses each, with a different pair of bells in 5-6 in every set, making fifteen courses. As a five-part peal cannot consist of less than twenty-five courses, these fifteen must be supplemented by ten more, so that every bell must be five times in each of the five places. Since there are two false course ends against each true course, and only sixty courses including both false and true ones, then unless some of the true courses have some of their false course-ends in common, only twenty courses can be had. It is necessary therefore to try and obtain a set of true courses with the largest possible number of what we may term duplicate false course ends. Taking as before the three 5-6 courses to work upon, as these must be in the peal, if we transpose the first false course-end 46253 by the other false course-end 32546, we shall get 64523, which will have one of its false course-ends, viz., 46253, in common with 23456. With this as the first of the next set of three, and pricking out the two remaining 2-3's, we have another false course-end, viz., 43526, in duplicate with one from 34256. This appears promising, and as we are attempting a five-part peal, in whatever way we obtain a second set of three courses from the first set, in the same way must we obtain the third set from the second; so that we must now transpose the first false course-end against 64523 by 32546, taking it as the first course-end of the next set, and so forth till the five sets are complete; after which, if we continued, we should get to the 5-6's again. These fifteen course-ends will be found true, and all the false course-ends against them are in duplicate except these marked *. We still want ten more courses to complete our peal; let us try to get course-ends of which the false course ends will duplicate with the marked ones. In the 5-6 set there are only two unduplicated false course-ends, 26354 and 24536; transpose these by the false course-ends 32546 and 46253 respectively, that is by the false course-end at the head of the opposite column to that in which 26354 and 24536 severally are, and we obtain 62534 and 56234, which are seen to be true with the fifteen course-ends already set down, and of which the false course ends duplicate the two marked ones in the 5-6 set. Treating the remaining four sets in the same manner, we get five sets of two courses each all true, and with one each of their two false course-ends duplicating severally the marked false course-ends of the first sets. Let us for convenience call the sets of three courses K sets, and the sets of two courses L sets. All the false course-ends of the K sets are duplicated; in the L sets ten course-ends, or two each, remains unduplicated and are marked †. We have therefore twenty-five true course-ends with thirty false ones against them, leaving five course-ends unaccounted for; these five can be obtained from the unduplicated false course-ends of the L sets by taking either column, for both will give the same course-ends, and transposing them as before by the false course-end at the head of the opposite column to that in which they stand. They are set down in the table under the heading N, and their false course-ends will be found exactly to duplicate those remaining single under L, but the course-ends themselves will all be found to have the bells in 5-6 reversed as against some of our twenty-five under K and L, although otherwise true. On this account they are useless, unless the reversals could be justified by means of bobs B, a consideration which we have for the present put aside. If we ask ourselves whether any other way of obtaining the course-ends would give the whole thirty true, we are met at once by the answer that if our peal consist of thirty courses—the next larger number than twenty-five in which it is possible to get a five-part peal—we shall have each bell six course-ends in each of

the five places, whereas we have already proved the impossibility of having any bell six course-ends in more than each of two places. Our twenty-five courses are therefore the extent of the method.

True. K		False.	
1. 2 3 4 5 6	4 6 2 5 3	3 2 5 4 6	
2. 4 2 3 5 6	3 6 4 5 2	2 4 5 3 6*	
3. 3 4 2 5 6	2 6 3 5 4*	4 3 5 2 6	
1. 6 4 5 2 3	5 3 6 2 4	4 6 2 5 3	
2. 5 6 4 2 3	4 3 5 2 6	6 5 2 4 3*	
3. 4 5 6 2 3	6 3 4 2 5*	5 4 2 6 3	
1. 3 5 2 6 4	2 4 3 6 5	5 3 6 2 4	
2. 2 3 5 6 4	5 4 2 6 3	3 2 6 5 4*	
3. 5 2 3 6 4	3 4 5 6 2*	2 5 6 3 4	
1. 4 2 6 3 5	6 5 4 3 2	2 4 3 6 5	
2. 6 4 2 3 5	2 5 6 3 4	4 6 3 2 5*	
3. 2 6 4 3 5	4 5 2 3 6*	6 2 3 4 5	
1. 5 6 3 4 2	3 2 5 4 6	6 5 4 3 2	
2. 3 5 6 4 2	6 2 3 4 5	5 3 4 6 2*	
3. 6 3 5 4 2	5 2 6 4 3*	3 6 4 5 2	
L			
1. 6 2 5 3 4	5 4 6 3 2†	2 6 3 5 4	
2. 5 6 2 3 4	2 4 5 3 6	6 5 3 2 4†	
1. 3 6 2 4 5	2 5 3 4 6†	6 3 4 2 5	
2. 2 3 6 4 5	6 5 2 4 3	3 2 4 6 5†	
1. 4 3 6 5 2	6 2 4 5 3†	3 4 5 6 2	
2. 6 4 3 5 2	3 2 6 5 4	4 6 5 3 2†	
1. 5 4 3 2 6	3 6 5 2 4†	4 5 2 3 6	
2. 3 5 4 2 6	4 6 3 2 5	5 3 2 4 6†	
1. 2 5 4 6 3	4 3 2 6 5†	5 2 6 4 3	
2. 4 2 5 6 3	5 3 4 6 2	2 4 6 5 3†	
N			
4 5 3 6 2	3 2 4 6 5	5 4 6 3 2	
5 2 4 3 6	4 6 5 3 2	2 5 3 4 6	
2 6 5 4 3	5 3 2 4 6	6 2 4 5 3	
6 3 2 5 4	2 4 6 5 3	3 6 5 2 4	
3 4 6 2 5	6 5 3 2 4	4 3 2 6 5	

Let us now see if we can work the twenty-five course-ends under K and L into a peal. Referring to the earlier portion of this paper, it will be remembered that since a bob at H is preceded by a different coursing order to that which follows it, the course-end it produces must be "plained," and the order before the call thus obtained must also be tested by the two false course-ends. With regard to the K sets it will not be necessary to do this, because as each set has the whole of the three courses that can be got by bobs at H, we shall have the only three possible coursing orders before the course-ends and also after them, and the effect of bobs at H will simply be to bring up one instead of another. But in the L sets which consist of only two courses each, the case is different, for if an L₂ course-end came at a bob it would be preceded in the previous course by the coursing order of L₁ of the same set, and we should therefore lose the power of using the L₁ course, because if that also came at a bob it would be preceded by a coursing order belonging to L₃, which we have not got among our twenty-five courses, and if it came at a plain lead we should be using part of the course twice over. If an L₁ course-end came at a bob, the coursing order before the bob would belong also to a false course-end L₃, therefore all the course-ends of the L sets must come up at plain leads. The course-ends of the K sets must all come up with bobs at H, otherwise no two of the same set could follow one another, and it is impossible to have the sets broken up because one of the course-ends cannot be got from any of the twenty-five courses except by a bob at H; further if one course-end comes with a bob at H, so must the whole set, or the lead-ends would be false.

In each part then of a peal there must be three K and two L course-ends, and it will be most natural to try three of the former belonging to the same set; let us take the three 5-6's, and as these will better at the end of the peal, let each part finish with a K set the first course of which must be a K₂ course-end, or otherwise 23456 will not come last. We are bound now to start with two L courses, which cannot belong to the same set, as two such cannot follow one another without a bob at H. No calling from 23456 will bring up an L course-end except a bob at the M; this will give 43652 which is an L₁ course-end, therefore the remaining four L₁ course-ends will come next following the respective K sets; therefore the next course-end must be an L₂. Such a course-end can only be got by calling either B or M.W.; taking B first—we get 35426, and from this we require a full K set, which can be got by B.H., M.H., or W.H.; B.H. gives 35264, but this is a K₁ not a K₂ course-end; M.H. gives 64523, which is also a K₁ course-end, and

W.H. gives 42356, which although it is a K₂ course-end would bring the same part-end we started from viz., 23456. From the L₁ course-end 43652, we cannot therefore call B; M.W. remains, and will give 56234, from which B.H. will give 56342, M.H., 42635, and W.H., 23564, of which the latter alone is a K₂ course-end, and will give us a K₁ part-end, namely 35264. The only possible calling that can bring a part-end having the required relationship to 23456 is therefore:

	2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
L ₁	4	3	6	5	2	-	-	-
L ₂	5	6	2	3	4	-	-	-
K ₂	2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-
K ₃	5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-
K ₁	3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-

As in this part we have one each of the three K and two L course-ends, by repeating it four times we shall have the whole extent of 5600; and this is the one and only peal as yet composed in the method, first by Mr. Middleton, and later and independently by Mr. Henry Johnson.

It has now been shewn that to be in parts a peal of Cambridge must consist of five, and further that any composer understanding this proof and setting to work methodically, must infallibly come upon the composition. I do not conceive it necessary to take up space by proving that the additional five N course-ends cannot be got in by means of bobs B, but any one taking the trouble to try will find that to do so the L course-ends must differ from those given in the table in the following way: taking the first L set 62534 and 56234 we cannot work in with them or either of them the reversed N course-end 26543; if we could obtain 25634 as an L course-end in place of 62534 or 56234 we could by bobs B cut out all the false rows and obtain a true peal. But 25634 cannot be had true, and even if an attempt is made to get a different set of twenty-five courses in order to bring this course-end and four other similar ones in, the result if successful will simply be a set of courses bearing the same relationship to one another as those of the above peal, and the N course-ends for the sake of which the work was undertaken, no longer can remain as above, but are obliged to give place to others which will be interrelated to the K and L course-ends exactly as the N K and L course-ends in the table.

With regard to a one-part peal without the use of bobs B for clearing purposes, I can only say I do not think it likely of attainment. Any one who attempts it will at once find the more the course-ends are turned and twisted about the more apparent does it become that the method refuses to be treated in any but the one way, and the composer is tied down to so narrow line of procedure that at every step he finds himself thrown back into the regular succession of the calls M., M.W., W.H., from which groove Cambridge obstinately refuses to be displaced. The only remaining chance for a second peal is to get one with bobs B so arranged as to make some of the false course-ends serviceable.

I cannot prove it impossible to get such a peal in three parts, but as every bob B cuts out three leads, they cannot be employed freely enough in a five-part peal to be effectual, and similarly, though not to the same extent, a three-part composition on this plan would entail such a loss of material by the multiplicity of bobs B as to make a 5000 very unlikely of attainment. In a one-part peal alone will the solution, if ever achieved, be found. To those desirous of attempting it, I have given every possible information in the earlier part of this paper.

But although Middleton's is the only original peal of Cambridge, it is capable of certain variations which I will now notice. To begin with, there are two palpable ways of reducing it from 5600 to a more convenient number. First, by omitting the bob at H in the third course of any one part which will bring up the part-end, and thus cutting out two courses, reduce the peal to 5152; second, by calling the first course of any one part B.H., which will bring up the third course-end and reduce the peal to 5056. Mr. Henry Johnson is credited with having been the first to draw attention to this latter curtailment. For musical reasons I am inclined to favour the first plan, as by omitting two of the courses when the 2nd is in 6th place, four courses of execrable music are reduced to two. If the second abbreviation is used, the B. H. course should be called after the first part-end, as thus a course each with the 3rd and 2nd in 6th place will be got rid of, and the 2nd w. be three consecutive courses there instead of four.

Mr. Washbrook was the first to hit upon a *bona fide* variation of the peal, the difference being in the calling, the same course-ends being used with the exception of one which is omitted. During my researches into the method while trying to arrange a one-part peal, I accidentally noticed that a string of course-ends which I had pricked began and ended with two course-ends of the original peal distant about the same number of courses as those I had put together, and on examination I found these could be introduced to form a variation of the same nature as Mr. Washbrook's, but with different calling, and breaking out from the ordinary calling in a different place. I append the original and the two variations, placing these latter right and left of the old peal for more convenient comparison. It will be seen that

in both cases the part varied is contained between the two bobs B, and in each case consists of only eight courses. I also give a transposition of my variation, in which form it is preferable, as the 2nd and 3rd are never two consecutive courses together in 5-6, and in two of the three consecutive courses with the 2nd in 6th place, the 6th is in 5th, the only way of partially redeeming the discord.

In concluding this analysis of Cambridge, I will try and state clearly the object of this paper. Without the use of bobs B to allow the employment of course-ends false from reversals in 5-6 or otherwise, nothing better than some further variation on the original peal is to be hoped for. The effect of bobs B in clearing away false rows has, I believe, never before been demonstrated, and in doing so, I consider that I am placing before the Exercise the only possible means by which there is the slightest chance of obtaining a new peal in the method. To any charge of want of lucidity I must plead the extreme difficulty of expressing problems such as have been discussed in any but purely mathematical language, which latter alternative would not, I fear, have met with a friendly acceptance from readers of "THE BELL NEWS."

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. 5184.					MIDDLETON'S PEAL. 5600.					HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. 5184.				
23456	B	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H		23456	B	M	W	H
43652	-	-	-	-	43652	-	-	-		43652	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-	56234	-	-	-		56234	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-	23564	-	-	-		23564	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-	52364	-	-	-		52364	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-	35264	-	-	-		35264	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-	25463	-	-	-		25463	-	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-	-	64352	-	-	-		64352	-	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-	-	35642	-	-	-		35642	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-	63542	-	-	-		63542	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-	56342	-	-	-		56342	-	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-	-	36245	-	-	-		36245	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-	42563	-	-	-		42563	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-	56423	-	-	-		56423	-	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-	-	45623	-	-	-		45623	-	-	-	-
64523	-	-	-	-	54326	-	-	-		54326	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-	23645	-	-	-		23645	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-	64235	-	-	-		64235	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-	26435	-	-	-		26435	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-	42635	-	-	-		42635	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-	62534	-	-	-		62534	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-	35426	-	-	-		35426	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-	42356	-	-	-		42356	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-	34256	-	-	-		34256	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-	23456	-	-	-		23456	-	-	-	-

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION MORE MUSICALLY ARRANGED.

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

In this variation the 2nd and 3rd are never two courses consecutively in 5-6. The second is only three consecutive courses in 6th's place, in two of which the 6th is in 5th's place.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

For some years past, the ringers and ringing in this village have not been what they should be. The ringers being paid annually, they did the work merely for the money and not for love of the art; conduct in the belfry also being very unsteady.

At the latter part of last year the vicar was determined to have an alteration. On the appointment of new churchwardens, the matter was brought before their notice, but was allowed to continue until Christ-

mas, when, on the old band of ringers being paid their annual fee, they were informed that their services would be no longer required, since a band of voluntary ringers would be formed. These six were chosen from the respectable young men of the village, and all of them are in the church choir. To these were added two honorary members, Mr. H. A. Wood and Mr. C. R. Howard.

A code of rules was then drawn up by the Vicar, to which each ringer appended his name, as complying with the rules, and holding himself responsible for his part of the ringing. These rules were signed by the Vicar, the Rev. Henry Wood, and by the churchwardens, and were then hung in the belfry.

Formerly in this tower there existed five bells only, which in the year 1787 were recast into six and rehung by Emmerton, of Wootton, in the county of Bedford, at the expense of Mr. John Brooks, of the Manor House, who also at the same time gave the clock. The present bells are a pretty peal of six, tenor 14 cwt. in G. This therefore being the centenary of the bells, the Jubilee Year, and a new band of ringers having been started, it was determined by them, with the Vicar's consent, that something should be done to commemorate these events. They therefore set to work, and with the help of kind friends an entertainment was got up, and some money cleared. The ringers not being satisfied with the then present position of the belfry, thought the best way of laying out the money would be to restore it. They therefore in the evenings and other odd times cleaned the walls, coloured them, and matchboarded the roof below the beams, making new spouts for the ropes, and also boarding the walls six feet high, recasing and altering the clock-case, which was rather an eyesore, making the belfry instead of being an untidy comfortless place, into one of the most respectable and tidy belfries in the county.

