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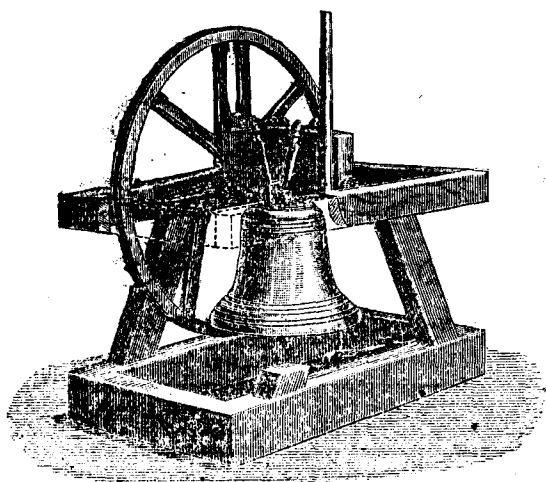
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STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. J. PARKER, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

I have gone over most of the problems again in connection with five and ten-part peals, with a view to matching the behaviour of certain sets, but this time avoiding such problems as would give reverse variations, which considerably reduced the amount of labour. Although the investigation has not proved very profitable by way of giving good peals, it at least gives me some pleasure in being able to add something to our little stock of information upon this interesting method. It is the ten-part question more in particular that I wish to touch upon. I have previously stated that it is not possible to have a ten-part with each part called alike. By noting the result of certain combinations I find that there were only thirty-two problems that could possibly have given such a peal, and if we are to have the peal with more than 240 bobs, it is only these thirty-two problems that can be used, for it must be understood that my previous and present remarks only apply to peals upon the "undisturbed 7th plan." I find there are nine problems which give ten 504s, the whole of which are a complete study. The calling of some of the 504s will not admit of being reversed, as the calling is the same either way. The plan of having the calling of the second half reversed has not been lost sight of in the enquiry, and I find one problem that gives ten 504's which, while all the course-ends remain *in-course*, all the parts are called alike; but if the second series of 504s are reversed the ten invisible 6-7s appear to view. I append the course-ends of one 504 of each series.

504.								504.
2 3 1 4 5 6	3	4	5	6	12	13		1 6 4 3 5 2
5 3 6 4 2 1	-	-	-	-	-	-		5 6 2 3 1 4
3 4 5 2 6 1	-	-	-	-	-	-		6 3 5 1 2 4
6 2 5 4 3 1	-	-	-	-	-	-		2 1 5 3 6 4
2 4 6 3 5 1	-	-	-	-	-	-		1 3 2 6 5 4
5 4 1 3 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	-		5 3 4 6 1 2
2 3 1 4 5 6	-	-	-	-	-	-		1 6 4 3 5 2

I also find it is not possible to have the peal with each part called alike—with one plain course, or one 3-4-7-8-12-13 course inserted into each part between two singles, and I have not noticed a single instance in which the main portion comes as a five-part touch—leaving out five plain courses, or five 3-4-7-8-12-13 course. There is one instance in which the whole thing comes in ten pieces containing only five four-bob sets. Out of about a hundred peals there is only about nine that does not contain six-bob sets. There are eight peals upon the four-quarter-peal plan, which plan seems to me to be so in unison with a perfect ten-part table that I am not so much surprised that a perfect ten-part peal is not to be had, especially when we take into consideration the fact that there were only thirty-two problems that could have given it.

Although the following ten-part peal contains twenty six-bob sets, it is interesting, as it contains ninety changes with 6-7 at back-stroke:—

No. 2.								5040.				In ten parts.
2 3 1 4 5 6	3	4	5	6	7	8	12	13				
3 4 6 1 2 5*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
4 3 6 1 5 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
6 5 4 1 3 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
6 1 2 5 3 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
2 5 4 3 1 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				

*This course-end, in the first instance, is produced with a single at 2; add to the fifth part 3-4-5-6-s14, which will produce the second six of the plain course:—

3 4 6 7 2 5 1	3	4	5	6	7	8	12	13
5 3 6 4 2 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 4 1 3 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 4 6 3 5 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 3 1 5 4 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 6 1 5 2 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 2 4 5 1 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 5 3 1 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

It will now be seen that it was a thousand pities that the problem giving the ten 504s—mentioned in my previous remarks, of which I gave a specimen 504—did not give the thing in peal form, as it would have contained the 6th home every third course, and the 120 changes with 6-7 at back-stroke. However, after spending some time in trying to dovetail the thing together by means of extras and omits, I have dovetailed the two 504s together with eighteen singles, making a ten-part peal. Although the number of singles are objectionable, its musical qualities are not to be lost sight of, and, as I don't fancy Mr. Heywood's plan of giving Stedman Triples, I have adopted the old fashioned plan of giving the six-ends produced by the singles, as I am told that some of our remarks on this point have a tendency to mislead.

No. 3.								5040.				In ten parts.
2 5 1 4 5 6	3	4	5	6	7	8	12	13	14			
5 3 6 7 2 1 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	s
6 3 4 2 5 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 2 1 3 5 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 3 4 5 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Commence the next four parts with two 7-8-12-13-s14 courses.

2 4 5 1 3 6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	12	13
3 4 6 1 2 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 3 6 1 5 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 1 5 4 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 4 6 5 3 2	s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 1 6 5 2 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 4 2 1 5 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 1 3 4 5 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 1 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The first course-end in the next four parts is produced with a single at 2.

No. 4.						5040.			In five parts.						
2	3	1	4	5	6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	12	13	14
3	2	1	4	6	5				-	-					
3	4	5	2	6	1		-	-			-	-			
6	4	1	2	3	5						-	-	-	-	
4	2	3	6	5	1				-	-			-	-	
5	2	1	6	4	3		-	-							
5	6	3	2	4	1		-	-							
4	6	1	2	5	3						-	-	-	-	
6	2	5	4	3	1				-	-			-	-	
2	4	6	3	5	1			-	-	-			-	-	
4	3	1	6	2	5	s									
3	2	5	7	1	4	6		-	-	-					s
4	3	5	2	1	6			-	-						
5	1	4	2	3	6			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

The above peal is the next best to Mr. Heywood's No. 6, as it contains only the four-bob sets, and five six-bob sets. For my part I should prefer five-part peals which are obtained with all the 3-4's bobbed. I find there are two more of the kind—one containing thirty, and the other fifty four-bob sets, not reckoning reverse variations. As these came in the last part of my investigation, I shall not give one, as I feel sure they were discovered by Mr. Heywood or Mr. Bulwer before then.

The following four-part peal, which I discovered on September 20th—and which is the only one of the kind containing thirty-four bob sets—has already appeared in another form by Mr. Washbrook; but as I am inclined to think that I discovered it first, and as I had it ready for publication when Mr. Washbrook's appeared, I shall take the liberty to give it:—

No.	5040.				In four parts.	
<u>2 3 1 4 5 6</u>	5	6	7	8	12	13
3 4 6 1 2 5					-	-
5 3 2 1 4 6	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nine times repeated, call 7-8 in the fourth and ninth divisions. The first course-end in the first instance is produced with a single at 2. Add to the 10th division 12-13-s14, which will produce the second six of the plain course:—

3 4 6 7 2 5 1 3 4 5 6 12 13

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

Nine times repeated. Call 7-8 in the first course of all the other parts except the 6th. It will be seen that the treble is the observation for the extras and omits.

I should like to say a few words upon the six-part question, but in doing so I must first refer my readers to the tale end of my previous remarks. It is there stated in connection with the plan mentioned that there are over 6,500 problems; but in looking closer into the matter I find the actual number is 65,536. These calculations are made in the absence of the necessary knowledge as to which are the likely combinations, in which case everything must be included that would come under a three-part table, hence the number of problems. However, I think I have found out the proper treatment for the 3-4's and 7-8's, but bobbing thirty 5-6's, and thirty 12-13's, would not be likely to produce the peal with six parts called alike. With regard to a twelve-part with the three little bells in front at all the part ends, I find there are not twelve such part ends. This is proved by the fact that out of the sixty in-course course-ends, not one will be found with 4-5-6 in front; therefore 1-2-3 could not come together in front at a tenth six.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 26, eight members of the Perry Barr band journeyed to Upton St. Leonards, near Gloucester, with ambitions of peal-ringing which were unfortunately doomed to disappointment.

Starting by candle-light in the morning, Gloucester was reached about 9 a.m. when the company were met at the station by Mr. James, and another member of the St. Michael's Juniors. After some slight refreshment a fresh start on "shank's" train was made, and the picturesquely-situated church at Upton reached in due course. Here the party were met and warmly welcomed by the Rector, who informed them that everything was in readiness. Shortly after the band were entertained by some of the juveniles of the parish with a peal of rounds, set to a distich rather more vulgar than instructive, anent a venerable Tom Brown.

On arrival at the church the bells were immediately raised and soon at work in Holt's ten-part, under the leadership of Mr. W. E. Smith, the band being stationed thus:—W. H. Godden, 1; G. Mitchener, 2; W. Carte, 3; G. Smith, 4; W. Long, 5; C. Williams, 6; W. E. Smith, 7; C. Fluck, 8. Just as everything seemed to be in good swing, and to promise a fairly-struck peal, a little something happened, and the job was incomplete by eight parts: An adjournment was then made to the "King's Head," and the wants of the inner man attended to.

After dinner another start was made, but a hitch occurred at the half-way single which proved fatal. Although the bells (a nice peal of eight, tenor 18 cwt., recently rehung by Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham) were in capital ringing order, the clappering being remarkably true, it was decided, owing to the lateness of the hour, not to make another attempt.

The return journey to Gloucester was made in the company of Mr. D. Aston, who kindly made arrangements in the evening for a pull on the St. Michael's eight, where more of the Gloucester ringers were met. Altogether a very pleasant day was spent, and the Staffordshire band cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing their sincere thanks to the Rectors of Upton St. Leonards, and St. Michael's, Gloucester, for the use of their bells; to Mr. H. Gardner for the arrangements made at Upton; and to their fellow-ringers of Gloucester for meeting them.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Brentwood, on Saturday, January 18th. Further particulars will be announced. *Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.* T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at Gainsborough on Thursday, December 26th. The Grimsby men were amongst the first arrivals, and had not long to wait before they were joined by a good contingent from Lincoln. The united forces soon set in motion the bells of the parish church, a beautiful peal of eight, tenor 20 cwt., which are in good going order, and rang thereon several touches. During the morning a company (mostly Grimsby men), was formed for Lea, a village two miles out, having a good peal of six, who successfully brought round a 720 Grandsire Minor. Another company visited Corringham and rang several 6-scores of Bob and Grandsire Doubles. By five o'clock all had assembled at the Gainsborough Coffee Tavern and sat down to tea. Amongst those present were Sir C. H. J. Anderson, Bart., Lea Hall; Canon Warner, vicar of Gainsborough; Rev. W. W. Usher, rector of Stow; Rev. C. E. Cockin, rector of Lea; and F. F. Linley, Esq., Vice-President of the Gainsborough centre. The tea being over, the General Meeting was held, the Rev. Canon Warner presiding, F. F. Linley, Esq. occupying the vice-chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read by the Secretary (Mr. J. W. Watson), and confirmed, letters were read from members explaining cause of absence. The meeting unanimously elected Mr. F. F. Linley to represent the Association on the proposed Central Council.

A grant made by the Committee towards the expenses of an Instructor for the Wasingborough society who are anxious to learn change-ringing, was confirmed.

Two Honorary, one efficient, three probationary, and one non-resident Life Member were elected.

Votes of thanks were given to the vicars and churchwardens of Gainsborough and Lea for the use of their bells, which were suitably acknowledged by the respective clergy who welcomed the Association.

Mr. Linley proposed "The Honorary Members," which was responded to by Sir C. H. J. Anderson.

A vote of thanks to the local ringers for the days' arrangements, proposed by Mr. D. W. Brown, of Hull, was unanimously accorded and acknowledged by Mr. J. C. Tinker.

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which brought to a close a very successful meeting.

The ringers again visited the towers and rang several touches until "home" was called.

THE WORCESTER SOCIETY.

The following is the ringing done by members of the above society during Christmas week. On Christmas Eve, at St. John's church, 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. B. Hill, 1; G. Hobbs, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; W. Page, 4; E. Davis, 5; S. Cotton, 6. And some Canterbury Pleasure Minor. On Christmas Day touches of Triples were rung at St. Helen's, and Minor and Doubles at St. John's. On December 26th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Union Triples at St. Helen's church, they visited Croome, and there rang the first 5040 on the bells (see peal column). And on Friday, December 27th, they visited Salford Priors, and after splicing the 2nd and 5th ropes "go" was called for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing well into the last part, the third rope broke and brought it to grief (time 2 hrs. and 40 mins.). F. Owen, 1; E. Davis, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; S. Cotton, 4; W. Johnson, 5; H. B. Kingsford, 6; W. Page, 7; T. Malin, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in F. The rector and local ringers, having expressed their regret at such ill-luck, promised to get some new ropes before their next attempt. Having satisfied the craving of the inner man they walked six miles into Evesham, reaching that place in time to hear the finish of the peal of Stedman, and also to ring a 504 of Grandsire Triples, containing twelve 6-7's. F. Jelf, 1; E. Davis, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; W. Johnson, 4; S. Cotton, 5; W. Page, 6; H. B. Kingsford, 7; two local men, 8. On Saturday, December 28th, they visited Hanbury, but one of the band having missed the train one of the local ringers assisted, but without success. They then returned to the "faithful city," and after expressing a determination to again attempt a peal, as soon as convenient, at one of the above-named churches they parted, and although their efforts had been unsuccessful they had thoroughly enjoyed their holidays,

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Let brotherly love continue."

Hardly have we finished the observance of that great festival which marks the festival of the Church's year, when we find ourselves in the midst of the last moments of the civil year. This again has the one begun and the other ended, and by the time we meet, both "New Years" have been, as of yore, heralded in with the sound of our bells. Christmas is proverbially a season of good wishes; the New Year just as much so a time noted for good resolves for the future. How often these praiseworthy resolutions are doomed to practical failure, and how seldom they are faithfully carried into effect, would be a difficult question to answer, but nevertheless I don't suppose the New Year's Day just passed will have been any less redolent of these than were its predecessors. Be this as it may, as we have kept the festival which has for its watchword "peace and goodwill to men," let us now, at the opening of the civil year, Anno Domini 1890, take Charity for our motto, and in the exercise of that virtue without which "all our doings are nothing worth," so strive to pass the year together that at its close our friendship one toward another may be even more close than it is now, and when we who are spared once more proclaim "peace on earth" we may have cause to rejoice, and our reflections be of the most happy character. That is a good resolution which it would not be difficult to carry out; and in commending it to my friends, I wish them heartily

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

A retrospect of the year that is gone does not disclose anything of a very startling nature amongst its occurrences—so far as the Exercise is concerned. It would seem to have partaken more of the character of a year of steady work and solid progress. Our organisations, as a rule, are I believe, stronger and more firmly established than they were twelve months ago. In peal-ringing, although probably not behind the previous year's total, there has been little in the way of "record beating;" the 13,440 of Canterbury Pleasure Major at Warnham, and the 15,227 of Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham being—if my memory serves me right—the only "five figure" peals recorded.

The hand of death has also as usual been busy in our own ranks. We have thus to mourn the loss of many who were near and dear to us, whose places now know them no more. The venerable parish clerk of Sowerby, Mr. William Sottanstill, who did what he could to benefit the Exercise in a time when all seemed black around, and the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, to whose self-denying labours we in general, and our Norwich friends in particular, owe so much, mark in a prominent manner our obituary for the year that is gone. Of them, as of others, it may be said—"Though they rest from their labours, their works do follow them."

But if we have to mourn for the dead, so have we cause to rejoice for the many who are left amongst us. Notably in this connection, was the assembly which gathered round the festive board at the Colonnade Hotel, Birmingham, on February 28th last, to celebrate in a fitting manner the birthday of our octogenarian friend, Mr. Henry Johnson. "God bless you all!" these words still ring in my ears. May He not only bless us all, but likewise our esteemed and venerable brother who uttered that benediction from the very fulness of his heart.

That celebration, as we all of us know, has borne practical fruit for the good of the Exercise in the formation of that Central Council which, although waiting for Easter next for its permanent establishment, virtually became a *fait accompli* during the year that is gone. If for no other reason than this, then, 1889 has been by no means barren of good fruit; and whatever may be our experiences in regard to it in the "dim and distant future," we must give credit to the old year for having laid the foundation of what has every indication of being a scheme of much benefit to the Exercise.

Well; the present is with us, the past is gone for ever, and the future is before us. How do we stand? That is a very necessary and serious question to ask ourselves. While we have the past to reflect upon for our guidance when now toiling "in the heat of the day," we must look to the future. All our efforts in the present have their effort more or less upon that future. Let us then, as humble instruments in God's hands, to to work His will, so strive that those who follow us may have cause to rejoice and be thankful that we have left them a goodly heritage, and the example of good works and zealous striving to place the Exercise in that position in our Church and country which is its own by right.

FREE LANCE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRELIMINARY.—By kind invitation from the vicar, churchwardens, and ringers, the next General Meeting will be held at Halifax Parish Church on Saturday, February 1st, 1890. Particulars in due course. B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Anniversary Meeting will be held at Prestbury, near Cheltenham, on Monday, January 13th, 1890.

Magor Vicarage.

PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

THE BIRMINGHAM ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

The usual monthly social gathering of members of the above will be held on Saturday, January 4th, 1890, at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 7.30 p.m., by Mr. Henry Johnson, sen. Any ringers, whether members of the Guild or not, will be heartily welcomed.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

THE SOCIETY OF SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

ESTABLISHED 1782.

THE NEXT MEETING of the above society will be held at St. Mary's church, Lewisham, on Tuesday, January 7th, 1890, at 8 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend, as the business to be transacted is of importance.

Greenwich, S.E.

FREDERICK W. THORNTON, Hon. Sec.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A District Meeting will be held at Weybridge, Surrey, on Thursday, January 16th, 1890. The belfry will be open for practice from 3 to 5 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. Special service at 5 p.m. with address. Tea (tickets 1s. each), for those who send notice to the Secretary before Monday, January 13th, at the Coffee Room, near the church at 5.45 p.m. Business Meeting after tea, at which the subject of representation at the Central Council will be discussed.

H. A. SPYERS, Hon. Sec.

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

[FROM THE "MELBOURNE ARGUS."]

THE peal of bells which has been procured for and presented to the trustees of St. Paul's Cathedral by Mr. J. Dyer Edwardes, a former resident of Victoria, but now resident in England, arrived in the colony some weeks ago, and strenuous efforts were made to complete their erection in one of the southern towers of the Cathedral at a date sufficiently early to permit of the presence of His Excellency Sir Henry Loch at the dedication ceremony. It proved that there was not a day to spare, and it was only yesterday morning, November 15th, a few hours before the departure of His Excellency for the Cape of Good Hope, that the object was accomplished. The dedication service prescribed for such occasions took place at eleven o'clock in the Cathedral, the interior of which is still incomplete, and was attended by a large gathering, including Sir Henry Loch and Miss Loch. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Melbourne, and His Excellency was afterwards escorted aloft to the belfry, where the members of the Victorian Society of Bell-Ringers, under the captaincy of Mr. J. Guest, were in readiness to send forth the first merry peal. His Excellency was invited to strike the first note on the great tenor, and having divested himself of his coat, for the morning was sultry, he followed the directions of the captain, and the bell sounded out again and again, to the astonishment of half the people in the city. Then the ringers were called to their places, and a full peal was played, followed by Queens, and the familiar "Turn again, Whittington," upon twelve bells. When the ringing had ceased, Miss Guest, daughter of the captain, stepped forward, and presented the Governor, for Lady Loch, with an exquisite floral design in the shape of a bell, of white carnations, with the words "St. Paul's" worked in blue cornflowers. Sir Henry Loch acknowledged the gift in kindly terms, and congratulated all concerned upon the acquisition of such a fine peal of bells. The ringers played a series of chimes during the afternoon, and "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the Queen" were rung out as the Governor passed through the city on his way to the ship that is to carry him to South Africa.

The bells were cast at the noted foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, London, whose business was founded when Elizabeth was Queen. The peal consists of thirteen bells, a semi-tone being added to the proper peal of twelve. The tenor bell weighs $31\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., and is 4ft. 8in. in diameter. It bears the inscription—"Gloria in Excelsis Deo; Donator, John Dyer Edwardes." The smallest bell of the peal weighs $5\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. The semi-tone, or sharp second, which is added to the peal of twelve, enables the ringers to play a light peal of eight, a heavy peal of eight, and a peal of ten and twelve. It will also give a very light octave in front, with a tenor of about 12 cwt., and as this is a warm climate it is likely that the five larger bells will be seldom used in summer-time. The bells are in the key of C sharp. English change-ringing, as exemplified in the peal of St. Paul's, necessitates the erection of a strong frame, with wheels, etc., for raising the bells, which make a complete revolution to every stroke of the clapper, the volume of sound being much increased by the rapid motion thus given to the bells, which are then heard to a great distance. In the present instance the bells are rung up, that is, they are upside-down when at rest, which gives the peal a peculiar appearance when first seen. Mr. Guest and his bellringers are unanimous in their praises of the tone of the bells, and of the way in which they have been hung, and all who heard them will agree that they are a very pleasant addition to our city life. So far as actual weight is concerned, the peal is not remarkable. There are many great tenors which weigh more than $31\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. The tenor of York Minster weighs nearly 54 cwt., and the tenor of Bow Bells weighs over 53 cwt. The largest bell of the peal at St. James's Church, Melbourne, weighs only 13 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lb., but Messrs. Mears and Stainbank shipped two years ago to the

Roman Catholic Cathedral in Brisbane a bell of 35 cwt., which is the heaviest they have sent to Australia. It may be interesting to append the exact weight of some of the largest church bells in the colonies. They are as follows:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Brisbane (R.C.) Cathedral, 1887	35	0	0
Sydney (R.C.) Cathedral, 1882	25	2	16
Ballarat, Alfred Memorial Tower, 1869	22	3	21
Maryborough, Queensland, 1887	21	0	4
Sandhurst, Victoria, 1872	20	3	9
Sydney, St. Philip's, 1858	20	1	12
Sydney, St. Matthew's, 1849	15	2	19
Geelong, St. Paul's, 1867	13	3	17
Melbourne, St. James's, 1852	13	0	17
Walkerville, South Australia, 1886	12	3	17
Parramatta, New South Wales, 1860	10	1	5
Hobart, Trinity Church, 1846	9	3	1
Darling Point, St. Mark's, 1861	8	3	22

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, December 14th, the Rev. W. J. Down, in the absence of the Rev. Dr. Cosens (vicar), with Messrs. M. and W. L. Smith (churchwardens), attended, at the invitation of the ringers, a meeting in the belfry, to unveil a tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Caters rang on January 29th, 1889. The Rev. W. J. Down commenced by offering up prayer. Letters of apology were read from Messrs. J. Russell and C. Oaks, the late churchwardens. A code of rules was read and approved by the church officials and the ringers. Mr. Spittle, the captain, then gave a short history of the bells, including some peals rung on them, from which it appears that the bells were opened on January 4th, 1819, by the St. Martin's Youths, of Birmingham, who rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal (5200 changes), in 3 hrs. 37 mins., composed by Thos. Thurstans, and conducted by Thos. Chapman. On November 20th, 1820, the St. Martin's Youths rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal (5000 changes), in 3 hrs. and 22 mins., conducted by Thos. Thurstans. On August 30th, 1824, the same society rang a peal of Grandsire Caters (5075 changes), in 3 hrs. and 12 mins., composed and conducted by Joseph Powell. On August 14th, 1848, a mixed company rang a peal of Stedman Caters (5001 changes), in 3 hrs. and 20 mins. The art of change-ringing was unknown among the local band until the year 1851, when Mr. Wm. Micklewright, sen., came to reside in the town. He at once took steps to teach the ringers how to ring by method. After various obstacles placed in his way, chiefly through the prejudice of the old-fashioned ringers, his efforts were so successful, that with the assistance of his father, Richard Micklewright, and a friend from Wolverhampton, he conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples, with five of his pupils, members of the local band, standing in: S. Spittle, not 16 years of age, being one, and Edwin Fellows, the same age, another. This was in November 1852, the day the late Duke of Wellington was buried (the bells being half-muffled), the first peal of changes ever rung by any Dudley ringers. Several peals have been rung since by mixed companies, but the present are the only local company that ever achieved a peal of Caters without the assistance of strangers. The tablet, said Mr. Spittle, addressing the rev. gentleman, we wish you now to unveil, bears a record of it.

The Rev. W. J. Down then unveiled the tablet, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on that occasion. He was delighted to hear of the success already attained, and hoped they would continue united, so that they may make further progress in the science. The churchwardens expressed their pleasure at being there that afternoon, and in a few well-chosen remarks, encouraged the company to continue earnest in their work, and promised to give them all the help they could. A touch of Grandsire Caters, 1277 changes, was then rung by T. Hill, 1; F. Fellows, 2; J. Fellows, sen., 3; J. Mills, 4; J. Fellows, jun., 5; E. Fellows, sen., 6; S. Spittle, 7; Wm. Micklewright (conductor), 8; J. Goodman, 9; Edwin Fellows, jun., 10.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

FIVE PEALS OF BOB TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

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

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 M O W H

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

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

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

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

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

Each to be five times repeated, single at
 midway and end.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By GEORGE HAYWARD, *Bromsgrove.*

16,326

2 3 4 5 6

6 2 3 5 4 7th in and out at 2
 3 6 2 5 4 9 in 3
 2 3 6 5 4 9 in 3
 6 3 4 5 2 7-9
 4 3 2 5 6 7-9
 2 4 3 5 6 9 in 3
 3 2 4 5 6 9 in 3
 4 2 6 5 3 7-9
 6 4 2 5 3 9 in 3
 2 6 4 5 3 9 in 3
 4 6 3 5 2 7-9
 3 4 6 5 2 9 in 3

2 3 4 5 6 9 in 3 s
 4 2 3 5 6 9 in 3
 3 4 2 5 6 9 in 3
 2 4 6 5 3 7-9
 6 4 3 5 2 7-9
 3 6 4 5 2 9 in 3
 4 3 6 5 2 9 in 3
 6 3 2 5 4 7-9
 2 6 3 5 4 9 in 3
 3 2 6 5 4 9 in 3
 6 2 4 5 3 7-9

Repeated with 7th in 2 instead of 7th in
 and out at 2, produces—

3 5 4 6 2

5 6 4 3 2 7 in 3

4 3 6 5 2 7 in and out at 2
 6 3 2 5 4 8-9
 2 6 3 5 4 9 in 3
 4 5 6 2 3 8 in 2
 6 4 5 2 3 9 in 3
 5 6 4 2 3 9 in 3
 4 6 3 2 5 8-9
 3 4 6 2 5 9 in 3
 6 3 4 2 5 9 in 3
 3 2 4 6 5 8 in 3
 4 2 5 6 3 8-9
 5 4 2 6 3 9 in 3
 2 5 4 6 3 9 in 3
 3 6 5 2 4 8 in 2
 5 3 6 2 4 9 in 3
 6 5 3 2 4 9 in 3
 3 5 4 2 6 8-9
 4 3 5 2 6 9 in 3
 5 4 3 2 6 9 in 3
 4 2 3 5 6 8 in 3

The last twenty courses five times re-
 peated 8-9 instead of 7 in and out at 2,
 single at the last call of the third and sixth
 parts, produces 23456978; round by calling
 the 7th and 2nd into the hunt.

This peal contains the 120 courses with
 the bells in the titum positions, and is the
 first peal ever composed in six parts con-
 taining the 120 courses with only two
 singles.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By SAMUEL MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

5152.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

The 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, the
 2nd or 3rd in the hunt at each course-end.

TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. W. SEDGLEY, *Kings' Lynn.*

5440.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

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

Repeat for the peal of 5440; and for the
 peal of 5008 repeat the first 14 courses, and
 continue as follows:—

5008.

6 3 5 2 4 W B M H

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

Mr. W. E. Pope hails from Staplehurst, Kent, and this is his first peal in the method.

The Provinces.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 20, 1889, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ALFRED BROWNING 2.	JESSE AVERY 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 8.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 4.	HARRY WOODWARDS 9.
ALFRED P. GODDARD 5.	STEDMAN WHITE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1889, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6354 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. in Eb.

HENRY HIPKISS Treble.	JAMES HALL 6.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	CHARLES TIMMS 7.
JOHN R. FRISBY 3.	REUBEN HALL 8.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 4.	CHARLES PRICE 9.
SAMUEL REEVES 5.	THOMAS ADKINS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN., and
Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal is the longest on the bells, and also the longest by this society.

MERTON COLLEGE, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 23, 1889, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 36 cwt. in D.

REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Treble.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 5.
JOHN CLARK TRUSS, JUN. .. 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 4.	K. PAYNE AND A. TOMBS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 23, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

GRANDSIRE, OXFORD, COLLEGE SINGLE, PLAIN BOB, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM HUXLEY Treble.	HARRY MORRIS 4.
JOSEPH SMITH 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
CHARLES BOUGHTON 3.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First 5040 on six bells by all; also the first 5040 on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. Great credit is due to J. Barber for ringing the tenor. H. Morris hails from Hagley.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, December 25, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

G. TREAGUS Treble.	F. LUXFORD 5.
E. EDE 2.	W. SHORT 6.
C. BLACKMAN 3.	H. CHANDLER 7.
G. BAKER 4.	J. BALCHIN Tenor.

Conducted by E. EDE.

*First peal as conductor. Chandler and Short hail from Warnham.

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 24, 1889, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR MINOR METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following

720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, TWO 720S EACH OF OXFORD BOB, CANTERBURY PLEASURE AND PLAIN BOB.

Tenor about 7 cwt. in Bb.

EDWARD JACOBS* .. Treble.	†ROBERT LINTER 4.
HENRY GRIFFIN* 2.	†WILLIAM LINTER 5.
EDWIN WARREN* 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First 5040. †First 5040 on six bells. This is the first peal rang on the bells. G. Williams hails from Brighton, the rest are of the local band.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 24, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK WHITE .. Treble.	WILLIAM BENNETT 5.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD 2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 6.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD 3.	HARRY WOODWARDS 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	*FRANK BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 25, 1889, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JESSE GARMAN Treble.	GEORGE CHARMAN 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
GEORGE WOODMAN 4.	FRANK GARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This peal was finished just after seven o'clock in the morning.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 23, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

* LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE, WOODBINE, COLLEGE EXERCISE, KENT, COLLEGE PLEASURE, VIOLET, AND DUKE OF YORK.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK FINCH .. Treble.	THOMAS LINFIELD 4.
JAMES HILLS 2.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. 5.
THOMAS PARSONS 3.	CHARLES HILLS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

HUNTLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 25, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

5040 CHANGES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES;

BEING TEN 6-SCORES WITH PLAIN LEADS, AND THIRTY-TWO WITH EXTREMES.

Tenor about 10 cwt.

E. RYLAND Treble.	F. MARSHALL 4.
S. JAMES 2.	J. H. BRAUN 5.
H. HATCH 3.	T. RUCK Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. BRAUN.

First 5040 by all except the conductor. S. James and T. Ruck were elected members of the association previous to starting.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,
5376 CHANGES.

GEORGE WOODMAN Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	FELIX KNIGHT 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
WALTER WADEY 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent before the tenor, and now rung for the first time.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

JESSE GARMAN Treble.	HENRY BURSTOW 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	FELIX KNIGHT 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
GEORGE WOODMAN 4.	THOMAS FAIRS Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

This is Woodman's 50th peal, and the first peal by the tenor man.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, MAIDSTONE.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED PALMER* Treble.	REUBEN SIMMONDS 5.
GEORGE PAWLEY 2.	JOHN GRANSBURY 6.
ALFRED H. WOOLLEY 3.	CALEB PAYNE 7.
THOMAS MANNERING 4.	†WILLIAM PALMER Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

ELHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SIDNEY FINN* Treble.	*JOHN HERBERT CHEESEMAN 5.
GEORGE FINN* 2.	HENRY GORDON FAIRBRASS 6.
REV. D. JONES* 3.	†ARCHIBALD ALLEN 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	ALBERT TANTON Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GORDON FAIRBRASS.

*First peal of Grandsire.

†First peal with a bob bell.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 2] Tenor 19½ cwt.

REUBEN FLAXMAN Treble.	ALBERT W. GARRAWAY .. 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	ALLEN H. TABER 6.
SYDNEY CARTER 3.	JOHN BASDEN 7.
GEORGE STANBROOK 4.	CHARLES CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

This is S. Carter's maiden peal, and J. Basden's first peal as conductor. At Hounslow, the same day, the band were unsuccessful with a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, after ringing 3000 changes, in which E. Willis of Eton took part.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 42 cwt. in C♯.

WILLIAM FINCH* Treble.	WILLIAM BENNETT 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD* 3.	*WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 8.
WILLIAM C. BASTON* 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 9.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD 5.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by

JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Royal. This is the first peal ever rung on the Cathedral bells with the tenor turned in, and contains the 6th her extent wrong and right. The tenor has recently been rehung.

TYLEHURST, BERKSHIRE.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 1).

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

JOHN DAY* Treble.	ALBERT E. REEVES 5.
HENRY GOODGER* 2.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 6.
FRANK HOPGOOD* 3.	WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS .. 7.
WILLIAM GOSELTINE 4.	*WILLIAM HIGGS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS.

*First peal.

CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being two 720s each of the following:

CANTERBURY PLEASURE, PLAIN BOB, GRANDSIRE, AND ONE 720 OF
OXFORD BOB.

FREDERICK OWEN Treble.	H. BRUCE KINGSFORD .. 4.
ERNEST DAVIS* 2.	SAMUEL COTTON 5.
LIONEL LONGNEY 3.	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

*First 5040. First 5040 of Minor by all. It was proposed to attempt the peal in seven methods, but owing to the absence of two Treble Bob men, those methods were abandoned.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIMES Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 5.
ALFRED WIGHTMAN 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 6.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 3.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM GARRARD and Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

This peal is now rung for the first time. Grimes belongs to Debenham; the others hail from Creetingham, Framsdon, and Earl Soham.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM BOUGHTON Treble.	THOMAS LEES 5.
CHARLES BOUGHTON 2.	THOMAS BARBER 6.
JOHN BARBER 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE 4.	JOSEPH SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

W. F. Hartshorne hails from Harts Hill, Lees from Hagley, the others from Clent.

CLEMENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS,
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB, OXFORD SINGLE, COLLEGE SINGLE,
PLAIN BOB, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, AND GRANDSIRE.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BOUGHTON* .. Treble.	CHARLES BOUGHTON .. 5.
THOMAS BARBER* 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
JOHN BARBER 3.	JOSEPH SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First 5040 on six bells.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

COLLEGE EXERCISE, WOODBINE, COLLEGE PLEASURE, VIOLET, DUKE
OF YORK, AND KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK FINCH .. Treble.	THOMAS PARSONS .. 4.
THOMAS LINFIELD 2.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. 5.
JAMES HILLS 3.	CHARLES HILLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS VERRALL .. Treble.	*ROBERT RICHARDS .. 5.
WILLIAM J. CHAMBERS† .. 2.	ALFRED BRUCE .. 6.
ALFRED ARNOLD 3.	†WILLIAM HILL .. 7.
WILLIAM STATES 4.	C. ROSER AND W. TODD Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. CHAMBERS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor. This was rung
to celebrate the 21st birthday of the conductor, which fell on the 27th ult.

HOLBECK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS HARRISON .. Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD .. 5.
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM .. 2.	JOHN WHITAKER .. 6.
HENRY MOSS 3.	FRANK WOODHEAD .. 7.
STEPHEN BASNETT 4.	DAVID YORKE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, of Mottram, and

Conducted by HERBERT W. NEEDHAM.

BRIVETT, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED HOLLAND .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. AYLING .. 5.
HUGH SULTON 2.	ARTHUR BAKER .. 6.
JOHN PAICE 3.	RICHARD HASTED .. 7.
EDWARD PARSONS 4.	JOHN BAKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HUGH SULTON

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

THOMAS WRIGHT .. Treble.	WILLIAM HALE .. 5.
DAVID MARMENT 2.	JEREMIAH WAGER .. 6.
ELIJAH KING* 3.	†WILLIAM RYLAND .. 7.
CHARLES WEST* 4.	ALFRED TRIGG .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM RYLAND.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal. West is only 17 years of age. The above was
rung on the front eight, and is the first peal rung on them since the two trebles were
recast in 1887, by Mears and Stainbank. In an attempt a fortnight ago it was lost in
the last part.

KELSALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FREDERICK ARGENT .. Treble.	HENRY J. BUTTON .. 5.
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 2.	WILLIAM BUTTON .. 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3.	THOMAS E. SHEARING .. 7.
RICHARD W. STANNARD .. 4.	JOHN FLEGG .. Tenor.

Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. All the above hail from Leiston.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR;
5184 CHANGES.

JOHN HARDING .. Treble.	JOHN PLOWMAN .. 5.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 3.	CHARLES BANCE .. 7.
GEORGE WELLING 4.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method by
the Surrey Association. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate
the thirty-eighth birthday of Mr. John Plowman. All the band belongs to the St.
Mary's (Beddington) Society. The peal was well struck throughout, and is the result
of six attempts, in the course of which some 18,000 changes have been rung.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 30, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JESSE GARMAN .. Treble.	HENRY BURSTOW .. 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
GEORGE WOODMAN 4.	JAMES GARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BRIGHTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM ALLFREY .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 6.
JOHN JAY, SEN. 3.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	*HARRY TUGWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

*First peal. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled for the Midnight Ser-
vice on New Year's Eve.

Date Touches.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, December 8th, at the church of All Saints, for evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1889 changes), in 1 hr. and 8 mins. E. Rogers, 1; H. Rogers, 2; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 3; F. Bissley, 4; R. Smith, 5; G. Stanbrook, 6; E. Willis, 7; H. Gilding, 8. Composed by J. W. Washbrook (Oxford). Messrs. Stanbrook and Willis hail from Windsor; the rest are local men.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

TIVERTON (Devon).—On Wednesday, December 11th, at the parish church, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. E. Munday, 1; J. Grater, jun., 2; W. Grater, 3; J. Grater, 4; R. Grater, jun., 5; T. Harvey, 6; J. Babbage (conductor), 7; C. Leat, 8.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Monday, December 2nd, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. W. Hussley, 1; T. Barber, 2; C. Boughton, 3; H. Morris, 4; W. Short (conductor), 5; G. Smith, 6. Also 2160 in 1 hr. 18 mins. in the following methods: a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, College Single and Plain Bob, the band standing as before. First 720 of Oxford Single Bob by Morris and Barber.

HAGLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, December 3rd, for practice, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob with the tenor behind. D. Davis, 1; F. Wright, 2; T. Barber, 3; W. Short, 4; T. Lees, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6; H. Morris, 8. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. F. Wright, 1; T. Barber, 2; T. Tees, 3; H. Morris, 4; J. G. Smith, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Wright and Lees.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, December 4th, the Wirral branch of the above Guild rang, for practice at the parish church, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Wilcox (conductor), 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Helsby, 5; S. Strong (first in the method), 6. And on Sunday, December 8th, 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. T. Povall (conductor), 1; G. Royden, 2; S. Strong, 3; J. Sutton, 4; J. Griffiths, 5; G. Kendrick, 6. Also on Sunday, December 15th, 720 in the same method (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 25½ mins. T. Povall (conductor), 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; J. Sutton, 4; G. Kendrick, 5; S. Wood (Wallasey), 6. And on Wednesday, December 18th, for practice, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. *T. Povall, 1; *G. Royden, 2; *G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; *W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Helsby, 6. *First 720 in the method. First 720 of Treble Bob on the bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday, November 25th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Woodbine. T. Bozzard, 1; J. Pallister, 2; W. Charlton, 3; J. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. *E. Bozzard, 1; T. Bozzard, 3; the others standing as before. *First 720 of Treble Bob. Also on Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Bozzard, 1; T. Bozzard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; E. Titt (conductor), 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Castree, 6; F. Charlton, 7; J. Pallister, 8. And on Monday, December 2nd, a 720 of Plain Bob. E. Bozzard, 1; T. Bozzard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; F. Charlton, 4; A. Chapman, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Also six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with W. Hawes treble. Also on Monday, December 16th, for practice, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. E. Bozzard, 1; T. Bozzard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; J. Shipp, 4; F. Charlton, 5; D. Shipp, 6; J. Pallister (conductor), 7; J. G. Pratt, 8. Also a 720 of Plain Bob. J. Pallister, 1; J. Shipp, 2; T. Bozzard, 3; F. Charlton, 4; A. Chapman, 5; D. Shipp (conductor), 6. Chapman and Hawes hail from Dickleburgh, and Messrs. Shipp from Staindrop.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berkshire).—On Tuesday, December 3rd, being the occasion of the visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice, to open a grand bazaar in the new town hall, at St. Lawrence's church, the following touches: 395 of Grandsire Caters, 1025 and 575 in the same methods, and 503 of Grandsire Triples, by the following members, B. White, C. Foxell, E. Reeves, W. Hallaway, W. Gosletine,

W. Johnson, W. Higgs, W. Newell, L. Hibbert, J. Tarrant, G. Talbot, C. Chapman, W. J. Williams (conductor). Also on Tuesday, December 10th, for practice, on the first six, a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. B. Foxell (aged 12), 1; G. Foxell (aged 11), 2; C. Foxell (aged 16), 3; C. Chapman, 4; W. Newell, 5; C. Mortimer, 6.

GORING (Oxon).—On Tuesday evening, December 10th, the local band, with the assistance of T. Pocock (Whitchurch, Oxon), succeeded in ringing their first 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins., and the first on the bells. *J. Wedge, 1; T. Pocock, 2; *W. Aldridge, 3; *W. Moss, 4; *G. Wilson, 5; J. Bower (conductor), 6. *First 720 in any Minor method. And three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. C. Tidbury, 1; W. Aldridge, 2; J. Wedge, 3; W. Moss, 4; G. Wilson (conductor), 5; T. Pocock, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, December 3rd, for practice at the parish church, a 560 of Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; J. G. Norris, 2; W. Jennings, 3; W. Ward (conductor), 4; A. Williams, 5; H. Jennings, 6; E. Hatcher, 7; A. Ward, 8. Also a 700 of Grandsire Triples. J. Hewett, 1; A. Williams, 2; O. Coombes (conductor), 3; J. G. Norris, 4; W. Jennings, 5; H. Jennings, 6; W. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. And on Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, a 532 of Grandsire Triples. A. R. Ward, 1; O. Coombes, 2; W. Jennings, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; W. Ward, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; E. Hatcher, 7; A. Ward, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 1st, before Divine service in the evening, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Brookes, 5; J. Williamson, 6. Also on Monday evening, December 2nd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, for practice, in 25 mins. J. Ridyard, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Potter (conductor), 3; J. Williamson, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Also on Monday evening, December 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 24½ mins. J. Ridyard, 1; J. Worthington (conductor), 2; J. Potter, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Brookes, 5; W. Denner, 6. Also a 720 in the same method, in 25 mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington (conductor), 2; A. Potter, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. Brookes, 5; J. Ridyard, 6. Also on Christmas day, a 720 of Bob Minor, before service in the morning, in 24 mins. J. Brooke, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Ridyard, 3; S. Oakes, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. Mr. J. Ridyard hails from Worsley, the others are all of the local company.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 5th, at the parish church, a 1260 of Grandsire Triples. C. Blackman, 1; W. Twigg, 2; E. Ede, 3; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Luxford, 6; G. Balchin (conductor), 7; J. Balchin, 8. Also on Monday, December 16th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; G. Balchin, 2; F. Luxford, 3; G. Baker, 4; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 5; C. Blackman (conductor), 6; E. Ede, 7; J. Balchin, 8. And on Wednesday, December 25th, a 672 of Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; E. Ede, 2; W. Twigg, 3; G. Baker, 4; C. Blackman, 5; F. Luxford, 6; G. Balchin, 1; C. Hayler, 8. Also on Thursday, December 26th, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford, 2; C. Blackman, 3; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 4; E. Ede, 5; G. Baker (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, December 29th, a 1260 of Grandsire Triples. L. Gibbs, 1; G. Baker, 2; F. Luxford, 3; W. Twigg, 4; R. Walters, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; J. Balchin, 8. Gibbs hails from Cuckfield; Walters from Chichester.

FELPHAM (Sussex).—On Wednesday, December 11th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. F. Luxford, 1; G. Baker, 2; F. Lindfield, 3; C. Blackman, 4; E. Ede, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 1; G. Baker, 2; F. Luxford, 3; T. Lindfield, 4; C. Blackman, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. A. Biggs, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; *E. E. Foreman, 3; C. Couchman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; W. Arnold, 7; W. Wallace, 8. *First quarter peal. Ransom belongs to Boughton; Foreman to Hemhill.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, December 9th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor. M. Digby, 1; L. Digweed, 2; H. Digby, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Wednesday, December 11th, 1889, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (two bobs and thirty-four singles), in 24½ mins. J. Luckey, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Cavill (conductor), 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts, 6. And on Sunday, December 15th, for morning service, a 720 of Double Court, in 23½ mins. T. J. Watts, 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob, in 24 mins. (three bobs and eighteen singles), composed by Mr. H. J. Tucker of Bishop Stortford. W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; I. Cavill, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, December 18th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. I. Hammond, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey (conductor), 5; W. Watts, 6. And on Sunday, December 22nd, for Divine service in the morning, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and ten singles), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, a 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. †W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the method. Tenor 13 cwt.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, December 13th, at St. Mary's church for practice, a quarter-peal of Union Triples. W. C. Emery, 1; *J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; *A. Tarbun, 5; A. Edwards, 6; W. J. Piper (conductor), 7; †C. Porter, 8. †First quarter-peal in any method. *First quarter-peal of Union Triples. Composed by W. J. Piper.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, December 12th, at the church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Baker, (longest touch), 1; T. Jowett (longest touch), 2; J. Taylor, 3; C. F. Allison (conductor), 4; G. Weldon, 5; T. Nixon, 6; J. W. Chapman, 7; T. Scrimshaw, 8. Tenor about 15 cwt. 3 qrs.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

TERRINGTON (Norfolk).—On Friday evening, December 27th, at St. Clement's Church, a 240 of Bob Minor, F. Easton, 1; E. D. Secombe, 2; R. Howling, 3; A. Wright, 4; J. Herring, 5; W. Mallett, 6. This touch was rung with the bells half-muffled, followed by another touch, in respect to the memory of the lamented Bishop of Durham, who was buried on that day. As Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity in Cambridge University, Dr. Lightfoot was Rector of Terrington, and restored the chancel of the church at his sole expense.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 15th, for service at St. Michael's parish church, a 704 of Grandsire Cinques. W. Burgess, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; T. Taylor, 3; W. Smith, 4; J. Wood, 5; D. Heap, 6; J. Adams, 7; J. Gillot, 8; B. Broadbent, 9; J. Mellor, 10; S. Wood (conductor), 11; J. Andrew, 12. Tenor 27½ cwt.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, December 11th, at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 19½ mins. *G. King, 1-2; G. Williams (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. G. Williams, 5-6. *First 720 on handbells. And on Thursday, December 12th, 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 15 mins. G. Thwaites, 1-2; G. King, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; Mrs. G. Williams, 7-8; Also on Sunday, December 15th, 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 15 mins. G. Thwaites, 1-2; G. King, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; Mrs. G. Williams, 7-8.

LEEK (Staffordshire).—On Friday, December 6th, for practice, at the parish church, a 1008 of Bob Major, in 37 mins. T. Rider, 1; F. Walwin, 2; W. Wood, 3; H. Carding, 4; A. Holtom, 5; E. Sherett, 6; T. Turner (conductor), 7; W. H. Armitt, 8.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, December 10th, for practice at St. Saviour's Church, the last 504 of (Thurstans' Bob and Single) Grandsire Triples. J. Bradley, 1; Standing, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; J. Watts, 5; J. Shepherd (conductor), 6; W. Haworth, 7; W. Bradley, 8. Also a 336 of Bob Major. T. Bradley, 1; Standing, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; A. Rothwell, 5; W. Haworth, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. Watts, 8.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, December 1st, at St. Gabriel's church, a 1260 of Grandsire Doubles, being ten and a half 6-scores, each called differently, in 42 mins. R. G. Knowles (conductor), 1; W. Tarling, 2; F. Lane (longest touch), 3; A. Pitt, 4; H. T. Knowles, 5; W. Worthington, 6. Also a course of Plain Bob. F. Lane, 1; W. Tarling, 2; R. G. Knowles, 3; A. Pitt, 4; H. T. Knowles (conductor), 5; J. Baldwin, 6. Messrs. Lane hall from Castlemorton; H. T. Knowles from Malvern; the rest belong to Hanley Castle.

SELBY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday morning, December 8th, at the Abbey church, for Divine service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 30 mins., with the six inside bells, the treble at lead and the tenor behind. R. Thompson, 1; J. Pulleyn, 2; W. Winders, 3; S. James, 4; A. Cryer, 5; F. Cryer (conductor), 6; A. Dobson, 7; M. Hague, 8. And for evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins., with the bells as before. C. Everate, 1; J. Pulleyn, 2; W. Winders, 3; S. James, 4; A. Cryer, 5; F. Cryer (conductor), 6; A. Dobson, 7; M. Hague, 8. This is the first time these two 720s have been rung at Selby with Selby men.

STOULTON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, December 11th, at the parish church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. *F. Merriman, 1; *J. Passey, 2; *R. Passey, 3; S. Cotton (conductor), 4; H. B. Kingsford, 5. *Longest length.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Saturday, December 14th, at the parish church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. *W. Hobbs, 1; J. Burgess, 2; *G. Ades, 3; A. Reed, 4; J. Beal, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; *T. Ashdown, 8. *First touch. And on Sunday, December 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). A. Dawe, 1; *J. Burgess, 2; *G. Ades, 3; W. Allfrey (conductor), 4; †J. Beale, 5; A. Reed, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; *E. Uusted, 8. *First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal on a bob bell.

*We must ask the indulgence of those who do not find in the foregoing list a report of any touch they have rung. All will appear in due course, and at the first opportunity.

Obituary.

CHARLES FAIRCLOUGH WILLIAMS.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above, in the 19th year of his age, son of Robert Williams, Liverpool. On Sundays, for service, he used to ring at the cathedral, in that city. On Tuesday, December 3rd, he left home in his usual health to all appearance, and died suddenly at his employment at the Liverpool Gas Fittings Company. His body was removed to his father's house, 21, Orphan Street, where but one hour before he had previously left, to the great grief of his parents. The funeral took place on Saturday the 7th December, at Anfield Cemetery, followed to the grave a large circle of his sorrowing relations, friends and employees of the Gas Company, the coffin being covered with beautiful wreaths and crosses. The bells of the cathedral not being available for a muffled peal during the week, the Rev. G. H. Spooner, rector of Woolton, in a kind sympathising letter to his parents, placed his bells to be rung muffled on Saturday, 14th December, when members of St. Peter's and St. Luke's Societies, Liverpool, and also the Woolton society rang muffled peals as a tribute to his memory, conducted by Mr. Thomas Hammond and Richard S. Mann.

W. T. DAY.

The above named gentleman, of Walpole St. Peter, a member of the Eastern Counties' Guild, died on the 19th December, 1889. He took an active part in the revival of change-ringing in Marshland. Previous to 1880, the art had practically become extinct in that district, famous for its splendid churches. In 1880 Dr. Seccombe undertook to form a company at Terrington, and soon succeeded in producing a 720 of Bob Minor. Early in 1884 a company at Walpole, who had long been accustomed to ring the plain course by memory over and over again were induced to aim at ringing by method. Several of the members paid visits to Terrington, and rang with the ringers there. And on Thursday, 16th October, 1884, their first 720 was rung, conducted by Dr. Seccombe. In the meantime Mr. Day continued visiting Terrington, and on 26th October, he rang his first 720 with the Walpole company, although even at that time, symptoms of incipient consumption rendered it obvious that his life could not be a long one. However, he persevered in studying the art, and soon became a proficient and excellent ringer. He was master of Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London and College Single and Grandsire. In all of these methods, as well as in Bob Major and Treble Bob Major, he was a good conductor, but the opportunities afforded by the district for eight bell ringing are very limited. For the last two years of his life he resided at Walpole and rang many 720s with the company, even after consumption had seriously undermined his strength. He was buried at Walpole on Christmas Eve, the burial service being followed by 720 Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled. R. Giddens, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. And in the evening muffled changes were rung by the company, assisted by Dr. Seccombe. The death of Mr. Day leaves a vacancy in the Walpole band by whom he was sincerely regretted. He was also a member of the Eastern Counties' Guild.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Next Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, January 18th, at the "Crown" inn, Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. Business meeting at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Peter's church (eight bells), will be at the disposal of the members from 9 a.m. Members are also requested to note that the Annual subscriptions are due at this meeting. The Committee have not been able to arrange for a dinner. There are numerous refreshment rooms where good dinners can be had at reasonable prices.

JOHN SIDEBOTHAM,) Hon. Secs.
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hornhill on Monday, January 6th. The tower will be open for ringing from 2 p.m.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *Local Hon. Sec.*

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, January 11th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 10 p.m. A. E. NUNN, *Hon. Sec.*

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting for practice by the members of the Bristol District will be held at St. Nicholas tower on Tuesday evening, January 7th, at 7.15.

CHAS. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Local Hon. Sec.*

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The Quarterly Meeting in connection with the above society will be held on Saturday, January 11th, at St. Matthew's, Walsall. Ringers to assemble at the belfry at 2 p.m. All members are requested to attend this meeting, as there is some important business to be decided. Tea—one shilling per head.

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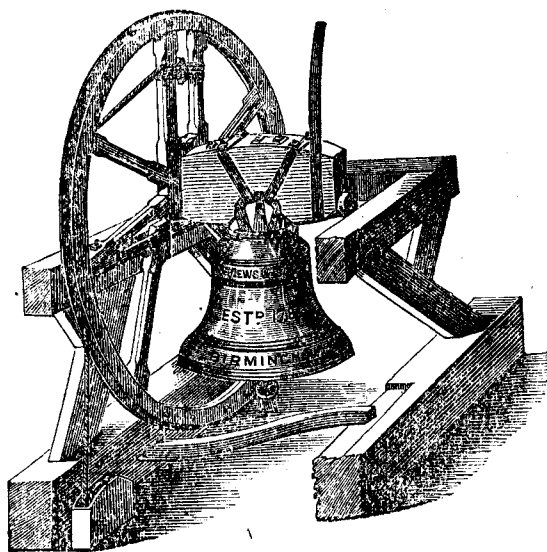
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, Bury, on Saturday, January 11th, 1890. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 4 p.m. The vicar has intimated his intention of coming into the belfry after the service. Members are earnestly requested to make this meeting a success.

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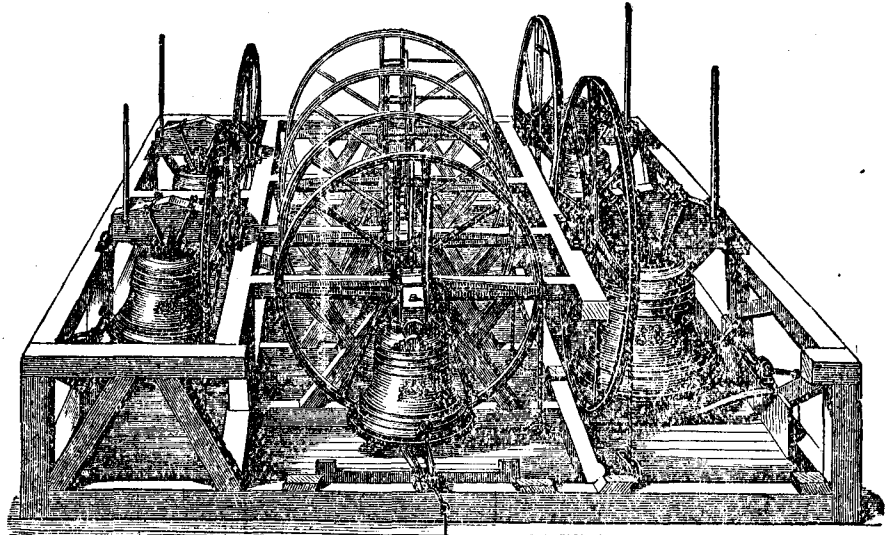
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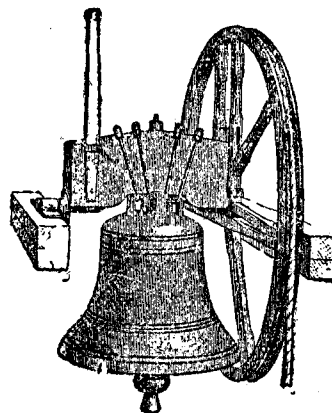
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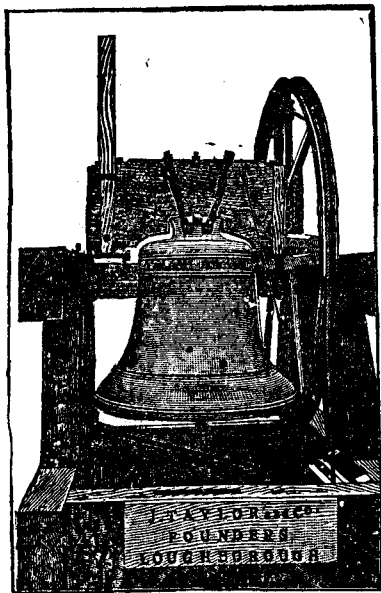
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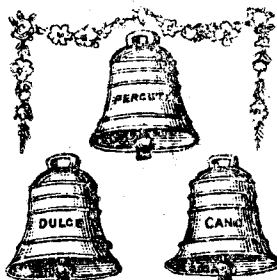
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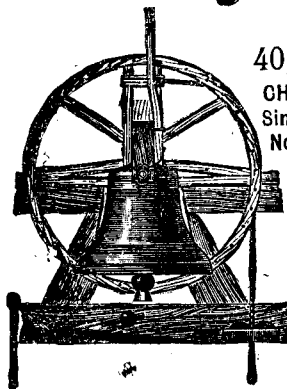
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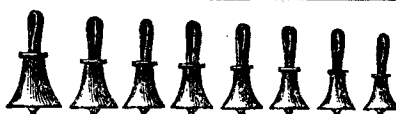
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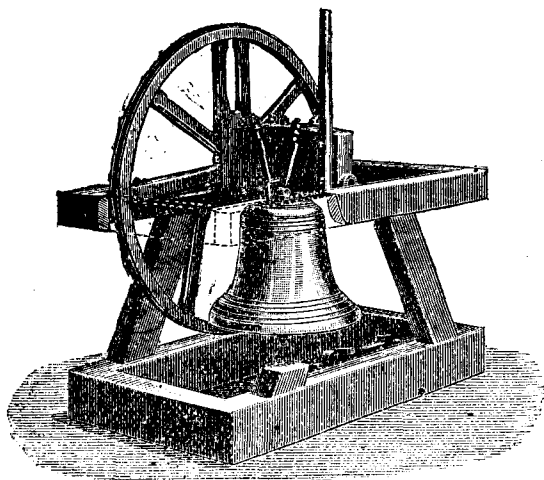
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DEDICATION OF THE BELLS OF WEST KIRBY PARISH CHURCH, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, January 4th, a special service was held in the parish church, West Kirby, at which the peal of eight bells was dedicated.

Originally a ring of five, it was determined to increase them to eight as a memorial to the late Rector, Canon Eaton. Messrs. Taylor and Co. of Loughborough have successfully carried out the work, adding two trebles and a tenor (12 cwt. in G.), rehanging the whole peal in their excellent iron frames. The dedication service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Blencowe, and an admirable address followed from the Archdeacon of Chester. Mr. Arthur Heywood, in his capacity of churchwarden, had taken great interest in the work, and to his energetic management its early completion is largely due. He had also invited his cousin, Mr. Percival Heywood, to bring over a band to open the bells, the local ringers having as yet had little practice on a peal of eight. In response to the invitation a party arrived immediately before the dedicatory service, among whom were Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., Mr. W. Wakley, and Mr. J. Griffin. Immediately after the conclusion of the service, the bells, which had been raised singly in readiness, struck off into rounds, varied by "Queens" and "Whittington," in deference to popular opinion. A touch of 468 of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Griffin, was then rung, followed by two touches of Double Norwich of 336 and 224 respectively, conducted by Mr. Wakley. The band were stationed as follows, and retained the same positions throughout the ringing, with the view and result of ensuring good striking: George Robinson (Burton), *treble*; A. Percival Heywood (Duffield), 2; Joseph Griffin (Burton), 3; Henry Midgley (Duffield), 4; John W. Taylor (Loughborough), 5; John Howe (Derby), 6; Benjamin Sugden (Duffield), 7; William Wakley (Burton), *tenor*.

The above three touches having been brought round, the party adjourned to an excellent tea, provided by the liberality of Mr. Arthur Heywood, at which there were also present the Archdeacon of Chester, the Rector and leading laymen of the parish, together with the local ringers and their instructor Mr. Woods. The usual complimentary speeches followed, after which the visitors returned to the tower, and rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Wakley. When the bells came into rounds at 9.40 a rush was made by the audience outside for the tower, and the performers were greeted with a cheer such as, alas! but seldom comes in recognition of a completed peal; and the comparative rarity of such expressions of appreciation made the hearty congratulations that were offered the more welcome.

Positions were then reversed, and the visitors went outside to take stock of the quality of the bells, while the local company took charge of the ropes and rang rounds and call-changes. These latter, however, are by no means to remain the order of the day at West Kirby, for half-pull ringing has been for long practised on the old peal of five, and under the tuition of their instructor, Mr. Woods, the extension of Grandsire from five to seven will doubtless soon be mastered.

The next day, Sunday, the visitors rang before and after the morning service, the touches being as follows: 448 of Superlative Surprise, 216 and 240 of Stedman Triples, and a course of Cambridge Surprise. Before and after the evening service the ringing was in charge of the West Kirby Company, the visitors being obliged to leave soon after midday in order to reach home at night. On their way through Liverpool a halt was made to listen to Stedman Caters at the pro-Cathedral. Owing to the precise arrangements made for the visit, and the good fortune that throughout attended the ringing, each item of the proposed programme was successfully carried out, with the result of making the occasion a most enjoyable one, both for the visitors and their entertainers.

The bells go well, and the ringing-chamber, although somewhat dark, is comfortably arranged. A plaster ceiling would be of advantage in preventing the noise, which, on account of the proximity of the ringers to the bells, is rather overpowering. Outside the effect is excellent, but the efforts of the bellfounders have been somewhat severely handicapped by the fact that the belfry windows are very short and on the level of the lower tier of bells, the trebles, which are hoisted, being thus entirely above the openings. The sound doubtless would be greatly improved

by building up the greater part of each window, and making an exit through the roof, an alteration that presents no difficulties.

The peal rung on the occasion of the opening is appended, the performance itself being recorded in the usual place.

DOUBLE NORWICH.

5040.

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

Twice repeated.

This peal is the first 5040 composed containing the extent of the six combinations of 4, 5, 6, in 5-6. First rung at West Kirby on January 4th, composed by A. Percival Heywood, and conducted by William Wakley.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, DALTON.

The bells at the above church have been rehung by Messrs. James Shaw, Sons, and Co., church bell manufacturers, Bradford, and fitted with their new patent frictionless roller bearings for church bells. The bells were rung on Thursday evening, December 19th, 1889, by the members of the parish church and Lancashire Association of Change Ringers, in the presence of the churchwardens, with a 360 of Grandsire Minor, the members standing as follows:—J. Spencer, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6; after which touches in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles, Minor, and Plain Bob Minor, were given. The "go" of the bells and improved appliances were said to be perfection, and a great improvement on the old style of hanging church bells, and great credit is due to Messrs. Shaw and Co. for the new patent. The ringing-room has also been thoroughly renovated, the members themselves undertaking the same and bearing the expense. The belfry now presents a clean and tidy appearance, and is the finest tower in the district. The bells rang out merry peals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. On Sunday evening, December 29th, the members rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. A. Sheppard, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Townson, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. This was the first 720 of A. Sheppard, he being only twelve years of age. Previously he has never been able to ring his bell through a 720, owing to the great fatigue and exertion, but since the new bearings were fixed he did it with ease. On New Year's Eve a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung to celebrate the exit of the old year, the new year being hailed by short touches at the conclusion of the service in the church.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A District Meeting will be held at Weybridge, Surrey, on Thursday, January 16th, 1890. The belfry will be open for practice from 3 to 5 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. Special service at 5 p.m. with address. Tea (tickets 1s. each), for those who send notice to the Secretary before Monday, January 13th, at the Coffee Room, near the church at 5.45 p.m. Business Meeting after tea, at which the subject of representation at the Central Council will be discussed. H. A. SPYERS, *Hon. Sec.*

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO R. S. STORY, ESQ.

On Monday evening, January 6th, a meeting of the Bishop Wearmouth ringers was held in the vestry of St. Michael's church, for the purpose of presenting R. S. Story, Esq., of Whitley, and President of the above Association, with a very neat and handsome bracket clock, in recognition of his services as instructor to that band. There were also present the Ven. Archdeacon Long, Vicar of Bishop Wearmouth, and Archdeacon of Auckland, Rev. E. Boddington, of Sunderland, Mr. Duncan, Churchwarden, and Mr. L. Newton, of Durham. At the commencement of the meeting, 120 Grandsire Doubles were rung on the handbells. The Archdeacon occupied the chair, and in well-chosen words spoke of the very valuable service services which Mr. Story had rendered his ringers.

The reverend gentleman then called upon Mr. T. Hudson, who corroborated all that had been said by Archdeacon Long, in reference to the work done amongst the ringers by Mr. Story. Mr. Hudson then made the presentation on which was the following inscription: "1890. Presented to R. S. Story, Esq., by the ringers of Bishop Wearmouth." Mr. Story then thanked the ringers very kindly for the beautiful present they had given him, and also congratulated them on the progress they had made during the short time they had been ringers. The Rev. E. Boddington, and Mr. Duncan also said a few words with regard to the work done by Mr. Story.

Mr. Dawson then proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, to which the Archdeacon suitably responded. The ringers then adjourned to the belfry, where the bells were soon set in motion to the tune of Plain Bob Minor, which was kept up until 9.30 a.m.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, January 4th, Messrs. J. Garforth, I. Idle, and G. H. Hardy, members of the Dewsbury company, started at 2.35 p.m. for Glossop. On reaching Stalybridge they were met by Mr. Hugh Shaw, with whom they had arranged to meet to accompany them to Glossop, which place was reached about 5 o'clock after a very pleasant journey. At the station they were met by Mr. John Pye, sen., who gave them a very hearty welcome on behalf of the local ringers. After having partaken of slight refreshments at the Station Hotel, they started off to walk to the "Bull's Head" inn, which is kept by Mr. James Sellers, one of the local company. They were here met by the rest of the local company. After resting a little they were invited by Mr. Harrop to his house, where Mrs. Harrop had provided a good and substantial tea, to which they did ample justice. Then proceeded to the tower, where, assisted by three of the local company and Mr. Ben Broadbent, of Ashton-under-Lyne, they rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Garforth, 1; H. Shaw, 2; J. Harrop, 3; I. Idle, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; G. H. Hardy (composer and conductor), 6; J. Maloney, 7; J. Pye, jun., 8. Tenor 15 cwt. After the touch it was remarked that the team represented four counties, viz., Derbyshire, Cheshire, Lancashire, and Yorkshire. The bells were then lowered in peal, after which they adjourned to the "Bull's Head," where the remainder of the evening was spent in a jovial manner. After breakfast on Sunday morning they again ascended the belfry and rang for morning service, J. Pye, sen., and S. Knott, sen. ringing the tenor and 5th respectively in place of those who rang in the date touch.

After dinner the party accompanied by several members of the local company, set out for a walk to view the scenery, which is splendid in and about Glossop. Altogether the party had a very pleasurable trip, and they take this opportunity of thanking the Glossop ringers for their kind endeavours to make their visit as enjoyable as possible, and also Mr. and Mrs. Sellers for their good accommodation and hospitality. The visitors finally reached home about 10.35 p.m.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, STRATFORD-LE-BOW.

The members of this Society intend holding their Annual Dinner on Thursday the 16th inst. Ringers intending to be present, will be kind enough to communicate with the Secretary, Mr. D. Sutton, Vestry Hall, Bow, Middlesex. All are welcome.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28th, 1889, the above society held their general meeting at Dronfield, the president in the chair. The rules framed by the committee were first taken into consideration, rule 1 caused a heated discussion, because a letter had been received by the Rev. H. E. Ferry, from the East Derbyshire Association president, accusing this society of taking their title. Mr. H. Madin explained to the meeting that they were well aware at Clay Cross about the existence of the association, formed even before the great Yorkshire Association, records of which can be produced. All the officers of this present society, except the hon. secretary, were elected to office twenty years ago, when the association was first formed, and this meeting was unanimously of opinion that if there was any stealing of titles it was on their part. It was unanimously resolved that rule 1 read as framed by the committee, viz.: "That the society be named the Old East Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers, and that it shall have for its object the advancement of the true and lasting interests of change ringers, and also their Art, considered both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of church work." The other rules were adopted, with one or two trifling alterations. It was resolved to arrange the meeting places alphabetically. This drew a remark from an old ringer that it would do away with the sleeve work which was practised when the draw should have been taken out of a top hat, but was found in a more convenient place. The next meeting will take place at Eckington on April 7th, when a dinner will be provided by the members. The Rev. H. E. Ferry, who was present at the meeting, became an honorary member; twenty-seven ringing members were admitted. The tower was open from 9 a.m. till 9 p.m., and the bells, which were in good going order, were kept going by mixed companies during the day. The following touches were brought round in the afternoon, viz.—A 720 of Oxford by H. Jervis, 1; J. Goacher, 2; E. Platts, 3; W. Biggin, 4; S. Allen (conductor), 5; C. Severn, 6. The ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 5th are Dronfield, 2nd and 4th, Norton, and 6th, Killamarsh members. The Eckington members rang a 720 each of Violet and Oxford. Hancock, 1; Price, 2; James, 3; Norman, 4; Marsden (conductor), 5; Lunn, 6. J. Shaw rang in Oxford in place of Price. Also a 720 of Violet. G. H. Jervis, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; W. Price, 3; H. Madin (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; A. Brierley, 6. The ringer of the 1st is Dronfield, 2nd, 4th and 5th Staveley, 3rd, Eckington, 6th, Sheffield members.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Bolton, on Saturday last, special invitations having been extended to all the branches of the association, with the object of participating in a thorough ringing meeting, on the many peals of bells in the town. A good number of the members could not attend, owing no doubt to the Christmas and New Year holidays intervening, however, over forty members attended from Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Southport, Radcliffe, Ashton, Eccles, Worsley and Flixton; the following peals of eight bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers: the Parish Church, Holy Trinity, St. George's and St. Saviour's. Treble Bob, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were the methods rung. The meeting was subsequently held in Holy Trinity school, the Rev. Charles Lowe, M.A., president, occupying the chair, supported by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, vice-president, and the secretary, Messrs. H. W. Jackson, G. Longden, R. Hill, and J. Eachus, association officials were also present. The president said it afforded him pleasure to again welcome the members to Bolton. He was glad that the association was still flourishing, he would always be willing to place the church, the bells, and the schools at the disposal of the association. Eccles was selected for the next branch meeting to be held on February 1st, 1890. Mr. Eachus proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, Rev. H. J. Elsee seconded, and concluded by wishing all the members a prosperous new year.

RE-OPENING OF DUCKLINGTON CHURCH BELLS.

The bells of the above church, which for many years past have been in a most dilapidated condition, have at last been re-hung, and a new treble added, making a peal of six. They were opened on Sunday, December 8th, with several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and were rang at intervals during the day. The old peal of five are by William and Henry Bagley, the tenor being recast by Taylor & Sons in 1829. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rev. W. Buller of Witney, who impressed upon the ringers, their duties as church officers, and of the difference of ringers of the day, and of bye-gone days, when pipe and tankard were found in our belfries, and ringers generally men of low order, but now, men of intelligence, recognising their duties as churchmen. The sermon in the evening was preached by the rector, who in some remarks upon bells, said our bells were like our missionaries abroad, the bells sending forth their notes to call people to church, and our missionaries sending forth their voices to call the heathen to Christ. The above work has been pronounced excellent by the Rev. F. E. Robinson and others, and is carried out in a most satisfactory manner, leaving nothing to be desired. Messrs. J. H. Fisher, H. J. Fisher, J. Fisher, W. Fisher, W. Bennett, H. Woodward, R. Bennett, H. Druce, N. Spindlow and W. J. Fisher, took part in the day's ringing.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A mixed band from the Warnham and Arundel branches of the above Association were granted permission by the Dean of Chichester to attempt a peal on the cathedral bells on Saturday, January 4th. Arriving at Chichester at 6.30, the party were met by Messrs. Walters and Farley, who at once conducted them to the tower where the bells were in readiness. The band then started for J. J. Parker's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 600 changes the conductor found there was a change-course, and at once called "stand." Another start was made, this time proving successful after 2 hrs. and 58 mins. good ringing. The cathedral band at once entering the belfry congratulated the ringers on their success. The visitors wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Dean for granting them the use of the bells; also Messrs. Walters and Fogden for getting them in readiness for them. The go of the bells are everything that could be desired.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On New Year's Day it was arranged to attempt a peal of Bob Major at St. John's church, but as it was impossible to get the use of these bells, the band proceeded to St. George's church, Jesmond, where, after the permission of the vicar had been obtained, a peal of Bob Triples was attempted. J. Tully (North Shields), 1; W. Eggleston, 2; T. Gofton (Whitley), 3; W. Story, 4; Joel Hern (North Shields), 5; F. Harrison (Jarrow), 6; R. S. Story (conductor, Whitley), 7; W. Thompson (Whitley), 8. Unfortunately, after ringing nearly an hour, a change-course occurred, which brought the attempt to grief. A touch of Grandsire Triples was then rung, with W. Fraser (Whitley), ringing the treble, conducted by Mr. Harrison, after which the bells were lowered in peal. Prior to the attempt for the peal a course or two of Bob Major was also rung with F. Lees at the tenor.

ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BERMONDSEY.

On Friday, December 27th, 1889, the members of the above society were entertained at supper by the churchwardens, at the residence of Mr. Dawes (one of the wardens) and a very enjoyable evening was spent. After the cloth was removed some capital songs and recitations were rendered by members of the company present, and the evening passed off very successfully.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRELIMINARY.—By kind invitation from the vicar, churchwardens, and ringers, the next General Meeting will be held at Halifax Parish Church on Saturday, February 1st, 1890. Particulars in due course. B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

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,—Seeing that in your issue of Dec. 28th, a foot-note concerning a peal of Stedman Triples rung at Kidderminster, is rather misleading, I take the liberty of correcting it. Mr. A. P. Heywood's No. 3 peal as a five-part was first rung at Bishop Ryder's church, Birmingham, June 1st, 1889; [see "THE BELL NEWS," June 8th, 1889, page 108 and III.] It is not the first five-part peal ever composed and rung, but the first having the 7th undisturbed by bobs; a previous five-part of the late Thos. Thurstans of Birmingham, being rung in Birmingham and elsewhere.

HENRY BASTABLE.

Re BELFRY WINDOWS, ETC.

SIR,—I thought we had got too far through this present year of grace, when December 21st was reached, to be able to record any more important discoveries in science for this year, but you see it is never too late to learn. After the remarks by "FREE LANCE," I withdraw fully and entirely all I wrote upon the above subject. This latest discovery in science, vouched for by a bell-founder, and an engineer "who knows all about bell ringing and engineering," that the larger and more open the sound windows, the less will be heard of the sound of the bells outside, must appeal so directly to the common sense and experience of your readers, that it would be useless for me to urge anything in reply. The discovery is a most important one, and as the remedy is so simple, I sincerely hope it will soon be put into practice. I would suggest that a good place to commence, would be St. Luke's, Chelsea, as I have good reasons for knowing that the residents near that church are already overflowing with their benedictions on the local ringers, and would hail with gratitude and delight the softened and subdued effect which would ensue, when the shutters, louvres, and other impediments, are cleared away from those enormous sound windows, and the unimpeded sound of the bells is allowed to steal softly and sweetly into the bedroom windows, when the ringers are holding their weekly practice. I feel sure they would make the propounder of the new theory a saint in heaven, if they could get at him ten minutes after the "softened effect" had made itself known in the parish. There is another phase of this valuable discovery which should not be lost sight of. Years ago when alarm bells were used, they were usually fixed outside a building, or in a very open turret, with the idea that by so doing, the sound would be heard more. But you see that according to the discovery made by the bell founder and engineer, this was all wrong, for the more the bells are blocked in, the more the sound will be heard outside, so the proper way in the future will be to enclose all alarm bells in solid masonry, by which means the sound of the bell is increased wonderfully. And when on the contrary, a heavy peal of bells in a church tower, is already too noisy and overpowering in its effects, all you have to do is to throw open the sound windows to their fullest extent, and lo behold! the nuisance is at an end forthwith. Truly the bell founder and engineer have made a wonderful discovery. I see that "FREE LANCE" invites me to combat the opinions advanced by his friends, but it would ill become me to attempt to cross swords with men of such gigantic intellect, and abstruse knowledge, so I beg leave to hide my diminished head before these dazzling lights of modern science, and to beg your readers to forget I ever wrote upon a subject of which my ignorance must now seem simply appalling.

ARTHUR HUBBARD.

Obituary.

HENRY JOHNSON.

It is our painful duty to announce the decease of Henry Johnson, sen., which event occurred on Tuesday last, at 2.45 in the afternoon. It appears that a day or two after Christmas he caught a severe cold—no doubt the effect of the severe cold weather about that time, and immediately the lungs became involved he was overpowered, his heart's action being very feeble.

By Mr. Johnson's death another connection between celebrities of the past has become severed. He was nearly the last survivor of those ringers of the Midland Counties who two or three generations ago made themselves a name in the Exercise: Thurstans, Lates, Roberts, Powell, Chattell, Penn, Burford, Bradley, and others.

His portrait appeared with this journal about twelve months ago in connection with the celebration inaugurated by Mr. Percival Heywood.

The funeral will take place on Monday next, the 13th inst. Any ringers or friends wishing to attend may obtain full particulars on application to the secretary of the St. Martin's Guild of change-ringers, Mr. W. H. Godden, Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

REOPENING OF THE PEAL AT ALDENHAM, HERTS.

About six months ago the Rev. Kenneth F. Gibbs, vicar of Aldenham, requested Mr. Debenham, the secretary of the Hertfordshire Association, to look over the peal of six at his church, as complaints had been made as regards the "go" of the bells, and in consequence of the condition of the frame and fittings, Messrs. Warner were asked to examine the bells, and to deliver an estimate of the cost of what was necessary to be done. On the occasion of the visit of their representative Messrs. Warner were directed to include the expense of putting up two additional trebles to complete the peal of eight, the cost being defrayed by the Vicar, in conjunction with Henry Hucks Gibbs, Esq., of Aldenham House. The work, which included besides the casting of the new bells, the re-tuning of the old ones, the making and fixing an oak frame for the entire peal with the necessary fittings, quarter-turning the tenor, and rearranging the chiming apparatus, had so far advanced that by the evening of Saturday, the 28th ult., the bells could be rung. The local band was soon got together, and about 7.45 p.m. the first whole turn on the bells was made. Messrs. James Child, 1; Charles Williams, 2; T. C. Child, 3; Henry Jones, 4; William Hewett, 5; Alfred Child, 5; James Hart, 7; Henry Wright, 8, in the presence of the Vicar, Mr. E. P. Debenham, and several of the inhabitants of the village. Mr. Debenham was then invited to stand in, and the ringing was resumed, the bells being kept going until ten o'clock with little intermission. Several ringers from Bushey came over during the evening, some of whom took part in the ringing.

Great improvements in the ringing-chamber have recently been effected—amongst these being a handsome oak seat along two sides of it, and it is contemplated that the clock case should be done away with by placing the works on the floor above, and when this has, with other minor details, received attention, the chamber will be made as comfortable as any in the county. The new treble, which is in E, weighs 5 cwt. 25 lbs., and bears the inscription: "Praise the Lord on the great bells well sounding. The gift of Henry Hucks Gibbs, Lay Rector and Churchwarden of Aldenham, 1889." The second weighs 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs., and has "Praise Him on the light bells sweetly ringing. The gift of Kenneth Francis Gibbs, Vicar of Aldenham, 1889." The tenor weighs about 15 cwt., and is inscribed: "George Chandler made me, 1683." May we be permitted to add the hope that, with this fine peal of bells, and the other accessories, a home for change-ringing will be found there.

HAMMERSMITH PARISH CHURCH.

The peal of eight bells, which have not been rung for upwards of ten years, have at last been put in serviceable condition. The order was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have rehung the peal in a new oak frame, quarter-turned each bell, and provided new fittings throughout. The same firm have also supplied a new turret clock, which strikes the hours on the tenor, chimes the Westminster quarter-chimes, and shows the time on three illuminated dials, each 8 ft. 6 in. diameter. Both clocks and bells were inaugurated in the presence of a large company of ladies and gentlemen on new year's eve. After a short service in the church the company ascended the tower to the clock room, and at twelve o'clock a silk cord, which held the pendulum of the clock, was cut by the daughter of W. P. Cockburn, Esq., and the clock started on its way with the new year. A merry peal was then rung upon the bells by a band of ringers under the leadership of T. Curry, Esq., and the "go" of the bells was much admired. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston deserve great credit for the excellent manner in which they have carried out the work.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

The Annual Dinner of this society will take place at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich, on Saturday, February 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each. Members and friends wishing to be present will kindly apply for tickets to either of the following: E. E. Richards, 18, Riverdale Road, Plumstead; F. Palmer, 40, Friendly Street, Deptford, S.E.; T. G. Deal, 13, Lampmead Road, Lee; W. Tyack, 1, Nutbrook Street, Peckham, S.E.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Third Quarterly Meeting of last year was held at Leicester, on Saturday, December 14th, 1889, and members attended from Burton, Derby, Duffield, Great Wigston, Leicester, Long Eaton, Loughborough, Nottingham, Nuneaton, and Sandiacre.

The following towers were open for ringing, viz.—St. Martin's and St. Margaret's, ten bells; St. Mary's, St. Mark's, and St. Saviour's, eight bells; and St. George's, six bells. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Forward Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, were rung during the afternoon.

The usual Committee meeting was held at 4.30 p.m., and the General Meeting immediately after Tea, the President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) in the Chair. One Hon. Member, one Life Member, and two Ringing Members were duly elected, after which the President read the minutes of the last meeting, which were declared correct and signed. Mr. Stephen Cooper, of Leicester, and Mr. E. D. Taylor, of Loughborough, were unanimously elected to audit the accounts of the Association. Mr. Horwood's proposition to make Nuneaton a separate district was after much discussion unanimously agreed to, and very good results may be looked forward to by the opening of this new district under the guidance of Messrs. Horwood (Nuneaton), and Aldham (Barwell) who are taking a very active part in promoting the objects of the Association. The Hon. Sec. was instructed to communicate with each district, so that it might be taken into consideration at their Annual Meetings for election of District Officers, the following suggestion, viz.—"That in future it is desirable to have a Ringing Meeting in each district once a month."

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicars and Churchwardens for their kindness in placing the bells at the disposal of the members of the Association, and the chairman for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

The Annual Meeting will take place as usual at Derby, on Easter-Monday next.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On New Year's Day, a contingent representing all the companies in Sheffield had an outing, the destination being Bradford, the head quarters of the Yorkshire Association. On arriving, soon after three o'clock, they were met at the station by members of the local companies, and adjourned to the parish church, where a few short touches were rung. They then wended their way to St. James', Bolton, and after handling the ring of eight in that tower returned to the parish church, finishing their ringing with a course of Treble Bob Royal. An adjournment was then made to the "Ring of Bells" inn, where they partook of refreshments, and spent a couple of hours in pleasant conversation, interspersed with tunes and changes on the handbells. Before separating, Mr. B. T. Copley, on behalf of the home ringers, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed the toast of "Good old Sheffield and the Ringers thereof." This was drunk very heartily, and duly responded to. A cordial vote of thanks was also passed by the visitors to their Bradford friends for the kindly manner in which they had received them and attended to their comfort, which was responded to by Mr. James Angus. The trippers arrived home early the following morning, well satisfied with their outing.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—AMENDED NOTICE.

THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Brentwood, on Saturday, January 25th (not on January 18th as previously announced). The tower of St. Thomas-the-Martyr (eight bells), will be open for ringing during the day. Return tickets to Brentwood at reduced fares will be granted as usual by the G.E.R. to members who produce at the time of booking their receipt for the current year's subscription. Those who desire to avail themselves of this privilege should inform the Secretary on or before Wednesday, January 22nd, from what station they intend to start, and the number of tea tickets required.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

TO THE DEAF.—A Person cured of Deafness and noises in the head of 23 years standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it FREE to any person who applies to Nicholson, 21, Bedford Square, London, W.C.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Once more on the march."

Looking over the long list of peals last Saturday very forcibly brought to my mind (but don't laugh at the simile) the shower of rockets which usually marks the termination of a pyrotechnic display. Thirty-two of them! (peals, I mean, not rockets). If any of us had a lurking fear that Mr. Attree's analysis for 1889 would shew a decrease upon its predecessor, I fancy this array will have tended to disabuse their minds of any such notion.

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Scientifically, these peals, though so numerous, do not present any very exceptional features; with the exception of the 6354 of Grandsire Caters at West Bromwich, none have exceeded the usual "five thousand and a bit." But, on the other hand, the little foot-notes appended are in several instances very interesting reading. The peal of Caters I have just mentioned, we are told is the longest both on the bells and by the Society which rung it. Several of them are first peals on the bells, and by the ringers. One foot-note tells us that the Warnham men must have been "up before the sparrows" (if there were any) on Christmas morning, and brought round a 5040 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples soon after seven o'clock. I fancy if Warnham church tower were as closely surrounded by inhabited houses as some that I know, there would have been an invasion long before Mr. Chandler gave the call "that's all"; even if fifty notices by the Vicar had been posted on the belfry door. But they are more fortunately situated, and thus were able to pull off their Christmas peal. The 5040 of Treble Bob Royal at Oxford is also notable as being the first rung on the Cathedral bells with the tenor turned in. No doubt the members of the Oxford Guild who took part in it—and particularly those at the heavy end—will regard this peal with considerable satisfaction—justifiably so. But they will not be alone in proud recollections of Boxing Day, 1889. Besides others who will remember it as the day on which they accomplished their "maiden peals," young Charles West, of Painswick, has good grounds for such feelings; seeing that on this day, at the age of 17 years, he piloted the fourth through Shipway's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. I wish him heartily every success, and hope to see him well repaying the efforts of those who have thus far so successfully "brought him up."

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It has been rather interesting to watch the neck-and-neck race which appears to have been going on during the past few weeks between the Warnham and the Angmering men. Which of them will eventually become the proud possessors of the Sussex Association's challenge bell for the coming year, I, of course, can't say; but there can be no doubt about it that they have both been "letting no dust stick to their feet" lately, in the endeavour to win it. As to the real practical utility of this annual competition there will be, without doubt, more than one opinion. While not at this juncture desiring to express any opinion, I really should like to learn how those who thus go in for it establish their consistency with regard to their opposition to the prize-ringing contests which have been in vogue, particularly in Yorkshire and Lancashire, during years gone by. The only real difference between them, so far as I can see, is that of quantity *versus* quality. The winning point in one case is in the number of peals under certain conditions of handicapping, while in the other the "bone of contention" is the least number of faults made in the ringing of a certain definite length previously specified. Each has a prize for the winning, and whether it be in money or material, the principle of the thing is the same.

Then if one opposes these prize-ringing contests as have been exemplified in the north (as many of our friends do) on the ground that it is an abuse of the bells—that they were not placed in the towers for any such purpose—how can he reconcile this opposition with supporting the Sussex method? That puzzles me a bit sometimes. But perhaps after all, our Sussex friends are in this matter consistent, and do not enter the lists against prize-ringing contests in general. In this case, then, I would say, vary your programme and let quality have a turn. Instead of the prize being given for the *most*, let it for once have the *best* for its winning point. Take a leaf out of the old northern prize-ringers' book, and reckon by the number of faults made in ringing. Then, as our cricketers do at the end of a season, make out the totals and averages, and the best wins. I am aware that this plan would entail more trouble than the one at present in vogue, through requiring competent judges to hear and report on each peal rung, but it would certainly have the counter advantage of promoting good striking, without which, ringing loses its principal feature.

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Now, my Sussex friends, do not suppose for one moment that I am insinuating that your peals are not characterised by good striking. They might be *par excellence* in this respect, but I know—and we all of us know—that when the mere bringing off of the peal is the desideratum, there is a very great temptation to forget quality of performance in the desire to score. Then when men get accustomed to regard the striking in their peals with comparative indifference, the same characteristic is likely to accompany their other performances. Thus the quality of their ringing, instead of getting better with practice, actually has a tendency to deteriorate. And, as is the case with everything else, what is ringing unless it is good? That is how I look at it, and in penning these remarks, my only desire is that this Challenge Peal competition may really and actually serve that purpose for which I believe its originators intended it, namely, the true advancement of the science of change-ringing within the district. Thus, I ask, let my remarks be taken in the same friendly spirit in which they are made. I am no carping critic; like (I am confident) all of us my sole desire is to get the most good to the Exercise in the best possible way.

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Turning from this point, I believe we shall everyone have been pleased to read of the mounting and successful "opening" of the first ring of twelve in Australia. For some weeks past I have been looking for the report of this event. While congratulating our colonial brethren on their acquisition, I believe I shall be expressing the sentiments of us all when I give utterance to the hope that the Victorian Society of Bell-Ringers will make the most of their now extended opportunities, and soon let us learn of their rapid progress with the fine rings at their disposal. A friend of mine who spent some time in that district two or three years ago, recounts to me his experiences, and is never weary of telling how pleasing is the sound of the bells to our friends on the other side of the Equator. It is the proud boast of the Englishman that his is an Empire on which the sun never sets; so with our national music, which should—and no doubt in future years will—follow our countrymen wherever they may fix their homes.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1890.

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The Metropolis.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1889, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED FOX Treble.	EDWARD F. STRANGE .. 5.
HENRY A. BARNETT 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN 6.
THOMAS C. GROVE 3.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE ENGLISH .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

The above was rang with the bells half-muffled, for Divine Service on New Year's Eve.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 4, 1890, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
GEORGE T. MC LAUGHLIN .. 2.	CHARLIS F. WINNY 6.
WILLIAM CARTER* 3.	JOHN M. HAYES 7.
HENRY G. FRUIN 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

*First peal of Stedman.

PUTNEY, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

JOHN W. KELLEY Treble.	FREDERICK W. KELLEY .. 5.
NORMAN E. SNOW* 2.	JAMES W. DRIVER 6.
ARTHUR HUBBARD 3.	HARRY KENTEN 7.
CHARLES E. KELLEY 4.	WILLIAM SAMSON Tenor.

Conducted by NORMAN E. SNOW.

All of the above are members of the All Saints' Fulham Association. Rung to commemorate the 22nd birthday of the conductor. *First peal as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	ARTHUR JACOB 5.
HENRY DAINS 2.	BENJAMIN FOSKETT 6.
EDWARD F. COLE 3.	THOMAS TITCHENER 7.
ALBERT PITAM 4.	HENRY TYLER Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is known as peal No. 10 by the above mentioned rev. gentleman, and which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" a short time ago.

The Provinces.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 20, 1889, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

A. CRESSER Treble.	E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. 5.
J. SMITH 2.	F. A. UNDERWOOD .. 6.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. .. 3.	E. READER 7.
W. A. TYLER 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Friday, December 27, 1889, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
 AT THE CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 32½ cwt. in C♯.

FRANCIS E. DAWE Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 2.	JOHN M. HAYES 7.
SYDNEY E. ROMANS 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ..
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 4.	HENRY L. JAMES Tenor.
HENRY R. NEWTON 5.	FRANCIS JELF

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

Messrs. Roberts, Romans, and James hail from Gloucester; Messrs. Washbrook and Hounslow from Oxford; Rev. Robinson from Drayton; Mr. Jelf from Malvern; and Messrs. Newton, Hayes and Dawe from London. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Monday, December 23, 1889, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
5040 CHANGES IN TWO MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

BEING THREE 720'S OF BOB AND FOUR 720'S OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, Each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
J. CLISSETT* Treble.	*OWEN STANWORTH 4.
G. LUCAS* 2.	WM. LEWIS 5.
JOSEPH THOMPSON* 3.	†JNO. MASON Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. MASON.

*First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor. First 5040 that has ever been rung on the bells.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE WREXHAM ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S (CHESTER) SOCIETY.

On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JAMES MOULTON Treble.	*ALFRED CROSS 5.
*WILLIAM POVEY 2.	THOMAS NEWELL 6.
*CHARLES PRICE 3.	EDWARD ROWLAND 7.
*HENRY GIBSON 4.	EDWARD EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

Mr. Price hails from Eccleston; Messrs. Newell, Rowland & Evans, from Wrexham, the rest from St. Michael's, Chester. *Members of the Chester Diocesan Guild. The peal was heard by several change ringers who pronounced it as true and well struck throughout. Third peal on the bells, two being rang previously in the years 1841 and 1843.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 26, 1889, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. Treble.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 3.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

This is a one-part composition, and contains the 6th her extant wrong and right. The figures are to be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 17th, 1882. J. N. Oxborrow hails from London. [This report was accidentally left over from last week.]

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

On Monday, December 30, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE, OXFORD, COLLEGE EXERCISE, KENT, COLLEGE PLEASURE, VIOLET, AND DUKE OF YORK. Tenor 12 cwt.	
FREDERICK FINCH Treble.	JAMES HILLS 4.
CHRISTOPHER CLEAR 2.	THOMAS PARSONS 5.
THOMAS LINFIELD 3.	CHARLES HILLS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
On Monday, December 30, 1889, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. CARTER Treble.	*G. BOOTH 5.
G. SPURR* 2.	J. POLLARD 6.
H. SPURR* 3.	C. WATTS 7.
S. BROOK 4.	W. PEARSON Tenor.

Conducted by C. WATTS.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all except J. Pollard, who is a member of the Holy Trinity Society, Hull.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, December 31, 1889, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS YE MARTYR,
5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS, UPON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 each of the following:

COLLEGE SINGLE, OXFORD BOB, CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB, GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB. Tenor 9 cwt.	
THOMAS BLACKBOURN† .. Treble.	†EDWARD HIND 4.
PERCY HIND* 2.	†WILLIAM BASTON 5.
ALFRED P. GODDARD† .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

†First 5040 on six bells. *First 5040. This is the first 5040 ever rung in seven methods in the city of Oxford.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 (THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, December 31, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 each of the following:

LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE, WOODBINE, COLLEGE EXERCISE, OXFORD, COLLEGE PLEASURE, DUKE OF YORK, AND KENT. Tenor 12 cwt.	
FREDERICK FINCH Treble.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. 4.
THOMAS LINFIELD 2.	JAMES HILLS 5.
THOMAS PARSONS 3.	CHARLES HILLS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Tuesday, December 31, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
5040 CHANGES IN TWO METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS;
 Each called differently:

BEING TEN 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, AND 32 OF ST. DUNSTAN'S.	
W. T. PEGLER Treble.	A. SMART 4.
W. DADGE 2.	*A. E. PEGLER 5.
E. E. BEWICK 3.	†E. DAVIES Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. PEGLER.

*First 5040 with a bob bell. †First 5040.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
 (THE LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 3, 1890, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

W. T. BILLINGHURST .. Treble.	W. A. TYLER 6.
J. SMITH 2.	E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
J. HARDY 3.	F. A. UNDERWOOD .. 8.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. .. 4.	E. READER 9.
S. SMITH 5.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

This is the first peal in the method by all, and the first peal of Forward Royal ever rung. This is J. W. Taylor, jun's. 100th peal.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE HERTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1889, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Bob-and-Single. Tenor 28 cwt.

HERBERT SHEPHERD Treble.	WALTER E. POWERS .. 5.
JOHN KENTISH 2.	HENRY G. ROWE .. 6.
WILLIAM J. RICHARDSON .. 3.	JOSEPH HOLLINGSWORTH .. 7.
JOHN SHEPHERD 4.	GEORGE SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

First peal by H. Shepherd, who was elected a member of the Herts. Association previous to starting. The above is the first muffled peal on the bells.

BOLTON, BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble.	JAMES MAWSON 5.
H. RAISTRICK 2.	JAMES COTTERELL 6.
J. W. CUNDALL 3.	BEN. T. COPLEY 7.
B. EMMOTT 4.	SAM. PALFRAMAN Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and Conducted by BEN. T. COPLEY.

First peal of Bob Major by all except S. Palframan. Rung to celebrate the birthday of H. Raistrick, to whom the ringers wish many happy returns. Messrs. Hardcastle, Raistrick, Cundall, and Cotterell hail from Bradford; Mawson, Copley and Palframan from Bolton; and B. Emmott from Saltaire. All members of the Society of Copley Scholars.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1890, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE ROBINSON Treble.	JOHN W. TAYLOR 5.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 2.	JOHN HOWE 6.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
HENRY MIDGLEY 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, and is the first upon the bells, contains the extent of the combinations of 4, 5, 6, in 5-6.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE F. ATTREE Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
GEORGE A. KING 2.	EDWARD C. MERRETT .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 3.	JOHN JAY, SEN. 7.
WILLIAM ALLFREY 4.	BENJAMIN BASSETT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal as conductor in this method from a non-observation bell.

CHICHESTER.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1890, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE BALCHIN Treble.	EDWARD EDE 5.
CHARLES BLACKMAN 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
FREDERICK LUXFORD 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
THOMAS ANDREWS 4.	GEORGE WOODMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is the first peal on the Cathedral bells by the Sussex Association.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1890, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qrs.

EDWIN FELLOWS, JUN. .. Treble.	EDWIN FELLOWS, SEN. .. 6.
FREDERICK FELLOWS .. 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 7.
JOSEPH FELLOWS, SEN. .. 3.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 8.
JOHN MILLS 4.	JOHN GOODMAN 9.
JOSEPH FELLOWS, JUN. .. 5.	JAMES BAYLISS Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

This peal was rung on the 71st anniversary of the opening of the bells. It was also the 36th birthday of J. Goodman, and his brother-ringers wish him many happy returns.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 2, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT SURPRISE METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

LONDON, YORK, WORCESTER, WELLS, DURHAM, CHICHESTER AND CAMBRIDGE.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN AKEHURST Treble.	EDWIN JORDAN 4.
ROBERT JORDAN 2.	ALFRED D. MILLS 5.
CHARLES WEEDEN 3.	DAVID JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID JORDAN.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISS (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday evening, December 29th, at the house of Mr. J. Souter, on handbells, retained in hand, a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1889 changes), in 1 hr. E. Hayward, 1-2; E. Batram, 3-4; J. Souter (conductor), 5-6; G. Archer, 7-8. Composed by Henry Dains.

HINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Monday, December 23rd, at the parish church, the local company rang a date touch of Bob Major (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Muffitt, 1; M. Jarvis, 2; G. Whitehand, 3; W. Tuttle, 4; A. Allcock, 5; E. Eagling, 6; C. Durrant, 7; J. Skipper, 8. Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich, and conducted by E. Eagling. Tenor 18 cwt. This is the first time a date touch has been rung by a local company since 1856.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER (Yorks).—On Saturday, December 21st, eight members of the above association rang at St. George's church, a date touch (1889 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 19 mins. H. Fevre (conductor), 1; H. G. Wilson, 2; C. Armitage, 3; W. Newsome, 4; T. Taylor, 5; J. White, 6; J. Leach, 7; W. Howard, 8. Tenor 36½ cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Christmas Day, at the parish church, the local society rang a date touch (1889 changes), in 1 hr. and 5 mins, consisting of 449 of Plain Bob Minor, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor and 720 of Grandsire Minor. M. Stevenson (longest touch) 1; R. T. Parkins, 2; J. Hall, 3; W. T. Burton, 4; J. Bonsall, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. First date touch of Minor by all, and first on the bells. Also the longest touch on the bells by a purely local company. The 449 of Bob Minor was composed by C. E. Wilson (Walton, Lancashire). And the 720 of Grandsire Minor (30 bobs and 30 singles) by C. Severn (Killamarsh, Derbyshire.)

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. *A. Allen, 1; *F. Lane, 2; W. Tarling, 3; A. Pitt, 4; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 5; *W. Worthington, 6. *Longest length. F. Lane hails from Welland.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, December 15th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 1056 Stedman Caters in 45 mins. A. Cresser, 1; J. W. Taylor, jun., 2; J. Smith, 3; J. W. Rowbotham, 4; W. T. Billingham, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; E. W. Cartwright, 7; F. A. Underwood, 8; R. Lane, 9; E. Reader, 10. Conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun. J. W. Rowbotham hails from London.

WINSHILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, December 21st, at St. Mark's church, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles). W. Wyld, 1; J. Austin, 2; J. Morley, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles), in 27 mins. J. Rice, 1; W. Wyld, 2; J. Morley, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Austin, 5; L. Bullock (conductor), 6.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, December 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church of St. Giles, the local company rang 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins. M. Stevenson, 1; W. T. Burton, 2; J. Hall, 3; J. Bonsall, 4; H. W. Wilde, 5; R. T. Parkins (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, also first in the method on the bells. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

TROWELL (Notts).—On Sunday afternoon, December 22nd, the Sandiacre society paid a visit to the parish church of St. Helen, and rang for Divine Service a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 27 mins. M. Stevenson, 1; H. W. Wilde, 2; J. Hall, 3; W. T. Burton, 4; J. Bonsall, 5; R. T. Parkins (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, January 5th, for Divine service at St. Michael's church, by the local society, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins. F. W. Cook, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. R. Wood, 3; G. C. Tunnick, 4; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 5; J. Warren, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; J. Bartram, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. L. S. Tasker.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, December 21st, eight members of this Association met at the parish church to attempt Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. All went well for nearly 2 hrs. over 3000 changes having been rung, the striking being first class, when some evil-disposed person commenced knocking at the door below, the noise being so great that the peal was lost, the conductor missing a bob. G. J. Winter, 1; H. Argyle, 2; J. H. Swinfield, 3; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 4; J. F. Clarke, 5; T. W. Chapman, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. Ballard, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E. Aldham hails from Barwell; Swinfield from Earlsdon.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, December 16th, at St. Mary's church, a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing for 45 mins. a change-course occurred and "stand" was called. As time would not permit for a whole peal, a start was made for a half-peal, which was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. Swain, 1; T. Hibbert (conductor), 2; W. Goseltine, 3; F. Hopgood, 4; W. Johnson, 5; C. Chapman, 6; W. Newell, 7; T. Harvey, 8. The above was rung in honour of the birthday of W. Goseltine, his brother-ringers wishing many happy returns of the day.

OXFORD.—On Wednesday, December 25th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Finch, 1; A. Browning, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; A. E. Hind, 5; J. W. Washbrook, 6. Also 720's in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Grandsire, by W. W. Gifford, C. Tolley, A. E. Hind, K. Payne, W. C. Baston, and J. W. Washbrook. And at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Archer, 1; C. Archer, 2; F. Castle, 3; C. Hester, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; J. Howes, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Thursday, December 26th, at St. Mary's church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently). J. Newman, 1; H. Allen, 2; W. Newman, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; G. Green (conductor), 5; H. Dawson, 6. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Tarbun, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. J. Piper, 3; J. Newman, 4; G. Green, 5; H. Allen, 6; C. H. Howard (conductor), 7; H. Dawson, 8. Holt's Original was afterwards attempted, but came to grief.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Wednesday, December 18th, for practice at the parish church of St. Michael's, 704 Treble Bob. A. Tucker, 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Morris, 3; H. Prior, 4; F. W. Chapman, 5; G. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. Also 504 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Brown, 1; A. Tucker, 2; P. Springham, 3; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior, 6; W. Morris, 7; T. Newman, 8. And for early service on Christmas morning at 7 o'clock, 1330 Grandsire Triples. W. Rickett, 1; A.

