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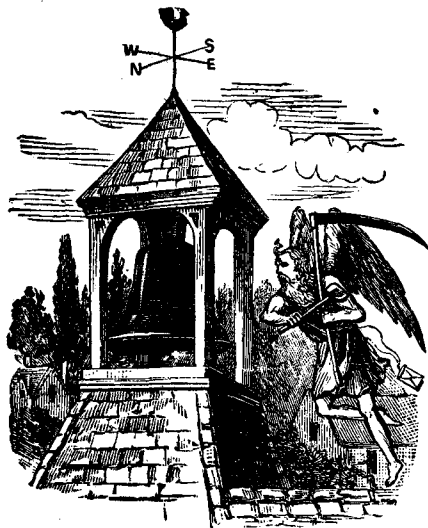
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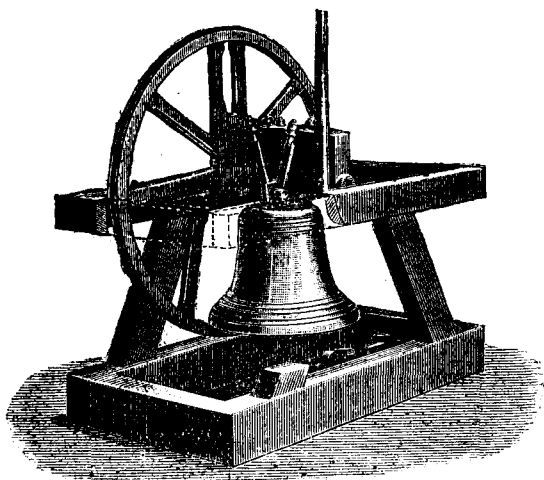
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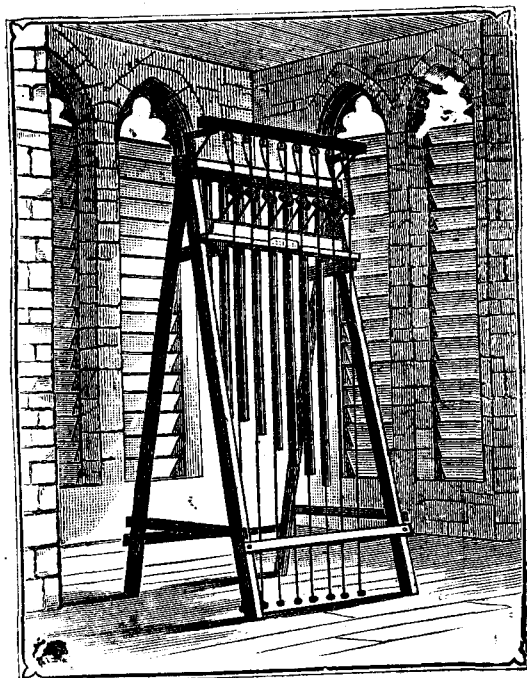
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To be published November 1st, 1890. No. 237.—"The Soldier's Chorus," from Gounod's "Faust," for 8 ringers, large peal .. 4 0
To be published November 15th, 1890. No. 238.—"The Marvellous Work," from Haydn's "Creation," for 8 ringers, large peal .. 3 6
To be published December 1st, 1890. No. 239.—"Auld Lang Syne," with variations for 6 ringers, medium peal, price 3s. 6d., or large peal 7 ringers at .. 3 6
To be published December 15th, 1890. No. 240.—Christmas Music containing four Sacred pieces, for 6 ringers, with two octaves in G., price .. 2 0
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CAPTAIN ARTHUR PENISTON MOORE.

[Vide Portrait.]

CAPTAIN ARTHUR PENISTON MOORE, whose portrait we present with this number, was born on August 1st, 1827, at South Cerney, near Cirencester, of which parish his father, the Rev. Arthur Moore, was at that time curate. His first practical acquaintance with bells and ringing appears to have commenced at a phenomenally early age; for he tells us that when he was no more than five years old he used to go into the belfry and help the old sexton to "toll in" for service on the tenor of the ring of five which the tower contained. In 1834 his father moved to Stratton, a parish somewhat nearer to Cirencester, and well within sound of the twelve bells, which were often eagerly listened to by the youthful enthusiast. While here, being not more than ten years old, he made his first acquaintance with a real change-ringer, in the person of Mr. Packer, a burly blacksmith, who used to ring the tenth at Cirencester. This worthy told him at that time much about the bells, and the friendship was renewed nearly twenty years afterwards. In 1839, the Rev. Arthur Moore was presented to the living of Walpole St. Peter, in the Marshland district of Norfolk: but before leaving Stratton the future amateur had the pleasure of hearing Cirencester twelve rung for the Queen's coronation.

Arrived at Walpole, it was not long before the musical ring of six exercised their inevitable and potent charm upon the ears and mind of PENISTON MOORE, and, finding among the workmen at the rectory one or two of the ringers, he soon found his way to the belfry, and commenced forthwith, at the age of twelve, his education as a change-ringer. It was not much that the local band could do at that time in the way of change-ringing. A plain course of Bob Minor rung by memory, and not by rope-sight, was the extent of their accomplishments. They had the rule, but lacked either the ability or the will to practise it. About 1845, when the young ringer was in his eighteenth year, a distinguished wedding occurred, in two senses: for Captain Sir Edward Parry, the great Arctic explorer, married the daughter of the Vicar of Walpole St. Andrew; and on the same occasion, the subject of this memoir was also wedded to the tenor bell. Let the story be told in his own words. "The churches (of the two Walpoles) are about half a mile apart. My father was at the wedding, and, after the breakfast came rushing home to see if we could get our bells going. I was soon half over the parish (rather a large one, twelve miles in length), and about 4 o'clock had the ringers at the tower. But who was to ring the tenor? The usual tenor-ringer had bolted off the week before to America, leaving his wife and a large young family behind him. None of the others knew the course of the tenor, nor did they care to tackle it: so I said 'I will try, if you like.' I looked at the course, and soon learnt it, and rang the bell all that evening—my first attempt on a tenor bell."

The young tenor-ringer from his earliest youth had been much addicted to the practice of archery; and at this time and for some years afterwards was one of the first shots with the bow and arrow in the country; and his frequent journeys to different parts of the kingdom to take part in the great archery meetings and contests, were made use of also as occasions for visiting many of the principal ringing towers in the larger towns and cities; some of these visits being fruitful in amusing experiences.

It was in 1849, while on his way to practise with a friend at the targets, that the sound of Tilney bells being pulled off by the crack band of the district was suddenly heard. Discarding bow and arrows, away went the archer, over hedge and ditch, to Tilney as hard as he could go; and, with a little assistance, succeeded in ringing his first 360 of Bob Minor. In this same

year Peniston Moore joined the 44th Regiment at Malta. Here also he found a ring of six, by Mears, in the tower of the church built by the late Queen Adelaide: but there were no ringers. The young officer, however, always went there on Sundays, when he could, and helped to chime, but could never succeed in getting a band together from among the soldiers to ring the bells. After being quartered two years at Malta, Mr. Moore was nvalided home, and, shortly after, left the Service. He now turned his attention to farming, and in 1852 returned to Cirencester, to study at the Agricultural College. Here he was always to be found in the tower, when ringing was going on, and gained his first experience on eight bells; also helping to ring the muffled peal for the Duke of Wellington. In 1853, he went to study practical farming in Bucks. The church of the parish in which he resided was furnished with a little ring of four. Here he soon taught some boys to ring the twenty-four changes, and proceeded with them to astonish the natives. "At Shenley," he says, "about a mile away, was a fine peal of five, tenor just over 19 cwt., always called 27. I took my boys over to try them. The 'locals' assembled to hear us, and laugh at us. We raised the five in peal very well, and then struck off into the 4-bell peal with tenor behind, and got through all right. When we had done, the 'locals' had departed, and never went up again, as long as I was there, and I heard afterwards never did as long as my friends knew the place, and they got heartily laughed at by the people for being beaten by a set of boys."

Soon after this, while living at Southwold in Suffolk, PENISTON MOORE made the acquaintance of Mr. Gervas Holmes, and soon inducted him into the mysteries of handling a bell. The two became firm friends, and formed an amateur band of ringers, with the assistance of one or two remaining from the old Southwold Company. It was by Mr. Holmes that Mr. MOORE was first introduced to Redenhall bells, with which his ringing career has since been so much bound up. Here in 1854 they both rang their first 1000 of Bob Major. In 1855 Mr. Moore resumed his acquaintance with military service, by joining the Sherwood Foresters (Militia), and in due time got his company. Subsequently, CAPTAIN MOORE resided for a few years near Bungay, and it was at St. Mary's, Bungay, that he rang his first peal of Major on May 24th, 1859, being 5120 of Oxford Treble Bob. He afterwards moved to Weybread House, Harleston, and became at once intimately associated with the Redenhall Company. This Company was and has always been, recruited from the neighbouring parishes, and in the ten years between 1870 and 1880 a very fine company practised there, including, besides CAPTAIN MOORE, Mr. Gervas Holmes, the late Rev. N. Bolingbroke, the Rev. C. F. Blyth, Mr. Ben. Smith, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and others, by whom some notable feats were performed; as, for instance, the breaking of the discreditable spell of neglect which had overtaken Double Norwich Court, in which method they rang on November 17th, 1876, the first peal that had been rung for twenty-five years, following this up twelve months afterwards on November 6th, 1877, by a peal of Superlative Surprise, a method which at that time no other band had been found to attack, save Mr. Proctor's company at Benington. From this time the great majority of the peals in which CAPTAIN MOORE has taken part were accomplished at Redenhall, where for many years he has acted voluntarily as steeple-keeper and custodian of the bells; a veritable labour of love with him, for his affection for the objects of his care is very deep. In the tower the gallant Captain is always to be found at the heavy end, his prowess as a tenor-man being well known; indeed, in skill at handling a really heavy bell, whether covering, or turned in, he has few equals. Although the Captain's total of peals rung does not come up to the gigantic dimensions to which, during the last few years we have become accustomed, still his



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CAPTAIN ARTHUR PENISTONE MOORE.
(OF WEYBREAD, SUFFOLK.)

score of over sixty would even ten years ago have been considered more than respectable. In concluding this notice of his ringing career, we desire to give expression to the respect and esteem with which our old friend is universally regarded, and cordially wish him many years more of health and strength for the pursuit of his favourite art.

CAPTAIN MOORE is a distinguished member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, being one of its representatives on the Central Council. He is also a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

CAPTAIN MOORE'S PERFORMANCES.

Year.	Date.	Church.	No.	Method.	Time.
1859.	May 24th.	Bungay, St. Mary ..	5120	Treble Bob, Oxford	3-13
1860.	Mar. 26th.	" " "	7360	" " "	4-40
1871.	Nov. 20th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5248	" " "	3-30
1872.	April 22nd.	" " "	5040	Grandsire Triples ..	3-15
1873.	April 17th.	" " "	5040	Stedman Triples ..	3-17
1876.	April 17th.	" " "	5040	Treble Bob, Kent ..	3-28
1876.	Nov. 17th.	" " "	5040	Double Norwich ..	3-20
1877.	Nov. 6th.	" " "	5152	Superlative Surprise	3-27
1878.	Mar. 2nd.	Alburgh ..	5040	Grandsire Triples ..	3-3
1878.	Feb. 20th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5040	" " "	3-20
1878.	April 24th.	Halesworth ..	5040	" " "	3-10
1879.	Jan. 13th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5024	Treble Bob, Oxford	3-12
1879.	Feb. 7th.	" " "	5040	Stedman Triples ..	3-20
1879.	April 14th.	" " "	5120	Treble Bob, Oxford	3-20
1879.	July 18th.	" " "	5040	Bob Major ..	3-12
1879.	Dec. 8th.	Fressingfield ..	5120	Treble Bob, Kent..	3-15
1880.	May 15th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5024	Treble Bob, Oxford	3-0
1880.	May 18th.	Bungay, St. Mary ..	5088	" " "	3-10
1880.	Dec. 7th.	Alburgh ..	5056	" " "	3-2
1880.	N. Y. Eve	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5024	" " "	3-19
1881.	Feb. 5th.	" " "	5024	" " "	3-25
1881.	Feb. 26th.	Alburgh ..	5120	" " "	3-6
1881.	April 18th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5088	" " "	3-15
1881.	May 3rd.	" " "	5040	Double Oxford Bob	3-8
1881.	May 24th.	" " "	5024	Treble Bob, Oxford	3-25
1881.	Nov. 14th.	" " "	5184	" " "	3-23
1881.	Nov. 19th.	" " "	5056	" " "	3-17
1881.	Dec. 12th.	Alburgh ..	5056	" " "	3-1
1881.	Dec. 31st.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5056	" " "	3-17
1882.	Jan. 2nd.	Tunstead ..	5056	" " "	3-0
1882.	Jan. 12th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5312	" " "	3-17
1882.	Feb. 11th.	" " "	5088	" " "	3-21
1882.	Feb. 13th.	Alburgh ..	5024	" " "	2-58
1882.	April 14th.	" " "	5056	" " "	2-57
1882.	May 9th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5088	" " "	3-4
1883.	April 10th.	Alburgh ..	5312	" " "	3-10
1883.	July 7th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5024	" " "	3-20
1883.	Nov. 8th.	" " "	5056	" " "	3-30
1883.	Nov. 26th.	" " "	5184	Treble Bob, Kent..	3-13
1883.	Dec. 1st.	Alburgh ..	5184	" " "	3-1
1884.	Jan. 19th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5024	" " Oxford	3-11
1884.	Jan. 26th.	Alburgh ..	5040	Grandsire Triples..	2-50
1884.	Sept. 22nd	St. Peter, Mancroft..	5040	Treble Royal Kent	3-33
1884.	Nov. 15th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5024	Treble Bob, Oxford	3-0
1884.	Dec. 3rd.	Alburgh ..	6016	" " "	3-15
1884.	Dec. 27th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5088	" " "	3-27
1884.	Jan. 26th.	St. Peter, Mancroft ..	5000	Treble Royal, Kent	3-46
1886.	May 1st.	Redenhall, St. Mary	5024	Treble Bob, Oxford	3-20
1887.	Mar. 19th.	Alburgh ..	5088	" " "	2-45
1887.	Mar. 26th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5056	" " "	3-15
1887.	N. Y. Eve.	" " "	5024	" " "	3-13
1889.	Feb. 28th.	" " "	5024	Double Norwich ..	3-13
1889.	Feb. 28th.	Bungay, St. Mary ..	5040	Stedman Triples ..	3-3
1889.	Mar. 30th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5248	Treble Bob, Oxford	3-15
1889.	Nov. 5th.	" " "	5024	" " "	3-7
1890.	April 7th.	Loddon ..	5056	" " "	3-5
1890.	May 2nd.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5024	" " "	3-12
1890.	Oct. 6th.	Coddensham ..	5040	Stedman Triples ..	2-59
1890.	Oct. 8th.	Aylsham ..	5000	Treble Royal, Kent	3-17
1890.	Oct. 9th.	Redenhall, St. Mary.	5040	Stedman Triples ..	3-27
1890.	Nov. 5th.	" " "	5024	Treble Bob, Oxford	3-15
1890.	Nov. 22nd.	Alburgh ..	5340	Double Norwich ..	2-55

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.

TWO DATE TOUCHES OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

1891.											1891.										
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4	6	3	1	5	2	-		-			2	6	4	3	5	1			S		
4	6	2	3	5	1			-			2	6	1	4	5	3			-		
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2	1	3	5	4	7	6	9	8	B												

A—2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16.

C—1, 6, 16.

B—2, 4, 5.

D—3, 5, 6, 8, 10.

The above touches go off from the last change of a quick six instead of from the usual fourth change, the latter treatment being incapable of furnishing a true date touch for 1891. Both touches come round at the first change of the last six.

The 6th is fixed throughout in 2nds place, thus producing 6-8s and 9-6s in each course. The 5th is always at home or in 1st's place, in the former of which positions it is behind the 9th, and in the latter produces in the middle of the course the fine termination 9750.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29th, four members of the St. George's Guild, augmented by Mr. S. Phillips from Bristol, journeyed to Bitton Church to meet the Master of the Association, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, who procured the keys and got the bells in readiness, which, soon after raising, were soon set going to the tune of Kent Treble Bob, a 720 being brought round in 28 mins. H. Howell, 1; S. Phillips, 2; A. E. Thomas, 3; H. Thomas (conductor), 4; W. Lansdowne, 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 6. Also a 720 of College Single. H. Howell, 1; A. E. Thomas, 2; W. Lansdowne, 3; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 4; H. Thomas, 5; S. Phillips (conductor), 6. Also some short touches of Bob Minor. The bells were then lowered, and responding to the kind invitation of the Master of the Association, paid a visit to his residence, and after inspecting and ringing his beautiful peal of handbells, were further entertained to supper, after which the company set out for home. On Monday, December 15th, the Mr. Cockey visited St. George's, and after several attempts at strange methods, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was in a fair way of ending satisfactorily, when an unlucky slip of the treble brought it to an untimely end.

HYDE HANDBELL DRAW.—WINNING NUMBERS.

1.—94.	11.—5110.	21.—75.	31.—7980.
2.—3187.	12.—3037.	22.—4578.	32.—6406.
3.—5323.	13.—7808.	23.—4332.	33.—1381.
4.—5466.	14.—1930.	24.—3063.	34.—999.
5.—2008.	15.—4266.	25.—3536.	35.—3218.
6.—1518.	16.—2075.	26.—7845.	36.—1042.
7.—3436.	17.—128.	27.—3428.	37.—5280.
8.—7892.	18.—7477.	28.—4381.	38.—911.
9.—5043.	19.—7805.	29.—2357.	39.—6284.
10.—1136.	20.—7862.	30.—3860.	40.—450.

Prizes at the "Crown Inn," Market Street.