At this time Mr. H. A. Wood, one of the honorary members, who has worked most energetically towards the restoration of the belfry, giving every minute of his spare time to the work, and who was making great progress in the art of change-ringing, was appointed to a vacancy in the north. Before his departure the Vicar invited the ringers to supper, to celebrate the new work at the belfry, and to say good-bye to his son. The Rev. H. Wood, after having hospitably entertained the ringers, stated his great satisfaction at the work which had been voluntarily done by them at the belfry. He said he was very pleased to see them throwing themselves so energetically into the new work which they had undertaken, and he hoped it would not be the last time they would meet under similar circumstances. The cloth being removed, the healths of the Vicar and his son were drunk with musical honours. The handbells were then introduced, the Vicar taking part for the first time. Several touches were rung and some tunes played. Before parting Mr. H. A. Wood, in a few well chosen words, expressed his regret at having to leave so soon after the new band was started, but said he felt he was leaving the ringing in very good hands, the ringers that evening having appointed Mr. C. R. Howard as their captain.

At the practice on Friday evening a few friends were invited to help to ring a 720 of Bob Minor, as the Biddenham band is not advanced enough to ring Minor without help. The peal was started for and successfully brought round by the following: W. King (Bromham), 1; C. West (Biddenham), 2; C. W. Clarke (Bedford), 3; H. A. Wood, (Biddenham), 4; W. Biggs (Bromham), 5; H. King (Biddenham), 6. This was Mr. H. A. Wood's first attempt with a bob bell in any Minor method, and also the first time this peal has been rung. A six-score of Grandsire Doubles was then rung by the Biddenham ringers. A. Ingram, 1; D. Green, 2; H. n, 3; H. A. King Wood, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; W. West, 6. Conducted by H. King. The ringing was finished by a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. King, 1; C. West, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Biggs, 6. All are members of the Bedfordshire Association.

On the same evening, after ringing, the Biddenham band met, and the Captain presented Mr. H. A. Wood with a testimonial and an address, which consisted of the following:—

Biddenham,
Feb. 25th, 1887.

We, the undersigned, the Biddenham ringers, beg Mr. Hervey Allen Wood's acceptance of the enclosed, as a token of our good will and esteem.

We regret that he has to leave us so soon, but hope he may find much happiness in his new sphere of duty.

We take this opportunity of thanking him for the energy and interest he took in the renovation of the belfry.

W. WEST
C. WEST
D. GREEN
C. R. HOWARD.

H. KING
A. INGRAM
W. BILLING

Mr. H. A. Wood, on receiving the above, expressed his sincere thanks and regret at leaving, and three hearty cheers were given for him by the ringers. We think it only right to send the above account to be published, as it shows what may be done by ringers who are willing to set to work and do their best for the art of change-ringing and belfry reform. We think the above reflects great credit on the Biddenham ringers, and we can only wish them every success, and hope that this may soon be followed up by similar accounts from other parishes.

G. D.

MR. JOHNSON'S ANNIVERSARY DINNER AT ST. MARTIN'S HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM.

ON Monday, February 28th, as advertised in "THE BELL NEWS," the ringers met and accomplished a peal of Stedman Cinques which was recorded in last week's issue. They afterwards adjourned to the Hotel, where a sumptuous dinner had been provided, and a goodly number of friends mustered, and after ample justice had been done thereto, and the cloth removed, Mr. A. P. Heywood was unanimously voted to the chair, Mr. A. Thomas occupying the vice-chair.

The CHAIRMAN opened the proceedings at length, and gave some interesting accounts of ringing, etc., and proposed "Queen and Country," which was duly honoured.

Mr. A. THOMAS gave "Church and State," after which

Mr. C. H. HATTERSLEY proposed "The Health of Mr. Johnson, sen.," and in the course of his remarks he referred to the veteran's abilities as a ringer and composer, and drew attention of the guests to a notable performance of Stedman Caters which was composed in his early career, and rang at St. Martin's a few months back, containing eighty-four courses, with the bells in the most musical positions with 9,7,8, for course-ends, after which the toast was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. JOHNSON briefly responded, tending his sincere and heartfelt thanks to the gentlemen present, and was grateful to the ringers for the peal that was rang in honour of his birthday.

The CHAIRMAN then called for a touch of Stedman Caters on the handbells which was successfully brought round, and contained 501 changes. H. Bastable (conductor), 1-2; W. Kent, 3-4; B. Witchell, 5-6; G. Townsend, 7-8; H. Johnson, jun., 9-10.

Mr. THOMAS proposed "The Clergy and Churchwardens," which was responded to by Mr. Wakley.

Mr. JOHNSON proposed "The Health and Prosperity of the Derby, Burton, and Sheffield ringers and friends," which was ably responded to by Messrs. Heywood, Hattersley, and Wakley. Afterwards a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung by J. Buffery, 1-2; J. Carter, 3-4; B. Witchell, 5-6; A. P. Heywood, 7-8; T. Miller, 9-10; T. Hattersley, 11-12.

In the course of the proceedings, the Chairman presented Mr. Wakley with a handsome terra cotta plate on behalf of Mr. Roland Cartwright, of Wombourne, for the courtesy he had received from the Burton ringers, in the bowl portion, the inscription of a peal of Stedman Cinques, with the names also decorated with floral display.

Mr. WAKLEY thanked the Chairman and Mr. Cartwright for the valuable gift, and said they were always willing to do their best for visitors. The rest of the evening was spent in songs and recitations. A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for conducting the meeting, and shortly afterwards the proceedings terminated.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT CRAWLEY.

The old coaching town of Crawley, situate midway between London and Brighton, was selected as the centre for holding the first District Meeting of this Association for the present year, on Saturday, February 19th. Between seventy and eighty members representing the following branches, viz., Horsham, Fletching, Crawley, Balcombe, Arundel, Fareham, Brighton, Capel, Henfield, Hurst, Warnham, Cordingley, Ringmer, Eastbourne, Worth, Bolney, etc., were present during the day. Ringing on the Crawley bells commenced about eleven o'clock, and was continued throughout the afternoon and evening till ten p.m., excepting during the time of dinner, tea, and the business meeting, touches in several methods being brought round. At 1.30, fifty members sat down to a capital dinner at the well known cyclist house, "The Railway Hotel," the rector of Crawley (the Rev. J. B. Lennard), taking the chair, being supported by the Rev. R. F. Tompkins (Tortington), Rev. S. C. Walpole (Amberley), Mr. Herbert Lennard, Mr. G. F. Attree, Hon. Sec., and others.

At the conclusion of the repast, the Chairman said he could not let such a satisfactory and numerous gathering of ringers take place in Crawley without offering his hearty congratulations to the secretary for bringing about such a desirable result as they saw that day. Every ringer, whether they be old or young—and it was satisfactory to note how many young there were—could not but feel that the society which had been started so much under Mr. Attree's auspices, was doing good work in the county. The business was then proceeded with, and a letter read from Dr. Tindal Robertson, M.P. for Brighton, saying that he felt much honoured by the request to have his name added to the list of vice-presidents of the Association, and that he had great pleasure in acceding to it. On the name being submitted to the meeting, he was unanimously elected to the office of a vice-president. The following gentlemen were then elected as honorary members: Rev. G. W. Pennethorne, vicar of Heathfield; Rev. Thomas Lowe, vicar of Willingdon; and Mr. J. Kent, church-

warden of Felpham. The names of sixty-nine active members were then submitted and approved of, some belonging to Hartfield, Felpham, Bolney (new branches of the Association), the remainder being additional members to branches already formed.

Mr. BURSTOW (Horsham) proposed, and Mr. HILLIER (Crawley) seconded, that Mr. Chatfield should be instructor for the Uckfield district. (Carried).

The SECRETARY brought forward the question of printing the annual report, and after some discussion, the Rev. Mr. Walpole moved that the report be printed and distributed to each member at the expense of the Association. Mr. Hillier seconded, and it was agreed to. On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, it was decided that cards, framed and glazed, recording each peal rung should be supplied by the Association for hanging in the belfry where the peal was rung, and it was stated that if individual members required copies they could have them at a reduced cost.

The HON. SECRETARY explained that the non-appearance of the weekly report of ringing by the various branches of the Association in the next issue of "THE BELL NEWS," occurred through no neglect in forwarding the matter to the Editor, but entirely from the fact that "THE BELL NEWS" remained the same size as it was in 1883 or 1884, whereas the ringing throughout the country and with it the matter for publication, had very largely increased. A general hope was expressed that the proprietor of the paper would be able and willing to meet the growing demand for space. It was also decided to have a new peal book similar to the one in use, and also to allow the Hon. Secretary an assistant. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

During the morning, afternoon, and evening, the following touches were rung on the Crawley bells. A 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. L. Chamberlain, 1; Rev. J. B. Lennard, 2; W. Wadey, 3; E. Jordan, 4; G. Williams, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; T. Hart, 7; D. Jordan, 8. And a 504 in the same method. H. Chatfield, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Rice, 3; W. L. Chamberlain, 4; G. Walder, 5; T. Hart, 6; H. Burstow, 7; A. Davey, 8. Also 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Jay, sen., 1; G. F. Attree, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Newnham, 4; A. Mills, 5; E. Jordan, 6; D. Jordan, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. And 504 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples. G. C. Hammond, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Cook, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; —. Woodman, 8. Also 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Streeter, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; W. Wadey, 3; F. Rice, 4; H. Chandler, 5; F. Wickens, 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; G. C. Hammond, 8. And several short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major. During the afternoon three bands were formed to visit the three towers of Horley, Charlwood, and Worth, at the former of which the following touches were brought round: a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. A. Fuller, 1; W. Wadey, 2; W. Short, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; G. C. Hammond, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8. And 504 in the same method. A. A. Fuller, 1; W. Short, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; H. Burstow, 7; E. Pearce, 8. And at Worth a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor was rung.

THE ASSIZES.—The immemorial custom is, we believe, to announce the coming of "My Lord Judge" into the county town to hold the commission of oyer and terminer, that the bells of the principal church should be rung in his honour. A departure from this time-honoured custom seems, however, to have been enacted in a city in the West of England. A local paper tells us that "great surprise was manifested at the non-ringing of the bells on this occasion last week. For the last 40 years and more they have been rung on the advent of the Sheriff into town, also the Judges, and again on the Judges attending Church; which, until the last three Assizes, have all happened within one day; but during the last time of office of the late Sheriff (Mr. R. Foster), and the first of the present Sheriff, the Judges have attended Church on the following day, which necessitated the attendance of the ringers also. For this trouble the late Sheriff allowed them an extra fee, but on doing the same for the present Sheriff (Mr. Charles Ebenezer Treffry), and expecting the same consideration, they were told by him that he hated the sound of bells, and paid them a part only of their gratuity, telling them to ascertain whether the Sheriff required ringing or not before they did so at the next Assizes; and consequently the Under-Sheriff was written to (being the medium through which the Sheriff was to be reached) on the 21st January, requesting the Sheriff's instructions as to whether he desired ringing or not. To this a reply was sent stating that the letter should be submitted to the Sheriff, and his reply made known to the ringers on the Wednesday following. Whether this was done or not is not known, but the ringers heard no more either from the Sheriff or Under-sheriff, and consequently the bells were not rung."

NEWLYN, EAST.

RINCERS' MEETING.—At a meeting of the ringers held here recently the following were elected to serve on the committee, viz.: Messrs. D. Webber, treasurer; John Hawkey, sen., Johe Hawkey, jun., James Vivian, and Charles Miners. Messrs. James Vivian and E. H. Guy were respectively chosen as captain and sub-captain for the ensuing year. Various rules regarding the ringing were introduced by the Vicar, which after some discussion were unanimously adopted. It is to be hoped that a warm interest in the ringing will be taken by the parishioners generally, that many honorary members will be added to the list, and that the ringing in the future will compare favourably with that of past years. It might be mentioned that Mr. John Hawkey, sen., has been connected with the ringing of this parish for a period extending over the last fifty years.—*Local Paper.*

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

On Tuesday, January 25th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Ball and Miss V. B. Jones, of Runcorn, the local Society rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. T. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; P. Hamblett, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. On Thursday, February 3rd, being the day on which the funeral of Mr. Thomas Ellison took place, the bells were rung deeply muffled, and an attempt was made to ring a 720 of Bob Minor, but failed, owing to the very bad state of some of the bell-ropes. The band stood in the same order as above. The deceased, who died on Sunday, January 30th, after a lingering illness of many weeks, had been a ringer at the parish church for upwards of twenty-five years, and was one of the band of six who made such good progress here in the art since 1874, the bells being then rehung. On Wednesday February 9th, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in about 28 mins. T. Houghton, sen., 1; D. Melbourne (first 720), 2; P. Hamblett, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. On Sunday, February 20th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins., the ringers standing as in the first 720. And on Tuesday evening, February 22nd, a 360 in the same method. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; A. de Prez, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 5th, by kind permission of the rector, the Rev. E. W. Bowling, M.A., six members of the Bedfordshire Association visited the above place, and rang upon the splendid peal of six bells at the parish church, a 720 of Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Chapman, 3; W. Biggs, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Frossell, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-eight bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke, 1; F. Keech, 2; J. Frossell, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Chapman, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; H. Chapman, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; W. Biggs, 4; J. Frossell, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; F. Keech, 2; W. Biggs, 3; J. Frossell, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Chapman, 6. And another six-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. W. Clarke, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Chapman, 3; W. Biggs (conductor), 4; J. Frossell, 5; F. Keech, 6. The bells have lately gone under thorough repair by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, and the go of them is all that can be desired. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the rector for the use of the bells on this occasion, also to the ever ready steeplekeeper, Mr. Smart, for having in readiness. They hope to see before long the art of scientific change-ringing practised by the local company in this neighbourhood, as everything is in their favour, and no reason why they should not become competent men in the art of ringing.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, March 5th, a Committee Meeting of the above Association was held at Chaddesley Corbett, when the Rev. W. R. Carr, Vicar of St. John's, Worcester (vice-president), presided, and opened the proceedings with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Annual report having been drawn out, was read by the Secretary and received. Thirteen new members from Chaddesley, and six from Hanbury, were proposed and accepted as performing members, and the Rev. F. E. Jones, Bromsgrove, as an honorary member. It was unanimously resolved that the next Annual Meeting be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and that the rev. chairman make arrangements if possible, to hold the same in the Chapter House, and also a short service in the Cathedral. Votes of thanks having been passed thanking the chairman for presiding, and the Rev. F. A. Marriott for the use of the tower and bells, and the trustees for the use of the schoolroom, the meeting terminated. Touches, etc., were rung upon the bells during the afternoon and evening, the members thoroughly enjoying themselves.

"THE HISTORY OF BELLS."

At the Royal Institution, Hull, Mr. William Andrews, F.R.H.S., recently delivered to a crowded audience an interesting lecture on "The History of Bells." The lecturer commenced by tracing the history of the bell, whose origin was lost in hoary antiquity, touching upon the use made of bells in Egypt, China, amongst the Hebrews (the bells and cymbals mentioned in the Bible), and the Greeks and Romans. After alluding to the tradition that Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, in Campania (circa A.D. 400), introduced bells into Christian churches, although there was no real evidence of their existence until a century later, the lecturer said that, according to the Venerable Bede, they were used in England at the end of the seventh century, Benedict, Abbot of Wearmouth, having brought one from Italy in the year 680. He also referred to the labours of St. Dunstan in popularising the use of bells. The materials of which bells were made next had consideration, the best bells being made from four parts of copper to one of tin. He also mentioned glass and steel bells, and a rude kind of wooden bell at Fiji, whose muffled tones, it was asserted, could be heard at a distance of a dozen miles. Several other topics of interest received careful attention. Miss Alice Hurst, Miss Maud Simpson, Mr. G. H. Ditchburn, and Mr. R. Russell rendered, in an efficient style, capital songs bearing on the subject. Mr. J. C. Manley ably presided at the piano. The vocalists were much applauded. The St. James's handbell ringers added much to the enjoyment of the proceedings with charming selections on their bells. The Chairman (Captain Scaping) congratulated Mr. Andrews on the pleasure he and his friends had given; and, on the motion of the Rev. H. W. Ferris, seconded by Mr. Walker, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Andrews and the ladies and gentlemen who had assisted him.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROTHWELL BRANCH.