Tucker (conductor), 2; F. W. Chapman, 3; H. Prior, 4; F. Harris, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; T. Newman, 8. Also for mid-day service on Christmas morning, 630 Oxford Bob Triples, with the Whittington's, Queen's, and Tittums. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; F. W. Chapman, 3; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 4; H. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; T. Newman, 8. And for Divine Service on Sunday, December 29th, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Rickett, 1; T. Newman, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; F. W. Chapman, 6; P. Springham, 7; G. Prior, 8.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, December 15th, at St. Edward's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; W. Pegrum, 2; G. Roughton, 3; B. Keeble, 4; J. Herbert (Brentwood), 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; S. Nash, 7; M. L. Myhill, 8. First touch by J. Herbert. Also 224 Bob Major.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 17th, at the parish church, three courses of Grandsire Triples, 168 changes, being the first touch by all Brentwood ringers together in their own tower. C. Baker, 1; A. Scarffe, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 4; J. Herbert, 5; T. Fudge, 6; W. J. Pigrame, 7; D. Crow, 8. Also several plain courses, with the steeple-keeper at the 2nd.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Wednesday, December 18th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. G. Bowell, 1; *W. Hazell, 2; J. Starling, 3; A. Fuller, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Hazell and Fuller hail from Little Bentley; W. J. Nevard from Great Bentley; the rest are of the local company.

DEDHAM (Essex).—On Friday, December 20th, after Divine Service in the evening, 360 Bob Minor. J. Byles, 1; J. Taylor, 2; W. Hazell, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; J. Starling, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6.

WRITTE (Essex).—On Christmas Eve, at the parish church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. W. Emery, 1; *E. Brazier, 2; W. Lincoln, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; R. Wood, 5; F. Radley, 6; A. Edwards (conductor), 7; W. Poole, 8. *Longest touch with a bob bell. Also on Sunday, December 29th, for morning service, a 360 of Bob Minor, with tenor covering. W. Emery, 1; W. Lincoln (conductor), 2; *E. Brazier, 3; R. Wood, 4; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Poole, 7. *Longest touch in the method.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, December 27th, at St. Peter's church for practice, 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. D. Elliott (under fourteen years of age, and first 720), 1; W. Dyer, 2; John Sadler, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; W. Nichols, 5; James Sadler (conductor), 6. And on Christmas Day morning, December 25th, for early service, 720 of Bob Minor, and during the day, several touches of Double Court Bob Minor. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; John Sadler, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; W. Nichols, 5; James Sadler (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SELLING, NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, December 26th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 30 mins. W. W. Boulden (conductor), 1; J. Burch, 2; H. Foreman, 3; E. E. Foreman, 4; F. T. Harris, 5; G. A. Ransom, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 30 mins. F. T. Harris, 1; J. Burch, 2; H. Foreman, 3; W. W. Boulden, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. The Messrs. Foreman hail from Herne Hill; the rest belong to Boughton.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Wednesday, December 25th, at the parish church, for the early celebration, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. L. Digweed, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by M. Digby. And on Sunday, December 29th, for Divine service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob. W. Clifford (first 720), 1; F. Ring, 2; W. Jackson, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Brown, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEDBURY (Herefordshire).—On Thursday, December 26th, a numerous meeting of members of the above Guild took place at Ledbury when, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Jackson, M.A., they had the use of the tower bells for the evening. A 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. A. Reynolds, 1; R. Thomas, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; C. Greening, 4; J. Thomas, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6; A. Layton, 7; H. Pritchard, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Also three courses of Plain Bob, and one of Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six, were also rang, and two courses of Grandsire Triples, in which Messrs. E. S. Kings, C. Powell, C. Thomas, and W. Powell took part. The above are six-bell ringers from the neighbouring towers of Coddington, Cradley, and Mathon. Several local ringers were present, and assisted in the raising and falling of the bells in peal. New ropes have been provided, and the peal is now in fair ringing order, but the circle of the ropes fall in the reverse direction.

CRADLEY (Herefordshire).—On Christmas-night, December 25th, at St. James' church, six 6-scores of Doubles (three of Plain Bob, and three of Grandsire). J. Hales, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; A. Hadley, 4; E. S. Kings (conductor), 5; J. Woodbridge, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

BROMYARD (Herefordshire).—On Thursday evening, December 12th, the Bredenbury company visited this tower and succeeded in ringing the plain course of Doubles. The "go" of the bells, the bad ropes, the draught, and other defects, caused much difficulty to the visitors who had never been out to a strange belfry before, and were used to an easy going little peal of six with a tenor of 7 cwt. The Bromyard ringers met at the church, and a pleasant evening was passed by the two companies.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Friday, December 13th, at St. Hilda's church, 720 Bob Minor, with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Wm. Sturzel, for over thirty years parish clerk at the above church. A. Macfarlane, 1; J. Jones, 2; A. Mellanby, 3; S. Edwardson, 4; R. Borrowes, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, December 21st, at St. Peter's church, 2072 Plain Bob Triples. A. E. Collins, 1; G. Burt, 2; A. Arnold, 3; W. C. Palmer, 4; W. Sadler, 5; H. Brooker (conductor), 6; C. H. Kitching, 7; F. G. Hermon, 8. W. Sadler hails from Betchworth. Also at the parish church, on Christmas morning, for early service at 7 a.m., a 895 of Grandsire Triples. T. Verrall, 1; H. Dudley, 2; A. Arnold, 3; W. J. Chambers, 4; R. Richards, 5; W. States, 6; W. Hill, 7; H. Dudley jun., 8. And for service, at 11 o'clock, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins. T. Verrall, 1; A. Arnold, 2; R. Richards, 3; W. J. Chambers (conductor), 4; W. States, 5; A. Bruce, 6; W. Hill, 7; H. Dudley jun., 8. Tenor 32 cwt. in Eb.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, December 15th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 45 mins. F. W. J. Rees, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; W. Grove, 4; E. Heathorn, 5; F. Bennett (composer and conductor), 6; C. W. Milller, 7; E. Stone, 8.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Monday, December 16th, for practice at the church of the Holy Trinity, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. Hawkins, 1; F. W. J. Rees, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Bulter, 4; J. Chitty, 5; W. Paice, 6. Messrs. Rees and Bennett hail from Guildford.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HADLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, December 26th, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs) in 24½ mins. J. Waghorn, 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; T. Card, 3; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. Pye English, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. F. Carroway (first in the method), 1; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 2; T. Card, 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; W. Pye English, 5; H. A. Barnett, 6. Also two 120s of Grandsire Doubles with Mr. Dell, one of the local band. This band met at High Barnet for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but owing to a death occurring that morning, a start could not be made.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. M. Shilvock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. And on Christmas morning, 720 Plain Bob, in 24 mins. M. Shilvock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Short, 3; J. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. For morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. M. Shilvock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs), in 24 mins. M. Shilvock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; T. Barber, 4; J. Barber, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, December 21st, at St. Thomas's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. W. A. Pugh, 1; H. Dakin, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; C. Barrett, 5; A. Orford, 6; H. Harris, 7; J. Crump, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. in Eb. The above was composed and conducted by H. Harris, and was rang with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Miss Hunt, of Belbroughton, the generous donor of the splendid clock and Cambridge chimes, at the cost of about £500, to the above church and who was buried at Old Swinford on the above day. On Tuesday, December 24th, at midnight, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). A. Orford, 1; T. Lees, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; J. Pagett, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; H. Harris

(composer and conductor), 6; J. Crump, cover. And for Christmas morning service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), on the back six. J. Crump, 1; A. Orford, 2; J. Pagett, 3; H. Harris, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, December 25th, 756 Bob Triples. W. A. Pugh, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; C. Barrett, 3; T. Lees, 4; A. Orford, 5; H. Harris, 6; J. Pagett (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8. J. Pagett hails from Ripley, Derbyshire.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Thursday, December 26th, at All Saints' church, on the occasion of the quarterly general meeting of the Association, six Lincoln members, with Mr. D. W. Brown, of Hull, and Mr. J. Holman, of Bath, attempted a date touch of Grandsire Triples, composed by C. Jackson, of Hull, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1000 changes. F. W. Walker, 1; C. Wells, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. W. Watson, 4; I. Vickers (conductor), 5; J. Holman, 6; D. W. Brown, 7; G. Chester, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Afterwards a well-struck 504 in the same method was brought round. J. Harris, 1; C. Wells, 2; F. F. Linley, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; J. W. Watson, 5; D. W. Tinker (conductor), 6; D. W. Brown, 7; J. Holman, 8.

STOW.—On Thursday, December 26th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 29½ mins., by the following members from Grimsby: H. Fuller, 1; H. Wood, 2; D. Seamer, 4; T. O. Nixon, 4; G. Weldon, 5; A. Bramall (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

CORRINGHAM.—On Thursday, December 26th, at the parish church, several six-scores of Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung by J. Harris, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; J. Trussfield, 3; G. Chester, 4; F. F. Linley (conductor), 5.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Thursday, December 12th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28½ mins. *Jas. Smith, jun., 1; †J. Walker, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; J. Watson, 4; *A. Chew, 5; J. Walker (conductor), 6. *First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell. Also a few courses of Grandsire Triples. Jas. Smith, jun., 1; Jas. Walker, 2; J. Griffith, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Smith, sen., 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker, 7; J. Fardoe, 8.

PRESCOT (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, December 19th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. J. Chesworth, 1; W. Finney, 2; W. Moston, 3; T. Abraham, 4; W. Meredith, 5; J. Finney, 6; T. Byron (conductor), 7; J. Moston, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS (Herts.).—On Christmas-eve, at St. Peter's church, a 1498 of Grandsire Triples. W. Little, 1; A. Hull, 2; J. W. Brewer, 3; E. Hull, 4; H. Brewer, 5; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7; T. Waller, 8. And on Christmas Day, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins., composed by A. J. Perkins, of Romford; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 4; T. Waller, 6; D. Gibbons, 8; the others as before. And for the afternoon service, a 504 in the same method. T. Conley, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 2; A. Hull, 3; H. Brewer, 4; J. W. Brewer, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; T. Waller (conductor), 7; D. Gibbons, 8.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KESWICK (Cumberland).—The ringers of St. Kentigern's, Crosthwaite, rang as a welcome to the New Year a touch of 518 Grandsire Triples. R. Dennison, 1; S. Hogarth (conductor), 2; W. Telford, 3; J. Hartley, 4; S. Dalzell, 5; R. P. Wise, 6; A. Wilson, 7; J. Parker, 8. This is the longest touch of Triples on the bells.

ARMLEY, LEEDS (Yorks).—On Thursday, December 12th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor in 27½ mins. A. Craven, 1; B. Cowling (first 720), 2; J. Holden (first 720), 3; Jos. Thackray, 4; Jno. Cooper, 5; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, December 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; —. Sargent, 4; E. Carter (conductor), 5; C. Bearman, 6.

BROCKDISH (Norfolk).—On Tuesday evening, December 17th, at SS. Peter and Paul's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. C. Hine (first 720), 1; F. Barkway, 2; E. Calver, 3; C. Gillman, 4; H. Hines, 5; R. Peake (conductor), 6. On Friday, December 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. W. Gillman, 1; R. Peake (conductor), 2; E. Calver, 3; C. Gillman, 4; H. Hines, 5; H. Smith, 6. And on Sunday afternoon, January 5th, for Divine Service, 720 College Exercise in 28 mins. E. Smith, 1; R. Peake (conductor), 2; E. Calver, 3; C. Gillman, 4; H. Hines, 5; W. Gillman, 6. Also after service 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. E. Smith (conductor), 1;

F. Barkway, 2; C. Gillman, 3; W. Gillman, 4; H. Hines, 5; H. Smith, 6. E. Smith hails from Redenhall; the rest belong to Brockdish. Tenor 11 cwt.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, December 22nd at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and sixteen singles), in 26 mins. C. Rushton, 1; E. J. Wheeldon, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Eyre, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

CROSSENS, SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).—Recently, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. T. Hunter, 1; T. Hosker, 2; J. Brookfield, 3; F. T. Ambrose (first 720), 4; J. Brookfield, 5; R. Holmes (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 conducted and rung by the local ringers without any assistance.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, December 21st, at St. Peter's church, 1974 changes of Bob Triples, in 1 hr. and 20 mins. A. Collins, 1; G. Birt, 2; A. Arnold, 3; W. Palmer, 4; W. Sadler, 5; H. Brooker (conductor), 6; C. Kitchin, 7; F. Herman, 8.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Sunday, December 15th, at St. Gregory's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. R. S. Thorne, 1; T. Elliott, 2; E. Hole, 3; J. Tudball, 4; R. Hole, 5; W. W. Thrush, 6; J. Grafham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. On Sunday, December 22nd, for Divine Service, another quarter-peal in the same method, taken from Shipway. R. S. Thorne, 1; T. Elliott, 2; W. W. Thorne, 3; F. Pitts, 4; R. Hole, 5; W. W. Thrush, 6; J. Grafham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. Messrs. W. Thorne and Pitt are members of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

ELMORE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, December 15th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 600 Grandsire Doubles. R. Prosser, 1; H. Merrett, 2; T. Harmer (conductor), 3; D. Browning, 4; R. Ellis, 5; W. Butler, 6. Also on Christmas Day, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. R. Prosser, 1; H. Watts, 2; T. Harmer (conductor), 3; R. Ellis, 4; H. Merrett, 5; J. Prosser, 6.

EXETER (Devon).—On Sunday evening, December 15th, for Divine Service at St. Sidwell's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Drake (first quarter-peal), 1; C. Carter, 2; F. Davey, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; T. Mudge (first quarter-peal), 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, December 22nd, at the parish church for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. *F. Baxter, 1; A. Harris, 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Preston, 4; W. Evans, 5; W. Cooke, 6; W. Haigh (conductor), 7; P. Taffs, 8. Also on Sunday morning, December 29th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. F. Baxter, 1; A. Harris, 2; C. Waterman (Shorne), 3; J. Baker, 4; W. Evans, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6. *First quarter-peal.

HALSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, December 28th, at the parish church of St. Andrew, 720 Bob Minor. W. Gladwin, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Root, 3; S. Sargent, 4; W. Ward, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Spurgeon, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Ward, 3; S. Sargent, 4; T. Arnold, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. Messrs. Moore and Sargent hail from Bocking; Carter from London; the rest belong to the local company.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, December 25th, at the parish church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire, five with plain leads in, and five with extremes, in 43 mins. G. Baldwyn, 1; A. Devereux, 2; H. Payne (conductor), 3; E. Devereux, 4; A. Attwood, 5; H. Franklin, 6. Also on Sunday, December 29th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. *A. Wallace, 1; E. Devereux (conductor), 2; C. Smith, 3; *W. Perks, 4; C. Bown, 5; H. Franklin, 6. *Longest touch.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Christmas Day, December 25th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Rogers (first 720), 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; H. Meacham, 3; A. Whitby, 4; E. Gallimore, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, December 23rd, at St. Mark's church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Wilson, 1; G. Burrows, 2; G. Cleal, 3; *T. W. Chapman, 4; J. Cooper, 5; J. Buttery, 6; A. Millis (conductor), 7; J. Needham, 8. *Hails from Nuneaton, and it was his first touch in the method.

LONGNEY (Gloucestershire).—On Christmas Day, at St. Lawrence church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Ellis (conductor), 1; R. Ellis, 2; W. Ward, 3; A. Longney, 4; R. Gardner, 5; D. Pockett, 6. On Saturday evening, December 28th, with the bells muffled, 600 Grandsire Doubles. W. Ellis (conductor), 1; R. Ellis, 2; D. Browning, 3; A. Longney, 4; R. Gardner, 5; E. Taylor, 6.

MINEHEAD (Somerset).—On Monday, December 23rd, the following band attempted J. Carter's date touch of 1889 Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing about 1200 changes. J. Hunt, 1; W. W. Thorne, 2; J. Pugsley, 3; A. Willicombe, 4; J. Grafham, 5; Rev. J. U. Todd (conductor), 6; H. Moore, 7; J. Passmore, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Hunt, Pugsley, Willicombe, Moore and Passmore, who only started to ring last year.

OVERBURY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, December 24th, at the parish church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins. G. Baldwyn, 1; W. Payne, 2; H. Payne (conductor), 3; J. Atkins, 4; A. Attwood, 5. Also on Christmas Day, six 6-scores in the same method. G. Baldwyn, 1; W. Payne, 2; H. Payne (conductor), 3; J. Atkins, 4; A. Attwood, 5.

PINCHBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, December 16th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently, in 26 mins. G. Skeef, 1; R. Jarvis, 2; J. W. Jarvis, 3; C. Creasey, 4; G. Ladd (conductor), 5.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, December 24th, on the occasion of ringing in Christmas Day, a half-peal of Bob Triples (2520 changes) was rung, in 1 hr. 25 mins. B. Bate, 1; B. Lowe, 2; J. Bate, 3; W. H. Bate, 4; H. Bennett, 5; R. Baker, 6; S. Mills (conductor), 7; B. Oakley, 8.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, December 10th, at the church of St. Paul, Fulney, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 40 mins. T. Darlow, 1; *G. Skeef (conductor), 2; *R. Creasey, 3; *E. Quinton, 4; C. Quinton, 5; J. W. Creasey, 6; *G. Ladd (Pinchbeck), 7; *C. Creasey, 8. *College Youths.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, November 30th, at the church of St. James, a 720 of Bob Minor. A. Papworth, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Clarke, 3; R. Gowers, 4; G. Smith (first 720), 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, December 12th, a 720 of Bob Minor. A. Clarke, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; S. Slater, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. Also a 720 in the same method. A. Clarke, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Brett, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, December 17th, a 720 in the same method. R. Brett, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; S. Slater, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Clarke, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; S. Slater (conductor), 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers, 6. Also on Sunday, January 5th, two 720's of Plain Bob. A. Clarke, 1; A. Papworth, 2; R. Theobald, 3; R. Brett, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers, 6. Brett and Gowers (conductors).

STRATFORD ST. MARY (Suffolk).—On Friday, December 20th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Winney, 1; W. Hazell, 2; W. Ransom, 3; J. Starling, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. Also 240 Bob Minor. J. Byles, 1; W. Hazell, 2; W. Ransom, 3; J. Starling, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; J. Taylor (conductor), 6.

STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 22nd, at St. Michael's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. *H. Thompson, 1; G. Lucas, 2; J. Thompson, 3; O. Stanworth, 4; W. Lewis, 5; J. Mason (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Also on Christmas Day, for morning service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. E. Busk, 1; G. Lucas, 2; *J. Clissett, 3; J. Thompson, 4; J. Mason (conductor), 5; O. Stanworth, 6. *First 720 with a bob bell.

TIRLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, December 25th, at the parish church of St. Michael, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Ball, 1; A. Hartland (conductor), 2; J. Chamberlain, 3; D. Messenger, 4; W. Tarling, 5; T. Staite, 6. First six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles by this band.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Wednesday, December 25th, at the parish church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. A. Dawes, 1; G. Burgess, 2; G. Ades, 3; H. Rann, 4; J. Beal, 5; A. Reed, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; A. Unsted, 8. First quarter-peal as conductor; and the first by the local band without assistance. And on Friday, December 27th, a start was made for the first half of a peal of Grandsire Triples, Reeves' variation, but came to grief after ringing 1400 changes. A. Dawes, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; G. Ades, 3; G. Burges, 4; J. Beal, 5; A. Reed, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; C. Unstead, 8.

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The Next Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, January 18th, at the "Crown" inn, Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. Business meeting at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Peter's church (eight bells), will be at the disposal of the members from 9 a.m. Members are also requested to note that the Annual subscriptions are due at this meeting. The Committee have not been able to arrange for a dinner. There are numerous refreshment rooms where good dinners can be had at reasonable prices.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Rolvenden to-day, Saturday, Jan. 11th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 10 p.m. A. E. NUNN, *Hon. Sec.*

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Monday, January 20th.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

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The Anniversary Meeting will be held at Prestbury, near Cheltenham, on Monday, January 13th, 1890.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The Quarterly Meeting in connection with the above society will be held to-day, Saturday, Jan. 11th, at St. Matthew's, Walsall. Ringers to assemble at the belfry at 2 p.m. All members are requested to attend this meeting, as there is some important business to be decided. Tea—one shilling per head.

SAMUEL REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Next Quarterly Meeting of the above society will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, January 18th, at 6 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing at 4.30 p.m.

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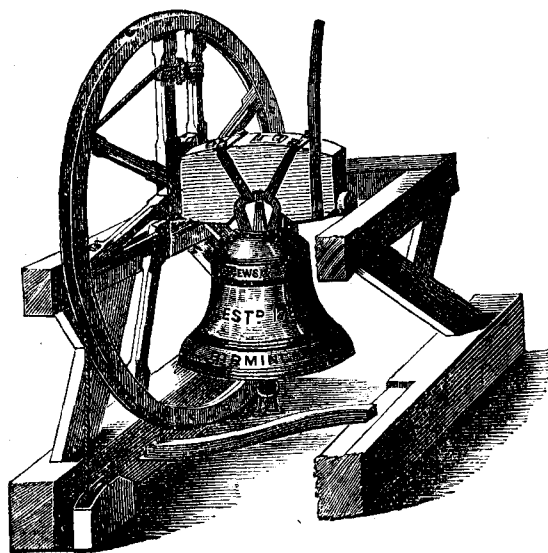
W. BROOK, *Sec.*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, Bury, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 11th, 1890. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 4 p.m. The vicar has intimated his intention of coming into the belfry after the service. Members are earnestly requested to make this meeting a success.

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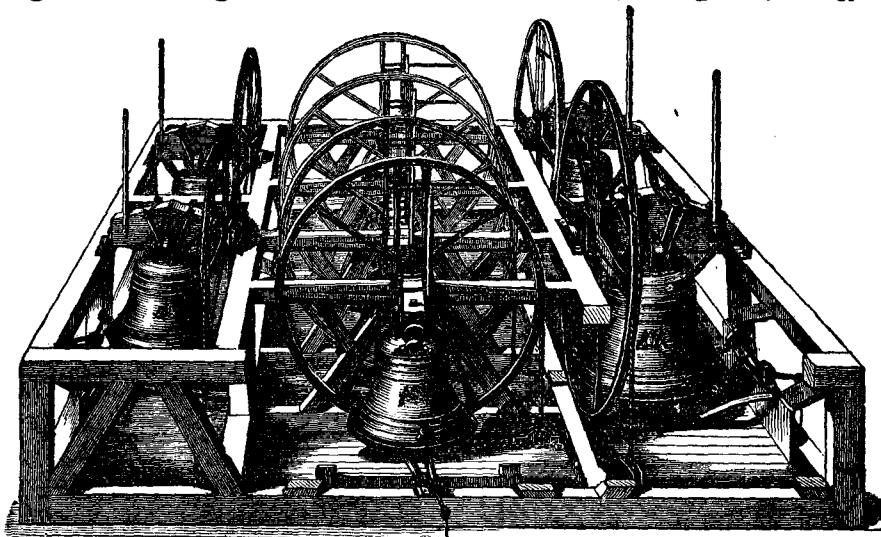
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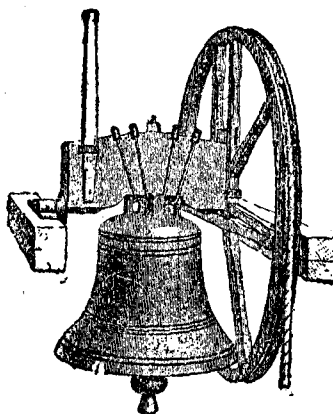
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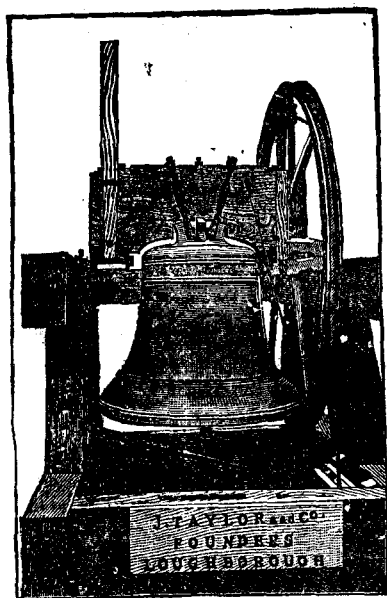
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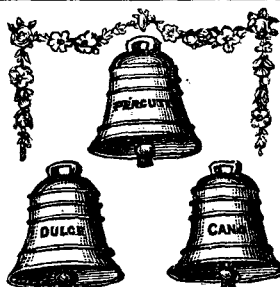
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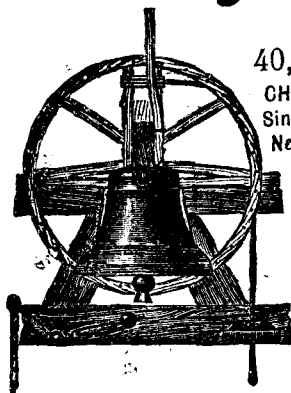
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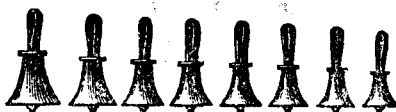
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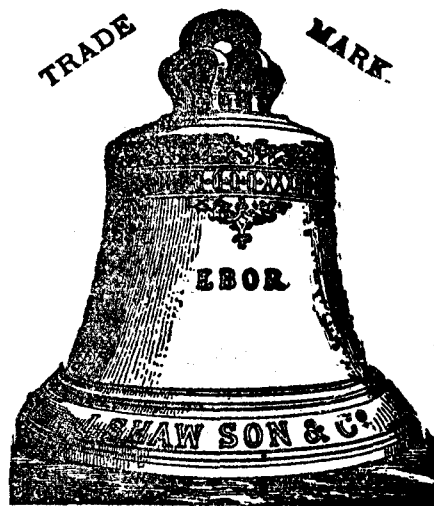
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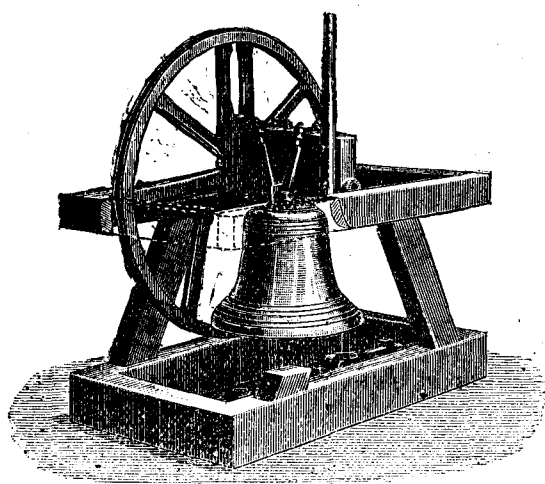
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ANNUAL DINNER OF EXETER RINGERS.

Following an annual custom the members of the St. Sidwell's and St. David's societies, Exeter, sat down to dinner at the Bude Hotel on Saturday evening. The gathering is always a pleasant one, and held with a view to cementing friendly feelings between ringers of the city. The chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Trefusis (Hon. Sec. of the Devonshire Guild), and the vice-chair by the Rev. W. W. Richards (St. David's). There were also present the Rev. C. T. Hatt (St. David's), and a good company of ringers. Letters regretting their inability to be present were received from Mr. Harry Hems and Mr. B. Fisher (churchwardens of St. Sidwell's), the Rev. S. W. E. Bird (Rector of St. Sidwell's), Rev. S. H. Branscombe, Rev. C. M. Hawker (Heavitree), Mr. R. B. West (Streatham Hall), and the Rev. S. B. Fletcher. Under Mr. Shrimpton's superintendence an excellent dinner was served up.

During the after proceedings the Chairman submitted the loyal toasts, and expressed a hope that, should the Guilds' Union of ringers of the United Kingdom which was talked of become an established fact, the Queen would become patron.

Mr. F. Shepherd next submitted the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and in replying,

The Rev. C. T. Hatt said he was sure the clergy as a body appreciated the ringers, and he hoped the ringers appreciated the work of the clergy. He reminded the ringers that their duties did not end with merely ringing the bells, but that they should attend the services of the Church afterwards.

The Rev. W. W. Richards, in proposing "Success to the Devonshire Guild," referred to the recent conversion of the peal at St. David's into one of eight bells, the cost of which had been nearly covered, and he might say the work done had been a great improvement.

The Rev. Canon Trefusis, who was cordially received, in replying said he had always, ever since he had begun his life in the ministry, tried to bring up the ringers of any parish with which he had been connected to a proper level. During the last twenty years or so he thought he could say a very great improvement had taken place in the tone of the belfries throughout the country, and he thought it was due to the operations of the Guild, and especially to Colonel Troyte (President of the Guild), who had taken the initiative in the matter, and promoted it to the very best of its power. He thought it ought to be remembered that Church bell ringers were a section of Church workers. The members of the Guild had bade the late Hon. Sec. (the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote) farewell, and given him a present in token of their friendship, and now things had become settled again he thought the members might advantageously meet together and consult as to what they were to do in the future. There was no doubt that there was a great work before them, and they ought to do that work to the very best of their ability. Especially was it the case when they considered that there were many parishes which, like St. David's, had added two bells to former peals of six to make the octave, and that there were throughout the county gathering together bands of young ringers who were enthusiastic in their desire to learn change-ringing. All they wanted was to hear the scientific methods in order to appreciate and desire themselves to accomplish them. He found that wherever the St. Sidwell's and St. David's societies had gone on visits during the past autumn the scientific ringing had been appreciated, and that the members of the societies had started a kind of enthusiasm among the local ringers to aspire to something better than the ordinary round-ringing. There were many bands of ringers that wanted instruction in the scientific methods. There was at the present moment a little band at Silverton receiving instruction from Mr. F. Shepherd, who was well fitted and qualified for the work. He hoped not only at Silverton but that in every part of the county there would be started fresh bands of ringers who would ere long produce bright and new music in the church belfries. In Cornwall the parishioners were increasing the number of bells, as they had in Devon, and there now remained the work of improving the tone of the belfries. Whenever he met a rural dean he asked him if he went into the belfry as well as other parts of the church, as he was sure the visits of clergymen to the belfries to see that all was in proper order were productive of much good. He had good hopes of the future usefulness of the Guild, and a great desire that it might be more known

throughout the diocese; that the number of subscribers might be increased, and that the subscribers might be satisfied that the work of the Guild was a real, good, and useful work. In conclusion the Chairman expressed a hope that another year a larger party, including all Exeter ringers, would meet together, feeling sure that it would promote brotherly feeling and strengthen each other's hearts.

Mr. R. Jerman gave "Success to the St. Sidwell's Society." He referred to the good position which the Society held, but reminded the members of it that as there had been two more rings of eight recently made available for service in the city (St. Edmund's and St. David's) they must look to their laurels. The toast was duly honoured.

Mr. E. Shepherd, in replying, said the St. Sidwell's Society had rung more peals than any other society in the county. Mr. B. Mundy also responded, and said that St. Sidwell's had rung date touches in both the Grandsire and Stedman methods, but Tiverton, not to be outdone, had recently done the same. He proposed "Success to the St. David's Society," and expressed a hope that with a young society that had so much ability another year would not pass without a peal being recorded by a society connected with the Guild, as had happened during the past year.

Mr. A. W. Searle responded. He remarked that the idea of increasing the old peal of six at St. David's to one of eight was first mooted at a dinner held three or four years ago, when there was also much talk about increasing the peal of eight at St. Sidwell's to one of ten. St. David's set to work, and had obtained its peal of eight, and with the exception of about £15, met the cost, while St. Sidwell's had not, he believed, moved forward with their scheme.

Other toasts having been given and responded to, the rest of the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner.

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Tuesday, January 10th, by kind invitation of the Churchwardens, the members of this society had their annual supper in St. Aldate's schoolroom. "Go" was called at 7.15, and after partaking of the many nice things, to which ample justice was done, the Master, Mr. A. Roberts, proposed "Church and Queen," coupling with the toast the name of the President, the Rev. G. James, M.A., who in thanking the members, kindly spoke of the progress the society had made since its formation, and hoped it would continue to do so. He had always taken a great interest in the society and should always do so, and it afforded him great pleasure to meet the company there that evening.

Mr. H. L. James proposed "The Health of the Churchwardens" (William Stafford, Esq., J.P., Mayor of Gloucester; and Joseph Ward, Esq.), thanking them kindly for their hospitality that evening. This toast was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. R. J. Wilkins gave "The St. Michael's Juniors," with which the name of the conductor, Mr. W. Sevier, was coupled. That gentleman having responded, the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the following members of the company ringing a course of Bob Major: E. B. James, 1-2; R. J. Wilkins, 3-4; S. E. Romans, 5-6; H. L. James, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Cinques: G. Brunsdon, 1-2; A. Roberts, 3-4; F. E. Hart, 5-6; S. E. Romans, 7-8; H. L. James, 9-10; W. Sevier, 11-12.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Monday, January 20th. Tea at the "Leopold" coffee tavern at 6.0 p.m., to be followed by the usual business. The tea will be free to all ringing members whose subscriptions are paid up. Members are reminded that their annual subscriptions are due at this meeting. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, EASTBOURNE.

On Tuesday evening, December 31st, the members of this Society met in the tower, for the purpose of carrying out the good old English custom of ringing the old year out and the new year in, when the following touches were rung: A 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; E. Willoughby (conductor), 2; H. P. Bennett, 3; T. Hart, 4; J. Lewis, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Lewis, 7; T. Willoughby, 8. A 504 Union Triples. C. Carter, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; E. Willoughby, 3; T. Willoughby, 4; W. Avann, 5; T. Lewis, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; J. Lewis, 8. The bells were then half-muffled, and a 308 Grandsire Triples rung while the last few minutes of the year were passing away. J. Rollison, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; G. Willoughby, 3; L. Huggett, 4; W. Avann, 5; G. Lewis, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; C. Braban, 8. The muffles being taken off, a 504 of Union Triples was rung to welcome 1890 into existence, the band standing as in the 308. At 9 o'clock the same morning the members were again to be seen wending their way towards the tower, for the purpose of attempting a date touch of Grandsire Triples (composed by Mr. A. P. Heywood, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, December 31st, 1889), which was successfully brought round in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Rollison, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; T. Willoughby, 3; E. Willoughby, 4; W. Avann, 5; J. Potter, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; C. Braban, 8. And another 504 in the same method, conducted by E. Willoughby, and a good fall in peal brought the day's ringing to a close, the band adjourning for a polish up before reassembling at the well-known hostelry, "The Lamb," with their friends, to partake of their annual dinner, which was well served up by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greenfield.

The chair was taken, in the absence of the churchwardens, by the Rev. Webb Smith, curate of St. Mary's, supported on his right by the Rev. A. Pridgeon, Vicar of Steyning, H. Wood, Esq., Mr. Councillor Pocock, etc.; on his left by Mr. Welch (Schoolmaster), Mr. Churchill, Mr. Hemsley, Mr. Coles (Organist), etc., the vice-chair being most ably filled by Mr. C. Braban, chairman of the St. Mary's Society, supported by the Treasurer (Mr. L. Huggett), and by the Secretary (Mr. J. Rollison).

Having done full justice to the bountiful spread placed before them, the rev. chairman gave the usual loyal toasts, which were most heartily received. "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," proposed in very apt terms by Mr. Welch, was responded to by both of the rev. gentlemen present, who took the opportunity of referring most feelingly to the venerable and respected Vicar, the Rev. Canon Pitman, who concluded his 88th year the day before, and conveying to the company the usual yearly greetings from him, regretting his inability to give them personally.

"The Health of the Churchwardens" was then drank, and responded to by Mr. Welch in their absence. "The St. Mary's Society" was given in kind and encouraging terms by H. Wood, Esq. Mr. C. Braban, in responding, thanked all for their attendance, and for the encouragement shown by them at all times to the Society. "The Health of Mr. John Vine," one of the oldest inhabitants, was then drunk with enthusiasm, and responded to in a suitable manner. "The Chairman," the last toast on the list, was given by Mr. Councillor Pocock, and was most cordially received, and drank with musical honours.

The Rev. Chairman, in returning thanks, said to come amongst them in the way he had that day, gave him a great amount of pleasure, although when he found he would be called upon to take the chair, he felt whether it would not almost be wise to make his escape, if he had to do it on his head, but he was glad to say the proceedings had been so well arranged, and all present seemed pulling together for one common good and enjoyment, that his office of chairman was quite a sinecure. The rev. gentleman concluded by giving those present good advice, interspersed with wit and humour.

Between the toasts songs, solos, and duets were well rendered by Messrs. Welch, Churchill, Braban, Baker, Mann, Vine, Rollison, etc. The toast list being exhausted, the party broke up for an hour or two. Reassembling at 8 o'clock, under the genial chairmanship of Mr. Welch (who had been schoolmaster to the majority of those present), a very pleasant musical evening was spent, the singing of "God save the Queen" bringing one of the most successful meetings the Society has ever held to a close.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—SEVENOAKS BRANCH.

On new-year's-night A. Laurie, Esq. (churchwarden) and Mrs. Laurie kindly invited the members of the above band of ringers to their residence, "Rockdale," to dinner. The chair was taken by Mr. A. Laurie, supported by Mr. J. Laurie and Mr. C. Curteis, and W. Ashdown, the leader of the local band. After dinner the chairman proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was heartily responded to.

Mrs. Laurie then said how pleased she was to welcome them to Rockdale once more, and wished them a happy new year.

Mr. Ashdown then proposed "The Health of the Ladies," and spoke of the great encouragement which the ladies had given them during the past year. Although they had not been able to win the peal-board which their Rector had promised them, he hoped that the time was not far distant when they should have to ask Mrs. Laurie to come into their belfry to unveil their first peal-board. The local band of ringers had only been formed some eighteen months, but they had carried out their service-ringing and regular practices without a hitch. They had lost only one of their band since its establishment, and that was through illness, and considering that twelve out of their fourteen men never handled a bell before (most of them were now able to ring a 6-score), he thought that as a band of ringers their position was very satisfactory. He asked them to drink to the health of Mrs. Laurie and Mrs. Brand. The healths of both ladies were drank amid loud cheers.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Sevenoaks Bellringers," said he knew what a great interest they all took in ringing their bells, and he was pleased to hear such a good account of them from their leader.

Mr. Ashdown, in replying, said the year 1889 had been a very fortunate year for them in regard to a large number of weddings which they had had; and the way in which they carried out their ringing had induced a number of gentlemen to come forward and join as honorary members. Their band, instead of having only three members, now had eleven for the Kent County Association, and several of those had promised to join again in the new year.

The Rev. T. S. Curteis (District Secretary) in proposing the health of the Chairman, said they all felt grateful for the great interest he took in them.

The Chairman, who was loudly cheered, said that what he and Mrs. Laurie had done was a labour of love. He was pleased to do all he could to help the ringers of the Kent County Association. He had much pleasure in proposing "The Health of their Rector, and District Secretary." The health of the rev. gentleman was then drank amid enthusiasm.

Several songs were given during the evening, which was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

On Thursday, January 2nd, several members of the branch paid a visit to Horsemonden (it being the day arranged for united practice) accompanied by the district secretary. Much to their dismay they found on arriving at the nearest railway station they had got six miles and a half walk before them, but thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of Horsemonden when they arrived there they found a capital lunch awaiting them. After satisfying the inner man a move was made to the belfry, where, with several of the local company, the visitors rang Bob and Grandsire. The Rev. H. F. S. Marriott (incumbent of Horsemonden), with the Rev. T. S. Curteis (Rector of Sevenoaks, paid a visit to the belfry during the afternoon. Ringing Doubles) and a move was made to the room near the church, where tea was awaiting the visitors, the local ringers giving a selection of tunes on their handbells.

A move was then made for the station, and when some little way from the church some little amusement was caused by the visitors meeting the Seal Chart band, who could not find the church, it being situate in the park.

The Sevenoaks band, through the medium of this paper, wish to thank the Rector and Churchwardens of Horsemonden for their kind reception, and also Mr. Lambert and his brother-strings for the kind way in which they treated them.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. HENRY JOHNSON.

The final ceremony in the career of one who has done so much during the past 60 years to further our science, took place on Monday, 13th inst., at Aston parish church, where ringers from distant parts of the country, as well as the immediate neighbourhood of Birmingham, met to do honour to his memory.

In the absence of the Vicar of Aston (one of the presidents of the St. Martin's Guild), through severe indisposition, the service was conducted by the Rev. F. McKenzie (Aston) the Vicar of Perry Barr (Rev. J. R. Keble), and the Vicar of Hatton (Rev. H. C. Courtney).

Among the many mourners present were noticed the President of the Midland Counties' Association, Mr. A. P. Heywood, and Mr. W. Wakley, of the Burton-on-Trent Branch; the Worcester and District Association was represented by the Master, Mr. S. Spittle, and the Secretary, Mr. John Smith; the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford by the Secretaries, the Rev. J. R. Keble (who officiated), and Mr. S. Reeves; the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society by Mr. J. Carter and other members; Mr. S. Wood from Ashton-under-Lyne was also present, and nearly all the members of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham, with which Mr. Johnson had been connected during the whole of his career.

Eight of the oldest surviving St. Martin's Youths (of a younger race than Mr. Johnson, but who had shared his later triumphs), performed the kindly office of bearers; viz.—Messrs. John Day, John Perks, W. Haywood, J. Joynes, H. Bastable, J. Buffery, W. Kent, and C. Stanbridge, and the final resting-place selected was beneath the shadow of the Tower of Aston Church, wherein he had scored his first peal.

During the progress of the cortege to the church the bells were rung deeply muffled, and it cannot fail to be gratifying to the Exercise at large that two of its clerical members should be present to assist in the most impressive of the services of our beloved church.

At the termination of the burial service, touches of Stedman Caters were rung with the bells half-muffled, when the ringers and ringing friends present—about sixty in number—adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, to a luncheon provided by Mr. Henry Johnson, jun. At the close, Mr. John Day, as Chairman, referred with considerable emotion to the mournful occasion of the gathering, he himself being the oldest associate present of Mr. Johnson during his career—and then read some touching lines specially written by Mr. Heywood, and sent to Mr. Johnson, jun. (These lines are annexed).

The Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. W. H. Godden, expressed the deep regret of the Vicar of Aston that his illness should have occasioned his absence at the ceremony. The ringers then adjourned for a muffled peal at the church, which is recorded in our peal column. Concurrently the ringers at Perry Barr attempted a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, but, owing to a change-course the conductor brought the bells round at half way. At St. Philip's church also—the headquarters of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society—a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, which was however marred by an unfortunate accident. Other similar tributes of respect to Mr. Johnson's memory have also been rendered by other societies, accounts of which will be found recorded in their usual place.

Much sympathy was expressed with Mr. Johnson's family in their bereavement, during the day, by the ringers present, and not only is it felt that a master of the science, who cannot be replaced, has passed away from us, but that his loss will be deeply deplored by all who ever came in contact with him, that of a genial and hearty friend who had always a kindly and cheerful greeting for even the most humble votary of the Exercise.

Many letters of condolence have been received by Mr. Johnson jun., and the officers of the St. Martin's Guild, from distant friends—some of whom were only known to him by correspondence.

A CORRECTION.—In the peal of Double Norwich, published on page 477 of the last issue, the course end 53264 should be brought up with a bob not with a single.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

The Annual Dinner of this society will take place at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich, on Saturday, February 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each. Members and friends wishing to be present will kindly apply for tickets to either of the following: E. E. Richards, 18, Riverdale Road, Plumstead; F. Palmer, 40, Friendly Street, Deptford, S.E.; T. G. Deal, 13, Lampmead Road, Lee; W. Tyack, 1, Nutbrook Street, Peckham, S.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—A Special Meeting of the Branch will be held at Southport (Christ Church), on Saturday, January 25th, 1890, to consider certain alterations of working the Branch, and whether it is desirable of severing from the Lancashire Association and forming one for the Liverpool Diocese alone, and for other important business, and it is earnestly requested that as many ringers belonging to the Diocese will attend this meeting, as their presence is earnestly requested. Bells open for ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting in schoolroom 6 p.m.

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Bells of the Ringing Isle, whose latest tones
Bore Christmas tidings joyous o'er the land,
Busy again to greet the infant year,
Breaking its shell and climbing to its feet,
Change from the mirthful note; your mourning don,
With muffled tongues peal out a hushed lament
For one whom England's ringers to a man
Honoured with true respect.

Though humbly set
In circumstance, yet lord in his domain;
Carrying the burden of his four-score years
Not in impaired capacity, but keen,
With active brain and ever present wit;
Uncontradicted in acknowledged power;
Ready to help, advise, direct, control,
His wisdom sure, his kindness surer still:
Last representative of a bygone race,
A race of giants, who to posterity
Bequeathed a legacy of priceless worth,
A lifetime's toil, an index to the art
In which they worked supreme.

And he was left,
Gathering in himself accumulated store
Of wit of those departed, and his own
Topping them all, true master of his craft,
A king in all but name, and honoured so
By all his kind.

Passed silent from our midst
Almost without our knowledge; true reflex
Of his unassuming life; he leaves a blank
Irreparable, for he stood alone.
Depository of a world of facts,
Deeds and discoveries. His memory clear
To call each item from the crowded store
As answer to demand. Had we but learned—
To ask was to obtain—even a tithe
Of what he knew, we had been wise; but now
Gone that great knowledge, gone the master-mind,
The able guide who, with long practised skill
Of artful hand, quick ear, and watchful eye,
Led to the victory of accomplishment
The bands that ranged beneath his leadership.
All honour to his name, whose memory stands
Inscribed with one short word that sums within
Its scope the whole of human virtues:—Truth.
True to himself, to others, to his art,
True in each work to which he laid his hand,
True heart! A bright example to us all
Of what a ringer should be. Yet than this
More we have lost, for we have lost a Friend.

In grateful recognition of a friendship
Ended, but too soon
To his son, with truest sympathy.

A. P. H.

A DAY BY THE SIDE OF THE DEE.

On Bank Holiday, December 26th, 1889, the Wrexham Association, and the St. Michael's (Chester) society, availed themselves of a day's pleasure, and, by the kind permission of the rector, Farndon (a lively old-fashioned village on the river Dee, situated on the border of Cheshire, and noted for its salmon fisheries and strawberry gardens in their seasons) was selected, to try the light peal of eight recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The Chester contingent being in readiness at their meeting house, the "Queen's Arms," Brook Street, a start was made at 10.30 a.m., by road, Mr. Higginson, the worthy host, being in charge of the steed, they soon found themselves in the beautiful park of Eaton Hall, the seat of his grace the Duke of Westminster. Calling at Eccleston to pick up a few more members, who had, however, started earlier on foot, the park was again taken, and after viewing the noble building as they passed by, Farndon was reached about 12.30, where they were met by their Eccleston and Wrexham friends. "The Raven" inn being selected as head quarters for the day, a little refreshment, and then a visit to the tower, where a touch of Gandsire Triples was rung by Geo. Thomas, Charles Price, Wm. Povey, Alfred Griffiths, Henry Gibson, Alfred Cross, Jas. Moulton, and Edward Evans respectively. An adjournment was then made to head quarters, and after a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells by H. Gibson, J. Moulton (conductor), A. Cross, and W. Povey, the next thing was dinner, served in good style by host Harris. Mr. Higginson was appointed to the chair, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. Another trip to the tower, when at 3.20 "go" was called, and after the lapse of 3 hrs. and 5 mins., the belfry remark of "that's all" was the completion of Holt's Original (as recorded in the peal columns of last week's paper). After a little more refreshment, and a course of Grandsire Caters by H. Gibson, J. Moulton, E. Rowland, A. Cross, and W. Povey, the company separated, the Chester portion reaching their meeting-house about 9.30, where they were welcomed by Mrs. and Miss Higginson to a substantial supper of roast beef, &c., and afterwards invited to the concert room, and listened intently to the songs, &c., rendered by the profession. At eleven o'clock the party dispersed, all well pleased with the day's enjoyment. The ringers wish to tender thanks to the rector and churchwardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, which throw great credit on the part of Messrs. Taylor and Co., the "go" being all that can be desired.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

The annual new-year's dinner of the ringers of this parish church was held on the 1st instant. Ringing commenced soon after one o'clock, when two short touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round on the fine peal of eight bells at St. Mary's, tenor 25 cwt., by the following: W. Camp, 1; A. Brown, 2; G. Rochester, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; N. W. Tarling, 5; J. Tarling, 6; H. Saban, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. The ringers then adjourned to the "King William IV." inn, where a capitably-served dinner was placed on the table, to which the usual full measure of justice was done. The following were present: Messrs. G. Rochester, H. R. Rivers (sec.), W. Camp, N. W. Tarling, J. Tarling, A. Brown, T. Saban, H. Saban, W. J. Pleasance, F. W. Tarling, P. Springham, W. Morris, and H. J. Tucker.

After dinner an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, which came to grief after about 700 had been rung. An attempt was made later in the day for 1008 in the same method, which was also unfortunately lost after ringing about 900 changes. A 504 in the same method was afterwards rung by G. Rochester (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; J. Tarling, 5; N. W. Tarling, 6; W. Morris, 7; P. Springham, 8. This brought a most enjoyable day to a close.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, the 30th inst., at St. Martin's Mission Rooms, Barwick Street, Birmingham, when all members are earnestly requested to attend for the transaction of important business.

W. H. GODDEN,
Hon. Sec.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, December 28th, 1889, Messrs. Hills, Linfield, Clear, and Hills of the Angmering branch, and Messrs. Tribe and Lee of the Midhurst branch of the Sussex County Association, visited the above place, and rang a peal of 5040 changes in seven different methods, upon the fine peal of six bells in the church of St. Luke, at the above place. The Angmering men journeyed by rail to Midhurst, and were met there by Messrs. Tribe and Lee, who had a waggonette in readiness, and after a pleasant and enjoyable ride of eight miles, reached Milland church at 12.15. Here they were met by the kind hearted vicar, the Rev. Peebles, and Mr. Rix, steeple-keeper, and were at once invited into the vicarage to partake of a first-rate lunch before starting for the peal. Lunch over, a start was at once made for the peal, and after some first-class striking, "that's all" sounded at 2 hrs. 41 mins. from the start. The following were the methods rung: Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. This is the first 5040 in seven methods on the bells; the first in seven methods by the ringer of the treble, and it was the first 720 of Woodbine by C. Tribe, and was rung without any previous practice. The bells are entirely a new peal, and were cast and hung by Taylor and Son of Loughborough, in 1886, and the church standing on a high hill, with about three miles of open country around it, the bells sound out to perfection. The church itself is new, being built in 1879, and is a handsome structure both in exterior and interior, and the grounds around it are kept up to perfection. A start was made for home about 4.15, and after a hasty tea, a start was made for a peal at Midhurst church, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing three Treble Bob Methods. The ringers wish to return their most sincere thanks to the Rev. Peebles for his kindness in providing lunch, &c., also to Mr. Rix for having bells up, and other kind attentions, and they hope to have the pleasure of ringing at Milland again on some future occasion.

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.—HAGLEY BRANCH.

On New-Year's-eve the Rector of Hagley (Rev. W. C. Gibbs) invited the ringers to a supper at the rectory. After some little business in connection with the rules of the branch, and the election of new members, they went to the dining-room, where the repast was greatly enjoyed, in company with the Rector and Curate. The repast being over, the fragrant weed was indulged in, and tunes and changes upon handbells, interspersed with songs, were given at intervals by various members of the band.

"The Health of the Rector" was proposed in appropriate terms, and heartily drank, the company thanking him for his genial hospitality that evening, and for the kindly interest he always displayed in ringing matters.

The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, in responding, said that it gave him great pleasure to see them there that evening, and hoped that it would not be the last time they would meet together on New-year's-eve. He also spoke of the duty of all ringers, whether they were of the best or of medium ability, to remember that they were using a gift which God had given them, with which they called people to His house to prayer, and that they should set a good example by regular attendance at church themselves.

At 11.30 the ringers left the rectory for the church, to ring the new year in. When the belfry was reached prayers were read and the tenor tolled for the last five minutes of the old year. On the last stroke of the clock the bells were set going for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 behind, which was brought round in 27 mins., by J. Davis, 1; F. Molineux, 2; F. Wright, 3; J. Smith, 4; T. Lees, 5; H. Morris (conductor), 6; T. Minett, 7; A. Morris, 8. After the Rector had read the closing prayers, the band dispersed, wishing each other a "happy new year," at the same time expressing their wishes that more clergymen would mix with their ringers as did the Rector of Hagley with his.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Rest in the Lord—from harps above
The music seems to thrill—
Rest in His everlasting love,
Rest and be still.

Full of years and honours, our old friend Henry Johnson has been gathered to his fathers. The news last Saturday will have come with a painful surprise to many. Notwithstanding his great age, it was fondly hoped that he might have been spared to us for a few more years. But this is denied us, and the new year has thus severed "another connection between celebrities of the past." By his death, although our Birmingham friends will naturally feel the loss most acutely in being deprived of his genial companionship, and the benefit of his abilities and advice based upon such a long experience, the Exercise at large is the sufferer. We can ill afford to lose one of our brethren from the ranks, and particularly one who—like him—has been endowed by his Creator with exceptional talents. While, therefore, warmly sympathising with our brethren in Birmingham in their bereavement, we cannot divest ourselves of the regretful fact that we all, more or less, share in that loss.

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But if we have lost him who thus has "gone before," surely the remembrance of his work—his abilities, perseverance, and amiability of character—will remain amongst us for good! Surely this remembrance will be an incentive to us who are left to persevere with redoubled energy to benefit that cause and work to which we are—as he was—devoutly attached. The living links which bind the past and the present are slowly but surely being broken by the hand of death; let us then remember that our "present" of to-day will be the "past" of hereafter, and strive so to make that "past" of future generations a legacy to our successors like unto the one bequeathed to us by him whose earthly remains now lie at rest in the "God's acre" at Aston, close to the scene of his first triumph, awaiting—as we all shall do in God's good time—the summons from our Lord and Master to "rise again with our bodies." Thus shall we be bearing out the Scriptural saying that though he rests from his labours his works do follow him. That they will follow him is a certainty in any case, but that they shall bear adequate fruit is for us to determine. As a living and moving spirit he is lost to us, and while accepting this bereavement at the hands of our all-merciful Father, let us fervently and reverently pray—*Requiescat in pace.*

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Our architectural friend, Mr. Hubbard, has been making a desperate attempt to be funny at the expense of two of my friends, whose opinions I quoted the other week. Unfortunately for Mr. Hubbard, his shots have all hit wide of the mark, thus his letter, which might have otherwise been something of the nature of a "crusher," falls "flat, stale, and unprofitable." The question at issue was the minimising of the nuisance caused by the sound of a ring in the immediate vicinity of a tower which is closely surrounded—as many are—with inhabited dwellings. Not by the most licentious exegesis can he reconcile his letter to the subject or the observations of my friends. Sarcasm, and even that self-abnegation which he propounds with so much theatrical effect—may be all very good in its way, but it is a long way off meeting and settling a point. My friends, whose remarks I gave, are perfectly well able to bear out their opinions without my assistance. Probably they may do so, if they think it desirable, thus I have no need to take up the cudgels on their behalf. This only I will say, that most of us know how that the

sloping louvres which they condemn are such effective agents in causing the complaint in question, and thus I for one can quite understand the grounds of my friends' advocacy for their removal. Mr. Hubbard mentions one church as a case in his favour; I also could refer to one where the removal of these sloping louvres has certainly had the result of reducing to a considerable extent the grumblings of the inhabitants close to the church. And at another church with which I am acquainted, where the sound of some of the bells comes down with powerful effect, as it were, right on the heads of people as they cross the churchyard, the advice of an architect was sought as to the best mode of reducing the unpleasantness. What did he recommend? Not the blocking up of the window, or the reduction of its openings, but the substitution of wire-netting, for the louvres. So it seems he also must be included with those individuals who come in for that profuse array of epithets indulged in by our learned and experienced friend, Mr. Hubbard. His letter altogether reminds me very strongly of the old saying—*Multum eloquentia sapientia parum*, only substituting *sarcasmus* for *eloquentia*.

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Bellfounders and bellhangers, it would appear, must be having a busy time of it just now, no less than five accounts of their work appearing last Saturday. Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have made an excellent augmentation of a ring at West Kirby, which was successfully opened after dedication, with a peal of Double Norwich by Mr. A. P. Heywood and his band. Messrs. Shaw, of Bradford, have rehung the bells of Dalton with their new patent roller bearings, which appear to have worked wonders. The ring at Hammersmith parish church, after remaining silent during the last decade, have been put into very "serviceable condition" by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. At Aldenham, Messrs. Warner have added two trebles to the existing ring of six, retuning the old bells, and fixed them in an entirely new frame, a work which appears to have given unlimited satisfaction. And the good folk of Ducklington have just had their ring of five rescued from their hitherto dilapidated condition by a thorough rehanging, and the addition of a new treble.

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All this looks healthy. It is most sincerely to be hoped that this briskness of our bellfounders' trade will be accompanied by at least a corresponding amount of zeal on the part of those who are now enjoying the benefit of this expenditure, and that "homes for change-ringing" will be found where hitherto the bells have been silent, or Stoney and Churchyard Bob the extents to which the efforts of the local ringers have been directed.

FREE LANCE.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Friday, December 27th, the ringers of this place had their Annual Dinner at the "Black Lion" hotel, which was served in good style by host Stannard. Mr. James Bird, Master of the company, took the chair after dinner, and in the course of the evening proposed the health of the esteemed Rector, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who had been so kind to them during the past year. This toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, all present wishing the rev. gentleman health and happiness for many years to come. The evennig was spent in ringing handbells, including touches of Triples and Major, and a course of Grandsire Caters. During the year there has been 35,624 changes rung upon the Long Melford bells, and this number does not include touches under three courses.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1890.

THE brief announcement which was made in our last issue recording the death of Mr. HENRY JOHNSON has created all over the United Kingdom a feeling of regret and sorrow. He, who appeared many years the central figure of the ringing Exercise, has gone to his rest, "full of years and honour." Those "who in friendship never grasped his hand" will render their tribute to his memory equally

with all who enjoyed his intimacy. For without doubt Mr. JOHNSON was a universal favourite with all who had ever heard of his fame. His abilities in the science, boldly as they stand out, are not the only reasons for the regard in which he was so universally held. Many whose introduction to the science dates back some thirty years, will remember with what respect, if not reverence, their preceptors were wont to speak to them of him whose loss we now mourn. He was the arbiter upon all questions appertaining to the art for many miles round—in fact we may say through the whole of the centre of England he was held to be the competent authority. And he used his abilities and position quietly and without the least assumption of superior knowledge.

Such is the man whom the Exercise has lost. The district wherein he dwelt, the ringers to whom he belonged, so to speak, have testified to his worth while he was among them, and their views were seconded in a proper manner by the Exercise. We hope it is not too early to suggest that a ringers' memorial of some kind should be erected—one of consistent form and appearance. *Apropos* of this idea, we may relate the following: About three or four years ago we were in Mr. JOHNSON's company, and walking through St. Philip's churchyard, Birmingham, he pointed to a spot where LATES lay buried: unmarked however by any indication of the same. We trust that the last resting-place of one of the most prominent figures of the Exercise during the present century may never be allowed to become in a similar manner unknown and forgotten through the absence of an appropriate if not elaborate monument.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, January 11, 1890, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

JOHN C. MITCHELL Treble.	†GEORGE A. KING 6.
JAMES W. DRIVER 2.	*HARRY WESTON 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3.	*GEORGE F. ATTREE 8.
CHARLES E. MALIM 4.	*WALTER BATTLE 9.
JAMES SEARLE 5.	*EDWARD BUTLER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN C. MITCHELL.

†First peal of Caters. *First peal of Caters in the method. The above was arranged for a Sussex County Association Peal, but owing to one of the band not putting in an appearance, Mr. Driver kindly took the vacant rope. Messrs. Searle, Weston, King, Attree and Butler hail from Brighton, and Messrs. Mitchell, Buckingham and Battle from St. Albans.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, January 11, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM COPPAGE Treble.	GEORGE WILD 5.
STEPHEN G. DAVIES 2.	ALBERT E. CHURCH 6.
WALTER PARTINGTON 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7.
REV. ARTHUR W. JEPHSON 4.	EDWARD BAYFORD Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER PARTINGTON.

The conductor is only 19 years of age, and this is his first attempt to call a peal.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALL HALLOWS' SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

On Friday, January 10, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. LUCAS Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN... 5.
THOMAS C. GROVE 2.	WILLIAM P. ENGLISH .. 6.
ALFRED FOX 3.	GEORGE GRIFFIN 7.
J. WAGHORN, SEN. 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by G. B. LUCAS.

Previous to starting Mr. C. J. Davidson was elected a member of the Middlesex Association.

The Provinces.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING AND MIDHURST BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following :

OXFORD, KENT, AND WOODBINE TREBLE BOB, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, OXFORD SINGLE, COLLEGE SINGLE, AND PLAIN BOB.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES LEE* Treble.	JAMES HILLS 4.
CHARLES TRIBE† 2.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. 5.
THOMAS LINFIELD 3.	CHARLES HILLS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

*First 5040 in seven different methods, and first 5040 in seven methods on the bells. Messrs. Lee and Tribe hail from Midhurst; the rest from Angmering. †First 720 of Woodbine.

MORTON, NEAR BOURN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1889, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Tenor about 17 cwt.

JOHN ALFORD Treble.	GEO. MITCHELSON 3.
JESSE STOW 2.	JOHN RAWLINSON 4.
WILLIAM WADSLEY Tenor.	

(No conductor mentioned.)

The above ringers are all members of the South Lincolnshire Association.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1890, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HENRY SHEARD Treble.	*CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 2.	*WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
ALBERT E. REEVES* 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD* 4.	THOMAS HARVEY Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Stedman. J. W. Washbrook hails from Oxford; W. Lawrence from Whitchurch; the rest belong to Reading.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5132 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in Eb.

HARRY WOODWARDS .. Treble.	JESSE AVERY 5.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	FREDERICK WHITE 7.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This peal was rung to celebrate Mr. F. White's 56th birthday, and his brother-ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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.	ROBERT MINGAY 5.
WALTER P. GRIDLEY .. 2.	GEORGE MAXIM 6.
FREDERICK WELLS 3.	GEORGE MAXIM 7.
JOHN LEE 4.	OLIVER GARWOOD Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HUDSON and Conducted by SAMUEL SLATER.

The peal will be found in Snowden's Treatise on Treble Bob, page 27. Maxim who rung the 7th hails from Cavendish.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 9, 1890, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by WM. WAKLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a loving tribute to the memory of Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, an honoured member of this Association.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1890, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 2.	JOHN HOWE 6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
HENRY MIDGLEY 4.	WILLIAM HICKLING Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal was rung as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., of Birmingham.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

FREDERICK WILSON .. Treble.	HENRY J. BUTTON 5.
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6.
RICHARD W. STANNARD .. 3.	THOMAS G. STAULKEY .. 7.
JAMES MOTTS 4.	THOMAS E. SHEARING .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MOTTS.

J. Motts hails from Ipswich; G. Lindoff from Gillingham, Kent; the remainder belong to the local company. This is the quickest peal on the bells. It is also a bachelor's peal, and a birthday peal for Mr. Lincoln.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

On Saturday, January 11, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR PEILL* .. Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD 5.
WILLIAM J. REEVE 2.	*ROBERT WILKINS 6.
WILLIAM COOK 3.	FREDERICK FRENCH 7.
HENRY GIBBS* 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by G. HUGHES, of Tipton, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

*First peal in the method.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES PETHER Treble.	DENNIS NAPPER 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER .. . 6.
ERNEST EDWARD NAPPER .. 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. . 7.
CHARLES WM. ALLEN .. 4.	EDWARD PETHER Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1890, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS WILSON Treble.	JOSEPH NEEDHAM 6.
GEORGE CLEAL 2.	JOHN COOPER 7.
STEPHEN COOPER 3.	ALFRED MILLIS 8.
GEORGE BURROWS 4.	JOHN BUTTERY 9.
WILLIAM COOPER 5.	WILLIAM WALKER Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by A. MILLIS.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham, who was interred on that day. The above peal contains the 6th twenty-four courses behind the 9th, and twenty-four courses behind the 8th, the last twenty-four courses 6-7 at hand. It was composed about the year 1840.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, January 13, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. FREDERICK TILLET, 27, ROSEMARY LANE,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM MOTTS 1-2.	JAMES MOTTS 5-6.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 3-4.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 7-8.
FREDERICK TILLET .. 9-10.	

Composed by the late WILLIAM GARRARD (of Ipswich), and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Umpires Messrs. H. and A. Bowell. The above peal is the first in the Oxford variation of Treble Bob Royal ever rang on handbells double-handed, and was rang at the first attempt, there being other ringers who heard most of the peal. All the above are members of the College Youths.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Monday, January 13, 1890, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD 6.
ALFRED THOMAS 2.	THOMAS MILLER 7.
CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 3.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 6.
HENRY BASTABLE 5.	WILLIAM KENT Tenor.

Composed by HY. JOHNSON, and Conducted by HY. BASTABLE.

This peal is in the inverted titum position, and was rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Johnson. S. Wood hails from Ashton-under-Lyne. Reynolds' 100th peal.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1890, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM FINCH Treble.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 5.
WILLIAM BASTON 2.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 6.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

The above peal was rung muffled out of respect to the late H. Johnson, of Birmingham. It is the first peal of Double Norwich rung in the county of Oxfordshire, and the true and regular striking had a very fine effect.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1890, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

HENRY JOHNSON Treble.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 7.
JOB JOYNES 2.	WILLIAM E. SMITH .. 8.
JOHN CARTER 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 9.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 4.	SAMUEL WOOD 10.
SAMUEL REEVES 5.	THOMAS MILLER 11.
HENRY BASTABLE 6.	JOHN BUFFERY Tenor.

Composed by the late Mr. HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

Rung in the inverted titum position; with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the composer. S. Wood's first peal of Stedman Cinques.

Date Touches.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, January 5th, for Divine Service in the morning, a date touch of 1890 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. T. Salter, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; J. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; H. Smith, 5; J. Crane, 6; H. Williams (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. The above was rung at the first attempt, and is the first date touch in the method on the bells.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH.—On Tuesday evening, January 7th, eight members of the above Society rang a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Windridge, 1; *J. Pratt (aged 16), 2; R. P. Brindley, 3; W. Chapman, 4; A. Everett, 5; C. Chapman, 6; J. Timms (conductor), 7; H. Chatterton, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. *Longest touch, and was rung at the first attempt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, January 5th, at the parish church of St. Mary's, for evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 2 mins. S. Whitworth, 1; S. Walker, 2; V. Hawkins, 3; J. Hawkins, 4; J. Ensor, 5; T. Whitworth, 6; W. Hawkins, 7; J. Schofield, 8. Composed by H. Marwood, of Doncaster, and conducted by T. Whitworth. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On New Year's Day, a date touch of 1889 Grandsire Triples was rung at the parish church, in 1 hr. 9 mins. W. Orme, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; R. Logie, 3; W. J. Smith, 4; J. Hicklin, 5; J. Walker, 6; J. Jagger, 7; J. Carvell, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by W. J. Smith.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, January 12th, for Divine Service, the following rang a date touch of 1890 Stedman Caters, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Howe, 1; B. Sugden, 2; H. Midgley, 3; G. Dawson, 4; A. Percival Heywood (composer and conductor), 5; W. Clarke, 6; G. Hingley, 7; S. Johnson, 8; W. Hickling, 9; W. Midgley, 10.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berkshire).—On New Year's Eve, at All Saints' church, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 7 mins., to welcome the new year. H. Gilding, 1; H. Rogers, 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3; G. Stanbrook, 4; F. Dentry, 5; E. Rogers, 6; E. Willis, 7; O. Fasey, 8. Arranged and conducted by J. W. Wilkins. Stanbrook and Willis belong to Windsor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CRANHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Christmas Day, six members of the above Association rang a date touch of St. Dunstan's Doubles (1889 changes), in 1 hr. J. Gastrill, 1; G. Pope, 2; W. Gregory, 3; T. Richings, 4; J. Uzzell, 5; T. Causon, 6. On Sunday, January 5th, a date touch of 1890 changes in the same method, in 1 hr. and 2 mins. J. Uzzell, 1; W. Gregory, 2; W. Verrinder, 3; T. Richings, 4; G. Pope, 5; J. Brooks, 6. Both conducted by W. Gregory.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Saturday, December 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of Doubles (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins., viz.: fifteen 6-scores of Doubles (each called differently), and 89 of the same. Tenor 9 cwt. The local ringers have also accomplished for Divine Service on Sunday mornings and evenings from Whit-Sunday to December 29th, 252 6-scores, viz.: 100 Grandsire Doubles, 85 St. Simon's, 60 Plain Bob, 7 Stedman Slow Course, and thirty 240 changes.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Wednesday, January 1st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. E. Morfee, 1; R. Nash, 2; W. Fox, 3; W. Gibson, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. Composed by Edward Anscombe, Cuckfield, and is in three parts with 5-6-7 at home at the part-ends. The above was rung after the mid-night service, and was completed by 1.28 a.m. Tenor 15 cwt.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, January 4th, a date touch 1890 of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins., composed by A. P. Heywood. C. Pilling, 1; H. Gibbs, 2; G. Cook, 3; G. Conyard (conductor), 4; A. Peill, 5; W. Cook, 6; E. Barnett, 7; H. Webb, 8.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, January 1st, 1890, at the parish church, the local company rang in the new year with a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. J. Taylor, 1; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 2; W. B. Lloyd, 3; J. Pilkington, 4; H. Winrod, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, January 5th, at All Saints' church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. H. Bottril, 1; J. Jauncey, 2; J. Staples, 3; M. Ellsmore, 4; J. Cull, 5; S. Knight, 6; J. G. Crawley, 7; F. George, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb. This quarter-peal is the composition of H. J. Tucker (Bishop Stortford), and contains twelve 7-4's, twelve 6-7's, and twelve 4-6's, Queens and Tittums, and was conducted J. G. Crawley. The members of this Society ring the bells for morning service (11), and evening service (7), on the first Sunday in the month at the churches of All Saints, and St. Andrew alternately, and would be pleased to see any friends.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday, January 5th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Union Triples. T. Andrews, 1; F. Luxford, 2; W. Short, 3; C. Blackman, 4; G. Balchin, 5; E. Ede, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Woodman, 1; T. Andrews, 2; W. Short, 3; F. Luxford, 4; C. Blackman (conductor), 5; G. Balchin, 6; H. Chandler, 7; W. Twigg, 8. Woodman, Andrews, Short, and Chandler hail from Warnham; the rest are local men.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Friday evening, January 3rd, three members of the Cuckfield branch very kindly visited Bolney, for the purpose of helping the local band to ring a touch of Grandsire Triples, when the following touches were brought round: 504 Grandsire Triples. *J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; R. Nash, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; W. Walder, 5; F. Hounsell, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; *A. Scott, 8. *First touch of Triples. The above is the first touch of Triples in which the above band has been represented by five members since the branch has been formed. Also 504 in the same method. J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; R. Nash, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; W. Walder, 5; G. Walder, jun., 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; A. Scott, 8. Messrs. Hounsell, Nash, and Mitchell hail from Cuckfield, and the Bolney band wish to take this opportunity of thanking them for so kindly volunteering to assist them, and hope (with a little assistance) to soon record a 5040 by their own band.

BRIGHTON.—On Thursday evening, January 2nd, at the residence of Mr. G. King, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor, in 18½ mins. G. A. King, 1-2; G. Williams (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. G. Williams, 5-6.

STEDHAM (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 26th, four members of the Midhurst branch and one of the Eastbourne branch of this Association visited the above place, for the purpose of having a pull on the nice peal of five at that church, when six 6-scores of Bob Doubles were rung. C. Soane, 1; T. E. Ellis (conductor), 2; W. Selby, 3; C. Tribe, 4; J. Lee, 5. And another 6-score. T. Ellis, 1; C. Tribe, 2; W. Selby, 3; C. Soane, 4; J. Lee, 5.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On New Year's Eve, the following band rang a 6-score of Bob Doubles, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, and a 6-score of Canterbury Doubles. A. P. Bennett, 1; W. H. George, 2; C. Tribe, 3; W. Selby, 4; J. Lee, 5; E. Madgwick, 6. On Thursday, January 2nd, for practice, a 6-score of Bob Doubles, and 180 Bob Minor. W. Steer, 1; W. H. George, 2; A. B. Bennett, 3; C. Tribe, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. The first touch of Minor by Steer, who hails from Fittleworth.

THE HERTS. ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, January 2nd, for practice, 336

Grandsire Triples. T. Webb (conductor), 1; A. Squires, 2; J. Cordall, 3; J. Craft, 4; R. Jackson, 5; R. Thurgood, 6; R. Jackson, 7; W. Bidwell, 8. Also a plain course of Bob Major. R. Jackson, 1; T. Webb, 2; A. Squires, 3; J. Phillips, 4; J. Cordall, 5; R. Thurgood, 6; J. Hare, 7; R. Jackson, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples, with E. Bray, 2; R. Jackson, 8; the rest as before. Conducted by J. Cordall. A. Squires and J. Hare hails from Hitchin, Herts. On Sunday, January 5th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Bidwell, 1; E. Bray, 2; J. Cordall (conductor), 3; J. Craft, 4; R. Jackson, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; R. Jackson, 7; T. Webb, 8. Also 210, conducted by E. Bray.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, December 22nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 476 Grandsire Triples, by Messrs. Gilding, Fasey, Bissley, Dentry, Hoskins, Smith, Wilkins, and Rogers. Also for Holy Communion, at six in the morning on Christmas Day, a 6-score each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, by H. Gilding, O. Fasey, A. Hoskins, F. Dentry, J. W. Wilkins, and J. Todd. Conducted by A. Hoskins and F. Dentry. For the eleven o'clock service 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Gilding, 1; H. Rogers, 2; A. Hoskins (conductor), 3; F. Bissley, 4; R. Smith, 5; E. Rogers, 6; J. W. Wilkins, 7; J. Todd, 8. On New Year's Eve, an attempt was made to ring the old year out with Carter's date touch of 1889 Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 40 minutes it was lost. H. Gilding, 1; H. Rogers, 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3; G. Stanbrook, 4; F. Dentry, 5; E. Rogers (conductor), 6; E. Willis, 7; O. Fasey, 8.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD (Staffs).—At the Cathedral, on Monday, January 13th, 1890, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 12 mins. A. G. Gallimore, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Whitby, 5; W. Fearneyhough, 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; H. Gallimore, 8. Tenor 29 cwt., 3 qrs., 14 lbs. in D. Also at St. Mary's on Tuesday, January 14th, an attempt was made to ring Taylor's 6-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but a change-course occurring in the 3rd part, the conductor brought them round after ringing 2156 changes in 1 hr. and 20 mins. E. Gallimore, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; H. Meacham, 5; J. Key, 4; A. Whitby, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6; W. Fearneyhough, 7; H. Gallimore, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E. The above were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham, a native of Lichfield, and a member of the above Association. There is a tablet in St. Mary's belfry, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at that church on December 26th, 1837, in 3 hrs. and 4 mins., by the following persons: J. Lates, treble; W. Andrews, 2; W. Deer, 3; J. James, 4; W. Chattell, 5; H. Johnson, 6; J. Walker, 7; J. Beddows, Tenor. Conducted by Mr. H. Johnson. By a strange coincidence the first 5040 rung by a Lichfield band was accomplished at St. Mary's on the 43rd anniversary of the above peal. Mr. J. Beddows, of Lichfield, is believed to be the only survivor of the band that rang the 1837 peal. He is in his 85th year.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Christmas Eve, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins. *W. Russell, 1; *F. Sparks, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Carroway, 4; *W. Tubb, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method, also the first in the method on the bells. On Christmas morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; T. Card, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. After service another 720 in the same method. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; J. Cornell, 3; T. Card, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, December 29th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles), in 25 mins. W. Webb, 1; F. Sparks, 2; C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Martin, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6.

THE HORNSEY GUILD.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, January 12th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, 660 Plain Bob Minor. T. Card, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; J. Nixon, 4; F. Carroway, 5; J. Barber, 6. After service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). F. Carroway, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; A. Howell, 3; A. Baker, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Barber, 6. And 240 Plain Bob Minor. J. Cawley, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; J. Edridge, 4; T. Card, 5; J. Nixon, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. E. King, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Hannington, 3; J. Edridge, 4; J. Cawley, 5; W. Bevan, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

LAMBETH (Surrey).—On Monday, January 13th, the bells of St. Mary's were rang half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Henry Johnson, senr. of Birmingham. The usual funeral peal was rung (whole peal and stand), followed by a 504 of Stedman Triples.

G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; H. Langdon, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; H. R. Newton, 5; W. H. George, 6; G. Wild, 7; W. T. Cockerill, 8.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FRIESTON.—On Thursday, December 19th, being the wedding day of John Sharp, one of the local ringers, his brother-strings met at the parish church and rung several 6-scores of Grandsire, St. Dunstan's, Dream, Bob Doubles, and Hudibras, in which C. Harrison, G. Harrison, W. Leggot, E. Clayton, Jos. Sharp, and A. Barber (conductor), took part. On Monday, December 30th, as usual, the Rev. S. Stafforth entertained the ringers to a first-class supper, which all enjoyed. Afterwards songs were sung, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles rung on the handbells by F. Stafforth, 1; A. Barber, 2; E. Clayton, 3; J. Sharp (conductor), 4; Jos. Sharp, 5-6.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 29th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Bennett, sen., 1; W. Wakeman, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Salter, 4; J. Crane, 5; J. Bennett, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Walters, 8. Conducted by H. Smith. And for evening service another 504, conducted by J. Crane. At midnight, as a farewell to the old year, 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by G. H. Smith, and to welcome the new, another 504, conducted by G. Salter. H. Williams, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Salter, 4; H. Smith, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOKING (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. W. Furlonger, 1; A. J. W. Purdue, 2; C. B. Ryde, 3; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 4; F. C. Ryde, 5; F. Arnold, 6. Tenor 20½ cwt. This is the first 720 in the method by all except the tenor man.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 5th, after evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. W. Sayer, Esq., 1; C. Timms, 2; T. Horton, 3; J. R. Frisby, 4; R. Hall, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price (conductor), 7; W. Gould, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

PERRY BARR (Staffordshire).—On Monday, January 13th, eight members of the above, attempted at St. John's, Perry Bow, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Johnson. Owing to a change-course the conductor called the bells round at the half-way. W. H. Godden, 1; W. Long, 2; W. Carte, 3; G. Smith, 4; W. Cooper, 5; C. Williams, 6; W. E. Smith (conductor), 7; C. Fluck, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MATHON.—On Christmas night, at St. John's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. Layton, 1; C. Hall, 2; R. Thomas, 3; J. Thomas, 4; *W. Powell, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. On Saturday evening, December 28th (Holy Innocents' Day), 720 Grandsire Minor, with the bells half-muffled, in 27 mins. W. Powell, 1; A. Layton, 2; C. Layton, 3; C. Soley, 4; D. Greening, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Mason (first 720), 1; A. Layton, 2; C. Layton, 3; D. Greening, 4; W. Powell, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, December 29th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Woodbridge (first 720), 1; *A. Hadley, 2; A. Layton, 3; C. Layton, 4; W. Powell, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins., the first on the bells. W. Powell, 1; A. Hadley (first 720 in the method), 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; C. Layton, 4; D. Greening (first 720 in the method), 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6. On New Year's morning, between the hours of 1 and 2 a.m., 720 Bob Minor. A. Hadley, 1; *E. S. Kings, 2; C. Layton, 3; A. Layton, 4; W. Powell, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6.

CODDINGTON.—On Monday evening, December 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Reynolds, 1; A. Hadley, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; E. S. Kings, 4; R. Thomas, 5; J. Thomas (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. *C. Thomas, 1; *E. Reynolds, 2; C. Greening, 3; C. Hall, 4; R. Thomas, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 1st, 1890, 720 Bob Minor. E. Reynolds, 1; C. Hall, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; R. Thomas, 4; C. Greening, 5; R. Thomas (first 720 Bob Minor as conductor), 6. *First 720 of Bob Minor.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, December 31st, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. *F. Sanders, 1; *H. P. Harman, 2; W. Smith, 3; E. Dunn, 4; W. Fright, 5; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 6. *First 720. Tenor 19 cwt.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 3rd, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. R. Nash, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; L. Gibb, 3; W. Gibson, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Fox, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; H. Howell, 8. H. P. Bennett belongs to St. Mary's, Eastbourne.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, on the back six. A. Peill, 1; G. Cook, 2; H. Gibbs, 3; W. Cook, 4; G. Conyard, 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. G. Pilling, 1; W. Axtell, 2; G. Cook, 3; W. Cook, 4; A. Peill, 5; R. Wilkins, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; H. Gibbs, 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Sunday, January 5th, at the residence of Mr. Tilley, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Tilley, 1; G. Toop, 2; A. Horner, 3; A. H. Martin (conductor), 4-5; A. Pettit, 6. And 240 Bob Minor. A. Horner, 1-2; G. Toop, 3; A. Pettit, 4; A. H. Martin (Higham Ferrers, conductor), 5-6.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 28th, a mixed band attempted a 5040 of Bob Major on the bells of the parish church. After ringing 4368 changes in 2 hrs and 55 mins., a change-course occurred, and the conductor called stand. A. Symonds (Lavenham, conductor), 1; C. Fisk (Lavenham), 2; A. Ambrose (Melford), 3; H. Druce (Melford), 4; H. Smith (Lavenham), 5; T. King (Lavenham), 6; S. Slater (Glemsford), 7; W. Moore (Lavenham), 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 5th, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, before Divine Service, 1330 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. *G. Poulterer, 1; J. Cassidy, 2; W. Partington (conductor), 3; S. G. Davies, 4; G. T. Spicer, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; H. L. Partington, 7; W. Coppage, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. *Longest touch.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Monday, January 13th, at St. John's church, a deeply muffled peal, the usual whole pull and stand, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung as a token of respect to the late Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, also of the late James Cox, for some time a ringer of this church, who died January 9th, 1890. T. Powell, W. Lebbon, W. Clarke, G. Perry, E. Bacon, J. Brown, F. Freeman, J. Trapp, G. Carter, J. Gobett, A. Lebbon, T. Chapman.

PONTEFRAC (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service, a 1056 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Carter, 1; G. Spurr, 2; C. Watts, 3; A. Brook, 4; G. Booth, 5; J. Pollard, 6; F. Moody, 7; W. Pearson (conductor), 8. Also on Tuesday, December 24th, the following members attempted to ring Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief just before half-way was reached. J. Carter, 1; G. Spurr, 2; H. Spurr, 3; S. Brook, 4; G. Booth, 5; C. Watts, 6; F. Moody, 7; W. Pearson (conductor), 8.

SUCKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Monday, December 30th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Cleal, 1; *W. Watkins, 2; *J. Howells, 3; *W. Ranford, 4; E. Davis, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Also several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, in which T. Huband, E. Watkins, and W. Tyler and several other local ringers took part, being the first in the method by the Suckley men. Messrs. E. Davis and Cotton hail from Worcester; and G. Cleal from Leicester.

WORCESTER.—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, December, 30th, 714 Grandsire Triples. E. Davis, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5-6; F. Owen, 7-8. On Tuesday, December 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Horton, 1; F. Owen, 2; S. Cotton, 3-4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5-6. G. Cleal, who hails from Leicester, had been visiting his late pupils in the "Faithful City," who gave him a very hearty welcome. On Tuesday, December 31st, at St. John's church, with the bells muffled, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 29 mins. H. Preece, 1; G. Hobbs, 2; E. Davis, 3; B. Hill, 4; T. Penny, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 6. And on New Year's Day, 720 in the same method. T. Penny, 1; E. Davis, 2; G. Hobbs, 3; S. Cotton (conductor), 4; B. Hill, 5; W. Bradford, 6.

WYMINGTON (Beds).—On Saturday, December 28th, a mixed company of ringers from Rushden and Higham Ferrers met at the parish church, and rung 720 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; W. Pettit, 2; J. Burton, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; A. H. Martin, 5; A. E. Chapman (conductor), 6. The ringers were afterwards met by the local company, and adjourned to the schoolroom, and sat down to an excellent dinner, kindly provided by the Rev. —. Napleton. After the dinner a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness, and also for the use of the bells. During the evening several touches were rung on the handbells, consisting of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and at the call of time a pleasant evening had been spent.

THE SHEFFIELD RINGERS' OUTING.—In the report of this occurrence last week it was inadvertently omitted to mention that Mr. J. Broadley kindly acted as cicerone to the visitors during the whole of their stay in Bradford.

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."

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

DEAR SIR,—I see Mr. Parker lays a claim to the peal of Stedman Triples recently published by me in your valuable paper, on a plea that he composed it in September. Well all I can say is that he should have published it in September, and then he could have claimed it, and justly so, but now his claim is quite out of place, as the peal was rung and published by me as my composition. Allow me also to inform him that I knew such a peal was possible three or four years back, and could have called it, no doubt as long as that ago, if I thought it worth while, only I did not. I never put it in figures, simply because I was so well acquainted with the method that I could call it without, and did so. Mr. Pittow was the first to put it in figures after it was rung at my dictation, and in the presence of other well known ringers; I called the peal with the singles in the same place as Mr. Parker gives them, at Christ Church Cathedral. Recently I sent the figures to you sir, for publication, but they have not yet appeared. I thought it a simpler way of putting it. I may add that, in addition to this peal in question, I had plans of several other peals in five and ten parts, but, as I thought them far inferior to "Thurstans," "Brooks," &c., I did not trouble to ring them, or our friend might have lost some more of his productions. I thought this plan worth bringing out, as it was the only one which would produce 90 out of the 120 6-7s at back stroke without the use of six bob sets, which are very objectionable for ringing. I well thought the matter over before ringing the peal, so as to make sure that it was a more musical one than "Thurstans'." Some people will say that it is all nonsense talking of musical qualities in peals of Triples, as you are bound to have all the changes, but allow me to say that it is far the best to have the 7th coursing the 6th down, and in this peal that happens thirty times out of a possible forty, and the remaining ten, when the 6th courses the 7th, the 6th is kept in 6-7 down by bobs, while in Thurstans' you get twenty of each sort. I hope these few remarks will convince our friend that I knew of this composition long before he produced it in September. But people should bear in mind when they are composing peals, that they should either produce better music or simpler peals, or they utterly fail in originality. As compositions of Stedman Triples are so confined in their construction that it makes one say—"oh, another variation of the old peals," as we know all the part-ends, course-ends, and even 6-ends must be the same, and until we can turn the sixes inside out there will be the same confinement of composition, and that would necessitate single bobs.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Now the time has come that a proposition carried at our last annual meeting by a large majority, respecting arrears by members of our association, should be carried into effect. I should like through the medium of your paper to ask the Hon. Sec. to see that the proposal is carried out in fairness to all members who keep their payments good, trusting by so doing, it will lessen our expenses, and that our friend "Scrutator," at the next survey he has of our annual report, may not find us an Association so much in debt as last year. I trust the advice given to the fifty local Secs. to see that their branches pay their subscriptions will bear good fruit. I say that not only should the local sec. look after his branch but every active member of the branch should see that the sec. does his duty, so that when the next annual meeting is held, we may not hear the words by members "I don't know if mine is paid or not, we leave it to our Sec." A cool way of looking at things when we have a deficit of £50 against us. I should also like to know when we are to expect another meeting; it being nearly four months ago since we had one. No doubt the hon. sec. is very busy just now finishing up his yearly accounts. I hope he may have a good report for us again; having noticed the neck and neck race, as our friend "Free Lance" calls it, well may we with him wonder who will win, but time will prove. I trust the hon. sec. will not think I have exceeded my duty; but the reason why I should like a reply through your paper is this—there are many members who take in "THE BELL NEWS," who will see the reply for themselves, then they will know his intentions. I should think that if he gave notice as to what his intentions were it would save him a lot of trouble. I hope I have not trespassed on your valuable space.

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Another instance of that narrow-minded jealousy and personal spite with which ringers have so often to contend, has shown itself in an Essex town. I regret to say (above all nights in the year) on New Year's Eve—and more particularly do I regret to say by one whom we hoped had known better and who I trusted was zealous in carrying out the principles of our association, of which he is a member. It

was the fortnightly practice night of the ringers, and some of them were in the tower oiling the bells and splicing some ropes, when the individual in question walks up and peremptorily forbids any ringing that night. Of course the company asked for an explanation, but were unable to obtain any answer except that he forbade the bells to be rung. An appeal was at once made to the vicar, who decided in favour of the ringers, whereupon they took possession of the tower, but imagine their surprise when going aloft, to find the ropes had been unfastened from the wheels during their absence, the lantern taken away, and then the gas turned out. Those who have authority in a belfry need take no such unmanly measures, as this conduct speaks for itself. Eventually the bells were raised, and a touch rang for the 10.30 service but at the "tolling in," our would be commander again made his appearance and forcibly taking one of the ropes from a ringer, lowered the bell, probably with the intention of causing an interruption in the ringing which immediately follows the service; it was promptly raised again, and our hero took his departure a defeated if not "a sadder and wiser man." About twelve o'clock a merry touch of Minor welcomed 1890, which we hope will be a peaceful and prosperous year for all.

GEORGE DENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

By the Brighton Branch at St. Peter's.—On Thursday, December 19th, 560 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 19 mins. G. Thwaites, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; E. C. Merritt, 3; G. Williams, 4; W. Allfrey, 5; G. A. King, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, December 22nd, 504 of Stedman Triples, in 16 mins. H. Weston, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; J. Batts, 3; J. Jay, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; A. A. Fuller, 7; H. Tugwell, 8. Also on Christmas Day, at 6 a.m. a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. E. Worsell, 1; G. Thwaites (conductor), 2; J. Jay, 3; G. A. King, 4; A. A. Fuller, 5; H. Weston, 6; H. Cornwell, 7; H. Tugwell, 8.

By the Cuckfield Branch at Cuckfield.—On Wednesday, December 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. E. Morfee, 1; H. Miles, 2; *L. F. Gibb, 3; F. Hounsell (conductor), 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. Gibson, 7; F. Parsons, 8. *Longest touch with a bob bell. And on Friday, December 27th, 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. L. F. Gibb, 1; H. Miles, 2; S. Fox, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; W. Fox, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. Parsons, 8. Also on Thursday, December 26th, at Bolney, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1889 changes, in 1 hr. and 13 mins. *E. Morfee, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; H. Miles, 3; W. Gibson, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; G. Walder, jun., 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. Parsons, 8. *Longest touch. And on Friday, December 27th, at Cuckfield, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Morfee, 1; R. Nash, 2; W. Fox, 3; F. Hounsell, 4; R. Walters, 5; W. Gibson, 6; *G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; F. Parsons, 8. *Longest touch as conductor. R. Walters belongs to Chichester. Also on Saturday, December 28th, 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. H. Miles, 1; R. Nash, 2; W. Fox, 3; F. Hounsell, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; H. Bowell, 6; W. Gibson (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. H. Miles, 1; R. Nash, 2; W. Fox, 3; F. Hounsell, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Gibson (conductor), 6; H. Bowell, 7; F. Smith, 8.

By the Christ Church Branch at Christ Church, Eastbourne.—On Sunday, December 22nd, 268 of Bob Major. R. Howse, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Sharp, 3; A. Baker, 4; G. Howse, 5; H. Colbran, 6; T. M. Smith, 7; F. Harding (conductor), 8. Also on Wednesday, December 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Howse, 1; F. Harding, 2; J. Smith, 3; A. Baker, 4; G. Howse, 5; T. Smith, 6; J. Sharp (conductor), 7; W. Clements, 8.

By the Horley Branch at Horley.—On Thursday, December 26th, 504 Plain Bob Triples. *G. Staplehurst, 1; *S. Kenward, 2; *T. Sparks, 3; B. King, 4; *J. Taylor, 5; J. Parker, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; *J. Hitchcock, 8. *First touch in the method. And a 504 of Plain Bob Triples, in 17 mins. G. Staplehurst, 1; S. Kenward, 2; B. King, 3; J. Taylor, 4; *E. Dewey, 5; J. Parker, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; J. Hitchcock, 8. *First 504. And on Sunday evening, December 29th, for service, 350 Grandsire Triples. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; W. Edwards, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; S. Kenward, 6; P. Etheridge, 7; *H. E. Taylor, 8. *Longest touch.

By the Midhurst Branch at Midhurst.—On Sunday, December 22nd, for evening service, 360 Bob Einor. *— Botting, 1; W. H. George (conductor), 2; T. Elliss, 3; C. Tribe, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. *First 360. And on Wednesday, December 25th, for the early service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. *H. Bennett, 1; W. H. George (conductor), 2; T. Elliss, 3; C. Tribe, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. *First 720. Also on Thursday, December 26th, at Steadham, 720 of Bob Doubles, in 28 mins. C. Soane, 1; T. Elliss (conductor), 2; W. Selby, 3; C. Tribe, 4; J. Lee, 5. This is the first 720 on the bells, also first 720 of any kind by Soane, who hails from Eastbourne.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The next General Meeting will be held at Halifax, on Saturday, February 1st. By kind permission of the Vicars and Wardens, the ring of twelve at the parish church, and the ring of eight at All Souls', will be placed at the disposal of the members all day. Tea will be served at the Crown Cocoa House (near to the parish church and the L. and Y. station) at five o'clock, the business meeting taking place in the Assembly Room immediately after, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke has promised to be present. The local committee will attend at the "Waterhouse Arms," Nelson Street, from 1.30, and the officers of the Association at the Crown Cocoa House from 2 p.m., by whom all members and visiting friends will be heartily welcomed. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. Richard Ryland, 33, Haigh Street, Halifax. B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

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BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Next Quarterly Meeting of the above society will be held at King's Norton to-day Saturday, January 18th, at 6 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing at 4.30 p.m.

11, Tennant Street.

W. BROOK, Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

NOTICE.—The next Monthly Ringing Meeting will be held at St. Chad's Church, Headingley, on Saturday, January 25th. Meeting house "The Woodman" inn. Ringing from 3 p.m.

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M. W. NEEDHAM, Hon. Sec.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, January 25th. Tea at the Church House at 5 p.m. Business Meeting after tea. The Tower of St. Thomas-the-Martyr (8 bells), will be open from 1.30 to 9 p.m. The tower of South Weald Church (6 bells, tenor 18 cwt.), two miles distant, has also been placed at the disposal of members of the Association, and a conveyance will be provided for those wishing to visit it at 2.30 or 3 p.m. Members wishing to avail themselves of reduced fares granted by the G.E.R. should inform the Secretary before Wednesday, January 22nd, from what station they intend to start; and also if they wish tickets (price 6d.) for tea. The question of representation on the Central Council will be submitted to the Meeting. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

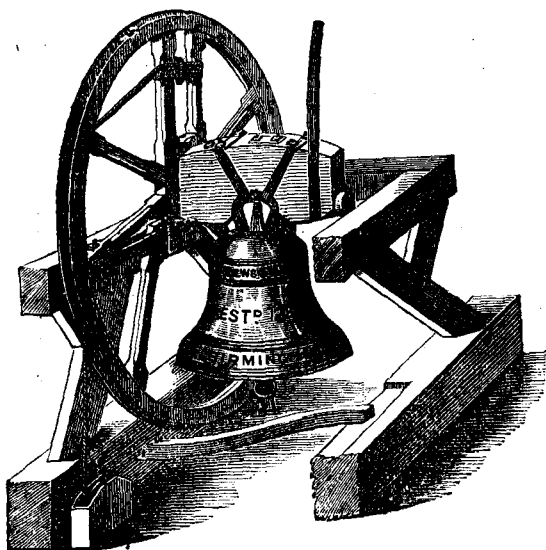
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WORCESTER & ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Next Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held in the Trinity Sunday School, Old Hill, near Dudley, on Saturday, January 25th, 1890, at 5 p.m. prompt. The Vicar has kindly consented to preside. All members are requested to attend. The appointment of a delegate to serve on the Provisional Committee of the Central Council will take place at this meeting. The Annual Subscriptions for the ensuing year are now due, according to rule 7. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

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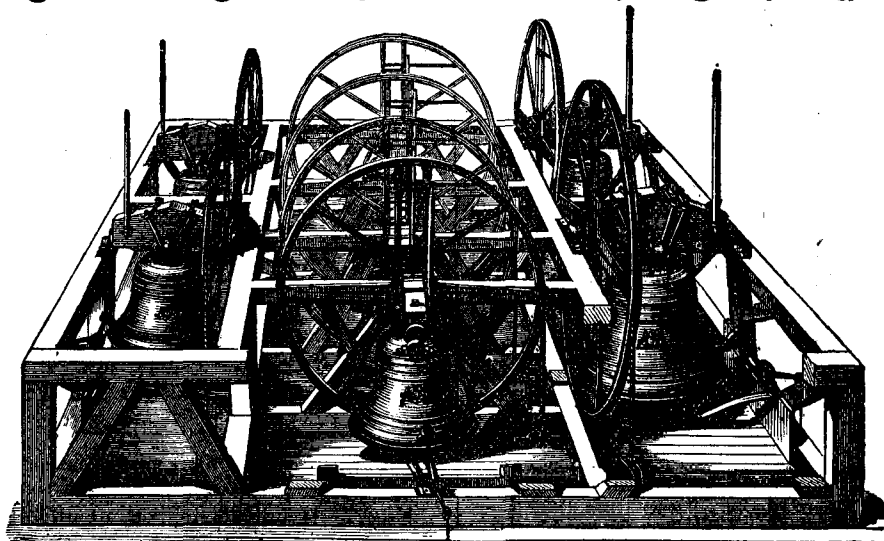
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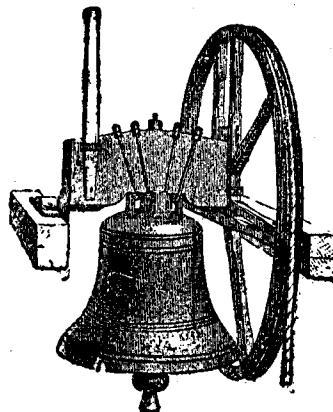
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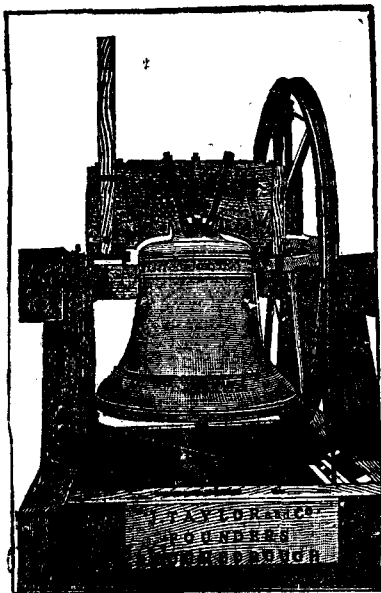
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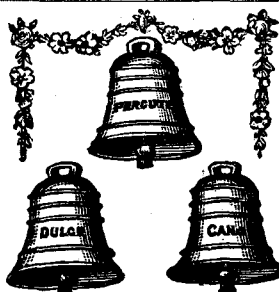
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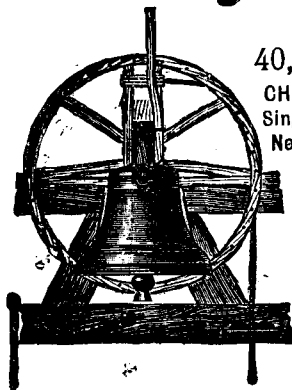
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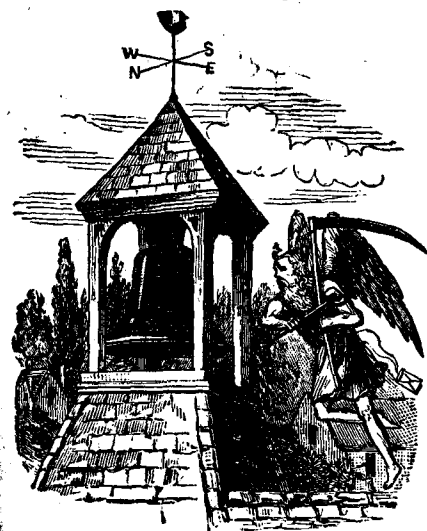
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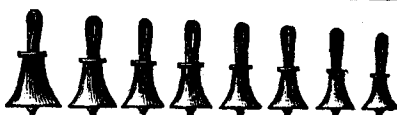
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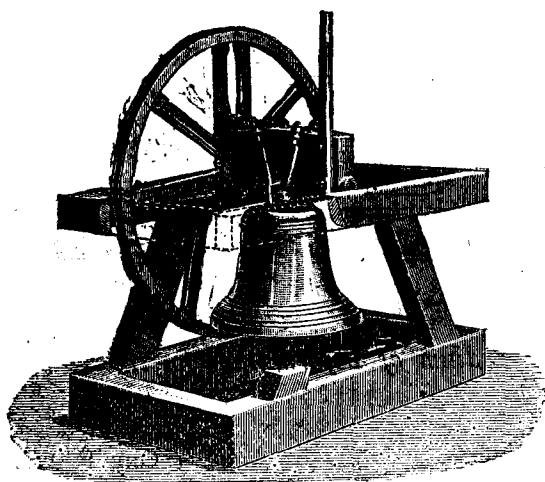
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its twelfth anniversary at Prestbury, on Monday, January 13th. The members attended Divine Service at the parish church in the morning, when the Vicar (the Rev. F. Gurney) preached from Romans 12, verses iv. and v. "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." At the conclusion of the service a touch was rung on the bells of the church, and at one o'clock the members, to the number of about thirty, sat down to dinner at the "Bee Hive" inn. The Rev. F. Gurney presided, and those also present included the Master (Rev. H. A. Cockey, Vicar of Oldland, near Bristol), who occupied the vice-chair, the Rev. Pitt Eykyn (Vicar of Magor, Newport, Mon., Hon. Sec. to the Association), Mr. F. E. Ward (of Newport, Hon. Treasurer), Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol), Mr. G. H. Phillott, Mr. F. Nicholson (local secretary), Messrs. James, Pates, Morris, Musty, etc. After the repast,

The Chairman proposed "Church and Queen." He remarked that this was not merely a sentimental expression, but it represented to them their duty in two great bodies—the body ecclesiastical, as they were churchmen; and the body politic, as they were citizens of this country; and there was this further lesson to be drawn from the expression: they could only be good citizens so far as they were members of the great body of Christ, and if they were members of the great body of Christ they would strive to be good citizens too. He alluded to the re-hanging of the bells at Prestbury, and said it was a matter for congratulation that the work was completed in time to ring forth on Jubilee day the expression of their joy and pride in the Queen, whose health they always drank with enthusiasm.

"Success to the Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers" was next proposed by the Chairman, who, on behalf of himself and the parishioners, gave the members a hearty welcome to Prestbury. He remarked that there had been a resuscitation of interest in bell-ringing in the parish since the re-hanging of the bells, and any matter which required skill, perseverance, and persistency, as bell-ringing did, could not but benefit from such a meeting as was taking place that day. He coupled with the toast the name of the Master, who was one of the eight "plucky parsons" who, on the occasion of the re-hanging of the bells on the 13th of October, 1886, inaugurated the bells by ringing a long peal after two unsuccessful attempts.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, in responding, remarked on the pluck and perseverance which were necessary to make a good ringer, and returned thanks to the Vicar and parishioners for the heartiness of the welcome extended to the Association.

The Rev. Pitt Eykyn proposed that the best thanks be given to the Vicar and churchwardens of Prestbury for their welcome. All who had attended the service that morning must, he said, have profited by the wise and well-advised words spoken to them by the Vicar.

The Chairman, in acknowledgment, remarked on the great help he received from his churchwardens, one of whom was a ringer, and his brother the local captain. He was glad to know that a band of youthful ringers was being trained to take the place of the older members in the years to come.

Mr. T. Davis (churchwarden) also responded, and impressed on bell-ringers the duty of attending their anniversary service at church in larger numbers.

The Chairman then proposed "The Cheltenham and Prestbury Ringers." He said his experience was that bell-ringing was a very valuable help in parochial work, and he was glad that on the occasions of Church festivals and public rejoicings they were able to send forth a peal with its message of peace and goodwill from the church tower. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Nicholson, whom he thanked for making the necessary arrangements for the due celebration of the anniversary.

Mr. Nicholson, in responding, said he had been and always should be happy to do all in his power to forward the interests of the Association, and announced that the towers of St. Mary's, Prestbury, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Charlton Church, Leckhampton Church, and St. Mark's, Cheltenham, were open that day to the members of the Association.