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

	Jan. to Oct..	Nov.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1889
1 Anc. Soc. of College Youths...	66	5	71	6	25	—	8	3	—	29	71	2nd.
2 Kent County Association....	51	5	56	3	24	3	16	—	—	6	56	13th.
3 Midland Counties' Assn.	41	4	45	1	13	1	2	12	6	10	45	4th.
4 Sussex County Association...	35	7	42	8	13	2	5	4	3	7	42	1st.
5 Essex Association	35	4	39	9	14	1	8	2	—	5	39	5th.
6 Oxford Diocesan Guild.....	35	2	37	1	12	2	—	5	2	15	37	3rd.
7 Lancashire Association.....	29	6	35	2	28	—	3	1	—	1	35	9th.
8 Norwich Diocesan Assn.....	26	3	29	9	5	1	7	3	1	3	29	6th.
9 Royal Cumberland Youths...	23	2	25	10	4	2	1	4	—	4	25	15th.
10 Yorkshire Association	17	8	25	17	3	—	4	—	—	1	25	7th.
11 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	20	2	22	2	10	—	7	—	1	2	22	17th.
12 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	21	—	21	2	9	—	2	3	—	5	21	14th.
13 Gloucester and Bristol Asscn.	18	3	21	1	12	1	4	—	—	3	21	11th.
14 Trinity Youths	16	2	18	—	9	—	9	—	—	—	18	21st.
15 Hertford Association.....	12	3	15	1	8	—	6	—	—	—	15	10th.
16 Society for Arch. of Stafford	12	1	13	—	12	—	—	—	—	1	13	12th.
17 United Counties' Association.	12	1	13	11	—	—	2	—	—	—	13	16th.
18 Surrey Association	11	—	11	1	4	—	1	1	—	4	11	18th.
19 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	9	1	10	3	—	—	—	1	—	6	10	20th.
20 Worcester and Districts Assn.	8	2	10	—	7	—	1	1	—	1	10	8th.
21 Middlesex Association	8	2	10	1	3	2	4	—	—	—	10	30th.
22 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	6	2	8	1	2	—	5	—	—	—	8	23rd.
23 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	3	2	5	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
24 St. James' Society, London..	4	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	4	19th.
25 Birmingham Amal. Society..	4	—	4	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	4	24th.
26 Devonshire Guild	3	1	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
27 Waterloo Society, London ..	2	1	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	3	25th.
28 Bedfordshire Association....	2	1	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	28th.
29 Nth Lincolnshire Association.	2	1	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	3	27th.
30 Durham & N'castle Dioc. Assn.	1	2	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	33rd.
31 Bath and Wells Association..	1	2	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
32 East Lincolnshire Association	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—
33 Eastern Counties' Guild	1	1	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	29th.
34 Cambridge University Guild ..	1	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—
35 Hereford Diocesan Guild.....	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	32nd.
36 Chester Diocesan Guild	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	26th.
37 Salop Association	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
38 Cumberland County Assn.	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
39 Old East Derbyshire Assocn ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
The Colonies	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Independent Societies	35	5	40	6	22	3	7	—	—	2	40	—
Less peals entr'd. under two Assn.	57	9	66	10	20	1	25	1	1	8	66	—
Total	521	73	594	87	253	20	84	39	12	99	594	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—London Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 8; in Seven Surprise Minor Methods, 2. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 32; Double Oxford Bob Major, 3; Forward Royal, 1; Duffield Royal, 1; Duffield Major, 2. Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 3; Caters, 17; Triples, 79. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 4; Royal, 7; Major, 60; in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 16. Grandsire: Cinques, 1; Caters, 28; Major, 4; Triples, 212; Doubles (5040), 8. Plain Methods: Bob Major, 38; Bob Triples, 20; Union Triples, 10; Oxford Bob Triples, 4; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 5; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 2; in Plain Methods on five bells, 5; on 6 bells in fourteen methods, 2; in seven ditto, 9; in five ditto, 1; in four ditto, 1; in three ditto, 2; in two ditto, 3; in one ditto, 2. Total 594.

The forty peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 6, Sussex 6, Monmouthshire 4, Yorkshire 4, Gloucestershire 4, Cheshire, 2, Berkshire 2, Kent 2, Middlesex 2, Shropshire 2, Staffordshire, 2, Lincolnshire 1, Suffolk 1, Derbyshire 1, Somersetshire, 1.

1888—January 52.	1889—January 83.	1890—January 64.
February 72.	February 96.	February 61.
March 60.	March 84.	March 38.
April 98.	April 67.	April 67.
May 53.	May 45.	May 59.
June 57.	June 50.	June 37.
July 39.	July 32.	July 40.
August 40.	August 52.	August 42.
Sept. 41.	Sept. 38.	Sept. 42.
Oct. 66.	Oct. 56.	Oct. 71.
Nov. 84.	Nov. 81.	Nov. 73.
Total 662	Total 684	Total 594

Decrease on the eleven corresponding months of last year, 90.

N.B.—Every care is taken in compiling the above Analysis, but should any error be detected, the compiler would be glad of a line direct instead of through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." This course would, if adopted, save the valuable space of our paper and time expended in replying through the same medium.

8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 495.)

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, December 18th, at the parish church of St. Michael the Archangel, for practice, 560 Double Norwich Court. D. J. Aston, 1; W. H. Brunsdon, 2; E. B. James, 3; S. E. Romans, 4; J. Austin, 5; F. E. Hart, 6; W. J. Sevier, 7; H. L. James (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Saturday, December 13th, a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part) was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing a little over 500 changes, through a change-course. C. Tucker, 1; W. Short (conductor), 2; J. Paplett, 3; F. J. Saunders, 4; F. Carroway, 5; E. Edridge, 6; C. Martin, 7; H. Chapman, 8. Time not allowing for another start a course each of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and some touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, in which J. Barber and F. W. Saunders took part.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, December 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. G. Pederick, 1; S. Brooker, 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; J. Hawkins, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; W. Wood, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, December 21st, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. J. Wright, 1; A. Wilson, 2; R. Langford, 3; A. Jarvis, 4; R. T. Holding (conductor), 5; G. Harding, 6; H. Green and J. Evanson, tenor. The above was rung on the middle six with the tenor covering, and is the first 720 ever rung on the bells by a band of local ringers. First 720 by the ringers of the 1st, 6th, and tenor men; also by the third ringer with a bob bell.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Saturday, December 27th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles). W. McLean, 1; *R. Leonard, 2; W. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; F. Charlton, 6. Also another 720 (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. McLean, 1; T. W. Shipp, 2; W. Johnson, 3; F. Charlton, 4; *C. Walker, 5; D. Shipp (conductor), 6. And another 720 (four bobs and twenty-six singles). W. McLean, 1; J. W. Shipp, 2; W. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; F. Charlton, 6. J. W. Shipp and F. Charlton hail from Auckland. *First 720 of Minor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins. R. Smith, 1; F. Dentry, 2; H. Rogers, 3; F. Bissley, 4; E. Rogers, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6; A. Hoskins, 7; J. Woolford, 8. The above is the first quarter-peal by all the above, and was composed by Edward F. Strange, of London, and conducted by J. W. Wilkins.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Berks).—On Tuesday, December 9th, at the parish church, a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. J. Smith, 1; W. Whiffin, 2; E. W. Yates, 3; J. C. Truss, sen., 4; W. Theobald, 5; J. C. Truss, jun., 6; A. W. Tubb, 7; R. Wheeler, 8. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. E. Gadsden, 1; E. Britnell, 2; A. W. Tubb, 3; W. Theobald, 4; E. W. Yates (conductor), 5; W. Ward, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. J. C. Truss, sen., 1; J. C. Truss, jun., 2; W. Whiffin, 3; E. W. Yates, 4; A. W. Tubb, 5; A. Biggs, 6. Also a 360 of Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering. A. Heady, 1; E. W. Yates, 2; W. Whiffin, 3; J. C. Truss, 4; W. Theobald, 5; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 6. The above touches were rung with the assistance of several of the Marlow ringers on the occasion of the dedication of the 6th bell.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WILLOUGHBY.—On Friday, December 26th, several members of the above society visited St. Helen's church, which contains a very fine ring of six bells, tenor 11 cwt., and in good going order. A 720 Bob Minor was rung (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Daulton, 1; T. Seagraves, 2; W. Vickers, 3; F. Haw, 4; J. Seagraves, 5; E. Mason, 6. Also another 720 (thirty-six singles). F. Haw, 1; T. Seagraves, 2; W. Vickers, 3; E. Mason, 4; H. Daulton, 5; J. Seymour, 6. It is several years since a 720 was rung on these bells. The society has opened another branch, and a new company has been formed with the assistance of the curate, the Rev. — Gibson, at the head of the

company. Messrs. Mason hails from Boston; Daulton, Vickers, and Seymour from West Keal; Seagraves, Haw, and Towle from Spilsby.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, December 7th, at St. Paul's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins., from (Troyte's work). C. Johnson (first quarter peal), 1; F. Sharp, 2; S. Constant, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; F. Smith, 7; H. Sharp, 8. Also on Sunday, December 14th, a 475 of Grandsire Triples, all the 5-7-6's. C. Johnson, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. Constant, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 8. And a touch of 97 in the same method. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; F. Keech, 2; F. Sharp, 3; W. G. Biggs, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. And 224 Bob Major. J. Spencer, 1; F. Sharp, 2; F. Keech, 3; S. Constant, 4; J. N. Frossell (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; W. Baldwin, 7; F. Smith, 8. And on Thursday, December 11th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnson, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; E. Coleman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant (first 720 in the method), 6.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, December 13th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. And on Sunday afternoon, December 14th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Woods, 4; R. Atkins, 5; J. Hinchley (conductor), 6. Also after service 720 Bob Minor. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Woods, 3; R. Hutton (conductor), 4; R. Atkins, 5; J. Hinchley, 6. And 360 Double Court. R. Atkins, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; J. Woods, 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. And on handbells retained in hand 320 Bob Major. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hinchley, 3; J. Hilling, 4; J. Woods, 5; R. Atkins, 6; R. Hutton (conductor), 7-8.

LANCASTER.—On Tuesday, December 16th, at the parish church, the local company rang the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples for practice, in 1 hr. 38 mins. R. S. Hurst (conductor), 1; W. Clayton, 2; G. Winn, 3; T. J. Parker, 4; H. Wilcock, 5; W. H. Hirst, 6; W. Jackson, 7; R. Suart, 8.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 11th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. G. Pink, 1; E. Dunn, 2; E. Edwards, 3; T. Chandler, 4; G. Dickens, 5; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by the 1st and 3rd men, and was the fifty-sixth birthday of Mr. E. Edwards, the ringer of the 3rd, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Tuesday, December 9th, at the parish church, for practice, a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; T. Searle, 3; Rev. F. A. H. du Boulay, 4; J. Matthews, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. Also on Thursday, December 11th, for practice, a 504 of Stedman Triples. T. Searle, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; Rev. J. H. Hindson (Wraysbury, 4; C. Smart, 5; W. N. Holt, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. And on Sunday, December 14th, for the evening service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Smart, 3; E. Brackley, 4; W. N. Holt, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Woolgar, 8.

STAINLAND (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 14th, for Divine Service, and in honor of the 21st birthday of E. Nutton (one of the local band), a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. His ringing brethren wish him many happy returns. W. J. Jones, 1; W. Clegg, 2; J. Mellor, 3; J. Jones (conductor), 4; J. E. Taylor, 5; P. Shaw, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Friday, December 19th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. Also four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. S. Woolgar, 1; W. Pearce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; W. Denman, 4; H. Burstow, 5; S. Snelling, 6.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 25th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor, in 26 mins. G. Welling, 1; J. Fayers, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Parker, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; the rest as above.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Wednesday, December 17th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Watts (first 720), 1; R. Gollop, 2; G. Doel (first 720), 3; S. Macey, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 26th, on handbells, 2030 Grandsire Triples. R. Gollop, 1-2; W. S. Wise (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; S. Lawrence, 7-8. And on Wednesday, December 3rd, a quarter-peal by the same band.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sharnbrook, on Saturday, January 3rd, 1891.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Surrey Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames (by the kind permission of the Vicar), on Monday, Jan. 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.; tea at 6 p.m. at the Albany Hall. All those members who wish to be present at the tea must please send notice to Mr. J. Wright, Arthur-road, Kingston-hill, before Friday, Jan. 16th.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Essex Association.—There will be a District Meeting at Barking on Saturday, January 10th. The tower of St. Margaret's (eight bells) will be open all day. A short service will be held in the church, with brief address by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Tea at Working Men's Institute at 5.45. Busines meeting at 6.15. The Secretary will be glad to receive notice from members of their intention to be present, not later than Monday, Jan. 5th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Prov. Sec.*

Middlesex Association.—There will be a District meeting of this Association at the parish church, Stoke Newington, on Saturday, January 3rd, 1891. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 p.m.

F. A. MILNE, *Sec.*

11, Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.

Waterloo Society.—There will be no meeting at St. John's, Waterloo Road, until the first Wednesday in January, 1891.

W. W. THORNE, *Hon. Sec.*

Society of Trinity Youths.—The Annual Dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, on Saturday, January 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of the Dinner Committee as under:—
W. G. Davis, 35 London Street, Greenwich;
W. Tyack, 1 Nutbrook Street, Peckham; J. Rose, 23 Bolden Street, St. John's, Deptford;
J. Crowder, St. Margaret's rectory, Lee; F. Palmer, 40 Friendly Street, Deptford; W. Weatherstone, 27 Cranham Road, Rotherhithe;
F. W. Thornton, 109 King George Street, Greenwich; W. Bedwell, 9 Harvard Road, Lewisham;
or of the Secretary, E. E. RICHARDS.

12 Glenalvon Street, Woolwich.

P.S.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Greenwich, on Tuesday, Jan. 6th. Ringing from 7.30 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend.

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The Second Quarterly Meeting of this Society will be held at Moseley, on Saturday, January 17th. Ringing to commence at 4.0 p.m. Meeting will be held in the School-room at 6.0. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

GEO. WALKER,

1, South Range, Mole Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's church, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 3rd, 1891. Ringing from 4 to 6; and at the Cathedral and parish church from 7 to 9 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 in the Cocoa Rooms, St. Luke's-place.

RICHARD HILL,

Branch Sec.

21, Chesnut Street, Southport..

Midland Counties' Association.—The Third Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Nuneaton, on Saturday, January 17th, 1891. Full particulars next week.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch).—The next ringing meeting will be held at St. Matthew's church, Stretford, on Saturday, January 10th. Ringing from 4.0 p.m. Meeting at 7.0 p.m.

WALTER BROWN,

Branch Sec.

The Ely Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Soham (ten bells), on Monday, January 5th. Dinner at 2 p.m. Those wishing to be present should send their names to Mr. Gilson, Soham.

Ely. J. R. VINCENT, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next Quarterly Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, January 10th, at Darlaston. Members assemble at the parish church at 2.30 p.m.

J. R. KEBLE, *Hon. Sec.*

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 additional must accompany such request.

A DATE OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

1891.

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A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

1891.

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4 3 2 5 6 7th in and out at three.
2 4 3 5 6 9th in three.
3 2 4 5 6 9th in three.
2 5 4 3 6 8th in three.
4 2 5 3 6 9th in three.
2 3 5 4 6 8th in three.
3 4 5 2 6 8th in three.
2 4 5 3 6 Single first lead.
4 3 5 2 6 8th in three.
3 2 5 4 6 8th in three.
5 3 2 4 6 9th in three.
3 4 2 5 6 8th in three.
2 3 4 5 6 9th in three.
4 2 3 5 6 9th in three.
6 5 2 4 3 8th in two.
3 4 5 6 2 8th in two.
5 4 2 6 3 8, 9.
2 5 4 6 3 9th in three.
4 2 5 6 3 9th in three.

9th in and out at two bring the bells round.
This has the 5th six times wrong and right,
while the 6th is fourteen times in sixths place.

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8064.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1891.

THE fact that we report in this number of our journal the achievement of no less than forty-four peals, will be sufficient reason for the postponement to a more convenient season of many other matters for which space cannot be found in the current number. Performances of 5000 changes and upwards we have always regarded as the most important for publication before anything else, and never therefore has the report of a peal been withheld unless it has arrived too late. The matters crowded out this week comprise correspondence, touches, reports, and the notes of our popular contributor "FREE LANCE." While we assure our friends that we are most anxious to meet their views in every way with regard to the publication of their reports, we hope they will endeavour to practice a little brevity whenever they can. We have hitherto refrained from pointing out instances where our columns may be used with greater advantage, on account of our desire not to give the least offence.

THE "LONG PEAL ATTEMPT" AT CHELTENHAM.

Those members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association who attempted a long peal of Treble Ten last Saturday at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, were, we are sorry to say, not successful. They however rang a true peal of 5120 changes in the same method, and in the evening eight of the company proceeded to Prestbury, a popular village just outside Cheltenham, and there rang a excellent peal of Treble Bob Major. Both these performances will be found recorded in their proper place.

The following day, being Holy Innocents Day, the bells were muffled, and some good Stedman Caters were rung at St. Mary's, Cheltenham. A well-struck quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was also rung at Prestbury with the bells muffled.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, December 26, 1890, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. POPE .. 6.
HENRY LANGDON .. 2.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 8.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

Rang as a farewell peal with W. H. George, who is leaving London. W. E. Pope hails from Staplehurst, Kent.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 27, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM COPPAGE Treble.	WALTER PARTINGTON .. 5.
ALBERT E. CHURCH 2.	WILLIAM BARON, JUN. .. 6.
STEPHEN G. DAVIES 3.	GEORGE W. WILD 7.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES 4.	EDWARD BAYFORD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. WILD.

The above was rung on St. John's Day.

The Provinces.

ANGMERING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 8, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

London Scholars' Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Superlative Surprise, Duke of York, Kent, and Violet Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 11, 1890, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES;
Called in ten different ways. Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS TOLLEY Treble.	WILLIAM LONG 4.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2.	HARRY JUDGE 5.
JOHN MATTHEWS 3.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by H. JUDGE.

First 5040 by all except W. Bennett.

ANGMERING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 11, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Superlative Surprise, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Treble Bob, and Woodbine Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

ANGMERING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 15, 1890, 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:—

College Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Superlative Surprise, College Exercise, Violet Treble Bob, and Duke of York. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

KIDDERMINSTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 17, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE SALTER Treble.	JOHN BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM H. SMITH 2.	JOHN CRANE 6.
RICHARD E. GROVE 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER 4.	THOMAS WALTERS Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 18, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, Two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and Three 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WM. HICKLEY Treble.	*WM. A. NEEDHAM 4.
JNO. SWINFELD 2.	HARRY ARGYLE 5.
THOS. W. CHAPMAN 3.	A. R. ALDHAM Tenor.

Conducted by A. R. ALDHAM.