The following is the ringing done at Holy Trinity Church during the month of February:—February 6th: 360 of Arnolds Victory, 360 of London Scholars, 360 of New London Pleasure, 240 of Arnold's Victory, 240 of Duke of York; February 13th: 360 of College Treble, 240 of Duke of York, 720 of London Scholars, 240 of Violet; February 18th: 360 of College Treble, 360 of Tulip, 360 of Royston Delight; February 20th: 360 of Primrose, 360 of College Exercise, 240 of Arnolds Victory, 720 of London Scholars; February 27th: 720 of Tulip, 360 of City Delight, 360 of Primrose, 240 of Violet; February 28th: 360 of Primrose, 360 of College Treble, 360 of Arnolds Victory.

THE CHURCH AND THE PEOPLE.—We extract the following from a contemporary, for the purpose of showing a complete answer to the stereotyped, but unwarranted assertion, that the Church is above the people, and cares not for the masses:—"On Monday week, Richard Insole, a fisherman of Grimsby, aged twenty-four, was executed at Lincoln for the murder of his wife with a revolver on January 7th, jealousy being the cause. On the day he was sentenced, January 31st, the Bishop of Lincoln saw the chaplain of the prison (the Rev. H. H. Adcock), and kindly offered to assist him in endeavouring to bring the culprit to a proper state of mind. Insole, on being communicated with, expressed his thankfulness for the Bishop's offer. The *Lincoln Gazette* says that since the trial, excepting when he had an important engagement from home, the Bishop, as well as the chaplain, saw the culprit daily. On Sunday morning, February 6th, the Bishop preached in the chapel of the prison. Before his committal Insole was almost entirely destitute of any religious feeling or knowledge, but as time passed on he became most devout and attentive to all that was said, and there is every reason to believe that he was thoroughly contrite and fully prepared for his terrible end. On Sunday morning, the 20th, the day preceding the execution, the Bishop saw him at eight o'clock, and administered the Holy Communion. He also prayed with him, and in loving, kindly words again pointed out the only source from which help and strength could come in the terrible moment which was now so fast approaching. The Bishop also saw him at night, and again prayed and read with him, as did the chaplain during the day. At seven o'clock on Monday morning the chaplain went to see him, and remained with him for an hour. The Bishop arrived at the prison at twenty minutes past eight, and proceeded to the pinioning-room, to which the culprit was shortly afterwards removed from the condemned cell. His lordship administered such consolation as he was enabled to offer, the culprit seemingly paying deep and earnest attention to all that was said to him. The execution was fixed for nine o'clock, and it was not until three minutes to the hour that the executioner entered the pinioning-room. The execution then took place, the Bishop remaining in private prayer in the prisoner's cell till all was over."

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

PERMANENT ENLARGEMENT OF "THE BELL NEWS."

The Proprietors of this journal have great pleasure in announcing that on the commencement of the Sixth Volume it will be PERMANENTLY ENLARGED TO SIXTEEN PAGES. This is rendered necessary by the increased demand upon the space at present at the disposal of its readers, The price will remain the same as hitherto.

REPRINT OF ANOTHER WORK ON CHANGE-RINGING.

The publisher of "THE BELL NEWS" has the pleasure to announce the issue, in penny weekly numbers, of a rare old work upon ringing, entitled "Campanalogia Improved; or the Art of Ringing made easy," &c. This work is printed uniform with "Shipway" and the "Clavis," which have been so eagerly taken up.

The Publisher believes that the re-issues of these various old ringing works, which at the present day are from their scarcity, so difficult of perusal, will be approved of by ringers. Their publication enables all who have an inclination for the useful, as well as the curious, to possess in time a valuable and complete ringing library. The work, of which the first number appears this week, dates from 1766. The copy, which has been kindly lent to the editor of this journal by Mr. S. B. Goslin, of the Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, belongs to a fifth edition, "Corrected by J. Monk." For the purposes of easy publication it will be called after his name, and those intending to take in the penny weekly numbers, should ask for "Monk on Ringing."

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The Metropolis.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 19, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 5.
HENRY A. BARNETT	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 6.
JOSEPH WAGHORN	WILLIAM PYE-ENGLISH .. 7.
GEORGE B. LUCAS	RICHARD ELLIOT

Conducted by JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.

Mr. Freeman hails from the neighbourhood; Elliot from Walthamstow; the rest from Tottenham.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL (REVERSED).

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES E. FREEMAN	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 5.
JOHN NUNN	W. PYE-ENGLISH 6.
HENRY BARNETT	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 4.	HUGH SCARLETT

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

The Provinces.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 19, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS',

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

JOHN AUSTIN	HARRY WAKLEY
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR
ARTHUR WAKLEY	THOMAS HOLMES
JOSEPH GRIFFIN	WILLIAM WAKLEY

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This is Mr. H. Johnson's variation of Middleton's original peal, and is now rung for the first time. It is believed to be the fourth true peal hitherto rung, three of these having been achieved by this Society within the last fortnight.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.—THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—GLOSSOP BRANCH.

On Thursday, March 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL HARROP	SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN. .. 5.
THOMAS JAMES	*THOMAS S. BOWDEN .. 6.
WILLIAM MARSDEN	HENRY COOPER
WILLIAM HARROP	JOSEPH MALONEY

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and Conducted by SAMUEL KNOTT.

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

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, March 4, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. HOLIFIELD	J. W. WASHBROOK
W. BENNETT	J. M. ROUTH, ESQ. .. 6.
E. HOLIFIELD	G. H. PHILLOTT, ESQ. .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	T. BENNETT

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

The above was rung to commemorate the 69th anniversary of the Appleton Society.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(GARGRAVE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES H. BELL*	WILLIAM WRAY
JAMES WANE*	JAMES MCGOUN
WILLIAM CLARK	CRISTOPHER LANGSTROTH .. 7.
WILLIAM WHITAKER	JOHN MCKELL

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by C. LANGSTROTH.

*First peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM MIDGLEY Treble.	*WILLIAM BIGGIN 5.
JOHN GOACHER 2.	JOHN MULLIGAN 6.
JOSEPH ATKIN 3.	JAMES A. DIXON 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR 4.	ARTHUR BREARLEY Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER and Conducted by ARTHUR BREARLEY.

This peal, which has the 6th twenty-two courses each way in 5-6, is the first in the method on the bells and the first by all the company. Messrs. Goacher, Atkin, and Biggin hail from Norton, Derbyshire; Brearley from Bradfield; the rest belong to Sheffield. * First peal.

PUDSEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

BEN. T. COPLEY Treble.	HENRY HUBBARD 5.
HARRY RAISTRICK 2.	THOMAS WEST 6.
ROBT. TUKE, ESQ. 3.	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM 7.
HARRY LOCKWOOD 4.	BEN. F. LAMB, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and Conducted by HERBERT NEEDHAM.

This is a ten-part peal with two Holt's singles in it. R. Tuke, Esq. and H. Raistrick are from Bradford; B. T. Copley and B. F. Lamb, jun. from Bolton; the rest from Leeds.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 6, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. SUMNER .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER 5.
THOMAS RUSSAM 2.	CHARLES CARMELL 6.
JOHN T. PERRY 3.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
CHARLES BARNACLE 4.	*JOHN BETTERTON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal.

SADDLEWORTH.

THE YORKSHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. BRIERLEY .. Treble.	EDGAR BUCKLEY 5.
JOHN HOLDEN 2.	JOSEPH WOOD 6.
JOHN T. HOLDEN 3.	JAMES H. SHAW 7.
FRANK BRIERLEY 4.	EDWARD WOOD Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

The above peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of Mr. John Holden, and his brother ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 8th, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5410 CHANGES.

A. J. JONES Treble	J. BUFFERY 7.
J. JOYNES 2.	C. STANBRIDGE 8.
H. JOHNSON, JUN. 3.	J. SANDERS 9.
S. REEVES 4.	F. H. JAMES 10.
W. R. SMALL 5.	T. REYNOLDS 11.
B. WITCHELL 6.	A. THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by J. BUFFERY.

This peal is taken from a 9000 which will be attempted on the day of the Queen's visit to Birmingham, the 23rd instant.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Handbell Ringing.

On Friday, March 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE "ALBERT INN," NORTHGATE STREET

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM MOTTS 1-2.	JAMES MOTTS 5-6.
CHARLES MEE 3-4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 7-8.
THOMAS STEWARD 9-10.	

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Referees, Mr. James W. Lines and Mr. Tillett, who had a copy of the peal before them, and marked off the lead-ends as they were rung. There were also present during some of the time Mr. F. Tillett, and Mr. A. Durrant, of Ipswich, and Mr. Garrett, of Ufford. The above is a one-part peal, and the first of Royal ever rang in the Eastern Counties, and is also the first peal rung on handbells by the St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, March 5th, eight members of the above Association rang at St. Mark's Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Gratrix, 1; E. Cash, 2; J. H. Ridyard, 3; F. Derbyshire, 4; J. Welsby, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; R. Ridyard, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lbs in E. Composed by James S. Wilde, of Hyde, Cheshire; Messrs. Gratrix and Wreaks hail from Manchester; Cash from Eccles; and the rest are of the local company.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISELEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, March 6th, at St. Oswald's Church for Divine Service, the local company rang a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. O. Frankland, 1; J. Strodder, 2; W. Demaine, 3; S. Brown, 4; H. Demaine, 5; J. Yeadon, 6; D. E. Rhodes, 7; J. Baldwin (conductor), 8. Composed by F. W. Mallinson. Mr. Strodder hails from Ripon, the rest belong to the local company.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, February 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 14 mins. F. Schofield, 1; A. Spurr, 2; G. Crawshaw, 3; M. Garforth, 4; J. A. Idle (composer and conductor), 5; W. Dixon, 6; W. Byram, 7; D. Stephenson, 8. Tenor 26½ cwt. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the wife of Mr. George Nettleton, Ossett.

BIRSTALL (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday evening, March 8th, at the parish church, for practice, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. D. Wilson, 1; W. Banham, 2; G. Thornton, 3; W. Smith, 4; W. Stainthorpe, 5; J. Clayton, 6; B. A. Dodson, 7; W. H. Holmes, 8. Composed by B. A. Dodson, and conducted by W. Stainthorpe. Tenor 20 cwt.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 27th, at the parish church, a mixed band rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Gough (Darlaston), 1; G. Hughes (one arm, Hocker Hill), 2; H. Marlborn (Wednesbury), 3; J. Farmer (Wood Green), 4; J. Fullwood (Hilltop), 5; S. Atkins (conductor, Willenhall), 6; W. Smith (Darlaston), 7; T. Small (Darlaston), 8. Tenor 1 ton. Composed by S. Atkins.

EXETER.—On Sunday, February 13th, before Divine Service in the evening at St. Sidwell's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitt (composer and conductor), 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; J. Lake, 8.

HUNTLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Friday evening, February 18th, at the parish church, six members of the local society rang a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1887 changes), in 59 mins., consisting of ten six-scores, eighty-seven changes with plain leads, and five six-scores with extreme leads. W. Williams, 1; M. Haile, 2; H. Brawn, 3; J. Gough (conductor), 4; D. J. Aston, 5; J. Dobbins, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, March 1st, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 28 mins. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore,

2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; E. Warren, 5; C. Gordon (conductor), 6. Tenor 19 cwt. Mr. C. Gordon belongs to the Surrey Association.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. E. Freeman, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; W. H. Freeman (conductor), 3; T. Deal, 4; W. Bowells, 5; J. Laws, 5; A. G. Freeman, 6; J. Eastgate, 8. Composed by H. Shade. The above was rang with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Hon. and Rev. Henry Legge, D.C.L., for upwards of fifty years vicar of this parish.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW.—On Sunday, February 27th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 of College Single, in 28 mins. *W. Wilkinson, 1; *T. Pattison, 2; W. Holmes, 3; A. Sharp, 4; *R. Heron, 5; R. Oliver (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday evening, February 7th, at St. John's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. *R. Miller (Bishop Wearmouth), 1; *H. Ferguson, 2; W. G. Routledge (conductor), 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; F. Lees, 5; W. Story, 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob. Also 896 of Grandsire Triples, in 31 mins. J. Widdell, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. Simm, 4; F. Lees, 5; S. Power (conductor), 6; T. Denton, 7; D. J. Scott, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—On Tuesday evening, February 22nd, 1887, at St. Cuthbert's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 29 mins. J. W. Forster, 1; T. H. Surtees, 2; W. Oliver, 3; T. Bell, 4; *F. Barrow (conductor), 5; J. Spragg, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. *First 720 as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD.—On Sunday, February 13th, for Divine service in the morning, 360 of Kent Treble Bob. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Piper, 5; H. Argent (conductor), 6. And for Divine service in the afternoon, 120 of New London Pleasure, and 720 of Kent Treble Bob, with W. Harvey, 1. Mr. Argent hails from Boreham. Also on Friday, February 25th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs), in 25 mins. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln (Writtle), 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Harvey, 6. Also 720 of New London Pleasure, in 24 mins., with W. Piper (conductor), 6. And on handbells, 322 of Grandsire Triples. E. Dains, 1; A. Tarbun, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; J. Dains, 4; W. Piper, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7-8.

WRITTLE.—On Tuesday, February 22nd, for practice, on the back six, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles). A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. And on Monday, February 28th, to welcome Mr. Robert Woodhouse, jun., and his bride, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 behind. J. Everard, 1; F. Radley, 2; R. Wood, 3; G. E. Hilliard, Esq., 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; C. J. Dennison, 7; A. Bennington, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER.—On Sunday evening, March 6th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, the local company, assisted by G. Martin and J. Broom, of Swanscombe, rang a 720 of Plain Bob in 26 mins. O. Sullivan, 1; J. Tulett, 2; A. Osborne, 3; J. Broom, 4; J. P. Kidd, 5; G. Martin (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, February 27th, at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Elcombe, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; B. Spinner, 5; G. Martin (conductor), 6. B. Spinner hails from Gravesend.

STAPLEHURST.—On Monday, February 28th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). Also on Monday, March 7th, 1638 of Grandsire Triples. W. Collison, 1; W. Pope, 2; W. E. Pope, 3; J. Tillmon, 4; H. G. Pope, 5; E. Pope, 6; A. E. Nunn (conductor), 7; T. Colvin, 8.

WROTHAM.—On Thursday, February 24th, two members of this branch of the above association paid a visit to Ightham, and with the assistance of three of the Ightham members, rang six 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles, in 24 mins. F. Webb, 1; G. A. Osbourn (Wrotham), 2; T. Holman, 3; F. Shoo-bridge, 4; C. Taylor (conductor, Wrotham), 5. And on Friday, March 4th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Taylor, 1; G. Barham, 2; G. Osborne, 3; F. Shoo-bridge, 4; R. Edge, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6; H. Hosmor, 7. Also two courses of Bob Triples. F. Taylor, 1; G. Barham, 2; F. Shoo-bridge, 3; G. Osborne, 4; J. Rodgers, 5; R. Edge, 6; C. Taylor (conductor), 7; H. Hosmor, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 19th, for practice at the parish church, 1008 of Bob Major, in 40 mins. C. Linsdale, 1;

W. Chilvers, 2; F. Lambert, 3; E. Easter, 4; R. Haward, 5; J. Haward, 6; Rev. W. C. Pearson (conductor), 7; R. Jarmy, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Friday, February 25th, for practice at St. Helen's Church, 336 of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Kimbrey, 1; J. H. Viner, 2; H. Humfrey, 3; E. Webb, 4; T. Short, 5; *W. Sandell (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; A. Burgess, 8. *First touch as conductor. Also on Sunday evening, February 27th, for Divine Service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Kimbrey, 1; T. Short, 2; W. Sandell, 3; E. Webb, 4; J. Brown, 5; *J. H. Viner (conductor), 6; H. Humfrey, 7; A. Burgess, 8. *First 504 as conductor.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, January 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, a 360 of Yorkshire Court, in 13 mins. And after evening service, a 720 of Yorkshire Court in 27 mins. And on Tuesday evening, January 25th, a 360 of Violet Treble Bob, and a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; H. Smith, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 7. And on Sunday evening, January 30th, after Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. H. Smith, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, February 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Yorkshire Court, in 27 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, February 12th, for Divine Service, eight members of the above society rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1248 changes. John Slater, 1; John Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; Samuel Slater, 4; James Bird, 5; Zachariah Slater, 6; Percy Chas. S. Scott, 7; Oliver Garwood (conductor), 8. And on Saturday, February 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, the following attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 1300, a change-course occurred, and "stand" was called. S. Slater, 1; W. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. Griggs, 5; Z. Slater, 6; H. Harper, 7; J. Bird, 8. As time would not permit of another start being made, the first half of Reeves' variation was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; W. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; S. Slater, 4; W. Griggs, 5; Z. Slater, 6; H. Harper, 7; J. Bird, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. Messrs. Sillitoe, Campin, Howell, Harper, and Griggs are from Sudbury; the brothers Slater from Glemsford, and Bird from Melford.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL.—On Friday, March 4th, for practice at Christ Church, nine six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 40½ mins. G. Gee, sen. (conductor), 1; G. Gee, jun., 2; J. Gee, 3; J. Brooks, 4; J. Nixon, 5; E. Shone, 6.