The business of the Association was then transacted. The

Master, Hon. Sec., and Hon. Treasurer having been re-elected unanimously,

Mr. Ward presented the balance-sheet. This showed that the receipts from five life members, fifty-nine honorary members and 211 ordinary members amounted to £31 16s. 6d.; the balance from last year was £26 12s. 4d.; and smaller sums raised the total receipts to £59 1s. 2d. The expenditure had amounted to £34 12s. 2d., and the balance in hand was thus £24 9s. He pointed out that twenty-two honorary members and fifty-one performing members had neglected to pay their subscriptions.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey proposed an additional rule, as follows: "That anyone learning to ring may be admitted as a probationer of the Association, subject to the same rules and payment as a ringing member, but the probationers shall have no power to vote or take part in the business meeting of the Association, and if they do not qualify as ringing members in the course of two years they shall cease to be probationers." He thought such an alteration as this was likely to give an impetus to bell-ringing. In Essex and Hertfordshire the probation system had been attended with very encouraging results.

Mr. Ward, who two years ago proposed a similar motion, seconded this, and said the success of the Oxfordshire Association, which had 1000 members, was largely attributable to the probation scheme.

Mr. Phillott gave the proposal his support.

No one opposing, the motion was put and carried.

Mr. James thought the qualification of membership ought to be raised. At present anyone who could take the treble or tenor of a ring of tower bells or handbells in 120 changes was eligible, and he proposed that in future the qualification be to ring a bob bell in 120 changes, or the treble or tenor in 5000 changes on tower bells, handbells not to count.

Mr. Phillott strongly opposed the motion, and pointed out that its effect would be to "cut out" all the ringers on five and six bells.

The motion met with no seconder, and Mr. James then proposed that the qualification be ability to ring any bell in one of the four standard methods for 120 changes, or ring the treble or tenor in 500 changes on tower bells.

Mr. Musty objected to making the qualification one for tower-bell ringing only, as this would exclude ladies from the Association.

Mr. Morris: I think it would be better to leave things as they are.

The meeting agreeing with this sentiment, passed on to the next business.

Mr. Boutflower proposed an addition to Rule XI., giving ringers outside the diocese the option of joining the Association at the same annual payment as ordinary members—1s. 6d. a year.

Mr. Pincott seconded this proposition, which was agreed to.

Twenty-six new members were then elected.

It was decided, on the proposition of Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Phillott, to hold the next annual meeting at Cirencester.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey proposed a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. Henry Johnson.

Mr. Ward, in seconding the motion, said the members of the Association were indebted to Mr. Johnson in many ways. It was he who composed the two long peals, the 13,000 of Stedman Caters, and the 15,000 of Grandsire Caters.

Mr. Phillott supported the resolution, which was agreed to.

On the proposition of Mr. Boutflower, seconded by Mr. Musty, the Rev. H. A. Cockey and Mr. Phillott were appointed representatives to the Central Council of Ringers, who will meet at Easter to draw up rules for a National Association.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and the Host concluded the proceedings.

Afterwards some of the ringers rung short touches on the church bells in various methods, among them being the last part of Holt's Original.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

The Seventh Quarterly Meeting of this branch of the above Guild was held at Bollington on Saturday, January 11th. The day was wet and miserable, only twenty-two members attending from Macclesfield, Poynton, and Bollington. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the tower bells, tenor 18 cwt. in F. The members adjourned to the school-room at 5 o'clock to partake of tea, the Revs. F. Richardson and H. A. Portbury, the vicar and curate of Bollington, presiding. This being over, the members adjourned to another room, where the business took place under the presidency of the above-named gentlemen. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the next meeting was arranged for Gawsworth on May 3rd. The vicar gave all a hearty welcome, and a long discussion took place about the alteration of Rule 4 of the Guild, and it was agreed to give notice for the same previous to the next Annual Meeting. A strong feeling was expressed about there not being a balance-sheet issued, owing to the other local secretaries not sending their subscriptions and statements of their accounts up to the General Secretary.

A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed to the widow of the late Mr. James Holt, who was a member of the branch, and a ringer at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, for about thirty-six years. He was sixty-seven years of age, and died on December 19th, and was buried on December 24th. He was a good change-ringer, having rung many peals of Grandsire and Stedman, and was much respected by all who knew him, he being such a friendly and genial companion.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the rev. gentlemen for presiding. The tower was again visited, and touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung, and altogether a pleasant meeting was spent, the only disappointment was the small attendance, caused no doubt by the weather.

DEDICATION OF A NEW RING OF BELLS AT SANDRIDGE, HERTS.

The new ring of bells which has been presented to the church of St. Leonard, Sandridge, Herts., as a memorial to the late Mr. Thomas Smith, in acknowledgment of his kindness and worth as a relative and neighbour, and churchwarden of the parish for nearly forty-five consecutive years, were dedicated on Friday afternoon, the 10th instant, by the Ven. the Archdeacon of St. Albans, at a special service, at which there was a good congregation, the church being comfortably filled. The ceremony consisted of a shortened evening service, with specially chosen psalms and lessons, and a series of prayers framed for use at such a dedication. The hymn before the sermon (which was preached by the Archdeacon) was—"Now at length our bells are mounted."

After service, the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who are all residents of St. Albans, rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles: T. Grant, 1; E. Hull, 2; R. M. Pratt, 3; E. H. Hulks, 4; N. N. Hills, 5; W. L. Waddington, 6.

The tower formerly contained but two bells, one of which has been recast. They have been augmented to a ring of six by the private subscriptions of friends of the late Mr. Smith. The new bells were cast by Warner and Sons, of the Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, London, and the ring is of a rich musical tone, tenor 10 cwt., in B \flat .

Afterward the ringers adjourned to the house of Jacob Reynolds, Esq., of Heath Farm (one of the churchwardens), to whose liberality they were indebted for an excellent repast.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Wednesday, January 15th, the annual meeting of this Society was held, and the balance-sheet for the past year presented and passed. The auditors were Messrs. W. T. Cockerell and W. W. Thorne. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. G. Wild, Master; Mr. C. E. Malim, Treasurer; Mr. F. L. Davis, Steward; and Mr. W. W. Thorne, 53, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth Road, Secretary, to whom all communications should be addressed.

BICTON, NEAR SHREWSBURY.

On Tuesday, January 14th, a new peal of six bells, which have been hung in the tower of Holy Trinity church, were dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield. Assembling at the church, the Bishop, Clergy, and churchwardens, headed by the choir, proceeded to the tower, where the ropes were handed to the Bishop by the churchwardens, when a special prayer was said and the form of dedication gone through, after which the bells were chimed for a few minutes while the Bishop and Clergy entered the church. Here an admirable address was given by the Bishop. After service the bells were rose in peal by six of St. Chad's (Shrewsbury) company, and six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles rung. After this the St. Chad's company were invited to an excellent luncheon at the schoolroom, which was provided by the generosity of Col. Wingfield. After "go" was called not a mis-blow was made until several courses were completed, when the conductor called "that's all." Then to the church, where six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung in 24 mins. J. B. Bratton, 1; J. E. Groves, 2; G. Tinsley, 3; T. Groves, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. Foulkes, 6. Also several touches of Grandsire Minor, the ringers standing as before, with the exception of C. Gordon, who rang the tenor. All conducted by J. E. Groves. Here the ringers were invited to tea by Mrs. Harley, of Rossall Hall. After tea the handbells were brought out and some tunes and a course of Grandsire Triples rung by G. Tinsley, T. Groves, J. E. Groves, and A. Griffiths. The ringers again returned to the church, and rang several touches of Grandsire Doubles, for Divine Service. The bells were then lowered in peal, and after again partaking of refreshments in the schoolroom, the brake was in readiness to convey the ringers back to Shrewsbury, which place was reached by 10.30, each one having thoroughly enjoyed himself.

The bells are the gift of Mrs. Daker Harley, of Claremont, Shrewsbury, late of Cheltenham, in memory of her husband, Edward Daker Harley. They are an excellent peal by Warner and Son, and the work has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner, and reflects great credit on the firm.

THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held on Friday, January 17th, at the Rectory, when the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance occupied the chair. There were also present Messrs. W. Battle, G. W. Cartmel, J. C. Mitchell, R. M. Pratt, T. Long, R. A. Fowler, and E. R. Mitchell. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel read the minutes of the previous meeting, also the annual report, both of which were adopted. The Treasurer presented his accounts, showing a substantial balance in hand, and this was received. Mr. G. W. Cartmel proposed, and Mr. R. M. Pratt seconded, the re-election of Mr. R. A. Fowler as Treasurer, which was carried. Mr. H. L. Waddington was re-elected Secretary on the proposition of Mr. R. A. Fowler, seconded by Mr. T. Long. Messrs. Battle and Pratt were elected to serve on the Committee, which consists of three officers and two elected members. Mr. R. A. Fowler proposed that a donation of 10s. 6d. be voted from the funds to the Hertford County Association, which was carried unanimously. It is to be hoped that other societies in the county will do the same, as there is plenty of work to be done, which at present cannot be undertaken through lack of money. The Rector appointed Mr. G. W. Cartmel conductor for the ensuing year. The transaction of other smaller matters, and the election of Messrs. H. Lewis, E. P. Debenham, W. H. Buckingham, and W. H. L. Buckingham as honorary ringing members, concluded the meeting.

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The Annual General Meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, February 8th. Further particulars will be announced.
C. E. KELLEY, Hon. Sec.

SHAROW, YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday evening, January 8th, by invitation from Mr. Clark, Keldale Villa, near Ripon, a select party of ringers from Northallerton, Thirsk, Boroughbridge, and Sharow, assembled at the above-named gentleman's residence to partake of a good substantial supper of roast beef and plum pudding. As a preliminary, the eight bells of St. John's church rung out in a masterly style a date touch of the present year (1890 Grandsire Triples), in 1 hr. 4½ mins., composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." T. Clark, 1; J. Baines (Hutton Conyers), 2; A. H. Clark (Sharow), 3; T. Langley (Boroughbridge), 4; A. Ingleby (Sharow), 5; W. Pick (Sharow), 6; M. Holmes (Northallerton), 7; J. Flower (Hutton Conyers), 8. Tenor 13 cwt. in G. After supper, which all seemed to have greatly enjoyed, the evening's proceedings were greatly enhanced by the presence of the greatly esteemed Vicar of Sharow (the Rev. H. D. C. Nunn), who spoke of the antiquity of bells and their proper use, and said he loved to hear the bells of his church rung skilfully in change-ringing, a science he was sorry to say he did not understand. In conclusion the rev. gentleman thanked Mr. Clark for his kind invitation, for he had enjoyed the pleasure of meeting with such a good band of ringers, and hoped they would persevere in well doing, so as to be examples worthy of imitation. The rest of the evening was spent in ringing courses and playing tunes on the handbells, whilst Mr. Castle, the organist of Sharow, filled up the intervals with performances on the piano, until the clock struck the midnight hour, when the evening's enjoyment came to an end, each one thanking Mr. and Mrs. Clark for their kindness.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Was the district meeting at Weybridge on January 16th a success? Scarcely. Why not? Was there sufficient notice given of it? Yes, it was advertised for three weeks in "THE BELL NEWS," and, I believe, in *Church Bells*. Were the Weybridge bells known to be bad-goers? No; on the contrary they were well known to be a handy ring of very sweet tone. Was the place inconveniently situated? No; it was within easy reach of Walton, Woking, Bagshot, Guildford, Shalford, and Bramley. Was no provision made for the spiritual and bodily needs of the members? No; a beautiful choral service was arranged by the local clergy, a lady was engaged to play the organ, and a dozen choir boys were invited to carry out efficiently the musical portion of the service, and the Rector, the Rev. W. B. Money, one of the oldest members of the Guild, had prepared an admirable address to the ringers. A meat tea at the Coffee House was arranged for. Why, then, was not the meeting a success? The only rational explanation is that all the members of the bands in the neighbourhood were suffering from the Russian epidemic. However, soon after 3, a small party ascended the belfry, and six-bell ringing was carried on till 5 o'clock, the only noteworthy performance being a 360 of Grandsire Minor. At 5 o'clock, the time of the special service, the most remarkable thing happened. Out of the small party in the belfry, a little less than half remained to take part in the service, and considering the great pains bestowed upon it by the Rector, this behaviour, to say the least of it, was very "bad form." The tea and business meeting was a little better attended, and some important business was transacted, including the election of two new bands at Hawley and Wiltey. H. A. S.

RINGERS' SUPPER AT BISHOPS STORTFORD.

On Wednesday, January 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Prior, 1; A. Tucker (conductor), 2; W. Prior, 3; H. J. Tucker, 4; F. Harris, 5; F. W. Chapman, 6; H. Prior, 7; T. Newman, 8. After the touch, the company, numbering ten, with ladies and friends, met at the house of Mr. H. J. Tucker, to partake of a good supper, which was well served up by Mrs. Tucker. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the handbells were brought out, and tunes and touches of Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob indulged in. Songs were also sung by several of the company. Before breaking up the healths of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker were drank with musical honours, and after thanking them for their kind hospitality, the company wended their way homewards, all having spent a most enjoyable evening.

FESTIVE GATHERING AT GREAT YARMOUTH.

By the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Donne, the parish church ringers met at the vicarage on New Year's Eve to partake of a good substantial supper, to which ample justice was done. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal toasts were proposed and drunk heartily.

The Master (Mr. M. Long), in proposing the health of the Vicar, and Mrs. Donne and family (who were unavoidably absent), referred to their kindness and liberality to the ringers that evening and other occasions.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings next proposed "The health of the Master," and in a brief speech spoke highly of Mr. Long as their conductor. The health of the Rev. J. F. Hastings was proposed and heartily drunk. The company, numbered seventeen, including Mr. J. Mann, the sexton, and the proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable character.

At 11.45 the ringers ascended the tower, when the old year was rung out and the new year rang in with touches of Grandsire Caters. G. Read, 1; R. Christian, 2; J. F. Bray, 3; W. Blyth, 4; M. Long (conductor), 5; T. Tooley, 6; W. Secrett, 7; A. Webber, 8; W. Fletcher, 9; Rev. J. F. Hastings, 10.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Baintree and Bocking branches of this Association had a pleasant gathering at St. Mary's, Bocking, for the express purpose of ringing, with Mr. E. Carter, of London, a new six-bell method, composed by A. Huckson, of Baintree, and rung for the first time on Thursday afternoon, December 26th, 1889, and for music and even work it is said to rank fairly well with other musical six-bell methods. Before starting, Mr. E. Carter named it "Bocking Treble Bob," and the party were successful in ringing 720 of it, in 28 mins. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; E. Carter, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOSBURY.—On Friday evening, January 10th, in the School-room, by permission of the Rector, the Rev. E. S. Bentley, the ringers' annual dinner was held, to which fifteen sat down, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Green. The repast was ably provided by Mrs. Brown, the Guild Instructor being one of the invited members. On the removal of the cloth, handbell ringing, singing, etc., sustained the pleasure of the evening until a late hour.

EASTNOR.—At St. John's church, on Wednesday, January 15th, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 41 mins. W. H. Fussell (conductor), 1; H. Colman, 2; W. E. Jones, 3; A. Passey, 4; F. Summers, 5; E. Taylor (sexton), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Rang as a farewell pull with Colman, who is leaving this parish for Bedford. Mr. G. Connop, one of the old band, attained his 77th birthday on Monday, January 13th, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. Like the late Nash, of Colwall, and Knott and Perks, of Malvern, he formed one of an old school who helped to keep up some kind of change-ringing nearly half a century past.

CODDINGTON.—On Friday evening, January 17th, the parish ringers' annual supper was held in the schools, at which the Vicar, the Rev. C. Curtis, presided, and to which the Guild Instructor was invited. The tower bells were rang before in touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire, and after supper the handbells were brought out, the evening's entertainment concluding at 11 p.m.

LANCASTER PARISH CHURCH.

On Saturday, January 18th, the ringers of St. Mary's parish church, past and present, and their wives, held their annual gathering in the Market Street Coffee Tavern, when twenty sat down to an excellent knife and fork tea. After justice had been done, Mr. T. J. Parker was voted to the chair, when the programme consisting of songs and handbell ringing, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at St. Peter's church, Woolton, near Liverpool, on Saturday last, the bells being kept going until 6.0 p.m. An adjournment was then made to the school to partake of tea, kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. Spooner.

The business meeting was subsequently held. In the unavoidable absence of the vice-president (Rev. H. J. Elsee) through indisposition, the chair was occupied by Mr. Richard Hill, of Southport, who briefly addressed the members, and expressed the pleasure it always gave him to further the work of the Association.

Mr. Robert Williams (Liverpool), proposed the election of ten new members, comprising the whole of the Woolton company. Mr. C. Williams seconded the proposition, and it was carried amid applause.

The subject next discussed was the notice appearing in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 18th instant, referring to a meeting to be held at Southport, on Saturday, the 25th instant, under the auspices of the Liverpool diocesan branch, to consider if it be desirable to secede from the Lancashire Association. Mr. Joel Redford (Hon. Sec.) having given the whole history of the branch, said the movement that was now being pressed forward was the outcome of the resolution having reference to the payment of travelling expenses to local branch secretaries attending branch meetings, which was lost by an overwhelming majority at the annual meeting. The following resolution has since been submitted to the committee: "That each branch shall have the right to retain two-thirds of the fund the branch collects from all sources, for expenses; one third to be handed over to the General Fund." To this the committee replied that although they had no power, and could but await the result if brought forward at the annual meeting, they were not favorable to the resolution. Mr. Redford said the resolution was a most unreasonable one, as the county would only receive fourpence per member in return for reports and other expenses. Yet they still persisted in their demand to obtain from the committee what the rules will not allow. He was however pleased to find that only a few had assumed the responsibility of attempting to create disunion in their ranks, and this pleasure was greatly enhanced by the fact that the whole company of St. Peter's, Woolton, had joined the Association, the position of which he fully believed was assured.

Mr. Robert Williams said he should strongly oppose any attempts at withdrawal from the Association. If all its officers were to receive travelling expenses from its funds, it would fall rapidly. Members ought not to accept official positions which they were unable to maintain.

Mr. H. W. Jackson supported the remarks of the previous speakers. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for his hospitality; and the usual vote of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells was unanimously carried.

CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON, LANCs.

On Tuesday evening, January 7th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the above church, when the Rev. Donald Jones, formerly curate here, was the recipient of a very handsome portrait of himself and the ringers, in a neat English oak frame. The presentation was made by Mr. H. Cave, belfry superintendent, who complimented Mr. Jones on the progress he had made as a change-ringer, and he had very great pleasure in handing to him the picture on behalf of the ringers.

The Rev. D. Jones briefly acknowledged the gift, and hoped the Aughton company would keep on practising as they had done. He was satisfied that he had been instructed in the right way how to pull a bell, and when he looked at the picture it would remind him of the pleasant hours he had when learning to ring.

A 504 of Stedman Triples and a touch of Grandsire Triples, both conducted by the Rev. D. Jones, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

A SUGGESTION.—The Captain of the King's Lynn ringers writes:—"Mr. W. Curston, one of the company, takes ten copies of "THE BELL NEWS" every week, in order to propagate the science of campanology. This is as it should be. Reader, go thou and do likewise."

THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 2nd, this society of ringers met at the tower, and in place of the usual chiming for service rang a 720 of York Surprise, and then adjourned to the Regent hotel to celebrate their annual supper, where they were joined by the Vicar (Rev. H. Martin), the senior curate (Rev. F. L. Milward) Mr. J. H. Blakiston (Middlesbrough), and other friends. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. J. Clarkson. A capital toast list, interspersed with songs and handbell ringing, formed the after part of the evening's entertainment. In replying to the toast of "The Bishops and Clergy,"

The Vicar referred to the proposed alterations of the parish church, which he hoped to see carried out in such a manner as to provide in Stockton at least one handsome building; and he thought in a church of such importance the present ring of six bells was quite as much out of proportion as the stunted little chancel, and the present peal, which was nice enough as far as it went, would be augmented by the addition of larger bells.

The editor of the *Northern Mail*, who was present in a company of ringers for the first time, remarked in his paper the following evening:—

The good folks of Stockton very justly boast of their High Street, and with equal justice they may be proud of the Society of Bell Ringers in connection with their Parish Church. Too often we hear "sweet bells jangled out of tune," and we would recommend church bell ringers generally to emulate the example of their Stockton brethren, and reduce bell-ringing to a musical science.

This society's summary for the year consists of forty-five 720s, viz.: fourteen of York Surprise, nine of Kent Treble Bob, six of Oxford Treble Bob, five each of Durham and Worcester Surprise, two of Chichester Surprise, and one each of London and Wells Surprise. Of the foregoing, twenty-seven were conducted by T. Stephenson: fifteen by G. J. Clarkson; and three by W. Newton.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON DISTRICT.—The first meeting of this district took place on Saturday, the 11th instant, at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, when members from Nuneaton, Hinckley, Barwell, Stanton, etc., met and rang touches in various methods, after which they adjourned for the purpose of electing the officers for district. Mr. A. R. Aldham was voted to the chair, and the officers elected were:—

Vice-President: Mr. A. R. Aldham, Barwell.

Committee: Messrs. H. Horwood (Nuneaton) and H. Briggs (Stony Stanton).

Local Secretary: Mr. H. Argyle, 27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

The list of members was augmented by the election of one honorary and five ringing members. It was decided to attempt a peal of Bob Major at Nuneaton on the 1st of February, and that the usual monthly meeting be held on February 8th, at Barwell, near Hinckley.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close.

DISS, NORFOLK.

The fifty-seventh Anniversary of St. Mary's bells was held on Monday, January 13th, when a good number of ringers from Norwich, Stradbroke, Eye, Wingfield, etc. put in an appearance, and soon got to work on the fine ring of bells which the town has the good fortune to possess. At 2.30 the company, which included the Rev. R. W. Pitt, of North Lopham, A. Tyrrell, Esq., Captain Moore, etc., sat down to dinner at the "Dolphin" Inn, under the presidency of the Rev. W. N. Andrews, curate of Diss. Dinner over, "The Health of the Queen and Royal Family," "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," "The Chairman," etc., were duly honoured. During the day some capital ringing was done in Oxford, Plain, Grandsire, and Stedman, including a date touch of 1890 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 14 mins. W. Houchin, 1; C. Webster, 2; F. Knights (conductor), 3; E. Hayward, 4; G. Archer, 5; R. Houchin, 6; E. Batrum, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Some good handbell ringing was done during the day, and some capital songs, interspersed with tunes by F. Knights and Son, of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, which added greatly to the day's enjoyment.

ANOTHER DILAPIDATED BELFRY RESTORED.

The bells of St. Andrew's parish church, Yarnscombe, near Barnstaple, North Devon, are to be opened on the 29th inst., after augmentation and renovation. Originally there were but four bells, one of which was broken. The wheels of these were of enormous diameter—quite an archaeological curiosity. The crazed one has been recast, and two new bells by Taylor have been added, making a nice little ring of six. The old tower has been braced up with rods in its weak places, and thoroughly overhauled. The wood-work has been given by the Hon. Mark Rolle, Lord of the Manor, and the family of the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Hon. Sec. to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who reside in the parish, have warmly interested themselves in the satisfactory result now so nearly approaching a much desired happy termination. The Rev. J. B. Singleton, Vicar, has effected a marvellous transformation in this remote and formerly dilapidated North Devon church since his appointment to the living a few years ago, which is now a credit to the neighbourhood and Diocese of Exeter.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. J. PARKER, *Farnham Royal.*

When I gave my last batch of peals of Stedman Triples, I adopted the old-fashioned plan of giving them in preference to Mr. Heywood's plan, not because I liked it better, but because I thought it would be understood better. A friend of mine (a conductor of Stedman) had written to me to say that he thought our plan of giving Stedman awfully misleading, and, in my reply, I gave an explanation, at the same time confessing that the giving of Stedman Triples was as complicated as the method itself. This, and the various comments by Mr. Heywood, somewhat excited my curiosity, and caused me to look into the matter, and the following peals are the result of a complete investigation of the question as to the best way of giving Stedman Triples, and the best use we can make of the singles.

No. 6.	5040.	IN TEN PARTS.
2 3 1 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 12 13	3 4 6 7 2 5 1
3 4 6 1 2 5*	- - - - -	5 3 6 4 2 1
4 1 5 6 3 2 s	- - - - -	3 4 1 6 5 2
2 1 6 4 3 5	- - - - -	2 4 6 3 5 1
1 4 3 2 5 6	- - - - -	4 3 5 2 1 6
6 2 3 1 4 5	- - - - -	6 2 5 4 3 1
6 1 5 2 4 3	- - - - -	6 4 1 2 3 5
5 2 3 4 1 6	- - - - -	1 2 5 3 4 6

*This course-end in the first instance is produced with a single at 2; add to the fifth part—7, 8, 12, 13, 514, which will produce the second six of the plain course. By using a second series of part-ends for the second half, which in this case is given first, we can call a single at 2 in the thirtieth course, to produce the first course-end in the second half-peal. The peal has the 6th at home every third course, and the 120 changes with 6-7 at back-stroke. The next peal is a five-part upon the same plan.

No. 7.	5040.	IN FIVE PARTS.
2 3 1 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 11 12 13	
5 3 6 4 2 1	- - - - -	- -
3 4 1 6 5 2 s	- - - - -	- -
2 4 6 3 5 1	- - - - -	s
1 4 3 2 5 6	- - - - -	s
5 4 6 2 1 3	- - - - -	- -
4 5 6 2 3 1	- - - - -	- -
5 2 3 4 1 6	- - - - -	- -
6 4 3 5 2 1	- - - - -	- -
6 5 1 4 2 3	- - - - -	- -
4 3 5 2 1 6	- - - - -	s - -
6 2 5 4 3 1	- - - - -	- -
6 4 1 2 3 5	- - - - -	- -
1 2 5 3 4 6	- - - - -	- -

By leaving out the short course and the single at 9 in the

course that follows, the thing will come round at the first part, making a 1008; or the arrangement may be inserted at the other 5-6 course, if preferred. It must be remembered that if we have the 120 6-7s at back-stroke, we also get sixty extra musical positions with regard to the 6th, a feature we do not get in a bob-and-single peal of Grandsire Triples. This is bringing out the music of this queen of odd-bell methods with a vengeance. The following five-part peal is rather complicated, but it is of interest, as it contains 105 changes with 6-7s, and only five four-bob sets.

No. 8.	5040.	IN FIVE PARTS.
2 3 1 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 12 13 14	
3 4 5 2 6 1	- - - - -	- -
6 2 5 4 3 1	- - - - -	- -
1 6 5 2 3 4	- - - - -	s - -
6 2 4 5 1 3 s	- - - - -	- - -
6 2 4 7 1 3 5	- - - - -	- - - s
6 2 3 1 4 5	- - - - -	- - -
2 1 6 4 3 5	- - - - -	- - -
3 1 5 4 2 6	- - - - -	- - -
3 4 6 1 2 5	- - - - -	- - -
2 4 5 1 3 6	- - - - -	- - -
4 1 6 5 2 3 s	- - - - -	- - -
2 1 3 5 4 6	- - - - -	- - -
2 5 6 1 4 3	- - - - -	- - -
4 5 3 1 2 6	- - - - -	- - -

The confined nature of the composition of peals 6, 7, and 8 will not allow me to shew off to the best advantage the inserting of the singles into the interior of the courses; for this reason I give peal 9, to shew how well the plan is adapted for the five-part peals that have already appeared by Mr. Heywood, Mr. Bulwer, and myself.

No. 9.	5040.	IN FIVE PARTS.
2 3 1 4 5 6	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 11 12 13	
5 3 6 4 2 1	- - - - -	- -
3 4 5 2 6 1	- - - - -	- -
6 4 1 2 3 5	- - - - -	- -
3 2 1 4 6 5	- - - - -	- -
2 4 3 6 1 5	- - - - -	- -
4 6 2 1 3 5	- - - - -	- -
3 6 5 1 4 2	- - - - -	- -
6 4 2 1 5 3	- - - - -	- -
5 4 6 3 1 2	- - - - -	s - -
1 3 6 2 4 5	- - - - -	- -
4 3 5 2 1 6	- - - - -	- -
1 2 5 3 4 6	- - - - -	- -

In this case the short course of two sixes is dispensed with, also that most objectionable long course of twenty-six sixes, and the row with the 7th in 4ths place. It will scarcely be necessary for me to explain that a single at 9 cuts off the ninth and tenth sixes, in which case the 12-13 position comes two sixes sooner, and the single at 11 keeps the 7th dodging behind two more sixes, and the 12-13 position comes two sixes later, one course contains twelve sixes, and the other sixteen. I had an idea at first of dispensing with the short course that occurs in each part of peals 6 and 7, by counting it in with the course that follows it, as the whole amounts to just fourteen sixes, but it seemed to me that it would be likely to cause confusion. Then again it occurred to me that we might adopt the plan of giving the short course-end thus: single at 16, instead of giving the course-end just before it; in this case we should sometimes hide an important course-end. My next peal will probably be a one-part without a four-bob or six-bob set.

Seeing that the number of good peals that does not contain six-bob sets are so few in comparison to the number of peals that are to be had, I think it will now be felt that we can scarcely afford to be so nice about peals containing six-bob sets.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1890.

"VERY bad form." This phrase is used by the Hon. Secretary of the Winchester Guild to denote the behaviour of some of the members at a District Meeting. And we feel bound to agree with the rev. gentleman. Exceedingly "bad form" is shown if after every arrangement has been made by the Hon. Secretary of a Guild the

members do not appear, except at the tea and business meeting which generally follows. And for those who were absent altogether the fancied presence of a nondescript ailment is hardly an excuse.

Members of Guilds will do well to bear in mind that attendance at Divine Service, especially when such service is arranged absolutely for their benefit, is incumbent upon them. This last instance of abstention which is reported upon another page, will be very humiliating to those who look upon ringing as an integral part of Church work. Many will be of opinion that something more than the well-known apathy of ringers must be accounted for in the uncivil neglect of this invitation. A repetition of such conduct will certainly throw back for years the interests of ringing in the district concerned. Let us hope it is the last time we shall hear of such neglect.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1890, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR G. ELLIS Treble.	WILLIAM CARTER 5.
JAMES WILLSHIRE 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS 6.
SAMUEL J. REED 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON 7.
EDWARD DUFF 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

The above met to ring a muffled peal for the late Mr. Henry Johnson, but the Vicar not approving of the same the bells were rung open.

The Provinces.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST BISHOP Treble.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 5.
ALFRED P. GODDARD 2.	THOMAS SHORT 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON 3.	*G. H. SHEPHERD 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	HARRY HYDE Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal in any method. This peal was rung muffled in loving memory of Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham. This composition being first called by him was chosen especially for the occasion.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSWIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, SANDIACRE.

On Monday, January 13, 1890, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

5040 CHANGES IN FIVE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

CONSISTING OF 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB, 720 BOB MINOR, TWO 720'S OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, AND TWO 720'S OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

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RICHARD T. PARKINS .. 3.	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

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BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

COLLEGE SINGLE, DOUBLE COURT BOB, OXFORD BOB, GRANDSIRE, PLAIN BOB, OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

WILLIAM ALLEN.. .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
FRANK SMITH 2.	SAMUEL J. CULLIP .. 5.
HERBERT SHARP* 3.	ISAAC HILLS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First 5040.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1890, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN AUSTIN Treble.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 5.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
WILLIAM LOMAS.. .. 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
HARRY WAKLEY.. .. 4.	ARTHUR BREARLEY Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by J. GRIFFIN.

Messrs. Brearley and Lomas hail from Sheffield, and this is their first peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Friday, January 17, 1890, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TWELVE-PART PEAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS HORTON Treble.	CHARLES CARMELL 5.
JOHN CARTER 2.	FRANK H. JAMES 6.
WILLIAM BROOK.. .. 3.	ALBERT HACKLEY 7.
JAMES JONES 4.	GEORGE HITCHMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was rung for the first time with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. H. Johnson, sen. It is the first peal in the method ever rung in Birmingham, and also the first in the method by any of the above band.

WYTHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Friday, January 17, 1890, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

5040 CHANGES UPON SIX BELLS;

BEING SEVEN 720'S OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

NATHANIEL MOXON Treble.	*JOHN THOMAS WOOLLEY .. 4.
THOMAS ALLAM* 2.	CHARLES NEWHAM 5.
WILLIAM HUDSON* 3.	*THOMAS LEWELL SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LEWELL SMITH.

*Members of the South Lincolnshire Association. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the conductor. J. T. Woolley and W. Hudson hail from Bourn, the others belong to Wytham.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS SAXBY Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD 5.
FREDERICK HUNTER 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
FREDERICK CULLUM 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD E. RICHARDS.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

A. W. HUMPHREYS* .. Treble.	*H. ROBERTS 5.
W. T. PATES* 2.	*G. PHILLOTT 6.
F. MUSTY* 3.	T. DAVIES 7.
C. POCKETT 4.	T. COMPTON Tenor.

Conducted by G. PHILLOTT.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham. *Rang in the two long peals at Cheltenham, composed the late Mr. Henry Johnson and conducted by W. T. Pates.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1890, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. CARTMEL, VICTORIA STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5-6.
E. PERCY DEBENHAM .. 3-4.	*EDWARD HULL 7-8.

Conducted by EDWARD PERCY DEBENHAM.

Umpire—A. Hull. *First peal on handbells.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 21½ cwt. in Eb.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. Treble.	*ALFRED PALMER 5.
WALTER POPE* 2.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM E. POPE 3.	*EDGAR POPE 7.
ALCHIN MOORCRAFT* .. 4.	*THOMAS G. COLVIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

*First peal in the method. This is also the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1890, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

[A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FREDERICK FELLOWS .. Treble.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 5.
JOHN MILLS 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 6.
JOSEPH FELLOWS, JUN. .. 3.	*JOHN GOODMAN 7.
JOSEPH FELLOWS, SEN. .. 4.	THOMAS HILL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

*First peal as conductor. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. Johnson.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, January 19, 1889, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

REUBEN SIMMONDS .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. POPE 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 2.	ALFRED PALMER 7.
ALCHIN MOORCRAFT 3.	EDGAR POPE 8.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 4.	SAMUEL SNELLING 9.
THOMAS MANNERING 5.	THOMAS G. COLVIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Caters by Messrs. Simmonds, Mannerling, W. E. Pope, E. Pope, Snelling, and Colvin.

SALISBURY.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 21, 1890, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. Treble.	ALFRED J. CALLAWAY .. 5.
HENRY D. ADAMS 2.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 6.
SYDNEY LAWRENCE 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
WALTER S. WISE 4.	JOHN JUDD Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Mr. Taylor hails from Loughborough.

ECCLESTON, CHESTER.

In Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes (no date mentioned),

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

-HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HARRY GIBSON 1-2.	ALFRED CROSS 5-6.
JAMES MOULTON 3-4.	WILLIAM POVEY 7-8.

Conducted by JAS. MOULTON.

Umpires—Messrs. Charles Price and Alfred Griffiths of Eccleston, and James Morgan of Pulford. Mr. Price marked off the bobs and lead-ends as they came up.

Date Touches.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHAROW (Yorks).—On Friday evening, January 17th, at St. John's church, a date touch of 1890 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 3½ mins. T. Clark (conductor), 1; J. Barnes, 2; A. H. Clark, 3; A. Pratt, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; T. Metcalf, 6; J. Flower, 7; W. Pick, 8. Tenor 13 cwt. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, January 11th, at the church of St. Thomas, a date touch of Bob Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Hall, 1; A. Orford, 2; W. F. Hartshorne, 3; W. A. Pugh, 4; C. Barrett, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; H. Harris (composer and conductor), 7; J. Hill, 8. Longest touch in any method by Messrs. Hall and Hill, who belong to St. Mary's, Oldswinford.

THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. M. Ellsmore, 1; H. Bottril (longest touch with a bob bell), 2; S. Knight, 3; J. Jauncey, 4; E. Holifield, 5; J. G. Crawley, 6; J. Cull, 7; F. George, 8. This touch, which contains the twenty-four 6-7's, was composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," and conducted by Jasper G. Crawley. Tenor 16 cwt.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, December 30th, 1889, at St. James's church, a date touch of 1889 Grandsire Caters, being the only one rung in Bristol during the year. F. Gooding, 1; A. Howell, 2; A. Pearce, 3; G. Pym, 4; G. Pearce, 5; H. Porch (conductor), 6; W. Porch, 7; F. Perrin, 8; H. Tucker, 9; F. Porch and W. Paddock, 10. Tenor 28 cwt.

CAERLEON (Monmouthshire).—On Wednesday, January 15th, at the parish church, the following members of the St. Cadoc's society rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins., with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of the late Henry Johnson. F. Green, 1; H. Shearn, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; H. Arnold, 4; E. Davies, 5; L. Stafford, 6; F. E. Ward (conductor), 7; J. T. Jones (Hereford), 8. Tenor 7½ cwt. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., see "BELL NEWS" vol. viii., page 476.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, January 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church of St. Woolos, a date touch (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins., being five 6-scores each of the following: Plain Bob, Stedman, and Grandsire Doubles, and 90 Grandsire Doubles. H. Millard and H. Rogers, 1; J. N. Wreford, 2; F. B. Stone, 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 5; J. Goddard and J. Sheppard, 6.

GRASSEDALE (Lancashire).—On Saturday, December 28th, at the parish church, five of the local company with the assistance of J. Schofield, of Garston, rang a date touch (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins., in the following methods: 449 Plain Bob Minor, 720 Grandsire Minor, and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Schofield (Garston), 1; C. Newton, 2; J. Alexander, 3; W. Weaver, 4; T. Morris, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. The above was rung on the occasion of the new beautiful stained glass window being placed in the south aisle in memory of Mr. T. V. Bird, late churchwarden, and is the gift of Mrs. Bird.

MIRFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 5th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 13 mins., with the bells muffled in memory of the late Frank Burnley, Esq., churchwarden, of Easthorpe Villas, Mirfield, who died on Saturday, December 28th. H. V. Collinson, 1; T. Crawshaw, 2; W. Holmes (composer and conductor), 3; S. Peacock, 4; W. Peacock, 5; W. Barrowclough, 6; R. Ellis, 7; H. Hinchliffe, 8; B. Robinson, 9; J. Peacock, 10. The above is in five courses, and has two treble extremes, one in the first and one in the last course. Tenor 30 cwt.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, January 16th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 15 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Messrs. H. Johnson, of Birmingham, and H. Malborn, of Wednesbury, who were ringers at each place for many years. J. Mark (longest touch with any bell), 1; G. Morgan, 2; E. Unitt (longest touch with a bob bell), 3; T. Lowe, 4; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 5; J. Gough, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Gough, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. in F. Atkins hails from Willenhall; the rest from Darlston.

[NOTICE.—The date touch by Mr. Clarke, of Bedford, published in our Christmas number, is false. Mr. Clarke apologises to those gentlemen who have rung it. In response to inquiries we will publish other date touches directly space allows; next week if possible.]

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Saturday, January 11th, at St. Andrew's church, five members of the local company, with the assistance of the undermentioned, made an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but as a change-course took place just previous to the half-peal end, the bells were brought round at that point in 1 hr. 27 mins. Tenor 12 cwt. T. Buzzard, 1; E. Titt, 2; W. Charlton, 3; J. Shipp, 4; W. Story (Newcastle), 5; C. J. Butterworth (Durham, conductor), 6; F. Charlton, 7; R. S. Story (Whitley), 8. After ringing had ceased, all the band were invited by Mr. F. Charlton and entertained at his house, and they take this opportunity of thanking him for his kind hospitality.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

WOLLATON (Notts).—On Saturday, January 11th, the Sandiacre branch of the above Association paid a visit to this place to try the pretty little peal of six bells at the parish church, tenor about 6½ cwt., which have recently been rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and with the assistance of Messrs. J. Lakin and S. Wesley rang 1440 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 45 mins., being two 720's each called differently. J. Lakin, 1; S. Wesley, 2; J. Hall, 3; J. Bonsall, 4; R. T. Parkins, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. This is the first 720's in the method on the bells, also the first in the method by J. Lakin and S. Wesley. The go of the bells leave nothing to be desired.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, January 5th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the funeral of Mr. A. Freeman, who for many years had officiated as parish clerk, the local company rang with the bells deeply muffled, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Carrington, 1; W. T. Burton, 2; J. Hall, 3; J. Bonsall, 4; H. W. Wilde, 5; R. T. Parkins (conductor), 6. Also before Divine Service in the evening, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles), composed by C. Severn, of Killamarsh, Derbyshire. M. Stevenson, 1; R. T. Parkins, 2; J. Hall, 3; W. T. Burton, 4; J. Bonsall, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, December 17th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. Baldwin, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Sharp, 3; F. Smith, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Baldwin, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp (first 720 in the method), 6. And on Christmas Eve, December 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. W.

Clarke (conductor), 1; F. Smith, 2; W. G. Biggs, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. Allen, 6. Also on Christmas Day, December 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). H. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Smith, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. On New Year's Eve, December 31st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Sharp, 3; F. Smith, 4; W. Allen, 5; F. Keech, 6. This is C. W. Clarke's 604th 720 of Minor. And on Sunday, December 22nd, at St. Paul's church, 448 Bob Major. J. Spencer, 1; W. Allen, 2; H. Sharp, 3; F. Smith, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. Also on Christmas Eve 672 Grandsire Triples, with the twelve 6-7's. S. J. Cullip, 1; W. Allen, 2; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; F. Keech, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 336 Bob Major. Also on Tuesday, December 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Keech, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Sharp, 3; H. Sharp, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Smith, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; S. Constance (first touch on eight bells), 8. And 209 in the same method. The New Year was rung in with a well-struck touch of 336 Grandsire Triples. Also on Thursday, January 9th, for practice, 704 Bob Major. J. Spencer, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Sharp, 4; W. Allen, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. And 209 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; H. Sharp, 2; I. Hills, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Keech, 5; F. Smith, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; S. Constance, 8. And on Tuesday, January 7th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Saturday, January 11th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. Chas. Herbert, 1; H. Checkley, 2; W. Smith, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; W. Mynard, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Smith, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; E. Norman, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; W. Mynard, 5; M. Lane, 6.

WOBURN (Beds).—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, January 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. *A. Smith, 1; E. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3-4; Chas. Herbert (conductor), 5-6. *First 720.

BATH AND KEYNSHAM ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—At the monthly meeting held at St. Andrew's church, on Monday, January 13th, a touch of 97 Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; G. Kingman, 2; W. Dicks, 3; W. Lanham, 4; E. Tovey, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. Brown (conductor), 7; G. Hill, 8. Two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. R. Blackmore, 1; W. Simmonds, 2; J. Willshire, 3; T. Wyatt, 4; J. Stagg (conductor), 5; G. Butler, 6. A touch of 56 Bob Triples. R. Tylee, 1; W. Lanham, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; C. Bell, 4; H. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. Brown (conductor), 7; C. Clements, 8. Two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Wyburn, 1; F. Skuse, 2; W. Lanham (conductor), 3; W. Eames, 4; T. Wyatt, 5; J. Holman, 6. A touch of 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Holman, 1; H. Wootton, 2; W. Dicks, 3; G. Morris, 4; W. Lanham, 5; —. Higgins, 6; H. Brown (conductor), 7; G. Crisp, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Christmas Day for Divine Service at the parish church, the members of the Wirral branch of the above Guild rang 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; S. Strong, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; J. Griffiths, 6. And on Sunday, December 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; W. Wilcox (conductor), 3; J. Sutton, 4; G. Kendrick, 5; J. Griffiths, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.

BEENHAM.—On Saturday evening, December 21st, on the occasion of a tablet being erected in the belfry recording the seven-method peal which was rung in December, 1888, the local company met for practice, and rang a 120 of each method they rang the peal in, being the following methods: Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Court Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. C. Richardson, 1; G. Webb, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Hatto, 5; J. Richardson, 6. On Tuesday evening, December 24th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by J. Hatto, and 720 Grandsire Minor, conducted by J. Richardson. On Christmas morning, at six o'clock, 720 Plain Bob, conducted by J. Richardson, and the same day, for morning service, 720 College Single, conducted by J. Richardson. For afternoon service, 360 Court Bob, conducted by J. Hatto. On Sunday, December 29th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by J. Richardson. On Tuesday, December 31st, at midnight, the new year was welcomed in with a 720 of Oxford Bob, conducted by J. Richardson. On Saturday

evening, January 4th, the Beenham company paid a visit to Theale, and rang at the parish church 720 Oxford Bob, in 22 mins., conducted by J. Richardson, and 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 23 mins., conducted by J. Hatto. The following took part in the above: C. Richardson, H. Hatto, T. Greetham, A. Richardson, G. Webb, T. Bidmead, J. Hatto, and J. Richardson. Weight of Beenham tenor 10 cwt.; Theale, 14 cwt.

BRADFELD.—On Monday evening, December 23rd, the Beenham company visited this place, and rang at the parish church 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by J. Richardson, and a 720 Plain Bob, conducted by J. Hatto. A 720 College Single was attempted, but lost after ringing about 500 changes. Tenor 12 cwt.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, January 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 26 mins. F. Hill, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; E. Hampton, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, January 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. E. Hampton, 1; W. Micklewright, 2; J. Townsend, 3; A. E. Parsons, 4; H. Mason, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24½ mins. E. Hampton, 1; R. Round, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; H. Mason, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. And on Thursday, January 16th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 29 mins. F. Hill, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; E. Hampton, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. This last was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham. Also on Sunday, January 19th, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Smith (conductor), 1; E. Hampton, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; R. Round, 6.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, January 5th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Crump, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; C. Barrett, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; A. Orford, 5; H. Harris (conductor), 6. And on Monday, January 6th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. A. Pugh, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harris, 3; C. Barrett (first in the method with a bob bell), 4; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 5; A. Orford, 6; J. Crump (cover).

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 12th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, 672 Bob Major. F. W. J. Rees, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; T. H. Colburn, 3; G. Croucher, 4; E. Heathorn, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; W. Grove, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

SOBERTON (Hants).—On Wednesday, January 1st, at the parish church of St. Peter, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. H. Emslie, 1; F. Linter (conductor), 2; E. Scammells, 3; J. Osman, 4; W. Griffin, 5; R. Linter, 6; J. E. Warren, 7; A. Millard, 8. Also 336 in the same method. A. Millard, 1; J. Osman, 2; H. H. Emslie, 3; J. E. Warren (conductor), 4; H. Griffin, 5; R. Linter, 6; F. Linter, 7; W. Perry, 8. And a 518. E. Scammells, 1; J. E. Warren (conductor), 2; H. H. Emslie, 3; F. Linter, 4; J. Osman, 5; H. Griffin, 6; R. Linter, 7; W. Perry, 8. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Scammells, 1; F. Linter, 2; J. Osman, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. E. Warren (conductor), 5; R. Linter, 6; H. H. Emslie, 7; A. Millard, 8. F. Linter hails from Reigate.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, December 29th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 720 Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23½ mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And to ring the old year out and the new year in, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. I. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, January 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fifteen bobs and six singles). W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service 720 College Single. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; I. Cavill, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 14th, for practice at the parish church, four 120's of Grandsire Doubles. C. Baker (first 120), 1; A. Scarfe, 2; J. Herbert, 3; T. Fudge, 4; W. J. Pigram, 5; D. Crow, 6. The last three 120's were rung with Rev. H. B. Woolley, 4; conducted by W. J. Pigram. First touch by all Brentwood ringers without their instructor. And on Thursday, January 16th, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Baker, 1; A. Scarfe, 2; —, 3; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 4; J. Herbert, 5; B. E. Battram, 6; W. J. Pigram, 7; D. Crow, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SOUTHWARK.—On Saturday, January 18th, twelve members of the above rang a muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, followed by three courses of Stedman Cinques, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., of Birmingham. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cecil, 2; H. Springall, 3; S. Barrell, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; J. R. Haworth, 6; G. J. Smith, 7; R. French, 8; S. E. Joyce, 9; R. T. Woodley, 10; E. Horrex, 11; J. M. Hayes, 12. Tenor 52 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—The following touches were rung at the parish church, on Saturday, December 28th: A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. French (conductor), 1; W. Goodchild, 2; H. Markham, 3; S. Goodchild, 4; J. C. Truss, 5; J. Evans, 6; A. Hayward, 7; E. Elbourn, 8. It was ultimately intended to start for Holt's Original, but owing to unforeseen circumstances the Hughenden men were obliged to leave at three o'clock. Several short touches of Triples were then rung with E. Elburn at the treble, and T. Elburn (aged 14), at the tenor; and numerous 6-scores (each called differently), with E. Elburn at the 5th, and T. Elburn, tenor. An adjournment was then made to High Wycombe, where a few short touches of Triples, with some of the local men, were rung, and a 6-score of Doubles. The band desire to kindly express, through the medium of this paper, their obligation to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—At the parish church for late service on New Year's Eve, a half-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. and 42 mins. A. Arnold, 1; W. J. Chambers, 2; R. Richards, 3; T. Verrall, 4; W. States (conductor), 5; H. Booker, 6; A. Bruce, 7; W. Hill, 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, January 13th, at St. Philip's, an attempt was made to ring a 5003 of Grandsire Caters (tittums inverted), with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Mr. H. Johnson, sen., who was buried on that day at Aston, but after ringing 1 hr. 58 mins. the 9th rope stranded, and brought the peal to grief. G. Hitchman, 1; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 2; J. Jones, 3; G. Walker, 4; W. Brook, 5; C. Carmell, 6; W. Walker (Walsall), 7; J. Astbury (Walsall), 8; A. Hackley, 9; J. Harper (Wolverhampton), 10. Tenor 29 cwt.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 31st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Robinson, 1; J. Poplett, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; F. Sanders, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. Also 360 in the same method, standing as before. And on Tuesday, January 7th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. Arnold, 1; *G. Allen, 2; F. Arnold (conductor), 3; F. Bridger, 4; J. Poplett, 5; J. Robinson, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Robinson, 1; F. Bridger, 2; F. Arnold, 3; E. Moses, 4; F. Sanders, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. *First 120, and hails from Buckland.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Wednesday, January 8th, at St. Mary's church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins., each 6-score called differently, on the front five, with 7-6-8 covering, and rang to celebrate the marriage of Miss Miller, of Chepstow, to Mr. Whitley, of Jersey. T. Collinson, 1; J. Prickett, 2; W. ———, 3; G. Watkins, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; H. Lewis, 6; C. Smith, 7; C. Davis, 8. Also on Sunday morning, January 12th, for Divine Service, 168 Bob Triples. C. Davis, 1; J. Prickett, 2; T. Collinson, 3; G. Watkins, 4; W. Frestone, 5; C. Smith, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; J. Simmons, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday, January 13th, at the parish church, the local company rang several touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. William Ellis, who was interred at the Chesterfield Cemetery on that date, aged sixty-four, and who for forty-five years had been a member of the society. Deceased had been captain and chief conductor a great many years, and had conducted several peals of Grandsire Caters. Mr. Ellis was well-known and greatly respected by the eight and ten-bell companies in the district. The first touch, about 1000, was rung by H. Rippon, 1; A. Seaman, 2; J. Goodwin, 3; J. Hunt, 4; T. Hattersley (Sheffield, conductor), 5; D. Farthing, 6; A. Knights, 7; T. Mee, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt. This is the third death that has occurred in the Chesterfield society within seven weeks.

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Turner, 1; C. Newton, 2; J. Alexander, 3; W. Weaver, 4; J. Allen, 5; T. Morris (conductor), 6.

HAVERSTOCK HILL.—On Sunday, December 1st, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Cawley, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Nixon, 3; N. Alderman, 4; B. Foskett, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HEMPSTED (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, January 12th, at the parish church of St. Swithin, 720 Bob Minor. A. E. Pegler, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; A. Roberts, 5; *W. T. Pegler (conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. †W. Dudge, 1; W. T. Pegler, 2; *E. E. Bewick, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; A. Roberts, 5; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 6. *First attempt in the method with a bob bell; †first 720.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, January 14th, six members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society met for practice and rang on handbells, retained in hand, two plain courses of Stedman Cinques. W. Motts, 1-2; W. P. Garrett, 3-4; J. Motts, 5-6; A. E. Durrant, 7-8; W. L. Catchpole, 9-10; R. Hawes, 11-12.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, January 12th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's, Westminster, 504 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. S. J. Reed, 1; H. R. Newton (conductor), 2; R. T. Woodley, 3; F. Ingerfield, 4; *W. J. Piper, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; W. H. George, 7; W. Cropley, 8. *Longest touch in the method, and hails from Widdford, Essex. Afterwards on handbells retained in hand, 447 Grandsire Triples. *W. J. Piper, 1-2; C. F. Wipny, 3-4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5-6; W. Garrard, 7-8. *First touch on handbells retained in hand.

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."

Re BELFREY WINDOWS.

SIR,—“When able men debate, those who listen gain information.” Such is a remark made by our friend “Free Lance” in our Christmas number of “THE BELL NEWS.” It is indeed information to know that to open the bell-chamber windows and let the sound of the bells go free and unimpeded, produces soft and melodious tones. I have no desire to enter the lists in defence of Mr. Hubbard's theory, but knowing something of building, and general construction, I am entirely at a loss to conceive how the nameless ones, the “bellfounder and engineer,” mentioned on page 477, can “pitch such a yarn.” I should like both skilled gentlemen to take a trip to All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, and St. Giles, Reading, with their large open windows, and compare the effect of these bells outside with the grand ring of eight (tenor near a ton), in the fine Norman tower of Aldbourne, Wilts, and the melodious octave at Bishopstone, some half dozen miles N.E., tenor about 17 cwt. Ask of the villagers, even the closest residents to the tower, if they find the bells harsh or overpowering, and you won't find a person in either village—unless it be some one who literally hates music in all its forms, and there are some such—will say half a word against them. Why? Because the windows are filled in with open brickwork, the exterior at Aldbourne rendered in stucco, and finished with a pattern represented by four circles nearly joined, thus giving a very limited space for the sound to escape, also no doubt to the fact that the windows are well above the bell frame, except at Aldbourne, the trebles added to the old six in 1787 being in an upper tier.

Whitchurch, Oxon.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your admirable leader in the current number of “THE BELL NEWS” on our late lamented friend Mr. H. Johnson, there is an error (I am sure unintentional), which I hope you will allow me a little space in your next number to put right. In speaking of the place in St. Philip's churchyard where the late Mr. Lates lay buried, you say it was “unmarked however by any indication of the same.” The facts of the case are as follows, though I have no doubt what you say was quite true at the time. Immediately after Mr. Lates's death in 1858, his widow caused a neat headstone to be erected to his memory. It stood about nine or ten yards below the church on the north side, and could easily be read from the walk. A few years later extensive restorations and enlargements were made to the church, and the sheds for the masons to work under were erected on that side of the church, many gravestones being removed for that purpose, Lates' among them. When after some considerable time had elapsed, the work being finished, and the debris cleared away, Mr. Johnson and myself often used to query what had become of the stone. Bye-and-bye when our old friend's days of labour were over, and he began to enjoy his well-earned leisure, and before he went to reside at Aston, in fine weather a walk from Bridge Street to St. Philip's (to hear the chimes play, as he used to put it), was a favourite one with him. The churchyard being as you know, a fine open space, is very pleasant in the summer months. Now I have reason to think that during these walks, by some means he got to know about the stone, and that through his intercession it is placed as near as possible over the spot where Lates' remains lie, viz., on the north side of the church, about ten yards below the same, and six to nine feet from the palisade, and is easily found, though it now lies flat.

J. DAY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Kingston-on-Thames, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Monday, January 20th. The arrangements for the tea and meeting had to be altered at the last moment owing to illness at the Leopold coffee tavern. However the Vicar took kindly the matter in hand, and aided by Mr. Wright and Mr. Strutt, of Kingston, succeeded in arranging for a tea at the Albany Hall. Thirty-five members put in an appearance, and sat down to a capital repast soon after half-past six. Two or three others coming later made the number up to nearly forty. After tea the usual business was transacted under the presidency of the Rev. A. S. W. Young, Vicar of Kingston, and Hon. Treasurer of the Association. The Secretary reported five peals rung since the last meeting, viz.: one of Grandsire Caters, two of Grandsire Triples, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, and one of Double Norwich Major, the latter being the first in the method by the Association. These peals were ordered to be recorded in the peal-book. Mr. Fussell had given notice of his intention to move an amendment to Rule III., but as no one came forward to move the resolution, it was ordered to stand over to the next meeting. Eight new members were elected. The Secretary read the balance-sheet (after the accounts had been audited by Mr. Malim and Mr. Rees), by which it appears that the Association possessed a balance in hand of £23 6s. 1d. on January 1st. The number of ringing members shows a steady increase on former years, and the amounts received from the sale of reports and certificates are also larger than heretofore. The accounts were passed. It was decided to hold the next Quarterly Meeting at Streatham on Easter Monday. The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the auditors, to the Chairman, and to the Hon. Secretary.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Friday week, at the invitation of Mr. W. Taylor, of this parish, the ringers of the above parish church (past and present) were kindly entertained at the "White Horse" Inn to a capital spread, which was provided in fine style by host Johnson. The party was joined by three members of the St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the evening being brightened by several touches on the handbells, in which the Ipswich men proved themselves rather more than recruits in the art. Songs were also sung by Messrs. Staulkey, Stannard, Shearing, Motts, and Tillett, and at 11 o'clock a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne," the company having previously thanked Mr. W. Taylor for his kindness, in full musical honours.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society was held at Walsall, on Saturday, January 11th, when the following towers were represented: Darlaston, Lichfield, Perry Barr, Tamworth, Tipton, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Wolverhampton, and Wombourn. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire Triples, and was kept up till 5 o'clock, when a short service was held, and a very interesting address delivered by the Rev. R. D. Cheetham, who officiated in the absence of the Vicar of Walsall. A committee meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, when five ringing members, one honorary member, and two members were elected according to rule eight. It was also decided to send the Rev. J. R. Keble as the Society's representative to the National Council, and that the next meeting be held at Stafford on Easter Monday. An adjournment was then made to the Coffee House, where tea was served and very much enjoyed by all present. The bells of St. Matthew's were again brought into requisition, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were successfully brought round. The company then separated after a very successful meeting.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—The last monthly meeting was held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, January 11th, when it was resolved that the next meeting would be held at Ramsbottom (date to follow). On account of the inclement weather there was only a poor muster. A 360 of College Single was rung by a mixed band. There were members present from Ramsbottom, Waterfoot, Christ Church, and St. Saviour's, Bacup, and Newchurch.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch was held at the parish church, Bury, on Saturday, January 11th. Ringers attended from Bury, Radcliffe, Rawtenstall, Rochdale, and Heywood. Some Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung, but no good ringing was done owing to the bad go of the bells, which want overhauling. A meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by Mr. G. Hoyle, who explained the objects of the Association. Four new members were elected. The next meeting is to be held at Christ Church, Healey, near Rochdale (six bells), on Saturday, February 8th. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1st, at St. Mary's church, Eccles. Bells ready at 4 o'clock; meeting at 7 o'clock.

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THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

The Annual Dinner of this society will take place at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich, on Saturday, February 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each. Members and friends wishing to be present will kindly apply for tickets to either of the following: E. E. Richards, 18, Riverdale Road, Plumstead; F. Palmer, 40, Friendly Street, Deptford, S.E.; T. G. Deal, 13, Lampmead Road, Lee; W. Tyack, 1, Nutbrook Street, Peckham, S.E.

By kind permission of the Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge, the bells of St. Mary's church, Lewisham, will be at the disposal of the members during the afternoon.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, February 1st, at Bucknall. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. All members intending to be present are requested to give notice to the secretary, 55, High Street, Bucknall, not later than Wednesday, January 29th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting, advertised to take place on November 25th, and which was postponed on account of the death of the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, the late lamented Secretary to the Association, will be held at Ipswich on Monday, February 10th.

A. P. MOORE, *Acting Secretary.*

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.—The next district meeting will be held at Faversham on Monday, February 3rd. The tower will be open from 8 a.m. Short service during the day intervening.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints' church, Maidstone, on Monday, January 27th. Belfry open from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. T. LINDSAY STACK, *District Sec.*

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The above Association will meet at the tower of East Retford church on Saturday, February 1st, at 3 p.m., by kind permission of the vicar, and touches will be rung at intervals during the afternoon.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The next General Meeting will be held at Halifax, on Saturday, February 1st. By kind permission of the Vicars and Wardens, the ring of twelve at the parish church, and the ring of eight at All Souls', will be placed at the disposal of the members all day. Tea will be served at the Crown Cocoa House (near to the parish church and the L. and Y. station) at five o'clock, the business meeting taking place in the Assembly Room immediately after, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke has promised to be present. The local committee will attend at the "Waterhouse Arms," Nelson Street, from 1.30, and the officers of the Association at the Crown Cocoa House from 2 p.m., by whom all members and visiting friends will be heartily welcomed. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. Richard Ryland, 33, Haigh Street, Halifax. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

NOTICE.—The next Monthly Ringing Meeting will be held at St. Chad's Church, Headingley, to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Meeting house "The Woodman" inn. Ringing from 3 p.m. 49, Green Mount St., Beeston Hill, H. W. NEEDHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, the 30th inst., at the society's meeting-house, "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham, when all members are earnestly requested to attend for the transaction of important business. Chair to be taken at 7.45 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Brentwood to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Tea at the Church House at 5 p.m. Business Meeting after tea. The Tower of St. Thomas-the-Martyr (8 bells), will be open from 1.30 to 9 p.m. The tower of South Weald Church (6 bells, tenor 18 cwt.), two miles distant, has also been placed at the disposal of members of the Association, and a conveyance will be provided for those wishing to visit it at 2.30 or 3 p.m. Members wishing to avail themselves of reduced fares granted by the G.E.R. should inform the Secretary before Wednesday, January 22nd, from what station they intend to start; and also if they wish tickets (price 6d.) for tea. The question of representation on the Central Council will be submitted to the Meeting. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

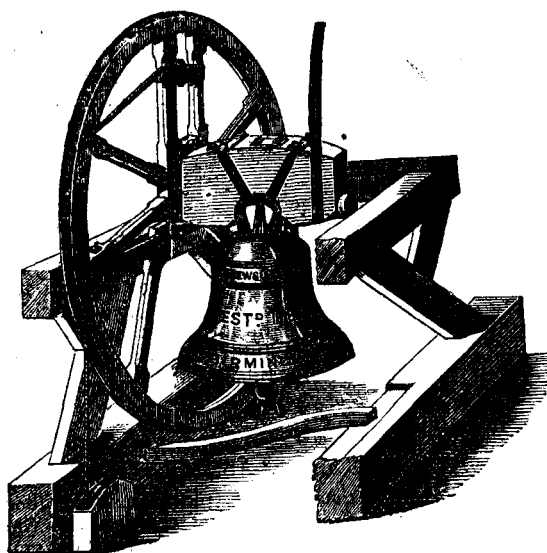
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WORCESTER & ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Next Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held in the Trinity Sunday School, Old Hill, near Dudley, to-day, Saturday, January 25th, 1890, at 5 p.m. prompt. The Vicar has kindly consented to preside. All members are requested to attend. The appointment of a delegate to serve on the Provisional Committee of the Central Council will take place at this meeting. The Annual Subscriptions for the ensuing year are now due, according to rule 7. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

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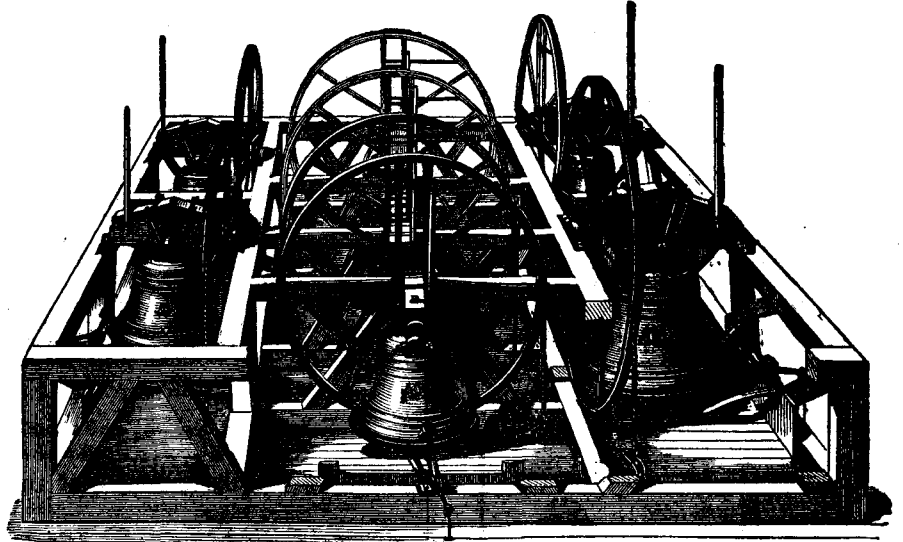
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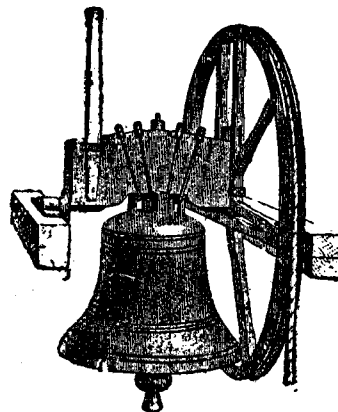
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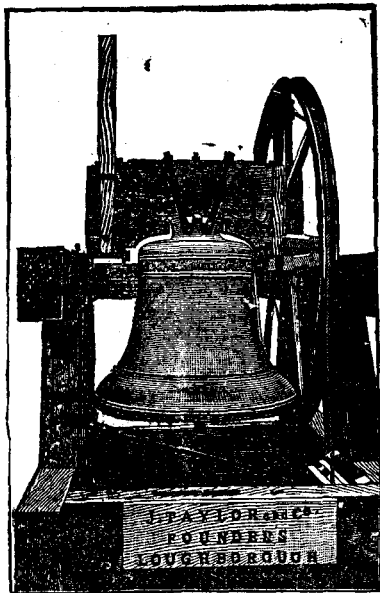
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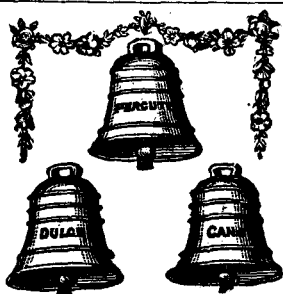
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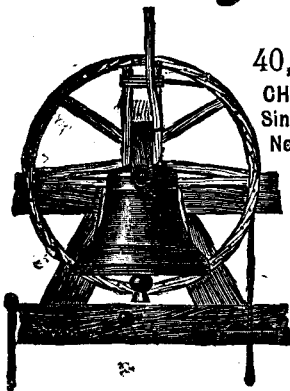
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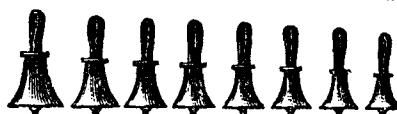
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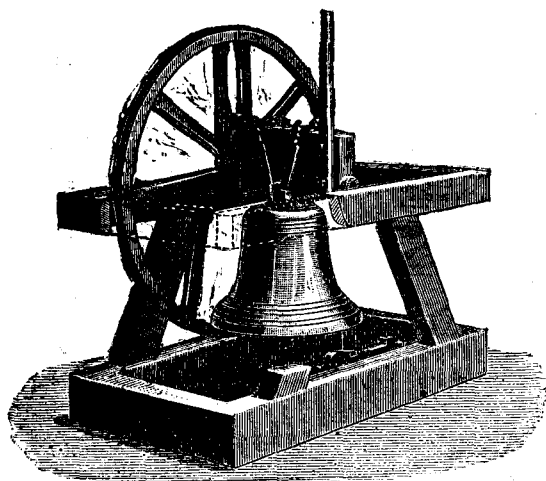
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MR. PARKER'S PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

Mr. Parker has made a great hit in his No. 8 peal published in your last issue. Not only does the composition itself contain very remarkable qualities, but we are initiated into an entirely novel use of singles. Not that there is anything new in the use of singles at 9-11 in place of those at 2-14 (that is, singles called after the observation-bell comes out slow instead of after it comes out quick), for Thurstans, in his well-known five-part peal, makes use of them. But what is altogether an innovation is the combination of singles at 9 and 2, which shews it to be possible also to use them at 11 and 14. Any one part of No. 8 peal, when cleared of its singles, is formed of two round blocks containing one and eleven courses respectively; and these, when singled together, will of course come round at the first part-end. Numbers of blocks suitable for peal-making have had to be discarded simply because they would not produce any part-end but rounds, because in fact they were non-shunting blocks. Now Mr. Parker has shewn that it is possible to make use of some if not all such discarded skeletons, for he has obtained a "shunt" by means of two extra singles called at 9 and 2 respectively in certain courses of each part of his peal. The result of this is that he gets a part-end which is not rounds, and which consequently will, by a suitable repetition of calling, run the extent. It is probable that the full value of this discovery will not be appreciated except by those who are Stedman composers, and it is for this reason that I desire to direct special attention to it.

The peal itself is extremely interesting from the fact, pointed out by Mr. Parker, that it has only five four-bob sets, or ten less than any previous peal. It is true that there are ten three-call sets, owing to some of the singles adjoining bobs, but still the reduction of the four-bob sets remains an accomplished fact, and the excellent qualities of nearly all the 6-7s coming at back-stroke, places the peal among the finest we possess.

In regard to Mr. Parker's method of notation I should like to point out that, while it does not really get rid of the objections to the plan adopted by Mr. Bulwer and myself, it is exceedingly inaccurate as to the actual sixes at which some of the bobs have to be called. For instance take the third course of peal 8, which is given:—5-6, 9, 12-13. Is any but an old hand likely to see at the first glance that the bobs at 12, 13 follow at the next six after the 9, and are consequently not bobs at 12 13 at all. Again the fifth course-end is given as 6247135, which by-the-bye is not a course-end, and the next bobs are noted as 5-6, whereas they have to be called at the 3rd and 4th sixes. The real fact is that the figured calling is altogether unsuited for peals with the observation bell undisturbed by bobs. No thoroughly satisfactory plan can be found until the calling is placed on a similar footing to that in use in even-bell methods. Mr. Bulwer, with me, from the first discarded in our private correspondence all figured calling, and represented the twin bobs known as 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 12-13 by the letters E, F, M, N. All uncertainty is at once done away, for it is understood that these letters refer to a certain position of the observation-bell irrespective of the number of the six. But as these sort of changes are not likely to meet with general favour, it seems to me that the best compromise is that used by us in the published notation of our peals, which gives in brackets the course-end from which the changes which follow a single with the observation bell in the middle would naturally come, and from which the bobs of that course are properly reckoned. I took the trouble to explain the plan to two experienced Stedman conductors, and received the reply that it was so simple that it needed no explanation.

One more remark in conclusion upon Mr. Parker's wonderful production with *all* the 6-7s at back-stroke. As a feat of composition it is admirable, but the numerous six-bob sets, to my mind, deprive the peal of far more music than it gains by the 6-7s; nor do I think that any amount of temptation will make peals of this class popular, because most Stedman ringers who pretend to any interest in what they ring object to stopping a full half course in one place, or, as I have heard it phrased, to ringing Doubles when they met for Triples. Four consecutive bobs are bad enough; why admit six when scores of peals can be had without?

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BOW, MIDDLESEX.

Not every one who peruses these columns is aware of the existence of this well-conducted society, which has its head-quarters at what has been called "the last church in Middlesex," the meaning of this phrase being that it is situate on the edge of the county, near to the bank of that ignoble stream which forms a boundary to Essex and Middlesex. The society, which has been established some years, has like other organisations of a similar character, met its vicissitudes, and overcome them one by one, until the present comfortable position of security has been reached, which position presents elements of soundness not always to be found in local societies. Though it may be said with truth that each individual strives his best to conserve the harmony which exists, it will not be denied that the conduct of the sexton and steeplekeeper, Mr. D. J. Sutton, has habitually tended to a continuance of it. He is one of those church officers who does not imagine that his position gives him a right to act as a dictator to the members, and their appreciation of him has been shown by his election as secretary to the society. Practice is carried on every alternate Monday at 8 o'clock, a business meeting being held at the close after the manner of other and larger metropolitan societies, presided over by the worthy Master, Mr. Samuel Hayes. Perhaps the regular holding of this meeting, and the general conduct of business, may be one reason of the company's success.

On Thursday, January 16th, the members of the society sat down to their annual dinner at the meeting-house, the "Three Cups," Bow road, the Master presiding. Between 30 and 40 assembled to do justice to an excellent repast, provided by the host, Mr. Marlow. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and responded to. Song and sentiment then followed in appropriate order, a very effectively-printed programme, which also comprised the menu, being supplied to each guest. The toast—"Success to the St. Mary's Society" was given, and in responding,

Mr. D. J. Sutton (Hon. Sec.) briefly reviewed the efforts of the society during the past year. He was pleased to be able to compliment the members on their general efficiency, and trusted that they would continue pulling together for many years to come. To further the interests and promote the harmony of the society had been his constant aim, and everything to the same end which lay in his power he should be glad to do in the future.

The Master then proposed "The Press," referring especially to "THE BELL NEWS," which paper, he said, deserved their strenuous and constant support. He regretted the absence of the editor that evening, which absence he was sure was owing to his duties connected with the paper, which on that particular day of the week were sometimes very heavy.

The "National Anthem" and "Auld lang syne" closed a very joyous and successful evening. Among those who contributed to the evening's entertainment were Messrs. D. J. Sutton, S. Joyce, E. Powell, W. Devey, W. Bush, J. Bradley, H. Springall, A. Tyrrell, and R. J. Turner.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY BRANCH.—The fourth annual dinner of the St. James's society, Grimsby, was held at the "White Hart" hotel on Friday, the 17th instant, when eighteen sat down to the good things provided. After the last course-end had turned up, and the words "no more thank you" had been repeatedly uttered, the cloth was removed, a capital programme being gone through. Mr. J. Hewson (past churchwarden) presided in the absence of the present wardens, who were unable to attend, and Mr. Colton (churchwarden of Caistor) occupied the vice-chair. The loyal and other toasts usual upon such occasions were given and responded to. The vice-chairman proposed "Success to the North Lincolnshire Association," and said he believed its formation first took root in his village. Songs and tunes and changes upon handbells filled up the interstices of a very pleasant meeting, which was addressed by the Rev. W. T. Fielding, who proposed "The Healths of the Ringers," and the Rev. J. H. Hutchinson, who spoke on the uses of bells and the duties of ringers, Mr. D. Seamer responding. The toast of "the chairman and vice-chairman" brought a very pleasant meeting to an end.

THE SOCIETY OF COPLEY SCHOLARS.

This society held another of its popular "Socials" on Wednesday, January 22nd, at the Unity Rooms, Sunbridge Road, Bradford, when there was a good muster of members and friends—over 100 persons of both sexes being present during the evening. Songs were given by Messrs. Bakes and Mawson, and recitations by Messrs. G. Titterington, Ashworth, and Pickles. The Whetley Mills handbell ringers gave several selections on their fine-toned peal of over 100 bells. Two bright-eyed little damsels of about twelve summers were also the recipients of much commendation—Miss Minerva Titterington, who recited "The Fireman's Wedding," and Miss Lottie Moulson, who played a polka in excellent style on the piano. Messrs. Bakes and Angus presided at the piano, and accompanied the songs and dances, which with other items included courses of Triples and Caters, followed each other in rapid succession till close upon the hour of midnight. Before separating a hearty vote of thanks was passed, on the motion of Mr. J. Broadley, seconded by Mr. S. Palframan, to the Whetley Mills handbell ringers and the other gentlemen who had contributed towards the evening's enjoyment, including the officers of the society and "Uncle Abram," who again played (or rather worked) the part of host, looking well after the needs of those present. A vote of thanks to the chairman (Mr. B. T. Copley) followed; and the singing of the National Anthem (the solo being rendered by Bugle-Major Sloane, of the 2nd batt. P.W.O.) brought the proceedings to a close.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

On March 17th, 1889, the ringers of the parish church had the misfortune to crack the tenor bell of their peal of six, just at the finish of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, rung for Sunday morning service. This misfortune, like many others, came as a blessing in disguise, for, the cost of recasting the tenor, adding two new trebles, and placing the whole in a new oak frame having been most generously undertaken by three lady parishioners, it was found upon examining the bell-chamber floor as to its fitness to receive the extra weight, etc., that the main beams were so rotten at their ends, which had been built into the tower walls, that it was really a matter of surprise that the whole floor, bells and all, had not descended long before upon the heads of the ringers below. A new floor being thus necessary, the Vicar (the Rev. A. Pridgeon, B.A.), decided to raise the requisite funds by appealing to his parishioners for voluntary subscriptions. He also devoted part of the proceeds of a special offertory to this purpose, and organised a concert in the National Schoolroom, which was a great success. In a short time a sufficient amount had been promised to justify the contract for the removal of the old floor and putting in the new, being placed in the hands of Mr. Peters, of Horsham. This work, a work of no little difficulty and danger, was performed without the slightest hitch or mishap, and in the most satisfactory manner, at a cost of £140. An old offset from the walls has been raised four ft. all round; upon this have been placed four oak plates. On these rest, north and south, the two main beams of English oak, each weighing upwards of a ton, and these in turn support the five binders upon which the floor of two-inch oak planks is nailed. The bell-work proper was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Witechapel Foundry. By recasting the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of the old peal as well as the tenor, and quarter-turning the 4th and 5th, they have produced a peal of bells of which the Vicar and his parishioners are and have good reason to be proud. The two new trebles are particularly clear and sweet in their tone, the others have been very much improved, while at the same time there is nothing to indicate that the eight were not originally cast together.

The dedication service was held on Wednesday, January 8th, at 2.45 p.m. The Rev. A. Harre, B.A., officiated, the Vicar, to the regret of all, being confined to his room a victim to the prevailing epidemic. At the proper interval in the service the bells were heard for the first time rung in rounds, by the eight oldest members of the Steyning Society. C. Tyler, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; E. Brackley, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; T. Searle, 8. The service then proceeded, but to the disappointment of the large congregation assembled from far and near, there was no sermon, the Very

Rev. the Dean of Chichester, who had been announced to preach, having telegraphed to say that he was unable to attend. At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung for some few minutes in rounds, after which a short touch (336) of Grand-sire Triples was started for by a mixed band, as follows: G. Gatland, 1; G. Smart, 2; Rev. F. A. H. du Boulay (Beeding), 3; E. Brackley, 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; J. Parker (Storrington), 6; T. Hart (Eastbourne), 7; T. Searle, 8. A change-course brought the first attempt to a premature close, but the second was duly terminated by "that's all" from the conductor. A second touch of 600 immediately followed, rung by J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; G. Smart, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Parker, 5; E. Dewey (Crawley), 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; C. Braban (Eastbourne), 8. Then came an adjournment to the Vicarage, to partake of the hospitality of the Vicar and his wife, who had kindly and thoughtfully provided tea for all the ringers present. On returning to the belfry the record for the day was soon increased by a third touch (504) of Grand-sire, rung by W. N. Holt, 1; G. Smart, 2; G. Gatland, 3; J. Reilly (Brighton), 4; J. Parker, 5; C. Dewey, 6; G. F. Attree (conductor, Brighton), 7; J. Smart, 8. This proved to be the last complete performance after tea, except a plain course of Stedman Triples, and at 9 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal. Visitors and all expressed themselves highly pleased with the bells, and were perfectly satisfied with the "go" of them, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's representative having so well done his work, that nothing further in this respect could be desired.

For the benefit of the curious in such matters it may be as well to state that the bells recast bear their old inscriptions.

With such a peal of bells above them, and surrounded as they are by every comfort and convenience in the bell-ringing chamber, we may surely express the hope that the Steyning ringers, who have already earned a name in the ringing world by their 720s of Minor, will prove themselves equal to the task of maintaining their reputation by peals of Triples and Major.

THE HORNSEY GUILD.

On Thursday evening, January 23rd, members and friends to the number of eighteen met at the Railway Hotel, Hornsey, and sat down to a good and substantial supper, which was provided by host Malim in his usual capital style. Mr. E. Chapman (Hampstead), was chairman, and Mr. G. B. Lucas (Tottenham), vice-chairman. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the company settled down to harmony. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given, Mr. James Hannington was called upon for the first song, and obliged with "Welcome ever welcome friends." The Chairman then gave the toast of the evening—"The Hornsey Guild," and hoped it would progress in the future as it had done in the past. He should like to couple with this toast the name of Mr. James Hannington, who had been one of the most active workers in making the Guild the success it was.

Mr. Hannington having suitably responded, gave "The Visitors," and thanked them not only for their attendance that evening, but also for their attendance and assistance during the past year.

Mr. G. B. Lucas, in responding, thanked the members of the Hornsey Guild for their kind invitation to him and the other visitors. He was very pleased to meet them not only that evening, but at any other time, and would be pleased to render them all assistance that lay in his power.

"The Rector and Churchwardens" was next given and responded to by Mr. Swift.

The evening's entertainment, which was interspersed with songs and recitations by various members of the company, was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." All then separated, highly pleased at the success of the first supper of the Hornsey Guild.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at Brentwood on Saturday last, the 25th instant, at which, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, thirty-six attended. The grand new ring of bells at the parish church were kept going almost unceasingly throughout the day. A visit was made to the neighbouring church of South Weald, where there is a light ring of six, but the party who went did not return with a favourable opinion of them. At the business meeting after tea the following were elected: *Hon. members*: Rev. R. Hay Hill (Wethersfield), G. A. Lowndes, Esq. (Hatfield Broad Oak), Rev. C. Grinstead (Vicar of Brentwood), Messrs. J. C. Quennell and J. Herbert (Brentwood). *Ringers*: F. Campion and J. W. Dodd (Danbury), A. Cutmore and D. J. Sutton (London). Henry Hill (Woolwich), C. Dickerson and J. Waites (Holy Trinity, Barking Road), H. Hopkins (elected at Romford on November 16th last) confirmed. The Rev. T. L. Papillon (Hon. Sec.) and Mr. F. G. Newman were elected on the provisional committee of the Central Council. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Brentwood for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Curate of Brentwood, for his care in arranging for the meeting, concluded the proceedings.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday, January 18th. The meeting for the election of officers and other business was held at the "Crown" inn, Stamford Street. Members attended from Chapel-en-le-Frith, Dinting, Glossop, Hayfield, Hyde, Leesfield, Friezeland, Mossley, Mottram, Saddleworth, and Whitfield. The President (Mr. John Holden), occupied the chair, and Mr. George Ford the vice-chair. Mr. Holden read the committee's report and balance-sheet, which were unanimously adopted by the meeting. The chairman said he was very sorry to inform them that only twenty-one peals had been rung in the past year, as against twenty-seven in the previous year, and the number of members had also slightly decreased during the past year, but several new members were admitted at this meeting. The next business was the election of officers. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, were all re-elected, and the following members were elected on the committee: Messrs. W. Jakeman (Ashton); J. W. Ashmore (Burbage); G. Hibbert, sen. (Chapel-en-le-Frith); J. Booth (Dinting); J. T. Dicken (Friezeland); G. H. Beever (Glodwick); J. Pye, jun. (Glossop); J. Blakely (Gorton); J. Brocklehurst (Hayfield); S. Bradley (Hyde); E. B. Shaw (Leesfield); T. B. Dicken (Mossley); M. Williamson (Mottram); J. H. Shaw (Saddleworth); and Eli Gartside (Whitfield). Messrs. D. Heap (Ashton), and J. Sellars (Glossop), were re-appointed auditors. It was decided to make Hyde the headquarters for the ensuing twelve months, at which place all committee meetings will be held. The next ringing meeting should be held at Mottram in May, and also one at Friezeland and Saddleworth in September, and the next annual meeting at Leesfield in January 1891. Several touches of Treble Bob were rung on the bells of the parish church (twelve bells), and St. Peter's (eight bells), and also several courses of Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Cinques, and Treble Bob Major on the handbells. After which votes of thanks were accorded to the past officers and the Ashton ringers for their kindness and courtesy towards the visitors, and to the authorities for the use of the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting of this district was held on Monday, January 27th, in St. Mary's school, Nottingham, for the purpose of electing the officers for the present year. Mr. John Hickman was voted to the chair, and the following officers were elected: Vice-President, Mr. G. Middleton; Committee—Messrs. W. E. White (Cotgrave), and W. Fox (Nottingham); Local Secretary—Mr. Albert Lambert.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—HULL BRANCH.

On Friday evening, January 24th, this branch held their annual dinner at the Alexandra hotel, Cogan-street.

The chair was occupied by the Rev. A. Kendrick, of Holy Trinity, and the vice-chair by Mr. Charles Jackson. Members and friends, numbering thirty-one in all, assembled, and proceeded at once to attack the subject for discussion and digestion with a vigour that was, if not alarming, at least astonishing. The spread was a magnificent one, and filled every one with great satisfaction.

Dinner being over, the company retired from the room for a few minutes, during which time the tables were cleared, and all made ready for the remainder of the evening. The necessary toasts having been duly honoured, the toast of the evening—"The Yorkshire Association," was given by the rev. Chairman, who in a few chosen remarks submitted it to the company, and also, as an incentive, recited with good effect Edgar Allan Poe's dramatic poem, "The Bells." This toast, it is needless to say, was enthusiastically received, and Mr. Charles Jackson most ably responded to the same.

Some capital songs, recitations, and courses and tunes on the handbells, etc., were given during the evening, nearly all assembled doing something to amuse and interest the company, who kept the fun going until the hour of 1 in the morning. Stern necessity then compelled the party to separate, however not before mutual good wishes had been exchanged all round, and a wee drop o' the Scotch being taken on in the shape of "Auld lang syne."

R. C.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

ON Wednesday evening, January 21st, the ringers of the above place met at the Coffee Tavern to partake of an excellent supper provided for them by the kindness of their vicar, the Rev. E. R. Cruickshank. "Go" was called soon after eight o'clock, and in less than an hour, strange to say, although there were a great many shift-courses, every ringer had the audacity to set up his knife and fork before the conductor called "stand." After supper a few hands of whist, cribbage, and some change-ringing on the handbells, and all dispersed after passing a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar for his kindness, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

This band experienced a great drawback—two of their best ringers leaving the neighbourhood early in the summer, and they have been unable to get their places re-filled until recently, when Mr. A. B. Bennett scored his first 720 of Minor on Christmas Day, so they soon hope to be on the war path again now.

Obituary.

JOSEPH UNDERWOOD.

ON Wednesday, January 22nd, the above-named gentleman departed this life, aged sixty-four years. He had been a ringer at York Minster for upwards of forty years, and had been in failing health for some time, but was able to attend pretty well to the duties of the tower up to the second Sunday in January. He had rung and conducted several peals, notably the first peal of Treble Bob rung at Thirsk on the augmented peal—originally a ring of four, and the tenor in the first peal of Treble Bob by a York company at St. Martin's, Coney Street. He was one who always was ready to help to bring out young talent, or assist the science in any way he could. The remains were interred on Saturday, January 25th, at the cemetery, in the presence of a great number of friends and admirers, and carried to his resting-place by his fellow-workmen from Messrs. Varvill's, where he had spent most of fifty years of his life. The Minster society also followed, who at the grave-side rang a good course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, and assembled at the Minster in the evening and rang muffled touches to his memory as a last token of respect.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Take the past for your guidance ;
Copy its virtues ; shun its errors.

Another time the continuity of my weekly jottings has been broken through the heaps of "copy" which was poured into our Editor's *sanctum*, the result of which is that we had an even more than usually interesting paper last Saturday. So much the better.

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While perusing our paper the other evening, reading the report of old friend Johnson's funeral, and the excellent remarks in our Editor's leading article, as I sat in my cosy arm-chair in front of a bright and cheerful fire, I fell a-dozing. I suppose it must have been the warmth which affected me, as I had been threading my way through the wind and sleet but a short time before, and was thoroughly chilled and tired out on getting back home. But from whatever cause, I somehow fell into a sort of dreamy reverie. My thoughts travelled back to the years that are gone. The features of one once so well-known, and now lovingly remembered, seemed for an instant to float before my eyes. Then I saw an ancient country church, and as I stood gazing, out of the doorway came a sad, mournful procession, which wended its way to an open grave but a few yards distant. I seemed to see and hear the white-robed priest as he devoutly uttered the last portion of our beautiful if mournful Burial Service. I seemed also to hear the very sighing of the great old trees in the graveyard as their branches and leaves were stirred by the breeze which hovered about as if reluctant to leave, but preferring to sound a requiem through the foliage of those ancient trees whose appearance seemed so much in keeping with the holy and venerable building around which they stood. Methought I heard the deep thud of the earth falling on the coffin in the open grave as the priest uttered those only too familiar words—"dust to dust, and ashes to ashes." Presently the mourners began to leave, and then from out of the windows of the old square tower came the bells' muffled tones.

"They laid him to rest with tear and sigh,
And the bells they rang sweetly his lullaby."

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Then with a start I roused myself; but only for a moment—and I was in dreamland once more. Again I saw that venerable old church. This time people were entering as the bells rung cheerily in their habitation above. I followed the crowd, and entered. There I saw the church filled with people. I heard the singing [and the prayers; then I saw the preacher enter the pulpit, and, opening his book, he read "Let everything that hath breath: Praise the Lord." I began to be amazed, and fell to wondering—what can this mean?—when suddenly the sun shone out brighter than ever, and its rays lighted up the gorgeous coloured stars in a window which I had not noticed before. As I gazed at this window, beholding the portrayed angels playing upon their "instruments of music," while above and below them the bells appeared from the deeply-recessed openings, I heard the preacher's voice—"As to our favourite art of change-ringing," he said, "if I wished to prove that it calls forth the higher powers of man, and helps to develop faculties of excellent value, could I do better than point to that window and recall the character of him whose name it bears? Patient in study, accurate in thought, clear in his arrangement of details, and able to take a comprehensive grasp of a complicated subject so as to perceive the elements of real importance, and to put each lesser point into its fitting place. So too that energy—prompt to grasp its opportunities and give to every point which arose earnest application and searching investiga-

tion. If that were all we had to say, we should still feel that the Exercise is honoured by the fact that it can reckon Jasper Whitfield Snowdon among its members. But there was also that which belonged to the true man—qualities of spirit and heart, as well as head and hand—that which went deeper than physical energy and deeper than intellectual application. Qualities which endeared him to his own circle, which won for him, as we are glad to testify this day, by that window erected in his own parish church, the respect and affection of even those who knew him but imperfectly."

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Then again, as if in confirmation of the preacher's words, the sun shone even more powerful than before, filling the whole church with its radiance, scattering the bright hues of the many coloured window on all around. And as the words of the Apostolic Benediction sounded from the altar, I awoke.

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My friends, why have I related all this? Why have I brought up mournful recollections of the past? Surely you will say, I must have some object in so doing. And so I have. This object is best explained by referring to the sorrowful procession which wended its way last Monday week under the shadow of the parish church of Aston, just as was the case four years ago at Ilkley, to lay in their last earthly resting-place all that was mortal of one who was "a chief amongst us." Is there not a most excellent parallel afforded in the two cases? Both have been laid to rest beneath the shadow of the church which was the scene of many of their earthly triumphs, and whose bells they when living, loved to ring and to hear. And could not those words of Canon Wigram, spoken in the pulpit of Ilkley parish church, have been repeated with singular appropriateness and truth at that solemn ceremony at Aston?

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Well, the parallel so far is perfect. Shall it be so to the end? Two years and a half ago, those words of Canon Wigram were spoken on the occasion of the unveiling of a national memorial to one who had earned our gratitude and gained our esteem. The Exercise on that bright and sunny 11th of June, 1887, did honour to itself while it so fittingly perpetuated the memory by raising up that memorial to a departed and lamented chief. Will it not, then, continue the parallel in this case? Surely it needs no words of mine to induce it to do so. Let us then—and soon—see our friends of the St. Martin's Guild moving in the matter. Thus—in whatever form it may take—let us once more, while honouring and perpetuating the memory of one to whom we are so much indebted, and whom we so highly esteem, shew to our people both of this and coming generations that we, the change-ringers of England, are ever ready to render honour where honour is due. And that honour is due in a most marked degree to our late friend and brother, Henry Johnson.

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I hope I may be pardoned for thus dealing so lengthily on this matter. We have instances—sadly too many of them—of the memory and labours of men who have spent their lifetime and exceptional abilities in promoting some peculiar point of good, being unrecognised by those for whom they thus loyally and indefatigably expended their efforts. Let it not be said of us that we err in this respect; but let us rather, as we did in the case of our lamented Jasper Snowdon, erect such a memorial as will, while setting forth the virtues, the abilities, and the good work done for us by our departed brother, be an example for future generations, and an incentive to our brethren while

amongst us to persevere in their efforts for the common good, in the sure anticipation that while doing so their labour will not go unappreciated.

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So far, the number of muffled peals, and attempted peals, rung in loving memory of Mr. Johnson, has been very creditable to the Exercise. I trust that the next step will be the erection of such a memorial as will remain for generations and not be at the mercy of masons, "restorers" (save the mark!) *et id genus omne*, as was the case with our late brother Lates.

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I suppose the pressure of news which I before referred to, also had the effect of curtailing our Editor's remarks on the Winchester scandal. It is to be hoped, however, that the incisive manner in which that occurrence has been dealt will be the means of preventing its repetition in the future. If the members—the rank and file—of our Associations could only realise, or would only bear in mind, the amount of anxiety, hard work, and even diplomacy, which these periodical gatherings entail upon their officers, I think surely they could not be so ungrateful as to make such a return for those efforts as was the case at Weybridge on the 16th January last. It is of the highest importance that our Associations should be well and efficiently officered. How, then, can we expect good men to devote so much of their time and abilities in the furtherance of this work, if they see the members for whom they strive apathetic, negligent of their duties, and seemingly indifferent to their arduous efforts? "It is an ill wind that blows nobody good," is an old saying; so let us hope the truth of the adage will be exemplified in this instance, by a more cordial appreciation of officers' labours, and a stronger effort on the part of members to fulfil their righteous obligations.

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The question of our belfry windows still seems to exercise the minds of our friends; and while the subject is on the *tapis*, I hope we shall gather the opinions and experiences of our brethren in various parts, so that we may be put into the way of adopting the best means of mitigating the force of a complaint which has undoubtedly been great in many quarters. I have had the pleasure of reading a private letter on the subject from an old and esteemed member of the Exercise, whose advancing years, unfortunately for us, have for some time back compelled him to join the retired list. I was all the more, even on that account, glad to see his old familiar signature, and although he so modestly shrinks from appearing in print, I don't think I am abusing any confidence in giving one or two of his observations. "In my somewhat extensive experience on these matters," he says, "I have usually found the louvred windows suit every purpose; sound readily escapes, and storm water is rejected; two essential features. In cases where towers are closely surrounded with inhabited dwellings, no doubt they are objectionable, for sloping in the way they do, they conduct the sound downwards, to the great annoyance of the near inhabitants, but to enclose the openings would reduce the sound equally to the distant as the near, which to me appear undesirable." Then he goes on to say, "Although I've never had occasion to make the experiment, it occurs to me that the difficulty may be readily met by fitting the louvres with pivotted ends, and by a very simple arrangement they may be made to work like venetian blinds, and when ringing is required turn them slope upwards and return them to their original position when ringing is over. By this arrangement I think you may relieve the near without

loss to the distant: but to expose the bell-frame and fittings to the ravages of the elements would I believe be in the highest degree objectionable."

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I happen to know a church where this very experiment was tried, but to carry it out properly two very essential points are necessary. First there must be room outside the bell-frame for these moveable louvres to work. Then, as was found in the case of the church in question, the moveable louvres in order to effect the purpose of deadening the sound should be thickly padded with felt or other non-conductible material which made them heavy to work. But the suggestions of my friend is one worthy of consideration. Perhaps the contrivance in this church is a clumsy arrangement compared with what it might be made, and thus be capable of considerable improvement. If I am not mistaken, something of this sort was adopted at Edinburgh Cathedral; will not our friends in the great Scottish city give us their experience? They might be of much service to us in this matter.

FREE LANCE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, a quarterly meeting of this Association was held in the Trinity Sunday School, Old Hill, the vicar, Rev. E. Brewer, presiding. There was a good attendance of members from Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Brierley Hill, Cradley, Clent, Coseley, Dudley, Hagley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Stourbridge, Tipton, Worcester, Wollaston, etc. The meeting was opened with prayer by the rev. chairman, after which, in his introductory remarks, which were very interesting, he gave the members a very hearty welcome to his centre.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the first business on the agenda was the appointment of a representative to serve on the provisional committee of the Central Council. It was decided that Mr. R. E. Grove, of Kidderminster, should be such representative.

The rev. chairman and Mr. Matthew Smith (Dudley) were elected honorary members. Ten performing members were also elected.

On the motion of Mr. Spittle, seconded by Mr. Small, a resolution was passed authorising the Hon. Secretary to forward a letter of condolence from this meeting to the family of the late Mr. Henry Johnson.

A vote of thanks to the rev. chairman brought the meeting to a close, and in responding he thanked the meeting for the vote, and also for paying a visit to his church, and affording him the honour of presiding over such an important body of church workers. He assured them he should be willing at all times to do to the utmost of his ability whatever he could for the good of the Association.

After the meeting was over an adjournment was made to the church tower, where a little unpleasantness arose owing to the wrong keys being handed over to the ringers who were there for a ring. After a considerable delay the tower was opened by one of the local band, but not until some of the members had gone away disappointed.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

The Annual Dinner of this society will take place at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, February 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each. Members and friends wishing to be present will kindly apply for tickets to either of the following: E. E. Richards, 18, Riverdale Road, Plumstead; F. Palmer, 40, Friendly Street, Deptford, S.E.; T. G. Deal, 13, Lampmead Road, Lee; W. Tyack, 1, Nuthall Road, Peckham, S.E.

By kind permission of the Rector, Canon Legge, the bells of St. Mary's church, Lewisham, were rung for the first time since 1859. First peal by the members during the afternoon, of Wombourn.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1890.

The discussion which is now being carried on relative to the best plan of filtering the sound which proceeds from the bell-chamber when bells are ringing will not we fear, be of much service. And the reason is plain. The people who as a rule determine such matters are the Church architects, and upon examination it will be found that the variety of opinions expressed by these gentlemen is in no degree charming. An ordinary ringer, less pointed into it, upon the matter to grasp its opportunity, which arose earnest application an

to such august personages would be treated with contumely, his suggestions would in fact receive the same treatment as others which have been made. We have only to look at the representations which have been made with respect to ringing-chamber windows. Many of these are so insignificant that the apartment presents the appearance of a second-class dungeon, suitable only for the reception of a malefactor. Yet though this fact has been pointed out repeatedly, architects do not hesitate to proceed on the same lines as before, and appear to laugh to scorn any protest which may come.

With this grievance, as well as the one now being dealt with in our columns, we can only look to incumbents or patrons to remedy. When they insist that a little common sense should accompany the fads of an architect, then we may have proper outlets for sound in our towers, as well as suitable windows for light.

The Metropolis.

LAMBETH, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 25, 1890, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY LANGDON Treble.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 5.
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HENRY R. NEWTON 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

The Provinces.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, AND SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 2, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT SURPRISE METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

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Conducted by DAVID JORDAN.

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OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, January 20, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. W. SAYER Treble.	REUBEN HALL 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JAMES HALL 6.
CHARLES TIMMS 3.	WILLIAM LONG 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	WILLIAM GOULD Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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DAVID JORDANTreble.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 4.
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CHARLES WEEDEN3.	†ROBERT JORDAN.. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT JORDAN.

†First 5040 as conductor. *First 5040 on a bob bell, and first 5040 of Treble Bob on the bells. Mr. Wickens hails from Charlwood; the rest are from Capel.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs.

SAMUEL CLEAL .. .. .Treble.	JOHN WATHEN .. .. .5.
R. H. WITHERINGTON .. 2.	THOMAS DEVEREUX 6.
FRANCIS J. MOORE .. .. .3.	JOSIAH WATHEN .. .. .7.
JOHN HALE .. .. ..4.	WILLIAM HAMPTON .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOSIAH WATHEN.

This peal was rung on S. Cleal's birthday, and his fellow-ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

LYMINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1890, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

BEING THREE 720'S OF GRANDSIRE, TWO 720'S OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE, AND TWO 720'S OF BOB MINOR, EACH 720 CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

SYDNEY FINN .. .. .Treble.	ALBERT TANTON .. .. .4.
JAMES ANDREWS.. .. .2.	CHARLES LAKER .. .. .5.
GEORGE FINN .. .. ..3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

This was rung on the conductor's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 24, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEO. HOLIFIELD.. .. .Treble.	JESSE AVERY .. .. .5.
JAS. W. WASHBROOK.. .. 2.	THOS. BLACKBOURN 6.
A. P. GODDARD .. .. .3.	FRED WHITE .. .. .7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	FRANK BENNETT .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID WILSON .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM STAINTHORPE .. 5.
HENRY ODDY .. .. .2.	JOHN CLAYTON .. .. .6.
SIMON LANGSTAFF .. .. .3.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. .7.
WILLIAM BOLLAND .. .. .4.	*FRANK BIRKS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

*First peal. Messrs. Stainthorpe, Clayton and Wilson hail from Birstall; Bollands and Oddy from Tong; Langstaff and Birks belong to the local company.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.—THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1890, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED ARGENT .. .. .Treble.	FRED PAGE .. .. .5.
WILLIAM DREW .. .. .2.	HARRY J. BUTTON 6.
GEORGE HARDY .. .. .3.	*RICHARD W. STANNARD .. 7.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. .4.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN.. ..Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by R. W. STANNARD.

*First peal as conductor, and longest length by 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th men. Messrs. Argent, Button, Stannard, and Lincoln hail from Leiston; the rest are local ringers. The whole company are single men.

BATLEY CARR, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 25, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 360 each of the following:

Duke of Cambridge.	Arnold's Victory.
Morning Star.	London Scholars' Pleasure.
College Exercise.	Duke of York.
College Pleasure.	Violet.
Royston Delight.	New London Pleasure.
City Delight.	Oxford Treble Bob.
Darton New Pleasure.	Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JNO. HY. SCOTT .. .. .Treble.	JNO. BLACKBOURN 4.
WILSON H. STEAD .. .. .2.	WALTER IDLE .. .. .5.
GEORGE H. SIMON .. .. .3.	SQUIRE MITCHELL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER IDLE.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY SHEARD*.. .. .Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 2.	*ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 6.
THOMAS SHORT .. .. .3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD.. .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Superlative.

WEST BROMWICH.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1890, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES CULWICK .. .. .Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. .5.
GEORGE GRIFFITHS 2.	*SIMEON SLATER .. .. .6.
JOHN SIDONS .. .. .3.	CHARLES TIMMS .. .. .7.
EDWARD WOODHALL 4.	CHARLES BENDALL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by S. SLATER.

*First peal as conductor. Previous to starting for the peal, Mr. Bendall was elected a member of the above society. The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. H. Johnson, sen., of Birmingham, who was a member of the above Society.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 25, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs.

J. JUCKES .. .. .Treble.	W. MORGAN .. .. .5.
W. JUCKES .. .. .2.	A. MORGAN .. .. .6.
A. WALE .. .. .3.	D. BRADBURN .. .. .7.
R. DUNN .. .. .4.	N. BODEN .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by D. BRADBURN.

First peal here since October 1859. First peal by the newly-formed society after the instruction of Mr. R. Cartwright, of Wombourne.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE HENDON SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 25, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

BEING TWO 720'S OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, TWO 720'S GRANDSIRE MINOR, AND THREE 720'S OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

Tenor 16 cwt., 2 qrs., 11 lbs.

HENRY MARTIN* Treble.	FRANCIS CARROWAY.. .. 4.
FREDERICK PRATT* 2.	*CHARLES H. MARTIN 5.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT* 3.	†THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor. First 5040 on six bells by all, and first on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE "CROWN INN," ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE,

UPON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM JAKEMAN.. .. 1-2.	HARRY HEAP.. .. 5-6.
GEORGE LONGDEN 3-4.	SAMUEL TAYLOR 7-8.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

S. Taylor was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal. Umpire—Mr. J. Crabtree.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 27, 1890, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD DREWY.. .. 2. Treble.	*JAMES W. DRIVER 5.
RALPH ARNOLD† 2.	EDWARD MOSES 6.
FRANK ARNOLD† 3.	WILLIAM ARGENT 7.
JOHN BASHFORD, JUN. .. 4.	EDGAR KENWARD } Tenor.
	JAMES HOWARD }

Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal. Edgar Kenward rang the tenor the first hour of the peal, then James Howard rang tenor to the remainder of the peal. James W. Driver hails from Fulham.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, January 27, 1890, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

BENJAMIN SUGDEN Treble.	WILLIAM CLARK 6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 2.	GEORGE HINGLEY 7.
HENRY MIDGLEY 3.	EVAN MORETON 8.
GEORGE DAWSON 4.	WILLIAM HICKLING 9.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 5.	WILLIAM MIDGLEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which has the 6th in seconds place throughout, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late E. M. Needham, Esq., of Duffield, Chief Superintendent of the Midland Railway, who was interred this day.