*First 5040.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1890, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 5.
WILLIAM A. ARNOTT 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	WILLIAM WARD 7.
EDWARD T. SHEARING 4.	FREDERICK TILLET Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The above is the last part of T. Day's peal of 16,608. Messrs. Arnott and Ward belong to Woodbridge; the rest to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

HORLEY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HORLEY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 21, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

A. SONGHURST Treble.	S. KENWARD 5.
W. EDWARDS* 2.	P. ETHERIDGE 6.
E. DEWEY 3.	†T. SPARKS 7.
J. TAYLOR 4.	*J. HITCHCOCK Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS SPARKS.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

ANGMERING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 22, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

City Delight, Woodbine Treble Bob, College Exercise, Violet Treble Bob, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

STALEYBRIDGE.—UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1890, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR Treble.	JOSEPH WOOD 5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY 6.
JOHN SIDEBOTHAM 3.	THOMAS B. DICKIN 7.
SAMUEL COOPER 4.	JAMES S. WILDE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. S. WILDE.

Messrs. Taylor, Cooper, and Dickin hail from Mossley, Radcliffe and Wood from Saddleworth, Sidebotham from Mottram, Bradley and Wilde from Hyde. The above peal, which is now rung for the first time, is in one part, and contains the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 24, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCIVAL J. BROOKER* .. Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY 5.
THOMAS CARD 2.	WILLIAM LATTER 6.
JAMES BAKER 3.	†GEORGE A. CARD 7.
JAMES MAYNARD 4.	*STEPHEN PERKINS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On December 25, 1890, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being Two 720s each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob, and Bob Minor, and 720 Grandsire Minor.

Tenor 7 cwt. in Bb.

ALBERT MILLARD* Treble.	WILLIAM LINTER 4.
ROBERT LINTER 2.	JAMES E. WARREN 5.
HENRY GRIFFIN 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. The conductor hails from Brighton, the rest are local men.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Friday, December 26, 1890, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

ERNEST E. BEWICK* .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
EDWARD B. JAMES 2.	SYDNEY E. ROMANS 6.
ERNEST BISHOP 3.	HENRY L. JAMES 7.
FRANCIS E. HART 4.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by H. L. JAMES.

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

GLOUCESTER.—GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION (THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS).

On Thursday, December 25, 1890, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

WILLIAM J. SEVIER* .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS* .. 2.	*SYDNEY E. ROMANS 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES* 3.	*WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART* 4.	*HENRY L. JAMES Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by H. L. JAMES.

This is the first peal in the method by the Association in the city and county, and was rung at the first attempt. First peal of Major on the bells. *First peal in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.

On Friday, December 26, 1890, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH WHITE Treble.	WILLIAM A. HALL 5.
WILLIAM PETTET* 2.	†ALFRED H. MARTIN 6.
JOHN B. MARTIN 3.	RICHARD DUNKLEY 7.
ERNEST A. CHAPMAN .. 4.	*CHARLES SWAN Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. MARTIN.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. Dunkley and Swan hail from Lowick; Chapman and Hall from Rushden; J. B. and A. H. Martin and Pettet from Higham Ferrers; J. White from Northampton. The band through the medium of this paper wish to return thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

5040 CHANGES IN FIVE METHODS ON SIX BELLS;
Being Two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and One each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor about 12 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR B. BENNETT, Esq. Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE 4.
THOMAS E. ELLIS† 2.	WILLIAM SELBY 5.
Dr. WILLIAM H. GEORGE* 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First 5040. †First 5040 on a bob bell; and the first 5040 on the bells.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1890, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS PAGE* Treble.	THOMAS CURTIS 5.
JOHN BALLARD 2.	WILLIAM BULPITT 6.
FREDERIC WILSON 3.	HENRY WHITE 7.
STEPHEN POWELL 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal. W. Bulpitt hails from Dorking.

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

On Friday, December 26, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, College Exercise, Woodbine, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1890, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ROBERT HORTON* .. Treble.	*ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 5.
FRANCIS JELF 2.	*HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. 6.
ERNEST DAVIS* 3.	WILLIAM PAGE 7.
SAMUEL COTTON 4.	THOMAS MALIN Tenor.

Conducted by S. COTTON.

Messrs. Horton, Davis, Page, and Malin, hail from Worcester; S. Cotton from Leicester; the rest are members of the local company. *First peal of Grandsire Triples.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. HARPER	Treble.	A. E. NYE	5.
J. W. WHITING*	2.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY	6.
H. STUBBINGTON	3.	F. HILL	7.
C. SIMMONS	4.	E. HARDY	Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WHITING.

Arrangements had been made to try for a peal by the above band at St. Mary's, Portsea, but after raising the bells they were stopped, owing to illness in the neighbourhood. This is the first 5040 by all except Messrs. Whiting and Hill, and they all belong to Portsea with the exception of the two above named. *First peal as conductor.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1890, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. EMERY	Treble.	WILLIAM J. PIPER	5.
JOHN DAINS	2.	REV. THOMAS L. PAPILLON	6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS	3.	HIRZEL F. DE LISLE	7.
ROBERT WOOD	4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN	Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Messrs. Dains, Edwards, and Piper belong to Widford, Mr. De Lisle to the Oxford University Society, the rest to the local company.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK KEMP*	Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS	5.
HENRY WOOD	2.	EDWARD HULL	6.
HENRY STAPLETON*	3.	STEPHEN BROOKER	7.
HENRY NEWNHAM	4.	JOSEPH LISNEY	Tenor.

Conducted by W. MARKS.

*First peal.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1890, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN PITTS*	Treble.	FREDERICK J. PITTS	5.
WILLIAM W. THORNE	2.	*HENRY MOORE	6.
ALBERT CHILCOT	3.	JAMES GRABHAM	7.
JOHN TUDBALL	4.	JOHN PAYNE	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. THORNE.

*First peal. W. W. Thorne and F. J. Pitts hail from London; J. Pitts from Tring, Herts.; H. Moore from Minehead; the rest belong to the local company.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK BARRETT*	Treble.	HARRY WALTERS	5.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD	2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD	3.	HENRY TUBB	7.
WILLIAM BENNETT	4.	RICHARD BENNETT	Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

*First peal, aged 15.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1890, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

W. T. PATES	Treble.	T. REYNOLDS	6.
G. H. PHILLOTT	2.	F. MUSTY	7.
T. BLACKBOURNE	3.	REV. H. A. COCKEY	8.
H. ROBERTS	4.	W. GREENLEAF	9.
F. E. WARD	5.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. T. PATES.

Messrs. W. T. Pates, G. H. Phillott, H. Roberts, F. E. Ward, and F. Musty belong to Cheltenham; Blackbourne and Greenleaf to Salisbury; Rev. G. F. Coleridge to Caversham; Rev. H. A. Cockey (Master of the Association) to Oldland; T. Reynolds to Birmingham.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1890, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. T. PATES	Treble.	T. REYNOLDS	5.
W. GREENLEAF	2.	H. ROBERTS	6.
F. MUSTY	3.	REV. H. A. COCKEY	7.
T. BLACKBOURNE	4.	G. H. PHILLOTT	Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. PATES.

This peal is the first in the method rung on the bells.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS PAGE*	Treble.	WILLIAM BULPIT*	5.
THOMAS CURTIS*	2.	HENRY WHITE	6.
FREDERIC WILSON*	3.	FRANK BENNETT	7.
F. W. J. REES	4.	WILLIAM GROVE	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells, and was rung as a token of respect to the late Archbishop of York. *First peal of Major on tower bells. Messrs. Rees, Bennett and Grove hail from Guildford.

KIDDERMINSTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN BENNETT	Treble.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN	5.
THOMAS C. GROVE*	2.	THOMAS BENNETT	6.
WILLIAM H. SMITH	3.	JOHN CRANE	7.
RICHARD E. GROVE	4.	THOMAS WALTERS	Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

*First peal of Stedman.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, December 28, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

S. TAYLOR	Treble.	*J. CRABTREE	5.
J. LEIGH*	2.	*J. HARRISON	6.
W. JAKEMAN	3.	G. LONGDEN	7.
C. WILLOCKS	4.	A. ADAMS	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

*First peal in the method.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in Eb.
FREDERICK JOHN HARVEY..Treble. | WALTER ERNEST YATES 5.
HEZEKIAH ROGERS .. 2. | JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS 6.
FREDERICK DENTRY .. 3. | ALBERT EDWARD HOSKINS 7.
JAMES GEORGE .. 4. | HENRY GILDINGS ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

F. J. Harvey hails from Brighton, George from Rugby; Yates from Great Marlow. This peal was arranged for Mr. George, and was also rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Hoskins, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. The conductor rung the 6th without a stay.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY, PETER, AND PAUL,

SEVEN 720'S OF MINOR:

One of Oxford Treble Bob, One of Kent, One of Oxford Bob,
Two of Canterbury, and Two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM C. JONES ..Treble. | SYDNEY E. ROMANS.. 4.
HENRY L. JAMES .. 2. | JOHN AUSTIN .. 5.
EDWARD B. JAMES .. 3. | WILLIAM J. SEVIER..Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. SEVIER.

This is the first 5040 in five methods by all, and the first 5040 on the bells.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 28, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN THREE METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being Two 720's of Bob Minor, Three of Oxford Treble Bob and
of Two Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

S. W. MARTIN* ..Treble. | EDGAR COLLINS .. 4.
R. H. HAYWARD .. 2. | WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 5.
WILLIAM FLORY.. 3. | A. S. WIGHTMAN ..Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

*First 5040. The above is the first 5040 on the bells.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29, 1889, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

JAMES SHAW ..Treble. | MORRIS WILLIAMSON .. 5.
JOHN SIDEBOTHAM .. 2. | SAMUEL BRADLEY .. 6.
ROBERT WOOLLEY .. 3. | THOMAS WILDE .. 7.
WALTER SLATER .. 4. | JAMES S. WILDE ..Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, of Mottram, and
Conducted by THOMAS WILDE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. W. CLARKE, of Bedford, and Conducted by
GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This peal contains the 6th the extent wrong and right. Messrs. Shearing and Stannard hail from Ipswich; Lindoff from Gillingham; W. Button from Colchester, the rest belong to Leiston.

BRADFIELD, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being 720 each of the following

London Scholars' Pleasure, Tanner's Pleasure, New London
Pleasure, College Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIE WILSON..Treble. | CHARLES FOX .. 4.
JONATHAN GILLOTT .. 2. | GEORGE H. UTTLEY .. 5.
GEORGE MERRIMAN .. 3. | ARTHUR BREARLEY ..Tenor.

Conducted by G. M. UTTLEY.

HEMPSTEAD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.)

On Monday, December 29, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR METHODS UPON 6 BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,
Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES ..Treble. | EDWARD B. JAMES .. 4.
FRANCIS E. HART .. 2. | JOHN AUSTIN .. 5.
SYDNEY E. ROMANS .. 3. | HENRY L. JAMES ..Tenor.

Conducted by H. L. JAMES.

This is the first 5040 in seven methods by the Association, and by all the band:
also the first in the county.

HUGHENDEN.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 29, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAS. W. WASHBROOK..Treble. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
WALTER E. YATES* .. 2. | RALPH BIGGS .. 6.
FREDERICK L. FREE* .. 3. | JOHN EVANS .. 7.
SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. 4. | HARRY STRATFORD ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

*First peal in the method.

CARSHALTON—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30th, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S TWELVE-PART.

JAMES WIGNELL..Treble. | JOHN PLOWMAN.. 5.
FRANK HOLDER .. 2. | JOHN HARTLEY.. 6.
ERNEST WALKER .. 3. | JOHN HARDING.. 7.
JAMES TRAPPITT.. 4. | WILLIAM MORLEY ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN PLOWMAN.

The above was rung in honour of the conductor's thirty-ninth birthday, this being
his first peal.

HUGHENDEN.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK L. FREE..Treble. | FREDERICK BIGGS .. 5.
HARRY STRATFORD .. 2. | RALPH BIGGS .. 6.
SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. 3. | JOHN EVANS .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4. | WILLIAM GOODCHILD ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

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

On Tuesday, December, 30, 1890, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

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

Composed by W. BOOTH, and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.
The first half was rung with the tenors in the Tittum position.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.
THE CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL SOCIETY AND THE
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER ANDREWS .. Treble.	*CHARLES LUERY .. . 5.
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. 2.	ARCHIBALD ALLEN .. . 6.
JOHN H. SMALL 3.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 7.
Rev. FRED. J. O. HELMORE 4.	*CHARLES AIANO Tenor.

Conducted by Rev. FRED. J. O. HELMORE.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells.

BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.
In Three Hours (no date being reported),
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

J. S. FLOWER Treble.	H. COLSTON 5.
J. HINTON 2.	H. W. BROWN 6.
C. WOTTON 3.	W. EMERY 7.
W. EAMES* 4.	J. FUSSELL Tenor.

Conducted by J. HINTON.

* First peal. Messrs. Hinton, Colston, and Emery hail from Bristol. Rung as a wedding peal for H. Brown, who was married at the above-named church the same morning.

Date Touches.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, December 16th, at St. Paul's church, a date touch of Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. and 14 mins. F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; *S. Constant, 3; *E. Coleman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharpe, 6; W. Baldwin, 7; I. Hills, 8. *Longest length on the method. Composed by York Green, of London.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Saturday, December 13th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. Jas. Smith, jun., 1; Jas. Walker, 2; T. Hindle, 3; Jas. Smith, sen., 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor about 17 cwt. Composed by J. Sholicar, of Ormskirk. This is the first date touch rang on the bells by a local company.

FLIXTON.—On Saturday, December 20th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes) in 1 hr. 9 mins. R. Hill, 1; J. Redford, 2; H. H. Nutter, 3; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 4; J. Aspinwall (composer and conductor), 5; A. E. Wreaks, 6; J. Eachus, 7; J. Harrison, 8. It was intended to have started for a peal, but owing to the late arrival of some of the members through the dense fog which prevailed during the afternoon, the above was rung instead. All the above are officers of the Association, viz.—Rev. H. J. Elsee, President; J. Eachus, Vice-President; J. Redford and A. E. Wreaks, Hon. Secretaries; and Messrs. Aspinwall, Harrison, Hill, and Nutter, Committee. Also a course (M B W) of Treble Bob Major. J. Gratrix, 1; R. Hill, 2; J. Barrett, 3; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 4; J. Aspinwall, 5; J. Harrison, 6; A. E. Wreaks, 7; J. Eachus, 8.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Monday, December 22nd, at St. Mary's parish church, a date touch (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins in the following methods: 450 Grandsire (composed by J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal), 720 London Single, 240 Oxford Single, 243 Plain Bob, and 240 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. The above was rung with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Thomas Hornby, forty-five years vicar of the church, and who died on the 22nd inst. Tenor 9 cwt.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 16th, at the church of St. Mary, a date touch of 1890 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., in the following methods: 30 Grandsire Doubles, 1860 Bob Minor, being two 720s and 420, each called differently. A. J. King, 1; H. E. Bowers, 2; F. Balls, 3; A. Fuller, 4; W. Hazell, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. This is the longest length rung on the bells since the addition of the new treble, which was opened on the 2nd of August last. Also the first date touch by all except W. J. Nevard. Messrs. Balls, Hazell and Fuller belong to Little Bentley; the rest are members of the local company. All are members of the Essex Association except H. E. Bowers.

MANSFIELD (Yorks).—On Thursday, December 18th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 16 mins. W. Taylor, 1; F. May, 2; G. Hardstaf, 3; H. Alsop, 4; J. Spray, 5; W. Gosling, jun., 6; W. Gosling, sen. (conductor), 7; C. James, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, December 2nd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Walker, 1; J. Marshall, 2; H. Woodall (conductor), 3; C. Beasley, 4; W. Bird, 5; R. Bird, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Walker, 1; H. Woodall, 2; C. Beasley, 3; J. A. Meredith, 4; W. Bird, 5; R. Bird (conductor), 6. The Messrs. Bird hail from Old Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Saturday, December 13th, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a course of Double Norwich. G. A. Ransome, 1; C. Willshire, 2; E. Price, 3; C. Waterman, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 6; W. Cooke, 7; W. Haigh, 8. This is the first course in the method by the above Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LAVERNHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, December 15th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. C. Fisk, 1; T. King (composer and conductor), 2; H. Parker, 3; H. Smith, 4; C. Jarvis, 5; W. Snell, 6; A. Symonds, 7; W. Moore, 8. This was rang as a birthday compliment to W. Moore who attained his forty-fifth year on Saturday, December 13th, and H. Parker who attained his 24th birthday on Sunday, December 14th, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

STISTED (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 25th, at the parish church a 720 Bob Minor. H. Saunders, 1; J. Sadler, 2; A. Chaplin, 3; L. Sadler, 5; E. Radden (conductor), 6. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Onley Savill Onley, Esq., who died on the previous Thursday in his 96th year. The deceased restored the tower and was the donor of the musical peal of bells that are in it. And on Sunday, December 7th, a 720 Bob Minor, (Penning's one-part), (sixteen bobs and twenty-six singles). H. Saunders, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; A. Chaplin, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; F. Saunders, 5; E. Radley, 6. Messrs. Sadler hail from Coggeshall, and C. H. Howard from Braintree, the rest are local men.

(The remainder of miscellaneous touches will be found on page 488.)

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

A very pleasant gathering of members of this society took place at St. Mary's, Battersea, on Saturday, December 13th, the occasion being the wedding of Mr. Thomas Conley, one of the local ringers, to Miss Caroline Tree, of Battersea. Some excellent touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung before and after the ceremony, which was a very impressive one, the Rev. W. L. Wise officiating. After the ceremony, the ringers, by invitation of the bridegroom, met at the house of the bride's father to drink the health of the newly-married couple. Here a handsome picture (the gift of the ringers of Battersea), was presented by Mr. Henry S. Thomas to the bride and bridegroom, who expressed most sincerely their thanks for the same, after which the handbells were brought into requisition and some lively touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by Messrs. Baron, H. Hopkins, Newson, and Mansfield, much to the delight of the guests assembled. A move was then made to the house of Mr. Henry Thomas, where that gentleman's usual liberality was displayed in the shape of an excellent dinner, to which fourteen sat down and enjoyed the good things provided. After a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Thomas for his kindness, eight of the members adjourned to the tower, where an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing nearly 1 hr. It being too late to start again, some touches in the same method was rung, and the remainder of the evening spent in social conversation. Among those who took part in the ringing were Messrs. Swain, Foskett, Pittam, Dains, Pitt, Baker, Jacob, A. G. and H. S. Thomas, and Ambrose.