ELLASTONE (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, March 2nd, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27½ mins. W. Udale, 1; B. Cox, 2; G. Harding, 3; J. Udale, 4; J. Hodgkinson, 5; S. Spencer (conductor), 6.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—At the monthly meeting, on Saturday, March 5th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. *G. Gee, jun., 1; J. Baddeley, 2; E. Glover, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; *E. Horne, 5; S. Spencer (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Wood, 1; J. Baddeley (conductor), 2; E. Glover, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; S. Spencer, 5; G. Walker, 6. *First 720. There were present ringers from Bucknall, Norton, Wolstanton, Uttoxeter, Stoke, and Tunstall.

THE WANSTEAD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

WOODFORD.—On Sunday morning, March 6th, at the parish church, six members of the above society rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. F. A. Nunn, 1; H. Scarlett (conductor), 2; H. Nunn, sen., 3; J. Wincey, 4; E. Barnett, 5; G. Cornell, 6.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Thursday, February 24th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. *A. Whatmore (Brierley Hill), 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; *A. Beddal (Brierley Hill), 4; W. Micklewright (conductor, Dudley), 5; J. Smith, 6. *First peal in the method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CROOME D'ABITOT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 6th, at the Parish Church, six members of the St. Helen's Society (Worcester) visited the above place, and with Mr. L. Longney, rang before the afternoon service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Jenkins, 1; W. Powell, 2; L. Longney, 3; W. Page, 4; S. Cotton, 5; G. Cleal (conductor), 6. Also after service, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. S. Cotton, 1; W. Jenkins, 2; L. Longney, 3; W. Powell, 4; W. Page, 5; G. Cleal (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. Jenkins,

1; G. Cleal, 2; L. Longney, 3; W. Powell, 4; F. Owen, 5; W. Page, 6. After ringing the visitors were hospitably entertained by Mr. Longney, and by his desire rang on the handbells 108 of Minor. S. Cotton, 1-2; G. Cleal (conductor), 3-4; L. Longney (first touch), 5-6. Also two touches of Triples, one of Major, and a course of Caters, all in the Grandsire method, and also a course of Steadman Triples.

WORCESTER.—Handbell ringing.—On Saturday, March 5th, at St. Helen's Church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Jenkins, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5-6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Friday, January 28th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; *M. Jenkins, 5; J. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 720 College Pleasure. M. Jenkins, 1; *C. Weeden, 2; E. Jordan (conductor), 3; T. Stedman, 4; R. Jordan, 5; A. Mills, 6. On Friday, February 4th, a 720 of Chichester. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Friday, February 18th, a 720 Superlative. C. Weeden, 1; A. Mills, 2; T. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; *M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Friday, February 25th, a 720 Cambridge. M. Jenkins, 1; *C. Weeden, 2; T. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Superlative. A. Mills, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; W. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Bob Minor. W. Worsfold, 1; C. Weeden, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 27th, a 720 College Pleasure. C. Weeden, 1; A. Tidy, 2; T. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 720 Chichester. C. Weeden, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Saturday, February 19th, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor. F. Arnold, 1; F. Sanders, 2; W. Sadler, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, February 22nd, 360 of Grandsire Minor. F. Arnold, 1; F. Sanders, 2; R. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 27th, 360 of Bob Minor. F. Arnold, 1; F. Sanders, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 23 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday 30th, three courses of Double Oxford. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, February 26th, eight members of the Raunds and Wellinboro' District Association paid a visit to the above place, where arrangements had been made at the church of Bishop Ryder's for a peal of Bob Major (5040 changes), but after ringing about 1 hr. 12 mins., it unfortunately came to grief through a shift course. N. Martin, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; J. Stubbs, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6; H. W. Stubbs, 7; F. Slade, 8. R. Dunkley hails from Bythorn (Hunts), the rest are from Raunds. The members wish to tender their best thanks to the Birmingham ringers who so willing made the above arrangements.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Friday evening, February 18th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. Wright, 1; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 2; A. Whatmore, 3; H. Hartshorne, 4; T. Allden, 5; A. Beddall, 9.

BUCKLAND.—On Thursday, March 3rd, at the parish church, 120 and 720 of Grandsire Doubles. J. Peplett, 1; Fred. Sanders, 2; W. Sadler, 3; F. Sanders, 4; R. Arnold (conductor), 5. Also 120 of Bob Doubles. B. Bowyer, 1; Fred. Sanders, 2; J. Peplett, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, February 20th, at the house of Mr. J. Chapman, 360 of Bob Minor (twelve bobs). W. Richards, 1; H. Chapman, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; E. Chapman, 4; W. Gilbert (conductor), 5-6. Also 120 of St. Simon's Doubles. F. Smith, 1; R. Dunkley (conductor), 2; H. Chapman, 3; E. Chapman, 4; W. Gilbert, 5-6. Also 120 of Stedman Slow Course, and 120 of Canterbury Doubles. F. Smith, 1; H. Chapman, 2; E. Chapman, 3; R. Dunkley (conductor), 4; W. Gilbert, 5-6. W. Gilbert hails from Raunds, H. Chapman from Bedford, the rest belong to Bythorn.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Wednesday, March 9th, at St. Giles' Church, a muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, as a mark of respect to the late churchwarden, Mr. James E. Naylor. H. Flower (conductor), 1; E. Drury, 2; T. Windley, 3; H. Langdon, 4; T. Smith, 5; W. Jones, 6; W. Thorn, 7; R. French, 8; A. Hayward, 9; J. Summers, 10.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, February 19th, three members of the Kidderminster Society, with one from Belbroughton, paid a visit to Chaddesley Corbett, for a practice with the local company. After several creditable touches by different ringers, an excellent quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 55 mins., was rung. H. Bough, 1; R. Grove, 2; H. Sandalls, 3; H. Martin, 4; J. Broad, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; W. Hemming, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

DANBURY (Essex).—On Thursday, March 3rd, at the parish church, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. A. Campion, 1; G. Young, 2; G. Miller, 3; J. Simmons, 4; W. Thornton (conductor), 5. The above members have been under the instruction of Mr. S. Hammond, of Braintree, since January 8th, and on Saturday evening last, Mr. Hammond was presented with a beautifully bound copy of hymns (A. & M.) as a small token of appreciation for his services of the past nine weeks.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, February 9th, for practice, at the Parish Church, 720 of Cambridge Surprise, also on Wednesday, February 23rd, 720 of Morning Exercise. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lann, 6. The above society have rang during the winter months fourteen different 720's in the Treble Bob method, all of which have been conducted by G. Norman.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Saturday, February 28th, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. H. Macro, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Basden, 3; J. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clarke, 6. And several 120's of Doubles, with E. Carter, of Burnham.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 22nd, at St. Mary's parish church, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor in 30 mins. J. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; F. Wells, 4; O. Garwood, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Oxford Treble Bob.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, February 27th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Plain Bob (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 27 mins. T. Glead, 1; F. Weare, 2; A. Pittam, 3; A. Tennant, 4; J. Leach, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6.

KINGSWINFORDE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 27th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, 360 of Bob Minor. B. Brown, 1; T. Hillman, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne (conductor), 5; T. Vaughan, 6. And on Monday, February 28th, a 720 of Bob Minor, and a 720 of College Single, in 58 mins. B. Brown, 1; T. Hillman, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; W. Jones (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, February 29th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. T. Vaughan, 1; T. Hillman, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; W. Jones (conductor), 6. The touches on the 28th, were rung with the bells muffled, out of respect to a parishioner.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 22nd, this being the annual fair held in this town, a number of ringers met together, and making up a band, proceeded to the parish church and rang a touch of Bob Major (1232 changes), in 55 mins. H. Symonds (Preston), 1; W. Hollocks (Preston), 2; C. Sillitoe (conductor, Sudbury), 3; A. Long (Bildestone), 4; H. Smith (Lavenham), 5; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 6; J. Bobby (Lavenham), 7; W. Moore (Lavenham), 8. This touch was composed by W. Sottanstell, and is the longest touch yet rung on eight by Messrs. Hollocks, Long, and Smith. Also another touch of Bob Major (672 changes). N. W. Taylor (Sudbury), 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; A. Hollocks (Preston), 3; A. Long, 4; W. Smith, 5; A. Symonds, 6; J. Bobby, 7; W. Moore, 8. This is the first touch of Major by A. Hollocks. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday afternoon, March 6th, at St. Nicholas' Parish Church, for Divine Service, the local company, assisted by Mr. J. Aspinwall, rang three courses of Stedman Cinques, in 24 mins. G. Helsby, 1; J. Meadows, 2; C. A. Heron, 3; W. Woodhead, 4; H. Brooks, 5; G. Fisher, 6; J. Welch, 7; W. Davies, 8; J. Egerton (conductor), 9; H. Coley, 10; J. Aspinwall, 11; R. Thistlewood, 12. Tenor 41 cwt.

LONDON.—On Thursday evening, March 3rd, at St. Luke's Church, Nutford Place, Mary-le-bone, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Nixon, 1; E. F. Cole, 2; A. Tennant, 3; A. Pittam, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; D. W. Griggs, 6. Tenor 8½ cwt.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 23rd, at St. Margaret's Church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Bob. T. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, February 9th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins. M. Jenkins, 1; T. Stedman, 2; R. Jordan, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. This is the first in the method. Tenor 16 cwt.

RAMSBOTTOM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, March 6th, at St. Paul's Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins., by five of the Waterfoot band, assisted by H. H. Nutter, of Ramsbottom. J. Bolton (conductor), 1; W. Maden, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; H. H. Nutter, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; W. Whittaker, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt.

SAWBRIDGORTH (Herts).—On Thursday evening, March 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. Morris, 4; J. Freeman, 5; H. Saban, 6; N. W. Tarling, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by all except Messrs. Rochester and Freeman. All the ringers belong to the local society.

SOUTHWOLD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, March 8th, the following members of the St. Edmund's company rang a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 30 mins. T. King, 1; F. Haken, 2; H. Thompson, 3; C. Goddard, 4; E. Upcraft, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in F. This is the first 720 by all the above excepting the conductor.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, March 2nd, at the Parish Church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. A. Worthington (first 720, age 17), 1; H. Mottershall, 2; S. Smedley (first 720), 3; J. Harris, 4; H. Madin, 5; W. Worthington (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 13 mins. S. Palmer, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; S. Smedley, 3; J. Swift, 4; H. Madin, 5; W. Worthington (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

ST. ALBAN'S (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, February 19th, at St. Alban's, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 18 mins. A. Barnes (first 720 double handed), 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. And on Saturday, March 5th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 15 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also the last 742 of Holt's Original. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8. And at St. James's Meeting-house, Strand, on February 23rd, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. T. MacLaughlin, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. And at St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, March 6th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6.

STISTED (Essex).—March 1st, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Chaplin, 1; F. Saunders, 2; A. Chaplin, 3; C. Duncomb, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, March 3rd, a 720 in the same method. C. Duncomb, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6. Messrs. Bearman and Sargent hail from Bocking, the rest are local men. Also on Sunday, March 6th, another 720 in the same method (eight bobs and six singles). Chiming.—E. Chaplin, 1; S. Hammond, 2; C. Howard, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; F. Saunders, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6. Messrs. Hammond and Howard hail from Braintree, the rest are local men.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 5th, the local company met at St. Gregory's Church, and in company with Messrs. Slater and Garwood, of Glemsford, rang 1248 of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; S. Slater, 2; J. Campin, 3; A. Scott, 4; O. Garwood, 5; W. Griggs, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Also a touch of Stedman Triples. W. Howell, 1; S. Slater, 2; J. Campin, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. B. Ransom, Esq., 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Cross, 7; O. Garwood, 8.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 20th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins., with 7-8 behind. F. Chapman, 1; C. Chapman (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; J. Wainwright, 3; J. Timms, 4; G. Woods, 5; H. Slaney (conductor), 6; W. Jennings, 7; W. Wileman, 8. And on Monday evening, February 21st, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 26 mins., with 7-8 behind. W. Jennings (first 720), 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; J. Timms, 4; H. Slaney, 5; G. Woods (conductor), 6; J. H. Chatterton, 7; A. Everitt, 8.

WISSETT (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 27th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 27 mins. S. Kerrison, 1; F. Lambert, 2; C. Linsdale, 3; W. Durrant, 4; C. Kerrison (conductor), 5. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF EIGHT BELLS AT ST. PETER'S, SOUTH CROYDON.

On Thursday, February 24th, this new peal was opened by the above Association. Towards the end of 1865 the nucleus of the peal was formed by the casting of the tenor by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough. She is a fine-toned bell of about 27 cwt. in D. In the beginning of the next year three other bells, viz., the 7th, 6th, and treble, were cast and hung in the tower, and on February 24th, 1866, exactly

twenty-one years before the final opening, they were rung for the first time. In this condition the peal remained, as all the available funds were needed for other objects, the parish being a big and growing one, with a large percentage of poor. But towards the end of last year Mr. J. S. Wright, of Duppas Hill, Croydon, whose large-hearted liberality is well-known and greatly appreciated, nobly resolved to complete the peal. Mr. Wright's previous gifts to St. Peter's church were neither few nor small. Among other benefactions, he gave a handsome stained glass window to the memory of Mrs. Wright, and quite lately he gave a most excellent turret clock by Messrs. Gillet and Co. Nor is his munificence confined to St. Peter's, as the granite drinking fountain on Duppas Hill, and other public gifts testify.

Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, received the order to complete the peal and have done the work thoroughly well.

A general gathering of the Surrey Association was summoned to open the peal, and some forty or more ringers responded to the call. At 5 o'clock on the day named the Vicar, the Rev. J. White, assisted by Mr. Vaughan, read a short dedication service under the tower to a small but interested congregation, among whom was the Rev. Canon Bridges, rector of Beddington. Then the first touch was rung on the bells, viz.: a 336 of Grandsire Triples, by the following: H. Dudley (Croydon), 1; G. A. Russell (Streatham), 2; J. Branch (Beddington), 3; Dr. A. B. Carpenter (Croydon), 4; J. W. Taylor, Esq., jun. (Loughborough), 5; J. Fayers (Mitcham), 6; T. Verrall (Croydon), 7; G. Turner (Sutton), 8. The tone of the bells was much admired, and the "go" of them was considered satisfactory. Numerous touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the evening, and the ringing was finished by a capital 576 Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Taylor, the ringers standing as below: F. G. Newman (London), 1; E. Bennett (Beddington), 2; J. Branch (Beddington), 3; E. Burtenshaw (Merton), 4; T. Miles (Epsom), 5; J. Fayers (Mitcham), 6; J. Plowman (Beddington), 7; J. W. Taylor, jun., Esq., 8. The ringers were supplied with food and drink at the "Surrey Drivers" by the kind liberality of Mr. Wright, the donor of the bells. It had been intended to start for a peal on the following evening, Friday, the 25th, but owing to a case of severe illness near the church, which was only notified towards the close of Thursday's ringing, the idea had to be abandoned for the present. Mr. Wright, however, had again provided for the comfort of the peal ringers by ordering them a hot supper at the "Surrey Drivers," and this was thoroughly enjoyed on Friday, the 25th, by those who were to have rung in the peal, the bell-hangers, the sexton, a few friends, and Mr. J. Simm Smith one of the churchwardens. Mr. Wright himself unfortunately could not be present, and his absence was much regretted. After the eatables had been disposed of, the Vicar made his appearance, and in a most complimentary speech proposed Mr. Wright's health, which was drunk with enthusiasm. Other speeches followed, and the proceedings were enlivened by songs by Mr. Volney Keen, Mr. Gent, Mr. Trappitt, and other vocalists.