Date Touches.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Ross.—On Thursday, January 16th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. W. Canadine, 1; A. Bird, 2; J. Atkins, 3; J. Wall, 4; H. J. Bussell, 5; J. Clark, 6; E. Turner (conductor), 7; R. Clark, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq.

MIRFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 19th, at the parish church, the local company rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Crowther, 1; T. Crawshaw, 2; W. Holmes, 3; W. Barrowclough, 4; R. Ellis (conductor), 5; H. Hinchliffe, 6; B. Robinson, 7; J. Peacock, 8. The above was rung to celebrate the fifty-first birthday of J. Crowther, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Tenor 30 cwt. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

TREDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, January 10th, at the parish church, a date touch (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 90 Bob Doubles, five 6-scores of Grandsire, five 6-scores of St. Dunstan's, and five 6-scores of Dream Doubles. W. Taylor, 1; W. James, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. Russell, 4; C. W. Dyson (conductor), 5.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINLATON.—On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 30 mins. W. Lockey, 1; J. Blake, 2; J. R. Smith, 3; Z. Scott, 4; G. Ross, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Friday evening, January 17th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). C. Rushton, 1; E. J. Wheeldon, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Eyre, 4; G. Woods, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. This is G. Woods' first 720 in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—Recently a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; H. J. Button, 4; J. M. Button, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6; H. Cooper, 7; J. Flegg, 8. Composed by G. Lindoff, and contains queens and titlums. On Tuesday, January 14th, 1216 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 44 mins. W. Taylor, 1; A. Lincoln, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. J. Button, 4; G. Lindoff (conductor), 5; R. W. Stannard, 6; J. M. Button, 7; E. T. Shearing, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; G. Morling, 4; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 5; J. M. Button, 6; H. Cooper, 7; J. Flegg, 8. On handbells, 360 Bob Minor. H. Button, 1-2; G. Lindoff, 3-4; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 5-6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Stephen, Westminster, 720 Grandsire Triples, being the last part of Holt's Original, in 28 mins. S. J. Reed, 1; W. Carter, 2; A. G. Ellis (longest touch with a bob bell), 3; J. Willshire, 4; A. F. Ingerfield, 5; W. H. George, 6; H. S. Ellis (conductor), 7; W. Cropley, 8. The above are all members of the St. Stephen's company.

THE WANSTEAD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 14th, at Christ Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 23 mins. J. King (conductor), 1; W. Smith, 2; A. H. Gardom, 3; G. Cornell, 4; J. Marks, 5; J. Priest, jun., 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BRIERLEY HILL.—On Sunday, January 12th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Oxford Single Bob, with 6-8 behind. J. A. Hall, 1; J. Smith, 2; T. Lees, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Woodhall, 5; J. Crump, 6; W. F. Hartshorn (conductor), 7; P. Beasley, 8. And 720 College Single. J. Hill, 1; W. F. Hartshorne, 2; J. Smith, 3; H. Harris, 4; T. Lees, 5; J. Crump, 6; W. Short (conductor), 7; J. A. Hall, 8. On Sunday, January 19th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. A. Hall, 1; W. F. Hartshorn, 2; C. Barrett, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Harris, 5; J. Crump, 6; J. Smith (conductor), 7; C. Hill, 8. And 720 Plain Bob. J. Pearson, 1; J. Smith, 2; C. Boughton, 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; C. Barrett, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6; J. A. Hall, 7.

TIPTON.—On Saturday, January 18th, an attempt was made for a peal of 5376 changes of Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Henry Johnson, a new set of buffs having been kindly bought by the churchwardens for the occasion. Unfortunately it came to grief at the half-way single. B. Gough, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; A. H. Hill, 3; H. Mills, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; Samuel Jesson, 6; G. Hughes (composer and conductor), 7; W. R. Small, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. 21 lbs. Gough hails from Coseley; Hartshorne from Brierley Hill; the rest belong to Tipton.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTNOR.—On Sunday afternoon, January 19th, the Coddington ringers attended service at Eastnor, and afterwards rang various 6-scores, in which most of the local men took part. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was also rung in 26 mins. W. H. Fussell, 1; C. Thomas (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; C. Greening, 3; C. Hall, 4; A. Layton, 5; J. Thomas (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. Thomas, 1; J. Thomas, 2; C. Hall, 3; A. Layton, 4; C. Greening, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. A 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor failed owing to a mis-call in the last fourleads; conducted by A. Layton.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Monday, January 21st, at St. Mary's church, in honour of the marriage of Miss Martin (daughter of Mr. H. Martin) to Mr. C. Chapman, a date touch of 1890 changes of Doubles (being 930 changes of Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, and 480 Canterbury Pleasure, in 1 hr. 8 mins. H. Martin, 1; C. Martin, 2; C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; T. Card (conductor), 5; J. Edmunds, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. C. Pratchett, 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Martin, 4; F. Carroway, 5; T. Card (composer and conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles), in 26 mins. C. Tucker (first 720), 1; C. Crampton, 2; C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Martin (composer and conductor), 5; T. Card, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). F. Pratt, 1; C. Crampton (first 720 in the method), 2; C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Martin, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Grandsire Doubles. C. Martin, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Tucker, 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Edmunds, 5; F. Kirby, 6. On handbells, retained in hand, at the house of Mr. H. Martin, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently). C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. Martin (conductor), 3-4; F. Carroway, 5-6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Friday, January 17th, at St. Modwen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. J. Smith, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; R. Logie, 3; G. Robinson, 4; J. Walker, 5; J. Hicklin, 6; J. Jaggar (conductor), 7; J. Carvill, 8. Composed by E. E. Richards, of Woolwich. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Johnson.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—On Sunday, January 12th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 28 mins. W. Butler, 1; F. Knowles, 2; W. Hopkinson, 3; T. Millington, 4; T. Allibone, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. For evening service, 360 in the same method, standing as above. The striking was very good throughout the 720, which was composed and conducted by J. Tarlton. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Saturday, January 18th, at the parish church, eight members of the above Guild attempted a peal of Stedman Triples (Heywood's No. 4), with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Henry Johnson, but after ringing an hour and a half, a change-course suddenly caused a collapse. T. Russam (conductor), 1; F. Dickens, 2; T. Matthews, 3; A. J. Jones, 4; C. Dickens, 5; A. Woodcroft, 6; W. Allsopp, 7; W. Jackson, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, December 29th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Also on New Year's morning 720 Plain Bob (two bobs and twenty-two singles). And on Sunday afternoon, January 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). Also for evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). And on Sunday morning, January 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Ormerod, J. Hardman, A. A. Downing, A. Chew, and A. White. W. Smith, Z. Lord (conductors).

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 13th, at St. Paul's church, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25½ mins. J. Welsby (Worsley), 1; J. Worthington (conductor), 2; A. Potter, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Brookes, 5; W. Denner, 6. Also on Sunday evening, January 19th, before Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Worthington, 1; S. Oakes, 2; R. Aldred (Tyldesley), 3; J. Williamson (conductor), 4; Jos. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. And on Monday, January 20th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25½ mins. Jos. Ridyard (Worsley), 1; Jos. Potter, 2; J. Worthington (conductor), 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Welsby (Worsley), 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

PRESCOT (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, January 19th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Bob Triples in 18 mins. J.

Chesworth, 1; T. Abraham, 2; W. Moston, 3; W. Finny, 4; W. Merrilith, 5; J. Finny, 6; *J. Meston (conductor), 7; W. Hatton, 8. *First 504 as conductor.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, January 16th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Evans, 1; J. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. And 720 of College Exercise. H. Evans, 1; T. Linfield, 2; J. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; C. Clear, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. The above is Mr. Evans' first attempt in any Treble Bob method, and he hails from Goring.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, January 16th, for practice, 336 Bob Major. R. Jackson, 1; E. Bray, 2; *A. Squires, 3; J. Craft, 4; J. Cordall, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; *J. Hare, 7; R. Jackson, 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples. J. Phillips, 1; J. Cordall, 3; *J. Hare, 5; R. Jackson, 7; W. Bidnell, 8; the rest as before. Both conducted by J. Cordall. *First touch of Stedman. †First touch of Bob Major. On Sunday, January 19th, for Divine Service in the evening, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Phillip, 1; E. Bray, 2; J. Cordall (conductor), 3; J. Craft, 4; R. Jackson, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; R. Jackson, 7; W. Bidnell, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples, standing as before, conducted by J. Cordall.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Thursday, January 16th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. Horsefield (conductor), 1; J. Smith, 2; *T. Hindle, 3; *M. Karney, 4; J. Sanderson, 5; J. Walker, 6; R. J. N. Parker, 7; *J. Haworth, 8. Messrs. Smith and Walker belong to the parish church; Sanderson from Liverpool but formerly of Blackburn; the rest are of the local company. *First quarter-peal.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, January 18th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. W. Calthorpe, 3; S. Sargent (first 720 in the method), 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. Messrs. Moore and Sargent hail from Bocking; the rest belong to the local company.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church of St. Mary, 252 Plain Bob Triples. C. Davis, 1; J. Prickett, 2; T. Collinson, 3; G. Watkins, 4; W. Freestone, 5; C. Smith, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; J. Simmonds, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, January 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. A. Beaumont, 1; T. Saxby, 2; G. Conyard (conductor), 3; H. Gibbs, 4; A. Peill, 5; L. Hammant, 6; E. Barnett, 7; C. Wilkins, 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 11th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the funeral of Sir Charles Locock, son-in-law to the vicar, the Rev. Canon Pitman. J. Rollisou, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; T. Willoughby, 3; T. Hart, 4; J. Lewis, 5; T. Lewis, 6; E. Willoughby (conductor), 7; C. Braban, 8. Time 49 mins.

ECCLIS (Lancashire).—On Saturday, January 18th, at the parish church, a peal of Bob Major was arranged for with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., of Birmingham, but as one of the company could not be present in time, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins. by G. E. Turner, 1; J. Barratt, 2; J. Grimshaw, 3; J. Rogers, 4; F. Derbyshire, 5; R. Ridyard (conductor), 6. On the arrival of Messrs. H. and F. Derbyshire, touches of Stedman Triples were gone through.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, January 18th, at the house of Mr. Heffer, sen., on handbells, retained in hand, 1008 Bob Major. J. Heffer, jun., 1-2; W. Flory, 3-4; J. Heffer, sen., 5-6; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 7-8. This is the first 1008 of Bob Major on handbells by all. Tenor 20 size in Eb.

GORING (Sussex).—On Tuesday evening, January 14th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. H. Finch, 1; H. Evans, 2; C. Clear, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also 360 College Single, standing as above. And 240 of Plain Bob. H. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; C. Hills, 3; H. Evans, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. T. Linfield, 1; C. Clear, 2; W. Martin, 3; W. Ratley, 4; W. Ford, 5; D. Greenyer, 6. Messrs. Hills, Clear, Linfield, and Finch, hail from Angmering; the rest are of the local company.

MANSFIELD.—On Sunday evening, January 19th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. W. Taylor, 1; H. Slack, 2; G. Hardstaff, 3; H. Alsop, 4; J. Spray, 5; W. Gosling, jun., 6; W. Gosling, sen. (conductor), 7; C. James, 8.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, January 5th, 728 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. King. On Sunday, January 12th, for Divine Service at 6.30 p.m., a 840 in the same method, conducted by

W. Ryland, and a 518, conducted by J. Wager. On Saturday, January 11th, three courses of Grandsire Caters.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, January 16th, at the church of St. Giles, 720 Plain Bob Minor. *A. W. Pike, 1; J. F. Tarrant, 2; A. Evans, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; †C. Chapman, 5, A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. *Hails from Caversham, Oxon. †First 720 in the method. On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service at St. Lawrence's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Foxell, 1; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; W. H. Holloway, 4; R. T. Hibbert, 5; W. Johnson, 6; W. Newell, 7; A. J. Prior (first 500), 8.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Thursday, January 16th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; *W. N. Holt, 2; *J. Woolgar, 3; *G. Gatland, 4; *C. Chambers, 5; *E. Brackley, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; T. Searle, 8. And on Tuesday, January 21st, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; Rev. F. A. H. Du Boulay, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Tyler, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; T. Searle, 8. *First 504 in the method.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, January 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Trigg, 1; E. King, 2; —. Window, 3; C. West, 4; J. Nash, 5; C. King (conductor), 6; W. Hale, 7; T. Nichols, 8.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Monday, January 18th, at the Cathedral, a touch of Grandsire Triples, and the whole pull and stand, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the Rev. Douglas McKenzie, D.D., bishop of Zululand. The late bishop was a native of St. Albans, and was educated at the Grammar School, which was in his time held in the Lady Chapel of the Abbey church. T. Long, 1; R. M. Pratt, 2; E. R. Mitchell, 3; R. A. Fowler, 4; J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; W. Battle, 7; E. Chapman, 8.

WOBURN (Beds).—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, January 13th, 336 Bob Major. A. Smith, 1; E. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3-4; Chas. Herbert, 5-6; M. Lane, 7-8.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Monday, January 13th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. E. Bower, 1; A. H. Gardom (conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Priest, jun., 4; J. Marks, 5; G. Cornell, 6.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By GEORGE NEWSON, Royal Cumberland Society.

5222.					
1	2	3	4	5	6
*4 6 1 2 5 3					†3 5 1 2 6 4
1 6 4 3 5 2	-	-			1 5 3 4 6 2
1 6 2 4 5 3					1 5 2 3 6 4
1 6 3 2 5 4					1 5 4 2 6 3
3 6 1 4 5 2	-	-			4 5 1 3 6 2
3 6 2 1 5 4					4 5 2 1 6 3
3 6 4 2 5 1					4 5 3 2 6 1
4 6 3 1 5 2	-	-			3 5 4 1 6 2
4 6 2 3 5 1					3 5 2 4 6 1
2 6 4 1 5 3	-	-			2 5 3 1 6 4
2 6 3 4 5 1					2 5 4 3 6 1
2 6 1 3 5 4	-	-			2 5 1 4 6 3
2 6 1 4 5 3	S	-			2 5 1 3 6 4
1 6 2 3 5 4	-	-			1 5 2 4 6 3
1 6 4 2 5 3					1 5 3 2 6 4
1 6 3 4 5 2					1 5 4 3 6 2
3 6 1 2 5 4	-	-			4 5 1 2 6 3
3 6 4 1 5 2					4 5 3 1 6 2
3 6 2 4 5 1					4 5 2 3 6 1
2 6 3 1 5 4	-	-			2 5 4 1 6 3
2 6 4 3 5 1					2 5 3 4 6 1
4 6 2 1 5 3	-	-			3 5 2 1 6 4
4 6 3 2 5 1					3 5 4 2 6 1
4 6 1 3 5 2	-	-			3 5 1 4 6 2

Rounds by bob at 3, S at 5, and bobs at 6 and 8.

*Produced by bobs at 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 16.

†Produced by bobs at 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, S at 18.

This peal has the 5th and 6th exclusively behind the 9th in the tittums, has all the 9 7-8's and 8-9's in that position, and has the fewest changes yet produced in peals containing those qualities. By omitting bob at 16 in 46th course, it is 5006 changes, which was rung at All Saints', Fulham, December 17, 1887, conducted by its composer.

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."

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—I see by your valuable number of January 25th, a remark made by Mr. Parker to the effect that he should, probably, produce a peal of Stedman Triples without either a 4 or a 6 bob set. In case our worthy friend should publish a peal of that description and think it the first peal ever produced with those qualities, I append a peal which I composed in August, 1888, trusting you will kindly give it publication in your next issue.

THE PEAL.—STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040.

2	3	1	4	5	6	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	13	14	15
2 5 3 4 6 1													S				
2 4 1 5 6 3	-	-															
5 3 6 4 2 1	-	-											S				
3 4 2 5 1 6																	

This set of courses to be repeated ten times with the following exceptions. Omit the 2nd course in 5th and 10th set. And omit 1st and 2nd courses, and calls at 3, 4, and 11 in the 3rd course of 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th sets. This produces the first half-peal. Call a s at 14 in 29th course, which will produce the 3rd six of the 2nd half-peal, which is called exactly the same as the first half. Another s must be called at 2 in the 60th course, when the last course of the 1st half-peal remains to be rung.

August, 1888.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

NOISY CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—As the subject of noisy bells is being brought to the front, and various theories have been suggested to obviate the noise, allow me, Sir, to give you my little experience upon the subject. It is many years since I became capable of judging between a musical and noisy peal. In the parish in which I reside, we have a fine peal of eight, tenor 27 cwt. Within the last few years, the bells have been rehung on a new and improved principle. This new principle brought with it a deafening and dreadful noise which has caused much complaint in the town, especially in the immediate neighbourhood of the tower. Previous to them being rehung, the peal was sweet to the ear, and was noted for their soft and melodious sound, and much prized by the inhabitants. For upwards of sixty years I have taken a practical interest both in ringing and chiming, and understanding something of the theory of bell-hanging, I examined the bells to find the cause of so much complaint. In the first place the bells are hung out to a greater depth of guage than before. The result is that the bell throws the clapper with greater force which by so doing the bell is noisy; and in the second place, the old clappers have been removed, and much heavier ones substituted, and ever since there are continuous complaints of noise, which can only be remedied by lifting the bells higher into the stocks, and have light clappers, which I hope to have done. If not, we shall have to put up with the noise of hard metallic sounds, instead of as in years past listening with pleasure to our splendid peal of eight.

A MASTER.

WANTED TO KNOW.

SIR,—I have anxiously scanned the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" every Saturday for this last two months in hopes of seeing an announcement of a meeting of the Sussex County Association either at Chichester or Billingshurst. There are supposed to be held eight meetings in the year, which would be one in every six weeks. The last one took place at Midhurst four months ago, viz., September 13th. Perhaps the energetic Hon. Sec. will kindly either give us the reason why they have not been held, or make the necessary arrangements for a meeting, and let us have the announcement in our much valued paper.

A MEMBER OF THE S.C.A.C.R.

BELL FOUNDING OPERATIONS.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, have been very busy of late renovating and increasing the peals of the West. Among those just completed are the Stapleton bells, near Bristol, which have been completely overhauled and new ironwork—gudgeons and bearings, fitted.

NETTLETON CHURCH (near Chippenham).—The same firm have augmented the peal of five at this church to six, by the addition of a beautiful treble, and the rest, as also those at Bitton church, near Bath, entirely rehung.

PRESENTATION.

A presentation has just been made to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. Creasey) by the members of the South Lincolnshire Association. On St. Paul's day, the Association held their annual meeting at St. Paul's church, Fulney, Spalding, when ringers attended from Grantham, Wytham-on-the-Hill, Bourn, Peterborough, Deeping, Boston, Gosberton, Horbling, Billingborough, &c. The eight bells were raised in peal at 9 a.m., and some first class ringing was executed in Stedman Triples, Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, and Grandsire Triples. At 12 o'clock a short service was held in the church, when prayers were read by the Rev. R. G. Ash. An able address to the ringers upon their duties as church workers, was given by the President of the Association (the Rev. W. W. Layng, Vicar of Rippingale).

After service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where the business of the Association was transacted. The chair was occupied by the President. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and several new members were elected. The next place of meeting was fixed for Sleaford. G. Edwards, Esq. (London), was elected to represent the Association at the Central Council of Ringers, to be held at London in Easter week.

At half-past one dinner was served at the "Pigeon" inn, to which the company did ample justice. Grace being then said by the Rev. R. G. Ash, the president, in very feeling terms, presented to their Hon. Sec. (Mr. Richard Creasey), on behalf of the Association, a massive marble timepiece, striking the half hours, which was supplied by Mr. J. T. Woolley, clock-maker, of Bourn, in recognition of his valuable services, and hoped he would be spared to pilot the Association to further progress.

The Hon. Sec. in rising to respond, was so overcome with emotion that some little time was required before he could thank the President for his kind words, and the members of the Association for their valuable present.

The Rev. R. G. Ash, in the meantime, spoke of the services rendered by the Secretary, and alluded to a small present, in the shape of a gold Albert, some nine years ago, given by a company of amateurs. Ringing was kept up until 6.30 p.m., when the company had to disperse to catch their respective trains. Altogether a most successful meeting was held. The timepiece bears the following inscription on a silver plate: "Presented to their Secretary, Mr. R. Creasey, by the members of the South Lincolnshire Bell-Ringing Association, as a token of their appreciation of his services. 1889."

CHESTER DIOCESAN DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 11th, eight members of this branch visited Warrington, and rang 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Boardman, 1; C. Thorpe (conductor), 2; R. T. Holding, 3; R. Langford, 4; G. Harding, 5; H. Green, 6. Mr. Langford, of Whitchurch, Salop, now appeared in the belfry, he having followed the party from Crewe on learning where they had gone. Another 120 of Doubles was rung with Mr. Langford at the treble; the rest standing as before. Canon Blackburn now visited the belfry, and complimented the ringers on the striking of the bells. He remained in the belfry while one or two more 120's of Doubles were rung with Mr. Langford 1; H. Royden, 3; and after a capital fall the ringers adjourned to the "Bear's Paw" inn, where thanks to the Canon's generosity, the inner man was supplied with refreshments. After an hour had been spent here, the party journeyed back to Crewe after a very enjoyable outing.

The ringers wish to thank Canon Blackburn for the use of the bells, and also for the very kind way in which he received them.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, January 25th, this society held its monthly meeting at Penn, when some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Minor were rung. The next meeting was arranged to be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, February 15th, at three o'clock.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The next General Meeting will be held at Halifax, to-day, Saturday, February 1st. By kind permission of the Vicars and Wardens, the ring of twelve at the parish church, and the ring of eight at All Souls', will be placed at the disposal of the members all day. Tea will be served at the Crown Cocoa House (near to the parish church and the L. and Y. station) at five o'clock, the business meeting taking place in the Assembly Room immediately after, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke has promised to be present. The local committee will attend at the "Waterhouse Arms," Nelson Street, from 1.30, and the officers of the Association at the Crown Cocoa House from 2 p.m., by whom all members and visiting friends will be heartily welcomed. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. Richard Ryland, 33, Haigh Street, Halifax. B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, February 8th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Special service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. H. Fisher, President of the society. Tea in the Church Room at 6.30 p.m. Business and social meeting afterwards. Tickets 9d. each. All ringers are welcome. Those desirous of attending are requested to let the secretary know by Thursday, February 6th.

104, High Street, Fulham.

C. E. KELLEY, Hon. Sec.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.—The next district meeting will be held at Faversham on Monday, February 3rd. The tower will be open from 8 a.m. Short service during the day intervening.

ALFRED FOREMAN, Hon. Sec.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Willesborough on Monday, February 3rd. The tower will be open for ringing for ringing from 6 till 9 p.m.

Tenterden.

A. E. NUNN, Hon. Sec.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, February 8th. Any member requiring a certificate for obtaining cheap fares on the S.E.R. only should apply at once to the Secretary.

W. MARTIN, Local Hon. Sec.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The above Association will meet at the tower of East Retford church to-day, Saturday, February 1st, at 3 p.m., by kind permission of the vicar, and touches will be rung at intervals during the afternoon.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Sat., February 1st, at Bucknall. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. All members intending to be present ought to have given notice to the secretary, 55, High Street, Bucknall, not later than Wednesday, January 29th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL DISTRICT.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary Redcliffe, on Tuesday evening next, February 4th, at 7.15.

CHAS. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, Local Hon. Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Leyland, on Saturday, February 8th. The tower will be open for ringing from 2 o'clock. Business Meeting in the Grammar School at 5 o'clock.

JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

57, Chorley Road, Blackrod.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Gathering of the members of the Association, postponed from November 25th on account of the death of the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, the late lamented secretary, will take place at Ipswich on Monday, February 10th. The "Coach and Horses" inn, Brook Street, will be the headquarters for the day. Masters of companies and members are requested to attend as soon as possible after arrival to secure dinner tickets, and be directed as to ringing. All ringing to cease at 12.30. At 12.45 there will be Divine Service at St. Mary-le-Tower church. The sermon will be preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Woolley. At 1.30 dinner will be provided at the "Coach and Horses." After dinner the usual Business Meeting will take place. Ringing may re-commence about 4 p.m. Members are requested to inform the Secretary at once whether they will be present, and how many of their company; also the name of the G.E.R. station from which they will start. Cards will be sent on application in order to obtain the fare and quarter railway tickets.

A. P. MOORE, Acting Secretary.

Weybread House, Harleston, Norfolk.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—FEBRUARY MEETING.

A General Meeting of the above will be held at Shotley Bridge on Monday, February 17th, when the bells of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside (tenor 14 cwt.), Christ Church, Consett (tenor 17 cwt.), and St. Mary's, Lanchester (tenor 9 cwt.), will be at the disposal of the ringers. Committee Meeting at 1 p.m. Dinner at 2 p.m. Further particulars next week.

Earl's House, Durham.

L. NEWTON, Hon. Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, February 15th. Belfry open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock; tickets 1s. each.

JAMES HORROCKS, Secretary.

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LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—Owing to the result of the meeting held at Southport on Saturday last, a special meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1st, in the Cocoa Rooms, St. Luke's Place, Liverpool, at 6 p.m. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to be present. The appointment of Local Branch Secretary, and arrangements for the next meeting, will be included in the business.

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

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. J. SHEPHERD, Branch Sec.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, February 15th. Further particulars will be announced next week.

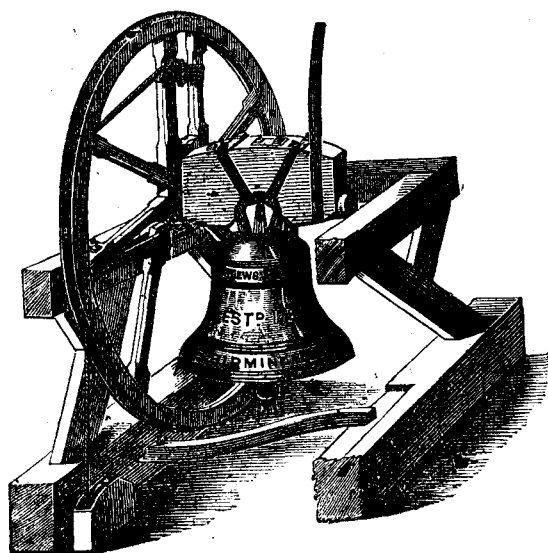
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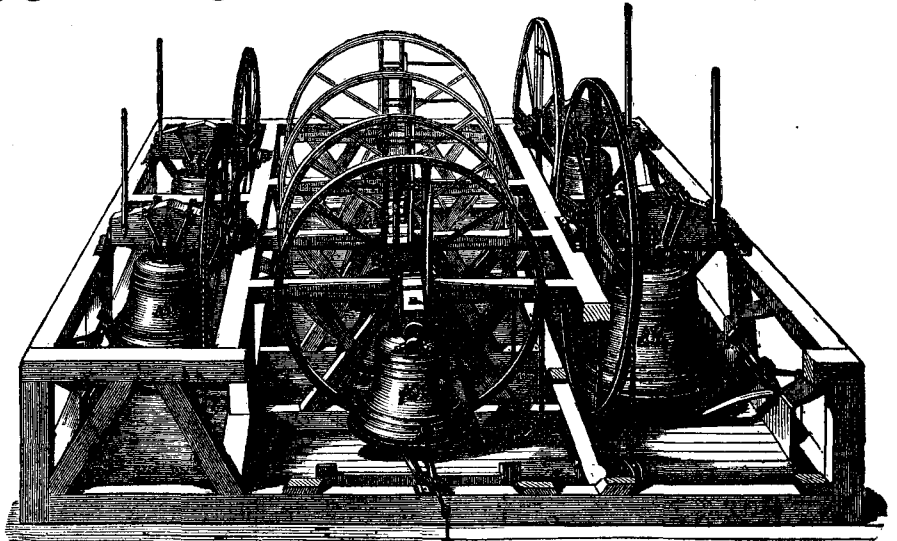
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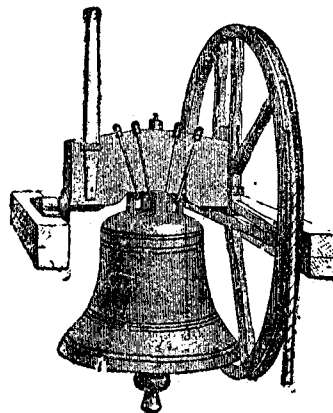
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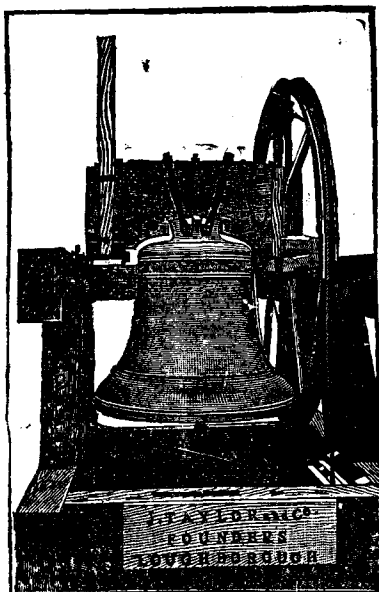
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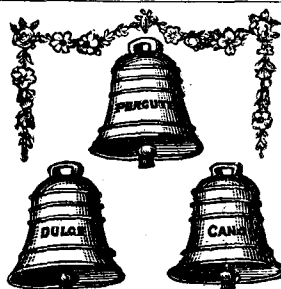
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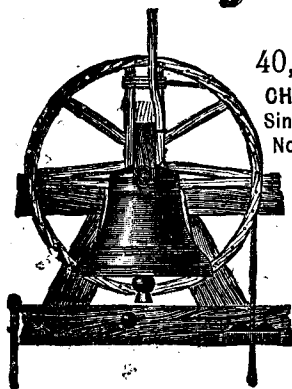
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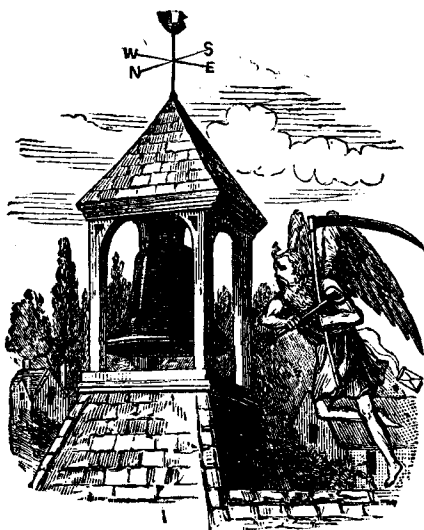
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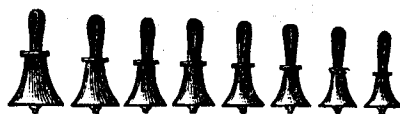
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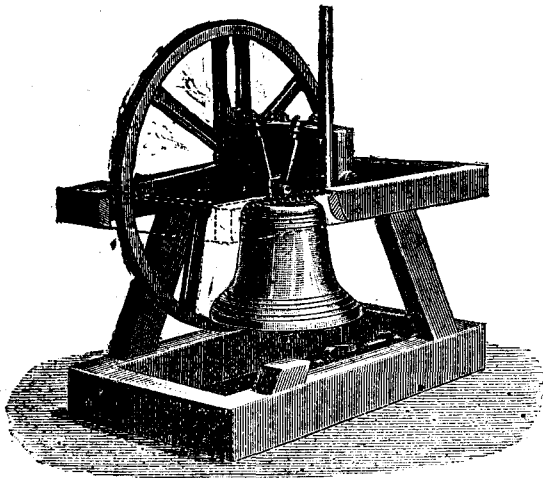
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first general meeting of this Association for the present year was held at Halifax on Saturday, February 1st, at which there was a large attendance of members and friends from all parts of the county. During the forenoon an attempt was made at the parish church for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, but after 2 hrs. 32 mins. steady ringing, the tenor-man, to the surprise of the rest of the company, called "stand," pleading faintness. At four o'clock the official committee met and transacted business, Mr. W. Davies, of Liverpool, being also present. Several new members were elected, and among other items the question of the two delegates' expenses to the Central Council preliminary meeting discussed and settled.

At five o'clock, an excellent meat tea was provided at "The Crown" cocoa house, which was partaken of by the visitors, the large room being well filled.

Immediately after this pleasant part of the proceedings had been gone through to the satisfaction of every one, an adjournment was made to the assembly-room, where the general business meeting was held.

Mr. W. Snowdon, on taking the chair, was supported by the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke, Vicar of Halifax, the Rev. T. Lewthwaite, Vicar of All Souls', and other clergy, the wardens of the parish church, and nearly all the officers and members of the Committee, a large number of members being also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, the Chairman referred in fitting terms to the recent losses by the Association through death, especially mentioning Mr. Henry Johnson, and Mr. Underwood of York.

Mr. B. T. Copley (Hon. Sec.), after reading a letter received from the Skipton branch, proposed on their behalf that the June meeting be held at Skipton.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield) seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. H. Howard (York) moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicars and wardens of the parish church, and All Souls', Haley Hill, for the use of the bells.

Mr. W. Abbshaw (Rothwell) seconded, and it was carried.

The Ven. Archdeacon Brooke, on rising to respond, received a very hearty greeting. He could not, he said, speak to them as a practical change-ringer, although he did once, when much younger than now, make an attempt to learn how to ring a bell. After describing in a humorous fashion his experiences in that direction, he went on to speak of the position which ringers and ringing should hold in connection with the church. Change-ringing was not and should not be regarded as a mere musical performance; it was a work with a definite object. He was often, when hearing the bells ring, reminded of the Poet Laureate's well-known poem which spoke of ringing out the false and ringing in the true, at the same time he could not help remarking on the fact that too often the bells on Sundays rang in the congregation, but rang out the ringers. This was a matter which had many times been the subject of serious thought to him, and he had wondered if some means could not be found whereby this anomalous state of things could be altered. He knew there were practical difficulties in the way of the regular attendance of ringers at church, how to overcome these difficulties was a problem which the ringers themselves were able to solve. He believed the Yorkshire Association was in itself a powerful instrument for good in this matter; it was a movement in the right direction; and if it accomplished its aims and objects it would prove a great aid to the Church. He therefore gave it a most cordial welcome to Halifax, and concluded by expressing a hope that it would soon again revisit their town. The Ven. Archdeacon's address was listened to with marked attention, his witty remarks and pungent home-thrusts being greeted with warm approval by those present.

Mr. Simeon Langstaff (Pudsey) proposed, and Mr. Tom Haigh (Huddersfield) seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Halifax parish church ringers for their generous arrangements, and to the All Souls' branch for their kind co-operation, which was carried with applause, and suitably responded to by Mr. Richard Ryland.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley, in a few well-chosen words, then pro-

posed a vote of condolence to the Johnson family in particular, and Birmingham friends generally, on the bereavement they had sustained in the death of Mr. Henry Johnson.

Mr. J. T. Hollis (Wakefield) seconded, and the motion was carried in silence, all present rising.

Other items of business were transacted, and a vote of thanks to the president concluded the proceedings.

The members then adjourned—some to the towers for ringing, others for a stroll round the historic and interesting old town, thus bringing to a close a very successful and pleasing meeting.

THE NEW RING OF BELLS AT YARNSCOMBE, NORTH DEVON.

The ring of bells in the old parish church of St. Andrew, Yarnscombe, North Devon, which has been thoroughly overhauled, and augmented to six, were formally dedicated on the 29th ult. in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners and others, and many of the neighbouring clergy were present in the chancel. The Rev. J. B. Singleton, Vicar, conducted the special service, and the Rev. T. W. Whale, Vicar of Dolton, and Rural Dean, read the special lesson. The dedicatory prayers were offered, and the sermon was preached by the new Archdeacon of Barnstaple, the Ven. A. E. Seymour, now Vicar of Chittlehampton, formerly of Bromsgrove and Barnstaple. Amongst the other clergy in the procession were the Rev. G. de C. Guille, Rector of Little Torrington with Tadiport, Rev. J. H. Kempe, Rector of Meeth, Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Vicar of Magor with Redwick (Mon.), Rev. R. Mortimer, Rector of Roborough, Rev. W. B. Vere-Stead, Vicar of Huntshaw, Rev. W. Arthur, Rector of Atherington, Rev. M. Loveband, Rector of Warkleigh, Rev. W. Vassal, Vicar of Wear Gifford, Rev. R. Vidal, Vicar of Abbotsham, Rev. J. Warren, Rector of Alverdiscott, and Rev. W. Draper, curate of Merton. The Hon. Mark Rolle, Lord of the manor, who gave the wood for the new bell-cage, was also amongst the congregation.

Mr. Harry Stokes, who has done all the wood-work, has given every satisfaction, and the "go" of the bells is all that can be desired. The two new trebles and the 4th (recast) are from Messrs. Taylor's firm, and are in perfect tune, the splice being excellent. There were sixteen bands of ringers present during the day, and all expressed themselves highly pleased. The following inscriptions are on the bells:—

- 1.—To the greater glory of God. J. B. Singleton, Vicar.
R. Oatway, } Churchwardens. 1889.
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R. Oatway, } Churchwardens. 1889.
F. Thorne, } Measures 29½ inches.
- 3.—R. Loveband, } Wardens. 1709.
C. W. Campin, } Measures 30½ inches.
- 4.—To the greater glory of God. 1889. Recast. Measures 33½ inches.
- 5.—O. Panel. Measures 36½ inches.
- 6.—Soli Deo deter (sic) gloria R. P. 1608. Measures 40½ inches.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—FEBRUARY MEETING.

A General Meeting of the above will be held at Shotley Bridge on Monday, February 17th. The Committee will meet at the "Commercial" inn at 1 p.m., and all members of the committee are especially requested to attend. Dinner at the "Commercial" inn at 2 p.m.; tickets, 1s. each to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside (tenor 14 cwt.), Christ Church, Consett (tenor 17 cwt.), and St. Mary's, Lanchester (tenor 9 cwt.), will be open to ringers during the day. It is particularly requested that members who have not already done so will forward their subscriptions at their earliest convenience. It is also requested that secretaries of the different branches will forward at once an account of the ringing done in 1889 by the respective companies. This is very necessary in order to complete the report. Members intending to be present at the meeting are requested to notify the same not later than Monday, February 10th, to

LANCELOT NEWTON, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

THE LANCASHIRE SCHISM.

It is unfortunately too well known that a rift or schism has occurred in the Lancashire Association, and that a number of members have seceded, and formed another distinct body. It is not the intention here to reflect upon the course adopted by either side, but a hope may be expressed that the spectacle of such a secession may never again be witnessed. Below are reports of meetings held:—

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—On Saturday, January 25th, a meeting of ringers' delegates, etc. was held at Christ Church schoolrooms, Southport, when upwards of thirty ringers attended from various parts of the diocese, viz.: Aughton, Crossens, Croston, Hindley, Liverpool, Ormskirk, Southport, Wigan, etc. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. Clarke, and amongst those present were the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, the Rev. H. J. Elsee (vice-president of the Lancashire Association), and Messrs. G. Ball, R. Holmes, E. Bentham, T. Halliwell, J. Prescott, S. C. C. Turner, D. Rimmer, W. James, H. Coley, etc. The Chairman called on the Secretary (Mr. W. Bentham, of Aughton) to read the minutes of the last meeting, and this having been done, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit reported that the Bishop was willing to become president if such a society was formed, and that favorable replies had been received from several dignitaries of the diocese; the advantages would be that local matters would be better understood, and could be attended to better than by the County Association. Also the diocese being compact, there would be less distance to be travelled, and this would mean a great saving in railway fares. It was also hoped that as connected with the diocese the clergy would give it a warmer support. He proposed a diocesan society (apart from the Lancashire Association) and it was seconded by a delegate from Wigan, and supported by Mr. Ashcroft from Croston. The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he was sorry to see any attempt to break away from the parent society, and set forth the weakness of a diocesan guild; his views being supported by Mr. R. Hill, of Southport. Mr. James (Liverpool) said the ringers there would join the guild if it should be a success; Mr. Martin (churchwarden of Sefton) advocated (by letter) its formation; and the delegate from Hindley spoke in its favor. The resolution was unanimously carried, and a sub-committee was then appointed to draw up rules, etc. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the ven. Archdeacon for the use of the bells and schoolroom, brought the meeting to a close.

W. BENTHAM, Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).—A special meeting was held on Saturday last in the Cocoa Rooms, St. Luke's Place, Liverpool, to hear the report of the meeting held on the previous Saturday at Southport; the election of local branch secretary; and arrangements for the next meeting. Mr. Richard Hill (Southport) occupied the chair; Messrs. Redford and Wreaks (Hon. Secs.) were also present; and there was a good representative gathering of members. The Chairman very much regretted the circumstances which necessitated the holding of the meeting that day. If more consideration had been used by a portion of the members, that meeting could have been avoided. Ten towers had decided to secede from the Association, but there still remained twenty-one from which to extend their operations. He wished to specially mention the excellent manner in which the Rev. H. J. Elsee defended the Association, but he was sorry to say it was all to no purpose, as the members present had evidently made up their minds beforehand. Mr. Redford (who had received a telegram from the Rev. H. J. Elsee stating that he could not attend) said that they had another object in calling the meeting, which was to ascertain their true position, and, as the chairman had said, to endeavour to place the branch on a solid foundation. He regretted the result of the Southport meeting, and he wished to specially allude to one company which had joined hands with the new body. He had many pleasant reminiscences of his visit to Southport—the tower referred to—since the formation of the Association; it had been represented uninterruptedly by the first president (the late Mr. Mason) and since by Mr. Hill. He had cause to rejoice, however, in the fact that the members of the Liverpool district had remained true to the Association, and he hoped, that as they were about to proceed with the election

of branch secretary, they would elect one in whom they had the greatest confidence, and one warmly interested in their excellent association. Their work would still continue to cover the whole county, which he believed would be attended with good results. Mr. W. G. Mann, Liverpool, proposed that Mr. R. Hill, Southport, be appointed local branch secretary, that he was a man in whom they had the greatest confidence, and and one who would do his duty. Mr. T. Hammond, Liverpool, seconded, and the proposition was unanimously carried. Walton-on-the-Hill and Bootle, which are within easy distance, were selected for the meeting on February 22nd. Mr. W. G. Mann then proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Wreaks seconded, remarking that he had been pleased to attend the meeting, and hoped that the branch would now go on better than previously. Mr. Robert Williams said they ought not to depart before thanking Messrs. Redford and Wreaks for their attendance, and the chairman offering a few complimentary remarks, which Mr. Redford acknowledged, an enjoyable and harmonious meeting was then declared closed.

J.R.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday evening, January 25th, the Rochester branch of the above Association paid a friendly visit to Milton, near Gravesend, where they were met by the leader of the local company, Mr. G. Hayes, who had everything in readiness for them to begin. As time was short, they were not long in placing themselves at the ropes, and rung 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. O. Sullivan, 1; G. Chantler, 2; J. Rayner, 4; C. Waterman (Shorne), 4; J. P. Kidd, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. Also several touches of Grandsire Minor and Treble Bob. After ringing the bells down an adjournment was made to the "Prince of Wales," where an hour or two was spent in harmony, the chair being occupied by Mr. Royston (Milton), with Mr. Baker in the vice-chair. After several songs had been sung, the health of both bands were drunk with musical honours and a very pleasant evening was ended by singing the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne." The ringers wish to thank their Milton friends for their kindness in meeting them, and for having the bells ready for them.

DEAL BRANCH.—On Thursday, January 16th, the members of the above branch with a few friends sat down to their anniversary dinner at the "Liverpool Arms," provided by the worthy host, Mr. G. Burton. The room was most tastefully decorated with evergreens and mottoes, among which were "The compliments of the season to Captain Coleman; long may he live to hear the bells,"; and "May change-ringing prosper till the world's at an end," etc.; one of the most noticeable items being the handbells across the ceiling.

The chair was taken by Mr. G. Denne, sen. (clerk), supported Mr. Giraud (churchwarden), Messrs. Stunt, Turner, Amos, Taylor, Lawrence, and Dixon; Mr. S. Parker occupying the vice-chair. After dinner the Chairman proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was heartily responded to. Mr. Parker proposed "The health of the Rev. — Griffith, and churchwardens," coupling with it the name of Mr. Giraud, who briefly responded.

Mr. Silver proposed "The health of Captain Coleman," which was drunk with musical honours. "The health of the ringers" having been proposed and drank, Mr. G. Denne, jun., responded.

"The health of the host and hostess," being proposed, Mr. Burton responded; after which some handbell ringing and songs were given by both the ringers and visitors, especially Mr. Harvey, who caused very much laughter and encores. The evening, which was one of the best the ringers had ever held, was brought to a close by the ringers finishing with "God bless the Prince of Wales," and "God save the Queen," on the bells, after which the company separated, every one pleased with the evening's proceedings.

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THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

One of the most important meetings in connection with this Association was held at Retford on Saturday, February 1st., when ringers were present from Worksop, Shireoaks, Everton, and also a goodly number of the Retford company. Shireoaks and Worksop were the first to arrive, and at once proceeded to the tower of St. Michael's, where it was arranged to ring a date touch (188c changes), in three Treble Bob methods, viz., 720 each of Oxford and Violet, and 450 of New London Pleasure, but just when everything seemed to be in full swing and to promise a very creditable performance, it unfortunately came to grief after ringing the first two 720's in 50 mins. S. Tomlinson, 1; R. Knowles, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; G. Barowcliff, 5; R. Beeston, 6. Ringing at St. Swithin's church commenced at 4 p.m., when 672 Grandsire Triples was rung. H. Warburton, 1; J. W. Clark, 2; W. Kipling, 3; W. Drake (conductor), 4; N. G. Hunt, 5; R. Potter, 6; R. Beeston, 7; T. Thorpe, 8. This is the first touch of Triples by the ringers of the 7th and 8th bells.

At 5 o'clock the ringers, together with the Rev. Watkin Homfray, Canon Ebsworth, and the Rev. G. Henley, adjourned to the "Vine" inn, to partake of an excellent meat tea provided by host Miner. Thirty-two were present, who rang a true and complete peal on their knives and forks in 35 mins., the course ends rolling up beautifully.

After the cloth had been removed, the Rev. Canon Ebsworth, who was very cordially received, thanked the ringers for their very kind invitation to him and his clerical friends. He was pleased to meet them not only that evening, but at any time, and would be pleased to render them any assistance that lay in his power. With regard to the bells of East Retford, he knew perfectly well it was almost impossible to ring them, but he was glad to inform them that a Committee had been got together and arrangements had been made for the first meeting to take place sometime in February, when it would be decided to issue an appeal to the public to join in helping them to put the bells in proper ringing order, and to increase and make them a ring of ten. Whether they would be successful in their endeavours it was very difficult to say, but at all events the eight bells would be rehung and space would be left for two more bells, and he trusted when the work was completed, the bells would be rung in a scientific manner to the delight of all.

Mr. H. Haigh, in responding, said he was very pleased indeed, and he was sure the other ringers were to see the Rev. Watkin Homfray, Canon Ebsworth, and the Rev. G. Henley present on such an occasion as this. It was very essential they should be present, because bell-ringers were a section of Church workers. There was one little thing he would like to remind the ringers of, and it was this: at the Annual Meeting which is to be held at Worksop some time in Whitsuntide week, there is to be a special service held for the express purpose of ringers. He was sure their Secretary, the Rev. H. T. Slodden, would be pleased to see all those who were now present, and as many others as could make it convenient to attend. In conclusion he congratulated those present for making the gathering a successful one, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy for their presence that evening.

Mr. R. Beeston proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for granting the use of the bells to the ringers.

Mr. D. Russon proposed a vote of thanks to the Retford society for making the day's arrangement an enjoyable one, and for providing such an excellent spread. After the meeting was over, the ringers rang at East Retford for evening service 336 Grandsire Triples in 14 mins. H. Warburton, 1; H. Haigh, 2; W. Skelton, 3; W. Drake (conductor), 4; N. G. Hunt, 5; W. Crawford, 6; R. Beeston, 7; T. Thorpe, 8. The last touch of the day was a 240 of Violet Treble Bob. J. Marshall, 1; J. Swindon, 2; R. Knowles (conductor), 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; H. Haigh, 5; W. Crawford, 6.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Everton on Easter Monday.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than 300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is brought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—SANDRIDGE, HERTS.

ON Saturday, January 25th, a company of ringers from St. Albans visited the above village, which is situated about two miles from St. Albans, having received an invitation from the vicar, the Rev. Dr. Griffith, to have a pull upon his new ring of six. The first touch was 120 of Grandsire Doubles. E. Chapman (first 120), 1; A. Hull, 2; R. A. Fowler, 3; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 4; E. Hull, 5; W. Battle, 6. Also another 120. T. Long, 1; R. A. Fowler, 2; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 3; J. W. Prewer, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. Chapman, 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor. R. A. Fowler, 1; J. W. Brewer, 2; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 3; H. Brewer, 4; W. Battle, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Long (first 720), 1; J. W. Brewer, 2; E. Hull, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; W. Battle, 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. W. Battle, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 2; J. W. Brewer, 3; H. Brewer, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; A. Hull, 6. Several touches of Grandsire and Bob Triples, and 120 of Stedman Doubles were also rung upon the handbells. A band of ringers is in course of formation, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham having kindly volunteered his services as instructor, together with other St. Albans ringers.

HOLY TRINITY, HULL.

ON Tuesday, January 28th, Captain Judge, churchwarden of the above church, entertained the ringers to dinner at the "George" hotel, Hull. Captain Judge was in the chair, and Mr. Charles Jackson was in the vice-chair, and there were also present Major Wellsted (churchwarden), H. E. Stevens, Esq., Master of the choir school. The company, numbering fifteen in all, sat down to a most excellent and varied repast which took some time to dispose of, and after the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the company resolved itself into a social gathering, and the remainder of a most enjoyable evening was spent in songs, recitations, tunes and change-ringing upon the handbells, which were rung by Messrs. C. Jackson, W. Southwick, R. Chaffer, S. Slingsby, and T. Stockdale.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The usual Quarterly Meeting of this Guild was held on Thursday, January 30th, at the Guild's meeting-house, the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham, Mr. John Day presiding. In addition to other important business, it was unanimously decided to continue to hold an anniversary dinner in honour of the late Mr. Johnson, conducted on lines similar to those held in his life-time. Mr. John Day was elected presiding ringing master in place of the late Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Henry Bastable was elected to represent the Guild on the forthcoming National Council. Details as to the dinner mentioned above will be duly announced.

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Swanscombe to-day, Sat., February 8th. Any member requiring a certificate for obtaining cheap fares on the S.E.R. only should apply at once to the Secretary.

W. MARTIN, *Local Hon. Sec.*

TUNBRIDGE DISTRICT.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at St. Peter's parish room, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, February 13th, at 3 p.m. The usual allowances will be paid at 2.30. The belfries at Speldhurst and Tunbridge will be open to members.

THOS. S. CURTEIS, *District Sec.*

Sevenoaks Rectory.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

There will be a ringing meeting of the above Association at St. Anne's church, Highgate, on Saturday, February 15th. Tower open at 5 o'clock p.m.

F. A. MILNE, *Hon. Sec.*

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1889, AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

	Jan. to Nov.	Decr.	Total	Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire	On 6 bells	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman	Total	Position in 1886.	Position in 1887.	Position in 1888.
1. Sussex County Association ..	72	26	98	8	19	28	36	—	1	6	98	9th	st	2nd
2. Anc. Soc. College Youths ..	75	9	84	13	33	—	12	1	—	25	84	3rd	nd	1st
3. Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	65	15	80	1	33	3	2	7	2	32	80	2nd	th	4th
4. Midland Counties' Associatn.	53	4	57	5	14	4	5	10	7	12	57	1st	th	3rd
5. Essex Association ..	46	3	49	5	21	3	19	—	—	1	49	19th	th	5th
6. Norwich Diocesan Guild ..	39	6	45	24	10	1	7	1	—	2	45	6th	th	7th
7. Yorkshire Association ..	39	3	42	27	6	3	4	1	—	1	42	5th	3d	8th
8. Worcester and Distcs. Assn.	32	6	38	1	15	5	12	—	1	4	38	28th	1th	14th
9. Lancashire Association ..	34	0	34	4	16	—	10	2	—	2	34	4th	6a	6th
10. Hertford Association ..	26	3	29	—	15	—	7	1	1	5	29	13th	2st	16th
11. Gloster and Bristol Assocn.	22	4	26	1	15	3	4	—	—	3	26	21st	1th	10th
12. Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	20	3	23	—	16	—	2	—	1	4	23	18th	14h	13th
13. Kent County Association ..	15	8	23	—	22	—	1	—	—	—	23	10th	13h	15th
14. Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	21	1	22	7	4	1	—	4	—	6	22	22nd	20h	17th
15. Royal Cumberland Youths ..	20	2	22	2	14	—	3	—	—	3	22	11th	9th	12th
16. United Counties' Associatn.	19	2	21	5	10	—	4	1	—	1	21	8th	12h	11th
17. Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	19	2	21	15	2	2	2	—	—	—	21	14th	16h	20th
18. Surrey Association ..	18	3	21	1	11	—	3	3	2	1	21	15th	15h	9th
19. St. James's Society, London ..	8	3	11	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	11	7th	7th	18th
20. St. Martin's Society, Bham ..	10	0	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	9	10	—	18h	24th
21. Trinity Youths ..	8	0	8	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	23rd
22. Hertford College Youths ..	7	0	7	—	1	—	—	1	1	4	7	—	—	21st
23. All Hallows' Soc., Tottenham	6	1	7	4	—	—	3	—	—	—	7	—	—	27th
24. Birmingham Amalgam. Soc. ..	6	0	6	—	3	—	1	1	—	1	6	12th	27h	26th
25. Waterloo Society, London ..	5	0	5	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	23d	28th
26. Chester Diocesan Guild ..	4	0	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	34th
27. North Lincolnsh. Assocn. ..	3	0	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	29th	35th
28. Bedfordshire Association ..	2	0	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	27th	19th	29th
29. Eastern Counties' Guild ..	2	0	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	29th	28th	30th
30. Middlesex Association ..	1	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
31. Lichfield and Salop Dio. Guild	1	0	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
32. Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	1	0	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
33. Bath and Keynsham Assocn. ..	0	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	33rd
Independent Societies ..	63	11	74	9	45	9	7	1	—	3	74	—	—	—
Less peals entered under two Asso-	762	117	879	139	354	63	148	34	16	125	879	—	—	—
ciations ..	78	4	82	16	33	1	18	5	3	6	82	—	—	—
Total ..	684	113	797	143	321	62	130	29	13	119	797	—	—	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods: London Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 24; Duffield Royal 2; Duffield Major, 1; Forward Major, 1; Cumberland Exercise Major, 1; Stedman Cinques, 10; Stedman Caters, 17; Stedman Triples, 92; Treble Bob Maximus, 2; Treble Bob Royal, 12; Treble Bob Major, 97; London Treble Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 44; Grandsire Major, 4; Grandsire Triples, 262; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 11; Oxford Bob Triples, 15; Union Triples, 10; Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Royal, 2; Bob Caters, 1; Bob Major, 60; Bob Triples, 25; College Single Major, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 9; In fourteen Minor methods, 1; in seven ditto, 54; in four ditto, 8; in three ditto, 2; in two ditto, 3; in one ditto, 6; Total 797. Greatest number of changes in one peal, 15,227; number of peals containing 10,000 changes or upwards, 3; over 6000, 9; under, 6000, 785; Quickest 5000 on church bells, 2 hrs. 27 mins. The seventy-four peals by independent societies were rung in the following counties: Staffordshire, 10; Lancashire, 10; Yorkshire, 8; Monmouthshire, 7; Kent, 5; Cheshire, 5; Suffolk, 4; Gloucestershire, 4; Warwickshire, 3; Berkshire, 3; Northamptonshire, 3; Hertfordshire, 2; Worcestershire, 2; and Derbyshire, Norfolk, Middlesex, Somersetshire, Denbighshire, Essex, Leicestershire, and Lincolnshire, one each.

The 259 peals of Grandsire Triples are made up as follows: Holt's Original, 75; Holt's ten-part and its variations, 76; Holt's 6-part, 7; Taylor's Bob-and-Single, 22; Hollis's one-part, 1; Hollis's five-part, 7; Davies' ten-part, 7; Davies' six-part, 4; Davies' five-part, 6; Penning's one-part, 1; Other peals, 53. The ninety-one of Stedman Triples; Thurstans', 53; Brook's, 16; Other peals, 22. The 139 Treble Bob peals: 123 in the Kent Variation, 14 in the Oxford; one London Treble Bob, and one Cambridge Exercise. The time occupied in ringing the 797 peals was 2370 hours and 30 minutes, or 99 days and nights. The average for each peal being 2 hours 58 $\frac{1}{4}$ minutes.

Conductors of four peals and upwards: J. W. Washbrook, 88; C. Hills, 22; H. H. Chandler, 21; G. Williams and G. Newson, 17; J. Motts and F. G. Newman, 13; W. Charman, 11; A. P. Heywood and C. F. Winny, 10; W. Lincoln and S. Reeves, 9; W. H. L. Buckingham, J. Griffin, G. Lindoff, W. J. Sevier, and J. W. Taylor, jun., 8; T. Blackburn, J. Carter, C. H. Hattersley, J. Pettit, and Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; W. Gregory, J. Moulton, W. Short, W. Wakley, and F. E. Ward, 6; F. Brierly, H. Bastable, E. P. Debenham, W. F. Hartshorne, C. Jackson, J. W. Kelly, L. Longney, D. G. Wightman, and W. S. Wise, 5; E. Bennett, W. Bedwell, A. B. Carpenter, A. Edwards, J. M. Hayes, J. Hinton, W. Ireland, W. Johnson, D. Jordan, W. Long, J. Maloney, A. J. Perkins, R. Ridyard, G. Smart, J. Souter, H. Springall, S. Woods, and A. E. Wreaks, 4. In addition to these there were twenty-two who conducted three peals, fifty who conducted two peals, and 168 who conducted one peal, and three published without a conductor's name, making a total of 297 persons who acted as conductors during the year.

Peals on church bells, 745; Peals on handbells, 52. They were rung as follows: In

January, 83	March, 84	May, 45	July, 32	September, 38	November, 81
February, 96	April, 67	June, 50	August, 52	October, 56	December, 113

Increase during the past twelve months upon 1888, 38.

The following table shews the continued increase in peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS":—

1881	From January to December	156	1886	From January to December	556
1882	"	244	1887	"	646
1883	"	330	1888	"	759
1884	"	419	1889	"	797
1885	"	500			

Brighton.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

NOTES BY THE WAY,

Shoulder to shoulder,
Ever ready—ever steady—
Marching along.

I am very well pleased in being able to congratulate our Steyning friends on their recent acquisition of a handy ring of eight. Undoubtedly this branch of the Sussex Association has (in the words of the report of this event) "earned a name in the ringing world by their 720's of Minor," and I join with the writer in expressing the hope that they will "prove themselves equal to the task of maintaining their reputation by peals of Triples and Major." This work of restoration in their belfry appears to have been taken up and carried out in no grudging manner by the good folk of Steyning, who have evidently adopted the sensible plan of having the work done thoroughly while they were about it. This is all the more pleasing from another point of view, seeing that it gives one more exception to the general rule that a prophet has no esteem in his own country. If the Steyning men have through their energy and ability gained for themselves a good repute among their neighbours far and near, they have also made themselves appreciated at home, which is doubly creditable to them. I hope soon to have the pleasure of complimenting them on the accomplishment of their first peal of Triples or Major on their own ring of eight.

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It was also with feelings of unalloyed pleasure that I read of the interesting ceremony which took place at Spalding. That Mr. Creasey has well-earned the "token of appreciation" which took the shape of a marble timepiece, is undeniable. But it is not in the way of an equivalent for value received that we look at these acknowledgements. "The value of a gift is in the manner of giving," is a well-known saying; and thus, whether the tangible token be of large or small intrinsic worth, the way in which it is subscribed for and given, coupled with the remembrance of what led up to it, and the kindly words uttered when it is transferred from the giver to the recipient, are the considerations which raise it in the eyes of the receiver, far above thoughts of pounds, shillings, and pence. Mr. Creasey has done excellent work both for the South Lincolnshire Association and his own band at St. Paul's, Spalding. I trust most heartily that he will be long blessed with health and strength to continue his good efforts, and to hear the clock striking the hours and half hours in musical recognition of his labours during the past.

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What can be the matter with the Sussex Association just now? Every two or three weeks comes a complaint or else an enquiry from some of their members, with reference to the holding (or rather the non-holding) of meetings at times specified. Is it that officers are dilatory—or members negligent—or critical ditto inconsiderate and unreasonable—or what? But really these impatient queries and strong complaints should not be allowed to go unanswered or unchallenged. They cannot fail to do the reputation of the Sussex Association much harm in the minds of their neighbours, whatever may be the result among their own members at home. If these complaints are groundless, then let them be exposed; on the other hand, if they are just, let the officers look about them and ask if this state of things is conducive to the Association's good—if it is not calculated rather to injure it both inside and out.

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We are now within measurable distance of the coming Easter

and its meeting of the Provisional Central Council. I should imagine very few (if any) of our large organisations have by this time failed to elect their delegates, so that when it does meet, whoever has the good fortune to take part in it, may safely calculate on meeting such a thoroughly representative assembly as has never before been gathered together in the history of our country. In my peregrinations lately, I find existing a very strong desire to hear something as to how the matter stands up to now. Of course, it is not to be expected that Mr. Heywood has perfected or even matured his arrangements for the actual meeting yet; but perhaps it would not be amiss if he would furnish us with a list of the delegates who have been already appointed. Anyhow, I believe a little information from him as to the state of affairs would be peculiarly agreeable to very many of our friends.

FREE LANCE.

A DAY WITH THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS.

On Saturday, February 1st, by kind permission of the Vicar of All Saints', Fulham, eight members of the London contingent of this Society, with G. Williams (Brighton), and G. Welling (Mitcham), met for a peal on the fine-toned and well-going bells of this church. All turning up, as ringers should, at the time appointed, "go" was called at 6.15, and at 9.25 the welcome words "that's all" came, and a peal of Treble Bob Royal was an accomplished fact, particulars of which will be found in the proper place. By the excellent arrangements of Mr. E. F. Cole (an honoured member of this Society) a good day's ringing was the programme for the following day, Sunday, no less than five towers having to be rung at—St. Michael and All Angels, Paddington, St. Mary Abbot, Kensington, in the morning; St. Mary's, Acton, St. Mary's parish church, South Ealing, in the afternoon, and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in the evening.

Sunday morning, nine o'clock, found us at St. Michael's, where Grandsire Triples was intended with the local band, but after striking the bells round a few times the clapper of the treble flew out, so a 360 Bob Minor was rung on the middle six, with tenor behind. After a very pleasant walk through Kensington Gardens, and viewing several objects of interest (the Albert Memorial being not the least), St. Mary Abbot's church, Kensington was reached, where a long touch of Stedman Caters was anticipated on these fine-toned bells, but an extra service was being held, therefore after raising the bells they were only able to ring for ten minutes before the 11.30 service, Stedman Caters being the method.

One p.m. found us enjoying an excellent repast, provided by Mr. Cole, and to which ample justice was done. This successfully brought round (not without change-courses, etc.) no time had to be wasted, and at 2.25 we were at the church of St. Mary's, Acton, when we were allowed about twenty-five minutes' ringing, and where the touch of the day (five courses—560 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major) was rung, conducted by Mr. Newson, the striking being almost perfect. The bells are a fine little peal and go like tops, tenor about 13 cwt. A walk of about two miles brought us to the parish church of St. Mary's, South Ealing, where there is a peal of eight, tenor 21 cwt. Here a touch each of Double Norwich and Stedman was intended, but owing to the limit of time only Double Norwich was rung. Although not a heavy peal these bells require a lot of ringing in Major, a well-known conductor saying he would not care to ring the tenor a peal in Double Norwich. Leaving here we were able to catch a train to Charing Cross, arriving at St. Martin's at 6.20, where with several other Cumberlands a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung, which finished the day's ringing. Those who took part in the ringing at the various towers throughout the day were Messrs. E. F. Cole, G. Newson, A. Jacob, Barber, Thorne, Pittam, Williams (Brighton), Welling, and Fayers (Mitcham). The visitors wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the steeplekeepers at the various towers for their kindness, also to Mr. Cole, who had made such excellent arrangements.

G. W.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1890.

FOR the benefit of our readers our valued contributor, Mr. G. F. ATTREE, furnishes his analysis in the present number. It is obvious to the meanest capacity that though the compilation of such interesting statistics may be a labour of love to this gentleman, yet the work is of that character and extent which without doubt necessitates many hours of close application. The Exercise at large will feel deeply indebted to Mr. ATTREE; not only for this last exhaustive schedule of ringing performances, but

also for what may be termed the minor or secondary analyses, which periodically appear.

A result of the present analysis will be a greater ambition than ever to secure peals. And a very laudable ambition too. But it becomes more than ever necessary, now that these performances are tabulated annually in such a clever and exhaustive manner, that no semblance of doubt should attach itself to any one of them. They should be practically above the least suspicion. When from their nature scepticism is likely to arise, either from real or supposed intricacy, frequent repetition, or any other cause, measures of some kind should be adopted whereby absolute evidence of truth should be made plain. One way of securing such testimony is to have referees or judges whose honesty and abilities are reliable; and we may mention that notice of an intention to attempt a peal is a procedure which may with advantage be more frequently gone through.

It behoves ringers then to pay more attention to the matter of peal-ringing, so far as the truth of peals is concerned. This yearly analysis must be faithfully revered as the truthful register of the year's work, and it should be the bounden duty of all to sacredly guard it from fraud in the shape of doubtful performances.

Not often is it, unfortunately, that we find the *amende honorable* so readily made as it is in a letter in this number from a correspondent. At a recent District Meeting of the Worcestershire Association, some unpleasantness was occasioned by the delay caused at the steeple door through a foreign key being sent. The worthy Secretary of the Association, in reporting the occurrence, temperately alluded to the disappointment caused, and it was quite right he should do so. This has brought about what we believe will be considered a very satisfactory explanation: and the chivalrous letter of Mr. PARSONS, who unknowingly was the cause of the unpleasantness, is of a character we should like to see oftener when "offences" appear.

Attention is called to the careless manner in which some of our readers are getting into in transmitting their reports. It is generally thought that the instructions in the previous column are sufficient; we may however add that reports of *peals* should be sent separately from any other matter; and that for such purpose the use of pencil and post card should be avoided. Names of performers should be in full (for peals), not abbreviated or corrupted into slangy terms.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, February 16th, when by kind permission, the tower will be open from 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. at the house of Mr. Kentish, after which the business meeting will be held. Members requiring cheap tickets to Hatfield by the Great Northern line will please send in their names to me not later than Wednesday, February 12th. Members whose subscriptions are in arrear, are asked to remit the same to the Secretary as soon as possible.

St. Albans.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
ARTHUR JACOB 2.	THOMAS TITCHENER 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 3.	GEORGE WELLING 8.
EDWARD F. COLE 4.	WILLIAM BARON 9.
ALBERT PITTAM 5.	HENRY HOPKINS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This peal has the 6th the extent in 5-6. George Williams hails from Brighton, and this is his first peal of Royal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN BONNY Treble.	MATTHEW A. WOOD 5.
JAMES PETTIT 2.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL 3.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF 7.
EDWARD WALLAGE 4.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

The above was rung as a birthday peal, E. Wallage being within one day of his 39th anniversary, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

PUTNEY, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

JOHN G. GREEN Treble.	JAMES W. DRIVER 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 6.
JAMES NICHOLLS, JUN. 3.	HARRY KENTEN 7.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 4.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

All of the above are members of the All Saints' Fulham Association.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1890, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON Treble.	GEORGE J. SMITH 5.
ALFRED FOX 2.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN 6.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS 3.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN 7.
FREDK. G. NEWMAN 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

The Provinces.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 24, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

T. BRADLEY Treble.	A. ROTHWELL 5.
J. STANDRING 2.	W. HAWORTH 6.
J. B. TAYLOR 3.	JOHN SHEPHERD 7.
SAM. KAY 4.	JOHN CROPPER Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

LEE, KENT.—THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, January 29, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT W. EDRIDGE* .. Treble.	JOHN CROWDER 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL 2.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
JAMES SAXBY 3.	FREDERICK FRENCH 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	WILLIAM SAXBY Tenor.

Conducted by F. FRENCH.

W. Saxby was proposed a member of the above society previous to starting for the peal. *First peal.

TWERTON, NEAR BATH.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1890, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. DICKS* Treble.	S. PHILLIPS 5.
G. TEMPLE* 2.	J. HOLMAN 6.
H. BROWN* 3.	T. HIBBERT 7.
H. PRING 4.	J. HINTON Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by J. HINTON.

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

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, January 30, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HENRY HIPKISS Treble.	CHARLES TIMMS 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JAMES HALL 6.
WILLIAM A. COOPER 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	CHARLES PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham.

BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 31, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

T. BRADLEY Treble.	A. ROTHWELL 5.
J. STANDRING 2.	W. HAWORTH 6.
J. PICKUP* 3.	J. SHEPHERD 7.
S. KAY 4.	J. WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

*First peal.

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

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

JOHN HOPWOOD Treble.	JAMES ADAMS 7.
WILLIAM SMITH 2.	JOHN THORP 8.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT 9.
JOSEPH MELLOR 4.	SHEPARD ANDREW 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	SAMUEL WOOD 11.
DANIEL HEAP 6.	JUSTIN ANDREW Tenor.

Composed by the late JAMES WOOD and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal of Cinques by all. The above is also the first peal on the bells since their augmentation to twelve. The peal was rung by the Ashton ringers at St. Mary's, Oldham, on January 27th, 1855, conducted by its composer.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven & ½ Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CARTMEL, VICTORIA STREET,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE W. CARTMEL ..	1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	5-6.
E. PERCY DEBENHAM ..	3-4.	*HENRY G. ROWE ..	7-8.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal on handbells and first peal of Major. H. G. Rowe hails from Hatfield.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, CHESHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

SAMUEL TAYLOR..	.. Treble.	*JOHN CRABTREE ..	.. 5.
THOMAS JAKEMAN*	.. 2.	*ALBERT ADAMS..	.. 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN ..	.. 3.	JOHN LEIGH ..	.. 7.
HARRY HEAP ..	.. 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN ..	.. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by
WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

*First peal in any method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

GLAD. I. WINTER ..	.. Treble.	THOS. W. CHAPMAN ..	.. 5.
HARRY ARGYLE†	.. 2.	JAMES F. CLARKE ..	.. 6.
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ..	.. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD ..	.. 7.
HARRY BRIGES*	.. 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM ..	.. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD and Conducted by
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

This is the first peal of Major rung upon the bells, also the first in the method by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Aldham, Swinfield, and Briggs hail from Barwell, Earls Shilton, and Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, respectively.

FRIEZLAND, SADDLEWORTH.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

DUKE OF YORK, YORKSHIRE DELIGHT, KENT, MERCHANT'S RETURN,
NEW LONDON PLEASURE, OXFORD, AND VIOLET.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH W. SHAW ..	.. Treble.	SAMUEL DICKEN ..	.. 4.
GEORGE T. SHAW ..	.. 2.	JAMES DICKEN ..	.. 5.
WILLIAM DICKEN*	.. 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN ..	.. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. SHAW.

*First 5040.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

T. BRADLEY..	.. Treble.	A. ROTHWELL ..	.. 5.
— STANDRING ..	.. 2.	J. B. TAYLOR ..	.. 6.
J. SHEPHERD ..	.. 3.	J. WATTS ..	.. 7.
SAM. KAY ..	.. 4.	*JAS. DIVER ..	.. Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

*First peal

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP.—On Tuesday, January 21st, at St. Saviour's church, eight members of the Rossendale branch of the above Association rang a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. Broadley, 1; J. T. Standring, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; A. Rothwell, 5; W. Haworth, 6; J. Shepherd, 7; W. Bradley, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, and conducted by J. Shepherd.

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

HOLBECK (Yorks).—On Friday, January 24th, at St. Matthew's church, a date touch of Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Harrison, 1; H. Hubbard, 2; H. Moss, 3; G. Tingle, 4; J. Woodhead, 5; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 7; D. Yorke, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. [Where's the 6th?—Ed.]

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, January 25th, at St. Chad's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 14 mins. T. Lockwood, 1; H. Moss, 2; F. G. Robinson, 3; W. Child, 4; A. Naylor, 5; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 6; J. Hutchinson, 7; D. Yorke, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday evening, January 20th, at the "Crown" inn, on handbells retained in hand, a date touch of Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. W. Jakeman (conductor), 1-2; G. Longden (composer), 3-4; C. Willocks, 5-6; H. Heap, 7-8. And on Tuesday, January 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Cinques (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 30 mins. W. Burgess (aged 72 years), 1; J. Hopwood, 2; T. Taylor, 3; W. Smith, 4; J. Wood, 5; D. Heap, 6; J. Mellor, 7; J. Gillot, 8; S. Andrew, 9; J. Harrison, 10; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 11; J. Andrew, 12. Tenor 27½ cwt. Also on Thursday, January 23rd, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 13 mins. S. Taylor, 1; T. Jakeman, 2; W. Jakeman (conductor), 3; A. Adams, 4; J. Crabtree, 5; J. Harrison, 6; J. Leigh, 7; G. Longden (composer), 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1889 changes). E. Brazier, 1; A. Edwards, 2; H. Allen, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; G. Green, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; W. E. Emery, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Allen and Green, of Great Baddow, where there is a young band who have only recently mastered Triples. Composed by G. Hayward, of Bromsgrove.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, January 25th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 3 mins. E. Dunn, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; G. Emery, 3; T. Durling, 4; W. Smith, 5; W. Fright, 6; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

DEWSBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 26th, at All Saints' church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Garforth, 1; J. H. Dixon (conductor), 2; I. Idle, 3; H. Robinson, 4; N. Hepworth, 5; G. H. Hardy (composer), 6; J. Buckley, 7; G. Taylor, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

LYNN (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, January 1st, at St. Nicholas chapel, a date of Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. G. Cross, 1; J. W. Sedgley (composer and conductor), 2; W. Brown, 3; W. Curston, 4; W. Brooke, 5; R. Crome, 6; J. Dodman, 7; G. Holland, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Butterworth, 1; S. Elson, 2; F. Crossland, 3; A. Crossley, 4; J. Davies, 5; S. Stott (conductor), 6; J. Dyson, 7; J. Ormerod, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and contains the twenty-four 6-7's, Queen's, Tittums, and Whittington. Longest touch by all except Messrs. Stott and Crossland. F. Crossland hails from Lees.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 26th, at the church of All Saints, a date of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Goodman, 1; W. Mills, 2; D. Bruce, 3; S. Bunn, 4; J. Screen, 5; J. Devonport, 6; R. Schofield (conductor), 7; A. Screen, 8. Composed by W. Johnson, of Darlaston. Also on Saturday, February 1st, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Major (5040 changes), but after ringing 1,700 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins., it came to grief through the sixth man missing rope. J. Goodman, 1; W. Mills, 2; S. Bunn, 3; D. Bruce, 4; W. Johnson (Darlaston), 5; J. Devonport, 6; R. Schofield, 7; J. Goodman (Dudley), 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, January 26th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins. T. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; R. Round, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Messrs. Reynolds and Griffiths hail from Areley Kings.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Saturday evening, January 25th, after the Quarterly Meeting at Old Hill, eight of the members adjourned to the above place and attempted Mr. Washbrook's peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 2200 changes in 1 hr. 14 mins., a slight trip occurred in 4-5, and the conductor called "stand." Two of the band were indisposed, and it was seen that they could not stand the peal out. J. T. Salter, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; T. Bennett, 4; H. Smith, 5; J. T. Bennett, 6; R. E. Grove (conductor), 7; H. Woodhall, 8. A. E. Parsons hails from Old Hill; H. Woodhall from Cradley; the others from Kidderminster. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rowley Regis band for giving up their practice-night.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Friday, January 24th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. R. C. Hudson, 1; Thos. Hudson, sen., 2; *G. Lowden, 3; *H. Dawson, 4; Thos. Hudson, jun., 5; W. Story (Newcastle, conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. *First 720.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEBINGTON (Cheshire).—On Monday, January 20th, at the parish church, some members of the Wirral branch of the above Guild rang for practice a 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. J. A. Hough, 1; H. E. Hough (first 720), 2; F. Jones, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; H. Bird, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6. Messrs. Jones, Bird, and Dillon hail from Bromborough; the rest belong to the local company. This is believed to be the first 720 by any of the Bebington men in their own tower.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Thursday evening, January 23rd, for practice at the church of St. Nicolas, 672 Bob Major. M. Brown, 1; E. Heathorn, 2; F. Bennett, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; G. Croucher, 6; W. Grove (conductor), 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, December 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; W. Jennings, 2; A. R. Ward, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; W. Ward, 5; E. Hatcher, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8. And on Christmas Day, December 25th, for Divine Service, 700 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; W. Jennings, 2; G. Derrick, 3; H. Jennings, 4; J. G. Norris (conductor), 5; A. R. Ward, 6; W. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. Also on New Year's Eve, December 31st, for Divine Service, 770 Grandsire Triples. J. G. Norris, 1; A. Williams, 2; H. Jennings, 3; W. Ward (conductor), 4; W. Jennings, 5; A. R. Ward, 6; O. Coombes, 7; A. Ward, 8. And to ring the New Year in, 391 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; W. Ward, 2; A. R. Ward, 3; W. Jennings, 4; H. Jennings (conductor), 5; E. Hatcher, 6; J. G. Norris, 7; A. Ward, 8. Also on Thursday, January 16th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. *H. Coombes, 1; A. Williams, 2; *P. Long, 3; O. Coombes, 4; W. Jennings, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; W. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. And 168 in the same method, standing as before, with the exception of *S. Caillon, 5. *Longest touch in the method. Also on Sunday morning, January 26th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; O. Coombes, 2; W. Ward, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; A. R. Ward, 5; W. Jennings, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, January 14th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently.

G. Hawkins, 1; F. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. Belcher, 3; J. Butler, 4; J. Chitty, 5; W. Paice, 6. Also a 360 with H. Boyles, 2; F. Bennett, 4. The above was rung on the occasion of the wedding of the rector's daughter with H. A. Peake, Esq. And on Saturday, January 25th, on their returning to Hawley, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), being ten and a half 6-scores, each called differently, in 40 mins. G. Hawkins, 1; H. Boyles, 2; A. Belcher, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. Chitty, 5; J. Butler, 6. Longest length by all the band except F. Bennett, who hails from Guildford.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Thursday, January 23rd, at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Merrishaw, 1; Dr. Seccombe, 2; H. Hill, jun. (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; Jas. Brett, 5; W. Wright, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, January 9th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 College Double Bob in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Stanstead Bob Minor in 24 mins. †T. J. Watts, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, January 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Oxford Bob ever rung on the bells with a call every lead. Also for afternoon service 720 Double Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 23 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (composer and conductor), 6. In this 720 the 5th is the observation bell. And on Thursday, January 16th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells. Also on Sunday morning, January 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5. And for afternoon service 360 Canterbury Pleasure. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, January 21st, an attempt was made to ring a 5040 in seven different methods, but after 720 Woodbine and about 300 Kent Treble Bob had been rung, the conductor called "stand" on account of two bells changing course. †T. J. Watts, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the methods. This is J. Luckey's first time as conductor of College Double Bob; also J. Watts' first time as conductor of Woodbine Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, January 16th, at St. Michael's church, nine members of the above society attempted a peal of Plain Bob Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. and 30 mins., the conductor called "stand" owing to an error which occurred a few leads previously. S. E. Romans, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; G. Brunson, 3; W. C. Jones, 4; A. Roberts, 5; W. Sevier (conductor), 6; H. Mitchell, 7; E. E. Bewick and G. Watts, 8. The above was rang with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Henry Johnson. And on Thursday, January 23rd, for practice, 447 Bob Major. S. E. Romans, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; *E. E. Bewick, 3; C. Jones, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; A. Roberts, 6; H. Mitchell, 7; W. Sevier (conductor), 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. R. J. Wilkins, 1; S. E. Romans (conductor), 2; D. J. Aston, 3; C. Jones, 4; A. Roberts, 5; H. Mitchell, 6; W. Sevier, 7; G. Brunson, 8. And on Sunday, January 27th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples. T. Eaves, 1; R. J. Wilkins, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; C. Jones, 4; S. E. Romans, 5; F. E. Hart, 6; W. Sevier (conductor), 7; A. Roberts, 8. *Longest touch of Bob Major with a bob bell, and first 500 in any method by T. Eaves.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). W. Adler, 1; G. Winter, 2; W. Hickley, 3; H. Argyle, 4; J. Clarke, 5; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday evening, January 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Adler, 1; W. Hickley, 2; G. Winter, 3; H. Argyle, 4; T. Bates, 5; T. Chapman (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Plain Bob Triples. W. Adler, 1; H. Argyle, 2; W. Hickley, 3; G. Winter, 4; J. Clarke, 5; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. Bates, 8. First touch in the method by all, and first on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 21st, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Woodbine and 720 Violet Treble Bob. W.

Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. Also on Sunday evening, January 26th, 720 Plain Bob (six bobs and thirty singles). W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. White (conductor), 4; J. Smith (Rawtenstall), 5; W. Smith, 6. On Saturday, January 25th, eight members of the Rossendale branch of this Association attempted Thurstan's bob-and-single peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1000 changes it came to grief. T. Bradley, 1; J. Standing, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; E. Bradley, 4; F. Birtwistle, 5; J. Shepherd (conductor), 6; W. Haworth, 7; J. Driver, 8. On Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, 840 Grandsire Triples. T. Bradley, 1; E. Bradley, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; A. Rothwell, 5; W. Haworth, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Bradley, 8. In the afternoon a 1064 Grandsire Triples, taken from Shipway's bob-and-single. T. Bradley, 1; E. Bradley, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; A. Rothwell, 5; W. Haworth, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Bradley, 8. In the evening 798 in the same method. T. Bradley, 1; J. B. Taylor, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; A. Taylor, 5; W. Haworth, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; A. Rothwell, 8.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, January 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, some members of the Blackburn branch of the above Association rang 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27½ mins. F. Calvert, 1; H. Hayes (conductor), 2; J. Bentley, 3; A. Clegg, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. T. Dodds, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Saturday, January 15th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Barrett (first 720), 1; F. Pratt, 2; T. Card, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Martin (first 720 as conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, January 26th, for morning service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. F. Sanders, 1; T. Durling, 2; T. Durling (first 720), 3; H. P. Harman, 4; E. Dunn, 5; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 6.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, December 25th, at St. Michael's church, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), taken from "Troyte." A. Dunnett, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 15th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; A. Dunnett, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hinchley, 6. On Wednesday, January 22nd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before.

COALBROOKDALE (Salop).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at the parish church, the local company attempted a peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing 4032 changes in 2 hrs. 35 mins., a change-course occurred, and the bells were called into rounds. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; A. Wale, 3; R. Dunn, 4; W. Morgan, 5; A. Morgan, 6; D. Bradburn (conductor), 7; N. Boden, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

CROSSENS (Lancashire).—On Friday, January 24th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. T. Hunter, 1; T. Hosker, 2; J. Brookfield, 3; J. Brookfield, 4; R. Holmes (conductor), 5; G. Ball, 6.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with extremes, in 24 mins. E. Devereux, 1; A. Wallace, 2; H. Payne, 3; W. Perks, 4; A. Atwood, 5; S. Wallace, 6. Also on Sunday, January 26th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with extremes, in 25 mins. C. Smith, 1; S. Wallace, 2; A. Wallace, 3; W. Perks, 4; E. Devereux (conductor), 5; H. Franklin, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 26th, at the church of All Saints, 1022 Grandsire Triples. J. Chandler, 1; E. J. Strutt, 2; H. Parslow, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Naish, 5; J. Strutt (conductor), 6; G. Gray, 7; C. Slade, 8.

LAMBETH (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. M. Hayes, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; H. Langdon, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; W. T. Cockerill, 5; W. Grove, 6. First 720 by all except the treble man. W. Grove hails from Guildford.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 18th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Symonds, 1; H. Smith, 2; H. Parker, 3; J. Moore, 4; C. Jarvis (first 720), 5; T. King, 6. And another 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Symonds, 1; H. Parker, 2; A. Symonds, 3; J. Moore, 4; T. King (first 720 as conductor), 5; J. Levitt, 6.

PUDSEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, January 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. D. Farrar, 1; W. Bateman, 2; G. Bolland (conductor), 3; J. Smith, 4; F. Birks, 5; S. Stott, 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. D. Farrar, 1; W. Bateman, 2; S.

Langstaff, 3; J. Smith, 4; G. Bolland, 5; F. Birks, 6. And 240 of Oxford, standing as before, with the exception of J. Ross, 2. Also a course of Bob Major. D. Farrar, 1; W. Bateman, 2; S. Langstaffe, 3; J. Ross, 4; G. Bolland, 5; J. Smith, 6; F. Birks, 7; S. Stott, 8.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Tuesday, January 28th, at St. Edmund's church, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. F. Rigden, 1; W. M. Lush, 2; W. J. Prince, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; W. S. Wise (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6. Tenor 28 cwt. in Cg.

STEBBING (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, January 25th, on handbells retained in hand, 360 Plain Bob Minor, and 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Barker, 1; H. Emery, 2; W. Farrow, 3; W. Emery, 4; E. Hynds, 5; *J. T. Barker (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by the first four; *first 720 as conductor.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

NOISY CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—With reference to "Free Lance's" remarks as to louvres, I may state that at Whitley church, Northumberland, where I have control of the belfry, we have had a good deal of experience of the different systems which have been discussed. The church has a very low tower, with a peal of six, by Taylor, tenor 18 cwt. The church was built, I think, about twenty years since, when deep slanting slate or flag louvres were put in. As might have been expected, the noise of the bells was thrown down upon the adjoining neighbourhood to such an extent, that the nuisance had to be abated in some way. The then Vicar took the matter in hand, and took all the louvres out, but filling each window half-way up, that is, a little lower than the mouths of the bells when up, with a flat slate. This remedied the trouble only to a slight extent, and brought with it more than compensating annoyances. The bells and fittings were at the mercy of all sorts of weather, first being dried and cracked with a hot summer sun, and then being swollen with wet, until their going got a very bad character. The wet naturally came through to the belfry, and the clock got damaged, and ropes rotted. To remedy this a lead floor was put under the bells, but this got into hills and holes to such an extent that the water used to run down the rope-holes, and a further expense was incurred in cementing the belfry-floor to prevent the organ being spoilt. When the writer took charge of the belfry he induced the authorities to put the matter under his guidance into the hands of one of the ringers, who was also an expert joiner, and we have now wooden louvres on the venetian plan, which work very well indeed. They are worked from the belfry by cords, and when ringing is going on they are turned upwards at a suitable angle, thus to some extent throwing the sound higher, and relieving the houses close to the church. At other times they are turned down, a little open, so that the clock chimes can be heard as well as ever. The bells having been looked to a little, go fairly well, and do not vary as they used to do. We did not contemplate stopping the sound altogether.

R. S. STORY.

AN APOLOGY.

SIR,—In your last issue is given a report of a meeting, held at Old Hill, by the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association, on Saturday, January 25th. It appears, from the concluding paragraph of that report, that a "little unpleasantness arose owing to the wrong keys being handed over to the ringers, and that some went away disappointed." I regret at having been the cause of such unpleasantness, being absolutely ignorant of what I had done until the following morning, in handing over the wrong key, and I sincerely apologise to those persons who were thus deprived of a ring through my carelessness, assuring them the blunder was an unintentional one, happening as it did in the midst of confusion.

ALBERT E. PARSONS.

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Obituary.

WILLIAM PAWSON.

ON Monday, February 3rd, at his residence, 10, Plaid Row, Shannon Street, Leeds, the above-named gentleman died in his 61st year. Deceased was a handbell founder, and for upwards of forty years a member of the Leeds parish church company.

A Selection of Date Touches for the present year, 1890.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By HENRY G. ROWE, *Hatfield, Herts.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Twice repeated.

This touch contains queens and tittums.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

S 4 3 2 5 6 7 4
3 2 4 5 6 7 4
2 4 3 5 6 7 4
S 3 4 2 5 6 7 4
4 2 3 5 6 7 4
6 7 4 3 5 2 2
2 3 6 5 7 4 1
3 6 2 5 7 4 4
7 4 3 2 5 6 2
6 2 7 5 4 3 1
7 4 6 2 3 5 3
5 2 7 3 4 6 1
2 7 5 3 4 6 4
4 6 2 5 3 7 2
7 5 4 3 6 2 1
4 6 7 5 2 3 3
3 5 4 2 6 7 1

Twice repeated.

BOB TRIPLES.

By HENRY HARRIS.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Twice repeated.

A quarter-peal can also be got by calling a single instead of a bob at the wrong in last course. Also a touch of 630 can be obtained by calling a single at home in the quarter-peal, which will bring the bells round.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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

M B W H
2 4 5 3 6 I - 2 2
6 2 3 4 5 2 I 1 2
6 3 4 2 5 I - 2 2
2 5 3 4 6 I 2 2
2 3 4 5 6 I - 2 2

With nine 8-6s.

The two changes braced constitute the first treble lead.

BOB MAJOR.

By HERBERT W. NEEDHAM, *Leeds.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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

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

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By HERBERT W. NEEDHAM, *Leeds.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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

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

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By GEORGE OLDHAM, *Beeston, Notts.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

S 6 4 2 3 7 5
3 4 6 5 2 7
6 2 3 4 7 5
2 3 6 4 7 5
6 7 2 3 5 4
3 7 6 4 2 5
6 2 3 7 5 4
2 3 6 7 5 4
6 5 2 3 4 7
3 5 6 7 2 4
6 2 3 5 4 7
2 3 6 5 4 7
S 4 6 2 3 7 5
3 6 4 5 2 7
4 2 3 6 7 5
2 3 4 6 7 5
4 7 2 3 5 6
3 7 4 6 2 5
4 2 3 7 5 6
2 3 4 7 5 6
4 5 2 3 6 7
3 5 4 7 2 6
4 2 3 5 6 7
S 3 2 4 5 6 7
4 6 3 2 7 5
2 6 4 5 3 7
4 3 2 6 7 5
3 2 4 6 7 5
4 7 3 2 5 6
2 7 4 6 3 5
4 3 2 7 5 6
3 2 4 7 5 6
4 5 3 2 6 7
2 5 4 7 3 6
4 3 2 5 6 7
S 2 3 4 5 6 7

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JAMES SHOLICAR, *Ormskirk.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

5 3 2 7 4 6 5
4 6 5 2 7 3 2
2 6 4 3 5 7 5
3 6 2 7 4 5 5
4 5 3 2 7 6 2
2 5 4 6 3 7 5
7 6 2 3 5 4 1
3 6 7 4 2 5 5
4 6 3 5 7 2 5
2 5 4 7 6 3 1
4 6 2 5 3 7 3
7 5 4 3 6 2 1
3 5 7 2 4 6 5
Twice repeated.

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4 I
6 5 7 4 2 3 5
2 3 6 7 4 5 2
7 3 2 5 6 4 5
4 5 7 6 3 2 I
6 5 4 2 7 3 5
2 5 6 3 4 7 5
3 5 2 7 6 4 5
6 4 3 2 7 5 2
2 4 6 5 3 7 5
7 5 2 3 4 6 1
2 4 7 5 6 3 3
7 6 2 4 3 5 3
3 5 7 2 4 6 2
Twice repeated.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By GEORGE CLEAL, *Leicester.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Twice repeated.

This touch contains ten 6-7's, ten 7-4's, and ten 4-6's, including queens and tittums.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By THE EDITOR.

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

A VARIATION.

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

Twice repeated.

From the foregoing call the 6th middle and wrong alternately (*i.e.* every lead except when she is before) till 6-7 come home, when the part-end
5 2 4 3 6 7
is produced. The whole twice repeated completes the touch.

Each of the above contains the twelve 7-4's, the twelve 4-6's and the twelve 6-7's, all the right way. They also have several other out-of-course leads with 4-6-7 in like positions; and are the first date touches of the year published containing these properties.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Gathering of the members of the Association, postponed from November 25th on account of the death of the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, the late lamented secretary, will take place at Ipswich on Monday, February 10th. The "Coach and Horses" inn, Brook Street, will be the headquarters for the day. Masters of companies and members are requested to attend as soon as possible after arrival to secure dinner tickets, and be directed as to ringing. All ringing to cease at 12.30. At 12.45 there will be Divine Service at St. Mary-le-Tower church. The sermon will be preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Woolley. At 1.30 dinner will be provided at the "Coach and Horses." After dinner the usual Business Meeting will take place. Ringing may re-commence about 4 p.m. Members are requested to inform the Secretary at once whether they will be present, and how many of their company; also the name of the G.E.R. station from which they will start. Cards will be sent on application in order to obtain the fare and quarter railway tickets.

A. P. MOORE, *Acting Secretary.*

Weybread House, Harleston, Norfolk.

THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the above will be held to-day, Sat., February 8th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Special service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. H. Fisher, President of the society. Tea in the Church Room at 6.30 p.m. Business and social meeting afterwards. Tickets 9d. each. All ringers are welcome. Those desirous of attending are requested to let the secretary know by Thursday, February 6th.

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C. E. KELLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, February 15th. Belfry open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock; tickets 1s. each.

JAMES HORROCKS, *Secretary.*

93, Henry Street, Church.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. J. SHEPHERD, *Branch Sec.*

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Healey, near Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4 p.m. in the schools.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Sec.*

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—The first monthly meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's church, Nottingham, to-day, Saturday, February 8th. The belfry will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock.

A. LAMBERT, *Local Secretary.*

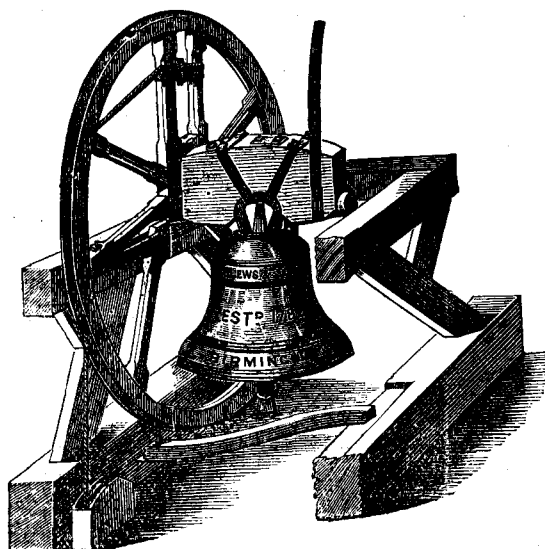
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Leyland, to-day, Saturday, February 8th. The tower will be open for ringing from 2 o'clock. Business Meeting in the Grammar School at 5 o'clock.

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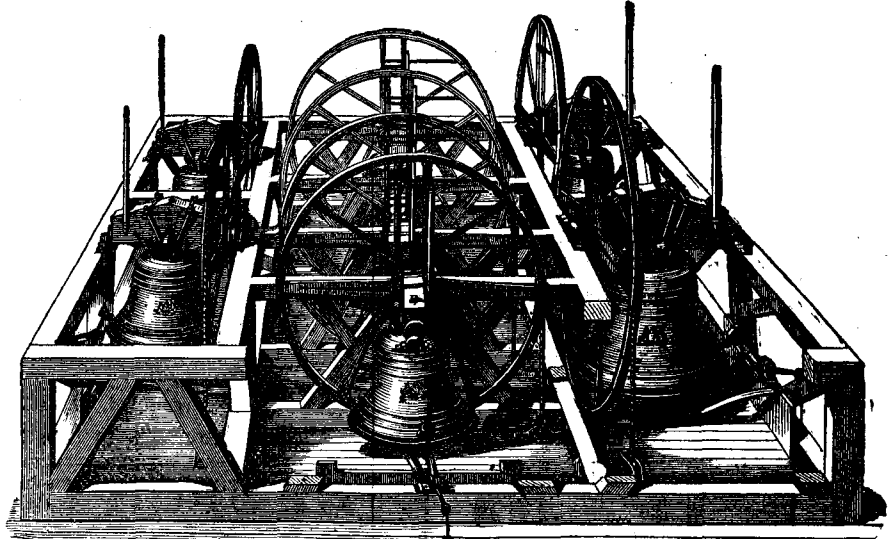
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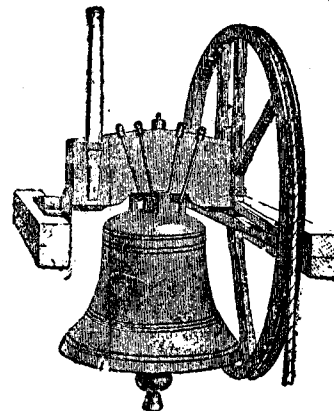
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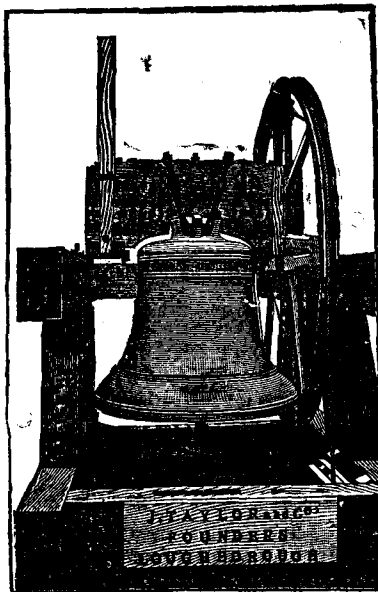
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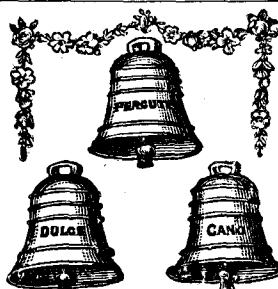
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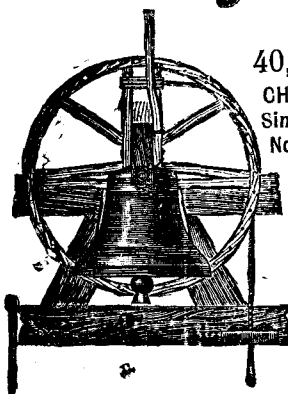
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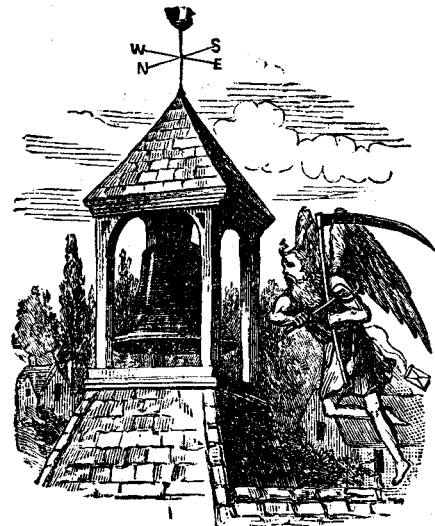
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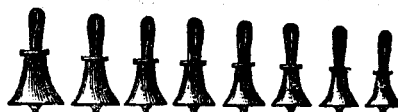
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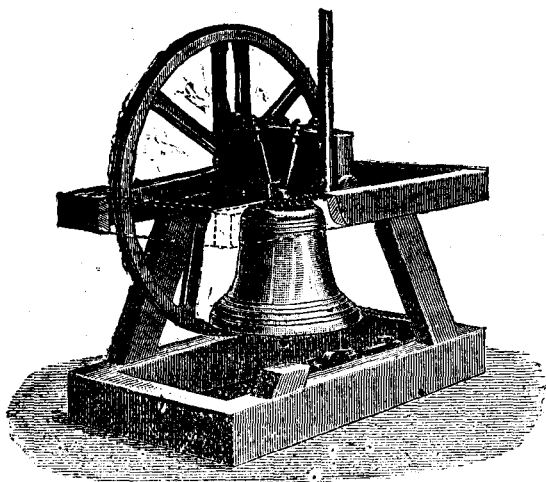
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A GENERAL MEETING of the members of this Association, postponed from November last in consequence of the lamented death of the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, the late Hon. Sec., was held, pursuant to notice, at Ipswich, on Monday, February 10th. There was a good muster of members, chiefly from the Suffolk portion of the diocese, and several of the clergy, accompanied by their ringers, amongst the places represented being Ipswich, Norwich, Kelsale, Coddensham, Leiston, Helmingham, Woodbridge, Eye, Great Yarmouth, and others.

Divine Service was held at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45, which was fairly well attended by the ringers, and an impressive and exceedingly practical and useful address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon Woolley on the necessity and value of "thoroughness" in all our undertakings, with special application to the duties of ringers as Church office-holders. He took his text from 2 Chron. xxxi. v. 21: "He did it with all his heart, and prospered."

The headquarters of the day were at the "Coach and Horses" hotel in Brook Street, where an excellent dinner was served at 1.30, to which seventy-four sat down, and did ample justice to the good fare provided. The Ven. Archdeacon presided, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Turnock, Captain A. P. Moore, who was acting as Secretary pending the appointment of a successor to the vacant office, the Rev. Dr. Raven, vicar of Fressingfield, the Rev. Charles Ward, of St. Nicholas, Ipswich, the Rev. T. R. Simkin (Kelsale), the Rev. R. W. Pitt (Lopham), the Rev. J. F. Hastings (Great Yarmouth), the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and others. The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured,

Captain Moore proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his sermon, and for his kindness in taking the chair at the dinner. The Archdeacon having replied,

The Rev. Canon Turnock rose to propose "Prosperity to the Association." In doing so, he explained the anomalous position in which the Association was for the moment placed by being without either a President or a Secretary, in consequence of which no regular report could be presented to that meeting, nor any statement of accounts, these being unavoidably held over till the next General Meeting which would probably be held at Norwich in the autumn. At the same time he trusted that the present difficulties would be promptly surmounted, and that the Association would still have before it a long career of usefulness and success, in which it would have his heartiest support and sympathies.

Captain Moore in his reply reminded the meeting that the first business they had to do was to appoint a President in the room of the late Dean of Norwich, who having resigned the Deanery, had also resigned the presidency of the Association, and he wished to suggest to the meeting that they could not do better than elect Dr. Raven to that office if he would consent to take it, and begged to propose him as President accordingly.

This having been seconded and approved by hearty cheers, and Dr. Raven having signified his acquiescence, he was formally and unanimously appointed. In his speech acknowledging the honour accorded to him, the rev. doctor alluded to the great interest he had always taken in the history of church bells and the labour he had devoted to the subject, his work on the "Bells of Suffolk" being now ready, and one on the "Bells of Essex" nearly complete, so that when that was published the whole of the bells from Lincolnshire to Kent inclusive would have their histories recorded.

At the request of Captain Moore, who felt that his voice could only be imperfectly heard at the other end of the room, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer requested the meeting to proceed to the appointment of a Secretary. In doing so, he paid a well-deserved tribute to Captain Moore for having assumed the direction of the Association at a critical moment, and ventured to convey the thanks of the Association to him for having done so. He thought that as they now had a President, it was fitting that he should exercise his office, by commending to them some one for the Secretaryship.

The President expressed the hope that Captain Moore would continue to do the duties of Secretary, with some one to assist him. Captain Moore expressed his willingness to do so, if no

one else could be found, rather than that the Association should collapse; but feeling himself unequal from various causes to fill the post, he would prefer some other selection.

The President thereupon proposed the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. Mr. Bulwer explained the reasons which made him reluctant to undertake the office, but said that like Captain Moore, he would do it rather than see the Association in jeopardy; but he would do it only on one condition which he wished candidly to place before the meeting, viz., that he should have a free hand with regard to the reorganisation of the Association on a more workable basis. That reorganisation would include the division of the diocese into suitable districts, each with a District Secretary, with clearly defined duties, and responsible to and in constant communication with the head Secretary. On that condition he would be happy to undertake the Secretaryship, and do his best for the welfare of the Association.

Mr. Catchpole proposed, and Mr. Cooper seconded the following resolution: "That the Rev. H. E. Bulwer be appointed Secretary, and that it be an instruction to the Committee to carry out the details of the Local Secretaryships." This was unanimously carried, and the remaining business was then proceeded with, the President in the chair, the Archdeacon being obliged to leave.

The Rev. H. E. Bulwer reminded the members that they had one important duty to perform at this meeting, viz., the appointment of representatives to the Provisional Committee of the proposed National Council. Having explained how the matter at present stands, he requested that two names be submitted to the meeting now, as it could no longer be delayed. Mr. Catchpole proposed and Mr. F. Thompson seconded the appointment of the Rev. H. E. Bulwer and Captain Moore, and on the motion being put they were unanimously chosen.