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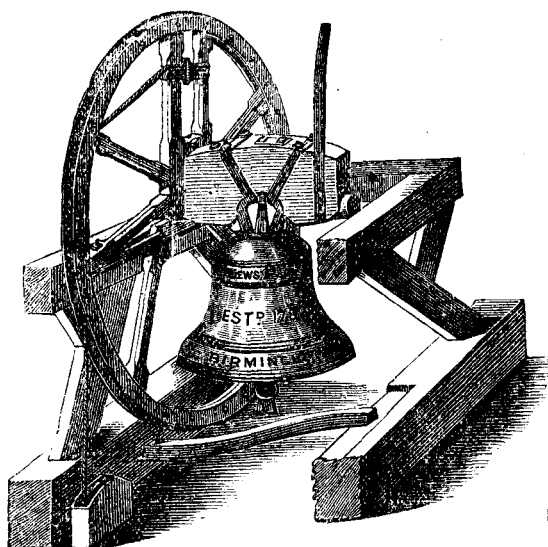
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 27th, at the parish church, eight members of the above Association met for the purpose of ringing T. Day's peal of 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major, but after ringing upwards of 8000 changes in 5 hrs. the peal unfortunately came to grief. J. Motts (conductor), 1; W. Motts, 2; G. Lindoff, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; W. Crickmer, 5; W. Ward, 6; R. Brundle, 7; F. J. Tillet, 8.



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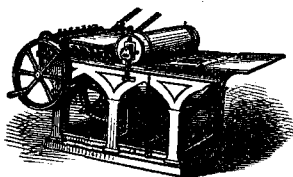
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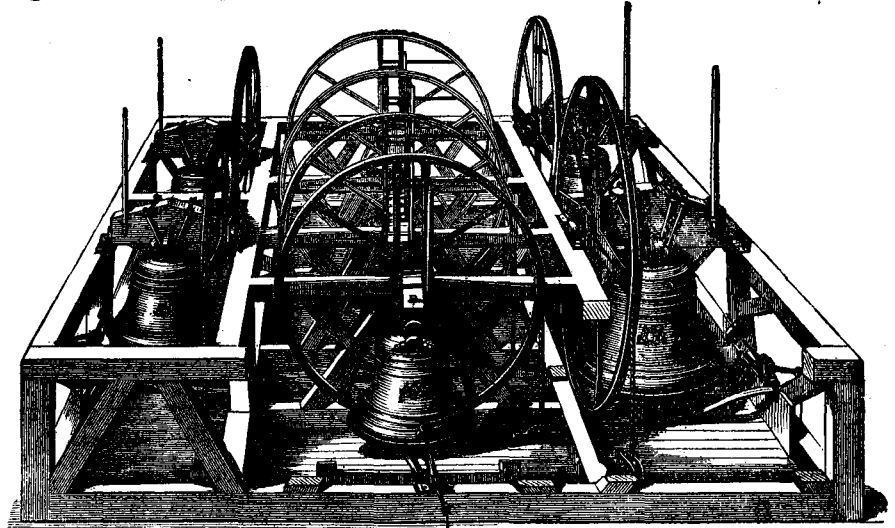
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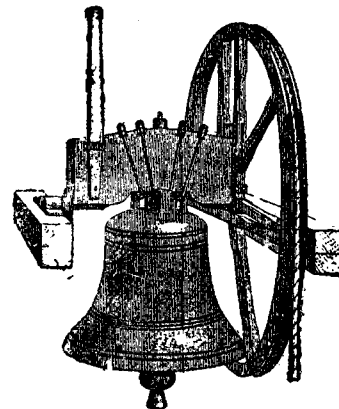
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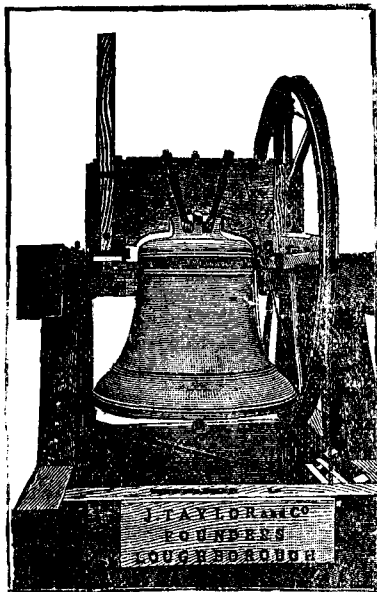
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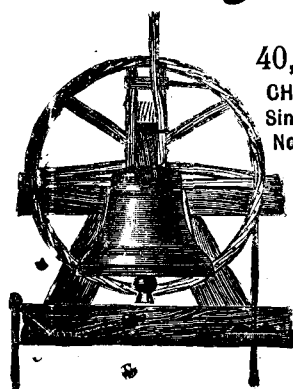
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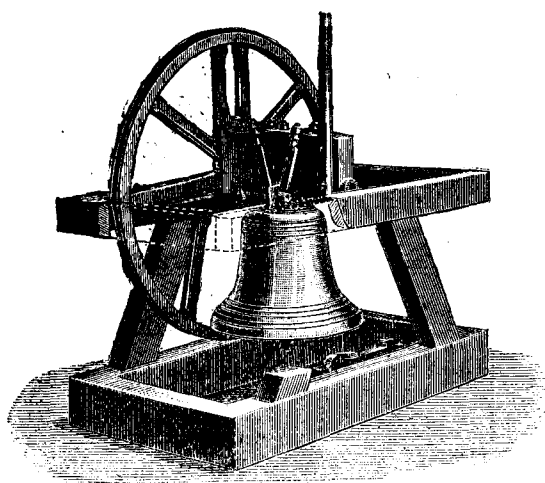
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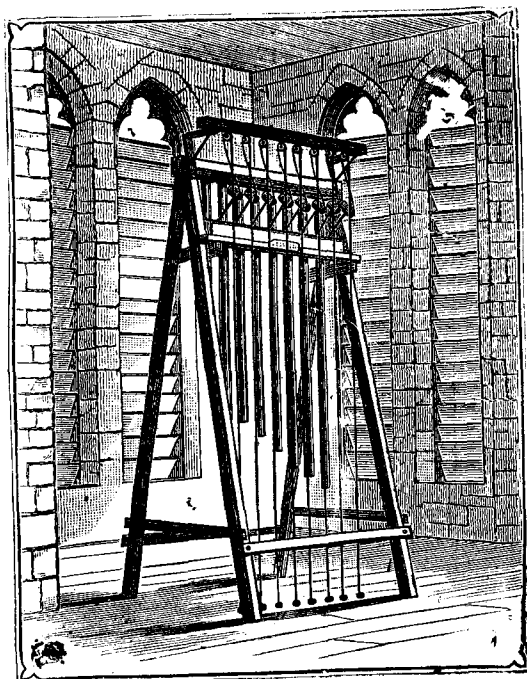
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DEDICATION OF TWO NEW BELLS AT OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

The ceremony of the dedication of two new bells at St. Peter's church, Old Windsor, took place on Monday, December 22nd. Owing to the severity of the weather the congregation was not large. The new bells, making a complete peal of eight, have been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, who have also recast the 5th and tuned and put in thorough repair the remaining five. The old bells having been for some time in an unsafe condition, a fund for a new bell-frame and for rehanging them was opened about Easter, a bazaar being held at the Royal Tapestry Hall (by kind consent of H. Henry, Esq.) on the 1st and 2nd of August, which was opened by H.R.H. Princess Christian. The total amount raised was over £300. Of the six old bells, the treble was cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, in 1872, to commemorate the recovery of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the remaining five having been cast by Thomas Swaine, of Reading, in 1775. The weight of the tenor is 11½ cwt.

Evensong on December 22nd began at 2.45 p.m., with special lessons, psalms, and hymns. The clergy present were the Bishop of Reading (Right Rev. J. Leslie Randall), the Rev. T. E. Harwood (Vicar of Old Windsor), the Rev. Canon Gee (Vicar of Winslow), and the Rev. J. H. Hindson (Vicar of Wraysbury). An admirable sermon was preached by the Bishop of Reading, who then proceeded, with the clergy and choir, to the belfry, where he performed the office of Dedication. After the Dedication, Lady Julia Tollett untied the ribbon which fastened the ropes of the two new bells and the 5th, and pronounced them ready for use. A few rounds were then rung by the local band, while the clergy and others returned to their seats. The hymn "Now at length our bells are lifted" was then sung, during which a collection in aid of the bell fund. After the service 5040 Stedman Triples were rung by the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in 3 hrs. and 1 min., conducted by J. W. Washbrook, chief instructor to the Guild: W. Lawrence (Whitchurch), 1; T. E. Hern (Reading), 2; A. Andrews (Windsor), 3; J. W. Washbrook (Oxford), 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson (Drayton), 5; W. Napper (Didcot), 6; R. Flaxman (Slough), 7; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Caversham), 8. After the peal 839 Grandsire Triples were rang by E. Whatmore (Wraysbury), 1; Rev. J. H. Hindson (Wraysbury), 2; T. E. Hern (Reading), 3; G. Stanbrook (Windsor), 4; H. Shanks (Wraysbury), 5; G. Whatmore (Wraysbury), 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; J. Guttridge (Old Windsor), 8. Other short touches were also rung. The Bishop, clergy, and a number of the congregation partook of tea at the Vicarage after the service, and the whole of the ringers were entertained there at supper in the evening.

On Friday, December 26th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. F. Tindal (first 720), 1; Rev. J. H. Hindson, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; S. Quinton, 4; J. Guttridge, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Tindal, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; G. Williams, 3; S. Quinton, 4; J. Guttridge, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and several courses of Grandsire Triples.

BARNET, HERTS.

On Friday, December 26th, eight members of the Hatfield College Youths paid a visit to the parish church of High Barnet, and there made their first attempt for Holt's Original. After ringing 2700 changes it unfortunately came to grief, owing to a change-course. An adjournment was then made for luncheon, after which the tower was again visited, and 360 Grandsire rung under the conductorship of J. Kentish, J. Sumpter (Hadley) ringing the treble. And a 167, with A. Townsend (Barnet) on the tenor. Also 360 of Minor (with 6-8 covering). F. Skinner, 6; A. Townsend, 8. The bells were then lowered and a move made to Hadley church, distant only half a mile. Here Minor and Doubles were rung with the local company, and this brought to a close a very enjoyable although unsuccessful holiday. The visitors wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rector of Barnet for his kindness in giving them the use of the bells; also Mr. Dalton for having all things in order. The following were the Hatfield party: W. J. Rumney, H. Shepherd, J. Shepherd, J. Kentish, G. Smith, W. J. Richardson, J. Hollingsworth, A. Shepherd.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Winter General Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Gainsborough, on Friday, December 26th. Although the attendance was smaller than at the corresponding meeting of last year, it was not the less enjoyable to those who attended. During the morning a company from Lincoln, with the help of Mr. W. D. Tinker (conductor of the local company), and under the conductorship of N. E. Snow, Esq., of Sleaford, started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately collapsed after ringing two hours. In the afternoon a company was made up for Lea, a village about two miles distant, which possesses a good peal of six bells; the impression given to the visitors was that the local ringers must be nothing less than giants, from the height at which the sallies were fixed; however, with the assistance of a form, box, chairs, and hassocks, this difficulty was overcome, and a 720 successfully brought round. About five o'clock twenty-one sat down to tea at the Gainsborough Coffee Tavern, Canon Warner, Vicar of Gainsborough, presiding, supported by F. F. Linley, Esq., Rev. C. E. Cockin, Rector of Lea, occupying the vice chair. Directly after tea the business meeting was held. Letters were read from the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, and other honorary members unable to attend. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the Rev. C. E. Cockin stated that Sir Chas. Anderson, Bart., wished him to express his inability to attend, owing to the severity of the weather. A message was sent to him by the Rector of Lea, regretting the fact, and hoping that at some future time he would be able to address the Association. One efficient and seven probationary members were elected. Mr. Linley, on behalf of the Committee, gave a very graphic account of the certificate of membership now in the hands of a London firm of engravers. Votes of thanks were accorded to J. W. Taylor, Esq., junr., of Loughborough, for kindly photographing bells for reproduction on the certificate, to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for the day's arrangements, and to the Chairman for presiding.

Touches on the fine peal at the parish church brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3rd, this Association held a District Meeting at Stoke Newington, the first of a series for which it is hoped arrangements may be made on the first Saturday in each month during the current year. The weather was bad, and on that account, perhaps, the meeting was not attended as well as might have been expected. However, there were quite enough present for a six-bell tower. The belfry of St. Mary, the old parish church of Stoke Newington, is probably the smallest in the Kingdom, although that of St. Laurence, at Seal Chart, in Kent, runs it very close. At least one half of the available floor space is taken up by the staircase, and the remaining moiety is so narrow that the ringers are obliged to stand almost in a straight line. To add to their difficulties the bells do not follow each other in regular sequence, the tenor falling in third's place, the fifth in fourth's, the fourth in fifth's, and the third in tenor's place, the order of the four last bells being thus reversed. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, however, a 720 and 360 of Bob Minor were successfully brought round, and several touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were also rung. At the close of the meeting eleven new members were enrolled, and a satisfactory day's work was thus brought to a conclusion. The 720 Bob Minor was rung by the following: T. Morton, 1; R. Skeef, 2; G. Skeef, 3; E. Edridge, 4; F. Nunn, 5; H. T. Scarlett (conductor), 6. And the 360 Bob Minor by H. T. Scarlett (conductor), 1; F. A. Milne, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; T. C. Grove, 4; F. Nunn, 5; G. B. Lucas, 6.

The Secretary would like to take this opportunity of reminding the members of the Association and especially the local collectors, that the subscriptions for 1891 are now due, and should be remitted without delay to the Treasurer, Mr. J. Waghorn, jun., Tottenham, and that a considerable number of the subscriptions for 1890 are in arrear.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Time may come, and time may go,
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Forty-four peals! No wonder that some of us have to wait for a time before we see our communications in print. Others beside myself have had to take a "back-seat" this week, evidently. We must all grin and endure, however. Performances of 5000 and upwards should certainly be the first consideration. I can very well picture (from a long experience) the mass of correspondence which the Editor has to wade through before he makes up his mind which shall appear and which shall be postponed. And upon this point I would remark that many circumstances, not known to readers generally, often determine such matters. Various agencies are frequently at work in connection with a newspaper, which actually prevents the chief of the editorial staff getting in just what he wishes, and at the actual time. This leads to some worry even in connection with an ordinary news-sheet, how much more in a class paper which deals with such a matter as bell-ringing some of us cannot imagine. We should always feel, when we are disappointed in not seeing our communications published, that the best thing is being done under very extraordinary circumstances, and wait patiently for another week. Now let me to my remarks on men and things.

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It was with much pleasure that I read the first page of Mr. Beechey's report of "the Australian peal and its results." Unfortunately, however, that pleasure was marred by the concluding account of the "results" which followed this highly creditable performance. We shall all of us regret that so much unpleasantness should have followed the accomplishment of this first peal in our great Australian colony; and although there are proverbially two sides to every question, the statement made by Mr. Beechey seems so fair and straightforward that one cannot help feeling sorry for the very unfraternal manner in which the other members of the society dealt with it. One can quite understand the feelings of disappointment which may have animated Mr. Guest, when after nineteen unsuccessful attempts on his part, the peal should have been scored without him; but considering how many times failure was owing to himself, it does appear (to say the least of it) somewhat mean on his part to have revenged himself by causing such a split amongst their members. Let us hope, however, that before this time the unpleasantness may have passed away, and our brethren across the water be more closely united than before.

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Among the many letters which I have received during the past week or so—most of them breathing kindest wishes on my behalf, which I most heartily reciprocate—is one from a dear old friend who, among other things, wants me to relate how we spend Christmas at our church and in my own district. Well, I don't suppose our habits are much different to other people's; but anyhow, I don't mind telling you. In the first place, Christmas Eve in our belfry is an annual reunion of all past and present members of our band. Those who have in times past been compelled to leave for other places where their daily employment has led them, make a point of being with us, if at all possible, on that occasion. So you may be sure the eve of Christmas Day is a time looked for by us with considerable interest. Early in the evening willing hands have seen to the ropes and "fixings," raised the bells, tidied the belfry, fixed sprigs of holly on the walls, lit all the gas jets, and done innumerable little things in the way of making the room as com-

fortable as possible. Then later on, as one by one we get together, and particularly as the long-absent ones begin to arrive, the amount of hand-shaking, kindly enquiries, and expressions of good wishes are enough to make one's heart warm, and be thankful for the possession of this great festival of our church which brings old friends face to face for once in the twelve months. We sit and talk of our experiences since last we met. Those who cannot be with us are by no means forgotten; and if an eye should be dim or a voice husky, when reference is made to some brother who is now resting in the silent grave, it serves but to cement the friendship between those of us who are spared thus to meet together. We seem to feel as if we all—with those who have gone before—are together in spirit; thus, in spite of regrets for our losses, we are happy in company again.

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Twelve o'clock approaches; and we prepare for our first Christmas duty, that of proclaiming to the outside world the welcome tidings—as the angels did on the first Christmas morn—"the Saviour is come to dwell among men." Will Bartle, our old tenor man, who has never failed since he went away to be present annually for the purpose, but who is now not so young as he used to be, mounts the tenor box; your humble servant takes his place at the treble; the others get to their old familiar positions in the circle. Bowe (our G.P.O.) comes next to me; Johnny Sowden is at his side; George Tatham has possession of his favourite fourth; Jim Mason stands in the corner with the fifth rope in his hand, where he has assisted in pulling many a peal off; Will Tatham, the football captain, has left his goals, tries, and minor events to take care of themselves for the nonce while he helps once more to welcome Christmas in; and bluff and sturdy Sam Pateman handles his seventh rope as if he were shaking hands with an old friend. Seated around, are Jack Junce, our jovial steeplekeeper, whose temper it is almost impossible to ruffle, and who has expressed his settled determination to see that we do our duties properly; young Goodman, who has not yet aspired to take part in this important ceremony; as well as Joe Pateman, whose achievements have not yet risen to change-ringing; and (though last, not least) Charlie Barkus, who is happiest when he gets the chance of drumming the tenor behind a touch of Triples. So you will see we are both a numerous and happy assembly. It is midnight at length; then carefully Will pulls off the tenor. The blows are struck slowly and regularly, till the twelfth is reached, when I call "go," and we are swinging the octave merrily once more, ushering in the festival. Spells of rounds and firing alternate for a while, during which, were you outside the church, you would hear from all quarters the sound of the Christmas hymn given lustily both vocally and instrumentally—from the modest little urchins and tin whistlers, to the trained choir of singers and the powerful brass band. The bells have commenced—therefore Christmas has come, and soon one after another, mansion and cottage doors are opened, and the carollers welcomed inside. Having thus greeted Christmas with our heartiest, we next welcome it with our best, in the shape of a few courses of Triples or Major; this completed, we leave the bells upturned ready for the morning service; and finish with another all-round greeting before we separate for home.