RE-OPENING AT ST. PETER'S, WALWORTH, SURREY.

On Thursday last, March 3rd, the bells of this church were re-opened after having undergone a thorough repair by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who hung them in 1824, and in 1844 they were rehung by the same firm, since which period nothing has been done materially to cause any outlay, consequently it became absolutely necessary for a thorough repair. This having been accomplished the following members of the St. Peter's Society attended: H. Langdon, R. French, H. Wilks, T. Warrick, H. Flower, A. Hayward, T. Coxhead, J. Summers, and Drury, and rang from seven till eight, which gave satisfactory proof to those concerned and to those who had the pleasure of hearing that these bells are as melodious as can be heard south of the Thames. Afterwards the company adjourned to the house of the steeple-keeper, Mr. H. Goodchild, who is also vergor of the church, and partook of a very substantial supper, provided by a few of the inhabitants friends, and admirers of the bells. The company were honoured by the presence of Mr. J. E. Darling, churchwarden, in the chair, and by the Rev. J. C. Eyre Kidson, curate. The usual loyal toasts having been given from the chair the company adjourned to the St. Peter's Working Men's Club, and there enjoyed some jovial songs, being joined by many well-known faces from St. Peter's, Walworth. After the National Anthem had been sung, the company separated, evidently well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Lord Selborne, writing to a correspondent who forwarded to his lordship copies of the letters by Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Chamberlain on the disestablishment of the Welsh church, says he is inflexibly opposed to the attempt to separate the Welsh from the English. Whenever the question becomes practical, it will be found that very many Liberals, as well as all Conservatives, will unite in steadily opposing any such measure.

LIST OF PULPITS IN SOMERSETSHIRE AND
GLOUCESTERSHIRE HAVING THE DATE OF THEIR
ERECTION CARVED ON THEM.

Somersetshire

Hillfarrance	1611
Pensford	June, 1617
Huish Episcopi	1625
Ashington	1627
Elworthy	1631
St. James, Taunton	1633
Keynsham	1634
St. Cuthbert's, Wells	1636
Kittisford	1640

Gloucestershire.

Rodborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	1624
Bristol Cathedral	..	..	..	..	..	1624
Dunstable ..	..	..	..	..	..	1631
Oxenhall ..	..	..	..	..	..	1632
Oxburgh ..	..	..	..	..	..	1702
North Cerney	..	..	..	..	..	1707

A very fine carved oak pulpit which used to stand in some Gloucestershire church, being ruthlessly cast out, was happily secured for Huntspill church, near Highbridge, in Somerset, where it is greatly admired.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

5039.

By JOHN ROGERS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

an 8-g.	an 8-g.	an 8-g.	an 8-g.	an 8-g.
*42356	53624	26435	34562	65243
25346	32654	63425	46532	54263
32546	63254	46325	54632	46253
53246	30354	24625	65432	24653
34256	65324	42635	53462	62453
45236	52364	23645	36452	25463
24536	35264	62345	43652	56423
52436	23564	36245	64352	46523
23456	36524	64235	45362	64523
35426	66534	43265	56342	42563
43526	56234	24365	33642	23456

* 7th in and out three. The above composition, in five parts, and containing 55 courses, has an exactly equal number of courses and leads in each part, and is thought to be the only peal of Caters in the method in equal parts yet rung.

This peal was first rung at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on November 27th, by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Conducted by its composer.

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

1887.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
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 1 2 4 3 5 6 8 7 9 0
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 6 2 4 5 3 2
 2 3 4 5 6 1 2

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE CORPORATION OF MANCHESTER.—At a special meeting of the Manchester City Council on Wednesday, March 9th, a memorial was adopted for presentation to the Prince of Wales, asking his Royal Highness, together with the Princess, to visit that city in May, and open the Royal Jubilee Exhibition. Negotiations have been in progress for some time with the object of procuring the presence of Royalty on that occasion.

MR. BALFOUR'S PRIVATE SECRETARIES.—Mr. A. J. Balfour, Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland, has appointed Mr. Browning as his paid private Secretary, and Mr. Hayes Fisher, M.P., will be his unpaid 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."

ANSWER TO NOVICE.

SIR,—In answer to Novice's enquiry in your issue of February 26th, respecting the greatest number of calls in Minor peals, the greatest number of calls that I have seen in a peal of Bob Minor is 138 bobs six singles, and four extremes, making 148 calls, and is called Dixon's variation.

RICHARD MACKMAN.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will some kind reader show me how to compose, or give me the composition of 447 Kent Treble Bob Minor? YOUNG BOB.

A QUERY.

SIR,—Allow me through the medium of your paper to ask for information concerning the weight of the tenor bell at Chichester cathedral, there being a difference of opinion as to its exact weight, which no doubt some of your readers can arrest by favouring me with an answer. Further, Sir, allow me to interrogate the original plan concerning the bells at St. Paul's church, Brighton. Was the big bell which is clocked previous to Divine Service on Sundays ever intended for a tenor to a ring of ten?

OBSERVER.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, (ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM), AND THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED.

SIR,—I notice in your correspondence a letter from T. R., commenting upon the peal of Stedman Caters upon handbells, rang by the Holt Society, in which he, the said T. R., claims that a secession was made on the part of Mr. Townsend from their ranks, in order for us to obtain the peal, but allow me to deny this charge, as any one may see by referring to "THE BELL NEWS" of January, 1886, that the said Mr. Townsend rang his first peal on handbells with the Holt Society, which was duly published; and immediately afterwards practised with us for the performance achieved, and actually made an attempt with us for our peal prior to his practising with them in the method in question. It would have undoubtedly looked better had T. R. truly stated that the reason why the said Mr. Townsend did not start for the peal the last several times they tried was on account of a resolution having been passed by the Amalgamated Society, prohibiting their members from taking part in our handbell performances. This accounts for him not being invited to do so the later part of their practices. This I am in a position to substantiate, but nevertheless there is great credit due to the Amalgamated Societies' performances in the Grandsire method, and I don't hesitate to say they have enough metal left to make rapid strides in Stedman, but I may say it will require a little more energy than Grandsire ringing, and hope they will pull themselves together again, but I think freedom to members the best policy.

W. KENT.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The next District Meeting will be held at Harwich, on Saturday, March 19th. Ringing to commence at St. Nicholas Church (eight bells) at twelve o'clock. Tea at the Great Eastern Hotel at 4 p.m. and business meeting immediately afterwards. Return tickets to Harwich at reduced fares will be issued by the G.E.R. to members who inform the Secretary before Wednesday, March 16th, from what station they propose to start, and produce at the booking-office their receipt for the current year's subscription. It is particularly requested that all subscriptions still due for the year ending Whitsuntide 1887, may be forwarded as soon as possible. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 5th, being the anniversary of the re-opening of the bells at this church, after having been recast and entirely rehung by Mr. J. Barwell, of Birmingham, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently, were rung by the local band, with the assistance of the Vicar, in commemoration of the event. J. Baylin, 1; J. Cogbill, 2; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 3; W. Male, 4; W. Clark, 5; J. Barnett, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. Conducted by J. Bayliss. This small country village having led the way in this neighbourhood, it is to be hoped that other places will follow its example, and make an effort to disestablish "Stoney" and learn scientific change-ringing. It would surely be a most fitting commemoration of the Jubilee year of our gracious Queen if an Association for this Diocese of Worcester were to be founded.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOMBOURN.—On Tuesday, February 22nd, 1887, the St. Benedict's Society attempted a peal in seven different Minor methods, as a mark of esteem to C. A. Izon, Esq., churchwarden, on the occasion of his marriage with Miss Lewis, of Goldthorn Hall, Wolverhampton, at St. Peter's church, Wolverhampton, but when getting towards the end of the third 700 it unfortunately came to grief. S. Little, 1; H. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright, 6. The bells were kept going during the day in various methods, and two 720's were also rung; a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor, in 27 mins., and a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins., the ringers standing as before. In the evening Mr. Izon gave a dinner to his workmen and ringers, at the "Red Lion" Inn, which was served up by Host Keay in splendid style. After the cloth had been removed, Mr. Cartwright occupied the chair, and proposed the healths of the bride and bridegroom in eulogistic terms.

Mr. C. Sadler, foreman, in a few well chosen words, endorsed the chairman's remarks, and the toast was drunk with musical honours. Other toasts followed. Songs and recitations by Messrs. C. Sadler, T. Broker, J. E. Claridge, and H. Deans, tunes and change-ringing on the handbells, brought a very pleasant evening to a termination. On Sunday, February 27th, for evening service, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Little, 1; H. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6.

A NEW METHOD.

By JNO. FOSDIKE, WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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5 2 3 8 1 6 7 4

5 3 2 1 8 7 6 4

3 5 1 2 7 8 4 6

3 1 5 2 7 4 8 6

1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8

1 3 5 2 7 4 8 6

This method is founded on four-bell work, before and behind. In the work the treble is a plain hunt as in Bob Major. Three other bells are hunts or quick bells, with the treble throughout the lead. At the start the tenor is a quick bell, and hunts from behind, passes the treble in 4-5 down to lead, and passes the treble again as they return. The other two, fourth and fifth, are quick bells, and pass in 4-5, when the treble is laying her whole pull behind. These quick bells are kept from their quick work when the treble leads, and the dodging takes place. The other four are slow bells, hunting in the four-bell work. The second and third are in their slow work before, and sixth and seventh in the slow-work behind. The treble lead and seconds place is made, and every bell dodges in their respective places, as in Bob Major, which closes the work of the first lead.

The rule for ringing it is, I think, very easy. First understand the position the slow and quick bells are in, as above, at the end of each lead, and you have the work of the next lead before you. The bobs are made in 4th place, and the calling the same as in Bob Major.

SHIREOAKS, NOTTS.

On Thursday, February 17th, St. Luke's church was the scene of a large assemblage of people from Worksop and the surrounding district, to witness the marriage of Miss Ethel Mary Browne, eldest daughter of the Rev. G. Osborn Browne, Vicar of Shireoaks, to Dr. Walker, of Worksop. The local company assembled in the belfry, and as soon as the bridal party were leaving the church several shots were fired, and then a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round, several volleys fired, and short touches of Oxford, Kent, Violet, and Duke of York.

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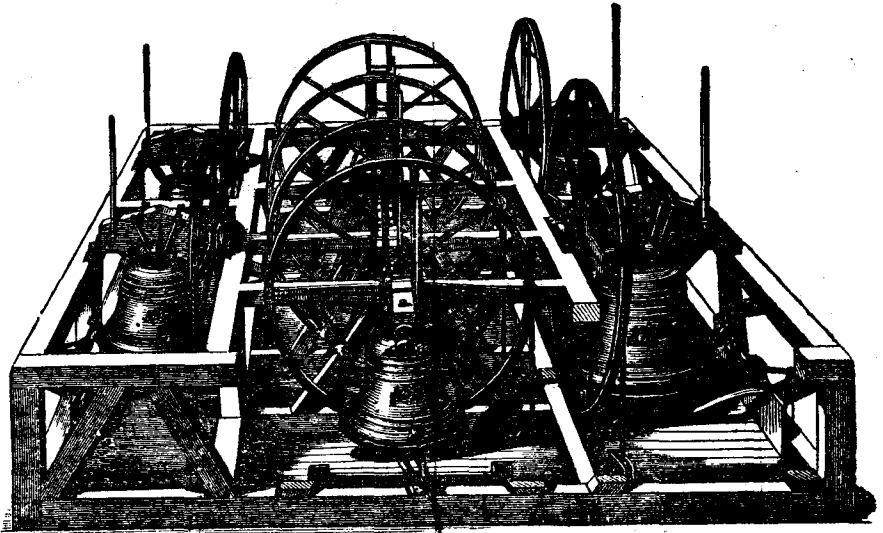
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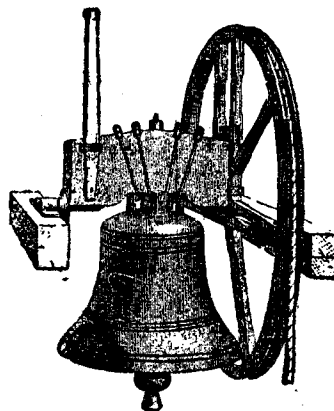
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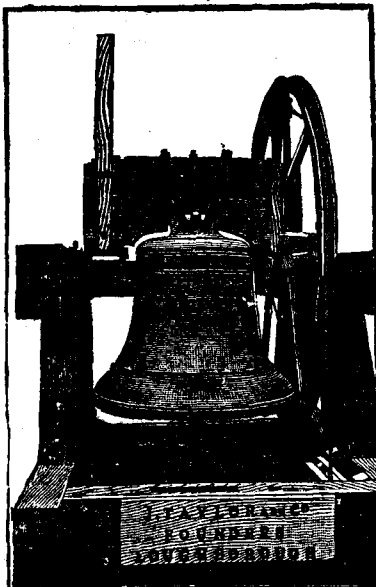
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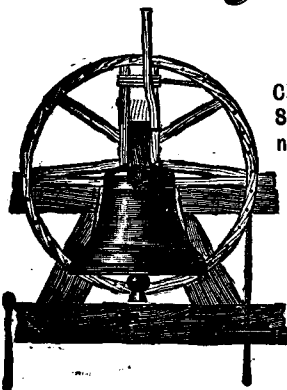
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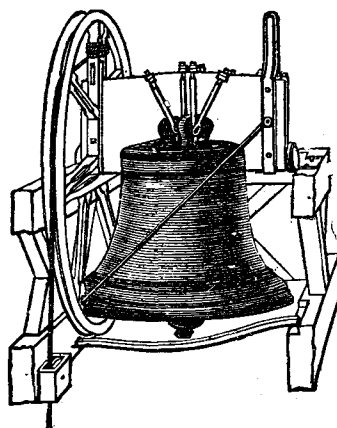
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By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

The two parts of the paper on Cambridge which have already appeared in these columns were written some months ago, and in them I believed that everything of any importance in the composition of the method had been exhausted.

A short time since, however, in response to a wish expressed by my daughters to Mr. William Wakley that they might hear a peal of Cambridge, the St. Paul's company were kind enough to ring one at Duffield, and while listening to this excellent performance, "Snowdon" in hand so as the better to follow the working of the bells, the possibility of a variation in the method occurred to me by which the greater part of its falseness could be eliminated.

In the early part of last year, when corresponding with several friends on the subject of a variation of Superlative for the same purpose, Mr. Henry Dains suggested to me to examine Cambridge with a like view. A somewhat strongly developed contempt for the composition of the latter method caused me to bestow but little thought on the proposal, nor was it till I heard the above-mentioned peal rung that the idea struck me of how a cleansing might be compassed. The nature of it shall now be described.

It has already been shewn that Cambridge contains two distinct elements of falseness, namely, rows with the treble in 1-2 and 7-8, and also in 3-4. It was, moreover, pointed out that unless course-ends appeared in which the bells in 5-6 were reversed, the first of these stumbling blocks was non-existent. Consequently, if it were not for the second, any peal without reversed course-ends which runs true in Superlative would also run true in Cambridge, for the lead-ends and bobs are identical in both. Let us examine the work of the bells while the treble is in 3-4, and to this end I annex a few rows from the first lead.