Seventeen performing members, and one honorary and performing member were admitted.

It was resolved (all standing), that a message of condolence should be conveyed to the family of the late Secretary in their sad bereavement.

The members then separated to proceed to the various towers in the town, which were again pouring forth their music in various methods, till the shades of evening brought a very successful and encouraging meeting to a close.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury district was held at Faversham on Monday, February 3rd, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter presiding. Representatives were present from Bobbing, Bough-ton, Canterbury, Elham, Hornhill, Faversham, Lyminge, and Sittingbourne. The minutes of the past meeting were read and passed. F. Bush of Elham, and E. Harris, of Hornhill were passed for full membership, and two others were admitted as full members, and another two as probationers. It was proposed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and seconded by Captain Wood, that Mr. A. Foreman be elected Hon. Secretary of the branch for the ensuing year, and Mr. H. G. Fairbrass elected as representative on the Central Council. Both resolutions were carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting. The whole of the company then wended their way to the tower, and spent the time practising the "colts," after which the visitors retired to the temperance hotel, and refreshing the inner man, again made for the tower, and Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major were heartily gone into. The party broke up shortly after 8 o'clock, evidently gratified with the day's proceedings.

THE JOHNSON ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

In honour of the memory of the late Mr. Henry Johnson, the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham will continue to hold the usual annual dinner. The next will take place on Saturday, March 1st, at which A. P. Heywood, Esq., President of the Midland Counties' Association, will preside. Full particulars will be announced in our next. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec. Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, STRATFORD-LE-BOW.

An event of very great interest took place at the fortnightly meeting of the above society at their meeting-house on Tuesday, February 4th. After the usual business had been gone through, Mr. L. Bush, an hon. member of the society, rose and said—"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen—I am very pleased to see this little society progressing so rapidly in the science of change-ringing. Although not a ringer myself, I am always pleased to be with you, and as you have begun to ring peals in the name of the society, I thought there ought to be some means of keeping a record of those peals, and I have very much pleasure in presenting the society with a new peal-book in which to keep a true record of your past and future performances, and may you go on and prosper." Mr. Bush then formerly presented the book to the Master.

Mr. S. E. Joyce, in a few well-chosen words, proposed that the peal-book just presented by Mr. L. Bush, be accepted with thanks. This was seconded by Mr. R. Turner, and carried with acclamation, the company rising and singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

The Master then rose and said that on behalf of himself and brother members in accepting such a present as this, their little society might well be proud of this day, as it would always remain a red letter day in the annals of their society. He was sure that every member, like himself, could not find words sufficient to express their gratitude to the respected donor, not only for this, but for other little presents that he had from time to time made to them; and he hoped the society would continue to prosper, and that the peals which were rung by the members and recorded in this book, may be a credit to them and the science of change-ringing.

A DAY'S OUTING.

On Sunday, February 2nd, two members of the Retford society walked to Everton, a distance of eight miles, to have a pull on a sweet-toned peal of six erected by Messrs. Taylor about 17 years ago. Starting by daybreak in the morning, Everton was reached about 8.45, and after some slight refreshment the picturesque little church was reached, when the visitors (Messrs. H. Haigh and J. W. Clark) with some of the local band rang a twelve-score each of Oxford and Violet Treble Bob Minor. The former was rang by C. Lindey (conductor, 1; John Swindon, 2; Jos. Swindon, 3; G. W. Stevenson, 4; J. W. Clark, 5; G. Brown, 6. In the Violet H. Haigh rang the 5th, the others as before. In the afternoon a 720 of Oxford was attempted for Mr. Clark, which came to grief through the breaking of a rope; and a second attempt collapsed through a like disaster. At length a 720 of Violet was rung in 25 mins. by C. Lindey (conductor), 1; F. Durdy, 2; J. Swindon, 3; G. W. Stevenson, 4; H. Haigh (first 720), 5; G. Brown, 6. For evening service a 720 of Kent. Jos. Swindon (conductor), 1; F. Durdy, 2; John Swindon, 3; G. W. Stevenson, 4; H. Haigh, 5; G. Brown, 6. Altogether a very pleasant day was spent, and the visitors cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing their sincere thanks to the Vicar (Rev. F. B. Ramsay) for the use of the bells, and to the Everton ringers for the way they were treated at their respective homes, and for making arrangements for a pull. The weather was all that could be desired, and the eight-miles journey home was not the least pleasure of the visit.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

The annual reunion of the Farnham branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild took place on Tuesday evening, February 4th, at the "Queen's Head" hotel, and passed off most pleasantly, a splendid repast being provided. Captain G. H. Barnett occupied the chair, and Mr. G. Elliott was a genial vice. The loyal toasts, and "The Bishops and Clergy," were happily proposed from the chair. The healths of the churchwardens, chairman, and vice-chairman, were honoured, and votes of thanks were awarded to Messrs. Floate and Brown, who presided at the piano, and conducted generally to the harmony of the evening. A touch or two was rung on the handbells, and songs and recitations and songs were welcomed from several of the party.

THE LATE WILLIAM PAWSON.

As announced last week, the above-named gentleman died at his residence on Monday, February 3rd. He commenced his ringing career as a probationer at the Leeds parish church on April 13th, 1844, and was connected with that company up to the time of his death. He had been in failing health for the last six months, but was able to attend to his duties in the tower up to the end of last year. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association from its foundation, and took part in eleven peals, and it is estimated that he rang about nine peals previous to that event. He took part in the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and Oxford Treble Bob Royal ever rung by the Association, and his record shews performances in Stedman Caters, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples. He was well-known throughout the country as a founder of handbells, upon which he was himself no mean performer, both in tunes and changes. His remains were interred at Burman-tofts Cemetery, Leeds, on Wednesday, February 5th, and was attended by representatives from Bradford, Wakefield, Pudsey, Holbeck, and Leeds. The Leeds parish church company rang a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, which were cast by the deceased, previous to the cortege leaving his residence, and also a double course of Grandsire Triples at the grave-side. In the evening, with the assistance of some of the visitors, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung with the bells half-muffled at Leeds parish church, and the bells were also rung half-muffled for service on Sunday, February 2nd, as a last token of respect to his memory. By his demise the Leeds parish church company have lost an excellent ringer and member. Messages of condolence were received from Mr. W. H. Howard (York), and Mr. T. Clark (Sharow), which the Leeds parish church company beg to acknowledge.

THE YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

The members of the above society held their anniversary at Mr. George Reed's, the Lowther Hotel, on Wednesday, February 5th. The chairman, Mr. Howard, proposed the usual loyal toasts, also the health of the Archbishop Dean and Chapter, and referred in a kindly manner to the way in which the Dean was always willing to assist the ringers, and it was drank with enthusiasm. Mr. Thompson next proposed "The City Members and Donors," which was duly honoured; after which songs were rendered by Mr. Hodgson and Mr. West. The chairman also proposed success to "THE BELL NEWS," and also the host and hostess, which was drunk with musical honours. Between toasts, songs were rendered by Messrs. Fearnley, Dawson, Worth, Parkinson, and Long, and a most enjoyable evening concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the National Anthem.

THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, LONDON.

Members are requested to attend the next meeting on Monday, February 17th, which will be held at the Essex Head, Essex Street, Strand, after ringing at St. Clement's, when a representative will be chosen for the Provisional Committee of the Central Council. G. T. McLAUGHLIN, Hon. Sec.

BELL ACCIDENT AT READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, January 26th, six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild started for a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, for the afternoon service, and when nearly completed, the gudgeon of the tenor broke, and down came the bell, smashing the wheel and some of the planking underneath, but fortunately she did not come through, neither was any damage done to the bell, which is a little more than 15 cwt. The ringers made a rush for the door, leaving the ropes flying about the ringing chamber, one of them, in rushing down the steps lost his coat tail. The bell has been going bad for a long time, and on examining the broken gudgeon, it was seen that it had been partly broken for years, and only held by about a quarter of an inch.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Take Stock."

Our friend Mr. Attree has once more furnished us with his annual balance-sheet of peals, and in doing so has again provided us with abundant material for thought. Probably the last three columns of his analysis will receive the most attention, giving as they do the relative positions of the various Associations and Societies for the past three years. From these columns it will be seen that the first seven have collectively kept their previous year's positions, while the Worcestershire Association has gradually forged its way up during those three years from the 28th on the list to the 8th, and on the other hand, the Surrey Association has dropped from 9th place to the 18th. The Gloucester and Bristol Association has also risen from 21st to 11th, and the Essex from 19th to 5th. With these exceptions there is little material variation, which fact would appear to indicate a pretty equal amount of energy in peal-ringing all round.

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Regarding the methods rung, the return demonstrates most forcibly the hold which the "four standard methods" have amongst us, for out of the 797 peals rung, 123 were Treble Bob, 321 Grandsire, 130 Plain Bob, and 119 Stedman, a total of 693. In double and Surprise methods the Midland Counties heads the list, while in six-bell peals the Sussex Association tops the lot very considerably with their total of 28.

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But what is perhaps one of the most interesting portions of Mr. Attree's return is the record for December. Here the twenty-six peals scored by the Sussex Association during that month are—to say the least—very suggestive. I know this is a tender spot with our Sussex friends, they don't seem to like being twitted about it, but whether it is with the object of winning their challenge bell or coming out at the top of Mr. Attree's list, there can be no doubt about it that their score is abnormally large as a general rule during the last month of the year. Had it not been for this fact, they would almost assuredly have had to be content with second's place, the Oxford Guild with their fifteen peals being the only other Society which got into double figures during that month.

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Well, Mr. Attree has once more placed us under a debt of obligation, and I sincerely trust that his return will be productive of good results in causing our friends connected with various organisations to look around them and see where they can improve their position in peal-ringing. There are, of course, different opinions existing amongst us with regard to the ringing of peals. The temptations to score at the risk and expense of good ringing is only too manifest, but taking it altogether, if a band is really anxious to improve, the accomplishment of a good and well-struck peal is something which they will strive for. Thus their practices and even their Sunday ringing will be made a means to this end. This is a laudable ambition, one which is deserving of every encouragement. In this light I view Mr. Attree's returns as a sort of barometer indicating where exists the most energy to attain perfection in our work of ringing.

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With the words of our Editor on this matter I cordially agree, and trust his observations will meet with that attention which

they so fully deserve. Our peal-ringing performances ought of a certainty to be placed above suspicion and so that "no semblance of doubt should attach itself to any of them." His concluding sentence properly "hits the nail on the head;" with him I sincerely trust that "this yearly analysis will be faithfully revered as the truthful register of the year's work, and that it should be the bouden duty of all to sacredly guard it from fraud in the shape of doubtful performances."

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The sensible and practical letter from Mr. R. S. Story shews that the moveable louvres mentioned by me the other week have been tried at Whitley, with—as was the case in the other instance I named—satisfactory results. Where it is practicable to fix these, there can be no doubt that this plan is infinitely preferable to either taking away the louvres altogether and leaving the windows perfectly open, or on the other hand walling up the windows in the vain attempt to box in the sound of the balls. I scarcely agree with our Editor in thinking that no good can come out of this little controversy. On the contrary, I believe that if our friends in various parts who have had this sound difficulty to contend with would give us the benefit of their experiences in a concise manner, like Mr. Story, we might be able to gather such information as would enable our friends who suffer from this annoyance, to adopt some mode of mitigating the cause of complaint—architects notwithstanding.

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The "Lancashire Schism"—as our Editor calls it—has at length become an acknowledged fact. Though the approach of this regrettable circumstance has been evident for weeks back, I was no less sorry to read the reports on Saturday last. We—as I have remarked on previous occasions—cannot afford to have discussions in our midst; if our work of organisation is to succeed, we must have that unity which is so essential to strength. But as I may have occasion to refer to this matter more fully at some other time, I leave it for the present with feelings of anxiety as to its future development.

FREE LANCE.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

As is customary with the ringers of this place, the morning of Tuesday, January 14th—that day being the Rector's birthday—was ushered in by some capital ringing in honour of the event. The Rector (Rev. J. C. Martyn) has exercised his ministry, beloved and honored by his parishioners, for the last twenty years. On the morning in question a capitally-struck touch of 768 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by A. Symonds, 1; A. Ambrose, 2; H. Smith, 3; S. Slater, 4; W. Duce, 5; P. C. S. Scott, 6; J. Bird, 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8.

On the same evening the ringers were entertained to a capital supper at the "Lion" hotel, by Mr. Charles Spilling, jun., son of the respected warden of Melford Hospital, for their alacrity in ringing "memory peals" on Saturday, January 11th, being the day on which his father completed his 90th year. During the evening the Rector joined the company, and in giving "The Health of Mr. Spilling, sen.," spoke of him as an excellent governor of the above-named noble institution for upwards of 20 years. The toast was most cordially drank. It may be mentioned that Mr. Spilling, sen. is still in vigorous health, and can sign his name without the aid of glasses. The ringers wish him many happy returns; and hope the present festivity may be repeated on his 100th birthday.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a most convivial manner, song and sentiment going the usual round. Before leaving the Rector very kindly thanked the company for giving him such a merry peal in the morning.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

[ESTABLISHED 1782.]

The Annual Dinner of this Society took place on Saturday, February 1st, at the "Trafalgar" Hotel, Greenwich, a very large number of members and friends being present.

The Master (Mr. Wm. Bedwell) presided, supported by Messrs. F. W. Thornton, E. E. Richards, and the Rev. C. J. Palmer; the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. H. Fife. An excellent repast, to which full justice was done, was served in the "Nelson" Hall (the scene of many Liberal Ministerial Whitebait dinners), and gave great satisfaction.

Dinner being concluded, the programme opened with a well-executed pianoforte solo, by Mr. W. Tyack, after which the usual loyal toasts were duly given and honoured.

The Chairman, in appropriate terms, gave the toast "Our Absent Friends."

Selection on the handbells by Messrs. Crowder, Deal, Edridge, and Pheasant.

Mr. E. E. Richards, replying, stated that the veteran Henry Bright regretted his enforced absence through illness, and repeated the words of the late Henry Johnson—"God bless you all."

The toast of the evening, "The Society of Trinity Youths," was next given by the chairman, who briefly alluded to the good work done since its revival. The toast was received with "Kentish fire."

Mr. F. W. Thornton (Hon. Sec.), who on rising to reply was received with cheers, said: I thank you for the enthusiastic manner in which you have received this toast. Perhaps a few words concerning the Society's work, from one who has had the honour to serve it since its revival, will not, on this auspicious occasion, be considered out of place. Briefly, then, we commenced operations in 1888 with but thirteen members, and virtually without a tower wherein to practice. Thanks to the energy, tact, and influence of the Rev. Herbert Cockey, and the help of a few willing hands, we were enabled soon to secure St. Alphege, Greenwich, for our headquarters, with the use of a vestry-room for business purposes—a thing, by-the-bye, unknown in London, the tavern being generally selected for business matters, when the weather is unfavourable for a "gutter" meeting. Numerous difficulties presented themselves, but happily we surmounted them all, and since then matters have gone smoothly. Gentlemen, we have laboured hard in this district for belfry reform and extension of the Exercise. With regard to the former, I think we can say with truth, that in our midst belfry reform is an accomplished fact. The clergy of this neighbourhood have treated the Society with much kindness, and supported it in various ways by placing towers at our disposal, and by subscribing annually to our treasury. Towers where beer and tobacco were consumed are now recognised to be a most important part of the Church, and the ringers, when they enter the belfry, whether it be for duty or pleasure, carry out their work with due reverence. So much for belfry reform. Now what about extension of the Exercise? Well, gentlemen, very few peals indeed have been accomplished, and they all in one method. I hope for pardon if I say I am very glad of it, for this reason—I fail to see what benefit would accrue to the Society, supposing for instance that 100 peals were rung during the space of twelve months. It might place us near the top of Mr. Attree's analysis; it would certainly help to fill the peal book, and bring up individual scores, but nought else. Gentlemen, this Society was not established for the practice of Grand-sire Triples; we do not want the peal-book continually before us with Holt's ten-part, six-part, one-part, etc. What we want and hope to do is to assist beginners to master some of the higher methods (and I appeal to the many accomplished ringers present to-night to help us, and put aside Grand-sire peals for a time), then, if they succeed in emulating the Trinity Youths of a century ago by ringing peals in say half-a-dozen of the best methods, all honour due to them for their pluck and perseverance, and what a credit to those who have assisted in their progress. I have rung upwards of 30 peals of Grand-sire, but have learned to look upon the time occupied by those peals and attempts as valuable time absolutely wasted. Now, when my time is somewhat limited, I am unable, to my great regret, to

impart the little knowledge I possess to those anxious to become ringers. The latter part of last year was a rather unfortunate period for us, since a serious accident at Greenwich closed the doors of our headquarters, and compelled us to seek refuge at Lewisham, where, I will add with gratitude, we were met most kindly by the clergy and churchwardens, who have done all in their power for our comfort. I wish that all clergymen whose towers contain bells would take a leaf from the Lewisham volume, and visit their belfries a little more; they would soon probably see the necessity and advantage of belfry reform. With regard to Greenwich, I am happy to say the money for repair of the bells is coming in fast, and I believe and hope our next annual meeting in June will be held there. The Vicar has honoured me with a seat on the executive committee, in which capacity I will endeavour to be of service to the Society. I mentioned just now that we commenced with thirteen members. We increased this number to fifty-six by June last; the total this evening is eighty-one. I trust by our next meeting we shall more than complete the century. Several young ringers are coming along, under the care of Mr. Conyard, at Crayford, also at Lewisham; in fact so rapid is the progress made by some of these young men, that they will soon develop into practical ringers. Altogether, gentlemen, I think you will admit the revival of this Society was a decided step in the right direction, and that the tree planted in 1888 has not only blossomed, but brought forth good fruit. Five months hence your staff of officers will undergo a change, at all events, in one instance. Before I retire I trust you will give your support to a movement for the establishment of quarterly meetings in the outlying districts where we have members, viz.: Chislehurst, Crayford, Bromley, etc. A visit to one of these places will form an agreeable Saturday afternoon excursion, and will, I am sure, do an immense amount of good. In thanking you again for your kind reception of this toast, let me say this in conclusion. You have several towers at your disposal, courteous steeple-keepers, the support of the clergy and laity, an efficient staff of officers, and last but not least, you have the success of the past eighteen months to look back upon. Let all these stimulate you to renewed exertions on the Society's behalf, and so enable it to extend still further its sphere of usefulness.

The Chairman next proposed the toast of "The Clergy" in felicitous terms.

The Rev. C. J. Palmer, who was cordially received, emphasised the interest taken in bellringing by the clergy. It was due, he thought, to a lack of intimacy, still to be regretted, between parson and people, that Societies had not yet fully succeeded in eradicating the old evils that existed in belfries. For himself, as in all Church work, so most especially in what concerned ringers, he felt that intercourse both in the belfry and round the festive board between parson and people, was both enjoyable and useful. He could not altogether agree with Mr. Thornton that meetings in a vestry instead of in some more public room, were desirable, for surely ringers of one Society might well show their neighbours how orderly their meetings were. He was himself a novice in the art of change-ringing, and recognised the generosity with which experienced ringers helped their weaker comrades. As treasurer of the Society his duties were not onerous, but what he could do he very gladly did, and would continue to do as long as the Society entrusted any work to him.

The Rev. R. P. Roseveare, of St. Dunstan's College Catford, endorsed all that his friend Mr. Palmer had said. He too was a novice of a less advanced type, and wished it were possible that boys at school could have instruction in bell-ringing. He desired to learn himself, that he might be the means of introducing the art in the schools with which he was connected.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of "Kindred Societies and the change-ringing press," alluded to the regrettable absence of the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," and said that ringers throughout the country were deeply indebted to that paper. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Chairman next gave "The Visitors," to which Mr. H. Fife suitably responded.

Mr. Thornton, in proposing "The Dinner Committee," alluded to the great trouble and care bestowed upon the arrangements by those gentlemen. The toast was received with cheers,

and Mr. Tyack, who was greeted with applause, thanked the company for their hearty reception of the toast, and remarked that although the dinner had given them a deal of anxiety and care, it had throughout been a labour of love.

Mr. Thornton, in appropriate terms, briefly proposed "The Health of the Chairman, and that gentleman having responded, "Auld lang syne" and the "National Anthem" brought a very interesting evening to a close. The proceedings were interspersed with songs by various members of the company, most of which showed exceedingly good taste.

NEW BELLS AT GOOLE PARISH CHURCH, YORKS.

A new ring of eight bells (from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough) with new organ and vestries, has just been added to this parish church. Tuesday, the 4th instant, was the day appointed for the opening ceremony and dedication, and was regarded as a kind of holiday by the inhabitants. As a local print has it, "the peals sent forth by the ringers of Holy Trinity church, Hull, from the church tower, novel as they were in their sound to the great majority of church people, seemed to induce a holiday spirit, which found vent in the gay decoration of the shipping and many places of business with bunting. From the spire of the parish church flew the union jack, while from the cross to the corners of the tower strings of flags of varied shape and hue helped to draw further attention to the elegant heaven-directed spire of which Goole may be fairly proud."

The bells are in the key of F sharp, tenor 16 cwt. They are hung in a very strong new bell-frame of English oak, supported by cast-iron braces well trussed and bolted together. A chiming apparatus (Ellacombe's) has also been provided. The whole work has been executed by Messrs. Taylor, and has given the greatest satisfaction.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

NOTICE.—The next monthly monthly ringing meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, February 22nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting at the New Inn at 6 p.m. The officers for the next twelve months must be nominated at this meeting.

HERBERT W. NEEDHAM, Hon. Sec.
49, Green Mount Street, Beeston Hill, Leeds.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Eastbourne to-day, Saturday, February 15th. The towers of St. Mary's, All Saints, and Christ Church, will be open for ringing during the day. Business Meeting at the "New Inn" hotel at 2.30; cold luncheon at 1.30, and tea at 5 p.m. also at the same place.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.
JAS. E. WORSSELL, Asst. Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—When I said in my last remarks that my next peal would probably be a peal without a four or six-bob set, I had in view the very peal given in your last issue by Mr. Washbrook. I also saw that it would contain thirteen three-call sets, and that half of the 6-7's would come at hand-stroke. There does not appear to be any possible way of getting over the first of these difficulties, but in this case we may call a single at 14 and 11 and so prevent all such course-ends as 253461, and get all the 6-7's one way. This will cost forty more singles and twenty more three-call sets. I should like to point out in connection with my No. 8, that the full value of the shunting singles is brought out by the fact of the peal containing so many 6-7's. At the same time by sacrificing some of the 6-7's, a variety of different arrangements may be had with five less three-call sets. Also in connection with peal 9, I very carelessly inserted a 5-6-7-8 course between a single at 11 and 9 (giving a course with seven calls in succession) when I should have inserted it between a single at 9 and 11 by calling the single at 9 in the sixth course. It is somewhat gratifying to find that my peals have caused such encouraging remarks

to come from my brother explorer, Mr. Heywood. At the same time it is not impossible not to notice how anxious our friend Mr. Washbrook appears to be to convince the ringing world that some of us are all behindhand with our discoveries.
J. J. PARKER.

MR. ATTREE'S ANALYSIS.

SIR,—In your remarks last week upon Mr. Attree's valuable analysis, you say that it should be "faithfully revered as the truthful register of the year's work." Your remark of course pre-supposes the absolute accuracy of the analysis, and must be my apology for trespassing on your space. On looking through "BELL NEWS" I find seven peals of Treble Bob, four of Double Norwich, and six of Stedman recorded there as having been rung by the Royal Cumberland Society in 1889; but in the analysis that society is credited with only two peals of Treble Bob, three of Stedman, and none of Double Norwich. On the other hand there are several peals of Grandsire and plain methods, some fourteen peals in fact, put down to that society which do not rightly belong to it. The error is of course of no consequence except so far as it tends to weaken faith in the analysis, which interests all ringers so much.
E. F. COLLE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I should like to ask (through your valuable paper) the Hon. Secs. of the above Association why there has not been a Quarterly Meeting meeting arranged and notice put in "THE BELL NEWS." I saw one was to be held at Arlsey on Saturday, June 4th, but what I can hear it never came off, because notice enough was not given in "THE BELL NEWS," not until the very day it was to be held. We see other Associations get their notice in "THE BELL NEWS" three weeks and a month before time, but the Beds. Association gets theirs in the very day it is to be held, and this is the very reason why there are so few attend these meetings. Is it because there are two Secs. and one leaves it to the other to send it? Far better there was only one, then probably we should get the work done. I cannot see what work there is for two Secs.; very likely one or the other will give a little information and let the members know if there is to be another meeting or not before the Easter one, and if not, what is the reason.
A MEMBER OF THE B.A. of C.R.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—It is not my usual custom to take any notice of anonymous letters either sent to me through the post or inserted in our paper, especially when as in the present case the subject referred to is of no interest to the Exercise at large, but as our friend "Free Lance" has asked the question "What is the matter with the Sussex Association just now?" I would reply that so far as I know it is in its usual state of health. An Honorary Secretary's work in connection with a County Association of change-ringers would indeed be like the proverbial policeman's life—"not a happy one,"—if in addition to the usual correspondence (which in my case amounts to about fifty letters per month), he was expected to reply to anonymous correspondents every week or two in "THE BELL NEWS." In conclusion I would inform those members of the Sussex County Association who are in the habit of sending complaints for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS," that my address is the same as given in last year's report, and that any question sent to that address shall receive a full reply by return of post.
GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

SIR,—Seeing in your issue of January 25th an account of the Winchester Diocesan Guild District meeting at Weybridge, your correspondent "H. A. S." asks questions and answers them. One question he asks: Was the place inconveniently situated. He answers No; it was within easy reach of Walton, Woking, Bagshot, etc. As I belong to the Bagshot branch, I beg to state that Bagshot is badly situated (it being only a branch line), and if any of our band had attended the meeting, we should have had to leave Weybridge soon after the service, as the last train from Weybridge to Bagshot via Woking arrives at the latter at 7.7 p.m., and the last, via Virginia Water, arrives at Bagshot at 8.20, so it would have been useless for any of us to attend.
T. J. G.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1890.

THE result of the meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association on Monday last at Ipswich is eminently satisfactory. The members have elected for their president a gentleman who is more than a mere enthusiast upon bells; while the new secretary is perhaps the most popular ringer in the diocese, and the one among all others who is able to restore the fortunes of the Association to something beyond their original vigour. The proposal to divide the unwieldy diocese into districts, each one having its requisite corresponding officer, is in our opinion the best, and in fact the only mode by which the Chief

Secretary may continue in touch with the whole of the towers in union with the Association. We are sorry that our space prevents us this week more fully viewing the future prospects of this Association at greater length. We may conclude our observations by expressing a hope that the members will do all they can to render the new secretary's duties as light as possible. The office carries a great deal of work with it, and therefore every one should be careful not to increase the work by neglect or indifference.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 8, 1890, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, PIMLICO,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR W. BARKUS* .. Treble.	*RICHARD T. WOODLEY .. 5.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN* .. 2.	JOHN M. HAYES .. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON* .. 3.	HENRY G. FRUIN .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 4.	FRANCIS E. DAWE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

The above is a three-part composition which has never been previously performed, and is the first peal rung on the bells with the tenor turned in. The bells were deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the loving memory of Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., of Birmingham, an honoured member of the above Society, who died on the 7th ult., in his 81st year. *First peal in the method.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 8, 1890, in Five Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8896 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	ISAAC J. SHADE 5.
WILLIAM COOTER 2.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 6.
MATTHEW A. WOOD 3.	EDWIN HORREX 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL 4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HARRISON of Mottram, and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

On the above date William Cooter attained his sixty-fifth birthday. His brother ringers heartily congratulated him on the occasion.

SHADWELL, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 10, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMSON BURTON* .. Treble.	*EMANUEL HALL 5.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL 6.
GEORGE J. SMITH 3.	SAMUEL HAYES 7.
YORK GREEN 4.	THOMAS BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

*First peal of Stedman. S. Burton hails from Nottingham.

The Provinces.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
WILLIAM ADKINS 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
ALFRED P. GODDARD 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	ARTHUR BURGESS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM MORLEY* Treble.	JOHN PLOWMAN 5.
ERNEST WALKER* 2.	JOHN HARDING 6.
FRANK HOLDER† 3.	JAMES TRAPPITT 7.
EDWARD MATTHEWS 4.	HENRY BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN PLOWMAN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Henry Brooks is 65 years of age Messrs. Plowman and Trappitt belong to Beddington; the rest are local men.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 7, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 2.	JOHN EVANS 6.
RALPH BIGGS 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
FREDERICK BIGGS 4.	EDWARD ELBURNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 8, 1890, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

A. W. MATTHEWS* .. Treble.	F. A. UNDERWOOD .. 6.
AMOS CRESSER 2.	E. CARTWRIGHT 7.
J. SMITH 3.	E. READER 8.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. .. 4.	W. T. BILLINGHURST .. 9.
W. TYLER 5.	S. SMITH Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by W. T. BILLINGHURST.

*First peal.

FRIEZLAND, SADDLEWORTH.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1890, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

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WILLIAM DICKEN 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. SHAW.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8th, 1890, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

THOMAS HILL Treble.	JOSEPH FELLOWS, SEN. .. 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	JOHN GOODMAN 8.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 4.	JOHN SMITH 9.
JOSEPH FELLOWS, JUN. .. 5.	REUBEN HALL Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM KENT, of Birmingham, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

The band met for a peal of Stedman Triples, but owing to one not turning up three others were got together and the above peal in the inverted Tittums position with the 6th twenty-four courses behind the 9th and twenty-four courses behind the 8th, was rung for the first time.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1890, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5297 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHARLES BOWER .. Treble.	SAM THOMAS 6.
CHAR. HENRY HATTERSLEY .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. 7.
WILLIAM LOMAS 3.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. 8.
WILLIAM BURGAR 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 9.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 5.	WILLIAM CHALLONER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

This peal, which has the treble in seconds place throughout, has the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, with the 2nd bell never there. It is obtained in the least number of courses possible, and is the first peal composed and rung with these qualities. Mr. Davies hails from Liverpool; and Mr. Jackson from Hull.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor about 16 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS 5.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
FREDERICK BIGGS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SYDNEY GOODCHILD .. 4.	BENJAMIN PAGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and was rung with great difficulty owing to the small bells slipping wheel.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 8, 1890, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

EDWARD HULL .. Treble.	JESSE W. BREWER .. 6.
E. PERCY DEBENHAM .. 2.	HENRY BREWER .. 7.
ARTHUR HULL† 3.	*HENRY G. ROWE .. 8.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 4.	WALTER BATTLE .. 9.
H. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.	DAVID GIBBONS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. CARTMEL.

Rung on the occasion of the erection of a board recording the first peal of Grandsire Caters by an entirely local band at St. Albans. *First peal of Caters. †First with a bob bell.

DEWSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1890, in Three Hours and Twelve 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.
M. GARFORTH 2.	J. CHAPPEL 6.
G. CRAWSHAW 3.	D. STEPHENSON .. 7.
W. ILLINGWORTH* .. 4.	W. DIXON Tenor.

Composed by W. GOODALL and Conducted by G. CRAWSHAW.

*First peal. J. A. Idle belongs to Dewsbury; the rest belong to Osset.

BOLTON, BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1890, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD E. HOWE* .. Treble.	*ALFRED RILEY 5.
HENRY RAISTRICK 2.	JAMES COTTERELL .. 6.
JAMES MAWSON 3.	BEN. T. COPLEY .. 7.
GEO. TITTERINGTON .. 4.	S. PALFRAMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by BEN. T. COPLEY.

*First peal of Major. All members of the Society of Copley Scholars. This peal was rung for a double event—the wedding of Mr. S. H. London (one of the Scholars), and the restoration to health of Mr. J. H. Hardcastle, from a very severe and dangerous illness.

. GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1890, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

JOHN SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	WILLIAM HADFIELD 5.
WILLIAM HARROP 2.	MORRIS WILLIAMSON 6.
THOMAS JACKSON 3.	ARTHUR LAWTON 7.
JESSE B. HIBBERT 4.	JOSEPH MALONEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN SIDEBOTHAM.

Messrs. Jackson and Hibbert hail from Whitfield; Sidebotham and Williamson from Mottram; the rest belong to the local company.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 8th, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

EDWIN GALLIMORE Treble.	THOMAS HOLMES 5.
FRANCIS SEDGWICK 2.	FREDERICK J. COPE 6.
HENRY MEACHAM 3.	WILLIAM FEARNEYHOUGH .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	HENRY J. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COPE.

Messrs. Holmes and Austin hail from Burton-on-Trent, and were elected members previous to starting.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday February 8, 1890, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES;

Being Thirty-two 6-scores with extremes, and Ten with Plain
Leads, each called differently.

Tenor about 16 cwt.

ARTHUR ALLEN* Treble.	ALBERT PITT 4.
FREDERICK LANE* 2.	WILLIAM TARLING 5.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 3.	WILLIAM WORTHINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT GEORGE KNOWLES.

*First 5040. F. Lane hails from Castlemorton.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 9, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARK Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 2.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
HENRY MIDGLEY 4.	WILLIAM HICKLING .. 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 6ths place.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Monday, February 10, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROMULUS LE VESCONTE .. Treble.	HY. SHEARN 5.
LOT STAFFORD 2.	EVAN DAVIES 6.
FRANK GREEN 3.	FRANCIS E. WARD 7.
WM. H. ARNOLD 4.	JOHN W. JONES Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS E. WARD.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late 171 colliers, who, by an explosion at the Llanerch colliery, a few miles from here, met their death on Thursday, February 6th.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1890, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Grandsire
Minor, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. BOULDEN .. Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 4.
JOHN BURCH 2.	FREDERICK T. HARRIS .. 5.
HERBERT F. FOREMAN .. 3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. BOULDEN.

First peal on six bells by all, and supposed to be the first 5040 on the bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 12, 1890, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 2.	WILLIAM HICKLING .. 6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
HENRY MIDGLEY 4.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Date Touches.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

STRATFORD-LE-BOW (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, the local company rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. T. Baker, 1; S. Joyce, 2; A. Cutmore, 3; Y. Green, 4; R. Turner, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; S. Hayes, 7; D. Sutton, 8. Composed by J. H. Barratt, of Stepney. The above touch contains the Queen's, Tittums, Whittington's, and the twelve 7-4's, eighteen 4-6's, and eighteen 6-7's.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 4th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 19 mins. T. Baker, 1; S. Joyce, 2; A. Cutmore, 3; G. Pearl, 4; S. Hayes, 5; J. P. Bradley, 6; H. Springall (conductor), 7; H. Torble, 8; H. Randall, 9; F. Searle, 10. Composed by J. P. Bradley.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, February 3rd, at the parish church, a date touch of Union Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. E. Dewey, 1; F. Hoad, 2; J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 3; R. Arnold, 4; F. Arnold, 5; E. Moses, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Howard, 8. Composed by Josiah Wathen, of Tewkesbury.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Saturday, January 25th, at St. Paul's church, it being St. Paul's Day, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Spencer, 1; F. Sharp, 2; H. Sharp, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Smith, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; W. Page, 8. Composed by G. Hayward, of Bromsgrove. Also 240 Bob Major. J. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Smith, 3; H. Sharp, 4; F. Sharp, 5; W. Allen, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, eight members of the Roehdale branch of the above Association rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Kay, 1; J. Pilkington, 2; Jno. Partington, 3; J. Millett (conductor), 4; Jos. Partington, 5; W. H. Walsley, 6; J. Harrison, 7; James Millett, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Jones, 1; J. Carter (conductor), 2; W. Brook, 3; J. Scott (longest touch in the method), 4; R. Hackley, 5; J. T. Perry, 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. Sanigar, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq.

MOSELEY.—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, after Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. C. Sparkes, 1; A. Barnes (St. Albans), 2; C. Barnacle, 3; G. Walker, 4; J. Jones, 5; J. T. Perry (composer and conductor), 6; A. Hackley, 7; J. Witts, 8. The above contains Queen's, Whittington's and the twenty-four 6-7's.

ELMORE (Gloucestershire).—On Friday evening, January 17th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1890 changes), in 1 hr. R. Prosser, 1; W. Ward, 2; T. Harmer (conductor), 3; R. Ellis, 4; H. Merrett, 5; W. Butler (longest touch), 6.

LONGNEY (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday evening, January 8th, at St. Lawrence's church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 1 min. W. Ellis (conductor), 1; R. Ellis, 2; W. Ward, 3; A. Longney, 4; R. Gardner, 5; E. Taylor, 6.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Thursday, January 30th, at St. Thomas's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. A. Butterworth (conductor), 1; J. Taylor, 2; W. Pitman, 3; J. Pilkington, 4; W. Hall, 5; S. Stott, 6; L. Hampson, 7; J. T. Prince (first attempt at this length), 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." S. Stott hails from Oldham; J. Pilkington from Heyside; the rest are of the local company.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, January 26th, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Major (1890 changes). J. Wilson, 1; E. Price, 2; J. Mann, 3; G. Ransome, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; F. Harris, 6; C. Willshire, 7; S. Snelling (conductor), 8.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Pilkington, 2; P. H. Harvey, 3; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; W. Ellis, 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, January 29th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Pye, 1; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 2; T. Bannister, 3; J. Hale, 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ashcroft, 6; W. Sumner, 7; H. Taylor, 8. J. Sholicar hails from Ormskirk; the rest belong to the local company.

Miscellaneous.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob in 27 mins. W. Tabbernor, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Wood (conductor), 3; G. Walker, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; W. Baddeley, 6. Also on Sunday, February 2nd, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. W. Brough, 1; W. Tabbernor, 2; J. Wood, 3; E. Glover, 4; G. Wood, 5; W. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, January 28th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles) in 28 mins. C. Rushton, 1; E. J. Wheeldon, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Eyre, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, February 1st, on the occasion of the monthly meeting, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 27½ mins. C. Rushton, 1; E. J. Wheeldon, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Eyre, 4; G. Woods, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except G. Woods. The 720 of Bob Minor is supposed to be the first rung with that number of bobs and singles.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FENNY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, February 1st, by the kind permission of the Rev. A. H. Barrow, a mixed company of the Aspley Guise and Woburn ringers paid a visit to the above place, and rang a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor at the parish church. E. Norman, 1; W. Mynard, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; M. Lane, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Norman, 1; W. Mynard, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; W. Chibnall, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. Various other touches were rung. And 720 of Plain Bob Minor.

A. Smith (first 720), 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; M. Lane, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6. Also on the hand-bell belonging to the newly-formed company, a course of Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1-2; Cyril Herbert, 3-4; Chas. Herbert, 5-6; M. Lane, 7-8. The best thanks of all the visitors are accorded to the Messrs. Stilton who so satisfactorily arranged matters in the tower.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, January 23rd, for practice at St. Mary's, 720 Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Sharp, 6. Also on Tuesday, January 19th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Sharp (first 720 in the method), 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6. And on Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 43 mins. W. Allen, 1; F. Sharp, 2; H. Sharp, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Smith, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; I. Hills, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in D. Longest touch in the method by Messrs. F. and H. Sharp and F. Smith.

BATH AND KEYNSHAM ASSOCIATION.

At the monthly meeting held at the Bath Abbey church, on Monday, February 3rd, a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Skuse, 1; J. Wotton (conductor), 2; W. Dicks, 3; G. Hill, 4; H. Wotton, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. Brown, 7; N. Wake, 8. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Lambert, 1; W. Simmonds, 2; W. Wills, 3; W. Eames, 4; H. Wotton (conductor), 5; W. Harford, 6. A touch of 56 Bob Triples. J. Wotton, 1; R. Lewis, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; C. Bell, 4; H. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. Brown (conductor), 7; G. Butler, 8. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. G. Crisp, 1; F. Skuse, 2; J. Wiltshire, 3; G. Hill (conductor), 4; W. Allen, 5; W. A. Gully, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Christmas Eve, at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Haspray, 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes (conductor), 5; J. Rowlands, 6. And at midnight 720 Plain Bob, conducted by J. Parr. Also on New Year's Eve 720 Plain Bob, conducted by W. Smith. And 860 Grandsire Minor, conducted by J. Hughes; the rest standing as above. Also for practice on Thursday, January 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Haspray (first 720, blind), 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. And on Sunday morning, January 26th, for Divine Service 360 Kent Treble Bob. Also for evening service 360 College Single Bob, conducted by J. Hughes. Tenor 12 cwt. The 720 of Treble Bob is the first by the local ringers on the bells.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Monday, January 20th, for practice, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (22 bobs and 20 singles) in 24 mins. W. Webster, 1; R. Voas, 2; G. Voas, 3; S. Wood, 4; J. Rogers, 5; G. Rogers (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service, on Sunday, January 26th, a 720 Grandsire Minor (38 bobs and 22 singles) in 25 min. W. Webster, 1; T. Rogers, 2; R. Voas, 3; N. Williams, 4; S. Wood, 5; G. Rogers (conductor), 6. Also for practice, on Monday, February 3rd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (34 bobs and 14 singles) in 24 mins. W. Webster, 1; R. Voas, 2; S. Wood, 3; T. Rogers, 4; J. Rogers, 5; G. Rogers (conductor), 6. Also a 360 with R. Voas, 1; and W. Webster 3, for first time on an inside bell.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service in the evening, 420 Union Triples. On Monday, January 27th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's six-part peal of Union Triples, as a birthday peal to the conductor, but after ringing 3 hrs., and within six leads of home, a trip occurred and the peal was lost, owing a great deal to the noisy belfry. F. W. J. Rees, 1; T. Colburn, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; W. Grove, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; M. Brown, 8. On Thursday, February 6th, for practice, 672 Bob Major. M. Brown, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; G. Croucher, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; E. Heathorn, 5; C. Miller, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; W. Grove, 8. On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, 464 Bob Major. T. H. Colburn, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; E. Heathorn, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; F. Bennett, 7; W. Groves (conductor), 8. And in the evening, 1344 changes in the same method in 50 mins., by the same band, composed and conducted by F. Bennett, being the longest of Major by all the band.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, January 27th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hewett, 1; C. Privett, 2; E. Warren (first 500 in the method), 3; F. Hill, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; F. Coghlan, 8.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, February 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Anne's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). A. Harding, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; O.

Harding, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. And in the evening 240 Grandsire Doubles and 240 Stedman Doubles. F. Francis, 1; T. Gould, 2; W. Stevens, 3; H. Stapleton, 4; E. Spooner (conductor), 5; W. Harding, 6. Also on Monday, February 3rd, 2520 changes, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, and 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Stevens, 1; T. Gould, 2; — Francis, 3; O. Harding, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt. This is the longest touch by all, also the longest on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 19th, for morning service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins., taken from the *Clavis*. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; *T. Stuart, 4; M. Caddy, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. *First with a bob bell. Also on Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs and twelve singles). T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; M. Caddy, 3; T. Stuart, 4; J. Spencer, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles), composed by R. Potter, in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; *T. Jackson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Townson, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. *First with a bob bell.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, January 30th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Fuller, 1; T. Jowett, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; H. Wood, 4; A. Bramall, 5; T. Nixon, 6; G. Weldon (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; J. Chapman, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, at St. Edward's church, eight members of this Association rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the Editor of "THE BELL-NEWS") in 44 mins. W. J. Pegrum, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; *E. Lucas, 3; M. L. Myhill, 4; *W. H. Dallimore, 5; W. Nash, 6; *A. Whight, 7; *C. Dean, 8. *First quarter-peal. Lucas, Whight and Dean hail from Barking; Pegrum from Brentwood; and Dallimore from Holy Trinity, Barking Road.

ST. OSYTH (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 28th, a mixed company met, and by kind permission of the Rev. J. E. Potts, rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and singles). Also a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. *A. J. King, 1; W. Hazell, 2; J. Starling, 3; A. Fuller, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob, also the first 720 of Treble Bob rang on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, January 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Baxter, 1; A. Harris, 2; A. Hore, 3; G. Lindoff (conductor), 4; W. Haigh, 5; W. Cooke, 6. And for evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. P. Taffs, 1; A. Harris, 2; A. Hore, 3; G. Lindoff, 4; W. Cooke, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, January 28th, 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Cooke, 1; A. Harris, 2; C. Waterman (Shorne), 3; G. Lindoff (conductor), 4; W. Haigh, 5; W. Bate, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Easter (late of Harwich), 1; C. Waterman, 2; G. Lindoff, 3; J. Baker, 4; W. Cooke, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, January 30th, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. P. Taffs, 1; A. Harris, 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Haigh, 4; C. Waterman, 5; W. Cooke, 6; W. Easter, 7; G. Lindoff (conductor), 8. And on Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service, 1200 Bob Major. P. Taffs, 1; W. Cooke, 2; J. Baker, 3; G. Lindoff, 4; A. Hore, 5; W. Easter, 6; W. Evans, 7; W. Haigh (conductor), 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CODDINGTON.—On Tuesday evening, January 21st, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. E. Reynolds, 1; C. Hall, 2; E. J. Beatley (Colwall), 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; J. Thomas, 5; C. Greening (first 720 as conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor, with C. Thomas, 1; E. Beatley, 3; the latter ringing his first touch of Bob Minor.

MATHON.—On Thursday, January 23rd, seventeen ringers attended this practice. Six-scores of Grandsire were rung, in which all took part. Also touches of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor, conducted by Charles and Andrew Layton. And 360 Bob Minor. E. S. Kings, 2; J. Thomas, 3; A. Layton, 4; W. Powell, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. This was followed by a short turn at Stedman Doubles.

COLWALL.—On Monday, January 27th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. *A. Dipple, 1; E. J. Beatley, 2; *Rev. G. M. Custance, 3; *T. Marshall, 4; J. Field, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Minor. On Sunday evening, January 25th, for Divine Service, ten

6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Fussell (conductor), 1; J. Leworthy, 2; A. Dipple, 3; T. Marshall, 4; J. Field, 5; C. Pedlingham, 6.

CRADLEY.—On Friday, January 24th, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, the first with Troyte's singles, the second with Snowdon's singles. W. H. Fussell (conductor), 1; *A. Hadley, 2; *C. Layton, 3; W. Tyler, 4; E. Watkins, 5; M. Williams, 6. *First 6-score of Stedman. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung, in which two Suckley men [and Messrs. E. S. Kings, A. Hadley, Powell and others took part.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Sunday, February 2nd, on the occasion of a Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, 1316 Grandsire Triples (containing the twenty-four 6-7s), in 43 mins. H. W. Edridge, 1; E. E. Richards, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; W. Tyack, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; J. Crowder, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; T. Daynes, 8. Composed by H. Hubbard. After the Confirmation service 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins., with J. E. Davis, 3; T. G. Deal, 4. Conducted by W. Weatherstone.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. A. Thompson, 1; G. Curry (conductor), 2; J. Anderson, 3; W. Brown, 4; A. Meyers, 5; J. Swinburn, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham).—On Friday, January 31st, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Miller (non-member), 1; J. Cook (first 720), 2; G. Lowden, 3; T. Hudson, jun., 4; J. Field (first 720), 5; J. Naisby (non-member, conductor), 6. And on Saturday, February 1st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. T. Hudson, sen. (first 720 as conductor), 1; W. G. Newton (Durham), 2; W. Liddle (Durham), 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; T. Hudson, jun., 5; J. E. Avery (Durham), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TILEHURST (Berks).—On Wednesday, January 29th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples in 16 mins. T. Pocock, 1; G. Hern, 2; C. Chapman, 3; G. Day, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; F. Hopgood (conductor), 6; J. M. Routh, Esq., 7; H. Smith, 8.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Simmonds, 1; *A. W. Pike, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method with a bob bell. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, at the parish church for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. C. Martin, 1; C. Crampton, 2; C. Tucker, 3; J. Barrett, 4; F. Pratt, 5; H. Martin, 6. Also after Divine Service 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 27 mins. H. Martin, 1; J. Cornell, 2; F. Carroway, 3; F. Sparks, 4; C. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 360 in the same method. W. Childs, 1; J. Cornell, 2; C. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Carroway, 4; W. Tubb, 5; C. Crampton, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, February 1st, 360 Bob Minor. B. C. Pratchett, 1; C. Tucker, 2; T. Card, 3-4; C. Martin, 5-6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, February 9th, at St. Peter's church, for 11 o'clock service, 504 Grandsire Triples. D. Ross, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; H. Weston, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; J. Batts, 5; G. A. King, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; — Tugwell, 8. And for the 3.15 service, a 560 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Jay, 1; J. Reilly, 2; E. C. Merritt, 3; G. Williams, 4; G. A. King, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. Also for the 5.30 service, a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Reilly, 2; E. C. Merritt, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; W. Allfrey, 5; H. Weston, 6; G. A. King, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. And for the 7 o'clock service a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Williams, 1; G. A. King, 2; J. Jay, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; E. C. Merritt, 6; H. Weston, (conductor), 7; J. E. Worsell, 8.

HORLEY.—On Thursday, January 23rd, at the parish church, 546 of Grandsire Triples. G. Staplehurst, 1; W. Edwards, 2; S. Kenward, 3; J. Taylor (conductor), 4; T. Sparks, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; G. Apps, 7; J. Hitchcock, 8. Also recently, a 504 in the same method. A. Longhurst, 1; J. Taylor (conductor), 2; *E. Dewey, 3; J. Kenward, 4; G. Apps, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; W. Edwards, 7; J. Hitchcock, 8. Also on 4th of February an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which failed after ringing 1358 changes, owing to the tenor rope slipping her wheel. *Hails from Reigate.

ARUNDEL.—On Monday, January 27th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Treagus, 1; W. Twigg, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; C. Blackman, 4; F.

Luxford (conductor), 5; S. Long, 6. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; G. Balchin, 2; F. Luxford, 3; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 4; S. Long, 5; C. Blackman (conductor), 6; W. Twigg, 7; A. Mills, 8. And on Sunday, February 2nd, 1260 Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; C. Blackman, 2; S. Long, 3; G. Balchin, 4; E. Ede, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6; H. H. Chandler, 7; W. Twigg, 8. Also on Monday, February 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Mills, 1; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 2; F. Luxford, 3; C. Baker, 4; S. Long, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6; E. Ede, 7; G. Baker, 8.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 2nd, by a mixed band, for morning service, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, and 120 Kent Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; J. Cheesman, 2; C. Weedon, 3; G. Illman, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And after service 360 of Plain Bob. B. Payne, 1; C. Weedon, 2; I. Tullett, 3; J. Cheesman, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also in the evening 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Streeter, 1; C. Weedon, 2; J. Cheesman, 3; G. Illman, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And 720 Violet. F. Streeter, 1; C. Weedon, 2; J. Akehurst, 3; J. Newnham, 4; J. Cheesman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And 360 of Woodbine. F. Streeter, 1; C. Weedon, 2; G. Illman, 3; J. Cheesman, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. J. Akehurst and C. Weedon, hail from Capel; Cheesman from Balcombe; Newnham from Crawley; the rest are local men.

EAST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins. C. Wren, 1; R. Billings, 2; A. Huggett, 3; J. Wren, 4; W. H. Wood, 5; S. J. Huggett, 6; A. Huggett (conductor), 7; G. Armstrong, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF ST. JAMES, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at St. Matthew's church, Kingsdown, muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, being the first anniversary of the death of Samuel Jones. Also on Friday, January 31st, at St. Philip's church, muffled touches were rung in memory of the late Mr. David Morgan. Both the above-named were formerly members of the above society, and were much respected among the ringing circles. Their names appear in most of the Bristol belfries as having scored peals of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob, and both lived to a good old age.

BRIGHTON.—On Tuesday, January 30th, at St. Paul's church, the local ringers made an attempt to ring Holt's Original, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. and 57 mins., by the conductor calling "stand" through a shift course being made eleven leads from the finish. The performers were much disappointed, for the ringing had been good up to that time, each man keeping to his work steady and well, and the conductor keeping to his work and the calling in a very creditable manner. The bells were not stopped until the first single was reached although the conductor was satisfied the bells had shifted. H. Eves, 1; P. Allfrey, 2; A. Bennett, 3; T. Stepney, 4; F. Hill, 5; H. Weston, 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; G. Hill, 8. H. Weston belongs to St. Peter's. Also on Sunday, January 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Allfrey, 1; J. Reilley, 2; P. Allfrey, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; F. Hill, 5; T. Stepney, 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; G. Hill, 8. And on Sunday, February 2nd, 1050. A. Allfrey, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; F. Hill, 3; Biggerstaff, 4; — Stepney, 5; P. Allfrey, 6; W. Allfrey, 7; G. Hill, 8. A. Allfrey's longest touch, his age being only 15 years.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 1st, a mixed band of ringers ascended the tower of St. Saviour's church, and succeeded in ringing true and complete, the first half of Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 28 mins. The above was rung as a welcome to the new curate of the parish. R. Hart, 1; W. L. Holden, 2; P. Nuttall, 3; W. Gorton, 4; J. May, 5; J. Calderbank (first half-peal), 6; Jno. Whitehead (conductor), 7; Hy. Lord, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, January 16th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. T. Whitley, 1; G. Davis, 2; S. Pitt, 3; W. Wakeman, 4; H. Williams (conductor), 5;

W. Smith, 6. First 720 by Whitley, Davis, and Pitts. And on Friday, January 31st, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Wakeman, 1; G. Davis, 2; H. Williams (conductor), 3; J. Crane, 4; W. Smith, 5; H. Smith, 6.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, February 2nd, for Divine Service at St. John's church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently). F. Davis (age 16), 1; J. Rose (conductor), 2; W. Jefferies, 3; J. Davis, 4; J. Laws, 5; W. Everard, 6.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 15th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. G. Bowell, 1; *W. Hazell, 2; J. Starling, 3; *A. Fuller, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Friday, January 24th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Humm, 1; A. J. King, 2; A. Taylor, 3; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 4; G. Humm, 5. This was rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a last token of respect to W. Delf, Esq., who was churchwarden for four years. And on Sunday, January 26th, several 6-scores were rung with the bells muffled, for morning and evening service.

GREAT BARDFIELD (Essex).—On Saturday evening, February 1st, the St. Mary's company from Stebbing paid a visit to this place, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), on the bells of the parish church. *A. Barker, 1; H. Emery, 2; W. Farrow, 3; *W. Emery, 4; *E. Hynds, 5; *J. T. Barker (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by the first four on church bells. *Members of the Essex Association. And some 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Doubles, T. Ruffel, 2; E. Hynds (conductor). Touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and St. Simon's were rung on the handbells. The bells, which have lately been rehung by Messrs Taylor, of Loughborough, are in first class ringing order.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 11th, at the parish church, the local company rang 1824 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being the first part of the late Mr. H. Johnson's peal. S. Slater (conductor), 1; A. Ambrose, 2; H. Smith, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; T. King, 5; F. Wells, 6; J. Bird, 7; O. Garwood, 8. And a 560 Bob Major. J. Slater, 1; A. Ambrose, 2; H. Parker (first touch), 3; S. Slater, 4; T. King, 5; C. Honeybell, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. On Saturday, February 1st, the undermentioned met with the intention of ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but one not turning up till late 1152 was rung. S. Slater (conductor), 1; A. Ambrose, 2; H. Smith, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Duce, 5; F. Wells, 6; T. King, 7; H. Harper, 8.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Tuesday, January 21st, for practice, the local company rung 504 Stedman Triples. G. Rochester, 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban (conductor), 3; J. Tarling, 4; F. W. Tarling, 5; H. Saban, 6; W. Morris, 7; C. Matthews, 8. Also 216 in the same method. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; J. Tarling, 4; F. W. Tarling, 5; W. Morris, 6; H. Saban, 7; C. Matthews, 8. Also 364 Grandsire Triples. C. Matthews, 1; G. Rochester, 2; A. Brown, 3; T. Saban, 4; J. Tarling, 5; F. W. Tarling, 6; W. Morris (conductor), 7; H. Saban, 8. And on Sunday, February 2nd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; N. W. Tarling, 2; T. Saban, 3; A. Brown, 4; W. Morris, 5; W. J. Pleasance, 6; H. Saban, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. And for evening service, 420 in the same method. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; J. Tarling, 5; H. Saban, 6; W. Morris, 7; C. Matthews, 8.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 504 Grandsire Triples in 21½ mins. W. Wakelin, 1; R. Crossman, 2; T. W. Radford, 3; J. Summerhayes, 4; J. Burge, 5; J. Maddock, 6; T. Doble (conductor), 7; J. Cridland, 8. Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs. Rung as a farewell touch to Mr. Wakelin, who is leaving Taunton for Barnstaple.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 4th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. G. Byde, 1; *F. M. Butler, 2; C. Byde, 3; J. W. Cooley, 4; †A. Garrott, 5; †S. Frost, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. *First 720. †Members of the Surrey Association.

CORRECTIONS IN MR. ATTREE'S ANALYSIS.

In the analysis of peals published last week the names of three Associations, whose total of peals was the same, got transposed as to the methods rung. They should read as follows:—

		Jan. to Nov.	Decr.	Total	Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire	On 6 bells	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman	Total	Position in 1886.	Position in 1887.	Position in 1888.	
16.	United Counties' Association	19	..	2	..	21	..	15	..	2	..	2	..	21	..	8th 12th 11th
17.	Winchester Diocesan Guild	19	..	2	..	21	..	1	..	11	..	3	..	3	..	14th 16th 20th
18.	Surrey Association ..	18	..	3	..	21	..	5	..	10	..	4	..	1	..	15th 15th 9th

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—FEBRUARY MEETING.

A General Meeting of the above will be held at Shotley Bridge on Monday, February 17th. The Committee will meet at the "Commercial" inn at 1 p.m., and all members of the committee are especially requested to attend. Dinner at the "Commercial" inn at 2 p.m.; tickets, 1s. each to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside (tenor 14 cwt.), Christ Church, Consett (tenor 17 cwt.), and St. Mary's, Lanchester (tenor 9 cwt.), will be open to ringers during the day. It is particularly requested that members who have not already done so will forward their subscriptions at their earliest convenience. It is also requested that secretaries of the different branches will forward at once an account of the ringing done in 1889 by the respective companies. This is very necessary in order to complete the report. The bells of St. Mary's (R.C.) church, tenor 22 cwt., will also be at the disposal of the ringers.

LANCELOT NEWTON, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Hatfield to-day, Saturday, February 15th, when by kind permission, the tower will be open from 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. at the house of Mr. Kentish, after which the business meeting will be held. Members requiring cheap tickets to Hatfield by the Great Northern line will please send in their names to me not later than Wednesday, February 12th. Members whose subscriptions are in arrear, are asked to remit the same to the Secretary as soon as possible.

St. Albans.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Oswaldtwistle, to-day, Saturday, February 15th. Belfry open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock; tickets 1s. each.

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ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. J. SHEPHERD, *Branch Sec.*

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, near Liverpool (six-bell tower), on Saturday, February 22nd. The peal of six at Bootle will also be open for ringing. Bells ready at each place at 3.30. Meeting in the schoolroom at Walton at 6 p.m.

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RICHARD HILL, *Hon. Sec.*

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

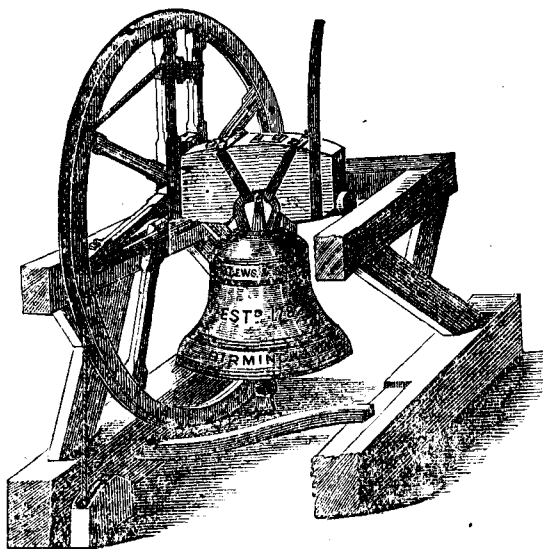
A GENERAL MEETING of the Guild will be held at Southport on Saturday, February 22nd, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and for the adoption of rules, etc. The bells of Christ Church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5.45 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.

Black Moss Lane, Aughton. W. BENTHAM, *Secretary pro tem.*

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

There will be a ringing meeting of the above Association at St. Anne's church, Highgate, to-day, Saturday, February 15th. Tower open at 5 o'clock p.m.

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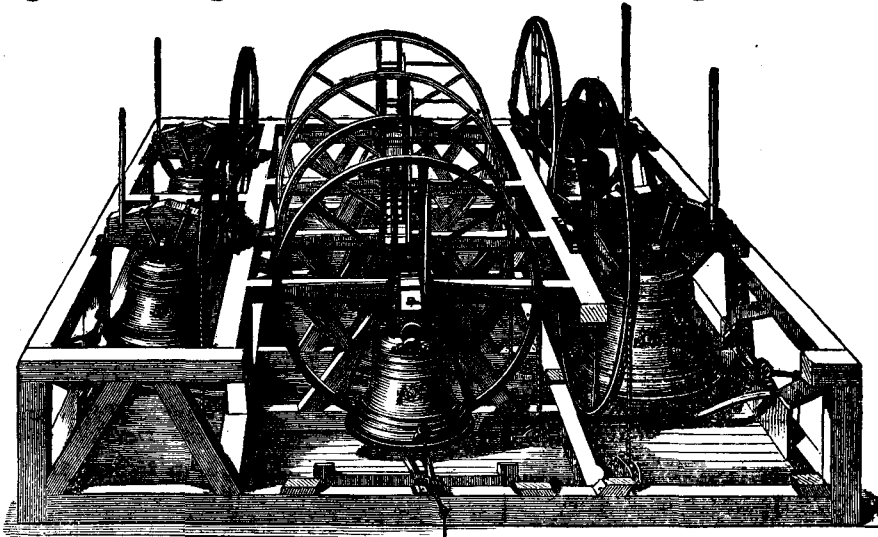
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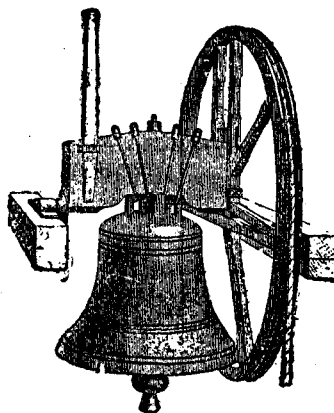
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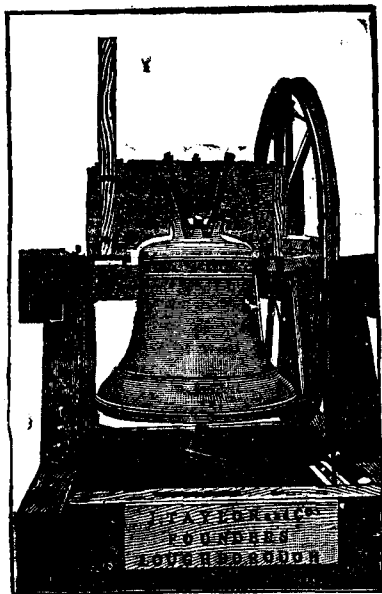
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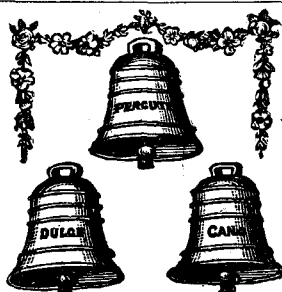
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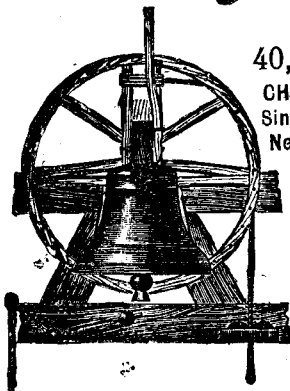
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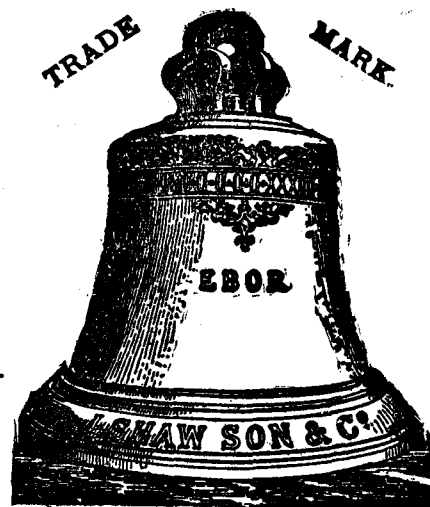
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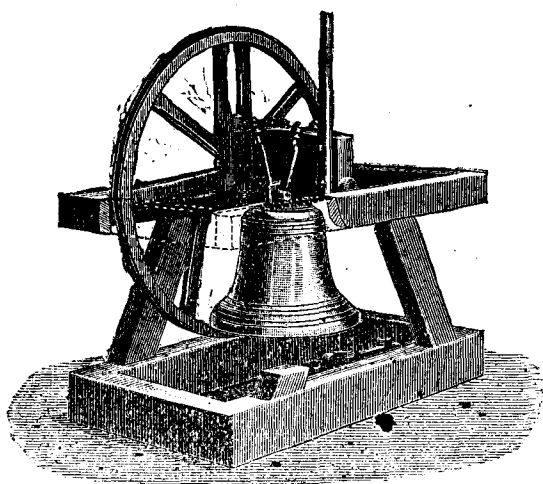
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MR. HAWEIS AND CHANGE-RINGING.

Communicated by REV. W. E. CARPENTER.

In the February number of the *English Illustrated Magazine* there is an article entitled "Bells and Belfries" by the Rev. H. R. Haweis, which some of the readers of our paper may have seen. It is chiefly devoted to the praise of the Belgian carillons, and there is much that is of interest in it, but it is disfigured by the following absurdities. It will be noticed that Mr. Haweis even descends to "triple-bob-major," that nonsensical term so dear to the ignorant hater of change-ringing:—

"... the wearisome and purgatorial sequences of your famous peal of eight or twelve bells which is usually the beginning and the end of the English founders, and the English ringers' ambition.

"I do not wish to be hard on English bell-ringing. It is a healthy and ingenious exercise, and distance certainly lends enchantment to the sound. Its popularity seems reviving, and even ladies, who now shoot and play cricket and the violin are, I am told, taking to bell-ringing, but *music* it is *not*, nor does your true bell-ringer care twopence for the sound or the tune; all he thinks of is whether the bell swings easily, and whether he can dodge it, snap it, triple-bob-major it, and so on in time.

"About 1657 the ingenious Fabian Stedman invented the present purgatorial system of change-ringing *ad infinitum*. The affair is simple; it requires a little arithmetic and a strong arm—no fine musical ear, and certainly no love of music. Take three bells and begin 123, 132, 213, 231, 312, 321. This is much simpler than writing a tune, and you can go on for ever. The full changes on twenty-four bells would occupy, so the mathematicians assure me, at the rate of two strokes a second, 171,000 billions of years.

"That would be Stedman's heaven. But the bell-ringer's Paradise is the musician's Inferno. I may here add that the deterioration of English bells is also largely due to bell-ringing. The best form of bell not being the easiest to ring."

He finishes the paper with the hope that English bell-ringers may soon be superseded by the carillonneur, seated like an organist at his keyboard, and playing selections from Handel, Bach, or even Mendelssohn from the pianoforte score.

Such nonsense as this might well be passed over in silence, but appearing as it did in the pages of a deservedly-popular magazine, and under the signature of one who commands the ear of a pretty considerable audience, I felt that it ought not to be allowed to go unnoticed. Unfortunately the magazine in question does not admit correspondence, and the only course open to me was to remonstrate with Mr. Haweis through the post, which I did as follows:—

"DEAR SIR,—I have read with great interest your article on 'Bells and Belfries' in the February number of the *English Illustrated Magazine*, and hope that at some time I may hear the beautiful music from the Belgian towers in which you so delight. But as an English bell-ringer, and the representative of one of our large Associations formed with the object of securing the due recognition of bell-ringers as Church-workers, and for the English art of change-ringing which you despise, I cannot forbear challenging you upon some points of your otherwise interesting paper. It may appear to you somewhat over bold for an humble individual unknown to fame to differ from you; but I write in the cause of truth, and with regret that the weight of your name should add in any way to the many difficulties with which our ringers have to contend.

"I should like, if you will bear with me, to comment upon one or two points in your paper as one who has a practical knowledge of English ringers and ringing.

"1. You say, p. 384:—'I do not wish to be hard on English bell-ringing. It is a healthy and ingenious exercise,' etc. May I point out that it is an exercise which may be used for God's glory as well as an organ voluntary or carillon music: that it gives the opportunity to a vast body of men to use their bodies and minds in God's service. Our Guilds and Associations are formed for the purpose of teaching the ringer that he is a Church

worker, and encouraging the proper and reverent use of the bells. They therefore should command the hearty support of the clergy, more especially as it was owing to the neglect of the clergy in past times that our ringers and belfries fell into the unsatisfactory condition from which they are slowly, but I hope surely emerging.

"You say, '*music* it is *not*.' I say most emphatically that a well-struck touch on a good peal of well-tuned bells is real music (of course you cannot expect music from a peal out of tune, any more than you would from an organ in the same state); and I also say that the true bell-ringer cares very much for the sound and the tune. Any book on ringing will prove this to you.

"3. Surely it was worth while, in making use of ringing terms, to take care that you used them rightly. There is no such thing as 'triple-bob-majoring' a bell. 'Triple bob major' is an expression that people who know nothing of change-ringing are fond of using, but it is an utterly absurd one, as 'triple' means that seven bells are changing, while 'major' means that eight are doing so.

"4. Do you know anything of the 'purgatorial system' invented by the ingenious Fabian Stedman? If so, you would find that to ring it requires no arithmetic to speak of except being able to count; it does not require much strength unless you are ringing a big bell; and to ring it as it should be rung, and frequently is rung, does require a fine musical ear and a love of music. The changes of three bells you quote certainly form part of the basis of Stedman's method, but that is all, and his method cannot really be rung on less than seven bells.

"5. I venture to think that neither Stedman nor any other ringer would care to practice change-ringing upon 24 bells, though I suppose that remark merely a piece of pleasantry.

"Your strictures upon Big Ben and his family every ringer who has ever heard him will agree with, and I am sure that, if we had a few bell-ringers in Parliament, he would have been melted down long ago.

"I am very glad that Severin van Aerschoot intended your beautiful Belgian bells (engravings of which appeared) to be rung, as they are furnished with cannons and clappers; and you certainly cannot get the full beauty and harmony from a bell unless it is struck in the proper way by its own clapper, and not merely tapped on the outside. If you could with your influence sometimes get the clappers of bells improved, you would I believe, often find that the fault of an untuneful bell lies there as much as in the bell itself. May I say that it would have added to the interest of your paper if you had explained a little the diagram of the carillon, and stated the reason for the four hammers to each bell. My remarks have reached a greater length than I intended, which I hope in the cause of truth and fairness you will forgive."

To this letter I received the following answer:—

"Dear Sir,—I am much obliged for your interesting letter on bell-ringing. Yrs., H. R. HAWEIS."

That reply, I think, speaks for itself.

E. W. C.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at St. Andrew's, Leyland, on Saturday, February 8th. Members attended from Blackrod, Chorley, Eccleston, St. Andrew's Leyland, St. James', Leyland, and Penwortham. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Victoria, College Single Bob, London Single Bob, and Plain Bob Minor. At five o'clock the members adjourned to the Grammar School, where the usual meeting was held. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and other business gone through, the meeting was brought to a close with the usual votes of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in placing the bells at the disposal of the members of the Association, and to the chairman for presiding.

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ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

The Annual General Meeting of this Society took place on Saturday, February 8th, in the Church Room, Fulham. Members began to assemble at about 4 o'clock p.m., when, with two touches of Grandsire Caters, conducted respectively by Mr. Wright, of Kingston, and J. W. Driver, of Fulham, the proceedings were opened, after which the whole company adjourned to the parish church, where a very appropriate service was conducted by the Vicar and President of the Society, the Rev. F. H. Fisher, M.A. In the course of an excellent address, founded upon the text "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," the Vicar remarked that whatsoever we have to do we should give ourselves to sparing no pains in order that the same may be done in as perfect a manner as possible; that the man who does not his work with all his might is a hindrance and a nuisance, and impressed upon his hearers the necessity of applying this precept in their ordinary occupations and work. The preacher then proceeded to give useful advice on the four lessons of "Patience, Generosity, Carefulness, and Watchfulness," which may be acquired from ringing, pointing out in clear and concise language their application both in the ordinary concerns of life, and in the practices held in the Church belfry by the members.

At the conclusion of the service the company assembled in the Church room, where a substantial tea was in readiness, and to which ample justice was done, the Vicar occupying the head of the table.

Mr. F. Kelley having been voted to the chair, the Secretary read a letter which had been presented by the Master (Mr. J. W. Kelley), who was unavoidably absent through illness, containing a report of the progress and performances of the Association during the year.

Then followed the report of the Secretary, which showed the present numerical strength of the society to be thirty-three in number, comprising twelve ordinary and twenty-one honorary members; that during the year eight peals had been rung, of which the Master had conducted 5; F. Newman, 1; C. F. Winny, 1; and Norman E. Snow, 1; that on two occasions Holt's Original had been rung, whilst one composed by J. W. Kelley had also been added to the number of successful peals.

Credit had to be taken for seven quarter-peals; the first 504 of Stedman Triples on February 28th, 1889, and a touch of 540 Grandsire Caters on May 25th in celebration of the eighty-fourth birthday of "Honest John Phelps," an old Fulham ringer, are also recorded; 3000 changes of Holt's ten-part, conducted by W. E. Garrard, who started for a peal of Triples, having been rung on June 6th, the attempt was brought to an abrupt termination through the tenor rope breaking. Another 504 of Stedman Triples, conducted by C. F. Winny, was performed on May 23rd.

To particularise upon the merits of individual members would take too long, but at least one word of praise appears due to Mr. N. E. Snow, who was elected a member on February 28th, 1889; rang in his first peal in May; conducted a quarter-peal in August, and conducted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples on January 7th, 1890, being his twenty-second birth-day.

A glance at the balance-sheet shows an amount of £1 18s. 1½d. in hand, which bearing in mind the fact that the only receipts accruing are those payable in fees by the members on practice nights is a very satisfactory condition of finance. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers having been proposed, the same was responded to by the Secretary, after which in pursuance of the usual custom, new officers for the ensuing year were appointed.

A further vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to the vicar for his address and use of the room. The handbells were then brought into requisition, the intervals between the use of which being ably and enjoyably filled up by vocal music, volunteered by several of the members, the meeting terminating at eleven o'clock.

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

The annual meeting of the above society was held at Boyne Hill on Saturday. During the morning a peal of Stedman Triples, in a new variation, composed by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, Chief Instructor to the Guild, and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Master, was rung by the local band in about 2 hours and 45 minutes, and several other touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. The ringing generally bore ample testimony to the high efficiency of the branch, which was afterwards characterised in the speeches of the master and chairman as one of the most prominent and important in the Guild. After tea in the boys' school, to which six clerical and about 50 lay members sat down, under the presidency of the Branch Chairman (Rev. A. H. Drummond), the usual business was transacted. The chairman, officers and committee resigned their offices and were unanimously re-elected; and the balance-sheet was read by the Secretary (Rev. R. P. Newhouse) and passed. The chairman in his speech noticed with satisfaction the continued improvement and progress of the branch, both in scientific change-ringing and in the numbers of honorary and ringing members. After referring to the death of Captain Robson, a constant and steadfast supporter of the Branch, and to the presence of Mr. E. Rogers, the treasurer, after recovery from illness, he stated that Old Windsor and Wraysbury had joined the Branch, while Farnham Royal had returned with a strong band to its place in the members' list. He concluded by advising unattached members to join a tower when possible, in order to promote solidarity and mutual goodwill, and by reading letters of apology from several hon. members who were unable to be present.

The Master of the Guild (Rev. F. E. Robinson) then made a short and interesting speech, in which he congratulated the branch on its condition and enthusiasm in the art of change-ringing. It took a high place, he said, in a guild which itself ranked amongst the foremost associations in the country. Referring to the peal which he had conducted that morning, he paid a well-deserved compliment to the efforts of Messrs. Washbrook and Parker (Farnham Royal) in investigating and elaborating the higher and more intricate methods in the exercise. He hoped that the approaching formation of a Central Association for Change-Ringers, initiated by Mr. Heywood, of Duffield, would raise and consolidate the position of ringing and ringers throughout the country, and give prominence to the art as an important sphere of Church work.

After a vote of thanks to the preacher (by anticipation) had been proposed by the chairman, the members proceeded to the church for evensong, at which an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. E. J. Norris, of Marlow, on Psalm xc., 17. The whole proceedings were very satisfactory and encouraging to those who took part in them, and neither illness nor the inclement weather seriously diminished one of the largest of such gatherings ever held in this neighbourhood.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

ON Saturday evening, February 1st, the St. Thomas's society held their annual supper at Mrs. Underwood's, the "Car and Horses," Market Street, when thirty, including ringing friends from Brierley Hill, Clent, Oldswinford, Wordsley, and Wollaston, sat down to an excellent supper provided by Mrs. Underwood in her usual capital style, to which full justice was done. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. C. Barrett (Stourbridge), occupied the chair, and Mr. H. Hartshorne (Brierley Hill), the vice-chair. The usual loyal toasts were duly acknowledged. A course of Grandsire Triples: H. Hartshorne, 1-2; W. Short, 3-4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5-6; G. H. Pagett, 7-8. Mr. H. Dakin gave "Success to the St. Thomas's society."

Mr. G. H. Pagett (Local Sec.), thanked the proposer for the kind reference he had made to the band, and referred to the marked improvement they had made in the art, notwithstanding the bad condition of the bells, but the churchwarden had inspected them, and he had promised to have them rehung as early as possible, as some of them were unringable now. The ringing for the past year was twenty-three 720's in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford

Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, and three peals, two of Plain Bob and one of Grandsire Triples. The Secretary took this opportunity of thanking their friends who had visited and assisted them.

The "Health of the Hostess" was given and acknowledged. A good course of Caters followed. A. Orford, 1-2; W. F. Hartshorne, 3-4; W. Short, 5; H. Harris, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; J. Guest, 8; H. Hartshorne, 9-10. During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given. The songs by Mr. E. S. Chapman (Wordsley), "The British Lion" and "The Heart bowed down" were much admired. The proceedings were brought to a close after a pleasant evening's enjoyment by all singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the Queen."

CHURCH CHOIR SUPPER AT WELLINGBOROUGH.

ON Thursday evening, February 6th, the choirs in connection with the parish church and St. Barnabas, together with the sidesmen and ringers, to the number of seventy, sat down to supper at the Drill Hall. The Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot occupied the chair, and supporting him at the head table were the churchwardens (Messrs. J. T. Parker and W. E. Askham), and Messrs. J. T. Smith, W. J. Henry, J. W. Fisher, S. H. Kimbell, G. Finch, T. Gillitt, L. C. Knight, Robinson, and Kilborn, jun. The Revs. F. M. P. Sheriffs, C. E. Lambert, and L. N. Pickford were also present.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, those of "The Choirs," "Vicar," "Churchwardens," "Sidesmen," etc. followed, interspersed with songs, tunes and changes on the handbells.

Mr. J. T. Smith, in proposing "The Ringers and Chimers," spoke of the good quality of the music the townsfolk were now accustomed to hear sounding out from their old church tower. Although he lived so near the church, he never found the bells an annoyance, but was always pleased to hear them strike up. He congratulated the ringers on the character for punctuality and regular attendance that they now bore.

Mr. E. J. Dennes (Belfry Sidesman), in reply stated that they had now twenty men connected with the belfry, including the two old veterans—John Harley and John Youle. He attributed the present satisfactory state of bells, chimes, and belfry matters generally to the fact that steeplekeeper, clockman, sexton, and ringers, all took an interest in their work, and attended to their own particular business to the best of their ability. In a town church such as Wellingborough, with its clock and quarter-chimes and carillons, also frequent services, it was necessary that there should be no friction between the different departments in the tower. He was most grateful to Messrs. Ette and West for their regular attendance on practice nights, and the help they gave him in bringing on the probationers. He also begged to thank the Archdeacon and Churchwardens for the kindness and consideration the ringers always received at their hands. They were fortunate in having a vicar who was a practical ringer. If the curates would visit the belfry occasionally they would be very welcome, and he felt sure that any information those gentlemen were able to obtain with regard to the management of bells would be most useful to them when they became vicars or rectors. There would be less disputes between clergy and ringers if the former were better acquainted with the method of sounding church bells and the men who rang them.

The whole affair passed off most successfully, and Mr. J. T. Smith (who always undertakes the management of the supper), was warmly thanked for the interest he shows in this parish gathering year by year.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BATLEY CARR, YORKS.

ON Tuesday, February 4th, the stationed ringers of the above church were entertained to an excellent dinner at the "Shoulder of Mutton," by Mr. Smith Ward, vicar's warden. After several courses were ended, the cloth was drawn, and Mr. Ward took the chair, when the usual toasts were given. The Chairman, in proposing the health of the ringers, said it gave him great pleasure to be amongst them, especially on an occasion like the present. He was glad to know that the ringers had always

endeavoured to do their duty, and attain a degree in the science of change-ringing, which they need not be ashamed of, and he hoped they would shew the same respect to the ensuing warden as they had to him.

Mr. Blackburn, in responding on behalf of the ringers, thanked him for the kind manner in which he had entertained them. He might say that it was the desire of the present company to fulfil their office with satisfaction to their officers and credit to themselves. Several songs were sung including "What an afternoon," by Mr. Ward, which brought down the house; Mr. Riley's recitation being well applauded. Other songs were sung by the rest of the company, and several touches were rung on the handbells by Messrs. Blackburn, Stead, Simon, Mitchell, and Idle. Time was at last called when the evening had been spent to the desire of all.

A DOUBTFUL RECORD.

Having noticed in "THE BELL NEWS" a letter respecting peals on heavy rings of bells, and thinking the enclosure might be somewhat interesting to the introducers of the subject, the above enclosure is extracted from the "*Yorkshire Gazette*" of March 19th, 1831, by W. H. Howard.

"STEPLE HARMONY.—On Monday last, the 14th inst., precisely at meridian, a portion of the Society of S. Peter's Youths of this City, assembled at the Cathedral and rung boldly through a complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, on the 8 tenor bells, which was performed in a masterly style, being pleasingly struck and truly brought round in 3 hours and 19 minutes, by the following artistes, viz.:—3rd bell as treble, Mr. Wm. Penalton; 4th Mr. Wm. Ruddock, sen.; 5th Mr. Geo. Waud, sen.; 6th Mr. David Bell; 7th Mr. John Wadsworth; 8th Mr. Wm. Ruddock, jun., who called the peal; 9th Mr. Joseph Douglas; Tenor Mr. Henry Dodsworth. Weight of treble 11 cwt. and of the tenor 53½ cwt. of bell metal. We understand that the ringers assembled expressly to ring 5039 of Caters upon the entire peal of 10 bells, but two of their members being confined through sickness, and a third prevented from attending by a severe domestic calamity, a change of measures became necessary, nevertheless, all their wishes would have been frustrated having but seven disposable men left, had not Mr. Douglas, as a friend kindly offered his efficient services."

At the present time we think the above was the last peal rung on the then ring of bells previous to their destruction in 1840, by an accidental fire, and also the tenor man would have assistance, although not named in the record, for I never knew it to be rung by one man at any time. W. H. H.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday last, February 15th, a meeting of this branch was held at Oswaldtwistle, when about thirty members attended from Blackburn, Church, Hoddleston, and Oswaldtwistle. Several peals and touches were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was served at 5.30 at the "White Bull" hotel, after which the meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Walker, of Blackburn (President of the Branch), who delivered an elaborate address on the advantages of Associations. At the close of the meeting nine new members were made. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens, host and hostess, and chairman, brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close. The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe, on Saturday, April 12th.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—The usual district meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, February 15th, at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom. Thirty-eight members sat down to a substantial meat tea (with sweets, etc.) kindly provided by the St. Paul's Society, at the expense of the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Corbould. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon. After tea the meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar. It was resolved to hold an Association meeting at the parish church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 8th. The usual votes of thanks were tendered to the Vicar for the splendid tea, and also for the use of tower and bells. The Vicar, in reply, spoke at some length on the duties of ringers, and urged them to support the Association in its work. At the close of the meeting a recitation was well rendered by Mr. Heyworth, of the St. Paul's Society. During the evening touches of Grandsire Triples and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung on the tower bells. Thus a very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close towards nine o'clock.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. J. PARKER.

I have already shewn in peal No. 6 a neat way of getting a shunt in the space of fourteen sixes. It may be taken for granted that we get the same result in all cases if the following class of course-ends, $x \times 6 \times x \times$ is produced with bobs at 5-6, or 7-8, or $6 \times x \times x \times$ with 3-4-7-8. There is another kind of shunt which is of interest in connection with the following class of course-end: $x \times x \times 6 \times$, if the calling finishes with bobs at 12-13, we get a shunt in the space of fourteen sixes by calling singles at 9 and 14. This shews that we can get a shunt in a set of 3-4-7-8-12-13 courses; also in certain peals which require a shunt, we need not call a single till we reach the fourteenth six in the eleventh course, and then get the shunt in the twelfth course, and still bring up a 6-7 part-end. And further, it proves that we can have peals with all the 3-4 positions bobbed.

It seems to me that these kind of shunts are the best, unless we want to turn the course of any particular portion. I give below a five-part, which I think will be of interest, and I have made bold to give $x \times y$ to represent the 12-13 positions.

No. 10.	5040.	IN FIVE PARTS.									
2 3 1 4 5 6	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	11	x	y	14						
5 4 1 3 2 6	- -	-	-	-	-						
2 4 6 3 5 1	- -	-	-	-	-						
5 4 3 1 6 2	- - -	-	-	-	-	s	-	-	-	-	s
6 1 3 4 5 2	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 4 6 5 3 2	- - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 2 1 5 3 6	- -	-	-	-	-	s	-	-	-	-	-
6 4 3 5 2 1	- - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 4 1 5 6 3	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 5 1 2 4 6	- - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 5 6 2 3 1	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 2 6 5 4 1	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 1 6	- - s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

I have said in some of my previous remarks that there were nine problems which gave ten 504s, and I have given two of these in peal form (No. 6 and No. 10). I also give below another, which is of interest. It will be seen that it is upon the same lines as Thurstans', but instead of getting four quarter-peals, we get 504s, and there is this peculiar feature in the calling of the first half—it counts the same if reversed, that is if the singles are omitted; also the similarity in the calling of the two halves.

No. 11.	5040.	IN TEN PARTS.									
2 3 1 4 5 6	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	x	y	14	2 5 4 3 1 6						
2 4 6 3 5 1	- -	-	-	-	-	1 5 6 3 2 4					
5 4 3 1 6 2	- -	-	-	-	s	2 5 3 4 6 1					
2 1 3 5 4 6	- - -	-	-	-	-	5 2 3 4 1 6					
2 5 6 1 4 3	- -	-	-	-	-	1 2 6 4 5 3					
5 1 2 4 6 3	- - -	-	-	-	-	2 4 1 5 6 3					
3 4 2 5 1 6	- - -	-	-	-	-	4 2 1 5 3 6					

Call s14 at the end of the fifth part, which is followed by bobs at the 5-6 position, to bring up the course-end 254316. Omit all the 7-8 bobs in the second half, and call s2 in the last course. There are two other ways of calling the second half, which I give below, to shew that the peal need not bear so close a resemblance to Thurstans', by starting from 254316.

3-4-5-6	3-4-12-13
3-4-5-6	3-4
5-6	3-4-5-6-12-13
3-4-5-6	12-13
3-4-5-6	5-6-12-13
5-6	3-4

After reading Mr. Heywood's comment upon the way I have given some of my peals, I must confess that it seems absurd to give the 12-13 notation for calls that sometimes come at 10-11 or 14-15, also the 3-4-5-6-7-8 notation for calls

that sometimes come two sixes later. At the same time it shews the natural desire on my part of not wanting it to appear that the calls occur at any other except the usual call places, and that I agree with Mr. Heywood that we want some other way of noting the call places, but after admitting all this, we may still ask the question who but an old hand will know that some of the calls came two sixes sooner or later, as the case may be. Again, by giving calls as 1-2, 10-11, or 14-15, it will appear at first sight that we have a variety of call places. This very fact led me to believe until quite recently that Thurstans' five-part had additional call places, and it is not long since that I discovered that the peal would admit of a transposition with the 7th undisturbed by bobs. Mr. Heywood seems to have a great objection to the giving of the row with the 7th in 4th place, and I may say that I also object to it, but upon my word I can't reconcile myself to the giving of the sham course-end in its stead, or to put it milder, to give a course-end that occurs in some other part of the peal. Now I think Mr. Heywood must admit that by placing the singles at 9 and 11 or 11 and 9 in most of our peals, that these two objectionable features are done away with, and that after what has been said, we shall at least see our way clear to some improvement in the giving, also the music of Stedman Triples, in spite of the many little difficulties.

With regard to there being nothing new in having singles at 9 and 11, I think I am entitled to say that Thurstans does not use the plan in his five-part peal, seeing that the calling must be turned upside down, to get a transposition with singles at 9 and 11 or 11 and 9, and the 7th undisturbed by bobs. Indeed, I fail to see that the peal had ever suggested the plan previous to January 25th, when my peals appeared.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at Hatfield, on Saturday, February 15th, when in spite of the inclement weather a fair muster of members attended from Hertford, St. Albans, Baldock, and Hitchin, besides the members of the local company and several from London. During the afternoon and evening touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung upon the bells of the church of St. Etheldreda. At 6 o'clock an adjournment was made to the house of Mr. J. Kentish, where an excellent tea was provided, to which twenty-four sat down under the presidency of the Rev. Lord William Gascoyne Cecil, the rector. After tea a business meeting was held, and in the absence of the President, Leonard Proctor, Esq., and of the rector (who had to attend a service), Mr. R. A. Fowler, of St. Albans, was requested to act as chairman. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Proctor apologising for his non-attendance, and one from the rector of Barnet expressing his regret at not being able to grant the members the use of the bells of his church for the meeting which it was intended should have been held there. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The provisional election of Mr. Herbert Shepherd, of Hatfield, as a ringing member, was confirmed; Henry Hucks Gibbs, Esq., of Aldenham, was elected an honorary Life Member and patron; the Revs. Canon Davys, rector of Wheathampstead, and Kenneth F. Gibbs, vicar of Aldenham, were elected honorary members, and Mr. F. Long, of St. Albans, was elected a ringing member. The annual meeting was arranged to be held at Hertford on Easter Monday, and various details were discussed in connection with the programme for the occasion.

Votes of thanks having been accorded to the rector for the use of the bells, and also to the chairman and secretary for their services, the members made their way back to the tower, and ringing was resumed until 9 o'clock. Mention should be made of the excellent "go" of the bells, and thanks are due to the members of the local band for seeing to the necessary arrangements.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Ring on, ring on, and bid them come,
Alike both rich and poor.

Two very interesting reports are furnished us in last week's issue. The first of these is an account of the proceedings in connection with the Norwich Association's meeting at Ipswich on the previous Monday. The members there met under sad and uncertain auspices. They had lost both President and Hon. Sec.—the former through removal, and the latter through death. But out of these gloomy surroundings they have emerged even brighter than ever. With Dr. Raven and the Rev. H. E. Bulwer at the helm, we may confidently look forward to a successful future for the Norwich Association.

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I heartily wish Mr. Bulwer every success in the maturing of his plan of forming districts, each with its properly constituted local secretary. When a Society is in its infancy, when its members are few, and the distance between them of a circumscribed character, the society is handy and convenient to manage. But when it grows up, becomes larger, stronger, and extends its area of operations so much that it begins to be a matter of impracticability for numbers of members to meet together or with their officers, except at rare intervals, then comes the imperative necessity of dividing and planning out the work, so that every individual member shall be kept constantly in touch with the Association and its responsible officers. Or, to use another form of expression, when the great wheel of an Association becomes too unwieldy to move satisfactorily by the few chief officers, then there must be smaller wheels formed so as to take off from its weight. But all these smaller circles must be within the great one, and constantly move in the direction of helping it along.

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One might imagine—taking into account the general spirit of our age—that it would be superfluous for me or anyone else to spend time arguing in favour of this mode of mapping out our great Associations into districts, with its accompanying division and sub-division of work. But there are, I know, some who still look upon the scheme with disfavour, who strongly advocate centralisation in preference to it. They contend that by this division of labour what is man's work becomes everybody's, with the inevitable result of not being done at all. Then there is the difficulty, if not even (as they aver) the impossibility of getting suitable men to fill these offices thus created—men who will perform their duties energetically, and without causing actually more work to the general Hon. Sec. than if they did exist, and he performed the whole of the duties himself. Of course, there are these drawbacks to contend with; but we have had to contend with much greater, and—more than that—surmounted them. I believe the opposition to this scheme advocated by Mr. Bulwer, and already adopted by several of our Associations, springs more from a habit of looking at things in general from a pessimistic point of view, than aught else, and as such is bound to vanish sooner or later.

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The other report of interest which I referred to in my opening sentence is that of the Trinity Youths' annual dinner, which I am pleased to see was so successful from every point of view. This is a society whose doings I always view with a peculiar interest. It aims—not at a brilliant record of peal-ringing and record-beating (two very good things in their way) but at accomplishing the more substantial if less "showy"

work of bringing up young ringers. Although I by no means go all the way with Mr. Thornton in his remarks anent the analagous character of Grandsire peal-ringing and waste of time, yet there is a useful moral to be drawn from his observations on that score. The success of the Society which that gentleman has so well served is manifest by the increase in its members from thirteen at its revival in 1888 to eighty-one at the present time. This fact alone is indicative of the good work done by the Society, and justifies in a most ample manner the action of those who brought about its resuscitation. I heartily bid the Trinity Youths God speed! and wish we had amongst us many more societies like theirs.

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Mr. Attree has at length put his foot down on the anonymous complainers. I quite agree with his remarks in the main but fear he is somewhat apt to look at things more as they ought to be than as they are. When an average member has a real or fancied cause of complaint, he is more likely to vent it in the columns of the paper than through a private letter, either to his Hon. Sec. or any one else. Perhaps my friend Mr. Attree will remember the Frenchman's celebrated illustration of an Englishman's characteristics in this respect, which was to the effect that if John Bull saw a lion in his path, the first thing he would do would be to call for a policeman, and the next to write to the papers about it. That is, of course, "stretched," but notwithstanding, it illustrates what is human nature in an Englishman. However inconvenient or unpleasant it may be at times, we have to deal with men as we find them—not as we think they ought to be, or would wish them to be. Thus when they gave vent to unreasonable or incorrect complaints, instead of treating them with contemptuous silence, I would endeavour to so effectually expose their hollowness, as to cause others to be chary of getting themselves into "hot water." That is how I would deal with complainers.

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Is anyone gifted with sufficient powers of imagination as to be able to conjure up the picture presented in Reading belfry on the 26th of last month? Fancy the noise overhead caused by the bell making a precipitous and quite unorthodox descent into the pit; then the stampede in the room below; each one frantically endeavouring to get first to the other side of the door, while the ropes dangled about in all directions as the bells ceased themselves in happy freedom! Then fancy the disconsolate position of the unhappy campanologist whose attempted emulation of Deerfoot had resulted in his returning home minus coat tail. "Oh, ye gods and little fishes," what a sight for a painter—what a theme for a poet! But, seriously speaking, what must be thought of a steeple-keeper (if they had one) or of a company of ringers (if they hadn't) who could be so neglectful as to let this state of things exist which is related in the paragraph in question? Here is a bell which has been "going bad for a long time," with a gudgeon that had been "partly broken for years," and still we are left to infer that nothing was done to put it right. Had the bell been lifted out for examination as to the reason of its bad going, the cause must have been seen at once, and thus this accident been prevented. But perhaps the relating of it will cause greater care to be exercised both at Reading and elsewhere, and thus eventually good come out of evil.

FREE LANCE.

P.S.—In the last line but four of my last week's notes, for "discussions," read "dissensions." Perhaps my not too perfect caligraphy has caused this "printer's error."

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With the next number we again take up our Portrait Album, which has been in abeyance for one month from circumstances over which we have had no control. The portraits will appear in the second week of each month as before, but we shall be compelled, in order to keep faith with our yearly subscribers, to make good the arrear caused last month. The portrait next week will be that of Mr. THOMAS HATTERSLEY of Sheffield.

The Metropolis.

CRIPPLEGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 15, 1890, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in Cg.

JAMES PETTIT	Treble.	*ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 7.
FRANCIS E. DAWE	2.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 8.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW	3.	*HENRY G. FRUIN 9.
CHALLIS F. WINNY	4.	*RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 10.
ROBERT JAMESON	5.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 11.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 6.		WALTER PRIME

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY of Sheffield, and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

*First peal on 12 bells. Mr. R. T. Hibbert hails from Reading. He returns home much pleased at having succeeded in the performance which had been specially arranged in honour of his birthday, he having attained the age of 21 years on the above day. Messrs. Hounslow and Washbrook hail from Oxford. Mr. R. Jameson, the steeple-keeper, is in his 70th year.

CAMBERWELL, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 15, 1890, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5050 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON	Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE 6.
CHARLES E. MALIM	2.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
ARTHUR JACOB	3.	*ALBERT E. CHURCH .. 8.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT* 4.		*HUGH SCARLETT 9.
ALBERT PITTAM*	5.	JAMES BARRETT

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

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The Provinces.

SETTLE, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE	Treble.	WILLIAM MASON 5.
CRISTOPHER LANGSTROTH .. 2.		WILLIAM WHITAKER .. 6.
WILLIAM WELLOCK	3.	JOHN MCKELL
WILLIAM BILLOWS	4.	WILLIAM D. HILLARY .. 7.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by J. MCKELL.

This peal contains the 4th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6. This is the first peal accomplished on these bells, which were opened on December 23rd, 1887, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee.

TREVETHIN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE CAERLEON SOCIETY.

On Thursday, February 13, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

B. ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROMULUS LE VESCONTE .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. ARNOLD .. 5.
HENRY SHEARN	2.
FRANK GREEN	3.
JOHN W. JONES	4.
	EVAN DAVIES
	FRANCIS E. WARD 7.
	*THOMAS DEAN

Conducted by FRANCIS E. WARD.

*First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of sympathy with the sufferers by and in memory of the 175 victims of the sad explosion at Llanerch colliery (which is in the parish), on the 6th inst., amongst whom was Alfred Thomas, late a member of the local band of ringers, some sixty of whom were buried in Trevethin Churchyard. Thanks are hereby expressed to Mr. Geo. Mason, the local leader, for having the bells in readiness, and to the vicar, the Rev. J. C. Llewellyn, for kindly granting the use of the bells.

*CORRECTION.—The peal of Superlative Surprise rung at Duffield on the 12th inst. consisted of 5088 changes, not 5008.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE CROUCHER* Treble.	*ERNEST HEATHORN 5.
JOHN HEATHORN 2.	JOHN J. JONES 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 3.	†WILLIAM GROVE 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	MICHAEL BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM GROVE.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal in the method, and was rung at the first attempt. Rung as a birthday peal for E. Heathorn, who attained his 21st year the day previous, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 14, 1890, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ORIGINAL ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble.	ALFRED TARBUN 5.
JOHN DAINS 2.	*GEORGE GREEN 6.
HARRY ALLEN* 3.	ALFRED RICHELL 7.
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4.	*EPHRAIM W. HOUGHTEN.. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First attempt for a peal. Messrs. Allen, Green and Richell hail from Great Baddow; Lincoln from Writle; the rest belong to the local company.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Saturday, February 15, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN FOURTEEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 360 each of the following:

Grandsire, Double Bob, Violet Treble Bob, Duke of York, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Double Oxford, Double Court, Yorkshire Court, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY SIMMONDS Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX 4.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 2.	HARRY SMITH 5.
JOSEPH HANDS 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

First 5040 in fourteen methods by the Guild.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1890, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 31 cwt.

THOMAS MANNERING Treble.	JOHN GRANSBURY 6.
REUBEN SIMMONDS 2.	ALFRED PALMER 7.
ALCHIN MOORCRAFT 3.	WILLIAM PALMER Tenor.
ALFRED H. WOOLLEY 4.	GEORGE HADAWAY 5.
GEORGE PAWLEY 5.	

Conducted by T. MANNERING.

Rung a few days after the conductor's 20th birthday; his brother-ringers wish him many happy returns. G. Hadaway hails from Linton, the rest are local.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM PAWSON, HANDBELL FOUNDER, LEEDS.

We, JAMES SHAW, SON & Co., Bellfounders, Bradford, beg to intimate that we have purchased from the executors of the late W. Pawson, the whole of the plant, fittings, and stock-in-trade, as used by him in his late business of bellfounder, therefore we shall be glad to augment, re-place or repair any bells made by him.

To intending customers, we beg to say that as heretofore all orders shall have our best and prompt attention, "Catalogues and price lists on application."

Yours respectfully,

JAS. SHAW, SON & Co.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY

On Saturday, February 15, 1890, in Three Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

GEORGE PEACE* Treble.	DAVID TARLING 5.
WALTER C. DYMCK 2.	†THOMAS COLVERD 6.
THOMAS PALLET† 3.	WILLIAM A. ALPS 7.
GEORGE THURGOOD 4.	*MARK PETTIT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. ALPS.

*First peal.

†First peal with a bob bell.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE STANBROOK* .. Treble.	*EDWARD WILLIS 5.
ALBERT HOSKINS 2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS 7.
FREDERICK DENTRY* .. 4.	EDWARD KEELEY Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

This peal is produced by Thurstan's four quarter-peals, and is the first peal of Stedman Triples rung without the use of extras and all the 4-bob sets being while the 6th is behind. The four quarter-peals are united by the use of common singles at 2 and 14 only, only six of which are used. *First in the method.

HERNE HILL, NEAR FAVERSHAM.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 16, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HERBERT F. FOREMAN .. Treble.	EDWARD PRICE 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 2.	FREDERICK T. HARRIS .. 6.
EDWARD C. FOREMAN 3.	SAMUEL SNELLING 7.
GEORGE A. RANSOM 4.	WILLIAM W. BOULDEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

This is the quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. Willshire, Price and Snelling hail from Sittingbourne, and Messrs. Ransom, Harris and Boulden from Boughton.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1890, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. BRIERLEY Treble.	W. STAINTHORPE 5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE 2.	JAMES RADCLIFFE 6.
JAMES DICKEN 3.	THOMAS B. DICKEN 7.
JOHN HOLDEN 4.	JOHN T. DICKEN Tenor.

Composed by the late JOSEPH FLEMING, and Conducted by

THOS. B. DICKEN.

Messrs. Brierley and the Bros. Radcliffe hail from Saddleworth; the Bros. Dicken from Friezland; Stainthorpe from Birstal; Holden and T. B. Dicken belong to the local company. This is the first Yorkshire Association peal on the bells.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17, 1890, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	GEORGE MAXIM 5.
WALTER P. GRIDLEY 2.	ROBERT MINGAY 6.
OLIVER GARWOOD 3.	GEORGE MAXIM 7.
FREDERICK WELLS 4.	JOHN LEE Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by

SAMUEL SLATER.

The peal contains the 6th the extent at home, and will be found in Snowdon's Treatise, page 28. Maxim, who rang the 7th, hails from Cavendish.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

On Monday, February 17, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

* AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

E. JARVIS	Treble.	G. LADD	5.
J. W. JARVIS	2.	R. MACKMAN	6.
E. MASON	3.	R. JARVIS	7.
C. NEAVEYERSON	4.	J. T. LADD	Tenor.

Conducted by R. MACKMAN.

C. Neaveyerson and J. T. Ladd were elected College Youths, and E. Mason a member of the Eastern Counties' Guild, previous to starting for the peal. E. Mason hails from Boston, and G. Ladd from Finchbeck. Supposed to be the first College Youths' peal in Lincolnshire.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S BRIGHTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 18, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN.	Treble.	HARRY WESTON	5.
ARTHUR A. FULLER	2.	GEORGE A. KING	6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT	3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7.
WILLIAM ALLFREY	4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE	Tenor.

Composed by J. MILLER and Conducted by GEO. F. ATTREE.

The above is the first peal in the method by all the band; also the first ever rung in the county of Sussex; the first by eight members of the Sussex Association, and was accomplished at the first attempt.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1890, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVERSED). Tenor 25 cwt.