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Half-past nine finds us again in the belfry, and after an hour's good ring, we join in those old familiar hymns which make so hearty our Christmas morning service. Then when later on, we join our families at dinner, or later still, when we pay our friendly calls to each other, we feel that we have all of us done our share in proclaiming and welcoming this festal season.

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I don't know that I can give you any further description of our habits and customs at this particular time of year; perhaps even what I have already given may be considered uninteresting

or superfluous. But there it is; and my commentary on it all is that if every brother-string has spent as happy a Christmas time as I and our band have, they will have plenty of food for pleasant reflections in the future.

Just one more word. I cannot conclude without adding that I have been much pleased with the Editor's last Christmas number, and do not doubt my opinion will be shared by every reader. From the pleasant face of friend Dorrington to the imprint it is throughout a most satisfactory production. Last week's picture of Captain Moore is also eminently satisfactory, while the memoir of the gallant gentleman is interesting and instructive. More power to him, and may he ring the tenor in many more peals before he gets "unpealable."

Accept my warmest greetings, all of you; as well as the heartfelt wish (if old and well-worn in its expression) that we may all of us be granted "A Happy New Year."

FREE LANCE.

BUSHLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

RINGERS' ENTERTAINMENT AND PRESENTATION.

ON Monday evening, December 29th, the ringers of this parish with other friends were hospitably entertained at supper by the churchwardens, Mr. J. Creese and Mr. W. Vaughan, at the residence of the latter gentleman. These two gentlemen have shown great interest in the bell-ringing, and it was chiefly through their exertions that a new treble bell has been added to make the peal in the church tower a ring of six. The supper on Monday night was made the occasion of presenting to Mr. Josiah Wathen, of Tewkesbury, a handsome marble time-piece, as a token of gratitude and esteem from the Bushley bell-ringers for the able way in which he has taught, and the progress which has been made in the art of change-ringing among them.

The presentation of the clock was made by the Rev. E. R. Dowdeswell, on behalf of the subscribers, with a few kind and appropriate words.

Mr. Wathen, in thanking the subscribers for their very handsome present, said it gave him great pleasure to be with them that evening, as it had on previous occasions. He thanked them heartily for their kindness, and should always look upon it with pride and pleasure, and think of the many pleasant hours he had spent with ringers and ringing.

After supper the loyal toasts were given by Mr. Vaughan, and ably responded to by Mr. J. Creese. The health of the churchwardens was received with enthusiasm.

Mr. Vaughan proposed in suitable terms the health of the bell-ringers, which was responded to by Mr. D. Wilkes. Hearty thanks were given to Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Creese for their kindness in catering for the guests. Some six-scores were rung upon the handbells, consisting of Grandsire Extremes and Stedman. Also some Plain Bob Minor was brought round. The ringing was interspersed with songs, and after a very enjoyable evening the party broke up just before midnight.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

At the kind invitation of Mr. Wm. Pixton, the Bidston handbell ringers were entertained to supper at the Bidston Hill hotel on New Year's morning. After ringing on the church bells, they started for the hotel, arriving about 1 p.m. The first thing was a grand supper partaken of by about thirty persons. After supper a few tunes were played on the handbells, after which the tables were cleared for dancing, the pianist being Mrs. Blair, assisted by Mr. Griffiths. Card playing and other games were indulged in, then more tunes on the handbells and songs—"Ring the bell, watchman," and "Auld Lang Syne" being among them. The health of the host (Mr. Pixton) and hostess was given with musical honours. The host replied, thanking all present, and hoping that all would meet again next year, which was re-echoed by all. At 5 a.m. "God save the Queen" was sung. The company wish through the medium of this paper to thank Mr. Pixton for his kindness and liberality.

Miscellaneous Touches.

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CAPPEL (Surrey).—On Saturday, December 27th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 22½ mins. J. Akehurst, 1; R. Jordan, 2; C. Weeden, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; E. Jordan (conductor), 5; E. Horrex, 6. Also 360 Kent. D. Jordan, 1; R. Jordan, 2; C. Weeden, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; E. Jordan (conductor), 5; E. Horrex, 6. On Sunday, December 28th, after the afternoon service, 360 Bob Minor. A. Weeden, 1; E. Jordan (conductor), 2; A. Mills, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; C. F. Winny, 6. And 240 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Jordan (conductor), 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; E. Horrex, 6. Horrex and Winny hail from London; the rest are local men.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, December 24th, at St. Edmund's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. H. Smith, 1; A. Stewart (conductor), 2; T. Ealey, 3; F. Harris, 4; J. Mackay, 5; E. Haxley, 6; G. Eads, 7; H. Digby, 8. On Thursday, December 25th, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Dewey, 1; F. Harris, 2; T. Ealey, 3; A. Stewart (conductor), 4; J. Mackay, 5; J. White, 6; G. Eads, 7; H. Digby, 8. On Friday, December 26th, 840 Bob Triples. E. Haxley, 1; W. Pettet, 2; W. Hall, 3; A. E. Chapman, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; A. H. Martin (conductor), 6; R. Dunkley, 7; C. Swan, 8. On Saturday, December 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. H. Martin, 1; A. Stewart (conductor), 2; A. E. Chapman, 3; E. Haxley, 4; F. Harris, 5; J. Mackay, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; G. Eads, 8.

PANGBOURNE (Berks).—On Thursday evening, December 25th, at St. James' church, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Bushnell, 1; A. C. West (Maidstone), 2; W. Lawrence, 3; J. Day, 4; C. Chapman, 5; H. Goodyer, 6. And 720 Plain Bob, the treble and fourth changing ropes. Also on Friday, December 25th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. E. Hern (Reading), 1; F. Hopgood (Reading), 2; W. Lawrence, 3; C. Pocock, 4; H. Goodyer, 5; C. Chapman, 6. And 720 of Grandsire, with J. Nicholls, 1. Conducted by W. Lawrence.

RAWMARSH (Yorks).—On Saturday, December 27th, at the parish church, seven members of the St. Marie's company, Sheffield, with the assistance of Mr. Thos. Whitworth, of Rawmarsh, attempted Harrison's 8896 of Kent Treble Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing 5200 changes in 3 hrs. 20 mins. through one of the men missing his sally. T. Dixon (conductor), 1; T. Whitworth, 2; G. O. Dixon, 3; R. Harrison, 4; T. G. Sarel, 5; C. A. Fox, 6; J. A. Dixon, 7; W. Biggin, 8. Tenor 10 cwt.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, December 2nd, at the residence of Mr. R. Gowers, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). A. Papworth, 1; R. Brett, 2; A. Clark, 3; C. Clark (first 720), 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, December 4th, at the parish church, 720 in the same method. R. Gowers, 1; G. Smith, 2; A. Papworth, 3; C. Clark (first 720 on tower bells), 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6.

TILEHURST (Berks).—On Saturday, December 27th, at the parish church, by kind permission of the Rev. J. W. Routh, the following started for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but a change-course in the fourth part terminated the attempt. T. Hattrill, 1; T. Pocock, 2; W. Lawrence (conductor), 3; C. Pocock, 4; J. Day, 5; A. C. West (Maidstone), 6; J. M. Routh, Esq., 7; C. Chapman, 8. A touch of Bob Major by way of consolation was afterwards rung, being the first in a Major method by several of the band.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, December 30th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). G. Eastaugh, 8; G. Page, 2; J. Larter (conductor), 3; T. King, 4; R. Spalding, 5; C. Bance, 6. Also a touch of Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. C. Bance hails from Croydon; T. King from Southwold, Suffolk; the rest belong to the local company.

Obituary.

JOHN STIMPSON.

We have to record the death of this ringer, which took place on the 14th ult., in the 82nd year of his age. He belonged to the Beccles (Suffolk) society, and was well known through the entire neighbourhood. In the tower of St. Michael's church, Beccles, there is a tablet recording a 5220 of Treble Bob Royal, in honor of the birthday of Princess Victoria, and in which he rung the 6th. He also rung at the Coronation of Her Majesty, and at the Jubilee of her reign. On the 10th of November last, when the bells were rung on the occasion of the election of Mayor, Mr. Stimpson was one of the ringers. He was the oldest tradesman in the town, and was very highly respected by all who knew him.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, December 27th, 1890, the above Association held their quarterly meeting at Staveley. Upwards of forty ringers attended from the following towers: Bradfield, Chesterfield, North Wingfield, Sandiacre, Dronfield, Killamarsh, Eckington, and Staveley. It had been arranged to ring a 5040 of Kent Treble Bob, but two of the company failed to turn up, so a start was made for a 5040 in seven different methods, but it also came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins. The ringers were: H. Mottershall, and H. Maiden (Staveley), E. James and W. Price (Eckington), A. and D. Brearley (Bradfield). Others then kept the bells going until 3 o'clock, when a move was made to the rectory barn (which has been made into a comfortable mission-room) at 3.20. The Rev. H. E. Ferry, of Eckington, took the chair, and with a few well-chosen words declared the meeting open. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, when it was resolved to hold the annual meeting and dinner on Easter Monday at North Wingfield.

The Rev. C. H. Molineux addressed the meeting at some length, and in reference to belfry reform, quoted the following from Canon Massey at the Southwell Diocesan conference at Derby in 1890.

"In very many cases I believe that belfry reform must, even now, begin with the belfry itself. If we were introduced suddenly into some of our ringing-chambers and asked to what building they belonged, I think we should hardly say at once that they were a part of the House of God. Too frequently they remain pretty much as when they first left the builder's hands, without one sign of the attention or care which is so conspicuous in other parts of the sacred edifice. And where there is this carelessness, where they are remarkable chiefly for dust and discomfort, is it very wonderful if there is in them an absence of that reverence which should be everywhere in God's House? I think not. Before we complain too loudly, let us put the tower in as seemingly a state as a consecrated place should be. Let the floor be carpeted, let proper seats and hat pegs be provided. Let the walls be at least clean, if not panelled, and a reminder that this is the House of God. Let sacred pictures suggest holy thoughts, and let the sign of our redemption keep the mind from worldliness, and we shall have done more than rules will ever accomplish for the production of a reverent behaviour among those who assemble there."

The rev. gentleman was loudly cheered on resuming his seat.

The Rev. W. L. Coleman also addressed the members.

Mr. H. Madin spoke very strongly about two new trebles to replace the present ones, the rector comparing them to tin kettles. He thought that in a parish like Staveley the money could soon be raised.

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

At 4.30 about forty sat down to a meat tea given by the rector. Mr. E. Platt proposed, and Mr. A. Brearley seconded, a vote of thanks to the rector for the kind manner in which he had welcomed the association to Staveley. The Staveley band gave some tunes on the handbells, and mixed bands kept the tower bells going during the day. A mixed company from Staveley, Bradfield, Chesterfield, and Eckington finished up with some good striking of Major.

The Staveley ringers have at their club house a very ancient jug, with the following peal tablets engraved on it:

"Tenor—Staveley. Given by the Rev. Fras. Gisborne in 1782, weight 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs. T. Leivesley, *Treble*; J. Frith, 2; T. Martin, 3; J. Whitaker, 4; J. Widdinson, 5; R. Cadman, 6; W. Allcroft, 7; J. Frith, *Tenor*. Whilst thus we join in cheerful sound, may love and loyalty abound.

"1882.—H. Mottershall, *Treble*; J. Broadhead, 2; W. Harris, 3; J. Harris, 4; W. Worthington, 5; W. Young, 6; J. Hunt, 7; H. Madin, *Tenor*."

Also a gallon pitcher bearing the following inscription in large letters:

"Eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang at Chesterfield, a true peal of 5040 Grandsire Trebles in 3 hours and 9 minutes. W. Worthington, 1; D. Farthing, 2; G. Toplis, 3; H. Madin, 4; J. Harris, 5; A. Knights, 6; J. Hunt, 7; H. Mottershall, 8. Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, conducted by Arthur Knights. Weight of tenor 24½ cwt."

CHANGE-RINGING IN CORNWALL.

ON Friday, December 26th, some change-ringing was performed by a scratch band, consisting mostly of members of the Devonshire Guild practising at Stoke Plymouth, who started from Mill Bay station at 9.20 a.m. They reached St. Germans about 10 o'clock, where one of the band was staying for a holiday. He having made all arrangements, they raised the peal of six (tenor 17 cwt.), in peal, and rung some half dozen six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, also some Stedman Doubles. There was a service at 11 o'clock, when they lowered the bells and then adjourned to the nearest hostelry to refresh the inner man. Several of the local band went with them, and being an exceptionally clean and comfortable house, they soon felt at home. Here the handbells were brought out, and they rang some courses of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Minor. Great was the surprise of the local men at change-ringing. They had never heard such a thing before, and expressed their pleasure with the sally rest, and said it was the first time change-ringing had been performed in St. Germans within the memory of any one now living. One old man who had rang the tenor for fifty years at St. Germans was greatly surprised to see the small tenor man ring up the tenor in peal. How heavy might 'e be, sir, he asked (meaning the man's weight), and when told 145 lbs, he said "dang the pounds, how many score," thinking perhaps of his pigs. When they got back to the tower again, great consternation was caused, because the treble ringer, a youth of eighteen or nineteen took the tenor. "What, you b'aint going to let that boy ring the tenor, be he?" but they soon found their mistake. The visitors never recollect any local band taking so kindly to change-ringing: they even asked for the address of a bookseller to buy Troyte's work, which was recommended. The bells go splendidly, and the sound in the belfry is grand: not the least noise. A word or two about the church. It has two towers at the west end, and the bells are in the south tower. The towers have just been restored at a cost of £2000. They are built of a local stone and are colossal. The arch over the western door is simply appalling in its massiveness. A board in the church tells that St. Germans was a see or bishopric in itself before William the Conqueror, when it was removed to Exeter. There is also an old relic in the shape of a chair, which, should one go to sleep whilst they are occupying it, they would fall forwards when not balanced. In the restoration of the towers, an old stone coffin has been dug out, which looks very ancient.

The party left St. Germans at 1.30 by train for Saltash, where they rang some Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. After tea at the Star Coffee Tavern, they walked a mile to St. Stephen's by Saltash. Here they found a perfect slaughter-house; no stays, ropes stout enough to fasten an Atlantic liner, and hard enough to please the most fastidious mason. After raising and falling the bells three times in peal, they made for home, having spent a very happy day. Whilst waiting in the waiting-room for the train, they delighted about thirty or forty people with the handbells. They recommend St. Germans to any six-bell band for an excursion. The "go" of the bells and the pleasant men leave nothing to be desired.

A RING OF RODENS.

ON Friday, December 26th, 1890, at St. Bartholomew's church, Penn, near Wolverhampton, a ring of all Rodens, took place, consisting of three sons two grandsons, and one nephew of the old parish clerk, Mr. Joseph Roden, he having held the appointment for upwards of fifty-three years, and is now in his eighty-first year. The ring consisted of a rise and fall in peal, a course of Plain Bob and some call changes, which was fairly done, as not all were in practice. It is said that there was a peal much the same some thirteen years ago by the same family, and that we are not much of change-ringers here yet, but hope to send something ere long. E. Roden (nephew), 1; J. Roden, jun. (son), 2; H. Roden, jun. (grandson), 3; W. Roden (grandson), 4; G. Roden (son), 5; H. Roden, sen. (son), 6.

H. RODEN.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE TREASURER.

A very interesting social gathering took place in the hall of the Ladywell baths on Saturday, January 3rd, for the purpose of bidding farewell to the Rev. C. J. Palmer, one of the assistant clergy of St. Mary's, Lewisham, and until recently Treasurer of the Society of Trinity Youths, who has been appointed to a chaplaincy in the Bengal Presidency.

A large number of members of the congregation and choir, together with a full muster of the Lewisham branch of this society, assembled shortly after seven o'clock, and the proceedings were opened with a touch upon the handbells. After the singing of glees, etc., by some of the members of the choir, the churchwardens, on behalf of the congregation presented Mr. Palmer with a very handsome gold watch and chain, together with a set of gold sleeve links and a purse of money, which the rev. gentleman acknowledged in a very feeling manner. The handbells having again been brought into requisition, and Mr. Palmer having sung "Oft in the stilly night," the senior members of the choir handed to the rev. gentleman a valuable carriage clock. Following closely upon this, Mr. W. Bedwell, in a suitable speech, presented Mr. Palmer with a very beautiful Rhine castle album on behalf of the members and friends of the Lewisham branch.

Mr. Palmer, in responding, alluded to the satisfaction which had always attended his dealings with the ringers, and detailed his experiences in learning to handle a bell, and concluded his very interesting remarks by referring in terms of high praise to the manner in which the ringers carried out their duties in the tower, and asked his audience to occasionally go up and look round.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, the ringers were entertained by Canon and Mrs. Legge to a substantial cold collation, which was much appreciated. Before this part of the entertainment closed, Mr. Palmer came and bade the party, individually, good-bye. The parish loses in the rev. gentleman an earnest and hard-working clergyman, and his absence will be very keenly felt by the Lewisham ringers, who will remember with gratitude his successful efforts for their comforts in the tower.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.

On Friday, December 26th, six members of the Eynesbury Society had a day's ringing on the bells of Houghton and Hemingford Grey. These villages are situated some few miles from the town of Huntingdon. A start was made from St. Neots station at 9.30, Huntingdon being reached about 10 o'clock. From here, a walk of about an hour brought them to Houghton. On finding the sexton a move was made for the church, and having raised the five bells in peal, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles and several 120's were rung. After falling the bells, a start was made for Hemingford, which is about a mile south east of Houghton. This journey was taken on the frozen surface of the Ouse, not without mishap, however, for on reaching Hemingford, two of the members in trying to cross the river had the ill luck to fall through the ice, which caused them to beat a hasty retreat to the nearest inn, where, through the kindness of the hostess, their garments were soon drying before a good fire. In the meantime the other members had proceeded to the church and with the help of the Vicar had raised the bells, which are a light ring of six, and go first-rate. On the two "unfortunates" reaching the tower the bells were soon set going for four 6-scores of Doubles, with the Rev. P. E. Curtois, covering. These were soon accomplished, after which several touches of Minor were rung, conducted by H. Sutton. The following are the names of the ringers: G. Coleman, C. Chasty, S. Hawksford, G. Irons, E. Jones, and H. Sutton. After leaving the church the company proceeded to the "Anchor" Inn, where tea was provided for them by the Vicar. This being over, "go" was called for home, which was reached at 8 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed their day's outing. The ringers wish to express their thanks to the Rev. P. E. Curtois, Vicar of Hemingford Grey, for his great kindness in providing them with refreshments, also to the sextons of both parishes for having everything in readiness.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27th, the monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Bootle, and there was a fair attendance of ringers from Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, Sefton, Southport, and the local company. The bells were open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 4.30, when service was held in the church, and a spirited address delivered to the ringers by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, who took for his text "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will towards men," and was listened to with rapt attention. After service a meat tea was provided by a few kind friends, to which ample justice was done. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which Mr. W. Short presided, being supported by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit and Mr. J. Martin. The Chairman gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Bootle, and apologised for the absence of the Rector, who had been called away to attend a sick person, and called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting. The Secretary having done so the Rev. W. L. Bulpit addressed the members at some length, and called upon Mr. Martin to explain the concessions granted to the Guild by the railway companies to members attending meetings of the Guild. Mr. Martin then pointed out the concessions granted by the railway companies, as it would be a little cheaper to the members attending the meetings, although it was not exactly as he wished, still it was better than before. Several practical suggestions were afterwards discussed, as to a membership card for the Guild. Seven new members were made, and the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Touches of Grandsire, Bob, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, December 20th, at Penwortham, the following places being represented: Blackrod, St. Andrew's and St. James's Leyland, Standish, St. Mark's, Preston, and Penwortham. The methods rung were London Single Bob, Victoria and Plain Bob. At half-past six the members sat down to an excellent supper at the "Fleece" Inn, and the usual business meeting was held immediately afterwards, the chair being occupied by the President of the Association. The business was of the usual routine character, twelve performing members being elected, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the President for presiding, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.