	2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5	Out of course.
A	2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7	in
B	6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5	in
C	6 2 1 4 8 7 3 5	in
D	2 6 4 1 7 8 5 3	in
E	6 2 4 7 1 8 3 5	out
F	2 6 7 4 8 1 5 3	out
	2 7 6 4 1 8 3 5	in

The four rows bracketed, A, B, C, D, are those with which we are concerned, and the peculiar falseness is due to the bells lying still in 1-2 in B and C, which causes all the four rows with the treble in 3-4 up to be "in course," and conversely "out of course" in 3-4 down. In each of the rows A, B, C, D, E, F, the 2nd and 6th are together in 1-2; if what we are aiming at can be accomplished by merely altering their relative work in these rows, allowing them to arrive at and depart from the front as usual and avoiding any interference with the other bells, the variation from the method will be but slight. It must be remembered that only the four rows bracketed can be touched otherwise the proof with the treble in 1-2 or 5-6 will be upset. Now of these four A must stand, as that row cannot begin with 6-2 without the 6th jumping over second's place. B must also stand, for it cannot begin with 2-6, as the 2nd would have led three consecutive blows. C and D remain, and as during their work in 1-2 the 6th and 2nd must lie still a whole pull—and in which row they do so is immaterial to their subsequent relative positions—it follows that in these two rows we may arrange them in what order we please, providing the 6th does not lead in both, as this would make four blows running in front. There are three ways in which this can be done:

As Usual.	Variation I.	Variation II.
C. 62 or	C. 26 or	C. 26
D. 26 "	D. 62 "	D. 26

Putting Variation II aside for the present, on proving Variation I. we shall find that it causes the two last rows C, D, with the treble in 3-4 up to be "out of course," instead of all four being "in course," and that in consequence the liability to run false has disappeared. A similar but converse alteration must be made when the treble is in 3-4 down. The two columns appended contain as much of the plain course as is necessary to shew the change in the work with the treble in 3-4 both down and up. The rows varied are marked thus*.

Original.

2 8 5 3 1 7 4 6
2 5 8 3 7 1 6 4
5 2 3 8 1 7 4 6
D 2 5 3 1 8 7 6 4
C 5 2 1 3 7 8 4 6
B 5 2 3 1 7 4 8 6
A 2 5 1 3 4 7 6 8
2 1 5 3 7 4 8 6
1 2 3 5 4 7 6 8
2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8
1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7
2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5
A 2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7
B 6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5
C 6 2 1 4 8 7 3 5
D 2 6 4 1 7 8 5 3
6 2 4 7 1 8 3 5
2 6 7 4 8 1 5 3
2 7 6 4 1 8 3 5

Variation I.

2 8 5 3 1 7 4 6
2 5 8 3 7 1 6 4
5 2 3 8 1 7 4 6
*D 5 2 3 1 8 7 6 4
*C 2 5 1 3 7 8 4 6
B 5 2 3 1 7 4 8 6
A 2 5 1 3 4 7 6 8
2 1 5 3 7 4 8 6
1 2 3 5 4 7 6 8
2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8
1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7
2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5
A 2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7
B 6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5
*C 2 6 1 4 8 7 3 5
*D 6 2 4 1 7 8 5 3
6 2 4 7 1 8 3 5
2 6 7 4 8 1 5 3
2 7 6 4 1 8 3 5

The required alteration in the work may be concisely stated thus:—When the treble is in 3-4 down, the bells in 1-2 lie to one another before they dodge, instead of the reverse. Conversely when the treble is in 3-4 up, they dodge before they lie. A line, after the manner of Mr. Snowdon's diagrams, drawn following the work of the 2nd, 5th, and 6th in each column, will at once make this clear. For practical ringing the subjoined rules must be observed:

I.—The bell going down from the 5-6 place-making to do the single dodge and whole-pull work in front, after dodging in 3-4 as usual, leads the whole pull before making the dodge.

II.—Conversely, the bell going down after the double dodge whole-pull and single dodge work behind to do the whole pull and single dodge work in front, after dodging in 5-6 as usual, dodges before leading the whole pull.

III.—The bell whose work is changed to allow the bells doing the work of rules I. and II. to make the required alterations is the one doing work with the treble in front. This bell on coming to lead makes the single dodge and whole pull as usual; then instead of another single dodge and seconds place, makes the seconds place before the single dodge; and after the usual whole-pull at lead, treble work, and whole pull at lead again which follows; makes the single dodge before the seconds place, and finishes as usual with a whole pull and single dodge.

The extreme simplicity of the variation may perhaps best be exemplified by saying that it is confined to four rows in each lead, and that in them the bells in 1-2 merely reverse their usual order of striking. It remains to mention the only objection that can be raised, namely, that three bells are caused to lie still over one another. In extenuation of this exceptional arrangement, it may be explained that in the original method four bells lie still at the row in which the seconds place is made, the only difference in the variation being that instead of the bells in 1,2,6,8, lying still, those in 1,2,3,6, do so. Now four bells lying still is a Major single, and it is in truth a single that is made at the treble's dodging blow in 3-4. We know that in Treble Bob methods singles are unnecessary, but in plain methods they are invariably made by at least three of the four bells that lie still lying over one another; therefore as the eccentric inventor of Cambridge has elected to introduce two singles into every lead of his method, there can be nothing illegitimate in making these, as is the case in the variation under notice, in the usual Major fashion, especially as the removal of the whole pull from behind almost compensates for the monotony in front. In whatever way these rows are taken, whether as in the original or in the variation, their music is abominable, but with the immense advantage of the latter in offering musical compositions it is hardly necessary to hesitate in adopting an arrangement that occurs over and over again in the Grandsire Bob and Single peals.

The frequency of the 678's in Cambridge is the sole redeeming feature of a hopelessly unmusical method, and apart from the dismal fact of having only one essentially original peal to ring, it is at all events worth considering whether the opportunity of having the 4th and 6th in 6th place in all but two courses of a peal is not more than an adequate set off against any technical objection to the variation.

Respecting Variation II. I will say no more than to notice that if the parent of Cambridge had arranged his method in this way, he need never have had more than two bells lying still at a time, as may be easily seen by any one who will prick it out for themselves; but as the false rows remain the same no particular value now attaches to it.

It will be well to state that peals of Cambridge in variation I. may be rung with bells in 5-6 reversed, providing this is done on the lines set forth in the first part of this paper; but peals of Superlative with

reversed course-ends will not run true on it because the false course-ends are not alike in both methods. Such peals are, however, so exceptional as in no way to detract from the musical advantage of being able to ring all other Superlative compositions in the method we have been considering. An apology is perhaps due to the authors of these compositions for suggesting that their work should be submitted to the humiliation of being performed in a method so inferior to that for which they were originally designed. I can but plead that it is done only with a wish to slightly improve what is radically bad.

I give to the variation the title of "Burton," as being somewhat akin to the Burton variation of Superlative, and also out of respect to a company who have in a fortnight rung three peals in a method in which one only true performance had previously been achieved. Their approval of the possibilities opened up by the Burton variation of Cambridge has been so freely expressed to me, that I cannot help thinking it will meet with a kindly reception from the Exercise generally, not as in any way superseding the original, but as giving to those who have been successful in accomplishing a 5000 on the older plan the opportunity of ringing other and more musical compositions on the new.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The company here are bidding well to become a change-ringing band, they have been under the tuition of an energetic conductor for the last six or seven weeks, taking two nights in each week. Although they have for the last two years been able to ring six-scores, and wishing to go on for Triples, they were unable owing to the treble bell of the octave being cracked, since being recast, and from one of the most promising of their members being obliged to give up through ill health. By applying to the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, (who by the way is always willing and pleased to assist both young and old ringers), for an instructor, he sent the above Association's Instructor, Mr. W. J. Sevier, from Manchester Cathedral, who at once set about his task as stated above. The band have had several unsuccessful attempts for a quarter-peal, although they rang at one attempt over 600 changes, and was called home through a change-course. On Sunday last, March 13th, for Morning Service, 336 of Grandsire Triples by the local band. W. Davis, 1; C. Eddington, 2; G. Iles, 3; F. Symes, 4; W. Sevier (conductor), 5; T. Alsopp, 6; F. Howell, 7; H. Harvey, 8. On the completion of this touch, three brother strings from Bristol (Messrs. Hinton, Doultry, and O'Meara) walked into the ringing-chamber which after the usual greetings, the friends were invited to take a rope, when another 336 of the same method was rung. F. Symes, 1; C. Eddington, 2; G. Iles, 3; J. Hinton, 4; W. Sevier (conductor), 5; G. Daltry, 6; E. O'Meara, 7; F. Howell, 8. It was then arranged to meet in the afternoon and attempt a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was completed in 1 hr. 35 mins. W. Davis, 1; W. Sevier (conductor), 2; G. Iles, 3; J. Hinton, 4; G. Daltry, 5; T. Alsopp, 6; F. Howell, 7; E. O'Meara, 8. Afterwards a short touch of Grandsire Minor. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb. The Thornbury band, through the medium of this journal, beg to tender their sincere thanks to Messrs. Hinton, Daltry, and O'Meara, for their kind assistance, especially to Mr. Hinton, who is at all times ready and willing, even at his own inconvenience, to assist any young band in the art of change-ringing.

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" St. John's Society, Bromsgrove "	0	5	0
" Woodbridge Society, Suffolk, from fund	0	5	6
Mr. John Fosdike, Woodbridge	0	2	0
" 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
" Employees in "THE BELL NEWS" Office	0	12	0
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. Blesard, 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	0	10	6
Mr. Alfred J. J. Giddings, Frome, Somerset	0	2	6
" George Murray, S. Paul's Guild, Brighton	0	2	6
The Long Melford Company, viz.: Fred R. Steed, 1s.; Samuel Slater, 1s.; Percy Scott, 1s.; Jas. Bird, 1s.; G. Hammond, 1s.; Zachariah Slater, 6d.; N. J. Pitstow, Esq., Saffron Walden, 5s.	0	10	6
Edward Webster, Tong	0	2	6
From a few ringers' of Lincoln:—			
Per Mr. Isaac Vickers	0	5	0
Mr. John Strodger, Ripon	0	2	0
The Hertford College Youths, per Mr. James Staples	0	15	0
Mr. John Penning, Saffron Walden	0	2	6
" Joseph Cheetham, Bradford	0	2	6
R. K. Knight, Esq., Walthamstow	0	2	6
Mr. Wm. Lomas, Sheffield	0	2	6
The Holt Society, Aston-juxta-Birmingham, per Mr. T. J. Hemming	1	1	0
Mr. R. Pearson, Campsall	0	2	0
A. B. Pearson, "	0	1	0
" Jno. Haley, Tong	0	3	0
" Wm. Smith, Sheffield	0	1	0
" Jos. Taylor, ditto	0	2	6
The Wakefield Company	0	6	0
Wm. Whitaker, Esq., Ilkley	0	10	6
Mr. T. Blackburn, Salisbury	0	10	0
The Parish Church Company, Keighley	1	0	0

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE FORTNIGHT ENDING MARCH 13TH, 1887.—

By the Arundel branch, at Arundel.—On Saturday, February 26th, a date touch (1887 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. Composed by Mr. Hounsell, of Cuckfield. O. Evershed, 1; F. Luxford, 2; Rev. Tompkins, 3; G. Baker, 4; H. Haggett, 5; W. Chamberlain, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Yetman, 8. And on Monday, February 28th, an attempt for Holt's Six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 3696 changes, in 2 hrs. 15 mins. O. Evershed, 1; F. Luxford, 2; H. Haggett, 3; W. L. Chamberlain, 4; G. Baker, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Yetman, 8.

By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, February 27th, for morning service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17½ mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; C. E. Golds, 2; Allfrey, 3; Biggerstaff, 4; Salmon, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. And for afternoon service, a 560 of Bob Major. A. Piper, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; W. Palmer, 4; J. Searle, 5; J. Jay, 6; C. E. Golds, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. And for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Jay (conductor), 2; Salmon, 3; A. Piper, 4; Reilly, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; S. Allfrey, 7; H. Cornwall, 8. And by the same branch, at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, March 5th, an attempt for Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came round with the exception of the second and third bells, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. C. Hammond, 2; H. Weston, 3; C. E. Golds, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; J. Jay, senr., 7; E. Butler, 8. And on Saturday, March 12th, at St. Peter's, Brighton, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples (Holt's six-part peal), in 3 hrs. 6 mins. For particulars see peal column. On Sunday, March 13th, for afternoon service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. J. Jay, 1; C. E. Golds, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; A. Bennett, 7; E. Butler, 8. And for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17½ mins. G. Thwaites, 1; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; Salmon, 4; A. Marshall, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; H. Weston, 7; H. Cornwall, 8. And by the same branch, at St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton, for service, the last part of Davies' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples (1008 changes), in 37 mins. Jesse Neves, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; J. Fox, 3; W. Palmer, 4; J. Reilly, 5; H. Boniface, 6; C. Tyler, 7; W. Davey, 8.

By a mixed band, at Crawley.—On Saturday, February 19th, a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 35 mins. E. Streeter (Balcombe), 1; H. Wood (Warnham), 2; T. Andrews (Warnham), 3; F. Rice (Worth), 4; H. Cook (Warnham), 5; G. Hammond (Ringmer), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8.

By the Crawley branch, at Crawley.—On Sunday, February 20th, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples, in 44 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; F. Rice, 4; E. Streeter, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; W. Collison, 8. Also on Tuesday, February 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Dean, 1; Rev. J. B. Lennard, 2; B. King, 3; J. Newnham, 4; F. Rice, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pierce, 8. And a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 13 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; F. Rice, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; E. Pierce, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; J. Dean, 8. 6-8 covers. Also on Tuesday, March 1st, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 22 mins. K. B. Payne, 1; B. King, 2; J. Deane, 3; J. Newnham, 4; F. Rice, 5; W. Parsons, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; E. Pierce, 8. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. B. Payne, 1; F. Rice, 2; B. King, 3; W. Parsons, 4; W. Collison, 5; J. Gibb, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; E. Pierce, 8. *Covers. Also on Friday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples, in 48 mins. J. Collison, 1; G. Wickens, 2; J. Newnham, 3; F. Rice, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pierce, 8. Also at Charlwood, on Sunday, March 6th, a 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Parsons, 1; G. Wickens, 2; W. Collison, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Collison, 3; B. King, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6.

By the Eastbourne branch, at St. Mary's, Eastbourne.—On March 11th, a 1068 of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. J. Rollison, 1; T. Hart (conductor), 2; H. Bennett, 3; C. Harfley, 4; W. Avanni, 5; J. Potter, 6; W. Willoughby, 7; J. Lewis, 8. Also on Sunday evening, February 27th, at All Saint's, a 1050 of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. J. Rollison, 1; T. Hart (conductor), 2; W. Siggs, 3; H. Bennett, 4; L. Huggett, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; T. Lewis, 7; S. Lewis, 8. And at Christ Church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. H. Knights, 1; H. Colbran, 2; G. Howse, 3; J. Sharp, 4; G. Smith, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

By a Mixed Band Branch, at Horsham.—On Sunday, March 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. T. Hogsflesh, 1; T. Brown, 2; W. Short, 3; F. Knight, 4; H. Wood, 5; H. Burstow, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8.

By the Maresfield Branch, at Maresfield.—On March 1st, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Staplehurst, 1; F. Chatfield, 2; F. Hobden, 3; J. Wickens, 4; J. Searle (conductor), 5; G. Curd, 6. In the second W. Burley rang instead of J. Wickens. First 120's by the whole band excepting the conductor, who have received only four lessons.