H. BIRD	Treble.	J. H. BUSSELL	5.
J. WALL	2.	J. CLARK	6.
E. TURNER	3.	A. BIRD	7.
J. ATKINS	4.	R. CLARK	Tenor.

Conducted by J. WALL.

Date Touches.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON.—On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service at St. Helen's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. Staniland, 1; W. Adkins, 2; W. Burgess, 3; A. Kimbrey, 4; H. Sheard, 5; T. Short (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; G. Holloway, 8.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SHIRE OAKS (Notts).—On Thursday, February 6th, at St. Luke's church, a date touch (1890 changes), in the following methods: 450 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Violet, and 720 New London Pleasure, in 1 hr. 5 mins. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; G. Barrowcliffe, 5; R. Beeston, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. *Messrs. Barrowcliffe and Beeston hails from Worksop; the rest are of the local company.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, February 5th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. F. Lucas, 1; E. Crump, 2; J. Hinton, 3; J. Mason, 4; O. James, 5; W. James, 6; G. Hayward (composer and conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8.

HANBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Lucas, 1; J. Mason, 2; W. Lewis, 3; F. Albutt, 4; W. James, 5; A. Moore, 6; G. Hayward (composer and conductor),

7; G. Moore, 8. Messrs. Lucas, Lewis, and Mason, hail from Colne; J. Allbutt and Hayward from Bromsgrove; the rest belong to Hanbury.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday evening, February 15th, at the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, the following members of the above association rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. G. Simmonds, 1; H. Springall, 2; E. Lucas, 3; Y. Green, 4; F. Norris, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6; A. Whight, 7; C. Dean, 8. Composed by G. Hayward of Bromsgrove. Messrs. Springall, Green and Hayes hail from West Ham, the rest belong to the local company, and this is their longest touch. The striking was exceedingly good, which promises well for the young hands.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, February 9th, for Divine Service at St. Laurence's parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. C. Foxell, 1; J. Potter, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; G. Talbot, 4; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 5; W. J. Williams, 6; W. Newell, 7; W. Johnson, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed by F. W. Hopgood.

COALBROOKDALE (Salop).—On Friday, February 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; A. Wale, 3; R. Dunn, 4; W. Morgan (composer), 5; A. Morgan, 6; A. D. Bradburn (conductor), 7; N. Boden, 8. This was rung as a farewell touch to Arthur Morgan, who is leaving the neighbourhood, his brother-ringers wishing him every success in his Lancashire home.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, February 3rd, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. W. Townsend, 1; C. Harwood, 2; N. E. Snow, 3; W. Maxey, 4; C. Gould, 5; T. H. Holdich (conductor), 6; J. E. Picker, 7; C. W. Jackson, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. This is the longest touch accomplished by local ringers. Tenor 20 cwt.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 16th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, a date touch of Bob Major (1890 changes). R. C. Burrell, 1; W. Hawkes, 2; *H. Allen, 3; R. Wood, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; F. Radley, 6; A. Edwards, 7; W. Lincoln (conductor), 8. *First touch of Major. Composed by H. W. Needham, of Leeds.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, on the occasion of the annual choir festival, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Greaves, 1; G. T. Shaw, 2; S. Cooper, 3; H. Mayall, 4; J. Holden, 5; J. D. Shaw, 6; S. Wrigley, 7; T. B. Dicken (conductor), 8. Composed by S. Marsh.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Monday, February 10th, at St. Saviour's church, the local band rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), having the twelve 7-4's, the twelve 4-6's, and the twelve 6-7's, in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. Bower, 1; J. Milner, 2; H. Reeves (composer and conductor), 3; T. Wood, 4; H. Nunn, 5; R. Elliott, 6; A. Estall, 7; T. Watson, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Saturday, January 8th, was appointed for the band that rang the Original, to meet and have a view of the splendid peal-board which has been erected in this tower, and also to attempt a date touch, composed by the Editor. Unfortunately two of the band could not come through pressure of work and illness, but by making use of two of the young ones at Brentwood, over 1000 changes were rung. W. J. Pigram, 1; J. Scarffe, 2; W. Pegrum, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; J. Gobbett, 5; W. Pye, 6; M. L. Myhill, 7; J. Herbert, 8. Longest length by J. Scarffe.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, February 9th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. S. James, 1; G. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 3; W. Pegrum, 4; G. Roughton, 5; W. Nash, 6; W. Pye, 7; M. Myhill, 8. First quarter-peal by G. Pye.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, January 26th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts 5; I. Cavill (composer and conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 720 Court Single in 25 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, January 31st, for practice, 720 Duke of York in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey,

5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells. Also on Thursday, February 6th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and six singles). W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And 360 College Single. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; I. Hammond, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Jordan (first 720), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, February 9th, for Divine Service, 360 Kent Treble Bob. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This company's summary for the year consists of 133 complete 720's, viz., twenty-nine of Plain Bob Minor, eighteen of Oxford Treble Bob, twelve each of Canterbury Pleasure and Double Court; eleven of Kent Treble Bob; nine each of College Single and Double Oxford Bob; eight of Oxford Bob; seven of Yorkshire Court; four each of Double Bob, Court Single, and Grandsire Minor; and three each of Stanstead Bob, and College Double Bob. Of the foregoing sixty-eight were conducted by Isaac Cavill; twenty-eight by J. Luckey; twenty-three by W. Watts; thirteen by H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford; and one by G. B. Lucas, of Tottenham. It will be seen that the above 133 720's have been rung in fourteen different methods.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 16th, after Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. R. Pinsent, 1; J. Milner, 2; R. Maynard, 3; T. Wood, 4; H. Nunn, 5; R. Elliott, 6; A. Estall (conductor), 7; T. Watson, 8. This was one of the Editor's quarter-peals, containing the twelve 7-4's and the twelve 6-7's.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, February 8th, at the church of Holy Trinity, Barking Road, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. G. Brown, 1; W. H. Dallimore, 2; A. White, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. Doran, 5; H. Randall (conductor), 6. E. Lucas hails from Barking; Doran and Randall from West Ham; the rest belong to the local company.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LANCASTER.—On Tuesday, February 9th, at St. Mary's parish church for practice, the last half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 33 mins. R. S. Hirst (conductor), 1; W. Clayton, 2; R. Walker, 3; T. G. Parker, 4; H. Wilcock, 5; W. H. Hirst, 6; W. Jackson, 7; R. Suart, 8.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—*Handbell Ringing*.—Recently at Trinity College 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 20 mins. Rev. A. H. F. Boughy (Trinity), 1-2; E. B. James (Caius), 3-4; H. L. James (Caius, conductor), 5-6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. H. L. James (Caius, conductor), 1-3; E. B. James (Caius), 3-4; Rev. A. H. F. Boughy (Trinity), 5-6.

THE HORNSEY GUILD.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, February 9th, at the parish church for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles), in 27 mins. E. King, 1; A. Howell, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; G. Griffin, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Barber, 6. And for evening service a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. Griffin, 1; A. Howell, 2; C. Martin (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4. Also after service 720 College Single in 26½ mins. And 360 in the same method. F. Carroway, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; A. Howell, 4; J. Barber, 5; T. Titchener, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the band, and was rung at the first attempt. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Pratchett, 1; T. Card, 2; C. Martin, 3; T. C. Grove, 4; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 5; F. Carroway, 6; W. Pye-English, 7; J. Barber, 8.

HADLEY (Middlesex).—On Saturday, February 8th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. C. Grove, 1; T. Card, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 4; J. Barber, 5; W. Pye-English, 6. This was an attempt for a 5040 changes in five different methods, but it came to grief after ringing 2376 changes.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, February 9th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. G. H. Barnett, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; T. H. Colburn, 3; F. Bennett, 4; E. Heathorn, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; W. Grove (conductor), 7; E. Stone, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

Mr. Barnett hails from Farnham, and this is his first quarter-peal in the method; also first quarter-peal in the method by the conductor and E. Heathorn, and was rung at the first attempt.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Williams, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; T. Salter, 3; T. Bennett, 4; J. Crane, 5; J. Bennett, 6; W. H. Smith (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON.—On Wednesday, February 5th, for practice, by members of the Wirral branch, 2004 Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 18 mins. T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; S. Strong, 6. Longest touch by all, and on the bells. On Sunday morning, February 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 28 mins. T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; S. Strong (first 720 in the method), 6.

WEST KIRBY.—On Saturday, February 8th, the following members of the Wirral branch paid a visit to this place. After waiting an hour (two members having missed the train), 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) was rung, in 26½ mins. T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; S. Strong, 6. Also 120 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and the bells were lowered in peal. First 720 of Grandsire Minor and first 120 of Kent Treble Bob on the bells. The ringers wish to thank Mr. H. A. Heywood for his generosity, and for the use of the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON.—On Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. W. Fisher, 1; A. Kimberly, 2; J. Higg, 3; J. Juggins, 4; H. Sheard (conductor), 5; W. Adkins, 6. And on Wednesday, February 12th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 29 mins. F. Juggins, 1; E. Humfrey, 2; J. Higgs, 3; J. Juggins, 4; H. Sheard (conductor), 5; J. Viner, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. W. Fisher, 1; H. Sheard, 2; J. Juggins, 3; E. Humfrey, 4; W. Adkins (conductor), 5; J. Viner, 6.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Saturday, January 18th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Parker, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; R. Flaxman, 4; J. Guttridge, 5; C. Clarke, 6. J. Guttridge belongs to Old Windsor, and this is his first 720.

FULMER (Bucks).—On Thursday, February 6th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, each in 25 mins. F. Wheeler, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; R. Flaxman, 3; G. Stanbrook, 4; S. Quinton, 5; C. Clarke, 6. J. Guttridge rang the 5th in the Grandsire. Several 120's of Doubles were also rung in which C. Jordan and J. Barington took part.

WRAYSBUURY (Bucks).—On Tuesday, February 4th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. E. Whatmore (conductor), 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; R. Flaxman, 4; S. Quinton, 5; G. Whatmore, 6. Also 168 Grandsire Triples on the handbells, in which the Rev. J. H. Hindson took part.

GORING (Oxon).—Recently, at the parish church of St. Thomas, three 720's of Bob Minor (each called differently). J. Nicholls, 1; J. Bower, 2; W. Lawrence (conductor), 3; J. C. Truss, jun. (Marlow), 4; T. Pocock, 5; E. Bushnell, 6. Afterwards 720 Grandsire Minor, conducted by J. Bower from the tenor.

PANGBOURNE (Berks).—On Friday evening, February 14th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Nicholls, 1; J. Bower, 2; W. Lawrence (conductor), 3; C. Pocock, 4; E. Bushnell, 5; J. W. Washbrook (Oxford), 6. Afterwards 720 College Single, by the same band, the first 720 in the method by all except the conductor, J. W. Washbrook. At the close of the practice, on handbells, in the belfry, a 6-score each of Stedman and Grandsire. J. W. Washbrook, 1-2-3-4; W. Lawrence, 5-6.

EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Friday, February 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, in 14 mins. A. P. Goddard, 1-2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3-4; T. Blackburn, 5-6; W. Lawrence, 7-8.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, February 16th, for Divine Service at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 44 mins. *W. Gill, 1; †B. E. Howe, 2; †J. Sugden, 3; G. Titterton, J. Mawson, 5; B. T. Copley (conductor), 6; S. Palfra-man, 7; *J. Joyce, 8. *First quarter-peal. †First with a bob bell.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, February 10th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Wise, 1; T. Durling (conductor), 2; H. P. Harman, 3; J. Emery, 4; G. French, 5; T.

Harford, 6; W. Smith, 7; W. Gutteridge, 8. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles with 4, 6, 8 behind. T. Harford (conductor), 1; T. Durling, 2; J. Emery, 3; G. French, 4; H. P. Harman, 5; A. Wise, 6; W. Smith, 7; W. Gutteridge, 8.

CODDINGTON (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, February 9th, at All Saints' church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Thomas, 1; C. Hall, 2; C. Greening, 3; J. Thomas, 4; S. C. Layton, 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6. First 720 of Oxford by all the band, and on the bells.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Monday, January 27th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Carter, 1; W. Lee, 2; F. Wells, 3; R. Inch, 4; W. Gridley (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. Also on Friday, February 7th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Lee, 1; W. Lee, 2; S. Evans (first 720), 3; R. Inch, 4; C. Carter, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—Recently at the house of Mr. Heffer, sen., on handbells retained in hand, 1008 Bob Major in 34 mins. Also a 720 in 20 mins. J. Heffer, jun., 1-2; J. Heffer, sen., 3-4; W. Flory, 5-6; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 7-8. Tenor 20 size in Eb.

IPSWICH.—On Monday, February 10th, at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, on the occasion of the Annual Meeting, a course of Stedman Cinques. W. L. Catchpole, 1; J. Motts, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; F. H. Knights, jun., 4; F. Mee, 5; R. Hawes, 6; F. Howchin, 7; C. Mee, 8; A. E. Durrant, 9; R. Brundle, 10; W. Motts, 11; F. Tillett, 12. Messrs. Knights and Howchin belong to Norwich, and this is their first course of Stedman Cinques.

LAVERNHAM (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, February 6th, at the meeting-room, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. A. Symonds, 1-2; H. Parker, 3; H. Smith, 4; C. Jarvis, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King (conductor), 7-8. This touch was taken from Shipway, part 2, p. 101., a 504 with a single, and repeated. Great credit is due to the last five, as they have only begun to learn the method a few weeks back.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 9th, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, before Divine Service, 1372 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. H. Cassidy, 1; C. Chaplin, 2; S. G. Davies, 3; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 4; G. T. Spicer, 5; F. L. Davies, 6; N. Partington, 7; H. L. Partington, 8. Conducted by F. L. Davies.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 4th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. Rev. F. A. H. du Boulay, 1; G. Smart, 2; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Tyler, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; T. Searle, 8. For evening service, on Sunday, February 9th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; G. Smart, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Chambers, 5; E. Brackley, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8.

TREDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently; and 120 of Bob Doubles. W. Taylor, 1; W. James, 2; W. Russell, 3; W. Hawker, 4; C. W. Dyson (conductor), 5. And on Tuesday, February 4th, with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late J. Surman, Esq., who died on Monday, February 3rd, and at whose expense the tower was rebuilt and the tenor recast in 1883, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 43 mins. Also three 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and 120 each of St. Dunstan's Doubles and Dream Doubles. W. Taylor, 1; W. James, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. Russell, 4; C. W. Dyson (conductor), 5.

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 BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Kindly allow us to answer briefly the anonymous letter under this heading in last week's number. 1.—As to the meeting at Arlesey, on January (not June) 4th, this fell through from an unfortunate series of accidents. In the first place the Vicar of Arlesey did not reply at once to our request for leave to ring. When his reply came notice was at once sent to "THE BELL NEWS" in good time for appearing on the following Saturday, December 28th, but owing probably to irregularities in the postal service in Christmas week, the notice was not inserted in that number. The same cause probably prevented us from getting our "BELL NEWS" of that date until far on in the following week, when by writing and telegraphing we at once did our best to explain what had happened. We both regret the occurrence exceedingly, but feel that we can hardly be blamed for postal failures. We did our best to ensure a fortnight's notice in "THE BELL NEWS." 2.—There has been no meeting announced

since that date, as we heard from all quarters of so much illness among members of the Association, that there seemed no chance of getting a successful meeting on an irregular date. 3.—There will not be any meeting before the Easter Monday one at Bedford, on account of Lent. May we ask your correspondent to lay to heart Mr. Attree's remarks in the letter that follows his own, and in future case prove that he considers your space "valuable" by his deeds rather than his words? A letter to either of us would have gained him the same information more promptly, and have saved your pages.

CHAS. HERBERT,
W. W. C. BAKER, } Hon. Secs.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

SIR,—I read with great pleasure in your last issue of the success of the annual dinner of this Society, and must congratulate them on their continuing prosperity; but I think Mr. Thornton, in his speech, committed an error, when I refer him to the following little paragraph: "Thanks to the energy, tact, and influence of the Rev. Herbert Cockey, and the help of a few willing hands, we were enabled soon to secure St. Alphege, Greenwich, for our headquarters, with the use of a vestry-room for business purposes—a thing, by-the-bye, unknown in London, the tavern being generally selected for business matters when the weather is unfavourable for a 'gutter' meeting." I cannot think that Mr. Thornton would intentionally insult the leading London Societies, and think that in common justice to them he should either give an explanation or make a retraction.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I was very glad to see a reply from our Hon. Sec. respecting anonymous letters or others sent either through your medium or to him. That I should say is his usual custom, to take no notice. He says the present case is of no interest to the Exercise at large. That I partly admit; but when it affects the Association, and for an individual member to have a reply from him respecting the question published in a recent issue of your paper, I say it is no more than right a question of that sort should be answered publicly, for the benefit of the members at large, who never hear of the Secretary only through "THE BELL NEWS" of the doings of the Association. If the Hon. Sec. is satisfied with the health of the Association it is more than many members are, as they complain enough among themselves, but never make a move. I take it, by our present rule, that every local secretary is one of a working committee, which seems entirely to rest in the Hon. Sec. himself. I should fancy the Eastbourne meeting was made up in a hurry (but from illness, etc., it was put off from last year) as there was no notice in "THE BELL NEWS," and it looked, when receiving notice of it, that it was a quiet way of answering the foregoing letters in your paper. As to his receipt of fifty letters per month, all I can say is that if they are all connected with the Association he has enough to do to answer them; but I say again, as he has heard me before, that when one has to wait twelve months before getting what they want from the Hon. Sec., of course several letters are sent respecting the same. I cannot see how he can advise those members who are in the habit of sending complaints to "THE BELL NEWS" to send to him for a reply, which shall be sent by return of post. That is an old advice of his. I think, Sir, you will see by the above that members have good ground for complaint, and I trust the Hon. Sec. will see his way clear to call that *Special General Meeting* which was to take place at Chichester, if possible; but I see, by referring to a letter of his, he mentions as far back as last November to forward on proposals to him, which was done at his request. I trust I have not taken up too much of your space, but I feel I cannot let his letter go unanswered.

W. SELBY.

THE ANNUAL ANALYSIS OF PEALS.

SIR,—I am exceedingly sorry that through my want of care in the first place and insufficiency of time after receipt of proof to more than check the totals of my annual analysis, the errors mentioned in Mr. Cole's letter of last week, and others which have been notified to the Editor, occurred. The Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Royal Cumberland Youths each rang twenty-two peals during the year, but the methods rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths were credited to the Salisbury Association and those rung by the Salisbury to the Cumberland—it will thus be seen the transposing of these figures does not alter the position of the societies, nor does it effect the accuracy of any of the totals.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Would you kindly correct a mistake in "THE BELL NEWS," page 493, where it states that the number of changes rang upon the Long Melford bells during the past year was 35,624. It should be 55,624.

SAMUEL SLATER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By W. KENT, *Birmingham.*

5039.
 2 3 4 5 6
 2.4.5 5 2 3 7 4 8 6 9
 8th in 3 3 5 2 7 4
 8th in 3 2 3 5 7 4
 8th in 3s 4 2 3 7 5
 8th in 3s 5 4 2 7 3
 8th in 3 2 5 4 7 3
 8th in 3 4 2 5 7 3
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 8th in 3s 2 4 3 7 5
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1 s 3 5 3 4 2 6 8 7 9
 9th in 3 3 2 4 5 6
 8th in 3 4 3 2 5 6
 8th in 3 2 4 3 5 6
 9th in 3s 3 5 4 2 6
 9th in 3s 4 2 5 3 6
 8th in 3 5 4 2 3 6
 8th in 3s 6 5 4 3 2
 9th in 3 5 3 4 6 2 8 7 9
 8th in 3 4 5 3 6 2
 8th in 3 3 4 5 6 2
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 8th in 3s 4 2 5 6 3
 8th in 3s 2 3 4 5 6

This peal which is in the inverted tittums and round position, was first rung at Dudley, February 8th, 1890, conducted by Samuel Reeves.

The date touch of Grandsire Triples by Mr. Oldham, of Beeston, is false.

After this date, all touches or peals sent for insertion in this page must be accompanied by a fee of sixpence; and in case where it is desired that a composition may be proved, one shilling must accompany the request.

A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL.

By J. CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5000.
 1 2 3 4 5 6 I B O F
 5 6 2 3 1 4 - - -
 2 5 6 3 1 4 - - -
 3 6 5 2 1 4 - - -
 5 3 6 2 1 4 - - -
 6 5 3 2 1 4 - - -
 1 3 5 2 6 4 - - -
 5 1 3 2 6 4 - - -
 2 3 1 5 6 4 - - -
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 1 2 4 5 3 6 - - -
 4 1 2 5 3 6 - - -
 5 2 1 4 3 6 - - -
 1 5 2 4 3 6 - - -
 2 1 5 4 3 6 - - -
 4 5 1 2 3 6 - - -

Four times repeated.

Rung at All Saints, Loughborough, on Friday, January 3rd, 1890, conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By C. JACKSON, *Hull.*

2 3 4 5 6 7
 7 5 2 6 3 4 1
 5 2 7 6 3 4 4
 6 2 5 4 7 3 5
 5 7 6 2 3 4 3
 4 2 5 3 7 6 1
 2 5 4 3 7 6 4
 5 4 2 3 7 6 4
 6 3 5 7 4 2 1
 4 2 6 5 7 3 2
 7 3 4 6 5 2 2
 2 6 7 5 3 4 1
 7 3 2 6 4 5 3
 5 6 7 4 3 2 1
 7 3 5 6 2 4 3
 2 4 7 5 6 3 2
 3 5 2 6 4 7 1
 2 4 3 5 7 6 3
 6 5 2 7 4 3 1
 4 3 6 2 7 5 2
 4 2 3 5 6 7 P.L.

Twice repeated.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W.B.—Your touch does not contain the qualities named.

H.T.—We have never pretended to be responsible for the accuracy of the compositions appearing in this page.

R.S.—We think it quite within our right to refuse. 2.—Get up the change 357264. Bells run round next lead.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By ARTHUR HUBBARD, *London.*

5003.
 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 3 2 4 5 6 9 8 7 *
 2 5 4 3 6 7 in 3
 5 3 4 2 6 7 in 3
 4 5 3 2 6 9 in 3
 4 5 3 2 6 7 9 8 †
 5 2 3 4 6 8 in 3
 3 5 2 4 6 7 in 3
 2 3 5 4 6 7 in 3
 3 4 5 2 6 8 in 3
 4 2 5 3 6 8 in 3
 5 4 2 3 6 7 in 3
 2 5 4 3 6 7 in 3
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4 5 3 2 6 7 8 9 8 in out at 2
 3 4 5 2 6 9 7 8 7 in out at 3
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 5 4 2 3 6 9 in 3
 2 5 4 3 6 9 in 3
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 3 2 5 4 6 8 in 3
 5 3 2 4 6 9 in 3
 2 5 3 4 6 9 in 3

6 2 5 4 3 8 7 9 9 in out at 2
 3 2 5 4 7 6 5 8 9 in 2

*7 in out at 2 with double,
 †9 in out at 3 with double.

This is composed as a companion peal to the 5004 published November 23rd, and contains the 48 Tittum course-ends (24 plain and 24 inverted), with the 6th in front of the tenors throughout, and is the first peal published having these properties in so few as 5003 changes.

THE JOHNSON ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

IN honour of the memory of the late Mr. Henry Johnson, the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham will continue to hold the usual annual dinner. The next will take place on Saturday, March 1st, at the "Woolpack" hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham. The chair will be taken at 5.30 p.m. by A. P. Heywood, Esq., President of the Midland Counties' Association. Dinner tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained on application before Wednesday, February 26th, from W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec. Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Guild will be held at Southport to-day, Sat., February 22nd, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and for the adoption of rules, etc. The bells of Christ Church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5.45 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited. Black Moss Lane, Aughton. W. BENTHAM, Secretary pro tem.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, near Liverpool (six-bell tower), to-day, Sat., February 22nd. The peal of six at Bootle will also be open for ringing. Bells ready at each place at 3.30. Meeting in the schoolroom at Walton at 6 p.m. 78, Cemetery Road, Southport. RICHARD HILL, Hon. Sec.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

NOTICE.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, February 22nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting at the New Inn at 6 p.m. The officers for the next twelve months must be nominated at this meeting.

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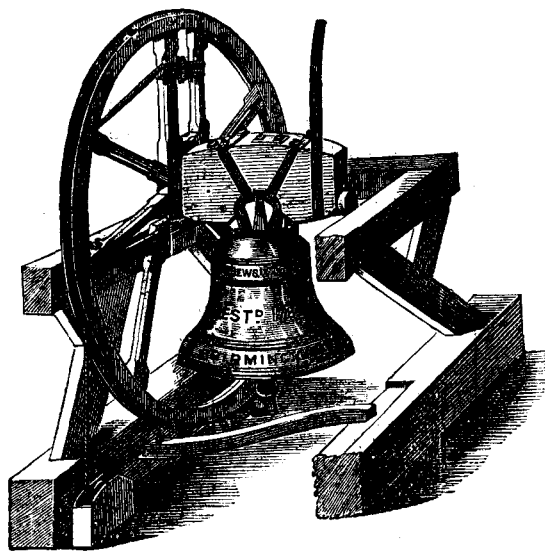
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—The second monthly meeting of this district will be held at Beeston parish church on Saturday, March 8th. The belfry will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock.

A. LAMBERT, Local Secretary.

HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE.

ON Saturday, February 8th, six members of the North Notts Association paid a visit to the above place for the purpose of having a pull on the bells. Permission having been obtained from the rector, the stairs were climbed and the bells raised in peal. "Go" was called, and after 27 mins. good ringing, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round. "Go" again was called; this time Violet Treble Bob was ventured, and in 28 minutes the single turned up in a creditable manner. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; G. Barrowcliffe, 5; R. Beiston, 6. Also 240 of Oxford in the same order, with the exception of the second and tenor man who changed places. Tenor 20 cwt.



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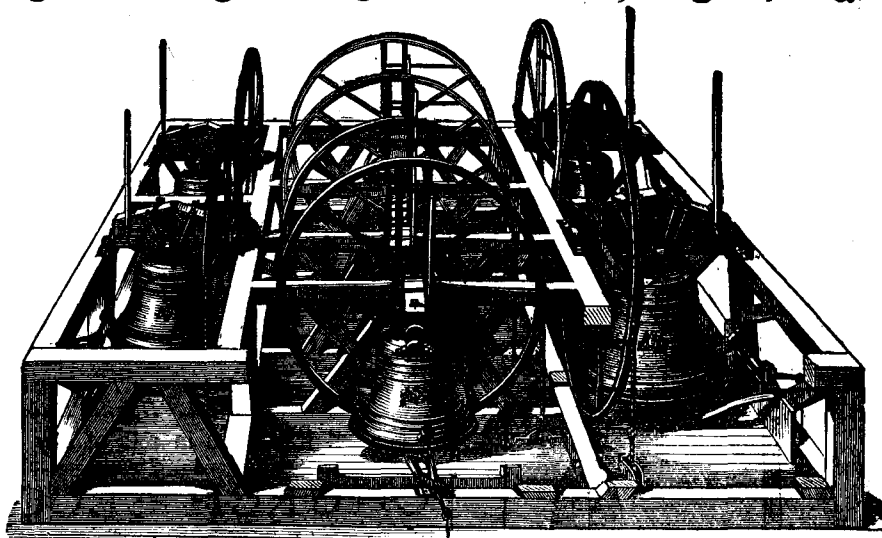
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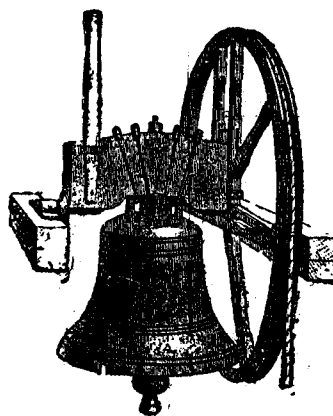
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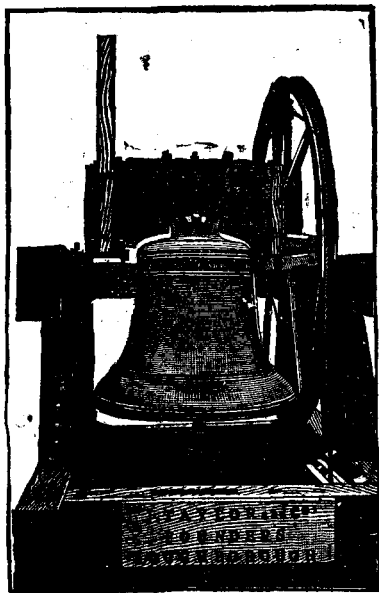
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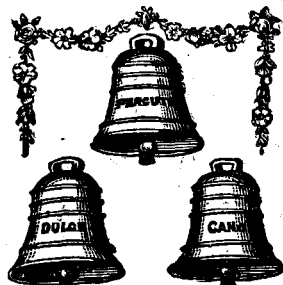
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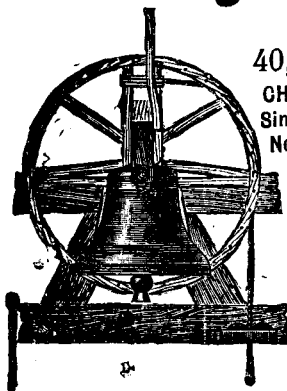
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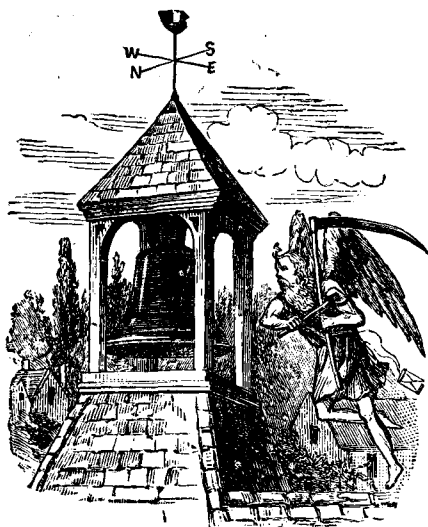
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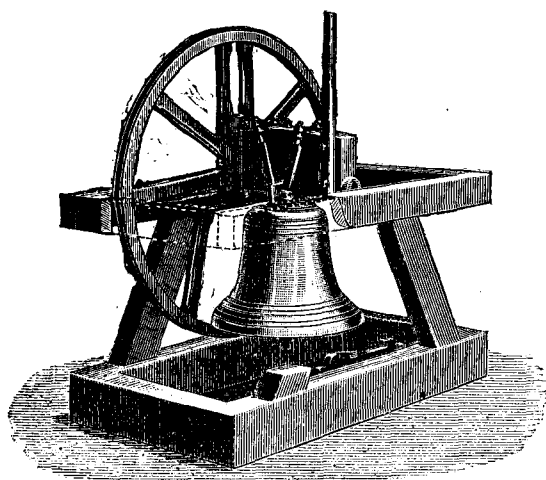
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MR. THOMAS HATTERSLEY, OF SHEFFIELD.

[Vide Portrait.]

The gentleman who is selected for portraiture on this occasion has sprung from an old ringing family. We find that as far back as 1816 his grandfather on his mother's side, Mr. WILLIAM BOOTH, visited the metropolis (which was in those days a journey of considerable importance), and rang a 5080 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in which the late GEORGE GROSS and WILLIAM SHIPWAY took part. This peal was rung at St. Leonard's church, Shoreditch, and was composed and conducted by W. GROSS. Anterior to this period Mr. BOOTH rang 3-4 in peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal, and Maximus, which were the first peals ever rang in the country on handbells.

Mr. HATTERSLEY, who was born in Sheffield on October 6th, 1835, began his ringing career when a mere lad, and at a time when the chances of learning were not so favourable as at present. In consequence of this fact he did not score his first peal until he was well up into manhood. His position in the Exercise is sufficient to show that this was more on account of not having the opportunity then for the want of ability. Being naturally bred a ringer, we look to find in him a staunch supporter of the science, fond of good striking, and one who will not shirk a bit of hard work at the heavy end when it is required, and such qualities will be not looked for in vain. It has been his good (or otherwise) fortune to have had the tuition of many young aspirants to ringing fame, who, notwithstanding their desire to learn, might have benefitted largely had they been more diligent in their application. Indifference from any portion of a young band is apt to check its progress, and adds much to the annoyance not only of those who have the desire to excel, but to those who take the trouble (not always pleasant) to teach.

Mr. HATTERSLEY has rang altogether one hundred and thirty peals, in Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich methods. Out of these he has conducted upwards of fifty, Holt's Original coming in for a large share of his patronage, having called this peal from every bell. It will be in the recollection of many that he was one of the band who rang in the silent peal, viz.: Holt's Original, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, in October, 1884. He also called the same composition for Mr. M. A. WOOD's 300th peal, which was rung at St. Matthew's, Mr. HATTERSLEY making a special journey to oblige his old friend MATTHEW on that occasion. Perhaps it is hardly necessary to state that our friend is an elder brother of Mr. CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and that he is a great favorite up at those quarters of the College Youths near to which in years gone by the celebrated long peal of Treble Bob Major and other renowned feats were performed.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

The Annual Dinner of the Hatfield College Youths took place on Tuesday, February 18th, at the "Baker's Arms." The chair was occupied by the Rev. Lord W. G. Cecil, rector, and Mr. E. P. Debenham (St. Alban's), the vice-chair. Amongst those present were Messrs. W. Whitby (Hon. Sec.), H. G. Rowe, A. Shepherd, T. Gathard, J. Hollingsworth, J. Shepherd, W. E. Powers, G. Smith, H. Tharby, J. Greenham, H. Shepherd, J. Kentish, jun., J. Stratton, W. J. Richardson, W. J. Rumney, H. H. Hankin, and A. Finch. An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. Kentish.

On removal of the cloth the usual loyal toasts were given and heartily received. A course of Grandsire Caters was given on the handbells by Messrs. J. Hollingsworth, J. Shepherd, H. G. Rowe, A. Shepherd, and W. Powers.

The Chairman in proposing "Success to the Hatfield College Youths," said they had every reason to congratulate themselves on the success of the society. He hoped they would do their

best to get new members; he should advise them to turn into recruiting officers. Care however should be taken in getting members to find out those who really cared for bell-ringing. They did not want half-hearted members. As this was a representative meeting, he thought he would congratulate Mr. Kentish on being elected Master, and also to thank Mr. Shepherd for the manner in which he carried out his office as Master. The name of Mr. Kentish was coupled with the toast.

Mr. Kentish thanked the company for responding so heartily to the toast, and also for duly electing him master; he could only say he would possibly do all he could to carry out his duties in an efficient manner.

Mr. H. H. Hankin proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and the rector responded.

Mr. W. J. Richardson proposed "The Herts County Association." He said the Association had done a deal of good work in every way connected with ringing. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. E. P. Debenham, who had done much for the Association. He was sure that ringing would not have been so forward as now.

Mr. E. P. Debenham responded.

Among the other toasts were "The Secretary," proposed by Mr. W. J. Richardson, and responded to by Mr. Whitby; also "The health of Mr. Hankin," proposed by Mr. W. J. Richardson. Mr. W. Whitby then proposed "The Host and Hostess" with musical honours, to which Mr. Kentish responded.

During the evening several capital songs and recitations were rendered by various members of the society, and touches on the handbells. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for being present. The meeting was brought to a close at one o'clock by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem, all having enjoyed one of the most pleasant evenings that could be wished for.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Masters of Companies in union with the Association are earnestly requested to supply the Hon. Secretary, as soon as possible, with lists, *corrected to the present time*, of names and postal addresses of those attached to their companies who are also members of the Association. They are also reminded that all subscriptions for the year 1890 are now due, and should be paid in with as little delay as possible. The Secretary will attend at the Royal Hotel, Norwich, on Saturday, March 8th, from 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving subscriptions for 1890, and the arrears for 1888-9, and transacting other business of the Association. Members (annual) who are "unattached" to any company, whether residing within or without the diocese, are urgently requested to pay their subscriptions for 1890 *at once*. Those who are in arrear should also pay their contributions for 1888-9 forthwith, if they desire that their names should continue on the roll of the Association. All communications on the business of the Association should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT BRANCH.—A General Meeting of this branch of the above Association was held in the Parish Room, St. Paul's Institute, on Thursday, February 20th, for the election of officers, and the following were unanimously elected: Vice-President—The Rev. F. H. Beaven, vicar of St. Paul's; District Secretary—Mr. Arthur Wakley; Committee—Mr. Leonard Bullock and Mr. Harry Wakley.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. John Jaggar for services rendered as District Secretary since its formation, Easter, 1883.

The question of instituting monthly ringing meetings in connection with the district was discussed, and unanimously agreed to, and it was suggested that they should if possible be held the first week in each month, the first meeting to take place at Winhill on Monday, March 3rd, and the necessary arrangements to be made by the District Secretary.



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MR THOMAS HATTERSLEY
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SUPPLEMENT TO "THE BELL NEWS."

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

The work of Church restoration which has during the past few years been so actively carried out in Sussex, has recently transformed the fine old parish church of the old market town of Hailsham. The following lines, which are from a local paper, explain the cause of the unusual commotion which was noticeable on Saturday, the 8th February:—

MY VISIT TO HAILSHAM.

February 8th, 1890.

My native town I visit once again,
Once more to breathe my own sweet native air,
A pleasure now that's intermixed with pain,
Anent the broken ranks of old friends there.

For some few weeks or months, I must relate,
No church bell sound has stir'd the wintry air,
No clock to strike, no curfew rang at eight,
Folks marched to church like Quaker going to prayer.

All five bells went to London for a change,
Been sharpened up, for some were going flat,
Returning with three little ones, how strange,
What will their prudent neighbours think of that?

Now, as I linger on this sacred soil,
A hundred generations near me lie.
'Twould fill the space all round me for a mile,
If they should rise in radiant garb this day.

Could they behold the church they loved, may be,
Raised from its grave of ugliness and shame,
Some shape of comeliness they now might see,
With some faint traces of its pristine fame.

The roof raised to pre-Reformation height,
With open timber work instead of plaster,
With transept windows, giving air and light,
Which has been minus since the great disaster.

Lion and unicorn have fairly fled,
The Ten Commandments now no more are seen;
No more shall high pews screen the sleeping head,
No red brick floor, no walls turned damp and green,
From east to west no lath and plaster screen.

Now, as I gaze upon this ancient tower
The sun's resplendent rays glint up the vanes.
The Sussex ringers ply artistic power,
Flooding the frosty air with changeful strains.

E.H.

Tunbridge Wells.

The church, dedicated to St. Mary, was anciently a chapel to Hellingly, and is a large and commanding building, consisting of western tower with crocketed pinnacles, nave with north and south aisles, and chancel, and until now possessed a peal of five bells, dating from the 17th century. On the completion of the restoration of the building it was suggested that the bells should be rehung and a treble added, but at a meeting of the parish called to consider the question, the cause was so heartily taken up that instead of six, sufficient funds were provided to complete the octave, recast the tenor, and rehang the whole with new fittings. The work, which has given great satisfaction, was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The opening proceedings commenced shortly after three o'clock, with a touch of Grandsire Triples, during which the church rapidly filled, and a short special dedicatory service with address was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Harvey). Immediately at the conclusion eight members of the Sussex County Association started for a peal of Grandsire Triples. All went well for two hours, when a sudden collapse occurred. As an evidence of the interest the Hailsham people took in the proceedings, between 200 and 300 remained watching the ringers during the whole of the ringing—a somewhat novel experience for the ringers while attempting a peal. During the evening the Vicar entertained at supper those members of the Sussex County Association who were present, and his own ringers. He expressed a strong hope that a new branch of the Association would shortly be formed at Hailsham. This is the second case this year in Sussex of an old peal being augmented to the complete octave, the Steyning peal having been re-opened last month, while rumours are heard of like additions in several other quarters.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17th, a general meeting of the above was held at Shotley Bridge. There was a fairly good attendance, the following branches being represented: St. John's, Newcastle, St. Peter's and Christ Church, Jarrow, St. Oswald's, Durham, St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, Christ Church, Consett, St. Paul's, Winlaton, St. James', Newton Hall, and St. Michael's, Bishop Wearmouth. Sharow and South Bank were also represented. A committee meeting was held at the Commercial inn, at which was decided that a peal of handbells be bought for the Association. The dinner was held at two o'clock, to which about thirty members sat down and did ample justice to the good things provided by the host, Mr. Moffatt.

After dinner Mr. F. Lees (vice-president) of Newcastle, in the absence of Mr. R. S. Story, the president, occupied the chair, being supported by the Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin, Vicar of Benfieldside. After disposing of the loyal toasts, the chairman proposed "The Health of the Bishop and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle."

The Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin responded, and spoke at great length upon the benefits conferred upon Church work, and progress by such worthy institutions as Bellringers' Associations, and said that they were a class of men worthy of the support of both the clergy and laity in the two dioceses, and of equal importance to Sunday school teachers, district visitors, and choristers. He also referred to the fact that before long a peal of bells would be hung in the tower of Tanfield parish church.

The Hon. Sec. (Mr. L. Newton, Durham) presented the annual report, which ought to have been submitted at the annual meeting held at Durham in October last, but owing to change of Secretary the necessary particulars were not forthcoming. The total membership was 300. The balance-sheet indicated that the sum of £17 11s. 11d. was in the hands of the Secretary and Treasurer.

The report was adopted, and a number of new members were elected. The bells of St. Mary's, Lanchester, St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, Christ Church, Consett, and St. Mary's (R.C.), Blackhill, were at the disposal of the ringers during the day, and the following were rung: A 720 Plain Bob Minor at St. Cuthbert's. E. Carr (Jarrow), 1; F. Harrison (Jarrow), 2; J. W. Smith, 3; L. Scott (Winlaton), 4; W. C. Bennett (Winlaton), 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor, Newcastle), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Lees (conductor, Newcastle), 1; W. Barron (Benfieldside), 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; L. Newton (Durham), 4; C. J. Butterworth (Durham), 5; F. Harrison (Jarrow), 6.

BRASS TABLET AT TWYFORD, HANTS.

The ringers of the above parish church met on Tuesday, February 18th, for the purpose of ringing a date touch (1890 changes) of Doubles, consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire, which was successfully brought round in 1 hr. 4 mins. This was rung to commemorate the erection of a brass tablet recording the first 720 of Grandsire Minor rung on the Twyford bells by a purely local band. It is a handsome tablet, is beautifully engraved, and is the gift of the Rev. C. Buston, of Deane, near Micheldever (local secretary for the Winchester Diocesan Guild) who rang the 3rd in the 720. It is quite needless to further comment upon the Rev. C. Buston's good and generous disposition and enthusiasm in the art, for anyone who has been fortunate enough to have even the shortest interview with him, must have come to the general conclusion that he so well deserves, in the true sense of the term, the words that the writer has so often heard sung to his name—"For he's a jolly good fellow." May this adornment to the belfry act as an incentive to those members whose names are not inscribed thereon, to still further exert their ringing capabilities in the direction of the next 720 of Bob Minor.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Highgate, on Saturday, February 15th, when about twenty-five members attended from Barnet, Hadley, Tottenham, Hendon, and Finchley. Touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, STOKE NEWINGTON, LONDON.

The first annual supper of the Stoke Newington Branch of the Royal Cumberland Youths was held on Tuesday evening at the "Rose and Crown," Church-street, Stoke Newington.

The Rev. Prebendary Shelford occupied the chair, supported by Mr. J. J. Runtz. The whole of the members of the branch Society were present (as well as four ringers from the parish of St. Ann, Stamford Hill,) numbering in all 24. The Host, Mr. W. Elliott, provided a capital supper, which was punctually placed on the table shortly after 8 o'clock, and ample justice done thereto by the company. The tables having been cleared, the room was afterwards got ready for a social evening, the host not forgetting the good cheer of his guests.

After the royal toasts had been duly honoured, the Chairman asked them to drink to "The Prosperity of the Church of the Country, and especially to the Church in Stoke Newington," and took the opportunity of expressing his pleasure, and no doubt the pleasure of the whole of the people of Stoke Newington, at the near completion, after many difficulties, of the church spire. He hoped that the six bells in the old church would be placed in the new tower, but they could not remove them without first getting the consent of the authorities, and also the parishioners. But the peal would not be large enough, and they would want four more, and if they succeeded in getting a peal of ten bells in the new tower, they would have attained a grand object. This would cost a matter of between £500 and £600, and although they could not expect to see their object at once realised, he hoped that before long the ringers would be able to celebrate the occasion by ringing the bells in the new tower. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. J. J. Runtz.

Mr. J. J. Runtz in response thanked the company, and said that he had for the last ten years been officially connected with the church, and it afforded him intense satisfaction that it was now on the point of being completed.

The next toast was "Prosperity to St. Mary's Stoke Newington Society of Change Ringers," responded to by Mr. Waterman.

The Chairman next gave "Prosperity to the Metropolitan Societies of Change-Ringers," coupling with the toast the names of Mr. Davidson who represented the College Youths, and Mr. Hannington, as representing the Royal Cumberlands. The Chairman referred to his connection with the College Youths when at the church of St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, who offered to ring the bells there, the same as Mr. Scarlett had done for St. Mary's, on behalf of the Royal Cumberland Society. He (the chairman), would be glad to see the latter within the church walls on Sundays as he had seen the former at St. Matthew's.

The toast having been heartily drunk,

Mr. Hannington and Mr. Davidson respectively responded, speaking in high praise of Mr. Scarlett for his efforts in training the St. Mary's ringers.

Mr. Runtz in giving "The Rector," paid a fitting tribute to his services in the parish. The toast was received with acclamation, and

The Chairman in reply thanked the company for the kind and enthusiastic way in which they had received the toast.

The next toasts were the healths of Mr. Scarlett and the vice-chairman, proposed by the Chairman, who offered his grateful appreciation to Mr. Scarlett for all he had done for the bell-ringers of St. Mary's.

Mr. Scarlett and the vice-chairman having suitably responded, the remaining toasts were got through and the proceedings concluded.

THORNCOMBE, DORSET.

A large clock with quarter chimes has just been erected in the parish church at the above place. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and shews time on dials facing south and west. The work was carried out by John Smith and Sons, Derby, who are also making a large clock and chimes for Portishead church, Somerset.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. W. Thorne, Hon. Sec. of the Waterloo Society, has removed to 16, Mawbey Street, South Lambeth Road, S.W.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, ST. ALBANS, ANNUAL SUPPER.

The annual supper of the above society was held on Monday, February 17th, at the house of Mr. T. Waller, when the following were present: Mr. E. P. Debenham (chairman), Mr. T. Waller (vice-chairman), and Messrs. A. Hull, E. Hull, H. Brewer, J. W. Brewer, D. Gibbons, W. Little, T. Conley, W. T. Waller, W. A. Cawston, G. W. Cartmel, W. H. L. Buckingham, W. H. Buckingham, and W. Battle. A substantial meal was put on the table by Mrs. Waller, which received all the attention it deserved; and on the removal of the cloth a very lengthy toast list was proceeded with. "The Queen and Royal Family," and "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese" were duly honoured, as also "The Army, Navy and Reserve Forces," the last mentioned toast being responded to by lance-corporal A. Hull, of the St. Albans company of volunteers. The chairman then rose to propose what he said was one of the toasts of the evening, that of "Success to the St. Peter's Society" and in doing so he referred with much gratification to the progress which had been made by the members during the year. Messrs. T. Conley, W. Little, and D. Gibbons responded to the toast, they each having scored their first peal, and also Messrs. E. Hull and J. W. Brewer, who had both rung a handbell peal. "The Honorary Members" was the next on the list, and this was acknowledged by Messrs. Buckingham (2), Cartmel and Battle. The health of the chairman was proposed by Mr. T. Waller in eulogistic terms, and was accorded musical honours. "The New Ringing Member" and "The Probationer" also came under notice, and these were responded to by Messrs. W. T. Waller and W. A. Cawston respectively. "Our Absent Friends" were also remembered, mention being made in particular of Mr. Barnes, who is now living near Birmingham. The toast of "The Press" was proposed by the chairman, who referred to the time when the only paper that deemed ringing news of sufficient interest to publish was *Bell's Life in London*, and he also spoke of the benefit to the Exercise which was rendered by the issue of *Church Bells* and "THE BELL NEWS." He likewise desired to thank the editors of the local press as well as the ringing newspapers, for the kindness shown by the insertion of paragraphs recording the doings of the Society from time to time. This toast was replied to by Mr. W. Battle of the *Hertfordshire Advertiser*, and Mr. G. W. Cartmel of the *Hertfordshire Standard*. Mr. Cartmel, as the conductor of the cathedral society, also acknowledged the toast of "Kindred Societies" one, as the chairman remarked, so comprehensive as to include the great majority of their brother-ringers in the kingdom. "The Host and Hostess," "The President" and the "City and trade of St. Albans" were also dealt with, and as a wind-up "Our next merry meeting," the proceedings terminating at an early hour in the morning. Most of those present contributed songs, sentimental and comic. Mr. Cawston, who is the organist of St. Peter's, kindly acted as accompanist, and also played a selection on the piano. In reference to a remark that gentleman made during the evening, it would be interesting to hear of instances amongst his "brother organists" where they can be styled "brother-strings" as well.

Obituary.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS.

On Saturday, February 15th, William Phillips, of Kingston-on-Thames, passed away in his 76th year. He had been a ringer at All Saints over fifty years, and twenty years of that time had been steeple-keeper. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Society, and the Surrey Association, and had rung several peals of which he kept no account. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was met at the cemetery by ringers from All Saints, Hampton, and Thames Ditton. After the service, which was read by the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. W. Young, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by J. Parslow, 1-2; J. Strutt, 3-4; J. Wright, 5-6; G. Gray, 7-8. At 4 o'clock the ringers of All Saints rang 1022 Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled. A. Challis, 1; E. J. Strutt, 2; H. Parslow, 3; J. Parslow, 4; J. Wright, 5; J. Strutt (conductor), 6; G. Gray, 7; C. Slade, 8.

MR. HAWEIS AND CHANGE-RINGING.

It would appear that the contemptible attack made by the Rev. H. R. Haweis upon change-ringing is not to be lightly passed by. Following in the wake of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter come the following comments:—

The Rev. T. L. Papillon, Hon. Secretary of the Essex Association, writes:

"I am glad to see that the Rev. E. W. Carpenter has attacked the writer of the article on 'Bells and Belfries' in the *English Illustrated Magazine* of February, for the combined injustice and ignorance of the few sentences devoted to English change-ringing. Had the article in question been headed 'Belgian Bells and Belfries,' and those sentences omitted, it would have been to many of us an interesting contribution to a branch of the subject upon which we are as ignorant as Mr. Haweis apparently is of ours.

"A magazine article, however well written and prettily illustrated, is fugitive, and will soon be forgotten. But it is more serious to find Mr. Haweis' views stamped with the high authority of the new edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, a standard work of reference, presumably up to the latest lights on every subject of which it treats. In the article 'Bell' (written by Mr. Haweis) one short paragraph out of seven columns is devoted to English change-ringing; in which occurs the following sentences: 'Of these changes there is a great variety, spoken of technically as hunting, dodging, snapping, place-making, plain-bob, bob-triple, bob-major, bob-major reversed, double-bob-major, grandsire-bob-cator, &c.' One almost wishes that the writer, having got as far as 'grandsire-bob-cator,' had continued with a few more ingenious combinations of words, on the principle of the six changes upon three bells which are his only illustration of actual change-ringing. The *Encyclopædia Britannica*, be it remembered, is the standard book of reference, to which any one would naturally turn for compendious and well-digested information upon a science or art of which he is himself ignorant. My quotation from it is, I venture to think, a suggestive supplement to Mr. Carpenter's citations from the *English Illustrated Magazine*."

Another clerical ringer, who is the vicar of a large parish in the metropolis, says:—

"The Rev. H. R. Haweis, M.A., in the February number of the *English Illustrated Magazine*, has a very interesting article on 'Bells and Belfries,' which should be read by all bellringers. It is a pity, however, that Mr. Haweis should go out of his way to depreciate English bellfounders, and to scoff at English bell-ringing. Surely to prefer the mechanical music of a carillon to intelligent peal-ringing is a matter of personal preference, and *de gustibus non est disputandum* (it is useless to discuss people's taste). Some strange Englishmen always decry their own country and its ways, and think foreign countries and customs much better than home ones.

"Our English fashion of ringing bells, it is well known, is confined to Englishmen, and is a product of these islands alone. It is therefore impossible to compare it with carillon or musical-box performances on the continent.

"Mr. Haweis says that our 'bellringing is not music.' It is a great deal more than music. It is the orderly and regular production of notes of the scale, well and truly struck, and produced by human skill, intelligence, endurance, and method. This as an art must rank infinitely higher than the tapping of bells by means of clockwork machinery.

"Bells for carillons and bells for ringing are so different that however much we may prefer the one, there is no need to despise the other. Let both flourish."

The following is from a layman, a ringer and bell-warden:—

"I am sure that all ringers will feel much obliged to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter for his reply to Mr. Haweis' article in a magazine. As a bookseller, and one who has made a point of reading all Mr. Haweis' books and his various articles on carillons and bells, and who has read them with much interest and instruction (for in addition to being a ringer and a church official, with some little knowledge of the practical part of the work in a belfry, I also take an antiquarian's interest in the musical inhabitants of our old towers and spires), still I must say that however

much Mr. Haweis may know about Belgian bells and tune-playing, yet it has often struck me that when he commences to talk about English bells, and the method of ringing them, he shows himself to be as ignorant (I say this with all proper respect) of that subject as he now states many English ringers are of music. In his book *Music and Morals* in particular, some of his suggestions for the improvement of our belfries are utterly absurd. Whilst the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Mr. Snowdon, and others, not only criticised English bells and belfries, and their bad management, but also worked hard to bring about improvement and reform of the ringers, Mr. Haweis has simply contented himself with making harsh and unkind remarks concerning our bells, our founders, and our ringers, not troubling to put his own shoulder to the wheel to help on belfry reform. A gentleman of his knowledge and position might have done much, but all he really has succeeded in doing is, I think, to promote ill-feeling between ringers and the public. With such help and such belfry reformers (?) as this we can very well dispense. The names of Ellacombe, Snowdon, Heywood, and many others are as familiar in the mouths of ringers as household words, but that of Haweis is simply known as that of an ill-natured critic who has said much but done little to improve the bell music of which he professes to be so fond."

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting of this branch took place at Barwell, near Hinckley, on Saturday, February 8th, when members from Sapcote, Hinckley, Stony Stanton, and Nuneaton, met and rang touches of various methods on the fine-toned peal of six bells.

At 6.45 an adjournment was made to the "Three Crowns," where a welcome repast was partaken of, being well served by host Garratt.

The Rev. R. Titley presided, and after grace had been said and the cloth removed, proposed "Church and Queen." He said though the time might come when bell-ringing would be undenominational, he thought at present that branch of art belonged absolutely to the Church.

The toast of "The Midland Counties' Association of Change-Ringers" was then proposed by the Chairman, who said though he did not understand the intricacies of ringing, he knew it must be a good bodily exercise, as all ringers must have a certain amount of endurance. The rev. gentleman spoke at some length in encouraging those present. He said their ringing that afternoon had already been criticised, especially by his wife, who was pleased with the music produced by bell-ringing. At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Titley was elected an honorary member of the Association.

Mr. H. Argyle (Local Secretary), thanked the chairman on behalf of the Association generally for his well wishes, and especially on behalf of the members present for the kind address he had given them, and said if everyone would criticise the music of bellringing as Mrs. Titley had done, there would not be so many complaints of the bells from people who were ignorant of the art. Before sitting down the Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells that afternoon, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Titley in replying said he was pleased the meeting had been held there, and assured them of his support. He was sorry he could not stay longer, but hoped to see them on some future occasion, and left the room amidst cheers.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial way, the Barwell glee party contributing to the harmony of the evening, while various members performed with the handbells.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Hinckley on March 8th.

COMBINED MEETING OF THE BLACKBURN AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.

On Saturday, March 8th, a meeting will be held at the parish church, Burnley. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Members of all towers are invited to attend. Non-members will be welcome.

J. SHEPHERD, } Branch Secs.
J. HORROCKS, }

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—The paragraph to which your correspondent, Mr. Richard T. Woodley takes exception, was badly constructed and improperly punctuated. The words "a thing, by the bye, unknown in London," form a parenthesis, and had this been clearly shewn, no misconception would have arisen. The allusion has only a local, not a general application, and I am obliged by Mr. Woodley giving me an opportunity of removing an impression which I did not wish to convey. To insult any society or individual is not at all my habit. I regret that a slipshod sentence should have rendered an explanation necessary, and I am most happy to give Mr. Woodley the explanation he so courteously requests.

FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—Allow me to demur very seriously to the tone of the concluding paragraph of Mr. Parker's communication on Stedman Triples, in your last issue, and to assure him that Mr. Heywood and myself were perfectly aware of the practicable character of singles at 9 and 11, nine or ten months ago, but we did not make use of them, on account of the difficulty that would have ensued with regard to the notation. I happened to be staying with Mr. Heywood last May, when we studied Thurstans' five-part together, and Mr. Heywood in my presence transposed it so as to have the 7th the observation. The peal itself in its original form is built upon an undisturbed observation: it really does not matter what bell the observation is, the construction is precisely the same in any case, and one bell may be substituted for another as the observation, without in the least altering the composition, but of course, the mechanical act of transposition causes the bobs and singles to appear at different sixes, but their relative position is precisely the same. It was by no means unusual with the old composers to adopt the 6th as the undisturbed observation, but these

peals would transpose so as to have the 7th instead in that office, without altering the general run of the composition. It is simply a matter of convenience so far as composition is concerned, and I am surprised Mr. Parker does not seem to be aware of these facts. He admits that Thurstans' peal can be transposed to have the 7th the undisturbed observation, in which case the singles will fall at 9 and 11. It follows therefore, that Thurstans did actually use the plan, though in a shrouded form, and Mr. Heywood is perfectly right in saying that the plan was used by Thurstans. Mr. Parker's last two peals are very interesting, but as yet I have not had time to study them thoroughly. There is no doubt that these varying ways of employing the singles will repay the trouble of studying and enquiring into them, and may eventually lead to startling results.

H. EARLE BULWER.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I am sorry that after my letter in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 15th inst., any member of our association should have thought it necessary or desirable to write you further under the above heading. But since the local secretary of the Midhurst branch has done so and has made such a variety of charges against my mode of dealing with Association matters, I feel bound to ask you to grant me space in your correspondence column, not to reply, as my friend "Free Lance" advises, but simply to say that I have attended every meeting held by the Sussex County Association, at all of which I have been prepared to give an account of my secretaryship, and that I hope to be present at the annual general meeting, to be held on Whit-Monday, when I will reply before the members to any questions of which I may have had three days' notice, and further, if any one of our fifty-five branches should desire the election of some other member, having more time at his disposal, or better able to undertake the work, I will most certainly withdraw from the post of Hon. Sec., which I have held since the formation of the Association, I would add that the only condition upon which I shall offer myself for re-election is, that the meeting shall approve of my past efforts by recording a unanimous vote.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

Brighton.

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

	Jan.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman	Total	Position in 1899.								
1. Midland Counties' Association	8	..	..	I	..	I	..	2	..	3	..	I	..	8	..	4th.	
2. Ancient Society of College Youths	7	..	—	..	4	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	3	..	7	..	2nd.	
3. Oxford Diocesan Guild	7	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	—	2	..	I	..	3	..	7	..	3rd.
4. Sussex County Association	5	..	I	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	2	..	5	..	1st.	
5. Kent County Association	4	2	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	4	..	13th.
6. Norwich Diocesan Guild	3	..	I	..	I	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	3	..	6th.	
7. Yorkshire Association	3	..	2	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	3	..	7th.	
8. Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	3	..	—	..	2	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	3	..	11th.	
9. Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	3	..	—	..	3	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	3	..	12th.	
10. Worcestershire & Adjoining Districts Association	2	..	—	..	2	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	2	..	8th.	
11. Lancashire Association	2	..	—	..	2	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	2	..	9th.	
12. Royal Cumberland Youths	2	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	2	..	15th.	
13. St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	2	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	2	..	2	..	20th.	
14. Trinity Youths	2	..	—	..	2	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	2	..	21st.	
15. Middlesex Association	2	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	2	..	30th.	
16. Essex Association	I	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	5th.	
17. Hertford Association	I	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	10th.	
18. Salisbury Diocesan Guild	I	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	14th.	
19. United Counties' Association	I	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	16th.	
20. Winchester Diocesan Guild	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	I	..	17th.	
21. Surrey Association	I	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	18th.	
22. All Hallows' Society, Tottenham	I	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	23rd.	
23. Birmingham Amalgamated Society	I	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	24th.	
24. Waterloo Society, London	I	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	25th.	
25. Bedfordshire Association	I	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	—	..	—	..	I	..	28th.	
Independent Societies	6	..	..	I	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	I	..	6	..	
	71	..	6	..	26	..	6	..	8	..	4	..	7	..	14	..	71	
Less peals entered under two Associations	7	..	I	..	3	..	—	..	I	..	—	..	I	..	I	..	7	
	64	..	5	..	23	..	6	..	7	..	4	..	6	..	13	..	64	

The above peals were rung as follows:—Surprise methods—Superlative Surprise Major, 4; in seven Surprise Minor methods, 2. Double methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 3. Forward Royal, 1. Stedman's principle: Cinques, 1; Caters, 3; Triples, 9. Treble Bob methods: Royal, 1; Major, 3; in seven Minor methods, 1. Grandsire: Caters, 3; Major, 1; Triples, 19. Plain methods: Bob Major, 4; Bob Triples, 2; Union Triples, 1. On six bells: in fourteen Minor methods, 1; in seven ditto, 1; in five ditto, 1; in three ditto, 2; in one ditto, 1; total 64.

The six peals by independent societies were rung in the following counties: Cheshire, 1; Kent, 1; Lincolnshire, 1; Middlesex, 1; Shropshire, 1; Yorkshire, 1.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

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WE think it was the Frenchmen MIRABEAU who maintained that a man who believed in himself was sure to accomplish great things. Perhaps the cynic meant by "great" not things wonderful or clever in their inception or execution, but that great clamour or bombast would attend their introduction and development, if they happened to reach the latter stage. "Great cry and little wool" is a phrase common enough in these days, and well understood to be a peculiar characteristic of those people who believe in themselves. Among such persons we must class the Rev. HUGH REGINALD HAWEIS, *Artium Magister*, Incumbent of St. James's, Marylebone. He is a man who evidently believes in himself; but so far as we

know he has yet performed no great things. He has not discovered perpetual motion, fathomed the source of the Nile, or set the Thames on fire. The saying of MIRABEAU is not fulfilled in his case, for though he evidently believes in himself, he has not accomplished anything great, and his latest literary feat may well be described as one of "great cry and little wool."

This gentleman has thought fit to give to the public, through the columns of a magazine, his views on change-ringing. No doubt he believes what he says to be true, and, like other people who believe in themselves, prefers not to be contradicted, or have his statements questioned. The "exceedingly courteous" reply to Mr. Carpenter is a true characteristic of such people.

Let Mr. HAWEIS write about what he understands. He is a performer on the violin; could he not tell the public something new about that instrument? how to fiddlestick it, to catgut-scraps it, to resin-the-bow it, and so forth. These terms are just as sensible as those he has used in connection with ringing. We advise him to let English bells and bell-ringing alone. Nobody believes in Mr. HAWEIS, and if he pursues the subject his own belief in himself is likely to be shattered.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1890, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN BONNEY	Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE	5.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF	2.	HENRY SPRINGALL	6.
WILLIAM BURKIN	3.	SAMUEL HAYES	7.
GEORGE J. SMITH	4.	EDWARD MARRIOTT	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung as a farewell to W. Greenleaf, who is leaving London for Salisbury.

The Provinces.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 14, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE	Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL	5.
A. P. GODDARD	2.	WILLIAM NAPPER	6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN	3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON	4.	DENNIS NAPPER	Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

FRIEZLAND, SADDLEWORTH.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, February 20, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Duke of York, Yorkshire Delight, Kent Treble Bob, Merchants' Return, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Violet.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH W. SHAW	Treble.	JAMES DICKEN	4.
GEORGE T. SHAW	2.	JOHN D. SHAW	5.
WILLIAM DICKEN	3.	JOHN T. DICKEN	Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. SHAW.

Rung as a birthday peal for George T. Shaw, who attained his 24th year on that day; his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1890, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

R. NASH	Treble.	*R. WALTERS	5.
W. GIBSON	2.	H. MITCHELL	6.
L. GIBB†	3.	F. HOUNSELL	7.
W. FOX	4.	H. BOWELL	Tenor.

Conducted by F. HOUNSELL.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal. R. Walters hails from Chichester.

HEENE, NEAR WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT HODGE*	Treble.	†JAMES BATTS	5.
EDWARD C. MERRETT	2.	†BENJAMIN BASSETT	6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER	3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7.
PHILIP ALLFREY	4.	*EDMUND H. LINDUP	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Hodge, Bassett and Lindup belong to the local Band; the rest hail from Brighton.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 22, 1890, 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 19 cwt.

JOHN BASDEN	Treble.	ALLEN H. TABER	5.
GEORGE STANBROOK	2.	ALFRED W. GARRAWAY	6.
EDWARD WILLIS	3.	REUBEN FLAXMAN	7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER	4.	*THOMAS GOODCHILD	Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH JOHN PARKER.

*First peal. The above was arranged as a birthday peal for J. Basden and A. H. Taber, their brother ringers wish them many happy returns. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar and churchwardens for allowing them the use of the bells, also the worthy steeple-keeper, Mr. H. Parsons, for having everything in readiness.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S EASTBOURNE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

JOHN ROLLISON	Treble.	EDWARD WILLOUGHBY	5.
THOMAS WILLOUGHBY	2.	THOMAS LEWIS	6.
CHARLES HARFFEY	3.	THOMAS HART	7.
LEONARD HUGGETT	4.	CHARLES BRABAN	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WILLOUGHBY.

This is the first peal on the bells, and the band take this opportunity of very sincerely thanking the Vicar, the Rev. F. Clyde Harvey, for the use of the bells, also Mr. William Weller, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness and his untiring attention.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

GEORGE COOK	Treble.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS	5.
GEORGE CONYARD	2.	FREDERICK CULLUM	6.
HENRY GIBBS	3.	EDWIN BARNETT	7.
THOMAS SAXBY*	4.	HENRY WEBB	Tenor.

Conducted by G. CONYARD.

*First peal with a bob bell.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 23, 1890, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

THOMAS GRIMES	Treble.	EMANUEL GREENWOOD	5.
WILLIAM LAWRANCE	2.	ASA SMITH	6.
WILLIAM BASTON	3.	MIDGLY MOORE	7.
WILLIAM SMITH	4.	WILLIAM GILL	Tenor.

Composed by W. GODDALL of Liversedge, and Conducted by MIDGLY MOORE of Keighley.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 24, 1890, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARK	Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY	5.
GEORGE DAWSON	2.	SAMUEL JOHNSON	6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD	3.	JOHN HOWE	7.
HENRY MIDGLEY	4.	WILLIAM HICKLING	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

In this peal, which is in five exactly equal parts, and is now rung for the first time, the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being Two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, Two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, Two 720's of Bob Minor, and 720 Grandsire Minor.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRED PAGE	Treble.	ROBERT WELLS	4.
WILLIAM DREW	2.	FRED WATLING	5.
GEORGE NOY	3.	RICHARD W. STANNARD	Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD W. STANNARD.

First 5040 on six bells by the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd men, and first 5040 by F. Watling, Ring as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving the county. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the rector for the use of the bells. Messrs. Page, Drew and Noy from Kelsale; Wells and Watling local company; and Stannard, late of Leiston.

Date Touches.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday afternoon, February 16th, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1890 Stedman Triples, composed by A. P. Heywood, in 1 hr. 3½ mins. G. Williams, 1; E. C. Merritt, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; G. A. King, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; J. R. Reilly (conductor), 7; H. Tugwell, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 18th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, in 1 hr. 5 mins. F. Wilson, 1; T. Curtis, 2; W. Bulpitt, 3; S. Powell (aged 13), 4; J. Ballard, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; W. Hatten, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Monday, February 17th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. S. V. Salisbury, 1; *P. Long, 2; W. Jennings, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; A. R. Ward, 5; H. Jennings (composer and conductor), 6; W. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. Tenor 26½ cwt. *Longest touch in the method.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

EXETER.—On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins., composed by the Editor. T. Mudge, 1; C. Cater, 2; S. Binfield, 3; F. Davey, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; W. Carnell, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KEIGHLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 16th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Laurance, 1; T. Thompson, 2; J. Normington

(aged 77 years), 3; W. Smith, 4; E. Greenwood, 5; A. Smith, 6; M. Moore, 7; W. Gill (conductor), 8. Composed by S. Marsh of West Bromwich.

HULL.—On Monday, February 17th, at Holy Trinity Church, the following members of this branch of the association rang a date touch of Stedman Triples, (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. C. Jackson (conductor), 1; D. W. Brown, 2; W. Southwick, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; J. Pollard, 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, February 15th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a date touch (1890 changes), in the following methods, being 90 of Plain Bob Minor, 360 of Woodbine, 720 of Kent and 760 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 1 hr. and 2 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (composer and conductor), 6. Rang on the occasion of a peal-board being erected in the belfry recording the 5040 rang in seven different methods on November 23rd, 1889. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, February 11th, at St. Margaret's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (in the tittums), was rung in 1 hr. 16 mins. J. Wilson, 1; G. Cleal, 2; J. Buttery, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. P. Cooper, 5; J. Needham, 6; J. Cooper, 7; A. Millis (composer and conductor), 8; J. Marlow, 9; W. Walker, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. in D. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of the eldest daughter of Mr. S. Cooper, who for several years has been president of this branch, and also one of the vice-presidents of the Association. His brother-ringers wish the newly-married pair health, happiness, and prosperity.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. J. Cooper, 1; J. Culwick, 2; G. Griffiths, 3; J. Siddons, 4; E. Woodhall, 5; S. Slater, 6; W. A. Cooper (conductor), 7; E. Cashmore, 8. Composed by Samuel Marsh.

SHILAKE (Oxon).—On Wednesday evening, February 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1890 changes), in 1 hr. and 5 mins. H. Wenman, 1; G. Slade, 2; W. Wenman, 3; C. Walters, 4; F. Wenman (conductor), 5; C. Stallwood, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Longest touch by all the above. The ringer of the treble is seventy years of age.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—Recently for practice at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. *M. Gibson, 1; J. W. Forster, 2; F. Barron, 3; T. H. Surtees, 4; W. Oliver, 5; A. Nichol (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. *First 720. A. Nichol hails from Blackhill.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Thursday, February 13th, at Christ Church, eight members of this Association attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1000 changes, in 40 mins., it came to grief. J. Holman (Bath), 1; T. Hibbert (conductor, Reading), 2; G. Temple (Twerton), 3; G. Hill (Bath), 4; H. Pring (Bristol), 5; F. Price (Bristol), 6; J. Gould (Bristol), 7; J. Hinton (Bristol), 8. And on handbells, retained in hand, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. T. Hibbert, 1-2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3-4; F. Price, 5-6; J. Holman (first quarter-peal on handbells), 7-8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine service at the parish church, a 630 of Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins. J. Smith jun., 1; J. Walker, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; J. Griffith, 4; J. Walker (conductor), 5; J. Watson, 6; W. E. Wilson, 7; M. Adams, 8. Also for evening service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (with 7 and 8 covering), in 29 mins. J. Smith, 1; J. Walker, 2; J. Griffith, 3; J. Watson, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Walker (conductor), 6; M. Adams, 7; J. Fardoe, 8.

HOGHTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. J. Harrison, 1; T. Calderbank, 2; J. Vogwell, jun., 3; T. Dowhurst, 4; J. Walker (conductor), 5; Jos. Dewhurst, 6; J. Vogwell, 7; J. King, 8. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lbs.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Saturday, Feb. 15th at Immanuel church, 720 Plain Bob in 27½ mins. Y. Duckworth (conductor), 1; J. Whittaker, 2; A. Whittaker, 3; A. Clegg, 4; W. Norris, 5; J. Atherton, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. James Smith, 1; jun., 1; J. Walker, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; J. Watson, 4; James Smith, sen., 5; J. Walker (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob. Yates Duckworth (conductor), 1; J. Whittaker, 2; A. Whittaker, 3; J. H. Shepherd, 4; W. Norris, 5; C. Watson, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. H. Hayes (conductor), 1; R. Grime, 2; J. Bentley, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Pattison, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 16th, at the parish church, for morning service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. E. Morfee, 1; L. Gibb, 2; A. Lukehurst, 3; W. Gibson, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. Also a 882 of Grandsire Triples (by Banister), in 32 mins. E. Morfee, 1; L. Gibb, 2; W. Fox, 3; W. Gibson, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (by H. Hubbard), in 45 mins. E. Morfee, 1; L. Gibb, 2; W. Fox, 3; W. Gibson, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Wednesday, February 5th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Mathew, a member of the above Association, with the second daughter of A. Ayling, Esq., a 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. — Steer, 1; T. Elliss, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. Steer hails from Fittleworth, and this is his second attempt at Minor, also the first 720 by him. And 360 with A. T. Bennet, 1; the rest as before. Also three courses of Kent Treble Bob. For practice on Wednesday, February 12th, 180 College Single, 120 Oxford Single Bob, and a course of Bob Minor. *A. T. Bennet, 1; T. Elliss, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. *First in the methods.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Saturday, February 15th, by a mixed band, 742 Grandsire Triples, the last part of Holt's Original, without a cover. G. Treagus, 2; C. Blackman, 3; H. Huggett, 4; P. Allfrey (Brighton), 5; G. Balchin, 6; G. Baker, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. The above was rung owing to the band meeting one short for a peal.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday morning, February 16th, 504 Stedman Triples, in 18 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; J. Reilly, 2; G. A. King, 3; J. Jay, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; G. F. Attree, 7; D. Ross, 8.

HORLEY.—On Thursday February 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Songhurst, 1; J. Taylor (conductor), 2; E. Dewey (Reigate), 3; J. Kenward, 4; G. Apps, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; W. Edwards, 7; J. Hitchcock, 8. On Sunday, February 9th, 842 Grandsire Triples, in 32 mins. W. Wallis, 1; W. Edwards, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; S. Kenward, 4; J. Taylor, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; T. Sparks (conductor), 7; A. Songhurst, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Wednesday, February 12th, at the parish church, a 720 College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. H. Martin, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Martin, 3; T. Card (conductor), 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the Association, also the first on the bells, and by all the ringers except F. Carroway. Also on Thursday, February 13th, a 720 of College Single, in 27 mins. H. Martin, 1; T. Card (conductor), 2; C. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. H. Martin, 1; F. Pratt, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Martin (first 720 in the method as conductor), 5; T. Card, 6. Also on Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker (first 720 in the method), 3; T. Card, 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. Martin (conductor), 6. Also for Divine service in the evening, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Martin (conductor), 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Tucker, 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; T. Card, 6. Also on Wednesday, February 19th, for practice, three courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, February 25th, 1890, at the church of St. Saviour, Southwark, a 1248 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 60 mins. J. Pettit, 1; R. French, 2; E. Horrex, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; R. T. Woodley, 7; E. E. Clarke, 8; W. T. Cockerill, 9; E. Carter, 10; F. G. Newman, 11; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 12. Rung to celebrate the 49th birthday of the conductor, and upon which occasion he received the good wishes of his brother-strings.

ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Sunday evening, February 23rd, ten members of the above, met at the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, by the invitation of the steeple keeper, for a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters, but as time would not permit, a touch of 665 was rung in 27 mins. S. J. Reed, 1; J. N. Oxborrow, 2; E. Duff, 3; H. R. Newton, 4; W. Carter, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; J. Willshire, 7; W. H. George, 8; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 9; W. Cropley, 10.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE.—On Tuesday, February 4th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring a peal of 5040 Bob Royal, but after ringing 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 43 minutes, it came to grief. G. Hinton, 1; G. Bourne, 2; A. J. Mason, 3; E. Crump, 4; W. James, 5; H. B. Kingsford, 6; G. Hayward (composer and conductor), 7; J. Hinton, 8; O. James, 9; W. Rea, 10. J. Hinton hails from Bristol; G. Hinton and H. B. Kingsford from Worcester.

THE ALLHALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Monday, February 17th, at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Fox, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; T. Card, 4; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 5; W. P. English, 6. It was intended to start for a peal of Triples, but meeting one short the above was rung.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, February 15th, at the church of St. Mary-without-the-walls, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 26 mins. W. Foster, 1; J. Johnson, 2; W. Povey, 3; H. Gibson, 4; A. Cross, 5; T. J. Bethell, 6; J. Moulton (conductor), 7; F. Jarvis, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb. The above is the first half of Holt's ten-part. W. Foster hails from Northwich and this is his longest touch.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE.—On Thursday, February 6th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Smith, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; W. Mynard, 3; C. Herbert, 4; W. E. Turney, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, February 17th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. R. Munn, 1; L. Digweed, 2; H. Digby, 3; M. Digby, 4; C. Waterman, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. C. Waterman hails from Schorne; R. Munn from Milton, and this is his first 720. And on Sunday evening, February 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, February 16th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 360 Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering. T. Page, 1; F. Wilson, 2; T. Curtis, 3; W. Bulpitt, 4; J. Ballard, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; W. Hatten, 7; A. Knight, 8. And in the evening, 447 Grandsire Triples. F. Wilson, 1; J. Ballard, 2; W. Bulpitt, 3; S. Powell, 4; T. Curtis, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White, 7; W. Hatten, 8. Recently, on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Page, 1; F. Wilson, 2; T. Curtis, 3; J. Ballard, 4; H. White (conductor), 5-6; W. Bulpitt, 7-8. Also a course of Stedman Triples. F. Wilson, 1; J. Ballard, 2; S. Powell, 3; T. Curtis, 4; H. White, 5-6; W. Bulpitt, 7-8. And 360 Plain Bob Minor. H. White, 1-2; F. Wilson, 3; T. Curtis, 4; J. Ballard, 5; W. Bulpitt, 6.

BLACKHILL, DURHAM.—On Wednesday evening, February 12th, at St. Mary's (R.C.) church, 720 Bob Minor, in 31 mins. J. Moore, jun., 1; W. Oliver, 2; J. T. Dobson, 3; F. Barron, 4; A. Nichols (conductor), 5; J. Moore, 6. Oliver and Barron hail from St. Cutthbert's, Benfieldside. Tenor 22 cwt.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, February 8th, at the parish church, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6.

HACKNEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, February 16th, at the parish church of St. John, before Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. E. Edridge, 1; G. Page, 2; J. Carmichael, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; W. D. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Nunn, 6; G. J. Smith, 7; H. Spencer, 8.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, February 9th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples in 20 mins. Richard Williams, 1; E. Booth, 2; J. Brown, 3; J. Moore, 4; T. Hammond, 5; R. Williams (conductor), 6; J. Martin, 7; C. Williams, 8. And on Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine Service, 504

Stedman Triples in 20 mins. H. Meadows, 1; E. Booth, 2; J. Moore, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. Hammond, 5; R. Williams (conductor), 6; J. Martin, 7; C. Williams, 8.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, January 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Mannerling, 1; G. Pawley, 2; A. Woolley, 5; A. C. West (late of Whitchurch, Oxon), 4; J. Gransbury, 5; A. Palmer, 6; A. Moorcraft (conductor), 7; W. Palmer, 8. And 503 Grandsire Triples. J. Warren, Esq., 1; C. Gasson, 2; J. Constable, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; A. C. West, 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6; G. Pawley, 7; A. Woolley, 8.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 17th, for practice at All Saints' church, Hamer, 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 14 mins. J. Hartley, 1; R. Whittles, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; R. Holden, 4; G. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single in 28 mins. J. Hartley, 1; R. Whittles, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; G. Hoyle (first 720 in the method), 4; J. Crossley, 5; A. Crossley (conductor), 6. G. Hoyle hails from St. James, Milnrow; and G. Hoyle, J. Crossley, A. Crossley, and R. Holden are members of the Lancashire Association.

SELBY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service in the morning at the Abbey church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins, on the back seven. C. Everatt, 1; W. Winder, 2; S. James, 3; A. Cryer, 4; F. Cryer (conductor), 5; A. Dobson, 6; M. Hague, 7. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Connell, 1; C. Everatt, 2; W. Winders, 3; S. James, 4; A. Cryer, 5; F. Cryer (conductor), 6; A. Dobson, 7; M. Hague, 8.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Friday, January 17th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob. R. Theobald, 1; R. Gowers, 2; A. Clarke, 3; R. Brett, 4; G. Smith (conductor), 5; A. Papworth, 6. Also on Sunday, January 26th, a 720. A. Papworth, 1; A. Clarke, 2; C. Carter (Foxearth), 3; R. Gowers, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, February 2nd, a 720. R. Gowers, 1; A. Clarke, 2; A. Papworth, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Theobald (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, February 8th, a 720 of Plain Bob. Clarke (conductor), 1; Theobald, 2; Papworth, 3; Brett, 4; Smith, 5; Gowers, 6. Also on Saturday, February 15th, at the residence of R. Gowers, on handbells retained in hand, a 720 of Plain Bob. Clarke, 1; Theobald, 2; Papworth, 3; Brett, 4; Smith, 5; Gowers (conductor), 6.

SUNDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 1st, the local company met for practice at St. Gregory's church, and rang a touch of 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Brown, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; W. B. Ramsom, 6; J. Campin, 7; A. Scott, 8. Also at St. Peter's, on Monday, February 2nd, for evening service, a 1008 of Stedman Triples. W. Cross, 1; W. Bacon, 2; G. Brown, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. On Saturday, February 15th, for practice at St. Gregory's, two touches of Grandsire Triples, 350 and 546 changes. *W. Howell, jun., 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; W. B. Ramsom, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Cross, 7; *G. Tatum, 8. *Longest touch in any method. Also on Sunday, February 16th, for evening service at St. Peter's, 588 Stedman Triples, and after service 504 in the same method. W. Cross, 1; M. Silvester, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. B. Ramsom, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; W. Howell, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

THIRSK (Yorkshire).—On Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine service at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. W. Long, 1; H. Brown, 2; R. Boddy, 3; G. Wright, 4; G. Neesam, 5; J. Wrightson (conductor), 6; H. Wright, 8. This was J. W. Long's first 720, age only fourteen years. And on Thursday, February 20th, for practice, the local company, assisted by Messrs. T. and A. Clark, of Sharow, Ripon, rang 1260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. Tenor 19 cwt. T. Clark, 1; D. Burton, 2; H. Brown, 3; R. Boddy, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; A. Clark, 7; H. Wright, 8. Conducted by T. Clark.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—Recently before Divine Service on Sunday evening at St. Martin's church, 712 Stedman Triples. W. R. Small, 1; B. Gough, 2; S. Jesson, 3; W. Horton, 4; E. Goodreds, 5; H. Williams, 6; W. Cooper (conductor), 7; H. Mills, 8. Gough and Horton hail from Coseley; Williams from Kidderminster; and Cooper from All Saints, West Bromwich.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; H. N. Spinks, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And in the evening for Divine Service 216 Grandsire Minor. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. Rushton, 4; H. N. Spinks, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. The above 720 contained eighteen bobs and forty-two singles, and was composed by J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.

The parish church of this village, which was a few years ago thoroughly restored, contains a good ring of six bells (tenor about 9 cwt.). The tower formerly contained only four bells, but in July of last year they were thoroughly overhauled, fitted with new frame, wheels, &c., and augmented to a peal of six. The go of the bells is all that could be desired. Mr. Jas. Wright (one of the churchwardens), having been a great lover of bells and ringing from his youth, but wholly unacquainted with scientific ringing, determined upon forming a guild of young men who would undertake to learn the art. Having formed his guild he bestowed great pains in teaching them to pull a bell and ring rounds. About six weeks ago he engaged Mr. Richard Jackson of Baldock, as their instructor, and on Sunday morning last they accomplished their first 120s on the tower bells. Many thanks are due to Mr. Wright for bestowing so much time in teaching the men to handle their bells, and undertaking to have them taught change-ringing, and also to Mr. Richard Jackson for the able manner in which he has taught them in so short a time. On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, three 120's of Grandsire Doubles. Thos. Webb (conductor), 1; Jas. Wright, 2; J. Craft, 3; E. Chalkley, 4; R. Jackson, 5; G. Munns, 6. Also three 120's by all local men. James Beale, 1; Jas. Wright, 2; J. Bracey, 3; E. Chalkley, 4; J. Grey (conductor), 5; G. Munns, 6. First 120's on the bells by all local men. Messrs. Webb, Craft, and Jackson are members of the Baldock Society.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—On Saturday last, February 22nd, the usual monthly meeting of this branch was held at Walton-on-the-Hill, near Liverpool, when about thirty ringers attended from Liverpool, Prescott, Huyton, and Southport, besides the local companies of Walton and Bootle. Several 720's and touches were rung during the afternoon and evening, both at Walton and Bootle. Methods rung: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure. The business meeting was held in the school-room, at 6 p.m. In the unavoidable absence of the rector, Mr. R. Williams of Liverpool was unanimously elected to take the chair, who, in a very forcible speech, encouraged all ringers to join the association, showing the advantages to young ringers to be gained at these meetings of learning something in the art of change-ringing, and that he was always anxious to impart to others what he knew of the art himself. The chairman's remarks were briefly endorsed by Mr. Davies of Liverpool, and Mr. Hill of Southport. Ten new members were unanimously elected. The usual votes of thanks were proposed to the rector of Walton for the use of the bells and schoolroom, also to the vicar of Bootle, and the tower-keepers at each place, for having everything in readiness; also to the chairman for presiding, which brought a very successful meeting to a close. The next meeting will be held at Prescott (8 bell tower), on Saturday, March 22nd. RICHARD HILL,
78, Cemetery Road, Southport. Hon. Branch Sec.

NORBURY, NEAR ASHBOURNE.

A large chime clock has just been given to this church by S. W. Clowes, Esq., which has one large dial, and will prove a great boon to the parish. J. Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, were the makers.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—The second monthly meeting of this district will be held at Beeston parish church on Saturday, March 8th. The belfry will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock. A. LAMBERT, Local Secretary.

THE RINGERS' GUIDE TO THE CHURCH BELLS OF DEVON. By C. PEARSON, M.A. Price One Shilling, or bound in cloth, 1s. 6d. Postage Threepence.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT EASTBOURNE.

ON Saturday, February 15th, a district meeting was held at Eastbourne (eight-bell tower), in the eastern division of the county. The towers of St. Mary's, All Saints, and Christ Church were kindly placed at the disposal of the members during the day. Luncheon was provided at the New Hotel, at which the Rev. R. S. Woodward, incumbent of All Saints, presided. A meeting followed, when the following business was transacted:—Four honorary members, including G. Street, Esq., and C. R. Longbourne, Esq., churchwardens of Milland; J. V. Longbourne, Esq., of Milland, and the Rev. W. W. Kelly, vicar of Aldingbourne, and forty-two active members were elected, the active members including a new branch at West Grinstead, and additional members to eleven branches. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Geo. F. Attree were elected as the two representatives to attend the preliminary meeting of the Central Council. Battle and Ringmer were proposed as suitable places for holding the next eight-bell tower meeting in East Sussex. The majority being in favour of Battle, that place was selected.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting should be held as usual on Whit-Monday at Brighton, and the next District Meeting in West Sussex on Easter Monday.

Votes of thanks to the rev. chairman for presiding, and to the vicars and churchwardens of the above-mentioned churches for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

The following are the places selected for holding District Meetings during the present year:—Easter Monday (eight-bell tower), West Sussex—Chichester; Whit Monday (Annual General Meeting),—Brighton; Date not fixed (six-bell tower), East Sussex—Balcombe; Date not fixed (six-bell tower), West Sussex—Billingshurst; Date not fixed (eight-bell tower), East Sussex—Battle. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH BRANCH.—On Tuesday, February 18th, through the kindness of the vicar, the Rev. E. G. Thatcher, M.A., the choir and ringers were entertained to a most excellent supper at the vicarage, after which they adjourned—to the library, those who wished to enjoy a little of the fragrant weed provided by the worthy host, and to the dining room those who wished to sing or chat. Several songs and glees were sung by members of the choir, and a few touches on the handbells by the ringers, when "stand" was called, and coffee and biscuits served, after which, a few more songs and glees. A hearty vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman for his kindness, was proposed by Mr. Hicklin, and seconded by Mr. Hunt, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close shortly before 12 o'clock, when all wended their way home, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE JOHNSON ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

IN honour of the memory of the late Mr. Henry Johnson, the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham will continue to hold the usual annual dinner. The next will take place to-day, Saturday, March 1st, at the "Woolpack" hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham. The chair will be taken at 5.30 p.m. by A. P. Heywood, Esq., President of the Midland Counties' Association. Dinner tickets 2s. 6d. each. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

KINGSTON, SOMERSET.

On Tuesday, February 11th, at the parish church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, T. Doble (conductor), 1; T. W. Radford, 2; J. Summerhayess, 3; J. Burge, 4; J. Maddock, 5; H. Bosley, 6. Tenor about 17 cwt. Great difficulty was experienced in getting a 6-score, as the bells are far from good order, they are odd struck, and the treble could not be thrown over the balance at back-stroke, consequently they had to be rung very fast, each 120 being rung in 3½ minutes. These bells have recently been re-hung by the village carpenter. The above are the first 6-scores ever rung on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Lewisham, on Tuesday next, March 4th, at 8 p.m. FREDERICK W. THORNTON, Hon. Sec.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"A little learning is a dangerous thing."

It is with pleasure that I "open out" this week with a compliment to my brother "Ancients" on the accomplishment of their peal of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate. Not that this performance is anything extraordinary in the annals of the Society, or to the sturdy and talented yeomen of the Exercise who took part in it, but for three features which it presents. First the "majority" birthday of one of the members; second the three stars; and last, but by no means least (to use that old hackneyed phrase) the fact of our veteran friend Robert Jameson's name appearing in the list. Friend Hibbert returned home with most pleasurable feelings at thus having accomplished his first peal of Cinques, and had his coming of age honoured in such a manner. And well he might. I remember how my "21st" was honoured with modest rounds and Churchyard Bob. But we were just beginning in good earnest then, and thought ourselves clever in managing that; and I likewise felt no less elated that my attaining the estate of manhood had been signalled by the sound of our bells. That is a long time ago; but the remembrance of it will never fade in my mind. I trust such will be the case with Mr. Hibbert, that this peal will create in him a firm determination to perfect himself in the science, and while he is improving himself to assist others in the way he is going, so that if he—like "Robert the steeple-keeper"—is spared to see his three-score-and-ten, he may then reflect with pride on what he has accomplished and what he has striven to do during the years that were between. I look forward to have the pleasure of congratulating Mr. Jameson on the arrival of his next birthday, and hope I shall be able also to compliment him on the successful bringing round of another peal in honour thereof.

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While on the subject of peals, I cannot omit noticing some others which appear last Saturday. The Guildford men have thus fittingly commemorated the coming of age of one of their number—Ernest Heathorn—and at Maidstone Thomas Mantering signalled his twentieth birthday by conducting Holt's Original on their bells at All Saints. These will no doubt be both "red-letter" peals to all who took part, but particularly to those in whose honour they were rung, and I venture to hope that my cordial good wishes to both of them will not be taken amiss.

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Another peal of a very different character is also recorded—Annabell's six-part of Grandsire Triples at Trevethin, with the bells deeply muffled in token of sympathy with the sufferers at the sad and disastrous colliery explosion at Llanerch. The Caerleon men did well to thus demonstrate by the voices of the bells how that the church "mourns with those that mourn" as well as "rejoices with those that rejoice." It is most fervently to be hoped that they will never again have occasion to ring a peal under such heart-rending auspices.

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Now, all you change-ringers—you whose work requires but "a little arithmetic and a strong arm, no fine musical ear, and certainly no love for music"; you who do not "care twopence for the sound or the tune": you who think nothing but "whether the bell swings easily, and whether" you "can dodge it, snap it, triple-bob major it, and so on in time"; you who perpetrate

that "present purgatorial system of change-ringing *ad infinitum*"; you whose "Paradise is the musician's Inferno," *et cetera, et cetera*. Hide your diminished heads in shame, and consign your unworthy selves to oblivion *instantly*. For behold, Sir Oracle hath spoken; let the world be still. Parson Haweis hath pronounced the sentence—and change-ringing must cease forthwith. What a dreadful state of affairs! I have been indulging in a look over this precious article so ably replied to by Mr. Carpenter. It seems to me but a mere "hash up" of a portion of his *Music and Morals*, a book which got considerably more attention than it deserved some years ago. Unfortunately for us, Mr. Haweis has acquired a certain amount of notoriety in this direction among a peculiar class of individuals: thus what he says or writes is accepted by some (who don't know better) as a sort of gospel truth. Although I have no desire to detract from his real merits, I cannot help thinking that he is a much over-rated man. When he treats upon a subject with which he is thoroughly conversant, there is no doubt about it that he can do so in a very catching (and thus popular) manner. This is how he has gained his reputation. But when he attempts to pose as a critic of the science of change-ringing, a subject which he is manifestly ignorant of—he (to use a homely phrase) "puts his foot in it," and this is where the mischief comes in. People who have read his works or heard him preach or lecture on subjects which he (comparatively speaking) thoroughly understands and thus can competently treat upon, will naturally give credence to what he says upon other subjects which *they don't* understand. Thus in these cases, his effusions carry a weight to which they are by no means entitled, and thus also are calculated to form erroneous impressions and mistaken notions. Such is the case when Mr. Haweis attempts to deal with change-ringing. When I first read his "*Music and Morals*," my idea was that Mr. Haweis had at some early part of his career attempted the art of change-ringing, but had failed, and then instead of taking his failure in good grace had turned round upon it in the vain endeavour to demonstrate that there was after all nothing in it. Of course, I may be wrong in this surmise, but to say the least of it, his effusions would naturally lead one to that conclusion. His aim as a preacher, also, seems to me to have been of a sensational character. He has been a sort of under-study of the "apostle of æstheticism" on the one hand and of Dr. Talmage on the other. And no very great success in either. But perhaps the secret of it all lies in the terse reply, and made by the latter gentleman—"it pays." Anyhow, it is satisfactory to know that his animadversions on the science of change-ringing have not been allowed to go unchallenged; and thus (thanks to Mr. Carpenter), probably he will hesitate before he again attempts to criticise a science, the very elements of which he has yet to learn.

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As Mr. Carpenter observes, the columns of the *English Illustrated Magazine* are not open to correspondence. Although through this circumstance it is impracticable to combat in those pages by means of a letter, the erroneous statements of Mr. Haweis; might I suggest to Mr. Carpenter the feasibility of writing another article for that journal in explanation and defence of change-ringing, which would be a most effective counterblast to the misrepresentations of Mr. Haweis? Such an article, well written would, I thoroughly believe, be cordially accepted; and, thus the effect of the former article be neutralised. The more we make our art intelligible to the people, the better will it be appreciated. Of that I am quite certain.

FREE LANCE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Committee Meeting of this Association will be held in St. James's schoolroom, Wollaston, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, March 8th, at 5 p.m., prompt. The tower containing six bells, will be at the disposal of the members. The Rev. G. Gilbanks, vicar, will preside. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
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THE APPLETON ANNIVERSARY.

This Festival will be held as usual on Tuesday, March 4th. There will be two peals attempted. Friends wishing to take part in these, please correspond with Mr. J. W. Washbrook, Christ Church Buildings, Oxford, before Monday, March 3rd.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT.—A meeting of this branch will be held at St. James's church, Milnrow, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom presided over by the vicar at 6 p.m. F. BIRSTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, March 8th, at St. Philip's church, Hulme, Manchester. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7. JOHN EACHUS, *Branch Sec.*

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ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting of this district will be held at Mersham on Saturday, March 8th. The tower will be open for ringing from 12 noon, and a Committee Meeting will be held at 3 p.m. All members are reminded that the subscription for the current year is now due. The usual allowance (full members, 2s., probationers, 1s.), will be paid to all attending. Those desiring certificates to enable them to obtain reduction in railway fares, are requested to communicate at once with

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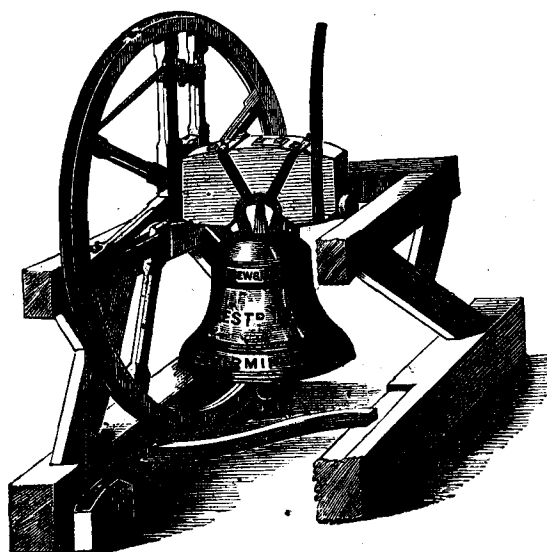
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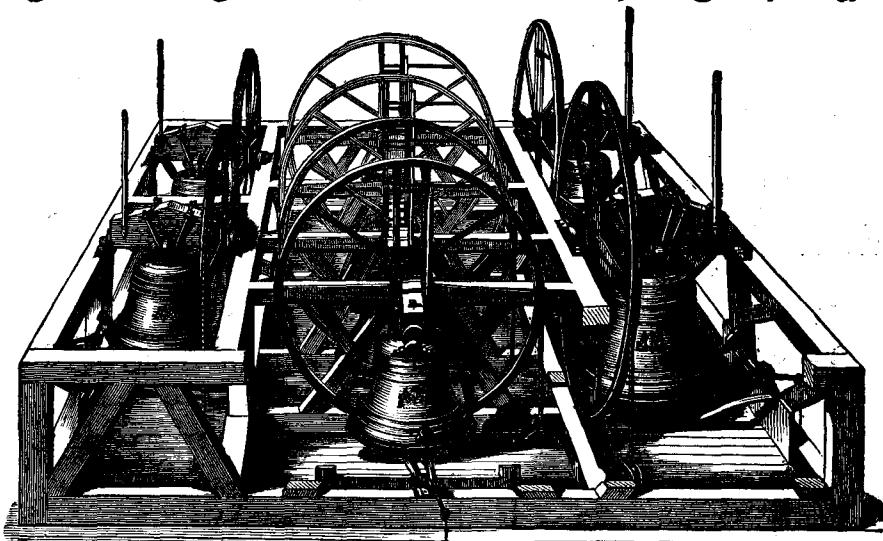
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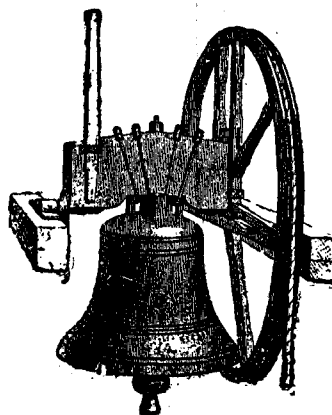
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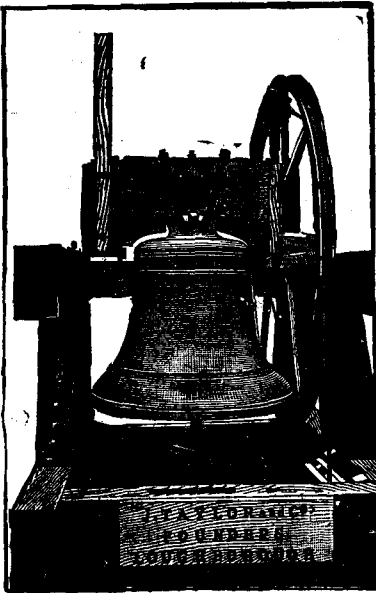
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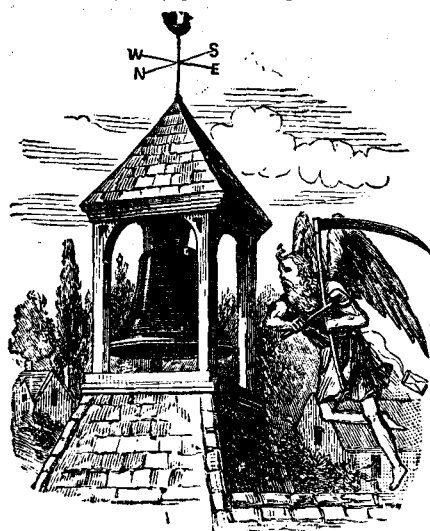
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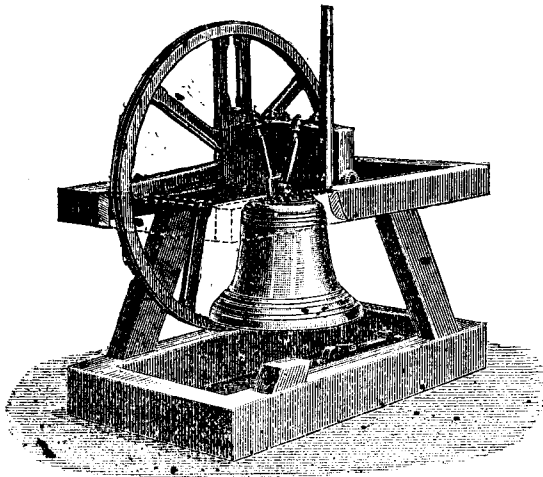
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THE JOHNSON ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

This event took place on Saturday last, the 1st instant. It having been announced that ringing would commence at the church of St. Martin at 3.30, a good number of visitors assembled in the tower about that time, being met by the ringing-Master (Mr. Henry Bastable), the steeple-keeper (Mr. J. Joynes), the Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild (Mr. W. H. Godden), and Messrs. Reynolds, Buffery, Cartwright, and others.

Among the first visitors to arrive were A. P. Heywood, Esq. (President of the Midland Counties' Association), Mr. S. Reeves (Hon. Sec. of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), Messrs. R. Cartwright and C. F. Vickers (Master and Secretary of the St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton), and Messrs. Cotton (Worcester), Humphreys (St. Mary's, Lichfield), and Parsons (Old Hill).

The bells were soon going to a musical touch of Stedman Caters, conducted by Mr. Heywood, followed by a touch of Stedman Cinques, also conducted by Mr. Heywood, and another touch of Stedman Caters conducted by Mr. T. Russam.

At the advertised time the company, to the number of forty-one, assembled at dinner at "The Woolpack" hotel, and at the termination of an excellent repast the chair was taken by Mr. Heywood, supported by W. Jones, Esq. (Churchwarden of St. Martin's), and Mr. John Day (presiding ringing-Master of the St. Martin's Guild).

The Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild having mentioned the numerous apologies for non-attendance he had received—the principal being from the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," the Rev. J. R. Keble (Perry Barr), Rev. H. Courtney (Hatton), Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and Mr. W. Wakley,

The Chairman rose to propose the usual loyal toast of "Queen, Church, and State." In doing this he eulogised the Constitutional government with which England was blessed, and in noticing the present aspect of the political horizon, referred to the promise of Free Education as being more apparent than real, inasmuch that any so-called "free" education would after all have to be paid for out of the pockets of the ratepayers. In referring to the burning questions now agitating the labour market, he paid a tribute to the past usefulness of trades unionism, but warned his hearers on no account to accept its dogmas without exercising to the full their own common sense and freedom of thought. This toast, which was received with acclamation, was followed by the Chairman speaking in touching terms of his lately-deceased friend, Mr. Henry Johnson. Pointing to the pinnacle of fame to which Mr. Johnson had attained, he alluded, not only to his genius, but to the example set before every individual member of the Exercise by the spotlessness of Mr. Johnson's long and honorable career, and the energy displayed in a lifelong devotion to our science. In concluding, he asked every member present to rise and repeat with him the wish—"That his memory may be ever present with us."

A touch of Stedman Caters was then rung on the handbells by H. Bastable, 1-2; W. Kent, 3-4; T. Russam, 5-6; B. Wittchell (conductor), 7-8; H. Johnson, 9-10.

"The Health of the Visitors" was then given by Mr. Jones, who said that as he was probably the only person present who was not a ringer, he might almost himself be constituted a visitor. However, he was well pleased to be amongst them that evening, and was always glad of an opportunity to be of service to the ringers of the St. Martin's Guild. With this toast he coupled the name of Mr. Parsons, of Old Hill, who suitably responded.