On Tuesday, December 23rd, a set of eight musical tubes (supplied by Harrington and Co., Coventry), erected in memory of the late Samuel Ratcliff, Esq., of Highfields, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and presented by his children, were dedicated by Bishop Mitchinson, in Holy Trinity church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. The service took place at three o'clock in the afternoon, and among those present and taking part in the service were the Rev. H. B. St. John, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Canon Denton, Vicar of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Rev. A. S. Mammatt, Vicar of Packington, and the Rev. L. W. Lloyd, Head Master of Ashby-de-la-Zouch Grammar School.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of the above Society was held at Bramley, on Saturday, December 27th. Members attended from Leeds, Holbeck, Huddersfield, Headingley, Pudsey, Rothwell and Bramley, and touches of Oxford, Kent, and Violet Treble Bob Minor were rung on the bells. A resolution to hold the annual general meeting for the election of officers at Leeds on the last Saturday in March was passed. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the Bramley company for their arrangements, brought the meeting to a close.

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THE patience and perseverance of the MASTER of the Ancient Society of College Youths has at length been rewarded. For some years one of his pet objects has been to ring a peal at every English Cathedral and Abbey—at any rate those which possessed bells—but we believe he was more than anxious to do so at the ancient Abbey of Pershore, in Worcestershire. After many trials, this object has been accomplished, and the usual report will be found in its proper place. Our chief object in alluding to this is to point out what can be done by unflinching perseverance. Mr. Dawe, in the pursuit of the object he had at heart, met with many rebuffs, and no small amount of what is known as "bad luck." Yet he has overcome them in some way or other, and has generally succeeded after more than once applying to himself the old adage of "Try again." One failure would have been sufficient to disgust most people at some of these towers, notably at Evesham Abbey some months ago, where three men were required at the tenor before the 5040 could be secured. We think no one can begrudge those who ring peals at such places the honour due to them. Let us hope these displays may lead the various authorities to think more about the bells entrusted to their care, and beget also a determination to have them fully restored.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 1, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt. in Eb.

ROBERT J. MAYNARD	Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 5.
THOMAS MAYNARD	2.	JAMES CULLEN 6.
GEORGE GRIMWADE	3.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 7.
JOHN NUNN	4.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

Mr. J. Cullen was elected a member of the St. James's Society previous to starting for the peal.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, January 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5186 CHANGES.
Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	HENRY A. HOPKINS.. .. 6.
HENRY SWAIN 2.	EDWARD F. COLE 7.
CHARLES E. MALIM 3.	WILLIAM JONES 8.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4.	ARTHUR JACOB 9.
ALBERT PITAM 5.	*WILLIAM G. BULL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal in the method. This peal, now rung for the first time, has 5 6 exclusively behind the 9th, with all the 9-7-8's and 8-9's with the bells in the titum position. The above ringers take this opportunity of tendering their most sincere thanks to the Vicar for allowing them the use of the bells on this occasion.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, January 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN BONNEY Treble.	STEPHEN BINFIELD 5.
MATTHEW A. WOOD 2.	WALTER PRIME 6.
JAMES PETTIT 3.	JOSEPH WEST 7.
EDWARD WALLAGE 4.	ARTHUR HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

This peal had been arranged for the previous Saturday, the 36th birthday of Mr. W. Prime. Owing to meeting short it had been postponed until the above date. Mr. M. A. Wood has been Steeplekeeper at this church for 48 years, and great credit is due to him for the good going order of the bells, the clean and comfortable ringing room, &c. The band wish to thank him for obtaining the use of the tower on this occasion.

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

On Wednesday, December 31, 1890, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JESSIE PUPLETT Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN... 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN 6.
THOMAS C. GROVE 3.	WILLIAM PYE ENGLISH.. 7.
HENRY A. BARNETT 4.	WILLIAM MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled for the midnight service.

The Province.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, December 27, 1890, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF ST. MARY HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' VARIATION. Tenor 29 cwt. in Db.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Treble.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 5.
WILLIAM C. BASTON.. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 6.
HENRY G. DRUIN 3.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON 7.
FRANCIS E. DAWE 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

J. W. Washbrook and Baston hail from Oxford, Rev. F. E. Robinson from Drayton, W. W. Gifford from Salisbury, R. T. Hibbert from Reading, A. Roberts from Birmingham, and Messrs. Fruin and Dawe from London. This is the first peal on the bells. A detailed account will be found on another page.

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OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, December 22, 1890, in Three Hours.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE.. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 5.
J. E. HERN 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
C. ANDREWS* 3.	*REUBEN FLAXMAN 7.
J. W. WASHBROOK 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by J. WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Stedman.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, December 24, 1890, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION, Tenor 40 cwt. in C♯.

WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. Treble.	EDWARD HIND 5.
PERCY A. HIND 2.	JAS. W. WASHBROOK 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 7.
WILLIAM BASTON 4.	ALFRED BARNEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, December 26, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY PAYNE Treble.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN 5.
WILLIAM BASTON 2.	JAS. W. WASHBROOK 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 3.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF 7.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 4.	HARRY FRUIN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

BRIGHTON—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE PARISH CHURCH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1890, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN. Treble.	GEORGE F. ATTREX.. .. 5.
HARRY WESTON 2.	EDWARD C. MERRITT 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	ARTHUR A. FULLER.. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	*JOHN R. REILLY Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by JOHN R. REILLY.
Rung with the bells half-muffled previous to the midnight service on New Year's Eve. The above composition is a two part peal, having the 4th, 5th and 6th successively in sixths place. *First peal as conductor in the method.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1890, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

W. TICEHURST Treble.	†J. BILLINGS 5.
E. WILLOUGHBY* 2.	†J. HATTEN 6.
W. SIGGS 3.	T. WILLOUGHBY 7.
E. BABER 4.	J. PARKS Tenor.

Conducted by E. WILLOUGHBY.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal. W. Siggs from All Saints, T. Willoughby from St. Mary's, the rest belong to St. Saviour's.

EPSOM.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

GEORGE PEDERICK* .. Treble.	JAMES EASTON 5.
THOMAS MILES 2.	WILLIAM SANDERS 6.
ALFRED E. BASSETT† .. 3.	JESSE HAWKINS 7.
HENRY PEDERICK 4.	†WALTER WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal.

CUCKFIELD.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1890, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

A. NASH	Treble.	*W. WALDER	5.
W. GIBSON†	2.	F. HOUNSELL	6.
W. FOX	3.	G. WALDER	7.
J. SEARLE	4.	*F. PARSONS	Tenor.

Conducted by W. GIBSON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. Walder hail from Boiney, J. Searle from Brighton.

ANGMERING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1890, 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 Pleasure, College Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford and Kent. 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.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

On Friday, January 2, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN SIDEBOTTOM	Treble.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT	5.
JOHN HOPWOOD	2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY	6.
JAMES S. WILDE	3.	THOMAS WILDE	7.
JOSEPH MELLOR	4.	SAMUEL WOOD	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

J. Sidebottom hails from Mottram, Wilde Brothers and Bradley from Hyde, the rest from Ashton-under-Lyne.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

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

On Saturday, January 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN	Treble.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH	5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	2.	ARTHUR C. WEST	6.
ALCHIN MOORCRAFT	3.	ALFRED PALMER	7.
ROBERT EDWARDS	4.	GEORGE J. MOORCRAFT	Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

After the ringing the ringers were entertained to supper by the Rector, the Rev. T. S. Curteis, who had listened to the whole of the peal, and complimented them upon the good striking. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first true peal of any kind since 1841. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the rector for his kindness, and for allowing them the use of the bells. This is Mr. French's first peal of Stedman.

NEWCHURCH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 5, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION REVERSED.

JAMES TAYLOR	Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR	5.
JOHN SHEPHERD	2.	*ARTHUR DIVER	6.
JAMES ASHWORTH	3.	J. T. STOTT	7.
H. H. NUTTER	4.	JAMES DIVER	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

*First peal.

WYTHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Three 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.

CHARLES NEWHAM	Treble.	ALBERT T. ALLEN	4.
THOMAS ALLAM	2.	JOHN THOS. WOOLLEY	5.
NATHANIEL MOXON	3.	THOS. SEWELL SMITH	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS SEWELL SMITH.

Date Touches.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, January 1st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Phillips, 1; E. Bray, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Craft, 4; G. T. Spicer, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; R. Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by R. Jackson. This is the longest touch of Stedman by all except the 5th man. Tenor 28 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON.—On Monday, December 29th, eight members of this Association rang at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of 1890 Grand-sire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. R. Fiddes (conductor), 1; Joel Redford, 2; E. Hewitt, 3; W. Hulme, 4; A. E. Wrecks, 5; J. Calderbank, 6; W. Hamer, 7; H. Lord, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. The touch is the composition of J. Shepherd, of Bacup. This is the longest length by Hewitt and Hulme.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On December 31st, at the Cathedral, the following members of the Cathedral society rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes) in 1 hr. 12 mins. A. Foreman, 1; A. Andrews, 2; W. Andrews, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; C. Luery, 5; H. G. Fairbrass, 6; A. Allen, 7; R. Goodbourn and F. Davison, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD.—On Wednesday evening, December 24th, for Divine Service at the church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Kemp, 1; H. Wood, 2; H. Brown, 3; *H. Stapleton, 4; H. Newnham, 5; E. Hull, 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; J. Lisuey, 8. *Longest touch, and hails from Bagshot.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, December 30th, at St. Laurence's church, a date touch of 1890 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 17 mins. W. H. Holloway, 1; C. E. Foxell, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; W. J. Williams, 5; W. Goseltine, 6; W. Newell, 7; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 8. Composed by John Aspinwall, of Liverpool. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 18th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Oxford Bob Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. E. Collins, 1; A. Arnold, 2; *W. C. Palmer, 3; R. Richards, 4; W. Sadler, 5; *G. Burt, 6; H. Brooker (conductor), 7; F. G. Hermon, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. Composed by Edgar Bennett, of Beddington. Tenor 27 cwt. *Longest touch in the method.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Monday, December 29th, at the parish church, a date touch of Union Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 1 min. J. Beams, 1; H. Federick, 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; T. Miles (conductor), 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; J. Hawkins, 7; W. Wood, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre. The above contains Queens, Tittums, the twelve 6-7's, twelve 7-4's, and the twelve 4-6's, and is the only date touch of Union Triples for the year having these qualities; the only other date touch of Triples with such properties being one of Grandsire, composed by the Editor, and rang at Worcester and Walthamstow.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks).—On Wednesday, December 31st, for the watch-night service at St. Hilda's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Passman, 1; A. McFarlane, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; R. Borrowes, 4; E. Edwardson, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; S. Walker, 8. Composed by E. Anscombe, of Cuckfield, Surrey.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, December 20th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1890 changes). (No time taken). J. O. Lancashire, 1; G. Cleal (conductor), 2; S. Cotton, 3; G. Walton, 4; J. S. Needham, 5; A. Millis, 6; J. Marlow, 7; W. Challenor, 8. Also on Saturday, January 3rd, 1891, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1891 changes), by the same band in 1 hr. 16 mins., conducted by G. Cleal. These date touches were composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. Tenor 27 cwt.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, December 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1890 changes) in 1 hr. 8 mins., each 6-score called differently. T. Hill, 1; A. Allen, 2; F. Lane, 3; A. Pitt, 4; *W. Tarling (conductor), 5; W. Worthington, 6. *Longest length as conductor.

BIRSTALL (Yorkshire).—On Wednesday evening, December 31st, the St. Peter's Society met to ring the old year out and new one in, and rung a date touch of 1891 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 15 mins. G. Thornton, 1; W. Banham, 2; D. Wilson, 3; J. Clayton, 4; W. Stainthorpe (conductor), 5; John West (composer), 6; H. Dodson, 7; W. W. Holmes, 8.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Monday, December 29th, at the parish church, a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. F. Day (conductor), 1; Rev. C. F. Blyth, 2; C. Palmer, 3; W. Gooderham, 4; G. Bird, 5; G. Ford, 6; J. Bumpstead, 7; H. Torble, 8. Composed by S. Marsh, of West Bromwich. The Rev. C. F. Blyth hails from Wetheringsett; H. Torble from London: the rest belong to Eye.

HULL.—Recently, at St. James's church, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop of York, 360 of Grandsire Minor, and a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. T. Miller, 1; R. Chaffer, 2; G. M. Brownrigg, 4; F. Merrison, 5; H. Jenkins, 5; W. Southwick, 6; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 7; W. Wilson (longest touch), 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed by W. H. Howard, York.

MALDON (Essex).—On Sunday morning, December 28th, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1890 changes in the following methods, in 1 hr. 5 mins.: 360 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Double Court, 360 College Single, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 60 Bob Minor, 30 Grandsire Doubles. C. Taber, 1; R. Hutson, 2; T. Mansfield, 3; G. Mansfield, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; W. Mansfield, 6. Tenor about 13 cwt.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Howard, 1; F. Hoad, 2; W. Webb, 3; E. Dewey, 4; E. Kenward, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Mosley (longest length), 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Saturday, December 27th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Pinsent, 1; T. Maynard (conductor), 2; G. Grimwade, 3; H. Nunn, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; J. Cullen, 6; W. H. Freeman, 7; A. G. Freeman, 8. Composed by C. Staden, of Bournemouth.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TILEHURST (Berks).—On Wednesday, December 17th, eight members of the above Guild attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but just three leads from home two bells changed course, after ringing three hours. F. Hopgood (first attempt at conducting), 1; E. C. Foxell, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; C. Smith, 4; J. E. Hern, 5; H. Goodier, 6; C. Chapman, 7; R. Haines, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Friday, December 12th, at St. Mary's parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor and 720 Plain Bob Minor in 50 mins. Also on Friday, December 19th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, 720 Plain Bob Minor, and 720 Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 14 mins. And on Monday, December 22nd, 720 Yorkshire Court Bob Minor in 26 mins. This 720 was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Thomas Hornby, for forty-two years vicar of the above church, who died on the 22nd inst. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 5; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Thursday morning, December 25th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; J. Horrocks, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. Bentley, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, December 24th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. T. Suart, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also on Thursday, December 25th, for early service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and four singles) in 24 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles) in 25 mins. Composed by J. J. Parker and conducted by J. Burrows. Also on Sunday evening, December 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles) in 27 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Archbishop of York. T. P. Jackson, 1; T. Watson, 2; T. Suart, 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. And on Wednesday, December 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-eight bobs and thirty-two singles) in 26 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Suart, 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins., standing as above.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, December 7th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. And on Wednesday, December 10th, 120 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Pevall, G. Royden, G. Kendrick, J. Griffiths, W. Wilcox (conductor), S. Strong. Also on Sunday, December 14th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (nine bobs and six singles). J. Wood, 1; S. Strong, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers (first 720 in the method), 6.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Thursday, December 18th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty bobs and two singles). Composed by the Rev. C. W. Bassano. S. Wood, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; G. Rogers, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; S. Strong, 6. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton-on-the-Hill. First 720 of Canterbury on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, December 30th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. E. Hampton, 1; W. Micklewright, sen., 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; W. Micklewright, jun., 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. The above was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Blanche Skidmore, the donor of the bells, it being the eighteenth anniversary of her death.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SITTINGBOURNE.—On Sunday, December 21st, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. J. Mann, 1; C. Willshire (conductor), 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; J. M. Cooper, 4; E. Price, 5; S. Snelling, 6.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 23rd, at Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. *S. Mockett (conductor), 1; H. Denne, 2; G. Denne, 3; W. Ongley (first 720), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. *First 720 as conductor. And on Christmas morning, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. On Sunday, December 14th, at St. Leonard's church, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 25½ mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. And on Tuesday, December 16th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. This was rung on the conductor's 36th birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, December 25th, at 6 a.m. at the parish church, the local company rang a 720 Bob Minor. R. T. Parkins, 1; A. Rigby (first 720), 2; J. Hall, 3; T. D. Thompson (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; W. T. Burton, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, December 31st, at midnight, 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twelve bobs and six singles). T. D. Thompson, 1; J. Bonsal, 2; J. Hall, 3; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 4; R. T. Parkins, 5; W. T. Burton, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Thursday evening, December 25th, at the parish church, the first 1008 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; L. Copsey, 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; G. Roughton, 5; W. Nash, 6; A. Porter, 7; J. Watson, 8. Rung on the occasion of the return of Mr. and Mrs. Matthews from India, who were here on a visit to R. Price, Esq., Marshalls Park.

ASHTED (Surrey).—On Friday, December 26th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, the first quarter of Johnson's peal of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Cook, 1; S. Brooker (conductor), 2; T. Gaiger, 3; E. Moses, 4; H. Newnham, 5; W. Marks, 6; W. Burkin, 7; J. Lisney, 8.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Friday, December 19th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 360 Double Court. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. And on Sunday afternoon, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; R. Hutton, 3; J. Hilling, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hinchley (conductor), 6. After Divine Service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Hilling, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Cooke, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; A. Hammond, 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. J. Cooke and Hammond hail from Dickleboro. And on Monday, December 22nd, for practice, 720 Double Court. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen. (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; G. Smith, jun. (first in the method), 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6.