By the Steyning Branch, at Steyning.—On Tuesday, February 22nd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 26½ mins. F. Morris, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; F. Chalcraft, 3; C. Chambers, 4; T. Searle, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, February 27th, a 720 of College Single. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Tyler, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. F. Morris, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, March 3rd, a 720 of Yorkshire Court. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, March 6th, a 720 of College Single. G. Gatland, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; T. Searle, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, March 8th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; G. Gatland, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, March 10th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Gatland, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch, at Warnham.—On Tuesday, March 1st, 1887, a 5040 of Plain Bob Triples (Hubbard's ten-part), in 3 hrs. 5 mins. For particulars see peal column. On Saturday, March 5th, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. First on the bells. And a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine Service, on the back six, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Wadey, 2; W. Short, 3; H. Wood, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6. And a 1100 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 40 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Rapley, 1; T. Andrews, 2; W. Wadey, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Cook, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; H. Wood, 7; T. Hogsflesh, 8. And a 960 of Grandsire Triples. G. Rapley, 1; W. Short, 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Wadey, 4; H. Cook, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; T. Hogsflesh, 8. On Monday, March 7th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Hogsflesh, 1; W. Charman (first 720), 2; W. Short, 3; H. Wood, 4; H. Cook, 5; W. Charman, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; T. Wood, 8. And a 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 34 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Cook, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.—ALBUM PRESENTATION.

On Friday, March 11th, at the headquarters, St. Martins' Lane, the Rev. James Utten Todd presented the society with a very beautiful album, bound in crocodile leather. In making the presentation, the rev. gentleman who hails from Dunster, Somersetshire, said the thought occurred to him that such an ornament would be both useful and interesting in perpetuating the portraits of Cumberland ringers. Although there was little chance of past heroes figuring in the pages, he hoped to see those giants of the present day placed therein. The book was arranged for large and small portraits, but the prominent places should be reserved for composers and conductors, as for these men above others he revered.

Mr. John Rogers, an old Cumberland, thanked the rev. gentleman for his kindness in supplying a want long felt by members of the society.

Mr. George Newson, well known for hard work and enthusiasm in the art, responded also, and in a similar strain. A vote of grateful thanks followed.

DALTON.—On Tuesday, March 8th, 1887, at the parish church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Jackson, 1; T. Towson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; J. Burrows, 4; T. Jackson, 5; M. Caddy, 6.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

PERMANENT ENLARGEMENT OF "THE BELL NEWS."

The Proprietors of this journal have great pleasure in announcing that on the commencement of the Sixth Volume it will be PERMANENTLY ENLARGED TO SIXTEEN PAGES. This is rendered necessary by the increased demand upon the space at present at the disposal of its readers. The price will remain the same as hitherto.

REPRINT OF ANOTHER WORK ON CHANGE-RINGING.

The publisher of "THE BELL NEWS" has the pleasure to announce the issue, in penny weekly numbers, of a rare old work upon ringing, entitled "Campanalogia Improved; or the Art of Ringing made easy," &c. This work is printed uniform with "Shipway" and the "Clavis," which have been so eagerly taken up.

The Publisher believes that the re-issues of these various old ringing works, which at the present day are from their scarcity, so difficult of perusal, will be approved of by ringers. Their publication enables all who have an inclination for the useful, as well as the curious, to possess in time a valuable and complete ringing library. The work, of which the first number appeared last week, dates from 1766. The copy, which has been kindly lent to the editor of this journal by Mr. S. B. Goslin, of the Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, belongs to a fifth edition, "Corrected by J. Monk." For the purposes of easy publication it is called after his name, and those intending to take in the penny weekly numbers, should ask for "Monk on Ringing."

The first number appeared last week. All who are desirous of securing copies should do so without delay, as a second reprint is out of the question.

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" 3 "	1s. 8d.

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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, MARCH 19, 1887.

With the present number is completed the fifth volume of our journal. Many of our friends who, from the first appearance of "THE BELL NEWS" up to the present, have been among its warmest supporters, will share the satisfaction we feel at its continued prosperity. Next week, as announced above, we commence the next volume, under happier auspices than ever, for then our paper is to be permanently enlarged to sixteen pages, being just twice the size it was on its first appearance. As we indulge in a retrospect we feel conscious that the uphill task of establishing a paper has in our case been fairly surmounted, and no one rejoices in that fact more

than ourselves. Another phase of our existence has been arrived at, the point to which we have looked forward to is reached, enabling us to get rid of many of our difficulties, and affording us opportunities for effecting many improvements we have so long desired to see. We hope that the enlargement will bring us increased support. There are many members of the Exercise, we are sorry to say, who, from necessity or inclination, do not contribute to our journal, though they are glad of the opportunity of perusing it. May we make an appeal to such as these? Our old and valued friends need no exhortation from us to continue their encouragement to the "THE BELL NEWS."

The Metropolis.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, March 12, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL (REVERSED). Tenor 18 cwt.

HUGH SCARLETT	Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ..	5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS	2.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ..	6.
HENRY A. BARNETT	3.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN ..	7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. ..	4.	W. PYE-ENGLISH	Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

The above band met at Christ Church, Southgate, to attempt 10368 of Grandsire Major, but owing to a death of a gentleman in the parish, a start was not made.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Handbell Ringing.

On Friday, February 25, 1887, Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. WINNY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

JOHN C. MITCHELL ..	1-2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY ..	5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ..	3-4.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN	7-8.

This peal was rung for practice for the silent peal which follows, without the bobs being called or any intimation of them given. There were three or four mistakes, which were corrected by one of the band.

Umpire, Mr. William E. Garrard, who called "go" and "stand."

LONDON.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Silent Peal.

On Friday, March 11, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE GOOSE AND GRIDIRON,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

JOHN C. MITCHELL ..	1-2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY ..	5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ..	3-4.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN	7-8.

The above was strictly a non-conducted peal, rung without bobs or singles being called or the slightest intimation of them given. This is the first time it has ever been performed in this manner upon handbells.

Mr. Wm. Baron, member of the Royal Cumberland Society, and Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, acted as umpires, and took down each lead as rung.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The intermediate meeting of the above society will be held at Moorside Church, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells ready about 2. Meeting at 4. The proposals of the Lancashire Society will be brought forward at this meeting, hoping for a good number of members being present.

The Provinces.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(WARNHAM BRANCH).

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

T. HOGSFLESH Treble.	H. WOOD 5.
H. COOK 2.	H. BURSTOW 6.
T. ANDREWS 3.	H. CHANDLER 7.
W. SHORT 4.	G. WOODMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

The above was rung to commemorate the 23rd birthday of the conductor, and is the first peal in the method by the Sussex County Association.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Thursday, March 10, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS THORPE Treble.	ALFRED CROSS 6.
SAMUEL WEST 2.	*JOSIAH ROGERS 7.
JOHN EACHUS 3.	JAMES THORPE 8.
THOMAS G. DOWNS* .. 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN 9.
A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 5.	JAMES MOULTON Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, of Hyde, Cheshire, and
Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

*First peal of Treble Ten. This peal has the 6th its extent each way in 5-6. Messrs. Cross and Moulton hail from Chester; Mr. Longden from Ashton-under-Lyne; the rest are local men. At the conclusion of this peal Mr. J. Moulton was wished many happy returns of the day, he having attained his 24th year on the above day.

EAST WITTON.

On Thursday, March 10, 1887, in Three Hours,

5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS IN SEVEN DIFFERENT
METHODS;

Being 720 each of the following:—

Single Bob Minor, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Violet,
New London Pleasure, and Duke of York.

Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN CROFT Treble.	WM. CRAGGS 4.
JOSEPH JACQUES 2.	WM. PEACOCK 5.
JOSEPH SHIELDS 3.	CHRIS. BUCKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by CHRIS. BUCKLIN.

The above was rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' Wedding Day, and is the first time it has been rung for 62 years in this steeple. It is intended to ring another for the Jubilee.

BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, March 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL,
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27 cwt.

A. MOULSON Treble.	THOS. POLLITT 6.
J. H. FISHER 2.	J. ANGUS 7.
H. RAISTRICK 3.	J. H. HARDCASTLE .. 8.
R. TUKE, Esq. 4.	J. B. JENNINGS 9.
B. DODSON 5.	W. DARBAY Tenor.

Composed by THOS. POLLITT and conducted by J. H. HARDCASTLE.

B. Dodson hails from Birstall, the rest are members of the local company. This peal, which has the 6th four courses each way in 5-6, was rung to commemorate the birthdays of Messrs. J. H. Fisher and W. Darbey, whose brother ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

Subsequent to the peal, R. Tuke, Esq., was unanimously elected Hon. Captain of the parish church company in place of the late Mr. John Wilkinson.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

OPENING PEAL AT SOUTH CROYDON.

On Friday, March 11, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 26½ cwt. in Eb

SAMUEL GREENWOOD .. Treble.	A. B. CARPENTER, M.B. .. 5.
JAMES TRAPPITT 2.	GEORGE PELL 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 3.	ALFRED BRUCE 7.
JOHN PLOWMAN 4.	THOMAS VERRALL Tenor.

Conducted by A. B. CARPENTER.

This was the first peal on the bells, the account of the opening of which appeared in last week's "BELL NEWS." Messrs. Greenwood and Pell hail from Streatham Bennett, Plowman, and Trappitt from Beddington; and the rest belong to the Croydon Parish Church Society.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(BRIGHTON BRANCH).

On Saturday, March 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

A. A. FULLER Treble.	C. E. GOLDS 5.
W. ALLFREY 2.	G. F. ATTREE 6.
J. SEARLE 3.	J. JAY, SEN. 7.
G. BIGGERSTAFF* .. 4.	W. F. VERNON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

*First peal.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. LINES Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 5.
CHARLES WEBSTER 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
THOMAS STEWARD 3.	CHARLES WARD 7.
CHARLES MEE 4.	PETO MEADOWS Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Messrs. C. Ward and Meadows hail from Meldon, and Mr. C. Webster from Diss, the rest are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs.

CHARLES PRIOR Treble.	HENRY PRIOR, JUN. .. 5.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. 2.	NEHEMIAH TARLING .. 6.
JOHN LUCKEY* 3.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
FREDERICK SWORDER .. 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First peal in any method. Mr. J. Luckey was elected a member of this Association previous to starting for the peal. Messrs. C. and H. Prior, jun., and Mr. J. Luckey hail from Sta'stead, Essex; Messrs. H. Baker and M. Ellsmore from Hertford; Mr. H. J. Tucker from Bishops Stortford; Mr. F. Sworder from Hallingbury; and Mr. N. Tarling from Sawbridgeworth.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 14, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY* .. Treble.	HENRY ODDY 5.
SAMUEL ODDY* 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND 6.
RUFUS THORNTON* 3.	*LEWIS SNOWDON 7.
WILLIAM BOLLAND 4.	HENRY SMITH Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTONSTALL, of Sowerby, and

Conducted by HENRY SMITH.

*First peal.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Birthday Peal.

On Sunday, March 13, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

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

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS.

Bring 720 each of the following:—

Chichester Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Violet, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, and College Pleasure.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES WEEDON Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS 4.
ROBERT JORDAN 2.	EDWIN JORDAN 5.
THOMAS M. STEDMAN* .. 3.	DAVID JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID JORDAN.

*First peal. The above was rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of T. M. Stedman.

ROTHWELL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 14, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS IN FOURTEEN DIFFERENT METHODS;

Being 360 each of the following:—

College Treble, Primrose, Tulip, Royston Delight, Kent, College Exercise, City Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Oxford, and Violet.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH VERITY Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 4.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 2.	STEPHEN STACEY 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 3.	JOHN M. CHADWICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED CHAPMAN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH).

On Tuesday, March 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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

Composed by Mr. HENRY DAINS, of London, and

Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

This peal has not been previously rung.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY

ASSOCIATION.—(BRIGHTON BRANCH).

On Tuesday, March 15, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

JESSE NEVES Treble.	JOHN REILLY 5.
JAMES SEARLE 2.	WILLIAM PALMER 6.
HENRY BONIFACE 3.	JAMES NEVES 7.
JOHN FOX 4.	*GEORGE MURRAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SEARLE.

*First peal. Messrs Reilly and Murray belong to the St. Paul's band, the remainder to the St. Nicholas branch. The above peal is in 5 parts and contains 120 bobs and 10 singles.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—EASTER
HANDBELL COMPETITION.

District Secretaries are reminded that the names of all the members of a band, together with the entrance fees, must be forwarded to me on or before Monday, March 28th, mentioning at the same time the prizes for which it is desired to compete. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

5, St. Paul's Street, Burton-on-Trent.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Handbell Ringing.

On Wednesday, March 16, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. BROWNING, 17, SHIP STREET

(ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND)

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S REVERSED.

Tenor 14 Size, in C.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 1-2.	WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 5-6.
HERBERT J. CASTLE .. 3-4.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 7-8.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Referee, S. HOUNSLOW.

Rang at the first attempt.

This is the second peal of Stedman Triples out of London, the first also being rang by the same company.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks).—On Monday, March 14th, for practice at St. Andrew's Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. McKell, 1; J. Wane, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; W. Clarke, 4; W. Wray, 5; W. Whitaker, 6; C. Langstroth, 7; J. McGoun (conductor), 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, March 9th, at SS. Peter and Paul Church, six members of the local company rang a date touch of 1887 changes, in the following methods, in 1 hr. 10 mins.: 447 of Violet, and 720 each of Tulip and Primrose. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

LAMCASTER.—On Saturday, March 12th, at St. Peter's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins. P. Mulligan (conductor), 1; R. Bibby, 2; W. Crook, 3; C. Carney, 4; R. Wilson, 5; J. Lennon, 6; W. Wearing, 7; H. Smith, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Composed by Mr. W. H. Howard, of York. Longest touch for R. Wilson.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, March 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Gough, 1; H. Malborn, 2; S. Jesson, 3; S. Atkins, 4; A. Malborn, 5; J. Farmer, 6; J. Bates, 7; J. Fullwood, 8; W. Smith, 9; J. Malborn, 10. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed and conducted by J. Fullwood. Messrs. Gough and Smith hail from Darlaston, and Mr. Atkins from Willenhall, the rest belong to the local company.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

STEPNEY.—On Sunday, March 13th, Mr. J. Monday's "Sunday" band attended at St. Dunstan's and rang for evening service 820 of Kent Treble Bob Royal. *H. E. Hammond, 1; J. Pettit (conductor), 2; E. E. Clark, 3; W. Cecil, 4; W. Tanner, 5; H. Springhall, 6; S. E. Joyce, 7; E. Carter, 8; A. R. Aldham, 9; W. Greenleaf, 10. And after service, a 322 of Stedman Caters. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; S. E. Joyce, 3; W. Cecil, 4; W. Tanner, 5; H. Springhall, 6; R. T. Woodley, 7; E. Carter, 8; A. R. Aldham, 9; J. H. Barratt, 10. Messrs. Aldham and Hammond hail from Ipswich and Braintree respectively. *First touch on ten bells.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, March 9th, at St. James' Church, for practice, two plain courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Pearse, 1; W. Paddock, 2; G. Pymm, 3; W. Porch, 4; A. Howell, 5; H. Tucker, 6; J. Hinton, 7; H. Porch, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—Ringing done at the parish church during the month of February.—On Monday, Feb. 7th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; *E. Titt, 2; *J. Pallister, 3; F. Castree, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, Feb. 13th, numerous touches of Grandsire Triples, the longest being 462. J. Pallister, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. W. Cleminson, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. On Sunday, Feb. 27th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and 240 of Oxford Treble Bob. *First 720 in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—On Saturday, March 12th, in 30 mins., 864 of Grandsire Triples. A. Edwards, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Rowland, 3; A.

J. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Hawkes, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; W. Parmenter, 8. Tenor 22½ cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—A 720 of Plain Bob Minor. *W. Wenley, 1; W. Hawkes, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Lincoln, 6. *First 720. W. Wenley is one of the Chelmsford ringers who have been under the instruction of Mr. Perkins, of Romford.

GALLEYWOOD.—On Sunday, March 13th, after service, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. A. Edwards, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Harvey, 3; W. Rowland, 4; W. Hawkes, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; E. Scotcher, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. This quarter-peal, composed by Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, contains twelve 4-6's, twelve 7-4's, and twelve 6-7's.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, March 6th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 of College Single in 25 mins. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; F. Strugnell, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 1st, six members of the above Association paid a visit to the parish church, and rang with the local company some touches of Plain Bob Minor. And for evening service, two 72's, two 108's, 144, 180, and 300 changes were brought round. After service a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, but after ringing 492 changes, stand was called, owing to train time. G. Smith, 1; J. Johnson, 2; W. Dowsett, 3; J. Collin, 4; J. Bedwell, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. The Stanford company, Messrs. W. Brazier, A. Cowell, W. Eves, W. Halls, D. Howell, G. Sand, and E. Lewis, are making progress under the instruction of Mr. H. Deal. Messrs. W. Dowsett and J. Bedwell hail from Prittlewell, G. Smith, J. Johnson, and H. Deal, from Rayleigh; and J. Collins from Great Wakering.