Mr. John Day, in giving "Success to the ringing papers and their respective editors," related an amusing episode in his early life, when his uncle Thomas Day (the Treble Bob composer),

having sent him to a neighbouring publichouse to borrow *Bell's Life*, in order that he might scan its columns for any scrap of information relative to bellringing, explained to a friend in his company that such news always followed a column headed "Canine." Times were however considerably altered, and ringers were now well accommodated by a paper which was peculiarly their own organ, and by a page or two in another paper having a circulation among church-folk.

Then followed what will probably be looked upon by the Exercise as the most important business of the evening—the carrying of the following resolutions, moved by the Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, seconded by Mr. Russam, and supported by Mr. Hardy (Warwick), Mr. Cotton (Worcester), and the Chairman, viz. :—

"That this meeting considers it desirable that a memorial be raised to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Johnson by the members of the ringing Exercise."

"That subscription lists for such object be started in the columns of the ringing papers."

"That the Chairman of this meeting, with Messrs. F. E. Dawe (College Youths), Thomas (Cumberland Youths), C. H. Mattersley (Yorkshire Association), and the officers of the St. Martin's Guild, be requested to form a committee, with power to add to their number, for dealing with the matter."

At this point the proceedings were enlivened by tunes on the handbells—"Harvest Home," and "Nelly Gray," rendered by Messrs. Russam, Kent, Wittchell, J. Bastable, Jackson, and Morgan.

"Success to the St. Martin's Guild" was then given by Mr. Hardy, and responded to by Mr. A. Thomas, who urged his fellow-members not to rest too long on their laurels gained in the past, but to aspire to even higher things in the future.

"The health of the Chairman," proposed by Mr. Day, was enthusiastically received with musical honours, and in responding the Chairman mentioned the great pleasure it always gave him to meet his Birmingham friends, pointing his remarks with a most amusing anecdote anent a gentleman who became most insanely enamoured of shaving himself. He congratulated the members of the St. Martin's Guild not only on the excellence of their ringing performances, but on their recognition of the fact that the burden of training younger ringers fell for the most part on those in the larger towns.

At this period Mr. Heywood and Mr. Jones were compelled to leave, when the presidency was taken up by Mr. Day.

The Secretary then proposed "The Health of Mr. W. Jones," Churchwarden of St. Martin's, expressing a wish that the ringers in every parish might be connected with one like Mr. Jones, who invariably studied their interests, and had come to be recognised not only as a popular parish warden, but as a "ringer's warden." This toast was enthusiastically received, and

Mr. H. Johnson, Treasurer to the Guild, then rose to propose "The Health of their Hon. Secretary—Mr. W. H. Godden." After referring to the arduous work of the Secretary during the past year, he said he took this opportunity, on behalf of his family as well as his fellow-members of the Guild, to most heartily thank all those members of the Exercise, both individually and collectively, who had sent letters of condolence on the death of his lamented father, and had taken part in the many muffled peals rung in his honour. He concluded by asking those present to drink to the health of their Secretary with musical honours. This being done, the Secretary suitably responded.

The Chairman then referred to the sad intelligence which had been given to him during the evening of the death of Mr. Wm. Hallsworth, of Walsall, the conductor of the 9000 of Stedman.

Cinques at St. Martin's. He spoke in praise of his abilities not only as a ringer and conductor, but also as a composer, and suggested that the Secretary of the Guild send a letter of condolence to his family from the meeting. This was agreed to, and the company broke up shortly afterwards, a very successful and enjoyable meeting having been held.

SHROVE TUESDAY AT WELLINGBOROUGH.

A correspondent of the *Northampton Herald* says: "Some old customs are of a lasting nature. Shrove Tuesday is one of them, and continues to live year after year with a vitality that we think has something to do with the custom of pancakes on that day. Last week we had to record the decadence of St. Valentine, a custom more honoured in the breach than in the observance, as the breach involves giving a modicum of rest and quiet to officials who would otherwise be run off their legs and harassed to within an inch of their lives in the service of Cupid. But how different with Shrove Tuesday! A gentle simmering seems to pervade the air, fires are coaxed to brilliancy, streams of milk flow luculently, hen-roosts give up their treasures, and cooks expend their art in preparing the time-honoured succulent morsel. Ever since we can remember the bell has rung on Shrove Tuesday morning, or, as it is called, 'Pancake Day.' The following heart-rending verses struck us as we stood in the shadow of the belfry on Tuesday morning, and saw the sexton of the parish church indulging in his lively sallies. If you have tears, prepare to shed them now:—

Hark! 'tis the sound of the pancake bell
Ringing prettily out, I know it well;
Put the great frying-pan on the fire,
Fry me my cakes to my heart's desire.
Fling them out of the belfry door,
As they threw them out in the days of yore;
Run, boys, run, or you'll not be there
When the shower of pancakes darkens the air.
Batter and butter, suet and eggs,
Sugar and lemon, spice and nutmegs;
Eggs and butter, and, batter and suet,
Housewives and cooks, you know how to do it.
'Tis the pancake bell; let every sinner,
Old and young, have pancakes for dinner.
Let the smoking dish on the board appear,
Shrove Tuesday comes but once a year.
The bell is ringing, 'tis Pancake Day,
The ancient mandate we mean to obey;
We're loyal folk, and will eat to the full,
Of the nice browned succulent edible.
Give to the pan a dexterous twist,
A cunning twirl of the housewife's wrist;
Let the smoking dish on the board appear,
Shrove Tuesday comes but once a year.

Such were some of the powerful ideas that thronged my poetic mind as I wended my way to 'Clare Cottage.' A large quantity of pancakes was awaiting me, which I attacked in the most unpoetic and matter-of-fact way. J. A."

It is the custom at Wellingborough to ring the 6th bell from 10.45 to 11 on Shrove Tuesday morning, and the 3rd and 4th are rung on Ash Wednesday at one o'clock.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.—The Monthly Meeting of this district was held at Winshill (six bells), on Monday, March 3rd, when touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Grandsire Minor were rung. The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Burton, on Friday, March 28th, at 7 p.m.

ARTHUR WAKLEY, *Local Hon. Sec.*

IXWORTH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, February 26th, at St. Mary's church, the old band rang 720 Bob Minor. H. Lambert (Ixworth), 1; S. Landimore (Ixworth), 2; W. Sores (Badwell), 3; W. Rogers (Pakenham), 4; W. Miller (Pakenham), 5; G. Lambert (Ixworth), 6. Conducted by W. Miller. Also an eighteen-score, conducted by W. Rogers.

THE SOCIETY OF COPLEY SCHOLARS.

On Friday evening, February 28th, at the general meeting of this Society, held in the belfry of Saltaire Congregational Church, a large tablet recording the first two peals rung on the bells of this church was formally uncovered. At 7.30 the bells were raised, and a touch of Bob Minor was rung. While this was proceeding, members arrived from Bradford, Bolton, and Shipley, and by eight o'clock the belfry was somewhat uncomfortably filled, among the company being the Rev. J. A. Hamilton, pastor of the church; Mr. Morrell, church secretary; Messrs. Croft, Maynard, and Naylor, deacons. A course of Grandsire Triples having been rung, Mr. B. T. Copley explained the object of the gathering.

The Rev. J. A. Hamilton, after thanking the previous speaker for the very interesting information he had given them, formally uncovered the tablet, which was inspected by all present, and received a unanimous verdict of approval. Mr. Hamilton then went on to say how much he approved of this form of recording peals rung, which were memorable through being the first on the bells or from whatever other cause. The presence of such a tablet, while it indicated the energy and perseverance of those whose names it bore, was also calculated to be an incentive to others who came after, to emulate the performances of their predecessors. Whatever was worth doing at all, was an old saying, was worth doing well; and this applied in a peculiar manner to the ringers, for their audience was not confined within the walls of a room, it was spread about for miles, as far as the sound of the bells could reach. Ringers, he thought, should remember this as they rang the bells, that the sound might go forth sweetly, and in perfect tune and time. The rev. gentleman concluded his remarks by expressing an earnest hope that these good qualities would ever animate the ringers of Saltaire, and that as they were taken away each one by one to his eternal rest, others would be found coming forward to fill their places, and striving to excel even the doings of those who had been there before them.

Mr. Morrell also spoke, referring in a humorous manner to the time many years ago, when Saltaire tower contained but three bells, upon which he and others rung changes innumerable. He was pleased to see the energy which had been displayed in connection with their ringing of late, and if only that tablet was the means of helping on this satisfactory state of things, it would do a most excellent work.

On the motion of Mr. F. London, seconded by Mr. Geo. Titterton, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hamilton for the part he had taken, and to the deacons for their presence in the belfry that evening. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, and Bob Doubles concluded the proceedings. It should be stated that the tablet was made by Mr. Frank Stubbs, painted by Mr. Alfred Riley, and before erection photographed by Mr. Geo. Whitaker, all of Saltaire, and members of the Society.

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News from Abroad.

THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

ON New Year's Day the members of the Victorian Society dined together at the Vienna Cafe, to celebrate the opening of the new peal of bells at St. Paul's Cathedral. About one hundred gentlemen sat down to an excellent dinner. The Bishop of Melbourne presided.

"The Queen" having been duly honoured, Mr. George Coppin, M.L.C., proposed "The Bishop and Clergy."

The Chairman responded. He said there was no doubt that from the earliest times the clergy of the Church of England had been heartily interested in bells and bell-ringing, and perhaps more particularly in bellringers. During the last thirty or forty years bellringers had been recognised far more generally and far more generous as being part of the machinery of every well-ordered church than they were in times gone by. They all of them recognised the fact that the belfry was a part of the church, that bellringers were officials of the Church, and that upon their character, sobriety, temper, and good conduct, depended in a measure the reputation of the Church to which they belonged. No one who was present at the dedication of the noble peal of bells in St. Paul's a few weeks ago, and listened to the prayers that were offered, could fail to see how bells mingled themselves with all the greatest and most important events of life from the cradle to the grave, and therefore it was with the greatest pleasure that he accepted the post they were good enough to offer him of president of the Victorian Society of Bellringers. How delightful the associations of bells were. They called up old associations which very often would otherwise have been forgotten long ago, and raised aspirations for all that was good, true, and right. Our poets had always celebrated bells. Some of the most beautiful things that poets had ever written had been written about bells. He would like before he sat down to allude to the very pleasing fact that they had representatives that night, not only of Victorian bell-ringers, but of Ballarat and Tasmania; and he only wished they had more representatives from New South Wales and the other colonies. Such gatherings as that tended in a measure to bring about what, as patriotic citizens, they desired to witness—Australian federation. Everything that tended to gather together representatives of all departments of honest life and work and thought in the colonies, tended to prepare a way for that happy consummation which was so devoutly to be wished. He was persuaded that the noble art of bell-ringing would receive a great impetus from that gathering. They rejoiced at the success attending the peal at St. James's Cathedral, and he was sure the St. James's people were glad to see another peal connected with St. Paul's. All really enthusiastic bellringers would rejoice to have peals multiplied. At present they could count on one hand the number of peals in Victoria; but what had been done at St. Paul's would tend to make all citizens feel that bellringing was a most noble and interesting calling. He hoped the result would be a great increase in the membership of the Victorian Association, and that in Melbourne would be founded a school of bellringers.

Mr. A. L. Tucker, M.L.A., proposed "The Donor of the bells, Mr. Thomas Dyer Edwardes." He said he understood the donor of the bells was a native of Victoria, and he (Mr. Tucker) was glad to take the responsibility of having recommended the Government to remit the duties on a gift so graciously sent to the people of Victoria.

Mr. Henty responded.

Mr. Freeman proposed "The Building Committee," and Mr. W. Cain responded.

"The Visitors," "The Victorian Society of Bellringers," and other toasts followed.

During the evening the members of the society performed selections on the handbells.

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HAILSHAM CHURCH BELLS.

The following is from a valued correspondent:—

As a native of Hailsham I was extremely pleased to see in our paper of to-day, the account of the dedication and opening of the re-hung and increased peal of bells in the church of St. Mary. I was also glad to note that, despite the failure of the first attempt for a 5040, that the second try (by the Eastbourne band) was a success. Not having had the pleasure of hearing the bells yet, I was much gratified to find that Mr. Bennett, of the Eastbourne company, formed such a satisfactory opinion of their musical qualities and "go." This will be a source of pleasure to the inhabitants, and of credit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the founders of the three new bells. There is one little error in the report which I should like to correct, viz: the tenor was not recast, it was simply returned with the other old bells.

The inscriptions on the old bells appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" a short time since. The three new trebles are inscribed:—"Rev. F. C. Harvey, vicar, Edward Browne, James Medhurst, churchwardens." The five old bells were cast by John Hodson. The old third bell (the present sixth), was recast by Lester and Pack, 105 years later.

With thanks for your space, and many compliments on the improvements you have made in "THE BELL NEWS" during the past year or two.

E. J. DENNES.

Wellingborough, March 1st, 1890.

WHAT METHOD?

A correspondent sends the following, which is taken from the *North Devon Chronicle*, and wishes to be informed of the method of which this "peal" consisted. Perhaps some of those gentlemen concerned will give the desired information:—

"CAMPANOLOGY.—The members of the Crediton band of church bellringers have accomplished a feat never before carried out in the belfry of Holy Cross. The ringers have on more than one occasion rung a peal lasting two-and-a-half hours, and the St. Sidwell's Guild have also rung a peal of changes of more than ordinary length, under the conductorship of Mr. Shepherd, but on Saturday evening the ringers determined to ring a peal of three hours' duration. A start was made after the evening service, the bells being put in motion exactly at half-past five o'clock, and the ringing was continued for three hours and nine minutes without a stop. The bells were handled by Mr. C. J. Burridge, treble; Mr. James Perkins, second; Mr. William Wollacott, third; Mr. Alfred Wollacott, forth; Mr. William Searle, fifth; Mr. F. Hector, sixth; Mr. James Burridge, seventh; Mr. John Pope and Mr. J. Dyer were at the tenor. Considering the heavy weight of metal to be kept in motion for so many hours, it speaks well for the energy and pluck of the men in accomplishing this feat. Afterwards the ringers partook of a capital supper at Mr. John Wollacott's, Lamb inn. Mr. Frederick J. Helmore was in the chair, the vice-chair being taken by Mr. W. Wollacott. On the conclusion of the repast the Chairman proposed the loyal toasts, which were drunk with enthusiasm. Mr. Inch proposed "The health of the Guild Ringers of Crediton," and referred in complimentary terms to the extraordinarily long peal the ringers had given them that evening. He coupled the names of Mr. Pope and Mr. Wollacott with the toast, which was drunk with musical honours. Mr. Pope in responding, said although they had succeeded in ringing out the time they had agreed on, he did not think they would attempt such a long peal again. Mr. Wollacott also responded. The toasts of "The Chairman," "Vice-Chairman," and "Host and Hostess" followed, and songs by Messrs. Burridge, Perkins, Dyer, Slade, and Wollacott concluded a very pleasant evening."

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, February 20th, for practice at the parish church, 1216 Kent Treble Bob Major. P. Taffs, 1; A. Harris, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3; W. Cooke, 4; A. Hore, 5; W. Easter, 6; W. Evans, 7; W. Haigh, 8. And on Sunday morning, February 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Evans, 1; W. Cooke, 2; A. Harris, 3; J. Baker, 4; W. Easter, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE LONG PEAL AT ROWLEY
REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ON Monday, February 24th, being the anniversary of the long peal of Grandsire Major, containing 10,272 changes, rang by the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society on Monday, February 25th, 1889, at the above place, a good assembly of ringers met, and it was arranged to ring a peal half the length of the above in the same method, but owing to pressure of business, Mr. Carter, the conductor, was unable to get there till 7.30 p.m. An attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing nearly 2500 changes a mishap occurred which brought it to grief. C. Sparkes, 1; T. Horton, 2; B. Lowe, 3; W. Brook, 4; C. Barnacle, 5; J. T. Perry (conductor), 6; A. Hackley, 7; E. Hickman, 8.

An adjournment was then made to the "Malt Shovel" inn, where a good substantial dinner was provided. After doing ample justice to the good things provided, the cloth was drawn, and Mr. H. Bennett was elected to the chair, and Mr. J. Carter, vice-chair. A lengthy discussion then took place on the merits of the long peal and the length of time that had elapsed since the long peal in the same method was rang at Walsall, after which the health of the Rowley ringers was drank and a vote of thanks passed for the kind manner in which they received them at all times; and likewise to the vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in granting them the use of the bells, and also to the host and hostess for the kind and obliging manner in which they catered for them. Several members of the company obliged the visitors with some very good songs, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BATTERSEA BRANCH.—On Tuesday, February 25th, being the thirty-ninth birthday of Mr. Henry S. Thomas (after the usual practice at the tower, where some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung in honour of the event), that gentleman, with his usual generosity, entertained the ringers to a most substantial supper at their club room, to which some fourteen members sat down and did justice to the good things provided.

The cloth being removed, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, some capital songs being well rendered by Messrs. Cust, Porter, H. Hopkins, Church, and Pitts. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close about eleven o'clock, and many were the wishes expressed that Mr. Thomas might be spared for many years to come to repeat his kindness. Among those who took part in the ringing were Messrs. C. E. Malim, W. Baron, H. Hopkins, Church, Thorne, Pitts, Baker, and Ambrose.

WHAT ARE "THE COLLEGE YOUTHS."

The following question, under the head of "Queries," appeared in *The Echo* of Friday, February 14th, 1890:—

"COLLEGE YOUTHS.—I remember reading in an early number of *All the Year Round* an interesting account of these campanologists, whose head quarters were then somewhere in Southwark. Is the society still alive, and, if not, what has become of their 'records,' which the 'youths' appear to have highly prized."

To this the Hon. Sec. of the College Youths replied as follows:—

"COLLEGE YOUTHS.—My attention has been called to Query No. 9533 in last Friday's *Echo* (February 14th), respecting our Society. As we do not conduct our business through the medium of the public Press, he may communicate with me, and I will give him any information he may require.—RICHARD T. WOODLEY, Hon. Sec. Society of College Youths, 40, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W."

This brought forth the following strange enquiry:—

"STR.—Seeing your name is mentioned in *Echo*, I take the liberty to ask you if you would kindly inform me of a moderate college to send a quick youth, but whose friends are poorly off. I should be glad to see the youth in a place for a year or two, as I think he would eventually do well if means could be found to place him to finish his education, but is not at Board School.

Your obedient servant, H. H."

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ON Saturday, February 22nd, a highly successful meeting was held at Christ Church, Southport, for the adoption of rules and for the election of officers. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit was voted to the chair, and after explaining to the ringers the nature of the meeting, and reading over the rules, etc., that had been drawn up by the sub-committee, and which were approved of with the exception that the representative from each tower in union were recommended to form the Committee. A letter from the Bishop consenting to be patron was then read. Mr. W. Bentham (Aughton), was appointed Secretary, and Mr. D. Rimmer (Southport), Treasurer. A communication from Mr. Martin (Sefton), was then read, and a meeting for March 15th at Ormskirk was fixed. A general meeting was arranged to be held at Southport in April, after which members were enrolled and subscriptions poured freely in.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. M. Clarke for drawing up the draft rules, and to the Rev. W. T. Bulpit for presiding, and to the Ven. Archdeacon for the use of the bells and school-room, brought a very pleasant evening to a close. During the course of the evening several touches of Bob Major were rung on the bells.

W. BENTHAM, Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—DALTON-IN-FURNESS.

ON Wednesday, February 5th, the ringers met in the tower to present one of their fellow-ringers, Mr. J. Spencer, upon the occasion of his marriage, with a tea service. The Rev. J. A. Adams, chairman of the local band, made the presentation in a few well-chosen remarks, and said he had great pleasure in presenting it to one so thoroughly deserving of it.

Mr. Spencer feelingly acknowledged it, and in conclusion invited all his brother-ringers to tea to have the use of the china for the first time, which they responded to on Sunday last, March 2nd. After partaking of tea, all doing justice to the good things provided by Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, their time being short, they had to leave, wishing them both long life and happiness. They returned to the belfry for evening service, when a well-struck 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) was rung in 26 mins., taken from the *Clavis*. A. Sheppard (aged 12 years), 1; T. Tounson, 2; J. Speneer, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs.

LITTLE ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

MORE BELLS FOR THE PARISH CHURCH.—At a public meeting of the parishioners held in the schoolroom, Little Addington, it was thought advisable to add two new bells to the present peal of three in the tower. The following parishioners were afterwards appointed to act as committee to receive the contributions for the bells: Messrs. W. Mitchell, W. Smith, A. Green, E. Perkins, John Perkins, James Perkins, and F. Swinger. It is estimated that £125 will be necessary for the completion of the work. The present peal of three bells was rehung in the year 1870. All three bells are from the old Leicester foundry of the Watts family, and are dated 1610, 1620, and 1629, respectively. The diameter of the tenor is 35½ inches; weight probably about 8 cwt.

COMBINED MEETING OF THE BLACKBURN AND
ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.

TO-DAY, Saturday, March 8th, a meeting will be held at the parish church, Burnley. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Members of all towers are invited to attend. Non-members will be welcome.

J. SHEPHERD, } Branch Secs.
J. HORROCKS, }

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—The second monthly meeting of this district will be held at Beeston parish church, to-day Saturday, March 8th. The belfry will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock.

A. LAMBERT, Local Secretary.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

If Sir Francis be not at home when thou arrivest,
Ask for his brother.—*Old Play.*

My respects to our friend Tom Hattersley, whose portrait I have placed carefully on the top of other preceding ones in a drawer kept sacred for that purpose. I was glad of the opportunity afforded last Saturday of gazing for another time on those genial, familiar features, so well known to many of our brethren both in his great town and county at home, and in other places. A visit to Sheffield would be incomplete without a chat with one or other of those inseparables—Tom and Harry. It is some years now since I was first in Sheffield, and although—like many more of us—I have now and then come across one of them in our travels, yet the remembrance of my last visit to that celebrated—Cutleryopolis, shall I call it?—is not likely to fade yet a bit. My almost too good natured hosts barely giving me time to jump into the train before it whirled out of the crowded station. Mr. Hattersley's brother Yorkshiremen will not be at all surprised to know how great a favourite he is with his brother "Ancients;" his cheery smiling face would soon make him a favourite anywhere, and "the more to know, the better to like" (as the quaint old saying goes). I fancy I am not far off the mark in surmising that his occasional journeys to the metropolis will be always the more pleasant by the sure anticipation of that warm welcome which will meet him at his journey's end. I have no desire to lay myself open to the charge of flattery; but I certainly cannot resist expressing the earnest hope that Mr. "Tom," as well as "brother Harry" may be long blessed with health and other good things, so that the Exercise in general, and the Sheffield (or rather the Yorkshire) portion of it, in particular, may have the benefit of their valuable services.

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That extract from the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, quoted by Mr. Papillon, leaves no further proof necessary of Mr. Haweis' ignorance of our art. The Hon. Secretary of the Essex Association did well to bring this precious paragraph to light; seeing that comparatively few of our brethren are fortunate enough to possess a copy of this great *Encyclopædia*; thus the bulk of our members will by this quotation be better able to judge of the value of Mr. Haweis' strictures. If any of our friends should have favoured the Incumbent of St. James', Marylebone with a copy of last week's "BELL NEWS," probably we shall not hear any more of his vituperations, for some time to come, at any rate. Let him hie back to his sunflowers and his cremation, "as a dog returns to his vomit."

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The Royal Cumberlands, I am sorry to learn, have lost one of their old members. Over half a century as an active ringer and twenty years as steeplekeeper, is William Phillips' record, in his connection with the Exercise. And no mean one either; one also which fully deserved the tokens of respect which were paid to his memory. Death has been busy amongst us so far this year; and these oft-recurring obituaries week after week should surely have the effect of knitting our brethren more closely together. We don't know where the next blow may fall, and thus should keep in mind that our time is too short and uncertain to spend it in useless bickerings and profitless fault-finding and animosities with each other. Let us instead strive our utmost to do the most good we can while we are spared with health and strength, thus when our bereavements come—as come they must—the force of the blows will be very considerably mitigated.

What do you think of this? "Mr. Free Lance, I write to say as you dont do fair in your remarks you praises up them as rings peals as is well off and as plenty of bells and plenty of time and money for to ring with but some of us as asnt neether only a peel of five or six to ring on we dont get no credit for it if we rung a 150 or such like when weve tried long enough for to get it We cant ring no 5000 because we dont have more than six bells, and we cant practis more about once a month owing to men working, and weve nobody comes to tell us nothing and weve to get on as well as we can do by ourselves but there no credit for us when we are doing best we can as well as them as is better off." On receipt of this epistle, I really began to ask myself if I was not becoming a modern example of Æsop's old man and his ass. I know the impossibility of pleasing everyone, and consequently that is a feat which I never attempt. But to charge me with favouritism, complimenting the fortunate ones and ignoring those placed in the midst of so many obstacles, is something new to me. Have I not invariably, to the best of my ability, endeavoured to give praise where it has been due? And certainly, where I have felt a word of censure or admonition to be necessary, I have not hesitated to risk the inevitable reward of a "pitch into" by those of my brethren who consider themselves aggrieved with my remarks. This time, however, I am accused of not dealing out my humble words of commendation fairly. This charge I leave freely in the hands of those who do me the honour to read my weekly jottings. I must plead not guilty nevertheless. Another point, my correspondent—certainly unlike some others—has favoured me with his name and address; that is something in his favour; but he must excuse my reproducing his letter *verb et lit.* I hope the next time I hear from him that both spelling and change-ringing will have made prodigious strides of improvement in that quarter; then he shall not have room to complain of the meagre character of my compliments.

FREE LANCE.

SILVER WEDDING OF A MORPETH RINGER.

The last day of February saw the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. John Lawson, the oldest ringer in the ancient town of Morpeth, Northumberland. Throughout the day merry peals sounded forth from the belfry in the old clock tower, in order to celebrate the occasion. Mr. Lawson has been a ringer for thirty years, and not only so, but has also been a member of the choir of St. Mary's (parish) and of that of St. James' church, for about the same period, and has been a constant attender to all. In the afternoon the Hon. and Rev. Francis R. Grey, rector of the parish, invited Mr. and Mrs. Lawson to the Rectory, and there presented them with a beautiful bible, together with portraits of himself and his wife, the Lady Elizabeth Grey. In the evening a number of his fellow choristers and friends met in St. James' Mission Hall, Manchester Street, to present him with a gold ring, bearing an appropriate inscription, and a silver brooch for Mrs. Lawson, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by them. Mr. Wm. Bullock, in a short speech, made the presentation, and a vote of thanks to the Rev. O'Brady Jones for presiding terminated the proceedings.

BURNSALL, YORKS.

THE CHURCH BELLS.—Last week Messrs. T. Mallaby and Sons, Church Bell Hangers, of Masham, were engaged in fixing their chiming apparatus to the bells of St. Wilfrid's church, and now the whole of the six bells can be manipulated by one person. The apparatus is very simple. All that is required of the person engaged to manage them is, that he shall have a pretty good musical ear, and study and practice the different changes in order to make them pleasant and agreeable to the neighbourhood. Although the volume of sound is not so great as when the bells are rung in the ordinary way, yet they were heard on Saturday at a distance of four miles.—*Local Paper.*

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1890.

We take advantage of the space afforded us this week to allude to a point or two in connection with the nomen-

clature of methods. What we are about to say will no doubt show that we are not familiar with a number of methods which appear to be peculiar to many societies. In this direction our ignorance we hope will be excused.

We are under the impression, rightly or wrongly, that in describing methods rung, the description or nomenclature can in some instances be simplified. As an instance of what is meant, the title "Oxford Single Bob" is a good illustration. What is meant by this? If the method rung is Oxford Bob why use the word "single"? We don't say "Single" Grandsire, or "Single" Bob Major, when these actual methods are meant. As we have just stated, the particular method above-mentioned may be something other than that to which we have alluded, therefore in that case our remarks may be outside the point. But if this is so, there are certainly cases in which a correct and uniform system may be kept. Bob Major is sometimes favored with the prefix "Plain," and though this is not wrong, yet it is better to have it always or abolish it altogether. We are only pleading for a little uniformity in these things, and trust that those who agree with us will endeavour to bring about such uniformity.

It will be seen that in this number the notices of meetings and so forth have been classified under one head, and for which in future a small charge is to be made. It must have been patent to all our readers for a long time that our space is becoming more and more valuable. The room taken up by notices has entrenched upon that space to an alarming extent of late, and it is thought those requiring such publicity will not grudge to pay a small fee for it.

The Metropolis.

STRATFORD, BOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 27, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

EMANUEL HALL* Treble.	*SAMUEL E. JOYCE 5.
RICHARD T. WOODLEY 2.	*HENRY SPRINGALL 6.
JOHN M. HAYES.. .. 3.	*RICHARD J. TURNER 7.
YORK GREEN* 4.	*SAMUEL HAYES.. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal to J. M. Hayes, he having attained his 49th birthday on the 25th ult. The above band are all members of the Bow Society.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 1, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM COPPAGE Treble.	ALBERT E. CHURCH 5.
STEPHEN G. DAVIES.. .. 2.	HENRY L. PARTINGTON 6.
WALTER PARTINGTON 3.	*FRANCIS L. DAVIES.. .. 7.
WILLIAM W. THORNE 4.	GEORGE WILD Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS L. DAVIES.

The above is the first peal of Stedman on the bells for nineteen years, and is the first peal of Stedman Triples by all except the treble, 4th, and 7th men. *First peal of Stedman as conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

W. COAKHAM* Treble.	*R. J. MAYNARD 5.
THOS. MAYNARD 2.	*R. E. PEARSON 6.
CHAS. HOPKINS* 3.	F. G. NEWMAN 7.
JOHN NUNN 4.	A. G. FREEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by A. G. FREEMAN.

*First peal in the method. R. E. Pearson was elected a member of the Essex Association previous to starting for the peal. This is the first peal of Bob Major upon the bells.

The Provinces.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 27, 1890, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WALTER S. WISE 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5-6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3-4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 7-8.

Conducted by THOS. BLACKBOURN.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 27, 1890, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

6000 CHANGES IN TEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS.

Being a 600 each of the following:

St. Simon's Doubles, Antelope, College Doubles, Morning Star, Evening Star, April Day, Little Bob, Old Doubles, Grandsire and Plain Doubles.

JAMES DURRANT* Treble.	*THOMAS COATES 3.
JOHN SELF 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4.

STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

*First peal in any method.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GILBERT GERRARD* Treble.	ALFRED CROSS 5.
JOHN JOHNSON* 2.	THOMAS J. BETHELL .. 6.
WILLIAM POVEY 3.	JAMES MOULTON 7.
HENRY GIBSON 4.	FREDERICK JARVIS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

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

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 3, 1890, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5-6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3-4.	WALTER S. WISE .. 7-8.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Umpire—Henry D. Adams.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 4, 1890, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOSIAH ROGERS Treble.	FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. 5.
JAMES BARRETT 2.	JAMES THORP 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN 7.
JAMES RIDYARD 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM ROYLE, of Manchester, and

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Joseph Grimshaw. Messrs. Rogers and Barrett hail from Eccles; Chapman and Thorp from the Cathedral; the rest from Worsley.

Date Touches.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. E. Everson, 1; F. French, 2; G. Morris, 3; H. Harman, 4; J. Blackman, 5; H. J. Castle, 6; E. Everson, 7; W. Draper, 8. Composed by J. W. Washbrook and conducted by H. J. Castle.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 18th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch (1890 changes), of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 4 mins., each 6-score called differently. J. Ashford, jun., 1; Rev. C. Buston, 2; G. Smith, 3; T. Trollope, 4; F. Hewlett (conductor), 5; G. Brown, sen., 6. Longest touch by all.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, J. Carter's date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Treagus, 1; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 2; S. Long, 3; F. Luxford, 4; G. Balchin, 5; W. Twigg, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; Rev. P. A. Butler, 8.

BRIGHOUSE (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, February 25th, 1890, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. H. Wilson, 1; J. Whiteley, 2; F. Crossley, 3; G. Lawton, 4; J. F. Pearson, 5; S. Stocks, 6; F. Prince (composer and conductor), 7; H. Marshall, 8.

BRIGHTON.—On Thursday, February 13th, at St. Paul's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Eves, 1; H. Rann, 2; G. Hill, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; F. Hill, 5; T. Stepney, 6; A. Bennett, 7; H. Tugwell, 8. Composed by J. Carter of Birmingham and conducted by W. Allfrey.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 24th, at St. John-the-Evangelist church, Waterloo Road, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 1 min. J. H. Cassidy, 1; G. T. Spicer, 2; C. Chaplin, 3; S. G. Davies, 4; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 5; F. L. Davies (conductor), 6; W. Partington, 7; H. L. Partington, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks).—On Tuesday, February 25th, at St. Matthew's church, a date touch of 1890 Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Reynolds, 1; J. Lawson, 2; F. Salmons, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; G. H. C. Copping, 5; H. Kershaw, 6; W. Sherwood, 7; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Composed by S. Marsh of West Bromwich. Messrs. Lawson, Kershaw, and Sherwood belong to the local company; the rest hail from All Souls, Halifax.

ABINGDON (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, February 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Helen's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes). A. Kimbrey, 1; J. Brown, 2; E. Aldworth, 3; A. Burgess, 4; E. Humphrey, 5; T. Short, 6; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 7; W. Carter, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Saturday, February 22nd, at the parish church, a start was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. and 46 mins. the conductor called stand, owing to a change-course which happened only a few courses from the end of the

peal. S. Goodchild, 1; F. Biggs, 2; R. Biggs, 3; J. Evans, 4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5; H. Stratford, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; J. C. Truss, sen., 8. J. C. Truss and son belong to the local company; Washbrook to Oxford; the rest to Hughenden. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

KIDLINGTON (Oxon).—On Friday, February 21st, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. W. Long, 1; J. Buckingham, 2; W. Lambourn, 3; J. Matthews, 4; W. Bennett, 5; H. Judge (conductor), 6. First 720 by the treble and 4th men.

STREATLEY (Oxon).—On Tuesday, February 11th, the Goring ringers visited this place, and rang at the parish church 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently, in 23 mins. Also a plain course of Grandsire and College Single Minor. This is supposed to be the first 720 on the bells. J. Wedge, 1; J. Bower, 2; W. Aldridge, 3; W. Moss, 4; G. Wilson, 5; C. Tidbury, 6. And on Tuesday, February 18th, 180 College Single. C. Tidbury, 1; J. Wedge, 2; W. Aldridge, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Bower (conductor), 6. W. Lawrence hails from Whitchurch, Oxon.

WINDSOR (Berks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—At the house of Mr. Stanbrook on Thursday, February 26th, on handbells retained in hand, 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Gutteridge, 1; R. Flaxman, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3-4; E. Willis, 5-6. Also 120 Plain Bob Doubles, both conducted by E. Willis. And some plain courses of Grandsire Minor and Bob Minor. R. Flaxman, 1-2; G. Stanbrook, 3-4; E. Willis, 5-6. Also some touches with G. Stanbrook, 1-2; E. Willis, 3-4; G. Gutteridge, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. And some plain courses of Grandsire Triples. G. Stanbrook, 1-2-3-4; R. Flaxman, 5-6; E. Willis, 7-8. Also a plain course with R. Flaxman, 1-2; G. Stanbrook, 3-4; E. Willis, 5-6; G. Gutteridge, 7-8. First attempt at Triples by G. Gutteridge.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CRADLEY.—On Tuesday, February 4th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Dukes, 1; J. Marshall (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; C. Daniel, 3; W. Woodall, 4; C. Beasley, 5; J. A. Meredith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 9th, 336 Bob Triples. G. Dukes, 1; J. Marshall, 2; H. Woodhall, 3; C. Daniels, 4; R. Beasley, 5; W. Woodhall, 6; J. A. Meredith (conductor), 7; C. Beasley, 8. On Tuesday, February 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. H. Woodhall, 1; C. Beasley, 2; C. Hooper, 3; C. Daniels, 4; W. Hartshorne, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6; J. A. Meredith (conductor), 7; W. Woodhall, 8.

WORCESTER.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, January 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 19 mins. E. Davis (first 720 double-handed), 1-2; S. Cotton (conductor), 3-4; H. B. Kingsford, 5-6. And on Tuesday, February 18th, for practice at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. R. Horton, 1; G. Hobbs, 2; S. Cotton, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; W. Bradford, 5; W. Page, 6. Also 120 Kent Treble Bob. E. Davis, 1; G. Hobbs, 2; W. Bradford, 3; L. Longney, 4; S. Cotton, 5; W. Page, 6.

CROOME (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 25 mins. E. Davis, 1; S. Cotton, 2; L. Longney, 3; W. Page, 4; R. G. Knowles, 5; W. Bradford, 6. And 720 College Single in 25 mins. W. Bradford, 1; S. Cotton, 2; L. Longney, 3; W. Page, 4; R. G. Knowles, 5; H. B. Kingsford, 6. The above is L. Longney's fiftieth 720, forty-four of which he has conducted. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Davis, 1; H. B. Kingsford, 2; L. Longney, 3; R. G. Knowles, 4; S. Cotton, 5; W. Page, 6. And 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. L. Longney (first 720 on the treble), 1; W. Page, 2; S. Cotton, 3; W. Bradford, 4; E. Davis, 5; R. G. Knowles, 6. Also some Stedman Doubles in which W. Worthington rang the tenor. All the above were conducted by L. Longney. Tenor about 11 cwt. in A.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STAPLEHURST.—On Sunday, February 23rd, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. A. Palmer, 1; W. Pope, 2; A. Moorcraft, 3; J. Gransbury, 4; H. G. Pope, 5; A. C. West, 6; E. Pope (conductor), 7; T. G. Colvin, 8. And a 504 in the same method. W. E. Pope, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; E. Pope, 3; J. Gransbury, 4; H. G. Pope, 5; A. C. West, 6; A. Palmer (conductor), 7; T. G. Colvin, 8.

LEEDS (Kent).—On Friday, February 21st, at St. Nicholas parish church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins., with 7-8 covering. T. Earl (conductor), 1; A. Knight, 2; J. Fermor, 3; F. Hollands, 4; H. Hollands, 5; T. Russell, 6; W. Hadlow, 7; W. King, 8. Also 360 Bob Minor. W. King, 1; W. Hadlow, 2; J. Fermor, 3; F. Hollands (conductor), 4; H. Hollands, 5; T. Russell, 6. And on Sunday, February 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins., with 7-8 covering. T. Earl (conductor), 1; A. Knight, 2; J. Fermor, 3; F. Hollands, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; T. Russell, 6; W. Hadlow, 7;

W. King, 8. Also 360 Bob Minor. W. King, 1; W. Hadlow, 2; H. Hollands, 3; F. Hollands (conductor), 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; T. Russell, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in F. W. Hadlow and J. Fermor hail from Harrietsham. First 720 by J. Fermor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, February 16th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; H. Sharp, 2; F. Keech, 3; F. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Smith, 6; I. Hills, 7; S. Constant, 8. Also 224 Bob Major. On Tuesday, February 18th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Smith, 4; H. Sharp, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (thirteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; F. Smith, 2; F. Sharp, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. Sharp, 5; W. Page, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. S. Constant (first 6-score), 1; W. Hall, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; F. Smith, 4; J. Spencer, 5; W. Page, 6.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, February 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Allen, 1; A. J. Barcock, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; E. Coleman, 4; L. Bell, 5; W. Page, 6. Also 720 Yorkshire Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Dickens, 1; C. Allen, 2; L. Bell, 3; A. J. Barcock, 4; E. Coleman (conductor), 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Also a 6-score each of St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles. A. J. Barcock (conductor of Stedman), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. Allen, 3; E. Coleman, 4; W. Page (conductor of St. Simon's), 5; T. Bransome, 6. And on handbells, a 6-score each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. F. Dickens, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2-3; C. Allen, 4; E. Coleman (conductor), 5; J. Dickens, 6.

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, February 20th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 504 Stedman Triples. S. E. Romans (conductor), 1; R. J. Wilkins, 2; F. E. Hart, 3; W. C. Jones, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; A. Roberts, 6; W. Sevier, 7; H. Mitchell, 8. And 336 Bob Major. G. Watts, 1; H. Mitchell, 2; F. E. Hart, 3; W. C. Jones, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; R. J. Wilkins, 6; W. Sevier (conductor), 7; A. Roberts, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Wilkins (conductor), 1; H. Mitchell, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; C. Jones, 4; G. Watts, 5; F. E. Hart, 6; W. Sevier, 7; A. Roberts, 8. First 500 of Stedman Triples by W. C. Jones, and first touch of Grandsire with a bob bell by G. Watts.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 18th, in honour of the marriage of Miss Evelyn Lazelet, of Greenhurst, Capel, to Mr. Frederick Lawson, of 6, Cornwall Gardens, Kensington, the following touches were rung: 720 Oxford, 360 Kent, 720 London Surprise, 720 Superlative Surprise, 720 Woodbine, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 College Exercise, and 720 College Pleasure. The following took part in the ringing: W. Haynes, J. Akehurst, C. Weeden, A. Mills, R. Jordan, E. Jordan, and D. Jordan. On Sunday, February 23rd, after Divine Service, 720 College Exercise. W. Charman, 1; E. Jordan, 2; *F. Arnold, 3; *E. Moses, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan, 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Akehurst, 1; C. Weeden, 2; *W. Charman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan, 6. *First 720 in the method. Arnold hails from Betchworth; Moses from Reigate; Charman from Warnham; the rest are local men.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday evening, February 16th, for service at the parish church, a 420 of Bob Triples. W. J. Rumney, 1; J. Hollingsworth, 2; J. Shepherd, 3; J. Kentish, 4; W. E. Powers, 5; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 6; T. Gathard, 7; G. Smith, 8. Also on Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine service, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. H. Shepherd, 1; W. J. Rumney, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; J. Shepherd, 4; J. Kentish (conductor), 5; H. G. Rowe, 6; J. Hollingsworth, 7; G. Smith, 8. Also a 546. J. Hollingsworth, 1; W. J. Rumney, 2; A. Shepherd (conductor), 3; W. E. Powers, 4; J. Shepherd, 5; J. Kentish, 6; H. G. Rowe, 7; G. Smith, 8. Also a 308 of Bob Triples, for evening service. W. J. Rumney, 1; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 2; J. Kentish, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; J. Shepherd, 5; W. E. Powers, 6; J. Hollingsworth, 7; G. Smith, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, February 23rd, at St. Mary's church, for service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. W. Mulley (first 720 of Minor), 1; F. Sparks, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. F. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also after service, a 720 of College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. H. Martin, 1; C. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; T. Card (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also a 240 of Grandsire Doubles. J. Cornell, 1; W.

F. Webb, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; C. Tucker, 5; F. Sparks, 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. F. Webb, 1; F. Sparks, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Martin, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 11th, 1890, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 26 mins. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Court, in 23½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, February 16th, for morning service, a 408 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob (two bobs and thirty-four singles), in 23½ mins. T. J. Watts, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (composer and conductor), 6. And on Thursday, February 20th, for practice, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells. And a 720 of New London Pleasure (nine bobs), in 24½ mins. T. J. Watts, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells. Also on Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, a 360 of Yorkshire Court (twelve bobs and eighteen singles). T. J. Watts, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, February 26th, for practice, a 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure (nine bobs), in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Watts, 3; I. Hammond, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Fifth the observation. And on Sunday, March 2nd, for morning service, a 360 of College Single. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And for Divine service in the afternoon, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

BISHOP STORTFORD (Herts.).—On Thursday, January 23rd, at the parish church, for practice, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. T. Newman, 1; A. Brown, 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; W. Prior, 4; F. Harris, 5; H. Prior, 6; W. Morris (conductor), 7; G. Prior, 8. Also a 663 of Grandsire Caters. W. Rickett, 1; H. Prior, 2; W. Prior, 3; A. Brown, 4; W. Morris, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6; F. Harris, 7; G. Prior, 8; P. Springham, 9; T. Newman, 10. And a 216 of Stedman Triples. H. J. Tucker (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Morris, 3; W. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; T. Newman, 8. And on Saturday, January 25th, a 756 of Stedman Triples. H. J. Tucker (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Morris, 3; Y. Green, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. Prior, 7; T. Newman, 8. And on Thursday, January 31st, a 468 of Stedman. H. J. Tucker (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Morris, 3; H. Prior, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; T. Newman, 8. And on Thursday, February 13th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Tucker, 1; T. Newman, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; W. Morris, 4; W. Prior, 5; H. Prior, 6; G. Prior, 7; G. Corstin, 8. And on Thursday, February 27th, a 504 of Oxford Bob Triples. T. Matthews, 1; A. Brown, 2; A. Tucker, 3; H. Prior, 4; W. Morris, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; T. Newman, 8. And a 630 in the same method. W. Rickett, 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Morris, 3; H. J. Tucker, 4; A. Tucker, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. Prior, 7; T. Matthews, 8.

RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Monday, February 17th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Bailey, 1; W. Pettitt, 2; W. Hall (conductor), 3; C. Green, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; G. Burton, 6. And on Tuesday, February 25th, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; W. Wilson, 2; J. B. Martin, 3; C. Green, 4; A. E. Chapman, 5; A. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single. J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; C. Green, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. And for handbell practice, at the residence of W. Hall, on Friday, February 28th, a 516 of Grandsire Triples, and a 1260 in the same method. W. Hall, 1-2; A. E. Chapman, 3-4; A. H. Martin, 5-6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7-8. This is the first 1260 double-handed by all in this method.

CHELVESTON (Northants).—On Saturday, March 1st, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Doubles. W. Hall, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; W. Petter, 3; A. E. Chapman, 4; J. B. Martin, 5. Also a 720 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Pettitt, 1; A. E. Chapman, 2; J. Martin, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; W. Hall (conductor), 5.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSSENS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23½ mins. T. Hunter, 1; T. Hosker, 2; J. Brookfield, 3; J. Brookfield, 4; R. Holmes (conductor), 5; G. Ball, 6. This is the first 720 rung in connection with the above Guild.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EVERTON.—On Monday, February 24th, for practice, seven twelve-scores, viz.: 240 Oxford, 240 Kent, 240 Violet, 240 New London Pleasure, 240 Duke of York, 240 Woodbine, 240 Oxford Delight, in 1 hr. C. Lindley, 1; F. Durdy, 2; Jos. Swindin, 3; John Swindin, 4; G. W. Stevenson, 5; G. Brown, 6.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, February 18th, at St. Andrew's church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. Baker, 1; G. Weldon, 2; C. F. Allison (conductor), 3; J. Taylor, 4; A. B. Shepherd, 5; T. Nixon, 6; W. H. Heyhoe, 7; J. Lamb, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. This is the longest touch by the first, third, fourth, and sixth men.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday afternoon, March 2nd, for Divine Service at the Cathedral church of St. Peter, 503 Grandsire Caters. Richard Williams (aged 80), 1; Robert Williams, 2; J. Egerton (conductor), 3; C. E. Wilson, 4; J. Moore, 5; T. Hammond, 6; G. Fisher, 7; J. Brown, 8; J. Martin, 9; C. Williams, 10. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton-on-the-Hill. Mr. James Egerton was elected a member of the Association.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Thursday, February 20th, at the house of Mr. H. J. Castle, 11, Orchard Street, Dartford, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on handbells, in 17 mins. E. Barnett (conductor), 1-2; G. Conyard, 3; F. French, 4; H. J. Castle, 5-6. It was intended to attempt Holt's Original double-handed, but meeting one short, the above was rung.

LONDON.—On Thursday, February 20th, at the church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, 2520 Stedman Triples in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. Bonny, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; R. Turner, 3; G. Smith, 4; S. Hayes, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; S. Joyce, 7; W. Williamson, 8. The above band started for the peal, but as one of them was taken suddenly ill, the bells were allowed to run home.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

WINDSOR (Berks).—Handbell Ringing.—At Mr. Stanbrook's house on handbells retained in hand, on Thursday, February 27th, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 23 mins., being six plain lead 6-scores. G. Stanbrook, 1-2; E. Willis (conductor), 3-4; R. Flaxman, 5-6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Monday, March 3rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 24½ mins. R. Voas, 1; T. Rogers, 2; *W. Webster, 3; G. Voas, 4; J. Rogers, 5; G. Rogers (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Also 720 in the same method (twenty-two bobs and twenty singles) in 24 mins. W. Webster, 1; T. Rogers, 2; G. Voas, 3; R. Voas, 4; J. Rogers, 5; G. Rogers (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday evening, March 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Hilda's church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins., with 7-8 covering. *J. W. Pasman, 1; †A. McFarlane, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; J. J. Nicholson, 5; J. H. Blakiston, 6; S. Walker, 7; *M. Bradley, 8. *First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell.

ACTON (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 23rd, Messrs. Cole, Thorne, and Pitts paid a visit to the above place, and with the assistance of Messrs. Fenwick (2), Ilsley, Trinder, and Faithfull, of the local company, rang for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, two touches of Grandsire Triples, viz., 434 and 210. It was intended to have started for a quarter-peal under the conductorship of W. W. Thorne, but there was not time.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Allfrey, 1; —. Biggerstaff, 2; H. Rann, 3; F. Hill, 4; T. Stepney, 5; P. Allfrey, 6; A. Bennett, 7; G. Hill, 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40½ mins. A. Allfrey, 1; F. Hill, 2; H. Rann, 3; A. Bennett, 4; P. Allfrey, 5; T. Stepney (conductor), 6; W. Allfrey, 7; G. Hill, 8.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Sunday, February 16th, for morning service at the parish church, 350 Grandsire Minor. J. Pickin, 1; H. Bird, 3; F. Jones, 4; T. Hughes, 5; C. Gittins, 6; E. Griffiths (conductor), 7; J. Dillon, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Pickin, 1; F. Jones, 2; C. Gittins, 3; H. Bird, 4; T. Hughes, 5; E. Griffiths (conductor), 6; J. Willon, 7; E. Lewis, 8. And on Tuesday, February 18th, for practice, the first part of Thurstans' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 23rd, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Holman, 1; J. Robinson, 2; F. M. Saunders, 3; J. Poplett, 4; F. J. Saunders (conductor), 5. For afternoon service, two 6-scores in the same method. J. Robinson, 1; G. Allen, 2; F. J. Sanders, 3; J. Poplett, 4; F. W. Sanders (conductor), 5. And two 6-scores in the same method. A. Holman, 1; G. Allen, 2; F. W. Sanders, 3; J. Robinson, 4; F. J. Sanders (conductor), 5. Tenor 10 cwt.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, February 20th, at St. Michael's church, for practice, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 29 mins. J. Pye, 1; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 2; T. Bannister, 3; J. Hale, 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ashcroft, 6; W. Sumner, 7; H. Taylor, 8.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 16th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26½ mins. B. Brown, 1; W. Fryer, 2; A. Orford, 3; C. Barrett, 4; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 5; E. S. Chapman, 6. Also 350 in the same method. B. Brown, W. Fryer, T. Vaughan, W. F. Hartshorne, W. Lawrence, and A. Orford. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Wm. Jones, a ringer at the above church, who was interred that day at the age of thirty years, and was deeply respected by all who knew him. Messrs. Lawrence and Chapman belong to Wordsley; Barrett and Orford to Stourbridge; Fryer to Wollaston; and Hartshorne to Hartshill.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—Shrove Tuesday, February 18th, being the annual fair, a fine and splendid day brought a select party of campanologists from Sudbury, Long Melford, Bury St. Edmunds, Preston, and Bildestone, to try their skill upon this grand ring of eight bells. The first touch by the local company was a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Bobby, 1; H. Parker, 2; H. Smith, 3; A. Symonds, 4; C. Jarvis, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Also a touch of Bob Major. W. Hollocks (Preston), 1; R. Beddingfield (Bildestone), 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 7; the rest as before. This was followed by an excellent struck touch of Kent Treble Major, 1024 changes. F. Tolliday (Sudbury), 1; W. Howell (Sudbury), 2; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 3; H. Smith (Lavenham), 4; T. King (Lavenham), 5; W. Griggs (Sudbury), 6; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 7; A. Osborne (Bury St. Edmunds), 8. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Symonds (Preston), 1; F. Tolliday, 2; W. Griggs, 3; H. Smith, 4; T. King, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; W. Howell, 7; W. Moore, 8. Messrs. T. Bruce and Jno. Bobby expressed themselves highly pleased at this, the best ringing of their recollection, and they are both over seventy years of age. And on the handbells 224 Bob Major. A. Symonds, 1-2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; W. Morley (Sudbury), 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. F. Tolliday, 1-2; A. Symonds, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; W. Howell, 7-8; A. Osborne, 9-10.

MANCHESTER.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, February 24th, at the house of the Rev. Canon Woodhouse, six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, on handbells retained in hand. G. F. Woodhouse (aged 15), 1-2; E. L. Woodhouse (age 13), 3; H. C. Woodhouse (age 16, conductor), 4-5. First 720 by all.

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."

RINGERS AND ORGANISTS.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of March 1st, under the heading of St. Peter's Society, St. Alban's, I note these words: "It would be interesting to hear of instances amongst his 'brother organists' where they can be styled 'brother strings' as well." I have been organist of the parish church here for the last eighteen years, and my son has

been my deputy for the last three years. In 1887 our peal of eight bells was re-hung, and we have each of us learned to ring and been admitted full members of the Kent County Association since then.

Eltham, near Canterbury, March 1st, 1890.

Ed. Bush.

THE RINGERS' PORTRAIT GALLERY.

SIR,—I should imagine that whatever small opposition may have been shown at first to the publication of these excellent portraits has now entirely disappeared, and the unwillingness of a few to pay the extra penny dissolved. An album of ringers, wherein the portraits are of such unequivocal faithfulness to their originals, must become invaluable in a year or two, and like yearly volumes of our paper, only to be had at greatly increased cost. My object in writing, sir, is with all deference, to suggest a re-issue of those portraits, which appeared in woodcut form, in the approved style now published. Among these woodcuts the engraver did not evidently do his best—those of Mr. M. A. Wood and Mr. C. H. Hattersley especially; perhaps the likeness of the late John Cox was the best of them. I think that a re-issue of these woodcut portraits in the present form would be acceptable to all, and to no one more so than

LOOKER ON.

[This is indeed what is determined on. And in order that our readers who keep portfolios for the reception of these portraits may place those of the two brothers Hattersley to face each other—the next portrait will be that of Mr. C. H. Hattersley.—Ed.]

Obituary.

JOSEPH GRIMSHAW.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death, at the age of fifty-three years, of Mr. Joseph Grimshaw, of Pendleton, which took place at his residence, Laundry Street, on Sunday, February 23rd, 1890, after a short but painful illness. Deceased took an active part in change-ringing for over thirty years, first at Pendleton, then he became a member of the Manchester Cathedral Company, which position he held for over twenty years, afterwards going to Eccles parish church, and rang there for four years until his death. Deceased rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral, on the 20th of May, 1871, and took part in thirty-four peals, in the following methods—Grandsire Triples, 7; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 18; Grandsire Royal, 1; Bob Major, 5; Bob Royal, 1; and Treble Bob Major, 1. Deceased loved ringing, and was a member of the Lancashire Association from its commencement, and was to be found at all its meetings if he could possibly get there. He was carried to his resting place by his brother-ringers from Manchester Cathedral and Eccles church, where courses of Grandsire Triples and Major were rung over his grave by J. Eachus, 1-2; J. Thorp, 3-4; E. Cash, 5-6; J. Barratt, 7-8. The Pendleton bells were muffled during the whole ceremony, and as the mourners left the church, the following rang three courses of Bob Major, one course of Treble Bob Major, and three courses of Grandsire Triples. H. Chapman, 1; J. Barrett, 2; G. E. Turner, 3; T. Thorp, 4; E. Cash, 5; F. Derbyshire, 6; J. Baguley, 7; J. Eachus (conductor), 8. Also a 648 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, conducted by R. Ridyard of Worsley. Particulars of a peal will be found on another page.

WILLIAM ALFRED HEELEY HALLSWORTH.

On Wednesday, February 26th, the above celebrated ringer passed away in his 61st year. He had suffered some time from paralysis. He was buried in the Walsall cemetery on Monday last, where a great many friends assembled to pay a last tribute of respect. The St. Matthew's (Walsall) Society of change-ringers followed him to the grave, where the funeral ceremony was read by the Rev. W. H. Heale, M.A. Mr. Hallsworth had been a ringer at St. Matthew's church over forty years, conductor thirty years. He had taken part in more than sixty peals, containing upwards of 5000 changes, two over 10,000, and a 9238 of Stedman Cinques. The latter is the longest peal ever rung in that method, and was ably conducted by the deceased at St. Martin's, Birmingham. After the ceremony, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the grave by the following: E. Lightwood, 1-2; W. Walker, 3-4; J. Astbury, jun., 5-6; J. Lawton, 7-8; D. Westley, 9-10. After returning from the funeral the ringer's ascended the tower of St. Matthew, and rung with the bells deeply muffled. Several letters of condolence have been received, expressing sympathy with Mr. Hallsworth's family in their bereavement, and at the loss of one who was so well-known and widely respected.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, February 19th, at the house of Mr. H. Symonds, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 20 mins. H. Parker, 1-2; A. Symonds (conductor), 3-4; T. King (first 720 double-handed), 5-6.

Notices.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Important Notice.—The members of this Society who reside within the limit, as per additions to Rules VII. and XII., are requested to forward their subscriptions for 1889-90 to Head Quarters. By a resolution passed at the last meeting at St. Saviour's on the 25th ult., all subscriptions for 1889-90 have to be paid by the 25th inst., as, after that date, no subscriptions can be received for the above-mentioned years. The Secretary would be glad to receive the address of Mr. W. R. Smith.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Lillingston Street, Pimlico, S.W.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Hon. Secretary trusts that members of this association will not misunderstand the meaning and intention of any notice or circular which he may issue on the subject of subscriptions. He has a very difficult task to perform in undertaking the duties of the Secretaryship at the present time; and it is absolutely necessary that all members should patiently bear with him in his endeavours to straighten the affairs of the Association, and not take needless offence when none is intended.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Ormskirk, March 15th, for the Election of Committeemen and other business. Bells open for ringing at 3.0 p.m., Meeting in the Vicarage Schoolroom, at 6.0 p.m., at which the Vicar of Ormskirk will preside. Also the bells of Christ Church, Aughton will be open for ringing.

W. BENTHAM, *Secretary*,
Black Moss Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—Preliminary Notice.—The above-named society, wish to give notice that they intend holding a public opening of their newly augmented peal of Bells at the parish church, on Easter Monday next, the bells will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Further particulars will be duly announced.

JOHN HOPGOOD, *Hon. Sec.*
25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Waterloo Society.—Members are requested to note that this society will continue to hold its meetings at St. Margaret's Westminster, every alternate Friday on and after Friday, March 14th, 1890. Meeting time 7.45 sharp.

GEO. WILD, *Master*.

Nothing in Tangier, it must be honestly admitted, will compare with the approach to it by its incomparable bay. In another sense, too, there is nothing here or elsewhere which exactly resembles this "approach," since its last stage of all has to be performed alike for man and woman—unless man is prepared to wade knee-deep in the clear blue water—on the back of a sturdy Moor. Once landed, he will find that the picturesqueness of Tangier, like that of most Eastern cities, diminishes rather than increases on a nearer view. A walk through its main street yields nothing particularly worthy of note, unless it be the minaret of the Djama-el-Kebir, the principal mosque of the city. The point to which every visitor to Tangier directs his steps, or has them directed for him, is the Bab-el-Sok, the gate of the market place.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion in this page must be accompanied in the future by a fee of 6d. When proof of a touch or peal is desired, One Shilling must accompany such request.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By W. F. HARTSHORNE, *Harts Hill*.

1890.

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4 I
3 4 7 2 6 5 2
5 2 3 6 4 7 I
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7 2 4 5 6 3 2
3 5 7 6 2 4 I
2 4 3 7 6 5 2
S 7 5 2 6 4 3 I
3 6 7 4 5 2 I
S 4 2 3 5 6 7 I

Twice repeated.

A DATE TOUCH OF BOB TRIPLES.

By W. F. HARTSHORNE, *Harts Hill*.

1890.

2 3 4 5 6 M IN W H

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By YORK GREEN, *London*.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By WALTER S. WISE, *Salisbury*.

1890.

2 3 4 5 6 7

3 4 2 5 6 7 4
4 2 3 5 6 7 4
3 6 4 2 7 5 3
5 2 3 7 6 4 1
S-3 2 5 7 6 4 4
2 5 3 7 6 4 4
4 7 2 6 5 3 1
6 7 4 3 2 5 5
5 3 6 2 7 4 1
3 6 5 2 7 4 4
4 2 3 7 6 5 1
2 3 4 7 6 5 4
7 3 2 5 4 6 5
S-2 3 7 5 4 6 4

Twice repeated.

This touch contains thirteen 7-4's, thirteen 4-6's, and thirteen 6-7's.

A DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

By YORK GREEN, *London*.

1890.

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

W M H

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

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

The two changes constitute a bob the first lead.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JOHN ASPINWALL, *Liverpool*.

1890.

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4 I
6 5 7 4 2 3 5
4 5 6 3 7 2 5
2 3 4 7 5 6 I
7 3 2 6 4 5 5
6 3 7 5 2 4 5
5 3 6 4 7 2 5

Four times repeated. Part-ends:—

4 3 7 6 2 5
6 3 2 7 5 4
7 3 5 2 4 6
2 3 4 5 6 7

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE DISTRICT.—The next meeting for united practice will be held at Staplehurst on Monday, March 10th. The belfry will be open from 5 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Sevenoaks Rectory.

THOS. S. CURTEIS, *District Sec.*

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting of this district will be held at Mersham to-day, Sat., March 8th. The tower will be open for ringing from 12 noon, and a Committee Meeting will be held at 3 p.m. All members are reminded that the subscription for the current year is now due. The usual allowance (full members, 2s., probationers, 1s.), will be paid to all attending. Those desiring certificates to enable them to obtain reduction in railway fares, are requested to communicate at once with

A. E. NUNN, *Hon. Sec.*

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION.

A Committee Meeting of this Association will be held in St. James's schoolroom, Wollaston, near Stourbridge, to-day, Sat., March 8th, at 5 p.m., prompt. The tower containing six bells, will be at the disposal of the members. The Rev. G. Gibbanks, vicar, will preside.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

Mr. Frederick W. Thornton has been unanimously chosen to represent the above Society on the provisional committee of the Central Council.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

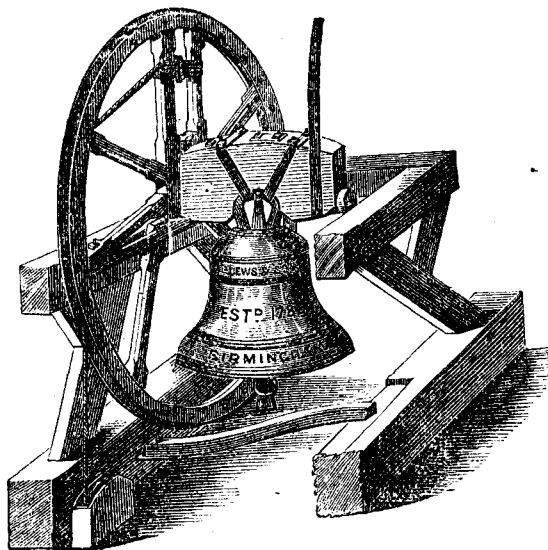
ROCHDALE DISTRICT.—A meeting of this branch will be held at St. James's church, Milnrow, to-day, Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom presided over by the vicar at 6 p.m.

F. BIRSTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Sat., March 8th, at St. Philip's church, Hulme, Manchester. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7.

JOHN EACHUS, *Branch Sec.*

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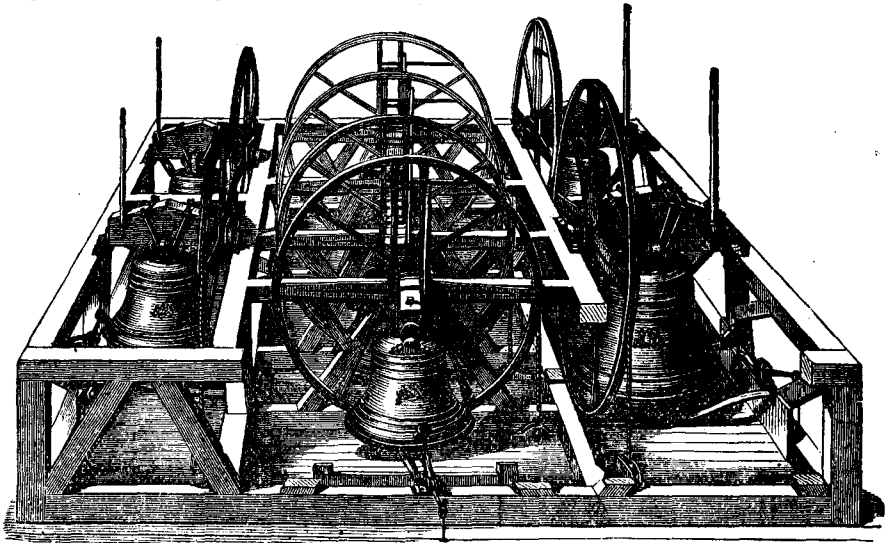
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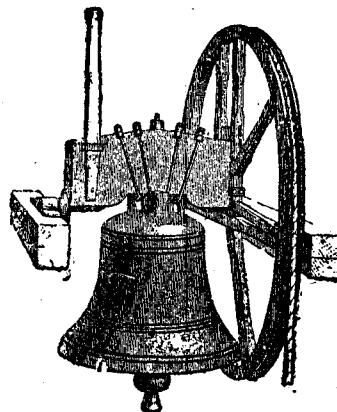
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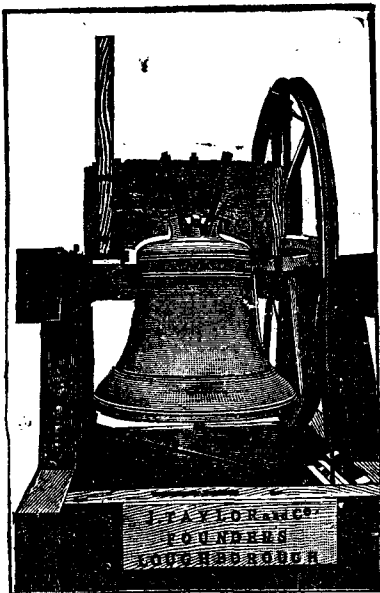
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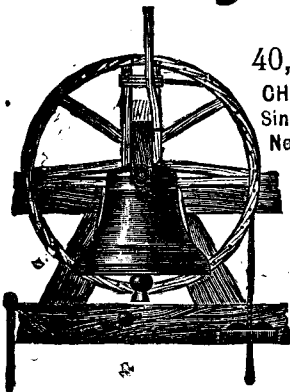
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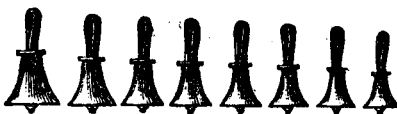
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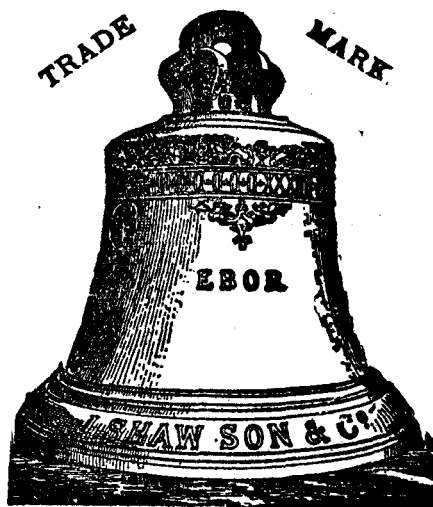
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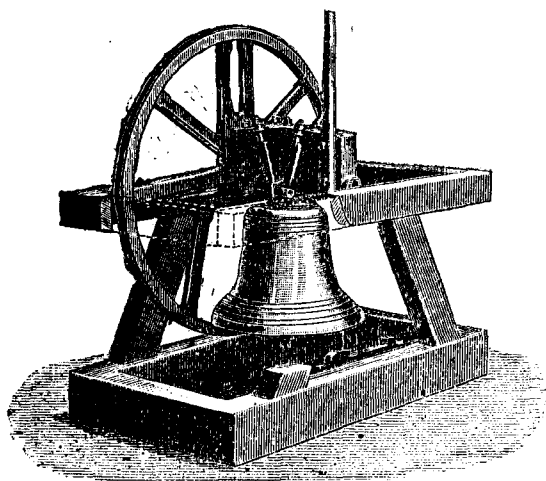
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THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA, AND ITS BELLS.

Pisa, the ancient rival of Florence, has dwindled down to less than a fifth of its former size. Grass-grown streets and vacant spaces within the walls tell of past prosperity and present decay. The city, which equipped one hundred and twenty ships for the first crusade which reduced the Emperor Alexius to submission, which sent out an expedition of three hundred vessels, thirty-five thousand men, and nine hundred horses, for the conquest of the Balearic Islands, and which maintained mercantile colonies throughout Greece, the Levant, and Asia Minor, has now a population little exceeding twenty thousand persons.

The remains of the ancient glories of Pisa are grouped together in one "sacred corner." The Cathedral, the Baptistery, the leaning tower, the Campo Santo, form a combination of buildings scarcely surpassed in interest and beauty by any in the world. The cathedral was erected to commemorate the victory of the Pisans over the Saracens in Sicily, in 1063. Having forced an entrance into the harbour of Palermo, they carried off six large treasure ships, and devoted a large portion of the spoils to the construction of an edifice which, "in the ecclesiastical architecture of Italy, remained for long not only unrivalled, but alone in its superiority."

The Campanile Pendente of the cathedral, better known as the leaning tower of Pisa, was commenced about a century after the cathedral. It consists of eight tiers of columns with semi-circular arches, each tier forming a sort of arcade or open gallery. The lower story is thirty-five feet high, the upper stories are each about twenty feet, making together one hundred and seventy-nine feet, the whole of the material of the building being white marble. From the summit a magnificent view is gained, extending to the Lucchese Hills on the one side, and on the other far over the Mediterranean as far as Corsica. The tower deviates from the perpendicular to the extent of thirteen feet, and the Pisans pretend that the deviation is a part of the original design, but it is manifestly due to the sinking of the ground, from which the cathedral has also greatly suffered. It stands alone about forty yards to the eastward of the cathedral, and is approached by a descent of half-a-dozen steps into a marble moat or trench, then a couple of steps up into the doorway, and the end of the short passage through the thickness of the wall emerges into the immense tube or well of marble, broken only at rare intervals by the apertures, one at each story, that opens on to the staircase which is built in the thickness of the walls. Daylight can be seen through what appears to be a small iron grating at top, which small looking grating, when seen at its own level, is really about twelve feet in diameter. Two ropes more than an inch thick hang down the whole depth of about one hundred and fifty feet, and of course hanging perpendicular, serve to emphasise the terrible tumbling over look of the building.

At each story, a landing at the head of the staircase, and a doorway, gives access to the outer galleries or arcades which form a walk some six feet wide round the tower; and at the seventh story finishes the parallel diameter of the tower, an open platform eight or nine feet wide. From this rises the final story, with lofty and wide embrasures or arches in the walls, in which are hung the bells, on gudgeons let into the walls, and rung or rather chimed by means of long levers secured to the stocks. Two of the ropes, as before noticed, pass down to the ground floor, but the campanaro, or ringer, has to mount nearly three hundred steps when the service of the cathedral demands that either of the other five should be rung.

There are six arches in the circumference of the wall, and in five of them hang the larger bells, the sixth giving entrance; the two smaller bells are hung in smaller embrasures, and

higher than the large ones. Nos. 1, 2, and 4 in the order of their size, are very long-waisted and ancient-looking, the remainder being all of good shape.

No.	DIAM.	HEIGHT.	DATE.
1	23	24	None
2	33	32	None
3	37	35	MDCVI
4	40	39	MCCLXII
5	49	43	VXXXOQDM
6	56	50	D. CIO. IO. CCC. XVIII
7	63	57	MDCLV

The date of the fourth bell, 1262, would show that it was cast, and probably hung, even before the completion of the tower, which is given as having taken in building from 1174 to 1350. It is finely lettered and figured with medallions, but only about six inches down from the crown; the original clapper staple has been removed, probably worn right through, and the clapper is now carried by a three-armed forging of iron, secured in the crown with bolts and forelocks. Nos. 1 and 2, from their general likeness to No. 4, are probably of the same date.

No. 5 has two rows of fine lettering, and the date near the crown, but all reaching backwards, the founder's name, however, lower down, reads the right way; it has also about the middle and at the lip, bands of very elaborate ornamentation.

No. 6 is a mass of beautiful ornaments from, and including the cannons, to the lip. It will be noticed that the lettering of the date of this bell is peculiar.

No. 7 is also a very fine bell, with two bands of figures, one about the middle of waist, the other half-way between it and the crown, lettering and date between the two bands. It is credited with a weight of six tons, and is said in the guide-books to be hung on the high side of the tower, so that its weight shall not overhang, but it is really hung at about right angles to the line of inclination of the tower, for the embrasure in which it hangs is just about as wide as its diameter, and being, of course, hung perpendicularly, one side of the lip of the bell is clear of the wall about six inches, while of the wall at the opposite side some six inches of the marble has been cut away to give clearance to the lip. So in a less degree has the wall been cut out on one side in the next embrasure, where hangs the sixth bell, to clear its lip.

In front of most of the bells are "mouse-holes" in the marble floor, although only two of them are now occupied by ropes; they are grooved inches deep by the many centuries wear of the ropes.

One of the most conspicuous and truly unpleasant features here are the hundreds—possibly thousands—of names of the "Arries" of many generations and countries, daubed on the beautiful white marble walls and floors, the material for the attainment of this noble ambition being always ready to their dirty hands in the black grease from the bell-gudgeons.

G. P. C.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of the members of this district was held in the "Queen Victoria" on Monday, March 10th, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. Stephen Cooper, President; Messrs. Alfred Millis and James J. Lakin, Committee; and Mr. William A. Clayton, Secretary, being duly elected.

THE RINGERS' GUIDE TO THE CHURCH BELLS OF DEVON. By C. PEARSON, M.A. Price One Shilling, or bound in cloth, 1s. 6d. Postage Threepence.

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THE PROPOSED CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Provisional Committee will meet in London on Tuesday, April 8th, at 1 o'clock, to formulate a scheme for the constitution and procedure of the proposed Central Council. The following Societies have signified their approval of the movement. The names of the gentlemen chosen by the respective Societies to represent them on the Committee are appended. Where a blank occurs no return has as yet been made. Should there be any error or omission in the list, it is requested that an immediate correction be forwarded to A. Percival Heywood, Duffield Bank, near Derby.

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MR. HAWEIS' FAVORITES.

A correspondent sends us the following extract from an old magazine. It is taken from an article entitled "The Low Countries," by the above-named gentleman :

"But on ascending the belfry—let us say the fine one of Utrecht—the last traces of our discontent vanish. The Holland bells rival those of Belgium. Indeed, they were for the most part made at the same time, often by the same man. The indefatigable Hemony, who has made so many for Bruges, Ghent, Mechlin, and Antwerp, was a native of Amsterdam, and his name is in the Utrecht belfry. 'F. Hemony me fecit. Amstelodamia, 1658,' is a familiar motto on the Holland bells. But has the reader ever ascended a belfry containing a carillon in his life? If not, he will be quite incapable of appreciating the grand and original ideas which are about to follow. In one word, the peculiarity of Bells in the Low Countries consists in their being viewed not as pleasing and useful jingle, but as real musical notes. On the first floor of the belfry, about 120 feet up the tower, hang about six of the largest bells, weighing from four to two tons. On the next floor we get perhaps ten more smaller ones; and higher still twenty more, ranged in rows, and worked by outside hammers.

"At Utrecht there are forty-two bells, at Antwerp over one hundred; as a rule, the number ranges from thirty to sixty in every town of mark throughout the Low Countries. The effect of this bell music is indescribable; every seven minutes some gentle cadence falls upon the ear, 'and the night is [literally] filled with music.' Is any one disturbed? No, not after the novelty of the thing is over. The ding-dong of tuneless bells would be maddening, but a soft, floating phrase easily melts into one's life, and is like sunshine and the smell of flowers—a solace and a joy. But what an effect is produced when, instead of a revolving barrel, a distinguished artist—generally the organist—ascends the belfry, and takes the direction of the colossal melody at the key-board. There he sits before his row of jutting-out keys or pegs with his coat off. There is a row of pedals for his feet, and two rows of pegs—tones, and semitones—for his fists; and he hammers and sweats away—for it is hard work—and the music rolls over the country for miles. Fine music can be played; fugues can be worked out; intricate improvisations and passionate cadences can be executed upon these bells, for every semitone is there; and at Utrecht we heard a carillonneur lay out a grand chorale subject on his bass pedals, and work it up with very fine counterpoint, like a Bach fugue, finishing with a rapid cadence on the shrill bells, and winding up with great thundering chords. He went on without stopping for about a quarter of an hour."

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AN OLD TREATISE ON RINGING.

I have lately come across a curious little volume, dog's-eared, torn and mutilated, which has been in the possession of the owner for many years, and his forefathers before him, but which I have never before heard of or seen in any ringer's library: it may be of interest to some of your readers, and if after my description any one can identify it and tell me its date and title I should be much obliged.

The book is about five inches long, three wide, and nearly one inch thick, and consists of 182 pages (29 of which are missing in the copy I have). It seems to be a kind of Handbook of Sports, and is apparently written entirely by one man, who must have been an accomplished soldier, sportsman and musician.

It treats of the following subjects in the order named:—

Hunting.	Bowling.
Riding.	Tennis.
Racing.	Ringing.
Making of Artificial Fireworks.	Vocal Musick.
Military Discipline.	Cockfighting.
The Noble Science of Defence.	Fowling.
Hawking.	Fishing.

Ringing has twenty-seven pages devoted to it; more than is given to any other subject—the next in importance being *Military Discipline* and *The Noble Science of Defence* ("with the Rapier or Small Sword") with twenty-four pages each; *Hunting* has ten pages; *Vocal Musick* (with a good deal of scored writing) is treated of in fifteen pages. *Bowling* has only one page.

The Section on Ringing begins thus:—

"Whosoever would become an accurate Master of this excellent Art and Pleasure, and is very desirous to be esteemed an Elaborate and Ingenious Ringer, and be enrolled amongst that Honoured Society of College Youths: I must beg leave to instruct him before he enters the Bell-free, in these ensuing short Rules, which he must strictly observe," &c.

Then follows an explanation of the musical notes of bells; after which three paragraphs on:

1. *The Raising true in Peal.*
2. *Ringing at a low Compass.*
3. *Ceasing in true Peal.*

"all of which three, the author says "are the most essential Parts to render a Practitioner Excellent."

The next subjects are "*Of Changes*" and "*Of Cross-peals*."

He then says:—

"I shall omit speaking to any of the Several Peals on four or five Bells: for that in my opinion little Musick is heard, though much Practical Observation is made from them."

His first method he calls *Grandsire Bob* which, on inspection of the course and of the examples of bobs (which are pricked in full) turns out to be Plain Bob Minor.

"Thus much" he continues "for *Grandsire Bob*: I shall next collect what *London Peals* I think most Harmonious and agreeable, without troubling myself to go to *Oxford*, or *Nottingham*, or *Reading*, to enquire after their different Methods of Peals, as indeed needless; and my reason is this: Because I think the same Rules for Peals that are suitable to our *London Genius*, may challenge likewise an Acceptance amongst other Cities; provided their *Steeple*s are furnished with as many, and as good Bells and their Bell-free's with as ingenious and elaborate Ringers as here in *London*."

His "*London Peals*" on six bells are:—

<i>Morning Exercise.</i>	"Another."
<i>A Cure for Melancholy.</i>	<i>The City Delight.</i>
<i>London Nightengale.</i>	<i>The Evening Delight.</i>
<i>College Bobs.</i>	

A lead in each method is given, but none of them appear to be in practice now.

In triples three methods are given: *Dodging Triples*, *Plain Triples* and *College Triples*.

Peals of Eight Bells are:

- Imperial Bob.*
- Bob Major* (as rung now).
- College Bob Major* (with 4 variations).

And then two methods which seem strangely named:—

College Triples dodging both before and behind, and The Wild Goose Chase Triples.

both of which though called "triples" are eight bell ringing.

This is the end of examples of change-ringing. He proceeds:—

"And here I thought to make an end of the *Art of Ringing*, but *Cynthiaus aurem vellit*, the young Practitioner, whose only Information is hereby aimed at, plucks me by the Sleeve, and tells me in the Ear, that tho' Peals upon six, as *Triples* and *Doubles*, &c., make excellent Musick upon Eight Bells, 4 8, 6 8, 4 1, or 1 8, lying behind: or *Triples* and *Doubles* upon the six middle Bells, the Tenor lying behind; yet for him who is not arrived at such a perfection of Skill, as to Ring these Compleat Peals, the most proper and easy for him are *Set-changes* which are founded on these Grounds,"

&c.

The "*Epitome*" (as he calls it), finishes with the following paragraph:—

"In Ringing these *Set-changes*, the Note will Lye sometimes *Fifths*, sometimes *Thirds*, and both, and then to *Clam* them is admirable Musick: *Clamming* is, when each *Concord* strike together; which being done true, the 8 will strike as but four Bells, and make a Melodious Harmony. You may *Clam* two or three bouts, and then strike as many times open alternatively, one *Clam* one Pull; and open the next, &c."

It is a curious thing that Stedman's Principle, which I always thought was about the oldest method, is not mentioned in this treatise or "*Epitome*." Perhaps it had not travelled from Cambridge to London at the time this book of sports was written. Other points which may help to determine the date of the book are, the use of the 5 staff lines in the treatise on music, directions for the use of "*charges*," "*primer*," "*bandilier*," and "*scoover*" in musket drill, mention of the "*Trained-bands*," and of "*Matchlocks*" being in use with the more modern "*firelocks*."

If any one has a perfect copy of this little handbook it would interest me, and I daresay many more of the Exercise, if he would inform us of its author's name and its date by sending a copy of its title-page for publication in "*THE BELL NEWS*." It is certainly rather similar in its style to the *Clavis*, but, I think, older probably, judging from its quaintness of expression, archaisms and spelling.

J. F. HASTINGS.

Great Yarmouth, March, 1890.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A combined Meeting of the Blackburn and Rossendale Branches was held at Burnley, on Saturday last. There was a good attendance. There were members present from St. Saviour's and Christ Church, Bacup, Newchurch, Rawtenstall, Ramsbottom, Colne, Church, Accrington, Blackburn, Brierfield Parish, and Holy Trinity, Burnley. Ringing was enjoyed both at the parish church and Holy Trinity, in Bob Major, *Grandsire*, &c. A meeting was held in the schoolroom at 6 o'clock, Mr. H. H. Nutter in the chair. Mr. Walker, of Blackburn, explained the objects of the Association, and enumerated the benefits to be gained by joining. As a result, three more members were elected. After the usual votes of thanks to the vicars, wardens, and ringers of both towers, they dispersed to ring in the tower the rest of the evening. There are now five members at Burnley.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—This company has originated a new and improved service to the Channel Islands, via Weymouth, which is the quickest and best route and shortest sea passage, the journey from Weymouth to Guernsey occupying about 4½ hours; and from Guernsey to Jersey about 1½ hours. Powerful fast steamers specially constructed for the Great Western Company for this service, and fitted with electric light and all latest improvements, will (weather and circumstances permitting), run daily from Weymouth to Guernsey and Jersey (Monday mornings excepted), and from Jersey and Guernsey to Weymouth (Sundays excepted), in connection with fast trains from and to all parts of the Great Western System. Passengers leaving Paddington at 9.15 p.m. and Weymouth at 2.15 a.m., reach Guernsey about 6.45 a.m. and Jersey about 9.0 a.m., and leaving Jersey at 8.0 a.m. and Guernsey at 10.0 a.m., reach Weymouth about 2.30 p.m. and Paddington at 8.40 p.m.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"That this meeting considers it desirable that a memorial be raised to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Johnson."

Such is the resolution which I was pleased to read in connection with the Johnson Anniversary Dinner. It was scarcely to be expected that our friends of the St. Martin's Guild would allow this commemoration to pass over without definitely coming to some resolve as this. But they have done more than resolve; they have set the ball rolling by the appointment of a committee which both for its representative character, and the well-known energy of most of the individual members, bodes remarkably well for the carrying out of this memorial scheme to a very successful and satisfactory finish.

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By the way—but I don't know whether the committee will thank me for the suggestion—would it not facilitate matters if intending subscribers (both individuals and bands) were to send a note or post-card to Mr. Godden early, specifying the amount of their subscription, and the date on which it would be paid? Of course, I am cognisant of objections which might be raised somewhat forcibly against this idea; but at any rate, if adopted by those to whom it might be inconvenient to forward the actual subscription there and then, the Committee would sooner be in a position to know somewhere near the amount of funds likely to be at their disposal. They might then decide upon the form of the memorial, and have the work going on.

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The "News from Abroad" is as usual a very pleasing item in the contents of last Saturday's paper. Our Melbourne friends have celebrated the opening of the magnificent gift from Mr. Edwardes, with becoming *éclat*; and while heartily complimenting them on their latest acquisition, trust the words of their good Bishop will bear fruit. If they were to circulate his speech among their friends and neighbours, they might confidently look for the ample realisation of his hope that there "would be a great increase in the membership of the Victorian Association, and that in Melbourne would be founded a school of bellringers."

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I hope I shall not be considered too late in adding my good wishes to the others bestowed upon Mr. J. M. Hayes on his 49th birthday. You are getting on, old friend, the next one will be your half-century. May you have many more birthdays, and each succeeding one be if possible even more enjoyable than any you have celebrated before.

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Our Editor has at length "taken the bull by the horns," and carried into effect that proposal of making a small charge for the insertion of notices and compositions, of which he gave us an intimation some time ago. I should not have noticed this particularly were it not for the fact that I have pressed upon him the advisability of taking this step several times. That it will meet with opposition in some quarters, I have no doubt. Every deviation from the old beaten path is confronted with such; but in this case, I certainly do think that every reasonably-minded man will acknowledge the fairness of it, and readily realise the gain to us through its adoption by increasing the space at our Editor's disposal. The charge specified, also, is to my mind too insignificant to form the basis of any legitimate

ground of complaint. It will result, doubtless, in the curtailing of notices, and the omission of many compositions which are practically useless. Thus space will be gained, and there will as a natural consequence be less occasion for the Editor's apologies for being compelled to leave out reports, etc., for want of room. The notices also, being classified all under one heading, is a great improvement, because readers will be able to turn to the notice page, and at once find out what they want, without having to survey every column as heretofore.

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As to the slight (very slight, I fancy) financial gain which this plan will bring into the proprietors' treasury, I don't think we shall begrudge that. If "THE BELL NEWS" was supported by our friends as it ought to be, and as it deserves to be, I do not doubt for one moment that we should reap the benefit in a frequent if not even regular increase in the number of its pages. I do happen to know that it has been for some time an ambition of the Editor's to not only increase the size of the paper, but also to "throw in" the portraits as well. That ambition, I fear, however, is not at all likely to be realised unless and until a much more extended support is given by our friends in the matter of its circulation. If the fact was only taken more generally into account now that the interests of the Exercise and its own peculiar organ are so intimately bound up together there would be less need to plead for support. But there is one modicum of satisfaction among it all, that of a certainty time is on the side of "THE BELL NEWS"; and when time lends its aid to a cause, the ultimate success of that cause is assured. I look forward to the time—and that at no distant future—when the "march of intellect" in our ranks will result in every individual member being satisfied with nothing less than a copy of his own every week.

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I was pleased to read Mr. E. Bush's prompt response to the enquiry anent organists and ringers. No doubt many other similar cases could be brought to light, and I should not be surprised to see Mr. Bush's example followed pretty extensively by others.

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There is a little paragraph of five lines on page 582 which has given me much gratification. In it we are told how that three young scions of the Manchester family of Woodhouse rang at the residence of the Canon six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, on handbells, retained in hand. The ages of these lads are 13, 15, and 16, the oldest of them conducting the 6-scores. Well done, my boys! Although when compared with some performances which we see recorded by our elder and more experienced brethren, your modest 6-scores may appear insignificant, you have done what many old veterans have never attempted. And taking your youth into account you have acquitted yourselves very creditably indeed. I really don't know whether to compliment your tutors, the worthy Canon, or yourselves, the most. But—suffice it!—accept my humble token of praise all round, and let me soon read of your excellent performances on the cathedral bells of Cottonopolis before long. If you can acquit yourselves so well and at so early an age on handbells, it will be your own fault if the large bells in the cathedral tower do not bear witness of your abilities with the ropes. Go on and prosper!

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Seeing that the meeting of the Provisional Committee is definitely fixed for Easter Tuesday, and that this circumstance

will doubtless induce many of our brethren in the provinces to visit London during the holidays, might I suggest to our friends of the metropolis the advisability of making some arrangements and announcing the same, so that their country cousins will know where to find them, and where there is likely to be any ringing going on?

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Does anybody feel inclined to buy a hat? Now don't smile, for I'm not going to turn either auctioneer or hatter; but a brother-string—rather a comical "card" in his way—is possessed of a hat. This, of course, is no strange experience; in fact the strangeness would come in very forcibly if he were "fixed" otherwise. But this particular hat is a specialty—it has a characteristic peculiar to itself, which certainly should make it all the more valuable. But to come nearer the point, my friend and brother-string who owns it has been in the habit for a long time back of wearing this hat when he went to try for a peal. He used to say that he was always lucky when he had this hat with him, but sure as fate, if he went without it, "came to grief" would be the inevitable result. He called this hat "Washbrook," because he said they were both champions alike at bringing peals off. But the other week his lucky hat failed him, for although he had it with him even more carefully brushed than usual, the peal didn't come off. This nearly finished him; I believe if it had not been for old associations he would have dashed the hat on to the grave-stones and actually kicked it. Then, last Saturday, when he read that the real and original owner of his hat's name had actually called stand|within a few courses off the end of a peal, just because of a change-course, he got more riled than ever, and now wants to dispose of the hat to some one who will give it a comfortable home. He doesn't like the idea of burying it this cold weather, and is a strong opponent of Cremation. If nobody buys it, I fancy he will re-christen it, call it Parson Haweis, and hang it up on a nail in the garrett, where he says he would like to put the original owner of *that* name (in the garret, I mean, *not* on the nail). If I hear any further about my friend and his hat, I will let you know.

FREE LANCE.

SILVERTON, DEVON.

This charming Devonshire village was enlivened on Saturday, March 8th, by some good music on the nice peal of six bells in tower, tenor 16 cwt. At the special invitation of Dr. Puddicombe (a gentleman who has lately taken up ringing, started a band in union with the Devonshire Guild, and is now making good progress), nine of the St. Sidwell's band, Exeter, met some of the Bradninch band, and together with the Silvertown band rang some 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles on the tower bells, and after a good tea, Doubles and Triples on the handbells interspersed with some tunes, Mr. Davey accompanying on the flute. A very enjoyable evening was spent; thanks to the kind hospitality of Dr. Puddicombe. It is to be hoped the Broadclyst, Thorveton, and Stoke Canon bands will join the county society, and so form a district all within a few miles of each other, each having a handy peal of six bells which go well.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, March 8th, a Committee Meeting of the above was held in St. James's schoolroom, Wollaston, near Four-bridge, the Rev. G. Gilbanks, vicar, presiding. After a few appropriate remarks he declared the meeting open for business. The usual business of the Association was transacted, the rev. chairman becoming an hon. member, and several others performing members of the Association. Notices of motions for alterations of several rules at the Annual Meeting were given in to be placed on the agenda. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

Adjourning to the towers 720s were rung in the following methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles.

The members afterwards met at the "Rifleman's Arms" inn, where touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on the handbells, and several tunes were given by the Wollaston company and friends on their handbells, a very pleasant evening being spent by all.

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.

By the kind invitation of Mr. Symons, the change-ringing band of St. Mary's, Penzance, spent a very pleasant evening on Tuesday, March 11th, at the Western Hotel. Ample justice was done to a most excellent supper of *three courses*; the guests being sixteen in number, including one or two non-ringing friends. After supper the remainder of the evening was spent in social conversation, interspersed with touches of Grandsire on the handbells, and some capital songs were ably rendered by Mr. N. Symons, Mr. Sellers, Mr. W. Sellers, and Mr. Henderson. In according a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Symons for his hospitality, and for his unflagging interest in the prosperity of the band, it was incidentally remarked that in no change-ringing band in England could greater harmony and good-fellowship be found than among the members of the change-ringing band of St. Mary's, Penzance. Long may it be so!

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch was held at St. James's church, Milnrow, on Saturday, March 8th. Only a poor muster of ringers were present, and some Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung. The vicar, the Rev. F. P. Wright, occupied the chair at the meeting held afterwards, and was also made a life member, having previously been an honorary one. Mr. J. T. Prince, of Moorside, near Oldham, was elected a ringing member. St. Mary's church, Balderstone, was selected for the next place of meeting on Saturday, April 12th. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks.

F. BIRTWISTLE, Branch Sec.

Obituary.

THOMAS PAUL.

ON Thursday, March 6th, there died at Hinckley, at the ripe old age of ninety years, the above ringer and sexton. He became sexton in 1838, and continued to hold that office until a few years ago. His change-ringing record it is now impossible to ascertain, as change-ringing has been a dead letter in Hinckley for a great many years, but it is believed he belonged to an old band that existed forty years since. In accordance with the wish of the deceased, the passing bell was rung as soon as he died, by Alfred Young, the present verger; and on Sunday morning last, March 9th, for Divine Service, the parish church bells were half-muffled and numerous well-struck 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 7-4-8 covering were rung. M. Moore (conductor), 1; W. Knight, 2; J. Tansey, 3; W. Humphreys, 5; J. Freer, 6; C. Young, 7; W. Wills, 4; J. Frith, 8. In the afternoon plain courses of Grandsire Triples were also rung, and according to ancient usage, deceased's age (90) was rung on the tenor by J. Freer. For evening service two 120's were rung very slowly on the back six. M. Moore (conductor), 1; J. Tansey, 2; W. Wills, 3; W. Humphreys, 4; J. Freer, 5; C. Moore, 6. The listeners outside were struck by the wonderful plaintiveness of the music. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. By special desire, the congregation (some 700 persons), sang deceased's favourite hymn—"O God our help in ages past."

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1890.

ANOTHER stage has been reached in connection with the Central Council, for a list of delegates from no less than

twenty-four Associations is published. There are others who have not yet made any sign of being desirous of representation on the Council, but no doubt before the assembly meets the returns will be fuller than at present. We shall not do wrong in drawing attention to the great necessity of completing without delay this initial part of the proceedings. The blanks should be filled up at once, and the names of those elected forwarded to Mr. HEYWOOD.

A glance at the names of the delegates affords little room for criticism, but plenty for encouragement. There are certainly those absent from the list which we should like to have seen, though we do not go the length of saying who should make room for them. Since the circulation of the list some disappointment has been expressed that a very prominent ringer and composer (of the provinces) has not been elected, and to some extent we share in this disappointment. After the constitution of the Council is settled, perhaps our friends may have their wishes in this respect realised.

Those of our readers who only casually peruse this paper will do well to ensure a copy of the number containing the report of the proceedings of the Council. Every effort will be made to give a full report, even should we be compelled to temporarily increase the number of pages. The assembling of a National Council of Change-Ringers—a ringers' parliament, as it were, is an event of no small importance, which will deserve a full and especial record.

The Metropolis.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1890, in Two Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ERNEST T. EDRIIDGE* .. Treble.	FREDK. G. NEWMAN .. 5.
THOMAS C. GROVE 2.	HUGH T. SCARLETT .. 6.
GEORGE B. LUCAS 3.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 7.
ALFRED FOX 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This peal was rung on the occasion of erecting a peal-board in the tower to commemorate one rung a short time ago. *First peal.

The Provinces.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 7, 1890, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

A. CRESSER Treble.	E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. 5.
J. SMITH 2.	E. READER 6.
W. A. TYLER 3.	F. A. UNDERWOOD .. 7.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 4.	E. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Conducted by W. A. TYLER.

APPLETON, BERKS. *OPG*

On Tuesday, March 4, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY WALTERS Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD.. .. 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	FREDERICK WHITE 7.
WILLIAM T. PATES 3.	HARRY ROBERTS 8.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 9.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE.. .. 5.	EDWARD ELBURNE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1890, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED WARD Treble.	WILLIAM A. ARNOTT .. 5.
JOHN FOSDIKE 2.	HENRY BURCH 6.
CHARLES WARD 3.	WILLIAM WARD 7.
WILLIAM BURCH.. .. 4.	WILLIAM KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

FRIESTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1890, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

5040 CHANGES IN ELEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS;

Antelope, Old Doubles, Dream, Bob Doubles, London Doubles, Dunstan's Doubles, Hudibras, Chase, Sunshine, Grandsire and Plain Doubles.

GEORGE HARRISON Treble.	EDWARD MASON 3.
ALFRED O. BARBER 2.	JOSEPH SHARP 4.
JOHN SHARP Tenor.	

Conducted by A. O. BARBER.

The above was rung in honour of the Rev. S. Stufthorpe, vicar of Frieston, being installed as Canon in Lincoln Cathedral on that day. E. Mason hails from Boston; the rest belong to the local company.

LEEDS, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9, 1890, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 2wt.

REUBEN SIMMONDS Treble.	*ARTHUR C. WEST 5.
ALCHIN MOORCRAFT 2.	JOHN GRANSBURY 6.
SAMUEL SNELLING 3.	EDGAR POPE 7.
WILLIAM E. POPE 4.	ALFRED PALMER Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

*First peal in the method.

Date Touches.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, March 9th, for evening service at St. Nicholas' church, a date touch of 1890 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins. G. Croucher, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; T. H. Colburn, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; W. Grove, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. Composed by York Green.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, March 3rd, at Holy Trinity church, on the occasion of a Confirmation by the Bishop-Suffragan of Beverley, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 1; D. W. Brown, 2; J. Highfield, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; J. Pollard, 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. And after service 503 Grandsire Triples was rung by the same company.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).—On Monday, March 3rd, at St. Wilfrid's church, the following members of this branch of the above Association, assisted by Mr. J. Benson, rang a date touch in the following methods in 1 hr. 8 mins.: 546 London Treble Bob Major, 672 Rose of England, 672 Prince Albert. J. Cordingley (composer), 1; E. Keighley, 2; W. Hollings, 3; C. Pratt, 4; J. Page, 5; J. Ross, jun., 6; J. Benson, 7; W. Davison (conductor), 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHAROW (Yorks).—On Friday, February 28th, for practice at the parish church, eight members of the above rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Metcalfe, 1; J. Baines, 2; T. Clark (conductor), 3; A. Pratt, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; T. Metcalfe, 6; J. Flower, 7; A. H. Clark, 2. Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Tenor 13 cwt. *First date touch and longest length.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL.—On Saturday evening, March 8th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins., in the following methods: 450 Bob Minor (composed by C. E. Wilson), 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), and 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; H. N. Spinks, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. This is the longest length by Messrs. Johnson, Kelly, Hurst and Spinks, and also the first 720 of Canterbury Pleasure by T. R. Somerville. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).—On Monday, March 10th, at Christ Church, a date touch of Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 4 mins. B. Tungate, 1; Jos. Rimmer, 2; D. E. Rimmer (conductor), 3; T. Fielding, 4; L. Whitmore, 5; L. Tyldesley, 6; Jas. Rimmer, 7; J. W. Rimmer, 8. Composed by York Green.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 11th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Wallace, 1; A. Biggs, 2; J. Barnard, 3; C. Couchman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; W. Arnold, 7; W. Wood, jun., 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR.—On Monday, March 10th, at the parish church, a date touch (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins. in the following methods: 480 Plain Bob Doubles, the ten plain lead 6-score Grandsire Doubles, and 210 Grandsire Doubles with extremes, each 120 throughout being called differently. The above date was the anniversary of the Prince of Wales' wedding day. G. Williams, 1; R. Flaxman, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; T. Quinton, 4; E. Willis (conductor), 5; J. Gutteridge, 6. This is the longest touch by the treble and tenor men, and first date touch on the bells. Flaxman hails from Slough; Stanbrook and Willis from Windsor; Quinton from Salt Hill; Williams and Gutteridge are local men. They wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. Tenor 17 cwt.

GREAT YARMOUTH (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, March 11th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. M. Long (conductor), 1; W. Blyth, 2; D. Hayward, 3; T. Tooley, 4; W. Secrett, 5; Rev. J. Hastings, 6; W. Fletcher, 7; R. Christian, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, March 8th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late William Hallsworth, of Wallsall, when in the third course it came to grief. Time being too short for a second attempt, a touch of 1249 was rung in 51 mins. W. Bryant, 1; A. Jones, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; W. Mundy, 4; H. Bastable, 5; C. Dickens, 6; T. Russam, 7; B. Witchell (conductor), 8; H. Johnson, 9; W. Jackson, 10.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, March 3rd, at Bishop Ryder's church, eight members of the above met for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 5 mins. it came to grief. W. H. Godden, 1; H. Bastable (conductor), 2; W. Mundy, 3; A. J. Jones, 4; J. George, 5; H. Johnson, 6; T. Reynolds, 7; J. Johnson, 8. After a short interval 1008 was rung, composed by the late Henry

Johnson. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; W. Bryant, 2; A. J. Jones, 3; W. H. Godden, 4; J. George, 5; H. Johnson, 6; T. Reynolds, 7; J. Johnson, 8. This meeting was specially arranged for Mr. James George, of Rugby.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COOKHAM.—On Tuesday, February 25th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. E. Keeley, 1; E. Rogers, 2; F. Dentry, 3; A. E. Hoskins, 4; W. Ayres, 5; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Bob Doubles, conducted by A. E. Hoskins; and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by E. Rogers.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 600 Grandsire Doubles in 20 mins., each 6-score called differently. N. Spindlow, 1; W. Fisher, 2; J. Fisher, 3; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 4; H. J. Fisher, 5; H. Druce, 6. Also on Monday, January 27th, for practice, 240 Grandsire Minor. N. Spindlow, 1; W. Fisher, 2; H. Druce, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; J. Fisher, 5; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, February 27th, 240 Grandsire Minor, standing as before. Also on Sunday afternoon, March 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. N. Spindlow, 1; W. Fisher, 2; J. Monk, 3; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 4; H. J. Fisher, 5; J. Fisher, 6. J. Monk hails from Witney, and this is his first 720 with each 6-score called differently.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, February 16th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples in 46 mins. *F. W. J. Rees, 1; T. Colburn, 2; W. Grove, 3; *J. Heathorn, 4; *E. Heathorn, 5; *C. Miller, 6; F. Bennett (composer and conductor), 7; *M. Brown, 8. *First touch in the method, and first quarter-peal by all. And on Sunday, March 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. *E. Stone, 1; *M. Brown, 2; W. Grove, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; F. Bennett (conductor), 5; T. Colburn, 6; C. Miller, 7; E. Heathorn, 8. *First touch on the treble. †Longest touch with a bob bell.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, February 26th, the first 658 of Holt's Original. S. Powell, 1; F. Wilson, 2; J. Ballard, 3; J. R. Higgins, 4; H. White, 5-6; W. Bulpitt, 7-8.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, March 6th, at the parish church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Newell, 1; W. Tice, 2; J. Bunch, 3; R. Hilton, 4; H. White, 5; H. Hilton, 6. Also a course and 84 of Grandsire Triples. J. Hilton, 1; J. Bunch, 2; W. Tice, 3; W. Newell, 4; R. Hilton, 5; J. Bunch, 6; H. White, 7; H. Hilton, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Hilton, 1; J. Bunch, 2; H. White (conductor), 3; W. Newell, 4; R. Hilton, 5; J. Bunch, 6; W. Tice, 7; C. Bradley, 8. First touch of Triples by all the band except the conductor.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. F. Blake, 1; T. Blake, 2; A. Bartlett, 3; T. Attwell (conductor), 4; T. Burdock, 5; J. Gardner, 6. Also on Wednesday, March 5th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. F. Blake, 1; E. Burdock, 2; A. Bartlett, 3; T. Burdock, 4; T. Attwell (conductor), 5; T. Blake, 6. This is the first 720 by all except the conductor, and is believed to be the first on the bells. Tenor about 19 cwt.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON.—On Saturday, March 8th, on the occasion of the above Association holding a committee meeting at this place, the following ringing was done: At St. James' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Fryer, 1; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 2; W. R. Small, 3; S. Spittle, 4; H. Dakin, 5; W. Page, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Orford, 1; H. Woodhall (first 720 in the method), 2; H. Harris, 3; H. Hartshorne, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob. H. Woodhall, 1; H. Harris, 2; W. F. Hartshorne, 3; W. Short, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. H. Woodhall, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; W. F. Hartshorne, 3; W. Short, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Harris, 6. Spittle hails from Dudley; Woodhall from Cradley; Short from Clent; Messrs. Hartshorne from Harts Hill; Parsons from Old Hill; Harris, Orford, and Pagett from Stourbridge; Small from Tipton; Page from Worcester; Dakin and Fryer from Wollaston.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Monday, March 3rd, at the house of Mr. C. Barrett, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. G. H. Pagett, 1; C. Barrett, 2; W. F. Hartshorne, 3; W. A. Pugh, 4; A. Orford, 5; H. Harris (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD.—On Saturday, March 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. Mannering, 1; A. Palmer, 2; A. Moorcraft, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; A. C. West, 5; J. Gransbury, 6; T. Durban (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; W. Palmer, 8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Digby, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. First in the method by H. Digby.