PENARTH.—On Friday, December 26th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Clutterbuck, 1; D. Thomas, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; W. Coombes (conductor), 5; H. White, 6. J. Clutterbuck belongs to Llandaff; D. Thomas to Penarth; first six-score by both. The rest belong to Cardiff.

(The remainder of miscellaneous touches will be found on page 499.)

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."

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of the 20th ult. two peals of Grandsire Triples, one by Mr. F. Hopgood of Reading, and the other by Mr. E. E. Richards of Woolwich. I myself fail to see how either of these peals can be called "Grandsire." Mr. Hopgood's peal is composed of Holt's ten-part singles, which I don't consider Grandsire at all, but a made-up single of Holt's; and Mr. Richards introduces three leads of Union Triples. What would ringers generally think of peals in other methods composed of made-up bobs or singles to suit the composer's taste? Or say, a few peals of Stedman Triples, with a few sixes of some other method introduced? At any rate, I myself should be much obliged if any brother-string can explain how either of the peals mentioned can be purely called "Grandsire."

Eastbourne.

WILLIAM J. FISHER.

P.S.—Mr. Hopgood's peal is certainly a novelty.

ST. NICHOLAS (CATHEDRAL) BELLS, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

SIR,—Referring to paragraph from the *Newcastle Daily Journal* quoted in a recent issue, is it a positive fact that the noble peal of eight in St. Nicholas' Cathedral tower are to be demolished and replaced by a modern peal? Surely there must be some mistake somewhere. Perhaps the *Newcastle Daily Journal* merely means that the peal is to be restored and rehung, which ought to have been done years ago. If so, all well and good. But to replace this noble peal by a set of modern bells (which are often made much too thick and heavy for the note intended to be produced) would be a most unpardonable atrocity. For the benefit of those of your readers who do not know St. Nicholas' bells, I may add that the 4th, 6th, and 7th are 15th century bells, with "black letter" inscriptions, dedicated respectively to St. Michael, St. Nicholas, and St. Mary the Virgin, as the inscriptions show. The tenor is a grand bell of 36 cwt., by Lester and Pack, of the Whitechapel foundry, cast in 1754. The treble, 2nd, and 5th are also very good bells from the same foundry, and the 3rd (with a most incomprehensible inscription, although plain enough to read) was cast in 1658, probably by John Hodson. I do hope and trust that these noble bells are not to be replaced by some modern thick bells, "cast on scientific principles," though as I remarked before, the restoration and rehanging of the same is a thing much to be desired. The three 15th century bells are especially good. There is an odd

bell (not one of the peal) called "the Major," upon which the clock strikes, which might be well parted with. This is a miserable production weighing about three tons, cast in 1833, and was about one of the last bells cast at the Barton-on-Humber foundry. Although not a Novocastrian by birth, I spent several years of my youth in Newcastle, and I hope that St. Nicholas' bells may not be tampered with. Perhaps there is some mistake after all.

J. R. JERRAM.

SEVEN-BELL PEALS.

SIR,—I regret to see that two seven-bell peals have been rung by members of the Kent County Association: one at Gillingham on the 6th, the other on the 16th ult. respectively; and at a Central Committee Meeting of the same Association, the day before the second peal was rung, it was actually proposed, as an amendment to a certain proposition—"That all peals of Triples rung by members of the Association without a covering bell be entered in the peal-book." What do you think of that, ye Kentish tenor-men? I don't wish to allude any more to such a proposition, but it seems somewhat ludicrous, and not worth troubling the Central Council about. With respect to the seven-bell peals, were I but a member of the Association I would endeavour to stop the booking of same, as they are no credit to any peal-book, and trust that when the matter is brought before the Central Council, and their fiat obtained, we shall hear no more about such worthless performances. What would be thought of a band of ringers in our great metropolis ringing a peal of Caters or Cinques on nine or eleven bells respectively? Our motto on meeting short is—"Go home."

RICHARD T. WOODLEY.

MR. STEAD'S REPLY.

SIR,—I should not have troubled you with any remarks on the last letter from Mr. Stead had it not been that erroneous impressions might have arisen from my silence. This letter substantiates his former one in no way whatever, and proves nothing so conclusively as that what I contended in my previous communication is actual fact. There is, therefore, nothing for me to reply to. He himself shows clearly how it was through himself (and thus no fault of the officers) that "it took him twelve months to get his motion before a meeting;" I am therefore obliged to him for the candid admission; my only wonder is now why he made a charge against us at all in the matter. As to the precise time when he spoke to me at the Hull meeting, it is such a small matter that I do not feel disposed to spend time in disputing it; his memory has evidently failed him for once, for I am perfectly able to substantiate every one of my previous statements. The only other part of his letter which I would refer to is his charge of ill-temper on my part. In this I can assure him he was never more mistaken in his life; in fact, the charge is really too amusing to be taken seriously, and I am quite willing to leave the alleged ill-tempered tone of my previous letter to the arbitrament of all who read it.

B. T. COPLEY,

Hon. Sec., Yorkshire Association.

APPEALS.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will allow me through the medium of your paper to bring to the notice of all brother-ringers the case of Robert Stackwood, of Aylsham, a well-known ringer, who is suffering from rheumatism, and unable to work. He has a wife and large family dependent upon him, and I am sorry to say he is not in any benefit society. He is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Norwich Diocesan Association. Should any of our friends feel disposed to help it will be gratefully acknowledged in this paper. Mr. Stackwood's address is Hungate Street, Aylsham, Norfolk. I shall also be glad to acknowledge any sums sent to me.

Pound Road, Aylsham.

A. J. NEALE.

SIR,—Would you kindly insert a few lines on behalf of Jesse Avery, who has unfortunately been ill the last six months, and in great need of help, having no support of any kind. Contributions will be most thankfully received, and acknowledged in this paper by

G. HOLIFIELD,

Parish Clerk, Appleton.

P.S.—Mr. Avery is a member of the Appleton company, and has rung in all the long peals rung at Appleton.

GRATITUDE.

SIR,—I am asked to convey Mr. Doran's thanks, through the medium of this paper, to those kind friends who this Christmas so kindly remembered him in his illness, especially those at St. Sepulchre's. By their so doing he will be able to get several necessities which he would not have had, had it not been for their kind sympathy.

West Ham.

H. RANDALL.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Surrey Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames (by the kind permission of the Vicar), on Monday, Jan. 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.; tea at 6 p.m. at the Albany Hall. All those members who wish to be present at the tea must please send notice to Mr. J. Wright, Arthur-road, Kingston-hill, before Friday, Jan. 16th.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Essex Association.—There will be a District Meeting at Barking to-day, Saturday, Jan. 10th. The tower of St. Margaret's (eight bells) will be open all day. A short service will be held in the church, with brief address by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Tea at Working Men's Institute at 5.45. Business meeting at 6.15.
HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Prov. Sec.*

Society of Trinity Youths.—The Annual Dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of the Dinner Committee as under:—
W. G. Davis, 35 London Street, Greenwich;
W. Tyack, 1 Nutbrook Street, Peckham;
J. Rose, 23 Bolden Street, St. John's, Deptford;
J. Crowder, St. Margaret's rectory, Lee F. Palmer, 40 Friendly Street, Deptford;
W. Weatherstone, 27 Cranham Road, Rotherhithe;
F. W. Thornton, 109 King George Street, Greenwich;
W. Bedwell, 9 Harvard Road, Lewisham;
or of the Secretary, E. E. RICHARDS.
12 Glenalvon Street, Woolwich.

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The Second Quarterly Meeting of this Society will be held at Moseley, on Saturday, January 17th. Ringing to commence at 4.0 p.m. Meeting will be held in the School-room at 6.0. All members are earnestly requested to attend.
GEO. WALKER, *Hon. Sec.*
1, South Range, Mole Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

Midland Counties' Association.—The Third Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Nuneaton, on Saturday, January 17th, 1891. The bells of the parish church (eight) will be open for ringing from 1.0 p.m. Committee meeting in class-room of parish church Schools at 5.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom (close to church) at 6.0 p.m. General Meeting immediately afterwards.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*
5 St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

The Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch).—The next ringing meeting will be held at St. Matthew's church, Stretford, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing from 4.0 p.m. Meeting at 7.0 p.m.
WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The next Quarterly Meeting of the Society will be held to-day, Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Darlaston. Members assemble at the parish church at 2.30 p.m.
J. R. KEBLE, *Hon. Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Quarterly General Meeting at East Dereham on Monday, February 2nd. Members requiring travelling cards should send notice to Hon. Sec. or District Secs. six days previously, with station of departure. Dinner at 1.30. Short business meeting after. H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*
Stanhoe, Lynn.

Birmingham St. Martin's Guild.—The usual Quarterly Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 21st, at the Guild's meeting-house, "Tamworth Arms," Moor-street. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. All members are earnestly requested to attend.
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
Finch Road, Handsworth.

Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly meeting of the above will be held in St. Mary's Schoolroom, Cradley, on Saturday, January 24th, 1891, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. A. B. Timbrell, Vicar, will preside. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

Note.—All subscriptions are due at this meeting, according to rule. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

United Counties' Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Leesfield, near Oldham, on Saturday, January 24th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 4.0 p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each. Members intending being present at dinner must send in their names to Mr. Edwin B. Shaw, 13, Catherine-street, Lees, near Oldham, on or before January 19th. Bells ready at 2.0 p.m.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, } *Hon.*
JOHN SIDEBOTHAM, } *Secs.*

St. Mary's (Stratford, Bow) Society.—The Annual Dinner of this Society will take place on Tuesday, January 20th, at the "Three Cups," Bow-road, E., at 7.30 p.m.

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 additional must accompany such request.

CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, *Crayford.*

6016.

2 3 4 5 6 W I M H

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

Repeated.

This peal may be reduced to an exact 6000 by adding bobs at w i m in the third course of first part, and omitting them in the second part.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Bressingham.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Twice repeated.

In this peal the 2nd is never in sixths place at a course-end. The 3rd, 5th, and 6th are twelve times in sixths place.

A 720 OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR.

By H. W. WILDE, *Sandiacre.*

2 3 4 5 6

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

Five times repeated; a bob to be substituted for the single midway and end.

A 720 OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR.

By H. W. WILDE, *Sandiacre.*

2 3 4 5 6

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

Five times repeated; a bob to be substituted for the single midway and end.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By F. HOPGOOD, *Reading.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Four times repeated.

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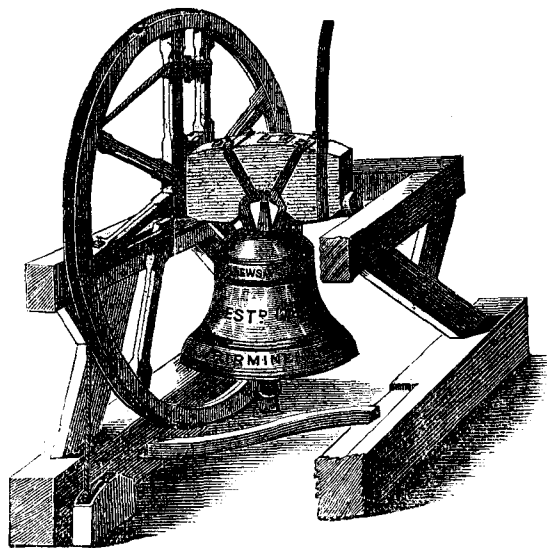
through, and is familiarly known as the "birds' cage," very much resembling on a larger scale the kind used for keeping parrots and cockatoos. Later on, when the party were returning in the train, amid the conversation relating to the peculiar belfry they had visited, the Master of the College Youths caused some considerable amount of laughter by declaring that he had now called a peal in a "monkey-house." The place is the exact reverse of the famous belfry at Merton College, Oxford, which is a "lake," while this is an "island." The structure and magnificent bells, together with the chimes, which are among the best and most accurate in existence, are alone well worthy of a visit, especially from those of an antiquarian turn of mind. Some excellent drawings of the tower appeared in *The Builder* of February 19th, 1877.

The conductor embraces this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Pershore (Ven. Archdeacon Walters) for his attention and kindness in giving permission; also Mr. John Workman, for having everything in excellent order.

The band made an unsuccessful attempt in the morning, only ringing 3000 changes; and great credit is due to those who manfully stuck to their position at the heavy end. The whole peal occupied in execution 3 hrs. 1 min., and was characterised by very fine and regular striking from first to last.

F. E. D.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, December 24th, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. F. L. Davies, 1; C. Chaplin, 2; S. G. Davies, 3; J. H. Cassidy, 4; W. Partington (conductor), 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; H. L. Partington, 7; J. Pater, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. And on Tuesday, December 9th, at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, the usual whole pull and stand with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the mother of the vicar of St. Stephen's, who died on Friday, December 5th, at the advanced age of seventy-four. J. Reed, 1; J. Willshire, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; T. R. Bell, 4; W. Carter, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; H. R. Newton, 7; W. Cropley, 8.



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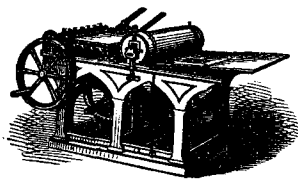
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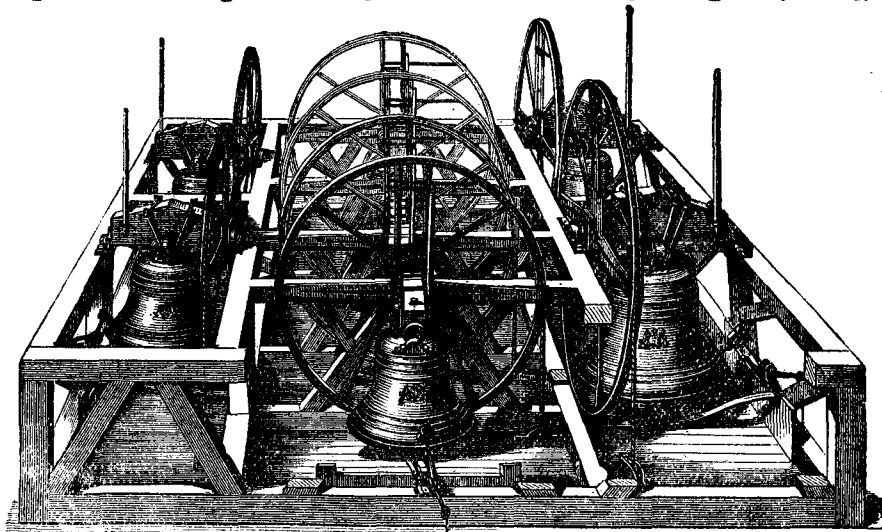
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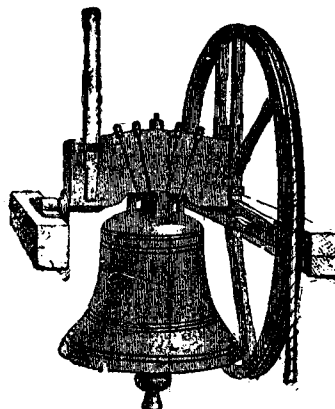
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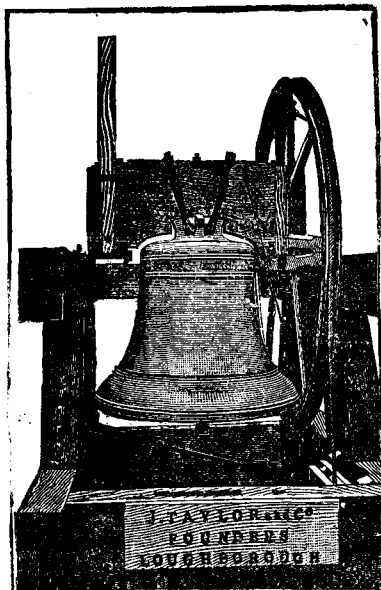
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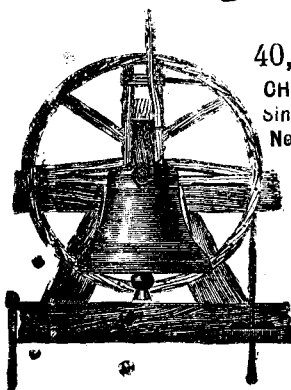
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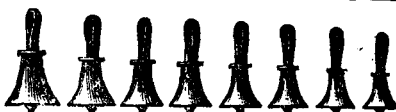
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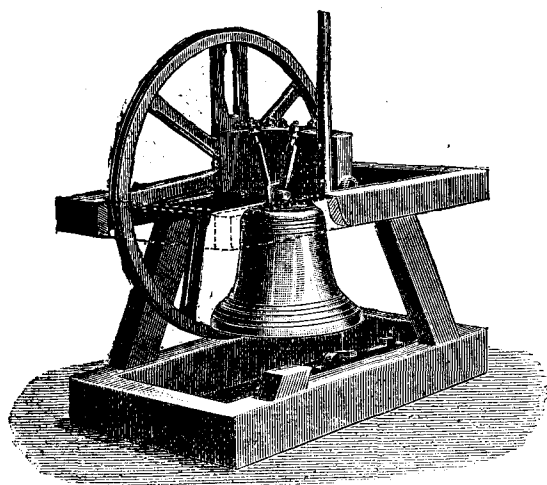
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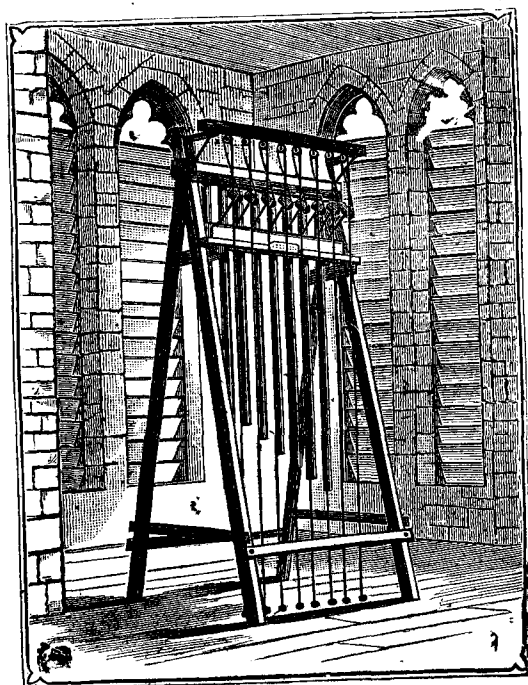
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CHRISTMAS WITH THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

This Society determined to do three days' ringing at the end of Christmas week, 1890. The programme included two peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, one of Treble Ten, one of Stedman Caters, and one of Stedman Triples, and the following account will probably be interesting. The first attempt was Double Norwich at St. Michael's, Gloucester, on Christmas morning. The bells struck off into changes a few minutes before 7 a.m., and the peal was successfully concluded about 10.30, in three hours and thirty-two minutes, and which has already been reported in this paper, only one of the band having previously rung more than 560 in the method. The following day arrangements had been made to meet at the station at a quarter to eight, for Stroud. Only three members appeared, the rest having probably overslept themselves dreaming in satisfaction of the previous day's success. Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon, met us at Stroud, and by 10 o'clock nine members had appeared. Being thus one short, the Royal and Caters had to be abandoned, and soon after 10 an attempt was made for Double Norwich; unfortunately a change-course occurred which resulted in "stand" being called after little more than an hour's ringing, at the first part-end. After lunch a second attempt proved successful, and the second peal of Double Norwich ever rung in Gloucestershire was an accomplished fact; great credit being due to Mr. Brunson, who is under ten stone weight, for the way in which he rang the tenor. Parting with Mr. Bishop at the station we arrived safely home, and arranged to start for Newnham-on-Severn the following day at 11. Having arrived there, we found a mistake had been made as to the date, and five ropes had to be spliced before starting, wasting a good hour; however, soon after 1, the bells were swinging to the tune of Stedman Triples, but the peal unfortunately came to grief in the thirteenth part of Brook's Variation, after an hour and forty-five minutes' ringing. A service at 5 and a lack of trains prevented a second attempt, and we despaired of a peal, when someone proposed five methods at Westbury, and six members walked there, a distance of two miles, and succeeded in ringing the first 5040 of Minor on this grand ring of six. Having thus rung a peal each day, and being elated with success, arrangements were at once made to attempt seven methods at Hempsted the following Monday, which was successfully rung, the Society thus scoring four peals in as many days, every one of which was the first of its sort on the bells.