WIDFORD.—On Sunday, March 13th, for afternoon service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 22½ mins. W. Harvey, 1; W. Rowland, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; W. Lincoln, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. This is Mr. Penning's peal of Bob Minor, with 46 calls, viz., twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles.

WRITTLE.—On Tuesday, March 1st, for practice, a 714 of Grandsire Triples. J. Everard, 1; H. Edwards, 2; A. Tarbun, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. Piper, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. This touch, composed by Mr. A. J. Perkins, of Romford, contains six 7-5-6's and six 5-6-7's. On Sunday, March 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 586 of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original). A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob. L. Digweed, 1; W. Harper, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; G. Hayes, 5; G. Martin (conductor), 6.

TENTERDEN.—On Sunday, March 13th, at St. Mildred's Church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), twenty-four bobs, in 50 mins. G. Cramp, 1; A. Bartlett, 2; C. Burton, 3; R. Edwards, 4; J. Sharpe, 5; H. G. Rummery, 6; G. Neve (conductor), 7; H. Holdstock, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in Db. This is the first quarter-peal by the local band.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, February 6th, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, a 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. West, 1; C. Tolley, 2; A. E. Hind, 3; W. Baston (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; W. Finch, 6. Also on Sunday, February 13th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Finch, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; W. J. Fisher (first 720 on an inside bell), 3; C. Tolley, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; A. E. Hind, 6. And on Tuesday, February 15th, at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. P. A. Hind, 1; A. Browning, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; W. Baston, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Bob Minor. C. Sprawson, 1; A. E. Hind, 2; H. J. Castle, 3; A. Browning, 4; C. Tolley, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 22nd, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Sprawson, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. E. Hind, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; H. J. Castle, 6. And on Sunday, February 27th, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. West, 1; C. Tolley, 2; P. A. Hind, 3; W. Jeffery, 4; A. E. Hind, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOMBOURN (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, March 5th, at the parish church, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. G. Little, 1; H. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. And on Sunday, March 13th, for morning

service, 360 of Bob Minor. G. Little, 1; J. E. Claridge, 2; W. Devey, 3; A. Little, 4; G. Deans, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. Also after service a 362 of College Single Minor. G. Little, 1; H. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BRISTOL.—On Thursday, March 10th, at All Saints' Church, 1260 of Stedman Triples (Thurstans), in 43 mins. W. Paddock, 1; A. York, 2; G. Pymm, 3; J. York, 4; W. Porch, 5; A. Howell, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; H. P. O'Meara, Esq., 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells for over twenty years by a local company, and was rung to celebrate the 24th anniversary of the wedding of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. *Muffled Peal*.—On Wednesday evening, March 2nd, the undermentioned members of the St. Stephen's Society rang touches of Grandsire Triples at the Church of Maryleport, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Ormiston (wife of the Rev. J. Ormiston, Vicar of the parish), who was buried in the afternoon, a portion of the funeral service being conducted in the church, which was filled by a very large congregation. G. Stadon, 1; G. Daltry, 2; A. Anderson, 3; C. Millard, 4; E. Beake, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6; W. Emery, 7; J. Palser, 8.

CAERLEON (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, March 13th, at St. Cadoc's Church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. F. A. Weston, 1; W. Arnold, 2; H. Shearn, 3; E. Davies, 4; F. W. Weston, 5; W. Rees, 6; F. Green (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, March 6th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Taylor, 1; W. Kempton, 2; G. Taylor, 3; J. T. Rickman, Esq., 4; I. Rocket, 5; J. Jackson (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 9th, on Seage's dumb apparatus, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Jackson (conductor), 1; W. Kempton, 2; J. T. Rickman, Esq., 3; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 4; J. Rocket, 5; G. Taylor, 6.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, March 12th, Mr. James Moulton tapped a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, followed by a touch of Grandsire Cinques. After a pause, he tapped two courses of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 58 mins.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, March 8th, at St. Peter's Church, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. *F. Lee, 1; †G. Salter, 2; T. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; †H. Adams, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. Tenor 14½ cwt. *First 720. †First 720 on a bob bell. And a 360 on the handbells. W. Smith (longest touch), 1; T. Salter, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6. And three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, on the tower bells. G. Salter, 1; H. Adams, 2; T. Salter (conductor), 3; W. Smith, 4; H. Williams, 5; H. Meredith, 6. W. Smith's longest touch of Doubles.

KINGSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 6th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 25 mins. C. Barrett, 1; J. Lees, 2; J. Guest (conductor), 3; J. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; W. Jones, 6. Also 360 of Grandsire Minor. Messrs. Lees and Bartlett hail from Stourbridge, Mr. J. Guest from Brierley Hill, the rest are local members.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, March 14th, for practice, by the St. John's Society, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. F. Freeman, 1-2; E. Bacon, 3-4; W. Lebbon (conductor), 5-6. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins. F. Freeman, 1-2; W. Lebbon (conductor), 3-4; E. Bacon, 5-6; W. Clark, 7-8. This is the first quarter-peal by the local band double-handed.

Low Moor (Yorkshire).—On Friday evening, March 4th, for practice, a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, (2528 changes), in 1 hr. and 35 mins. T. Pickard, 1; J. Worsnop, 2; A. Wilkinson, 3; J. Briggs, 4; W. Tordoff, 5; W. Moore, 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Dracup (conductor), 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, March 1st, the local company rang at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. W. Taylor, 1; J. Brooks (conductor), 2; H. Wooldridge, 3; G. A. Hatton, 4; A. Folkes, 5; F. Davis, 6. And on Saturday, March 12th, a 720 of Bob Minor (Penning's, forty-two singles), in 24 mins. W. Taylor, 1; A. Folkes, 2; F. Davis, 3; G. A. Hatton, 4; H. Wooldridge, 5; J. Brooks (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 11½ mins. J. Davis, 1; A. Folkes, 2; F. Davis, 3; G. A. Hatton, 4; H. Wooldridge, 5; J. Brooks (conductor), 6. Tenor 3½ cwt.

NORTHWENDEN (Cheshire).—On Thursday, March 10th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Price, 1; T. Brickell, 2; J. Leigh, 3; *J. Wilde (conductor), 4; T. Price, 5; P. Brickell, 6. *First 720 as conductor.

OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On Monday, February 21st, the members of St. Thomas, Stourbridge, paid a visit to St. Mary's Church, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob, in 26 mins. C. Barrett, 1; J. Guest (conductor), 2; H. Harris, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; W. A. Pugh, 6. Tenor 8½ cwt. in Fl. This is the first 720 rang by a Stourbridge band for 16 years at the above church.

SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).—On Thursday, March 10th, at Christ Church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. Harry Baldwin, 1; Richard Hill, 2; W. M. Varley, 3; Joseph Lea, 4; Alfred L. Porter, 5; Adam Rimmer, 6; David E. Rimmer (conductor), 7; William Baldwin, 8. Composed by W. Sholicar.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, March 6th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin, five of the local company with Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, rang for morning service a 720 College Single, in 25½ mins. W. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. And 120 of Plain Bob Minor, standing as before. And for afternoon service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, (with thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. I. Cavill, 1; H. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, February 10th, it being the 24th anniversary of the marriage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. J. Luckey, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; H. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 216 of Plain Bob Minor. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; I. Hammond, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; I. Hammond, 6. And on Sunday, February 13th, for afternoon service, a 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor, with twenty-one bobs and twelve singles, in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; N. J. Pitstow, 3; I. Cavill, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; N. J. Pitstow, 3; H. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; G. Prior, 6. Mr. N. J. Pitstow hails from Saffron Walden. Tenor 13 cwt.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Monday, March 7th, an attempt for a 5040 of Grandsire Triples was made, but owing to a shift course in the fifth part, the bells came round. J. Windridge, 1; J. Timms, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; F. Chapman, 4; F. J. Cope (conductor), 5; H. Slaney, 6; G. Woods, 7; W. Jennings, 8. F. J. Cope hails from Lichfield. And on Monday, March 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. J. Windridge, 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; J. Timms, 4; G. Woods, 5; F. Chapman, 6; H. Slaney (conductor), 7; W. Jennings, 8.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Friday evening, March 11th, at St. Mary's Church, a 240 College Single Minor, 120 of Plain Bob Minor, and 120 of Grandsire Minor. J. Nightingale, 1; T. R. Somerville, 2; W. Short, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; J. Bradshaw, 6. Also a 120 of College Single Minor. W. D. Rodgers, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; W. Short, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. J. Rodgers, 5; J. Bradshaw, 6. And on Sunday morning, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; W. D. Rodgers, 6. And in the evening, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 25 minutes. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Messrs. Short and Bradshaw hail from Bootle. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE CLERKENWELL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the above society was held on Saturday, February 26th, at the "Three Kings" Tavern, Clerkenwell Close, when a most sumptuous repast was served by the worthy host, Mr. Puddington. Mr. J. Bissmire filled the post of chairman, and Mr. C. Banks that of vice-chairman, and after justice had been done to the succulent viands, the toast of "The Queen and the Royal Family" followed, and was loyally received with musical honours. Some excellent songs were then given by the following gentlemen: Messrs. C. Banks, Thornhill, H. Mandeville, J. Bissmire, E. Ricketts, March, J. Rayner, R. Matthews, J. Looker, J. Wilkes, Humphreys, C. Ward, W. Jones, J. Mitchell, R. Allen, A. T. Green, Boyer, and others, Mr. Tait ably presiding at the piano. The ringers also shewed their ability on the handbells. The following toasts were also given during the evening; "The health of the Vicar and Churchwardens," "Success to the Clerkenwell Society," and "The Chairman, Officers, and Friends," and a special toast being also given and responded to by all present in honour of Mr. J. T. Knight's able services as tutor to the ringers, and thus everything passed off very satisfactory to one and all concerned in the doings of the society.

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 CORRECTION.

SIR,—Allow me to correct an error of mine in claiming our peal of Cambridge Surprise at Appleton, on the 1st inst., as the first 5056 ever rung in that method. It appears from your last issue that the Burton men forestalled us by ringing the same peal on February 19th, at Duffield.

F. E. ROBINSON.

Drayton Vicarage, Berks, March 15th, 1887.

GIVE HONOUR WHERE HONOUR IS DUE.

SIR,—Respecting Mr. Dixon's peal of Bob Minor, Mr. Mackman is quite right in saying that it is called Dixon's variations of Bob Minor, but I should like our ringing friends to know that previous to the year 1868, Mr. James Dixon, of Stamford, a man to whom I was well acquainted, only composed a portion of the 720, viz., 616 changes with 118 bobs and six singles, but in the year 1868, Mr. Hollis, of Glenton, completed the peal of 720 changes by introducing twenty more bobs and four extremes, making in all a total of 148 calls. I should like to know if Mr. Dixon is rightly entitled to the peal or if Mr. Hollis is. I should like to see an answer to this in "THE BELL NEWS," by any of our ringing friends or by Mr. Hollis himself.

JOHN SPENCER.

Cavendish Street, Bedford.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL FUND.

SIR,—Permit me to give your readers a brief statement as to the present position of the above. The Committee, in accordance with the resolution passed at Rothwell, have given instructions to Messrs. Powell, of Leeds, to execute the window, and the work is now progressing satisfactorily. The order for the memorial brass has not yet been given, but the whole will be completed and ready for unveiling on Saturday, June 4th, 1887. The total amount of subscriptions received is £52 9s., and in addition £2 3s. 6d. has been promised, but not yet paid in, making a total of £54 12s. 6d. The Committee have decided to close the Subscription List on March 31st, and we respectfully urge all intending subscribers (and those who have promised), to forward their contributions to Mr. W. Mitton, Bradford Old Bank, Ilkley, near Leeds, before that date, so that early in April we may place before the subscribers a complete statement of accounts.

Bradford, March 16, 1887.

R. TUBE. Hon. Sec.

P.S.—Since writing the above, we have received several additional subscriptions.

HANDBELL CONTEST.

A handbell contest took place on Saturday last, at the House of Mr. Robert Johnson, "Cheshire Cheese," Hyde Lane, Hyde, when the proprietor gave £6 10s. od. to be competed for. £6 10s. od. was given for the best courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major. Ten sets competed for five prizes in this contest, a prize of 10s. was given for the best course of Grandsire Caters, and three sets entered. The following is the result:—

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Fifth ..	0	5	0	Aldmondbury	93
				Ashton, Junior	98
				Earlsheaton	102
				Stockport	114
				Ashton Senior	137
				Northenden	248

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First Prize	0	10	0	Liversedge	41
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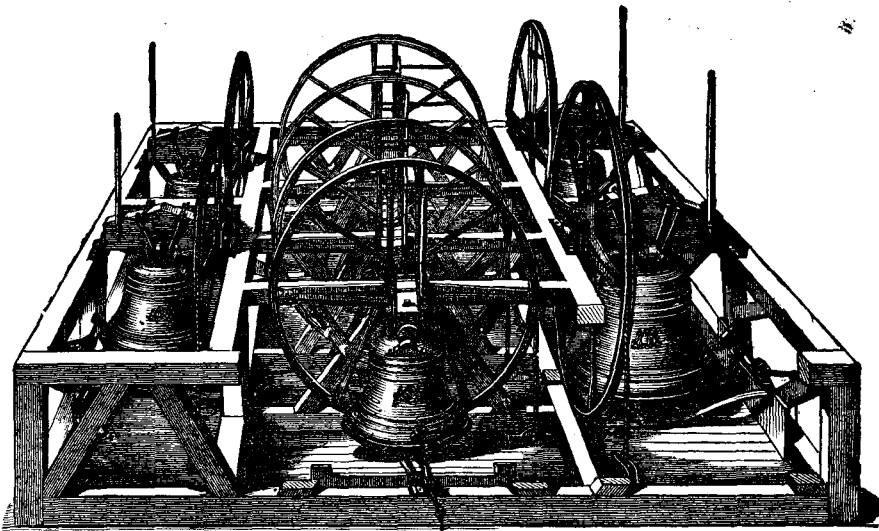
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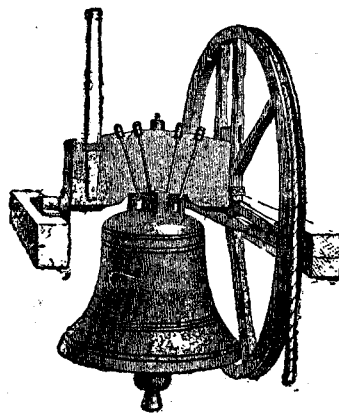
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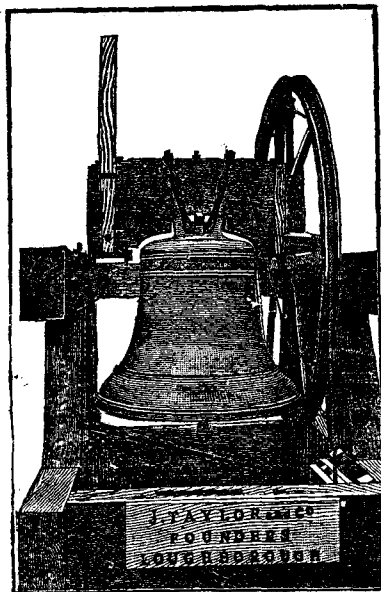
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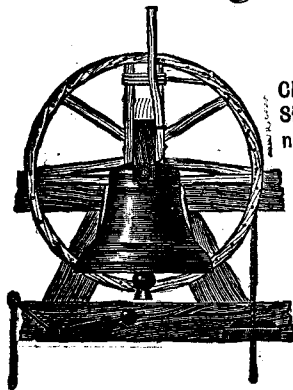
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