CLIFFE (Kent).—On Saturday, March 1st, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but unfortunately it came to grief after ringing an hour and a half through the breaking of the third rope. T. Saxby, 1; F. Cullum, 2; W. J. Reeve, 3; H. Gibbs, 4; G. Conyard, 5; G. Lindoff, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; F. French, 8. Afterwards the same band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by E. Barnett.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, March 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins. was rung after an attempt for a peal in that method. C. F. Winny, 1; W. J. Reeve, 2; C. Hamant, 3; F. G. Newman (conductor), 4; E. E. Richards, 5; E. Barnett, 6; F. French, 7; J. Garard, 8. Mr. G. Conyard kindly stood out to allow Mr. Richards to have a pull, as he had come on purpose to listen to the peal.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWEEKSBURY.—On Wednesday, February 26th, at the Abbey, an attempt was made to ring Haley's peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing nearly 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins., the conductor called "stand," as two of the dodging bells had changed course a few sixes previous. S. Cleal, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Josiah Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Saturday, March 8th, at the parish church for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Baker, 1; A. Scarffe, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 4; J. Herbert, 5; T. Fudge, 6; W. Pigraime, 7; D. Crow, 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—A 503 Grandsire Triples, being the longest touch by several of the band. C. Baker, 1; A. Scarffe, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; J. Herbert, 5; T. Fudge, 6; W. Pigraime, 7; J. Lee, 8. Also the preceding Saturday, 336 in the same method.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, March 9th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, brought home from the twenty-sixth bob of Holt's Original. S. James, 1; G. Pye, 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; W. Nash, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; L. Copsey, 8. *Chiming*.—For evening service a course each of Bob Major and Stedman Triples, three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major, and 153 Grandsire Triples. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8. *Handbell Ringing*.—A 714 Grandsire Triples, having the six 7-5-6's and the six 5-6-7's. S. James, 1; L. Copsey, 2; B. Keeble, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, February 22nd, at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. G. Brown, 1; H. Randall (conductor), 2; W. Dallimore, 3; W. Doran, 4; R. Lowe, 5; A. White (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 8th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. *W. Smith, 1; *W. Dallimore, 2; *E. Lucas, 3; *A. White, 4; J. Gobbett, 5; H. Randall (conductor), 6. *First 720 Bob Minor and also the first of Bob Minor on the bells. Tenor 7½ cwt. Messrs. Doran, Randall, and Gobbett hail from West Ham; Lucas from Barking; the rest belong to the local company.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, March 6th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Canterbury Minor. C. Jones (first 720 of Minor), 1; D. Aston, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; S. E. Romans, 4; A. Roberts, 5; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 6. Recently 560 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. E. Romans, 1; J. Yates, 2; E. E. Hart, 3; A. Waite, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; G. Miles, 6; A. Roberts, 7; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 8. And a 768 in the same method. *E. E. Bewick, 1; *F. E. Hart, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; *R. J. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; *S. E. Romans, 6; *A. Roberts, 7; *W. J. Sevier (conductor), 8. *College Youths. Tenor 21 cwt.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 9th, at the parish church of St. Swithin, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. E. Bewick (first 720), 1; R. J. Wilkins, 2; F. E. Hart, 3; A. Roberts (first 720 in a Minor method), 4; S. E. Romans, 5; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. All the above are College Youths.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP.—On Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). For evening service, 720 Woodbine. On Tuesday evening, February 18th, an attempt was made for a 5040 in seven different methods, but it came to grief after ringing 4680 changes. On Sunday morning, March 2nd, 720 College Single. In the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob. The following took part in the ringing. W. Ormerod, J. Hardman, A. A. Downing, A. Chew, Z. Lord, A. White, W. Smith (conductor).

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL.—On Friday evening, March 8th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles, 6th the observation), in 26 mins. On Sunday morning, March 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles, 5th the observation), in 25½ mins. In the evening 120 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, 120 Bob Minor, and 120 Grandsire Minor. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; H. N. Spinks, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor by Johnson, Kelly, Hurst and Spinks. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—On Monday, February 24th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Williams (conductor), 1; F. Harding, 2; G. A. King, 3; H. Weston, 4; W. Allfrey, 5; G. Thwaites, 6; G. F. Attree, 7; A. A. Fuller, 8. On Thursday, February 27th, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Batts, 1; J. R. Reilly, 2; W. Allfrey, 3; F. Harding, 4; G. Williams, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; G. A. King, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. On Friday, February 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. R. Reilly, 1; J. Jay, 2; W. Allfrey, 3; G. A. King, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. W. Taylor, jun., 7; F. Harding, 8. J. W. Taylor hails from Loughborough; F. Harding from Eastbourne. On Sunday, March 2nd, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob. J. Jay, 1; J. R. Reilly, 2; E. C. Merritt, 3; H. Weston, 4; W. Allfrey, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; G. A. King, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. D. Ross, 1; G. Thwaites (conductor), 2; G. A. King, 3; G. Williams, 4; J. Batts, 5; J. E. Worsell, 6; A. A. Fuller, 7; G. F. Attree, 8. On Monday, March 3rd, 720 Treble Bob Minor. A. A. Fuller (first 720), 1; W. Allfrey, 2; G. A. King, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; J. R. Reilly, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6.

ARUNDEL.—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Twigg, 1; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 2; C. Blackman, 3; E. Ede, 4; G. Balchin, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, February 20th, at the parish church, 720 Yorkshire Court. H. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; J. Hills, 3; F. Finch, 4; C. Clear, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; F. Finch, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Clear, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. And on Monday, February 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Clear, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, February 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Evans, 1; T. Linfield, 2; F. Finch, 3; C. Clear, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. H. Evans hails from Goring. And on Monday, March 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 4; C. Clear, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. First in the method by all the band; and first in the method on the bells. Also on Thursday, March 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; C. Hills, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6.

BATH (Somerset).—On Sunday evening, March 9th, at St. Andrew's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; E. Dainton, 2; T. Gray, 3; W. Dicks, 4; G. Hill (conductor), 5; J. Higgs, 6; J. Holman, 7; G. Butler, 8. Longest touch in the method by Messrs. Dainton, Gray, and Higgs.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Saturday, March 8th, at the church of St. James, an attempt was made to ring Hubbard's five-part peal of Bob Triples, in honour of the birthday of William Gill, but owing to the storm the conductor was compelled to call "stand" at the end of the second part. W. Gill (longest length), 1; B. E. Howe (longest with a bob bell), 2; H. Raistrick (longest length of Bob Triples), 3; G. Titterton, 4; J. Mawson, 5; B. T. Copley (conductor), 6; S. Palframan, 7; J. Joyce (longest length), 8.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, February 2nd, at St. Michael's church, for Divine Service, 360 Plain Bob Minor. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Cullum, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hinchley, 6. After service, two 720s of Bob Minor (called differently). A. Dunnett, 1; G. Smith, jun., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Cullum, 4; R. Atkins, 5; J. Hinchley (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 18th, being the 86th birthday of William Burton, Esq., 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 360 Grandsire Minor. A. Dunnett, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; R.

Hutton (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hinchley (conductor), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; A. Dunnett, 4; A. Hammond, 5; G. Websdel, 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, March 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Sanders, 1; T. Durling, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling, 4; H. P. Harman, 5; W. Fright, 6; H. G. Fruin (composer and conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Rung to commemorate the 54th birthday of Mr. E. Dunn, the ringer of the 3rd, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 25th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. J. Nunn, 1; H. Nunn, 2; G. Dent, 3; E. Nunn, 4; A. Aviss, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, March 1st, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Harris, 1; W. Evans, 2; C. Waterman (Shorne), 3; W. Easter, 4; W. Haigh (conductor), 5; W. Cooke, 6. And on Monday, March 3rd, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Lindoff (conductor), 1; A. Harris, 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Cooke, 4; A. Hore, 5; W. Easter, 6; W. Evans, 7; W. Haigh, 8.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 1st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). Clarke, 1; S. Slater, 2; Papworth, 3; H. Duce (Melford), 4; Gowers, 5; Brett (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor. Brett, 1; S. Slater (conductor), 2; Papworth, 3; Clarke, 4; Smith, 5; Gowers, 6.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Sunday, March 2nd, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'). A. P. Goddard, 1; W. S. Wise (conductor), 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; A. J. Callaway, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; T. Blackbourn, 7; C. A. Clements, 8.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, February 19th, at the house of R. Gowers, on handbells, retained in hand, 560 Bob Major, 336 Bob Major, and a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Clarke, 1; Theobald, 2; Papworth, 3; Gowers, 4; Smith, 5; Brett, 6; S. Slater (conductor), 7-8. On Wednesday, February 26th, at the house of S. Slater, 240 Bob Major and a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. S. Slater, 1-2; Clarke, 3; Theobald, 4; Gowers, 5; Smith, 6; Papworth, 7; Brett, 8. On Thursday, February 20th, at St. James's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. J. Clarke, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Brett, 4; G. Smith (first 720), 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 Oxford Treble Bob ever rung by Stanstead men. Also 720 Plain Bob. A. J. Clarke (conductor), 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Brett, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers, 6. On Monday, March 3rd, three 720s of Bob Minor. A. J. Clarke (conductor), 1; R. Gowers, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Theobald, 4; R. Brett, 5; G. Smith, 6. The above was rung as a birthday peal to A. J. Clarke, who attained his 20th year on that day, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday, March 2nd, at St. Peter's church, for afternoon service, 305 Grandsire Caters. F. Gilbert, 1; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 2; A. Hull, 3; J. W. Brewer, 4; E. Hull, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7; W. Battle, 8; T. Waller, 9; H. Brewer, 10. F. Gilbert hails from Woodstock, Oxon, and this is his first attempt at Caters.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 18th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples in 17 mins. Rev. F. A. H. Du Boulay, 1; G. Smart, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Chambers, 5; E. Brackley, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. And on Tuesday, February 25th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples in 16½ mins. Rev. F. A. H. Du Boulay, 1; G. Gatland, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; G. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; E. Brackley, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; T. Searle, 8. Also on Thursday, February 27th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples in 18 mins. *C. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; G. Smart, 3; *T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6; E. Brackley, 7; J. Smart, 8. *First 504 in the method. And on Sunday morning, March 1st, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; W. N. Holt, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. Also for evening service 1260 Stedman Triples in 43 mins. *J. Woolgar, 1; *G. Smart, 2; *W. N. Holt, 3; *G. Gatland, 4; *C. Chambers, 5; *E. Brackley, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; *T. Searle, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Saturday, February 22nd, at the parish church, eight members of the local band made an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing close on 3000 changes in 1 hr. 44 mins. it came to grief. A. Dawes, 1; H. Ram (conductor), 2; G. Ades, 3; J. Burgess, 4; J. Beal, 5; A. Reed, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; C. Jennings, 8. First attempt for a peal of Triples by all the band except the conductor. Also on Sunday morning, February 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; J. Burgess, 2; T. Ashdown, 3; J. Beal, 4; G. Ades, 5; H. Rann (conductor), 6; W. Allfrey, 7; B. Hobbs, 8.

A NEW METHOD — "ST. ANDREWS."

[BY THE REV. F. E. MURPHY, BATH.]

I am sending what I believe is a New Method. I have searched *Shipway*, *Snowdon's Standard Methods* and *Troyte*, but have found nothing of the same kind. I venture therefore to submit the following to you and your readers—asking their indulgence for one who is not yet one year old in ringing. I have called the method "St. Andrews," as I wish to dedicate it to the town in which I first learnt to handle a bell.

I must also say that I am indebted to Mr. G. Hill of Bath, for his careful examination of the peal herein inserted, and for several valuable hints he has given with regard to the music, &c., in peals.

ST. ANDREWS MAJOR.

Plain Course.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	3 4 5 2 8 7 6 1
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 8	3 5 4 8 2 6 7 1
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8	5 3 8 4 6 2 1 7
3 2 4 1 6 5 8 7	5 8 3 6 4 1 2 7
3 4 2 6 1 8 5 7	8 5 6 3 1 4 7 2
4 3 2 1 6 8 7 5	8 6 5 1 3 7 4 2
4 2 3 6 1 7 8 5	6 8 5 3 1 7 2 4
2 4 6 3 7 1 5 8	6 5 8 1 3 2 7 4
2 6 4 7 3 5 1 8	5 6 1 8 2 3 4 7
6 2 7 4 5 3 8 1	5 1 6 2 8 4 3 7
6 7 2 5 4 8 3 1	1 5 2 6 4 8 7 3
7 6 5 2 8 4 1 3	1 2 5 4 6 7 8 3
7 5 6 8 2 1 4 3	&c., &c.
5 7 8 6 1 2 3 4	
5 8 7 1 6 3 2 4	
8 5 7 6 1 3 4 2	
8 7 5 1 6 4 3 2	
7 8 1 5 4 6 2 3	
7 1 8 4 5 2 6 3	
1 7 4 8 2 5 3 6	
1 4 7 2 8 3 5 6	
4 1 7 8 2 5 3 6	
4 7 1 2 8 3 5 6	
7 4 2 1 3 8 6 5	
7 2 4 3 1 6 8 5	
2 7 4 1 3 6 5 8	
2 4 7 3 1 5 6 8	
4 2 3 7 5 1 8 6	
4 3 2 5 7 8 1 6	

Proceeding in the same method the Plain course runs out in 200 changes, of which the Lead-ends are as follows:

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

The work of the bells in the Plain course is as follows:—

Treble.	(1) Lead.	(2) Dodge 4 5 up.
	(3) Behind.	(4) Dodge 4 5 down.
2 & 4.	(1) Lead.	(2) 3rds.
	(3) Lead.	(4) Behind.
	(5) Dodge 4 5 Down.	
3, 5, 6, 7, 8.		
	(1) 3rds.	(2) Lead.
	(3) Behind.	(4) 6ths.
	(5) Behind.	(6) 6 7 down.
	(7) 4 5 Down.	(8) Lead.
	(9) 4 5 Up.	(10) 4 blows behind.
	(11) 6ths.	(12) Behind.
	(13) Lead.	(14) 4 5 up.
	(15) Behind.	(16) Lead.
	(17) 6 7 Up.	(18) Behind.
	(19) Lead.	(20) 3rds.
	(21) Lead.	

I have given the work of each bell in full because it might perhaps otherwise mislead—e.g. 6 7 down is immediately followed by a 4 5 down, both dodges taking place between behind and lead, instead of being in separate leads as in *Grandsire*.

On examining the lead-ends, it will be seen that 2 and 4 change places at each lead, and that after the first five leads the bell in 3rds and the last four bells remain the same as in five leads before, the positions of 2 and 4 making the difference in the change.

I have been able to obtain a peal of 5040 on this method, by using the following Bob and Single, both of which are worked on the 2nd lead as given in the Plain Course above.

Bob.

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

Single.

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

By calling Bobs at 6 and 8 and using the Single instead of the 12th Bob every time, the 5040 runs out in 3 parts, having 11 Bobs and a Single in each part. The short prickings for the first part are as follows:—

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

B	7 5 8 6 2 4 3	(9)
B	3 2 5 4 7 8 6	(8)
B	8 4 6 7 3 5 2	(9)
B	2 3 4 5 8 6 7	(8)
B	6 5 7 8 2 4 3	(9)
B	3 2 5 4 6 7 8	(8)
B	7 4 8 6 3 5 2	(9)
B	2 3 4 5 7 8 6	(8)
B	8 5 6 7 2 4 3	(9)
B	3 2 5 4 8 6 7	(8)
B	6 4 7 8 3 5 2	(9)
S	2 3 4 6 7 5 8	(8)

Twice repeated brings the bells round.

The Method may be worked on *Royal* and *Maximus*. I venture to send one lead of each for the criticisms, &c., of the members of the Exercise. Should the "brother-strings" think it advisable to have the whole plain course printed, I will send it to you with pleasure.

ST. ANDREWS ROYAL.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 9 8 0
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
3 2 4 1 6 5 8 7 0 9
3 4 2 6 1 8 5 0 7 9
4 3 2 1 6 5 8 0 9 7
4 2 3 6 1 8 5 9 0 7
2 4 6 3 8 1 9 5 7 0
2 6 4 8 3 9 1 7 5 0
6 2 8 4 9 3 7 1 0 5
6 8 2 9 4 7 3 0 1 5
8 6 9 2 7 4 0 3 5 1
8 9 6 7 2 0 4 5 3 1
9 8 7 6 0 2 5 4 1 3
9 7 8 0 6 5 2 1 4 3
7 9 0 8 5 6 1 2 3 4
7 0 9 5 8 1 6 3 2 4
0 7 9 8 5 6 1 3 4 2
0 9 7 5 8 1 6 4 3 2
9 0 5 7 1 8 4 6 2 3
9 5 0 1 7 4 8 2 6 3
5 9 1 0 4 7 2 8 3 6
5 1 9 4 0 2 7 3 8 6
1 5 4 9 2 0 3 7 6 8
1 4 5 2 9 3 0 6 7 8

This method continued produces a plain course of 336 changes.

ST. ANDREWS MAXIMUS.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 x v
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 9 8 x 0 v
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 x v
3 2 4 1 6 5 8 7 0 9 v x
3 4 2 6 1 8 5 0 7 v 9 x
4 3 2 1 6 5 8 7 0 v x 9
4 2 3 6 1 8 5 0 7 x v 9
2 4 6 3 8 1 0 5 x 7 9 v
2 6 4 8 3 0 1 x 5 9 7 v
6 2 8 4 0 3 x 1 9 5 v 7
6 8 2 0 4 x 3 9 1 v 5 7
8 6 0 2 x 4 9 3 v 1 7 5
8 0 6 x 2 9 4 v 3 7 1 5
0 8 x 6 9 2 v 4 7 3 5 1
0 x 8 9 6 v 2 7 4 5 3 1
x 0 9 8 v 6 7 2 5 4 1 3
x 9 0 v 8 7 6 5 2 1 4 3
9 x v 0 7 8 5 6 1 2 3 4
9 v x 7 0 5 8 1 6 3 2 4
v 9 x 0 7 8 5 6 1 3 4 2
v x 9 7 0 5 8 1 6 4 3 2
x v 7 9 5 0 1 8 4 6 2 3
x 7 v 5 9 1 0 4 8 2 6 3
7 x 5 v 1 9 4 0 2 8 3 6
7 5 x 1 v 4 9 2 0 3 8 6
5 7 1 x 4 v 2 9 3 0 6 8
5 1 7 4 x 2 v 3 9 6 0 8
1 5 4 7 2 x 3 v 6 9 8 0
1 4 5 2 7 3 x 6 v 8 9 0

This continued produces a plain course of 504 changes.

And now, sir, as I have already occupied too much of your valuable space, I call "That's all."

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Mr. T. BLACKBOURN, Bell-hanger, of Salisbury, has taken into partnership Mr. WILLIAM GREENLEAF. This firm will carry on business as bell-hangers, tuners, etc., at Bedwin Street, Salisbury.

Messrs. SHAW, SON, and Co., Bell Founders and Clock Manufacturers, of Bradford, have purchased the stock-in-trade and fittings which belonged to the late W. PAWSON, handbell founder, of Leeds.

Notices.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Prescott (eight bell tower), on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. There will be an excellent tea provided at 1s. each, at the Cocoa Rooms at 5.30. Meeting in the same rooms at 6.15 p.m.

RICHARD HILL, Branch Sec.

78 Cemetery Road, Southport.

The Midland Counties' Association.—Leicester District.—The first monthly meeting will be held at St. Margaret's church on Saturday, April 12th. The belfry will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock.

W. A. CLAYTON, Local Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The Annual Report is now ready for distribution. It will be supplied at the price of twopence each copy to members of the Association whose current subscriptions are paid. The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive orders for the same.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.—A meeting of Ringers will take place at Rawmarsh, on Easter Monday, April 7th, to celebrate the unveiling of a Peal Tablet. The bells of the parish church will be open for ringing from 9.0 a.m. to 6 p.m., also the bells of the parish church of Rotherham. Dinner will be provided at 2s. per member at 2 p.m. All ringing friends wishing to attend must let me know not later than Wednesday, April 2nd.

THOMAS WHITWORTH.

4, Pottery Street, Raumarsh, Yorkshire.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired, One Shilling must accompany such request.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

By S. WOOD, Ashton-under-Lyne.

1890.

Start in the ordinary way. The two changes are cut out by the treble making 10th's place thus: the 5th takes the hunt. A single at the first lead gives:—

648302X1957
68403X29175
8604X392715
68403X29715
8604X392175
806X4931257
9X50782634

H M

26354*
63254 -
23456 -
43652 -
36452 -
64352 -
34256 -
42356 -
42356

Produced by 7th in 2,
6th in 4, and 8th in 3.

*6th in and out (3) leads and the 10th in four.

Rung at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, January 21st, 1890, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

By Hy. JOHNSON, Birmingham.

5005.

1 2 3 4 5 6

4 1 6 2 5 3* 5 6 19

4 1 3 6 5 2 -

4 1 2 3 5 6 -

2 1 5 3 4 6 -

5 1 4 3 2 6 -

2 1 4 6 5 3 - - -

4 1 3 5 2 6 - -

3 1 2 5 4 6 -

2 1 4 5 3 6 -

4 1 6 3 2 5 - -

4 1 5 6 2 3 - -

5 1 3 2 4 6 - -

3 1 6 4 5 2 - -

3 1 2 6 5 4 - -

3 1 4 2 5 6 - -

4 1 5 2 3 6 - -

5 1 6 3 4 2 - -

5 1 2 6 4 3 - -

2 1 3 4 5 6 - -

3 1 5 4 2 6 - -

5 1 2 4 3 6 - -

2 1 6 3 5 4 - -

6 1 2 4 5 3 - -

6 1 3 2 5 4 - -

6 1 4 3 5 2 - -

4 1 2 5 6 3 - -

4 1 3 2 6 5 - -

4 1 5 3 6 2 - -

6 1 2 3 4 5 - -

2 1 5 4 6 3 - -

5 1 2 3 6 4 - -

5 1 4 2 6 3 - -

5 1 3 4 6 2 - -

3 1 5 2 6 4 - -

3 1 4 5 6 2 - -

3 1 2 4 6 5 - -

2 1 3 5 6 4 - -

2 1 4 3 6 5 - -

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 x o Bob.

*Produced by Single at 2 and bobs at 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20. This peal is in the inverted tittum position. First rang at St. Martin's, Birmingham, January 14th, conducted by Hy. Bastable.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By Hy. JOHNSON, Birmingham.

5079.

2 3 1 4 5 6

5 1 6 4 2 3 - 4 5 7 16 18

6 1 3 4 2 5 - - -

3 1 6 5 2 4 - -

6 1 4 2 3 5 - -

6 1 5 4 3 2 - -

5 1 6 2 3 4 - -

5 1 4 6 3 2 - -

4 1 5 2 3 6 - -

4 1 6 5 3 2 - -

4 1 2 6 3 5 - -

2 1 4 5 3 6 - -

2 1 6 4 3 5 - -

2 1 5 6 3 4 - -

5 1 2 4 3 6 - -

These eleven courses three times repeated with a bob on 9-8 at end of last course completes the peal. This peal is in the inverted tittum position; and was rung at Aston, January 13th, 1889, conducted by Hy. Bastable.

TWO PEALS OF UNION TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7 3

4 6 2 5 7 3 s

7 2 4 5 3 6 -

4 3 7 5 6 2 s

7 6 4 5 2 3 s

4 2 7 5 3 6 s

7 3 4 5 6 2 s

6 4 7 5 2 3 -

2 7 6 5 3 4 -

3 6 2 5 4 7 -

4 2 3 5 7 6 -

Eleven times repeated, Single for Bob half-way and end. This is a twelve-part peal with only one call in each course.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7 2 3

3 6 4 5 7 2 - s

7 4 3 5 2 6 -

2 3 7 5 6 4 -

7 6 2 5 4 3 s

4 2 7 5 3 6 -

7 3 4 5 6 2 s

6 4 7 5 2 3 -

2 7 6 5 3 4 -

3 6 2 5 4 7 -

4 2 3 5 7 6 -

Eleven times repeated, single for Bob half-way and end. This is a twelve-part peal.

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By Y. GREEN, London.

1890.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7

1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7

M B W H

3 2 6 5 4 - I 2

3 4 2 5 6 - I 1

3 4 5 4 6 I - 2 2

3 2 4 6 5 2 - 2 I

4 2 6 3 5 - 2 I

2 3 4 5 6 -

A VARIATION.

M B W H

2 3 5 6 4 2 - 2 I

5 3 6 2 4 - 2 I

3 2 5 4 6 -

2 3 6 4 5 - I 2

2 5 3 4 6 - I 1

2 3 4 5 6 I - 2 2

The two changes constitute the first lead.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A.B.—An explanation of the term was given in a former number. Your touch of Triples has only nine of them, and then it is false. We are obliged by your kind commendation of the plan determined on.

CAVE CANEM.—1. No; it is a different thing altogether. 2. The bells cannot be brought round true at hand by a bob, rounds must come at a plain lead only. A single may be called, but it is not made because rounds supervene. 3. It is a very absurd position to take up.

FALSE TOUCH.—The date touch published in our last number by Mr. Wise, of Salisbury, is false.

Will our correspondent who sent the figures of a peal of Grandsire Caters for insertion kindly send again?—ED.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT EALING.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space for a few remarks respecting this peal. I happened to be ringing the other evening at Kensington with Mr. George Ilsley, of Acton, who heard the whole of it, and who informed me that it was an outrageously bad one, the changes per minute varying from thirty in the first part of the peal to twenty-two in the last, which to my mind does not tend to improve the striking. He also declares that the second bell was in the hunt for the last quarter of an hour, and upon the ringers descending the tower he challenged Mr. Parker with it, which that gentleman I believe did not deny, but simply said that there certainly was room for improvement. Now Sir, if this is true, I must say that I am rather surprised that Mr. Parker (who has been prominent lately in your columns), should have lent his name to such a performance; at the same time I should like it to be understood that it is out of no disrespect to those who took part in it that I pen these lines, but merely to ask Mr. Parker to give us an explanation, which I trust will satisfy the readers of "THE BELL NEWS."

HENRY A. HOPKINS.

P.S.—While writing I wish to correct an error in the peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Saturday, March 1st. The footnote states that it is the first peal of Stedman on the bells for nineteen years. Allow me to inform your correspondent that I took part in a peal of Stedman Triples on Wednesday, November 15th, 1876, which was conducted by the late Mr. John Cox, and of which I have a record. This peal was rung by the Waterloo Society.

'T WAS NOT BROUGHT ROUND.

SIR,—I beg to call to the minds of some of our ringing friends that

the touch of Double Norwich attempted at Southgate, Middlesex, was not brought round. Whatever their ideas were in putting the said touch into print I fail to see. Just allow me to recall to their minds that we only rung just into the commencement of the eighth course, and I was sorry myself that we did not bring the touch round. It would have been nine courses (1008) if we had been fortunate enough to have rung it—not ten courses as stated in last week's issue.

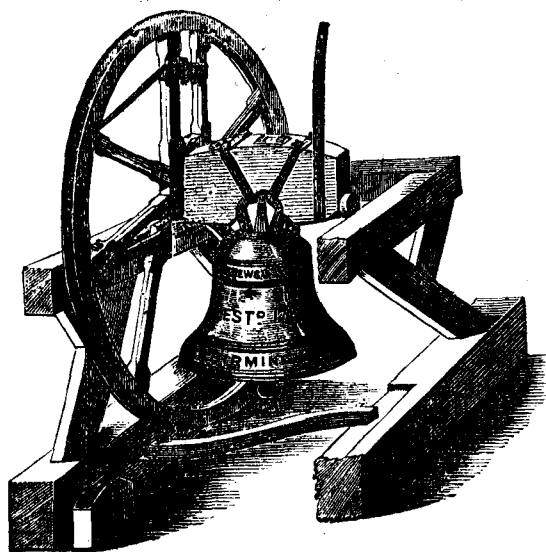
A. S. BARRELL.

SUGGESTIONS.

SIR,—I noticed in last week's "BELL NEWS" that you remark on the increasing demand for space in this journal, and that you are now making a small charge for the insertion of notices and compositions. Might I suggest that instead of putting a tax on matter which is the main cause of large numbers of bellringers buying "BELL NEWS" at all all, you should cut out those long lists of short touches which appear week after week under the heading of some of the leading societies, and which can have no interest for anybody but the actual performers themselves. Why not make it a rule not to publish anything under 1260 changes? Then perhaps there might be some chance of our getting quarter-peals and date touches up to date, instead of a fortnight or three weeks after they are rung, as is the case at the present time. Speaking from experience I can say that the delay in recording these touches greatly depreciates the interest attaching to them.

W. P.

[Perhaps our correspondent would prefer that a tax—as he terms it—was laid on the "short" touches. The senders of short touches, it should be remembered, are subscribers to this paper, and therefore their wishes must be considered. But when an inundation of touches happens, as is frequently the case, we are compelled to defer some. If all that came to hand every week were inserted, they would, without the least exaggeration, fill every inch of the paper, and we think the average of two-and-a-half pages of touches every week is about as much of that kind of news as our journal ought to bear. To satisfy all is a practical impossibility; if our correspondent thinks otherwise, we shall be glad to make way for him to have a trial. The trifling fee now required will not affect him in the least, and if we were not positive that much space would be saved (for the benefit of our readers) by its adoption, we should have strenuously objected to it.—ED.]



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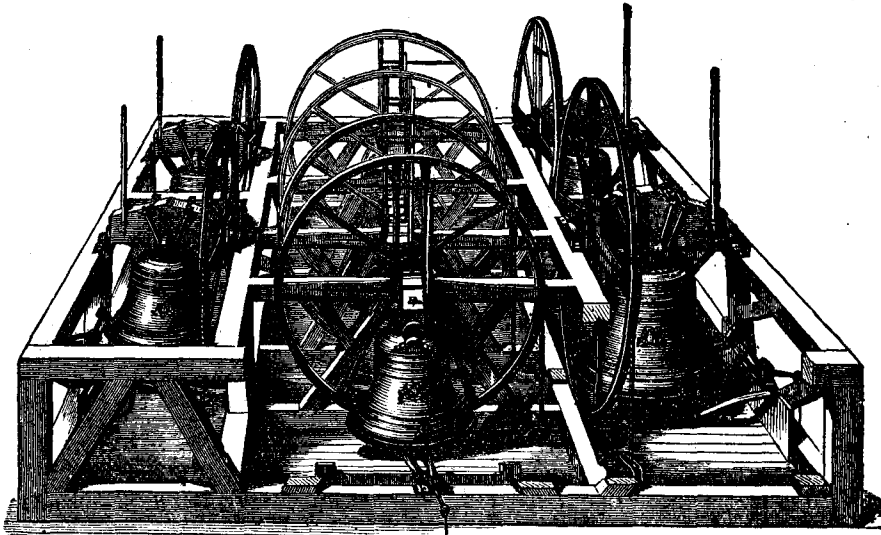
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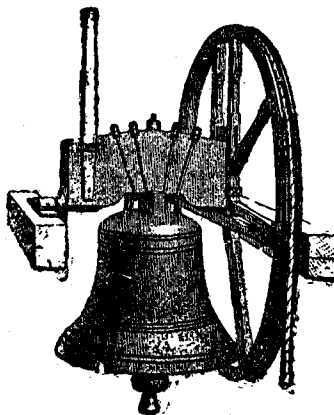
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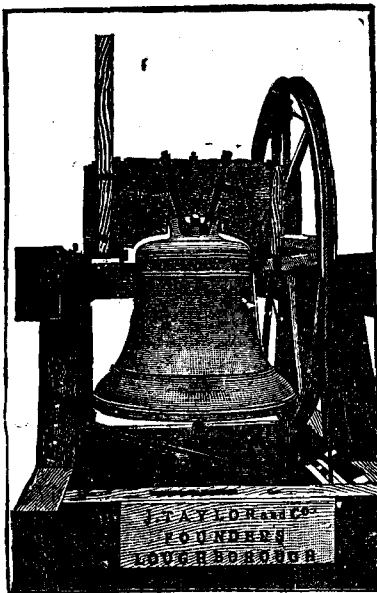
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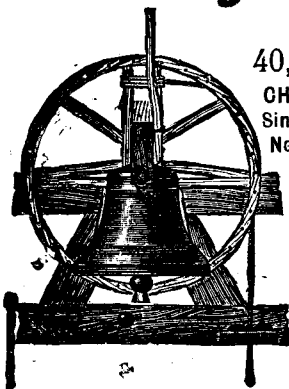
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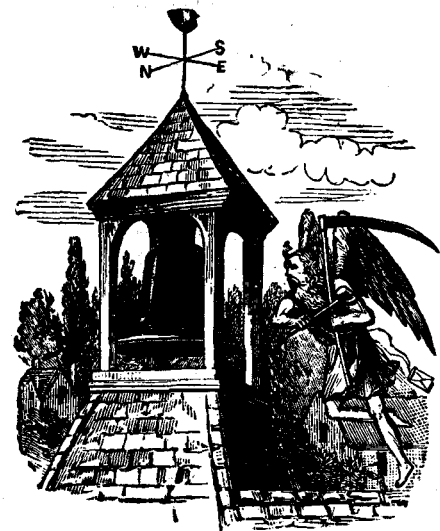
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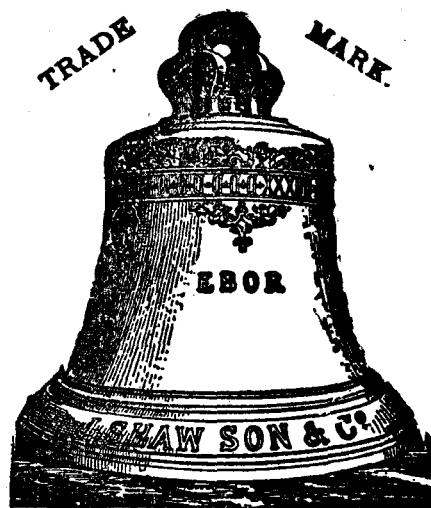
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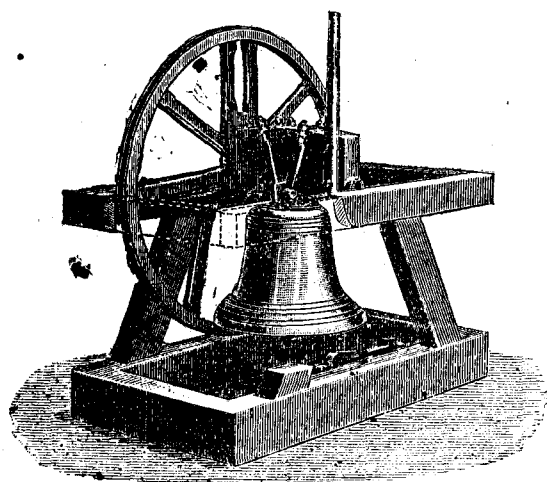
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MORE ABOUT MR. HAWEIS.

The blunders concerning ringing, committed by the Rev. H. R. Haweis in his article on "Bells and Belfries," in the February number of the *English Illustrated Magazine*, have already been pointed out in these columns. Of course a man cannot be expected to get up a subject which he so thoroughly hates and abhors; but if we look at his article—not from the Ringers' point of view, but from that of the Campanologist, to which title Mr. Haweis would no doubt acknowledge pretensions, we shall find, as it appears to me, that his knowledge of campanology is about on a par with his acquaintance with ringing technicalities.

May I call attention to a few of the more remarkable statements made by Mr. Haweis in this article.

"I found," says Mr. Haweis, "a curious relic, a sanctus bell at Scarning." Not much of a "find" surely, considering it is mentioned by the late John L'Estrange, in *Church Bells of Norfolk*, which was published in 1874. He proceeds—"It dates from before the Reformation certainly more than 400 years old." And then "This bell . . . must have been put up new in Mary's reign during the Catholic reaction." It is hardly necessary to remark that Mary's date being 1553-58, the bell would in that case be 330 odd years old; not over 400, and not pre-reformation.

The curfew bell (which is by the way, properly the evening 'Ave,') still survives, Mr. Haweis informs us, in the fen districts about Ely and Cambridge.

It would perhaps be news to him that it survives here and there in probably every county in England.

Now for Mr. Haweis' most astonishing assertions:—

"I have no doubt" he says, "that the best English bells were inspired by the Belgian bell founders in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries One has only to set down a few dates side by side and the thing is *next to proved*." (The italics are mine). "I drew out this argument to demonstration in my lecture on bells, 1879, before the Royal Institution." Not having seen a copy of that lecture, I cannot say how Mr. Haweis there "drew out this argument;" but this is how he does it in this article:—

He says "Peter van den Gheyn, of Louvain, 1560, is contemporary with the Braziers and Brends of Norwich." As the first of the Brends began bell-founding about 1564, Mr. Haweis is so far correct in saying he was a contemporary of P. van den Gheyn; but he is slightly "out of it" with regard to the Braziers, the first of whom was established at the Norwich bell foundry (which had already been at work for some years) by 1386, and perhaps a few years earlier; and the last of the Braziers died in 1513. (See *Church Bells of Norfolk*, p. 27, etc.).

"Hemony, of Amsterdam," 1658 (is contemporary with) Myles Gray, 1625-59, of Colchester." What does this prove? (Miles Graye by the way, died 1666, seven years later than the limit given by Mr. Haweis).

"Between 1679 and 1755 flourished Richard Chandler, of Buckingham, Ruddell of Gloucester . . . and the same period is marked by 'so and so' in Belgium."

There was more than one Richard Chandler, besides others of that family, bellfounders in Buckinghamshire, but not in Buckingham. The first of the dates given is that of the death of Anthony Chandler; and the latter date is that of the death of Edward Hall who followed the Chandlers in their business. "Ruddell" should of course be Rudhall; or if the earliest known spelling be preferred, it would be Ridhall (see *Church Bells of Gloucestershire*, p. 78, etc.). The dates of this family as bell-founders are 1684—1829; Thomas Mears the younger bought the business then, and a Rudhall's name appears (as manager of that branch of the great Whitechapel business) until 1835.

What earthly connection does Mr. Haweis show to have existed between these Belgian and English founders? As well might he argue that because I now write these lines, and because some one in Belgium has written something on campanology within the last half century or so; or, because some one in Belgium (who does not see "THE BELL NEWS") shall, before say, the close of this century, write something on the subject; that therefore there must have been some connection between this Belgian and myself!

Does Mr. Haweis consider that the four above-mentioned exhaust the list of first-rate English foundries? Has he never heard of, or does he affect to look down upon, the productions (not to make a long story of it), of all the London founders of the last half-dozen centuries or so; and of all the excellent local founders of days gone by (such for instance as the foundries at Leicester in the 16th and 17th centuries, of the Newcombe and Watts families; and the Wokingham—Reading foundries, which continued for over three centuries before finally merging into the Whitechapel foundry)?

Mr. Haweis continues: "Now the true bell model comes no doubt from Belgium." This simply rests on his unsupported dictum, and until he produces some sort of proof, we need not trouble to add this to the articles of our creed. The three Belgian carillons which Mr. Haweis boasts of having been instrumental in introducing to this country, do not seem, even by his own showing, to be an unqualified success. This is what he says of them: "The Duke of Westminster has a fine carillon . . . but great pressure having been brought to bear upon the illustrious founder to supply the bells to time, it proved beyond his powers to tune them accurately."

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One would like to know, when Mr. Haweis crept under the bell *Carolus* at Antwerp and swung himself upon the clapper until the bell spoke, in what way "the experiment was perilous"?

He continues: "There are very few bells extant earlier than 1400 A.D., but the *Horrida* or *Tocsin* in Strasburg Cathedral dates from 1316." Fourteenth century bells are not as common as one would like, but it is not necessary to go all the way to Strasburg to find one. There are a dozen in this home county of Bucks., and every county whose campanological history has been investigated still possesses some.

I quite agree with Mr. Haweis as to the beauty of the Belgian carillons, and should be very glad to see some introduced into some of our larger steeples; they need not in the least interfere with the use of eight to twelve of the larger bells for ringing; but fear it will need all Mr. Haweis' eloquence to draw out the money to provide an extra 100 or so bells to form a complete "suite," even if they run down at the treble end to no bigger than the tenor of a set of handbells. I also quite agree with Mr. Haweis' condemnation of the short squat bells cast now-a-days in England for facility of ringing; but even bellringers, though according to Mr. Haweis we do not "care twopence for the sound or the tune," are rather apt to speak disdainfully of such as "tanks." I would go a step further than Mr. Haweis (who is perhaps unaware of the fact), and raise my feeble protest against the modern practice of mutilating bells by knocking off their canons, and hanging them by boring holes through the crown's to shorten their axis. Depend upon it a future generation will condemn us as barbarians.

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3. February 29th, 1832	5040 a	" "	3 5	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
4. July 14th, 1833	5021 a b	Grandsire Caters	3 17	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
5. August 18th, 1833	5080	Grandsire Royal	3 22	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
6. October 1st, 1833	5040	Grandsire Triples	3 2	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
7. February 9th, 1835	5040 a	" "	3 5	St. Thomas, Stourbridge
8. October 6th, 1835	5058 a b	Grandsire Caters	3 36	St. Philip's, Birmingham
9. December 26th, 1837	5040 a	Grandsire Triples	3 5	St. Mary's, Lichfield
10. August 11th, 1839	5040 a	" "	2 58	King's Norton
11. December 21st, 1840	5240 b	Grandsire Royal	3 35	St. Philip's, Birmingham
12. April 12th, 1841	5120 b	Kent Treble Bob Royal	3 20	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
13. October 1st, 1841	5184 a b	Stedman Caters	3 21	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
14. February 9th, 1843	5040	Stedman Triples	3 9	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
15. May 24th, 1843	5184 b	Stedman Caters	3 33	St. Philip's, Birmingham
16. June 8th, 1843	5001 a b	" "	3 18	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
17. March 31st, 1845	5056	Kent Treble Bob Major	3 0	All Saints, West Bromwich
18. August 24th, 1845	6016	" "	3 30	All Saints, West Bromwich
19. April 26th, 1846	5040 a b	Kent Treble Bob Royal	3 18	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
20. May 18th, 1846	5040 a	Stedman Triples	2 53	St. Martin's, Birmingham
21. July 13th, 1846	5094 a b	Grandsire Caters	3 15	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
22. January 31st, 1847	5040 a	Stedman Triples	2 54	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
23. February 14th, 1847	5007 a b	Stedman Caters	2 55	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
24. February 25th, 1847	5056	Kent Treble Bob Major	3 5	St. Martin's, Birmingham
25. April 5th, 1847	5040 a	Stedman Triples	2 57	St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham
26. June 7th, 1847	5040 a	" "	2 52	All Saints, West Bromwich
27. January 9th, 1848	5184 b	Stedman Caters	3 7	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
28. January 11th, 1848	5280 a b	Stedman Cinques	3 31	St. Martin's, Birmingham
29. February 13th, 1848	5004 b	Kent Treble Bob Caters	3 7	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
30. March 21st, 1848	5088 a b	Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3 53	St. Martin's, Birmingham
31. June 25th, 1848	5004 a b	Grandsire Caters	3 14	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
32. August 20th, 1848	5400 a b	Stedman Caters	3 20	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
33. September 17th, 1848	5400 a b	" "	3 14	St. John's, Bromsgrove
34. November 5th, 1848	5079 a b	" "	3 15	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
35. December 12th, 1848	7392 a b	Stedman Cinques	4 55	St. Martin's, Birmingham
36. December 19th, 1848	5016	" "	3 32	St. Martin's, Birmingham
37. December 31st, 1848	5187 a b	Stedman Caters	3 15	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
38. April 17th, 1849	6336 a b	Grandsire Cinques	4 25	St. Martin's, Birmingham
39. October 14th, 1850	7020 a b	Stedman Caters	4 18	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
40. August 6th, 1851	5079	" "	3 20	St. Clement Danes, Strand, London
41. November 23rd, 1851	5271 a b	" "	3 22	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
42. January 11th, 1852	5297 a b	" "	3 26	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
43. November 1st, 1852	5184 b	Kent Treble Bob Major	2 54	All Saints, West Bromwich
44. May 10th, 1853	5009 a b	Stedman Caters	3 12	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
45. June 1st, 1853	5079 a b	" "	3 15	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
46. July 15th, 1855	5001 a b	" "	3 7	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
47. August 5th, 1855	5002 a b	" "	3 3	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
48. September 9th, 1855	5000 a b	" "	2 55	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
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54. September 6th, 1857	5080 b	Kent Treble Bob Royal	3 15	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
55. December 28th, 1857	5000 b	Stedman Caters	3 17	St. Michael's, Coventry
56. February 16th, 1858	5885 b	Grandsire Caters	3 37	St. Thomas' Dudley
57. April 18th, 1858	5079	Stedman Caters	3 10	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
58. September 4th, 1859	5184 b	" "	3 8	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
59. October 14th, 1860	5040 b	Kent Treble Bob Royal	3 20	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
60. October 30th, 1860	5000 a b	Stedman Cinques	3 30	St. Martin's, Birmingham
61. January 6th, 1862	5040 a b	Grandsire Triples	3 0	St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham
62. July 20th, 1862	5058 a b	Grandsire Caters	3 16	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
63. November 17th, 1862	5029 a b	Stedman Caters	3 17	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
64. October 20th, 1863	5014 b	Stedman Cinques	3 30	St. Martin's, Birmingham
65. September 12th, 1864	5043 b	Stedman Caters	3 16	St. Matthew's, Walsall
66. May 28th, 1865	5040 a	Grandsire Triples	3 5	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
67. July 25th, 1865	5040 a	" "	2 50	Shenstone, near Lichfield
68. September 24th, 1865	5024 a b	Grandsire Major	3 15	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
69. April 16th, 1866	5079 b	Stedman Caters	3 22	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
70. June 10th, 1867	5069 b	" "	3 10	Wolverhampton
71. September 23rd, 1867	5081 b	" "	3 12	All Saints, Worcester
72. April 12th, 1868	5157 b	" "	3 25	St. Philip's, Birmingham
73. November 23rd, 1868	5057 b	" "	3 15	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
74. January 9th, 1869	5040	Grandsire Triples	3 9	Perry Barr
75. March 29th, 1869	5120 b	Kent Treble Bob Major	3 20	Perry Barr
76. September 25th, 1869	5021 b	Stedman Caters	3 30	St. Mary's, Warwick
77. October 23rd, 1869	5040	Stedman Triples	3 7	Perry Barr
78. February 12th, 1870	5067 b	Stedman Caters	3 15	St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury
79. October 15th, 1870	5040	Grandsire Triples	3 6	Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham
80. December 17th, 1870	5040	Stedman Triples	3 4	Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham
81. October 30th, 1871	5062	Stedman Caters	3 20	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham

	Date.	Changes.	Method	Time.	Where rung.
82.	January 15th, 1872	5040	Stedman Triples	3 15	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
83.	March 16th, 1872	5568	Kent Treble Bob Major	3 34	Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham
84.	April 8th, 1872	5278 b	Stedman Caters	3 34	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
85.	November 14th, 1872	5049 b	"	3 23	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
86.	March 1st, 1873	5079 b	"	3 30	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
87.	April 9th, 1873	5040	Stedman Triples	3 9	St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, Warwickshire
88.	May 24th, 1873	5057	Stedman Caters	3 16	St. Matthew's, Walsall
89.	October 11th, 1873	5067 b	"	3 35	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
90.	November 15th, 1873	5056 b	Kent Treble Bob Major	3 11	St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham
91.	November 17th, 1873	5269 b	Stedman Caters	3 46	St. Philip's, Birmingham.
92.	April 18th, 1874	5040	Grandsire Triples	3 2	St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham
93.	May 11th, 1874	5001	Stedman Caters	3 22	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
94.	November 23rd, 1874	5088 b	Kent Treble Bob Major	3 25	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
95.	February 20th, 1875	5079 a b	Stedman Caters	3 17	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
96.	July 3rd, 1875	5040	Grandsire Triples	2 57	Bishop Ryder's Birmingham
97.	September 25th, 1875	5040	"	3 0	Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham
98.	November 20th, 1875	5056 b	Grandsire Major	3 7	Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham
99.	December 20th, 1875	5040	Stedman Triples	2 59	Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham
100.	February 28th, 1876	5079 a b	Stedman Caters	3 18	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
101.	April 3rd, 1876	5005 a b	"	3 18	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
102.	October 21st, 1876	5184 a b	Stedman Royal	3 27	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
103.	November 25th, 1876	5003 b	Grandsire Caters	3 12	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
104.	January 15th, 1877	5050 b	Stedman Caters	3 10	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
105.	November 27th, 1877	5079 b	"	3 20	St. Martin's, Birmingham
106.	February 23rd, 1878	5012	Grandsire Triples	2 57	Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham
107.	May 28th, 1878	5004 a b	Stedman Cinques	3 25	St. Martin's, Birmingham
108.	January 28th, 1879	5015 b	Grandsire Cinques	3 30	St. Martin's, Birmingham
109.	April 21st, 1879	5075 a b	Grandsire Caters	3 12	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
110.	March 29th, 1880	5037	Stedman Caters	3 20	St. John's, Bromsgrove
111.	April 10th, 1880	5053 a b	"	3 21	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
112.	April 27th, 1880	5014 b	Stedman Cinques	3 35	St. Martin's, Birmingham
113.	May 29th, 1880	5040	Grandsire Triples	2 59	St. John's, Perry Barr
114.	June 19th, 1880	5000 b	Stedman Caters	3 12	Christ Church, West Bromwich
115.	July 10th, 1880	5040	Stedman Triples	3 10	St. John's, Perry Barr
116.	August 14th, 1880	5040	"	2 55	Willenhall
117.	October 6th, 1880	5040	"	3 2	St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham
118.	October 9th, 1880	5040	Grandsire Triples	2 58	St. Peter's, Harborne
119.	November 16th, 1880	5000 b	Stedman Cinques	3 40	St. Martin's, Birmingham
120.	December 11th, 1880	5088	Kent Treble Bob Major	3 4	St. Peter's, Harborne
121.	February 28th, 1881	9238 b	Stedman Cinques	6 48	St. Martin's, Birmingham
122.	May 7th, 1881	5040	Plain Bob Major	3 2	St. Peter's, Harborne
123.	June 23rd, 1881	5040	Grandsire Triples	3 11	St. John's, Perry Barr
124.	November 5th, 1881	5040	Stedman Triples	2 50	St. Peter's, Harborne
125.	January 7th, 1882	5003 b	Grandsire Caters	3 34	St. Martin's, Birmingham
126.	February 28th, 1882	5014 b	Stedman Cinques	3 45	St. Martin's, Birmingham
127.	March 18th, 1882	5065 a b	Stedman Caters	3 26	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
128.	May 6th, 1882	5021 b	Grandsire Caters	3 20	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
129.	May 23rd, 1882	5019	Stedman Cinques	3 40	St. Martin's, Birmingham
130.	June 6th, 1882	5079 b	Stedman Caters	3 25	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
131.	September 16th, 1882	5007 b	Stedman Cinques	3 31	St. Martin's, Birmingham
132.	November 21st, 1882	5079 b	Stedman Caters	3 30	St. Martin's, Birmingham
133.	January 13th, 1883	6336 b	Kent Treble Bob Major	3 50	St. Peter's, Harborne
134.	May 3rd, 1883	5040	Stedman Triples	3 6	St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham
135.	June 9th, 1883	5063 b	Stedman Caters	3 33	St. Michael's, Coventry
136.	August 11th, 1883	5040	Stedman Triples	3 0	All Saints, West Bromwich
137.	October 1st, 1883	5040	"	2 45	St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks
138.	November 13th, 1883	5040 b	Stedman Caters	3 18	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham
139.	February 23rd, 1884	5093 b	"	3 17	SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham

Those marked *a* are the peals conducted by Mr. Johnson; those marked *b* are composed by him; and those marked *a b* are composed and conducted by him.

The above peals are made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 19; Grandsire Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 11; Grandsire Royal, 2; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Stedman Triples, 17; Stedman Major, 1; Stedman Caters, 53; Stedman Royal, 1; Stedman Cinques, 12; Treble Bob Major, 10; Treble Bob Caters, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 6; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Major, 1. It will be seen from the above list that Mr. Johnson rang his first peal on January 12th, 1830, and his last on February 23rd, 1884, covering a space of 54 years, thus not averaging three peals a year; but it should be borne in mind that Mr. Johnson lost very little time from business to ring peals. He often said that owing to business he was unable to take part in the 10,047 of Stedman Caters, rung at Aston on March 8th, 1855. Mr. Johnson has set us a pattern in his 121st peal, which I am afraid few of us would be able to follow at the age of 72. So well was he prepared for a long length that had he been conducting the peal on that occasion would have run the bells to a 10,000. It will be noticed that the year 1848 was a good year for ringing, twelve peals being rung by the Society, Mr. Johnson taking part in eleven of them, composing ten and conducting eight, all twelve peals being ten and twelve-bell performances. Mr. Johnson was also the first to call Stedman Cinques from a non-observation bell. He was also the first to call Thurstans' well-known peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung on the front eight of St. Martin's, Birmingham (see No. 20). Mr. Johnson conducted forty-nine peals: thirty-one of Stedman, sixteen of Grandsire, and two of Treble Bob.

Birmingham.

HENRY BASTABLE.

THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.—On another page will be found the forty-first Annual Report of this extraordinary Company. This issue of this report is now regarded by many people as one of the important events of the year. Time after time, this yearly document makes known that the natural development of this gigantic institution knows no bounds, and each successive issue has provided the insurance world with a fresh reason for surprise and astonishment at the marvellous progress achieved. Whether the Prudential can continue

to surpass its past performances in rapidity of growth and in the highest successes of administration, must remain a matter of doubt; but none can dispute that, in some important respects, the accounts for 1889 are of greater interest than those which have preceded them. For, whether considered as an Industrial or an Ordinary Life Assurance Company, the Prudential can now, for the first time in its sensational career, claim the proud distinction of being the largest British institution of its kind.

BELFRY LEGENDS.

In all ages and in all climes the music of bells has been blended with the poet's inspired melodies. Back through the corridors of time do the voices of the bells echo; but it is in vain that the antiquary endeavours to fix the date when first their music fell on the enchanted ear.

In the worship of the gods, they shone in the hands of the Priest of Proserpine; they gleamed and tinkled on the vestments of the Jewish High Priest; Greeks, Romans, and Christians used them. Amid the shouts of victory they were heard as the Roman general's triumphant chariot passed majestically along—heard in tones of warning, for they were hung upon the chariot to remind the elated victor that, even in this hour of supremacy, he still was subject to the laws of Rome.

That glittering pageant fades from our sight, and again we hear the sound of bells as they jangle on the necks of a band of Roman criminals going to the place of execution.

Coming nearer to our own times, what memories crowd around the belfry-tower, "like the rooks that round it throng"!—memories blent with joy or fraught with terror, as in thought we hear the clash of joy-bells in the sunny air, proclaiming peace on earth; or, in the stillness of the night, start as the ominous booming of a bell recalls that early August morning when, from the tower of St. Germain l'Auxerrois the signal was given, and the fearful massacre of St. Bartholomew commenced a minute after, and the streets of Paris were strewn with the mangled corpses of defenceless Protestants, lured to their death by the base treachery and the fanatical hate of Catherine de Medicis, whose heartless utterance: "*Aujourd'hui il y a de l'humanité à être cruel, de la cruauté à être humain*," was taken up by a maddened populace as they hurled their victims from the windows on to the stones below, while the King himself stood at a window of the Louvre and fired on those of his miserable subjects who fled from the assassin's knife. From this "tale of terror told in the startled ear of night" we turn shuddering away, while perchance across the shadowland of our own past we hear some dear remembered chime, recalling hours when our "careless childhood strayed a stranger yet to pain." We see once more the grey village tower, nestling amid the trees, or the stately cathedral spires of the sleepy red-brick city that was once the only world we knew.

The great Napoleon was always deeply affected by the sound of bells, and it is recorded that when at Malmaison, while walking in the avenue which leads to Ruel, talking vehemently of ambitious projects of future conquest, the sound of the not distant village bells was suddenly heard. Napoleon stopped in the middle of a sentence, and signed to his listener to keep silence. With evident emotion the French Cæsar drank in those peaceful tones, while a smile lit up his pale face and played around his hard, determined mouth; then, as the last vibration of the bells died away, he turned, and in broken accents said, "That recalls to me my first years at Brienne!"

The first English bellfounder was Roger Ropeforde, of Paignton, Devon, who flourished in 1282. Since that time England has gained the foremost rank in the art of bellfounding, as she is *facile princeps* in the mysteries of change-ringing. But though we are renowned for the workmanship and tone of our bells, Russia and China have produced the largest bells. Indeed our biggest, "Great Paul," is a pigmy beside "Tzar Kolokai," the bell of Moscow, for the former weighs only a little over sixteen tons, while the Russian bell is said to be 250 tons. It is, in fact, the largest bell in the world, and forms the dome of a chapel, for in 1737, during a fire, a piece of the bell, weighing eleven tons, was broken out, and the mighty bell itself came crashing to the ground, and lay for a century imbedded in the earth. In 1837 a chapel was constructed by excavating beneath the fallen bell. Four gigantic bells at Nankin, in China, one of which weighed 50,000 lbs., brought the tower that contained them headlong to the ground by their immense weight. It is not likely that we shall attempt to construct such cumbersome monsters, for the all-sufficient reason that to get a perfect tone from a bell it must be swung, an impossibility with these Russian and Chinese bells, which are always struck while fixed to frames.

It is not matter for wonder that bells, which through the ages have mingled their voices with our daily cries of hope or fear, of sorrow or delight, should have been the subject of many a

poetical myth, the object of many a superstitious belief. Thus, from a multitude of legends, we gather these:—

Clothaire II., King of France, A.D. 615, when at Sens, in Burgundy, heard a bell which from the tower of St. Stephen's church gave forth so exquisite a sound that the King ordered its immediate removal to Paris. Deep was the grief of the good Bishop of Sens, and of the citizens, when the bell was taken down and carted away, for it had made music in the old city time out of mind. But no one dared to raise his voice against the edict of Clothaire. For other ears than theirs those loved tones would sound forth; other daughters than their own would hear with trembling joy that silver music on their wedding-morn, and death would have an added bitterness when that familiar voice no longer joined their own in faithful lamentation for the dead. All was hopeless, helpless, dull despair, when, lo! a breathless messenger came hurrying with the news that the old bell refused in its new home to give forth any sound, and that the King, awestruck and terrified, had ordered its immediate return. So the old bell, still dumb, was carted back to Sens; but when a turning in the road disclosed the ancient city but four leagues away, the bell, though no hand touched it, rang out loud and clear, and all along the dusty road made music as it neared its native town. The Bishop and the people sallied out, prayers and thanksgiving hymns poured forth, while maidens, laughing through their tears, strewed all the way with flowers; louder and sweeter still the bell rang on, filling with a delicious joy the hearts of those who, lately all despairing, thought to hear its voice no more.

Another legend, waited to us from the rock-bound Cornish coast, relates how sweetly from Tintagel's tower the vesper bells rang out, and how the simple folk who dwelt at Farrabury heard the sound with pleased, yet envious ears. They had a tower by the sea, "four square to every wind that blows"; but no bells. At length it was resolved that it should go hard but they would have as sweet a peal of bells as that which echoed from Tintagel's tower. So, far away, the bells were cast and shipped for Farrabury, and with favouring winds the vessel glided swiftly on, till the expectant crowd upon the beach beheld her with her precious freight, awaiting only that the rising tide should float her into the harbour. No breeze ruffled the surface of the summer sea, there was a tender stillness in the evening air when, suddenly, the vesper bells chimed from Tintagel's tower. At the sound the pilot, kneeling by the captain's side, devoutly crossed himself and offered thanks to God for the quick voyage and the safe return. But the captain laughed, "To me alone the praise, I need no aid from God to bring the vessel safely in"—then swore a fearful oath, at which the pious pilot, praying still, shuddered and shrank away. The oath still lingered on the captain's lips when, from the surface of the silent sea, a mighty wave arose, upon its curving crest the ship was lifted up, then, as a wild cry went forth from all the anxious gazers on the shore, she sank, while on the stilly air was heard the muffled sound of bells as when a knell is tolled. One soul alone escaped, the pious pilot safely swam ashore.

Many centuries have passed away since then; but to this day, when storms approach, and only then, deep down below the surface of the troubled waves the bells of Farrabury may be heard ringing a muffled peal, while on the rocky coast the vacant, silent tower still stands, looking out across the angry sea.

W. G. S.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

An election of two representatives for the National Central Council has been taking place in the above Guild during last week. Voting papers were sent out to all Honorary and Ringing members throughout the diocese, about 400 in number, to be returned to the General Secretary by the 15th inst. On receipt the votes were placed in a sealed box, which was opened on Monday last in the presence of Messrs. Rigden, Parsons, and Short (committeemen), and the votes were counted by Mr. A. West. The following result was then found: Rev. A.D. Hill, 155; T. Blackburn, 146; (both elected); J. R. Jerram, 141; C. A. Clements, 61; W. McCaffery, 34. There were only three spoiled and disqualified voting papers.

J. R. JERRAM, General Secretary.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Take not offence at trifles."

On opening my paper last Saturday, I was very pleased to see the initials "G. P. C." attached to the interesting article on the celebrated leaning tower of Pisa and its bells. I have been wondering lately what had become of our naval friend, whether—in fact—he had not gone single-handed in search of the North Pole, or was investigating (Stanley-like) some hitherto unknown region out of the pale of civilization. But I am glad to see that he is still "on the job" (excuse this vulgar phrase). These great travellers are a very peculiar, if not even eccentric, race of individuals. They have a propensity for cropping up in all sorts of unlooked-for and unmentionable places, when we least expect them. Thus the man who had the temerity to disturb the waters of the sea of Azov with the sound of hand-bells is only acting in accordance with the traditions of his race when he so turns up with an account of his experiences in the decayed city of the slanting tower. One of my chronic regrets is that I am unable to join our friend in his extensive and certainly interesting travels. But we all have to live under different circumstances—more or less in accordance with our desires; and so in this case, if we cannot accompany our friend *in propria persona*, we have at least the pleasure of reading the accounts of his travels. I believe we should be glad to know more of them.

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"In no change-ringing band in England could greater harmony and good fellowship be found than among the members of the change-ringing band of St. Mary's, Penzance." So we are told on page 589. This is pleasant reading. How many bands are there amongst us who might with advantage seriously consider this statement? It denotes cordial good feeling and the absence of all that tends to disturb those fraternal relations which should be always maintained amongst us. How much better is this than the state of things which I have seen unfortunately but too often in bands where everything has been at "sixes and sevens," each one seeming to have a delight in taking advantage of one another, frustrating each others' plans and ideas, and missing no opportunity of "getting at" another member of the company? No bearing and forbearing with each other for the common good; stubborn and relentless in their ideas; those in office abusing their position by overbearing manners and tyrannical conduct, while among the rank and file exists an undercurrent of complaining and dissatisfaction, which vents itself every now and then in uncomplimentary—if not even actually abusive—remarks and actions. I feel, unfortunately, that I am by no means overdrawing the picture. Happily, however, my journeyings have brought me into contact with bands where the lines have evidently fallen in pleasanter places. I have visited towers where officers and members have alike been imbued with one feeling of anxiety for the common good, both scientifically and socially. I have come across bands where unkind words have been as scarce as the Dodo, where the officers have recognised their positions simply as involving duties which they owed to the brotherhood by whom they were elected, and where the members have invariably given to those officers a loyal support in their efforts for the success and welfare of the whole. This is as it should be. To ensure the successful carrying on of any society there must be both that *con amore* and that *esprit du corps* which combined make experiences pleasant and progress certain. By their more extended application, also, the harmony and good-fellowship so happily existing at Penzance would be manifest likewise in numberless other towers throughout the country. May your shadows never grow less, my amicable brethren of Penzance.

As I expected we have not been long in seeing opposition to those proposals of the Editor to which I referred last week. But what are we to think of the meagreness of the case made out in opposition or the positive absurdity of the alternative plan proposed by "W. P." He suggests the rule of inserting no touches under 1260's. Then what about our six-bell ringers, whose 720's would thus come under the prohibition? What about—but, why argue further? The suggestion won't hold water. Surely "W. P." must be a young and inexperienced individual, or he would never have ventured to introduce such a proposal. Had he suggested drawing the line at 720's, except in special cases where shorter touches sent have had some peculiar feature or significance, then we might have considered that he wrote in a reasonable and sensible manner; possibly, even, might have agreed with him; but to talk about drawing the line at quarter-peals, why his wits must have "gone a-wool-gathering."

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Regarding these short touches sent up for insertion, of which our Editor gets considerably more than he gives publicity to, anyone who has read "THE BELL NEWS" regularly for the last year or two cannot fail to have noticed an alteration and improvement in this matter. I have myself drawn attention to it many times; but at the present time I do think the Editor has managed to get into that happy medium where he reduces legitimate complaints to a minimum. And to tell the truth, these "short" touches, so far as having no interest to any but the actual performers, as "W. P." asserts, are becoming more and more interesting reading, if only through the various items of news which they incidentally convey. For instance last week, the first two paragraphs of this "Miscellaneous" tells us that our friends of the St. Martin's Guild have had two unsuccessful attempts at peals, one as a tribute of respect to the late Wm. Hallsworth, and the other arranged for Mr. James George, of Rugby. Had "W. P.'s" proposal been in force, neither of the touches substituted could have appeared, as they were both under the stipulated 1260. One 720 may be reported as the first on the bells; another is in honour of a brother-string's birthday; others in connection with friendly visits and "meets" of bands; while the "first 720's" and "longest lengths" are almost innumerable. All these items are valuable to a careful observer, if only in the way of straws shewing in which quarter the wind lies. Or, drop the metaphor, they indicate in no small degree the progress and energy manifested by our brethren up and down the country. I hope, therefore, that these reviled "short" touches will always retain their present interesting features; and thus be "good reading" week after week, complainers notwithstanding. We generally find, somehow, that those who growl the loudest have the least room for complaint.

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If anybody wanted to convince himself that this is the season of Lent, he need look no further than the list of peals. Whatever may be said, pro and con, on the subject of peal-ringing during Lent, there can be no mistake about it that every year shews a diminution of the number reported during that season.

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Our friend, the Rev. F. E. Murphy, adds another to the long list of methods in possession of the Exercise. I have been as yet unable to give more than a cursory glance at "St. Andrew," thus am not in a position to speak of its merits or otherwise. One thing certainly did strike me on looking at it, that the way in which the tenors travel will prevent its becoming popular among a very large number of brother-strings, who have such a predilection for keeping the tenors together. FREE LANCE.

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The contents of this number precludes the appearance of our usual comment. Next week a portrait with memoir

of Mr. JOHN DAY, of Birmingham, will appear. That of Mr. C. H. HATTERSLEY was announced as coming next, but that gentleman has not yet been able, from circumstances beyond his control, to forward his photograph to us.

The Metropolis.

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Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

Rung on the occasion of Challis F. Winny's birthday.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 13, 1890, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. F. PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST T. EDRIDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS 2.	GEORGE J. SMITH .. 6.
ALFRED FOX 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE B. LUCAS.

The Provinces.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Friday, March 14, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

JAMES GARMAN Treble.	HARRY COOK 5.
GEORGE WOODMAN 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
WALTER CHARMAN 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is the treble man's first attempt at Major, and the first with a bob bell by the 2nd.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1890, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM LEWIS Treble.	WILLIAM JAMES 6.
OLIVER JAMES 2.	WALTER REA 7.
GEORGE HAYWARD 3.	ALFRED MOORE 8.
THOMAS ALLBUTT 4.	GEORGE BOURNE 9.
JOHN MASON 5.	JAMES PARRY Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by WALTER REA.

The above peal is the first part of the 16,326, which will, if all is well, be attempted in the Easter week. The figures will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" for January 4th, 1890.

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FOLKESTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, March 14, 1890, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

SYDNEY FINN Treble.	HENRY CROUCHER .. 5.
GEORGE FINN 2.	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN .. 6.
JAMES FISHER 3.	FREDERICK SLINGSBY .. 7.
SAMUEL BARKER 4.	FREDERICK FINN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESEMAN.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 15, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS DURBAN Treble.	*ARTHUR C. WEST .. 5.
ALFRED PALMER 2.	THOMAS MANNING .. 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3.	JOHN GRANSBURY .. 7.
REUBEN SIMMONDS 4.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER of Birmingham, and Conducted by
ALCHIN MOORCRAFT.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Grandsire Major rang by the Association.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1890, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM GILL* Treble.	JAMES MAWSON .. 5.
BERNAL E. HOWE† 2.	BEN. T. COPLEY .. 6.
HENRY RAISTRICK† 3.	†SAM. PALFRAMAN .. 7.
GEO. TITTERINGTON 4.	*JOHN JOYCE Tenor.

Conducted by BEN. T. COPLEY.

All Members of the Society of Copley Scholars. *First peal. †First of Bob Triples with a bob bell. This was rung in commemoration of Wm. Gill's birthday, to whom all his brother "Scholars" wish many happy returns.

HEENE, NEAR WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	HENRY JONES .. 5.
PHILLIP ALLFREY* 2.	*GEORGE BAKER .. 6.
WILLIAM ALLFREY 3.	CHARLES PAINTER .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRETT 4.	*HERBERT HODGE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. Mr. Hodge is of the local band; Jones and Painter from Ringmer; Baker from Arundel; the rest from Brighton.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1890, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOHN J. BRIERLEY Treble.	JAMES SELLARS .. 5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE 2.	JOSEPH MALONEY .. 6.
JOHN HOLDEN 3.	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. 7.
JOSEPH WOOD 4.	JOHN PYE, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by the late JAMES PLATT of Saddleworth, and
Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

Rung to commemorate the birthdays of Messrs. Pye, sen., Sellars, and Holden.

TO THE DEAF.—A Person cured of Deafness and noises in the head of 23 years standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it FREE to any person who applies to NICHOLSON, 21, Bedford Square, London, W.C.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 15, 1890, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in Db.

CHARLES SILLITOE Treble.	*HARRY SMITH .. 5.
AMOS AMBROSE* 2.	†THOMAS KING .. 6.
FRED WELLS 3.	*ARTHUR SYMONDS .. 7.
HENRY DUCE 4.	JOHN LEE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

*First peal in this method. †First peal. This is the first peal in this method on the bells since the tenor has been rehung. Messrs. Ambrose and Duce hail from Melford; Wells from Glemsford; Lee from Foxearth; Sillitoe from Sudbury; the rest are local ringers. King was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTE (Essex).—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service at All Saints' church, a date touch (1890 changes) of Union Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. E. Brazier, 1; W. Lincoln, 2; A. Tarbun, 3; W. Hawkes (longest touch in the method), 4; A. Edwards, 5; F. Radley (longest touch in the method), 6; W. J. Piper (composer and conductor), 7; W. E. Emery, 8. Messrs. Edwards, Piper, and Tarbun are from Widford; Hawkes from Springfield; the rest belong to the local company.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, March 2nd, after evening service at St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 6 mins. E. Edridge, 1; W. Waterman, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; H. Scarlett (conductor), 4; F. Nunn, 5; H. Spencer, 6. Longest length by all except the conductor; first date touch by the local band and on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RADCLIFFE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 11th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Handley, 1; J. Morris, 2; F. E. Rudman, 3; A. Barrett (conductor), 4; A. Hardman, 5; J. Hardman, 6; W. Fielding, 7; W. Turner, 8. Composed by J. Aspinwall, of Liverpool.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, March 10th, at SS. Peter and Paul's church, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Boby, 1; H. Parker, 2; H. Smith, 3; A. Symonds 4; C. Jarvis, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King, 7; W. Moore, 8.

Miscellaneous.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—Recently by the local band at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-five bobs and ten singles), in 27 mins., conducted by H. Mitchell. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 27 mins., conducted by H. Mitchell. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins., conducted by A. A. Waite. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins., conducted by A. A. Waite. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 26½ mins., conducted by A. A. Waite. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26½ mins., conducted by H. Mitchell. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 27 mins., conducted by A. A. Waite. Also 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 27 mins., conducted by A. A. Waite. These 720's were rung at various practice nights during the last two months by the following members: H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite, J. Yeates, G. Miles, D. J. Aston, H. J. Barnes, H. G. Gardener, and F. Gillett.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, March 9th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Howes, 1; J. W. Washbrook, 2; C. Matthews, 3; C. Hounslow, 4; W. Long, 5; H. Judge (conductor), 6.

BATH AND KEYNSHAM ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Monday, March 10th, at the monthly meeting held at St. Saviour's church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Dicks, 1; W. Wells, 2; W. Earnes, 3; G. Hill, 4; J. Holman (conductor), 5; — Gully, 6. Two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Wyburn, 1; Rev. F. E. Murphy, 2; T. Gray, 3; G. Hill (conductor), 4; J. Holman, 5; J. Fussell, 6. A touch of 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Temple, 1; E. Dainton, 2; G. Hill (conductor), 3; T. Gray, 4; W. Dicks, 5; J. Fussell, 6; J. Holman, 7; — Gully, 8. And 447 in the same method. H. Wyburn, 1; W. Dicks, 2; J. S. Flower, 3; G. Temple, 4; G. Hill, 5; J. Holman, 6; H. Brown (conductor), 7; G. Crisp, 8. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. J. S. Flower, 1; H. Brown, 2; J. Fussell, 3; C. Bell, 4; H. Mills (conductor), 5; G. Hill, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday, March 9th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary's church, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. H. Hill, 1; W. Attridge, 2; B. J. Sheldon, 3; J. C. Harvey (conductor), 4; E. E. Richards, 5; R. G. Carter, 6; H. Harvey, 7; H. Harman, 8.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, March 15th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 29 mins. E. Bush, 1; R. Andrews, 2; A. Beer, 3; F. Bush, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. Messrs. E. and F. Bush hail from Elham; the rest are local men.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Monday, March 17th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Hudson, sen., 1; L. Newton (Durham), 2; R. S. Story (Whitley), 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; J. Field, 5; Thos. Hudson, jun. (first 720 as conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, March 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. W. Adler, 1; H. Argyle, 2; W. Hickling, 3; G. Winter, 4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5; J. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. Bates, 8.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, March 15th, ten members of this Society met at St. Peter's church for a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters (5003 changes), in memory of W. Walker, Esq., ex-churchwarden. After ringing a short time one of the buffs turned round, and not having time to start again a quarter-peal was rung (1367 changes), in 55 mins. E. Nichols, 1; T. Horton, 2; J. Carter (conductor), 3; B. Dalton, 4; S. Atkins, 5; J. Hall, 6; G. Walker, 7; J. Jones, 8; W. Smith, 9; J. Webb, 10. Tenor 22 cwt.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Wednesday, March 5th, for practice at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. E. Trendell, 1; Jas. Trendell, 2; Jno. Trendell (first 720 as conductor), 3; F. Holder, 4; F. Trendell, 5; C. Trendell, 6. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, February 26th, at the house of Mr. Price, Harford Street, Redcliff, 575 Grandsire Caters. G. Daltry, 1-2; T. Hibbert, 3-4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5-6; F. Price, 7-8; F. Elles, 9-10. Also at St. Thomas' church, 1259 Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's ten-part), in 48 mins. W. Tiley, 1; C. Gordon, 2; C. Trevett, 3; R. Knill, 4; J. Hinton, 5; J. Gould, 6; T. Hibbert, 7; J. Davis, 8.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday, March 6th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Woodbine (nine bobs), in 26 mins. E. Yates, 1; *T. E. Barton, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. *First 720 in the method.

HALIFAX (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, March 16th, for morning service at All Souls' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Reynolds, 1; T. Parker, 2; C. E. Stewart, 3; F. Salmons, 4; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 5; J. Hampson (first 720), 6.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, March 17th, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. T. Stockdale, 1; D. Brown, 2; J. Dixey, 3; C. Jackson (conductor), 4; W. Southwick, 5; J. Lawton (Walsall), 6; F. Drabble, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Christopher Loryman, an honorary member of the Yorkshire Association.

NORWICH.—On Friday, February 28th, at the residence of Mr. F. Knights, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. G. Warnes, 1-2; F. Knights (conductor), 3-4; F. H. Knights, jun., 5-6. On Monday, March 3rd, at St. Peter's church, on the occasion of a visit from Dr. Seccombe, of Terrington, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Howchin, 1; Dr. Seccombe, 2; A. G. Warnes, 3; F. H. Knights, jun., 4; F. Howchin, 5; F. Knights (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 4th, at St. Giles' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Howchin, 1; Dr. Seccombe, 2; F. Knights (conductor), 3; F. Howchin, 4; J. Skinner, 5; F. H. Knights, jun., 6.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, March 7th, at the residence of Mr. William Hale, two courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells retained in hand. Also on the table 120 Grandsire Doubles, and a course each of Grandsire and Bob Minor, and 120 Bob Minor, with E. King (conductor). And a course each of Grandsire Triples and Caters. Mrs. W. Hale, 1-2; W. Hale, 3-4; E. King, 5-6; C. West, 7-8; W. Smith (aged 14), 9-10. Also on Saturday, March 8th, 360 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by E. West. And 168 of Triples. Mrs. W. Hale, 1-2; W. Hale (conductor), 3-4; C. West, 5-6; W. Smith, 7-8. Also on Monday, March 10th, two 6-scores of St. Dunstan's Doubles, conducted by E. King, and a course of Caters, same as above. And 350 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. W. Hale, 1-2; W. Hale (conductor), 3-4; C. West, 5-6; W. Smith, 7-8. This was rung in 24 mins.

SUTTON-ON-HULL (Yorks).—On Thursday, March 13th, the following company from Hull rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, at St. James's church, in 25 mins. C. Jackson (conductor), 1; D. W. Brown, 2; T. Stockdale, 3; W. Southwick, 4; J. Dixey, 5; F. Drabble, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells, which were a musical ring of five by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and a tenor has recently been added by the same firm with decided success.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, March 9th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. E. Edridge, 1; W. Smith, 2; J. Marks, 3; G. Cornell, 4; H. Scarlett (conductor), 5; J. Priest, 6. And a 6-score and 60 of Grandsire Doubles, with H. Spencer at the treble.

* * Several touches are unavoidably held over until next week.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE RECENT PEAL AT EALING.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to reply to the serious charge which Mr. Hopkins seems anxious to lay at my door, but first let me draw attention to that little account in your issue for February 8th—"A day with the Royal Cumberlands," in which it is stated that the bells at Ealing want a lot of ringing, etc. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Hopkins and his friends knew that we could not have rung a first-class peal if we had tried our utmost, which we did; but I cannot think what on earth could possess Mr. Ilsley to invent such a falsehood as to say that the rate of ringing varied from thirty changes a minute to twenty-two, and that the second was in the hunt for the last quarter of an hour, which is most outrageous. Let me just describe what really took place inside the belfry. We struck off into changes at six o'clock by my watch, and we soon found that although the striking was not bad, what with the bells striking very false and dropping, more especially the seventh and tenor, it seemed impossible to keep the beat for any length of time. One of the band did on one occasion hang fire while in the hunt, and another twice at 3rd's place, but they were soon pounced upon, and nothing else occurred but what a friendly nod was sufficient. I can truthfully say that every bob was called correct, which could not have been made cleaner, and I feel that I cannot congratulate myself too much on being able to say that the peal was good, considering the go of the bells, and that the band sufficiently quiet and collected to be able to say on my behalf that I did not on any one occasion attempt to force a part-end, or lead-end, or even a single bell. I looked at my watch at the half-way single, and it pointed to 7.26, and I did not look again until the bells came round at 8.55. With regard to the challenge mentioned, I beg to say that when Mr. Ilsley looked in to have the customary glass with us, that he did not venture to say a word until I asked him what sort of stuff it was outside (those are my words), and the reply was that some of it was pretty good and some bad, which I did not admit or deny; but you may be sure, my dear sir, that Mr. Ilsley did not hint anything about the second in our presence.

J. J. PARKER.

SIR,—I was very much surprised at the remarks made concerning this peal in your last issue. As I was ringing in it, I consider the letter an insult to myself as also to the rest of the band, and I must say it is an entirely unjust and untrue statement. To say the 2nd was in the hunt for a quarter of an hour is perfectly absurd, as any ringer of Grandsire Triples knows that is utterly impossible, especially as the calling was true throughout the peal. Then as regards the time; the changes per minute in the first half were 29.647, and in the second 28. (vastly different from 30 to 32 per minute as your correspondent states), and any one who has rang any length of time at Ealing old church will not wonder at the slight variation of the time in the first and second half. Also the striking was well up to the average, and I really cannot understand such a "good ringer" as Mr. Ilsley making such statements.

EDWARD WILLIS.

SIR,—I beg to inform Mr. H. Hopkins that I have seen Mr. G. Ilsley since his letter in last week's "BELL NEWS." Perhaps a little of our conversation will interest him. After our greeting Mr. Ilsley said, "Well, what did you think of Hopkins' letter." I said "not much; and if it did not trouble any one more than myself, it would not matter in the least." He said "but Harry has stretched it a good deal from what I told him, and if I had known he would rush into print about it, I would have said nothing of the peal." "Well," I said "you must have made statements that you know you cannot prove." "Well," says he, "if that was Holt's ten-part I have never rang it." I said probably not. He said "Well I have rang it on three occasions," and I said "where?" He said "once at Waterloo and twice at Acton." It may be so. "Well," I says, "that don't alter our peal." "Now as regards your challenging Mr. Parker about the truth or otherwise of the peal that is false, for this is what you said when you first came to us: Mr. Parker asked you how it sounded outside, and you said "some of it was very good and some very rough," and it was afterwards to me that you said you thought "it was a funny come round, and I said it was Holt's ten-part, and that do sound curious to any one that is used to the bells coming round the usual way," and no more was said about the matter. Now sir, Mr. Ilsley admits to me what any one that is acquainted with him knows, that he is not qualified to know whether the second is in the hunt or the seventh. I don't know what motive he has got in making up this story, but I believe it is jealousy, for all he takes his stand on is the time, and this how he argued that point with me. Now he says we had a watch lying on the bar, so that we could all see it, and I could ask so and so and so on if his tale was not correct. Of course no one he mentioned was a ringer; not only that, he said look at the last peal rang with a better band than yours, took 3 hrs. and 4 mins. Well as regards being a better band that is not for me to know, but in passing I will just mention that four of the band rang their first peal in it, but one thing I do know, and that is the six bells went a great deal worse than they do now, and they don't go any too well now. Mr. Ilsley has started a good many times for a peal there, but never with success, and I have heard him say that whoever rang a peal there it would be a credit to them. I will ask Mr. Hopkins if he remembers the last attempt Mr. Ilsley made at Ealing when himself, Mr. Thomas, Mr. C. Porter, and myself were treated to some fearful striking for about an hour, when Mr. Porter said that he considered that any conductor ought to be ashamed of himself to keep the bells going so long without stopping. But eventually they stopped, and Mr. A. H. Taber went up and took Mr. Ilsley's place, and they then rang a decent 1300. I am mentioning this just to let your readers know that they are asked to believe that eight men would lower themselves to record a peal that is not a peal at all, on the evidence of a man who has been dragged through a peal or two, and then thinks he knows everything. I would just remind Messrs. Hopkins and Ilsley that four of the band belong to the same society as themselves; surely they cannot think that they would be guilty of such conduct, especially as one of them has called the same peal on several occasions, and without a nurse too. In conclusion may I ask Mr. Hopkins if he will oblige by looking through the peal books of the Royal Cumberlands and Waterloo Societies, and inform the Ealing ringers how many peals Mr. Ilsley has rang, for he has boasted on several occasions in Ealing tower that he has rung eleven, but some people seem to doubt it. I am afraid I have already trespassed too much on your valuable space, but I am as bad at letter writing as ringing.

J. BASDEN.

SIR,—Last week's issue of "BELL NEWS" has certainly opened my eyes as regards certain persons, when I saw the outrageous statements made by H. A. Hopkins on the peal at Ealing; in fact I could not believe my eyes, I had to read it several times before I could make it out at all. If jealousy is the cause, then I can understand, but to say the second bell was in the hunt for a quarter of an hour (as ringer of that bell) I say it is a downright falsehood. If Mr. Ilsley was not satisfied, why did he not write himself. Mr. Hopkins says out of no disrespect to the band does he write; I take it as a great insult; any-

body calling himself a ringer would not allow his bell to be in the hunt five minutes, let quarter of an hour alone. Let him ask any Cumberland that knows me whether I am capable of ringing Grandsire Triples or not. My opinion is that the peal was called as true as it was possible to call one, and the striking quite up to the average. As regards time the second half certainly was a few minutes longer than the first half.

G. STANBROOK.

AN OLD TREATISE ON RINGING.—REPLY TO THE REV. J. F. HASTINGS, GREAT YARMOUTH.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of last week, the above gentleman is inquiring about an old treatise on ringing. I beg to inform him that I have seen the very same book, and that it contained all the amusements mentioned by Mr. Hastings. It was printed in London in the year 1701, and entitled "The School of Recreation." I cannot say who was the author now, as I do not have the book by me now; it was lent to me by my esteemed friend and brother-ringer, Mr. F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, in 1885. It was a complete copy then, not a page missing, and was then in an excellent state of preservation. Perhaps if Mr. Pitstow has got it now he can give further information on it. During the time that I saw the book, I copied word for word the whole chapter on ringing, and sent the paper to the respected Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," which he gave in that paper vol. iii, pages 583, 595, 610, 620; vol. iv, pages 7 and 8. If the Rev. Mr. Hastings has the files of "THE BELL NEWS," he will find what I say to be right. I did not copy anything else, not being interested in the other subjects.

SAMUEL SLATER.

SIR,—I beg to inform Mr. Hastings that the little book which he asks about is entitled "The School of Recreation, or a Guide to the most ingenious Exercises of, etc." by R. H. It was printed for H. Rhodes at "The Star," corner of Bride Lane, Fleet Street, London, 1701, the initials R. H. being the initials of Mr. Rhodes, reversed, and most probably he was the compiler. I have a complete copy in good preservation. I lent it some years ago to my friend Mr. S. Slater, who sent the part devoted to ringing to "THE BELL NEWS," and which was published. It appears by the preface to the reader that the writer got the best talent of the day to write the different subjects. He begins—"Reader, in this small book you will find such variety of recreations, that nothing of the nature ever appeared so like accomplish'd in any one volume, of what Largeness soever. For besides my own experience in these acceptable and delightful particulars, reduced under proper heads, easy to be understood and put in practice, I have taken the opinions of those whose ingenuity hath led them to these Exercises in Particular or General, and are approved for the Performance of them in the exactest manner whose judicious Approbation the more embolden'd me to a publication of them," etc., etc. He finishes by "commending them to the Gentry of England and his Countrymen," but Mr. Hastings will find it all in the back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS."

FREDERICK PITSTOW.

Saffron Walden.

THE LONG PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES AT ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.

SIR,—In your issue of "BELL NEWS" on June 4th, 1887, there appeared an account of an attempt for the above peal, stating that it came to grief in the last course after ringing 7 hrs. 35 mins. There has been a deal of tralking about this unfortunate affair lately, and I hear the conductor has tried to settle the blame on my shoulders. I wish to state how it was the bells fired out. In the first place the 5th made a trip and no one put him right, then the 2nd tried to go slow instead of quick. This was put right, and I went slow with the 10th; the conductor did not leave the slow work properly, the 11th came slow instead of quick. I may say by this time the bells were clashing each other, the 8th followed suit by coming quick instead of slow, but he was kept to the front, and the 9th came slow instead of quick and would not leave the front. How the conductor can blame me for this I don't know; I may say I did all in my power to save the peal.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

REPLY TO W. P.

SIR,—I think your correspondent W. P. is too avaricious with your paper. Let him remember that short touches are often rung under great difficulties. "Churchyard Bob" and round ringing in many instances die a very hard death. Perhaps W. P. has not experienced this. I speak from experience. Should you as W. P. suggests make a rule to insert nothing less than a quarter-peal, I fail to see how your paper will interest bands with a small number of bells. Of what use would columns of compositions of Triples, Major, etc.; be to a band with five or six bells. I venture to give my opinion that any lover of change-ringing will be pleased to see the names of any new band in "THE BELL NEWS" even if it is a modest 720 of Minor.

Wormley, Godalming.

THOMAS HENRY BLAKE.

Notices.

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

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Bramley, on Saturday, March 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting for the election of officers at 6 p.m., at the Cardigan Arms, Town Street.

H. W. NEEDHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The Ashton-under-Lyne parish church bells will be opened on Easter Monday. All ringers who purpose attending will kindly send in their names to the undersigned not later than April 2nd, so that dinner (free) may be provided for them. Bells (12) open from 9 a.m.; dinner at 2 p.m.

JOHN HOPWOOD,

25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Midland Counties' Association.—Leicester District.—The first monthly meeting will be held at St. Margaret's church on Saturday, April 12th. The belfry will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock.

W. A. CLAYTON, *Local Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The Annual Report is now ready for distribution. It will be supplied at the price of twopence each copy to members of the Association whose current subscriptions are paid. The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive orders for the same.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.—A meeting of Ringers will take place at Rawmarsh, on Easter Monday, April 7th, to celebrate the unveiling of a Peal Tablet. The bells of the parish church will be open for ringing from 9.0 a.m. to 6 p.m., also the bells of the parish church of Rotherham. Dinner will be provided at 2s. per member at 2 p.m. All ringing friends wishing to attend must let me know not later than Wednesday, April 2nd.

THOMAS WHITWORTH,

4, Pottery Street, Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

Hertfordshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Hertford on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week.

Surrey Association.—A Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at Streatham on Easter Monday. Permission has been given to ring at the parish church and at Immanuel church. Tea at the schoolroom (Mitcham-road) at 6 p.m., followed by meeting, at which the Rev. G. M. Drought will preside.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Prescott (eight bell tower), on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. There will be an excellent tea provided at 1s. each, at the Cocoa Rooms at 5.30. Meeting in the same rooms at 6.15 p.m.

RICHARD HILL, *Branch Sec.*

78 Cemetery Road, Southport.

East Derbyshire Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held in the Church School, Clay Cross, on Easter Monday, April 7th. Service in church at 2.30 p.m. Tea on tables at 4.30. Meeting after tea. Bells open for ringing from 9.30 a.m.

JNO. JAS. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Chichester on Easter Monday, details of arrangements will be published next week. Notices of business to be brought forward and names of members for proposal should be sent to the Hon. Sec. four days prior to the meeting.

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

JAS. E. WORSSELL, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. B. S., no name or address; H. W. N., id. stamps preferred; W. N. H. (Steyning), thanks.

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

	Jan.	Feb.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman	Total	Position in 1889.
1. Ancient Society of College Youths	7	11	18	1	8	—	1	2	—	6	18	2nd.
2. Oxford Diocesan Guild	7	7	14	—	2	1	—	2	1	8	14	3rd.
3. Midland Counties' Association	8	6	14	—	3	1	1	4	4	1	14	4th.
4. Sussex County Association	5	4	9	1	4	—	—	1	2	1	9	1st.
5. Kent County Association	4	4	8	—	5	2	—	—	—	1	8	13th.
6. Yorkshire Association	3	4	7	4	—	—	2	—	—	1	7	7th.
7. Essex Association	1	5	6	2	3	—	—	1	—	—	6	5th.
8. Norwich Diocesan Guild	3	2	5	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	5	6th.
9. Royal Cumberland Youths	2	3	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	15th.
10. United Counties' Association	1	4	5	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	5	16th.
11. Worcesters. & District Assocn.	2	2	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	8th.
12. Soc. for Archdeaconry of Stafford	3	1	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	12th.
13. Lancashire Association	2	1	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	9th.
14. Hertford Association	1	2	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	3	10th.
15. Gloucester & Bristol Association	3	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	3	11th.
16. Salisbury Diocesan Guild	1	1	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	14th.
17. Winchester Diocesan Guild	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	17th.
18. Surrey Association	1	1	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	18th.
19. St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	20th.
20. Trinity Youths	—	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	21st.
21. Middlesex Association	2	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	30th.
22. All Hallows' Society, Tottenham	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	23rd.
23. Birmingham Amalgamated Soc.	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	24th.
24. Waterloo Society, London	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	25th.
25. Bedfordshire Association	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	28th.
26. Eastern Counties' Guild	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	29th.
27. Hereford Diocesan Guild	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	32nd.
Independent Societies	6	6	12	1	5	2	3	—	—	1	12	
	71	67	138	17	55	9	15	10	8	24	138	
Less peals entered under two Assocons	7	6	13	2	6	—	2	1	1	1	13	
	64	61	125	15	49	9	13	9	7	23	125	

The above peals were rung as follows:—Surprise methods—Superlative Surprise Major, 5; in seven Surprise Minor methods, 2. Double methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 7. Double Oxford Bob Major, 1. Forward Royal, 1. Stedman's principle: Cinques, 2; Caters, 5; Triples, 16. Treble Bob methods: Royal, 2; Major, 9; in seven Minor methods, 4. Grandsire: Cinques, 1; Caters, 6; Major, 1; Triples, 40; Doubles (5040), 1. Plain methods: Bob Major, 8; Bob Triples, 3; Union Triples, 1. Ten Plain methods on five bells, 1. On six bells: in fourteen Minor methods, 2; in seven ditto, 1; in five ditto, 1; in four ditto, 1; in three ditto, 2; in two ditto, 1; in one ditto, 1; total, 125.

The twelve peals by independent societies were rung in the following counties: Cheshire, 2; Monmouthshire, 2; Yorkshire, 2; Berkshire, 1; Kent, 1; Lancashire, 1; Lincolnshire, 1; Middlesex, 1; Shropshire, 1.

1888, January—52.

1889, January—83.

1890, January—64.

February—72.

February—96.

February—61.

Brighton.

Decrease on the two corresponding months of last year, 54.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired, One Shilling must accompany such request.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT
BOB MAJOR.**By DR. A. B. CARPENTER, *Croydon.*

5184.

2 3 4 5 6 1 5 6

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

Five times repeated. Call a single at 4 in the 2nd course of the 1st and 4th parts.
Rung at Carshalton, on Monday, December 30th, 1889.

A DATE TOUCH OF UNION TRIPLES.By H. W. WILDE, *Sandiacre, Derbyshire.*

1893.

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

Plain lead

Twice repeated, contains queens, tittums, the twelve 6-7's, the twelve 7-4's, and nine 4-6's.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.By C. H. HATTERSLEY, *of Sheffield.*

5019.

2 3 4 5 6 Bob on 9, 10, 11.

5 6 7 19
3 1 6 4 2 5 - - -
2 1 6 5 3 4 - - -
2 1 4 6 3 5 - - -
4 1 2 5 3 6 - - -
3 1 2 6 4 5 - - -
3 1 5 2 4 6 - - -
3 1 6 5 4 2 - - -
6 1 3 2 4 5 - - -
6 1 5 3 4 2 - - -
6 1 2 5 4 3 - - -
2 1 6 3 4 5 - - -
2 1 5 6 4 3 - - -
5 1 2 3 4 6 - - -
5 1 6 2 4 3 - - -
5 1 3 6 4 2 - - -

The last 11 courses twice repeated produce 215364. Bobs at 2, 5, 6, 13, 14, and a single at 15, bring the bells round. Rung at St. Giles', Cripplegate, by the College Youths, on 15th February, 1890. Conducted by F. E. Dawe.

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The Premiums received during the year were £904,915, being an increase of £186,067 over the year 1888.

The Claims of the year amounted to £213,262. The number of Policies in force was 177,208.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,336,742.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,285,409. The number of Deaths was 150,557.

The number of Policies in force was 8,518,619: the average duration continues to increase and now exceeds six and a quarter years.

The total Assets of the Company have been raised during the year from £9,302,007 to £10,946,156, being an increase of £1,644,149.

The large and rapidly increasing amount of the Funds of the Company has led the Directors to the determination that in future the Balance Sheet shall be subjected to an independent professional audit. For this purpose they engaged the services of Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co., whose certificate is appended to the Accounts.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1889.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0	0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18	9
Ordinary Branch Funds	3,581,386	19	0	Railway and other Debentures	1,662,395	8	6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,149,206	16	9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,148,330	4	4
Claims under Life Policies admitted	15,562	8	0	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	1,896,125	4	2
				Mortgages	1,163,138	14	6
				Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	160,568	10	0
				Bank of England Stock	143,726	12	1
				Freehold and Leasehold Property	753,255	9	0
				Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	669,292	18	0
				Reversions	127,446	5	4
				Railway and other Shares	166,022	10	9
				Loans on the Company's Policies	85,324	15	8
				Furniture and Fittings	16,500	0	0
				Loans upon Personal Securities	702	10	0
				Outstanding Premiums	293,279	15	5
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	50,178	6	10
				Outstanding Interest and Rents	83,433	8	9
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	289,107	11	8
	£10,946,156	3	9		£10,946,156	3	9

THOS. C. DEWEY,
WILLIAM HUGHES, } *Managers.*
W. J. LANCASTER, *Secretary.*

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman.*
H. A. HARBEN,
ROBERT BARNES, } *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1889, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1889.

19th February, 1890.

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Obituary.

WILLIAM WHITE.

On Saturday, March 8th, the above-named gentleman died at Heston, Middlesex, in his fifty-first year, and was interred on Thursday afternoon, March 13th. Deceased was a member of one of the oldest families in the above village. The interment took place in the parish churchyard, and was witnessed by a very large concourse of people, including a numerous contingent of the local lodge of the Oddfellows society, to which the deceased belonged at the time of his death. He had been for a great many years one of the ringers at the parish church (St. Leonard's), and on Thursday, March 13th, many of his old comrades of the belfry under the direction of Mr. Carter, leader of the St. Paul's society, Hounslow Heath, rang a muffled peal as a mark of respect to the memory of their late colleague. The rare occasion, and the sad solemnity imparted to it by the weird muffled tones of the bells, created a deep impression among the villagers, by whom the deceased ringer was generally respected.

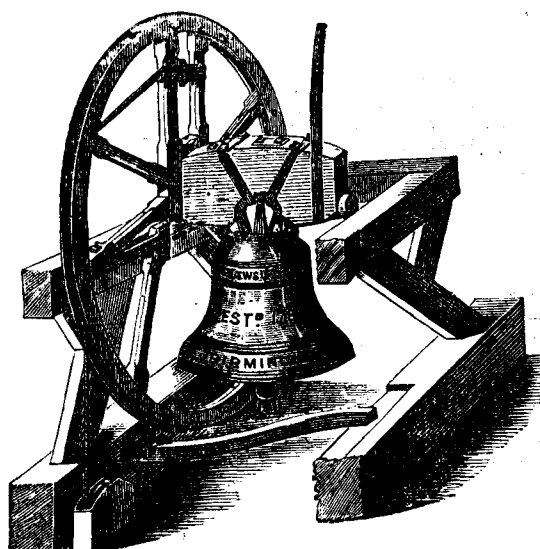
JAMES RUDD.

We regret to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Sunday, March 9th. Mr. Rudd was born at Thelveton, Norfolk, in 1832, and from his earliest childhood took a fancy to the sound of bells, and during his apprenticeship used to walk many a mile for the chance of raising and ceasing the bells when ringing was over. After learning how to ring Grandsire and Old Doubles, he began to teach some young lads,

and after a great many ups and downs succeeded in ringing 120 Grandsire, at Dickleburgh, on November 14th, 1851. On January 10th, 1858, he rang his first peal of Plain Bob at St. Mary's, Redenhall, and his last on Monday, January 10th, 1881, at Diss. He took part in ringing about 30 peals, which included one of 10,000 of Bob Major and two of 10,000 of Oxford Treble Bob. He was very fond of ringing on fresh bells as his list, contains the names of 245 towers he had visited. Deceased was a member of the College Youths, and the Norwich Association since its commencement, and was always ready to teach young ringers and get them on as quickly as possible; he was also very willing to meet any brother-string who happened to pay a visit to Diss, but for the last four or five years he has not rang more than three or four plain courses owing to his bad health. On Saturday, his mortal remains were carried to their last resting-place in Diss Cemetery by four of his brethren, the funeral service being impressively read by the Rev. C. R. Manning, Rector of Diss, a course of Grandsire Caters being rung over his grave by five of his brother ringers. In the evening a muffled touch of 864 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and a touch of Grandsire Triples, was rung at the parish church by the Diss company, as a last tribute of respect to their old comrade.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday last, this society held its monthly meeting at Tattenhall Parish Church. Several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, after which followed the usual business meeting. A few new members were elected. Mr. R. Cartwright was chosen to represent the Guild on the committee of the Proposed Central Council. The next meeting is to be held at Stafford, on Easter Monday, in connection with the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.



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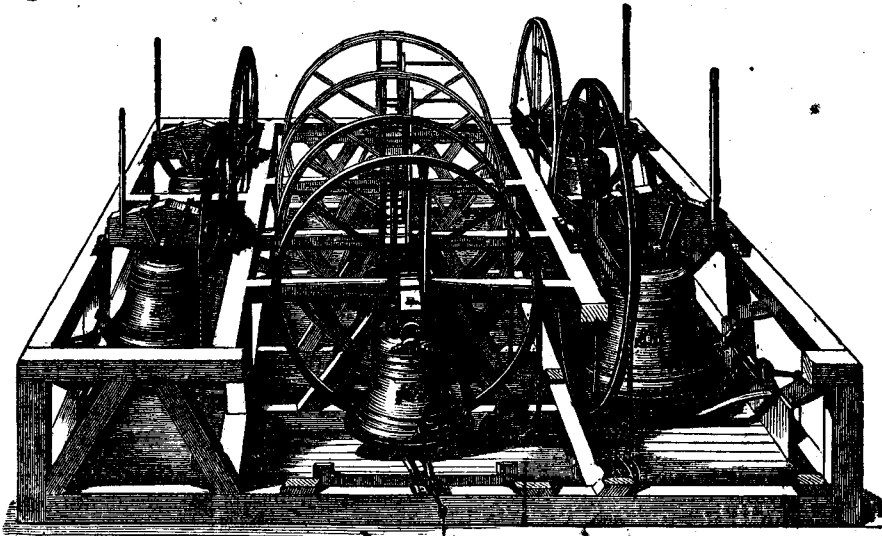
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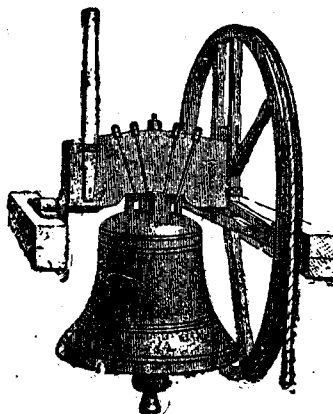
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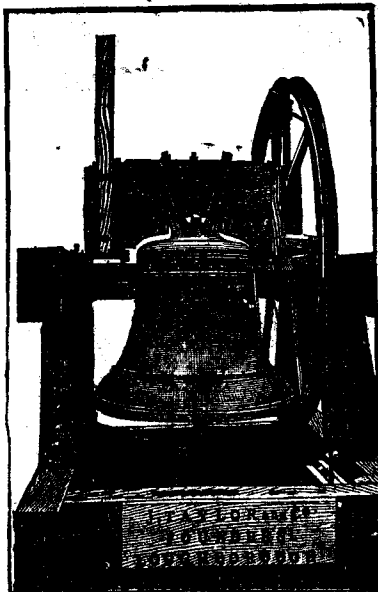
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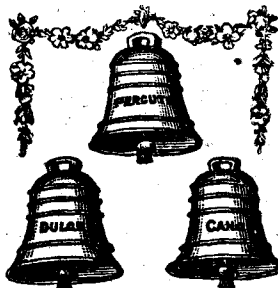
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