The annual supper was held in St. Aldate's School on Tuesday, January 6th, when thirteen members sat down. The Rector (Rev. G. James) came in after supper, and the usual toasts proposed. Mr. F. E. Hart, the Master, proposed "Church and Queen," coupled with the name of the Rector, who replied at some length, complimenting the Society on its progress, and wishing it further success.

Mr. H. L. James proposed "the Health of the St. Michael's Juniors," coupled with the name of the Master, and referring to the past year, stated that the Society had rung thirteen peals in six different methods on eight bells, and seven methods on six bells. Songs and courses of Grandsire Cinques and Caters, and Stedman Triples, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

H. L. J.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—RINGERS' TEA.

Friday, January 9th, was the day fixed upon by the members of the St. Margaret's Society for the holding of their annual tea, when all the members assembled at the "Black Horse" hotel, where an excellent spread was placed before them by Host Robert Maystone. Ample justice having been done thereto, the cloth was removed, and Mr. F. Cooper was unanimously voted to the chair, who gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts in due form, that of "the Army, Navy, and Volunteers" being responded to by Mr. Chas. Lincoln.

In giving the toast of "the Norwich Diocesan Association of Change Ringers," the Chairman referred to the extraordinary progress made during the past year, and the advantages of membership: not only has the number of peals rung increased, but the quality of some of the performances have been very superior. "The Health of the district Secretary to the Association," Mr. W. Taylor, was coupled with this toast, and drank

with musical honours, and who, in responding, announced that the Hon. Lionel Holland had now joined the Association.

Then followed the toast of the evening—"Success to the St. Margaret's company of Change Ringers," coupled with "The Health of the Master," Mr. John Button, which was also drank with musical honours. In responding, Mr. Button referred to the loss that all bands sustained by old and valued members dropping out, and urged the importance of keeping young hands in training, to fill up gaps as they occur.

"The Health of the Rector, the Rev. B. W. Raven," was next given, with warmest thanks for his kindness in granting the use of the bells whenever applied for.

"The Health of the Chairman" was next proposed by Mr. T. Staulkey, and responded to in such a truly characteristic speech as those only can who are equally ardent lovers of the science, as is Mr. Cooper.

Other complimentary toasts followed, and were suitably responded to, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing by Messrs. T. Staulkey, E. Cooper, and others, while the handbells were going at intervals in the Plain and Treble Bob methods. The singing of the National Anthem at 11 o'clock brought to a close the proceedings of a very enjoyable evening, marked throughout with the utmost harmony and goodwill.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—ANNUAL SUPPER.

The fourth annual supper given by the Vicar, the Rev. K. F. Gibbs, took place on New Year's Eve. The members, together with J. and C. Childs, began to arrive at 8 o'clock, and the bells being raised, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, conducted by H. Wright. At 9.30 the members adjourned to the Vicarage, where an excellent supper was awaiting them, and after some good courses with knives and forks "stand" was called. After the cloth had been removed Mr. H. G. Rowe (Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness, and to those who assisted in waiting on them. The rest of the evening was enlivened by a few songs from Messrs. Wright, Williams, and W. Bennett. At 11.30 a move was made to the tower, and the bells rung half-muffled till 11.50, when the tenor tolled the knell of the parting year. The Vicar then entered the belfry and read prayers, and after wishing them all a Happy New Year, "go" was called, and 1260 changes of Grandsire Doubles (being ten 120s, each called differently, and sixty changes) was rung, conducted by H. G. Rowe. Also two more 120's, conducted by W. Hewitt. Owing to the regular attendance of the members on practice nights and all other occasions, and to the attention they have paid to their conductor during the six months he has been with them, they have been able to ring the above, and hope before long to get a peal under his guidance. The following ringers were present: H. G. Rowe (Master), H. Wright, F. Wright, W. Hewitt, A. Childs, C. Williams, G. Lazzell, W. Bennett, H. Jones, J. Hart, H. Hart, J. Childs, and C. Childs. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for his kindness towards them.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26th, the members of the Lancaster parish church society had their annual outing to Penrith in Cumberland. St. Andrew's church was visited, and an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal. At 9.10 the half-way single came up, and at 10.40 the bells were brought round, there being service at twelve o'clock. After dinner another start was made which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins. through a rope coming loose. The rest of the day was spent with the local ringers, which brought a very pleasant day to a close.

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A large turret clock has just been erected at this place, the Hampshire seat of Sir John Thursby, Bart. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and will be of great use to the mansion and the vicinity. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work. The same firm are also making clocks for Kendal parish church, Church Stretton church, and others.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, January 3rd, and was well attended by members from Bedford, Biddenham, and Sharnbrook, and also by members and friends from Wymington and Higham Ferrers. A tea was provided at Mr. Richardson's house, to which twenty sat down, the vicar of Sharnbrook, the Rev. H. B. Wilkinson, in the chair.

Immediately after tea, business was proceeded with, when the Vicar said how very glad he was to have the opportunity of giving the Association a hearty welcome. The fact of their meeting in such numbers in such inclement weather shewed that change-ringers had a great love for their work. He would be pleased to welcome the Association at any time. He regretted very much the absence of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Hon. Sec. of the Association, and more so to learn that illness was the cause.

Four new members from Wymington were proposed by Mr. H. King, and seconded by Mr. I. Hills, and elected. These members have been instructed by Mr. Wilson, late of Birmingham, who has taken up his residence in Wymington for his health. It may not perhaps be out of place to mention that Mr. Wilson has also instructed eight of the Wellingborough company sufficiently to enable them to join the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. I. Hills proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Wilkinson for so ably presiding over the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. H. King and carried unanimously. It is very gratifying to the Association to open a new centre at Wymington.

The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. John Dickens, tower-keeper, and Hon. Sec. for the Sharnbrook district, for having everything so well arranged for the meeting.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The Quarterly Meeting in connection with the above society was held on Saturday, January 10th, at Darlaston, when there was a gathering of members from the following steeples in the Archdeaconry: All Saints and Christ Church, West Bromwich, Perry Barr, Tipton, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Burton-on-Trent, Tamworth, Stafford, Handsworth, and Darlaston; Mr. George, of Rugby, was also present. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon with Grandsire and Stedman Triples. A short service was held in the church at 5 p.m., and an excellent address delivered by the vicar of Darlaston; after which a committee meeting was held in the vestry. The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, one honorary member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Harborne on April 11th, and also a ringing meeting at Wood Green, Wednesbury, on Saturday, February 7th. Tea was served at the Coffee House, which all present thoroughly enjoyed. The Rev. J. R. Keble in a few well-chosen remarks, hoped that the meeting would act as a stimulus to the Darlaston band, and cause them to press forward in the art, and in conclusion proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar of Darlaston for his kindly welcome, which was carried unanimously; after which an adjournment was made to the steeple, and some more ringing brought the proceedings to a close.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

On Saturday evening, January 3rd, the members of this branch of the Sussex County Association rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, also a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. The ringers on leaving the belfry adjourned to the "Red Lion" inn for a well prepared supper, which was served up in a first-rate style by host Cheeseman, and which was given to the Angmering branch by Mr. J. N. Tompkins, for winning the challenge bell of the Sussex County Association. They were accompanied by members of the Arundel and Goring branches, about twenty sitting down. After supper was over, the loyal toasts were proposed and drank. The healths of Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins and Mr. and Mrs. Cheeseman followed. Some tunes were rung on the handbells. The ringers were sorry that the clergy could not attend, but hoped that the members of the above-named branches may ring many more peals together. At ten o'clock a most pleasant gathering was brought to a close.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10th, the picturesque village of Prestbury was enlivened by the tenth quarterly meeting of the Macclesfield branch of the above Guild being held therein. About four o'clock ringers began to assemble, and some Grandsire Triples were rung on the beautiful bells in the tower of the old church, tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ in F. At 5 o'clock everyone adjourned to the Vicarage to partake of an excellent tea, which was presided over by the Vicar, Rev. R. E. Broughton, who was supported by the Rev. H. A. Portbury and Rev. —. Roxburgh, curates of Bollington and Prestbury respectively, and 25 ordinary members from Macclesfield, Poynton, Presbury, and Bollington. Tea over, the usual business meeting was held, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and several matters were discussed, Gawsorth being selected as the next place of meeting on the 9th of May next.

Mr. E. Matthews (Macclesfield), in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and room for holding the meeting, and occupying the chair, spoke of ringers as they were, and as they are now, drawing attention to the happy change which had been effected.

The Vicar, in returning thanks, gave all a hearty welcome to the tower at any time, and although he was not a ringer, he said he was very fond of ringing.

After the meeting was over, courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells by the Macclesfield and Prestbury companies, and 360 of Grandsire Minor was also rung. Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were also rung upon the church bells by mixed bands. Our correspondent adds: "It is the rule to have a good tea at 5 o'clock, and the business meeting afterwards, and the average attendance has been about twenty-six out of sixty."

BIRTHDAY GREETING.

On Saturday, January 10th, the Manchester Cathedral ringers with Mr. J. Barratt, of Eccles, visited Bolton, on the invitation of Mr. A. E. Wreaks, to celebrate the anniversary of his thirtieth birthday, and ring a peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells of St. Saviour's church. All arrived at the appointed time with several of the local company. The bells were raised, and a start for the peal was made, but unfortunately it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 8 mins., through the breaking of the treble rope. The following started for the peal: J. Gratrix, 1; J. Turner, 2; T. E. Downes, 3; T. Thorpe, 4; G. E. Turner, 5; H. Chapman, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; J. Eachus, 8. Another rope was adjusted, but too late for a second attempt. Touches of Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and Grandsire Triples were rung, the other members who were not included in the peal taking part; the local ringers trying their hand in Grandsire.

Ring over, the invited guests proceeded to the house of Mr. Wreaks, where all were welcomed by Mrs. Wreaks, who had provided a very substantial meat tea, to which ample justice was done. After tea a very sociable hour was spent in conversation and with the handbells, all present wishing Mr. Wreaks many happy returns, also thanking Mrs. Wreaks for her kindly welcome. They also wish to thank through "THE BELL NEWS," the clergy, wardens, and ringers of the above church for the use of the bells, and for having everything in readiness. All arrived safe in Manchester at 11.10, after spending a very enjoyable afternoon with their old brother-string. J. E.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

A Bazaar was held in the Fairland Hall on Wednesday, January 7th, towards a fund for rehanging the noble peal of eight of bells in the tower of St. Andrew's church. The sum realized was £36 3s. od.; the estimate of the bell-hangers being £88. There still remains £51 17s. od. to be raised.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.

Next week will be issued, a portrait, with memoir, of Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich. Our portraits are becoming very popular indeed, several being now out of print. To secure them orders should be given one month in advance.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

ON New Year's Eve the local company were kindly entertained by Miss Kershaw at the "Archer" hotel to a first-class spread, well-served up by host Nicholls. The chair was occupied by Mr. Churchwarden Constable, in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor, G. H. Grimwood, Esq., the senior warden of St. Gregory's. After disposing of some of the good things provided, the cloth was removed, and grog and cigars were brought in. The handbells were then brought into action, and touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Caters. and Bob Major were rung, and a pianoforte solo by Mr. C. Sillitoe, helped to pass away a very pleasant evening. During the evening the company was augmented by the Mayor (who apologised for being absent from the supper), Dr. W. J. Mason, and W. B. Ransom, Esq., the latter gentleman taking part in some Stedman Triples and Caters. The company broke up at 11.30 and adjourned to St. Peter's church and ushered in the new year with a touch of 504 Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; M. Silvester, 2; G. Brown, 3; J. Campin, 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. After wishing each other "A Happy New Year," the company adjourned homewards, having spent a very comfortable evening.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ON Thursday, January 1st, the members of the above branch were entertained at supper by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett at their residence. In addition to the ringers a few friends were present. After an excellent repast the evening was enjoyably spent in harmony—a feature of which was a few touches on the handbells. Songs were sung by Messrs. A. White, H. Garfath, A. Le Clercq, F. Barnett, G. Elliott, and Mrs. Barnett. Recitations were given by Mr. C. Fry.

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."

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—In your issue of the 10th instant, I notice a letter from Mr. J. Fisher, in which he questions how the peal by me can be called "Grandsire." I should like to call his attention to the following fact: that I have not made up any call to suit my fancy, as Holt's single, which I have used, has been associated with Grandsire for 100 years, and as Holt and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies call their peals (with two of these singles) "Grandsire," I fail to see why my peals should not be so called.

F. HORGWOOD.

[It is unnecessary to continue this discussion: Holt's single is perfect and legitimate.—ED.]

"SEVEN-BELL PEALS."

SIR,—Mr. Woodley's letter in your issue of the 10th instant condemns the above as worthless performances. I read your paper with great interest, from "BELL NEWS" front to the "Ave Maria Lane, London" finish, but I do not remember seeing any better argument than the proverbial woman's "because it isn't" against the above. Our esteemed Coll. would do great things, no doubt, if he could only say "and it should be done," but the most promising attempts for a peal fail very often (then they go home—I think not—Charles Dickens says they didn't). It is very annoying, but you see they will do it—break down, and meet one short. What, ye Kentish tenor-men, would ye have said at hearing St. Paul's with the 10th left out, and also the eleven rang. I don't know the method, but I think it was Sir Somebody Musician's Surprise, for he let them understand that the thrilling operation was not to be repeated. 'Tis peculiar how unmusical properties are discovered; but what has nine and eleven to do with seven? Nothing. I want to learn why seven-bell ringing is to be condemned. I suppose Mr. R. T. W. would thunder—"Go and hear it, fool." I'm not frightened, oh no. Is it because the 2nd and 8th happen to dodge together, with 2nd right, or is it that it prevents some dunce (a friend of mine) tumbling the tenor behind to show up the superb music that is being manipulated at the front, and also to prevent the other seven from making bad leads, and possibly getting mixed? Now Messrs. Lindoff-Barnett, why waste ye three-cornered music on the desert air? Kindly give an account of yourselves for bringing down the wrath of a great judge, by leaving out a useless bell. Defend yourselves, or you

stand convicted. If you want a counsellor, engage friend Joshua; he will bring you out safely. Explain? why he will be able to explain it away, and the whole of the great metropolitan stringers too.

PULLY HAULIE.

SIR,—In your last issue Mr. Woodley seems terribly upset because two more seven-bell peals have been rung. I know nothing about the Gillingham peal beyond seeing it recorded in "THE BELL NEWS," but my suggestion that we should start for a seven-bell peal when we had met one short at Erith was immediately agreed to by all the band, and that the consequence was we rung a well-struck peal, and upon any future occasion should we happen to meet under the same circumstances we intend going for another in spite of what Mr. Woodley or any other critic may say, and not troubling whether the peal is booked or not. The men who rang the treble and 2nd had walked nine miles to be in the peal, and also in a previous attempt the week before, so we did not intend them to go away without at least an attempt for a peal when we were only a tenor-man short. He also mentions the central committee meeting of the Kent County Association. I have no doubt that the gentlemen of that committee are quite capable of carrying on the business of the Association without his interference, and I would ask him to mind his own business, and not try to discourage persevering bands of ringers as he has tried to do upon other occasions as well as this.

ONE OF THE BAND.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Woodley's letter in your last issue I must say that it seems absurd for him to set himself up as one in authority on the subject, when I am quite sure he is not even aware whether these two "worthless performances," as he calls them, have been sent for booking or not. At the meeting he mentions the question was left for the C.C. to decide, without opinions on the subject being asked for. But as he has given us his opinion voluntarily I should like to make a few remarks upon it. In his letter he has not given one single reason to back his opinion, which I am sure is an error on his part, and will soon be placed before us. At the same time I should be pleased to have his definition of a peal. We all know that Triples is but seven-bell work, after all said and done, and that the cover is used only from a musical point of view, which we should not have left out could we have had a man for the job. As regards the Gillingham peal I can assure Mr. W. that it was well struck, true and complete, without the repetition of a single change. And not such horrible music after all, as you don't get a 7-6 in the peal. I would like to suggest to him that before trying to kick these peals out it would have been better if he had begun his operations lower down, viz., at peals on five and six bells, where there is great need for reformation. For when we get peals of Grandsire Doubles I don't see how anything can fairly be said about Triples. One peal I would call particular attention to is a peal lately rung at Aldeburgh-on-sea, Suffolk. It has just been brought to my notice that in the first place they only rang Doubles, with the tenor covering; and secondly, they rang it in four pieces, setting their bells after a good length had been rung. Such a thing as this appears before us as a "peal in four methods on six bells." Now I think some definite rules ought to be made, and that it is worth troubling the C.C. with. And when these rules are made no peal ought to be accepted for publication unless rung in conformity with them. But as we all know, it is a thing which will take a great deal of time, but the sooner it is taken in hand by some able person, the better it will be for the quality of peals. I have not the slightest doubt that anyone taking this in hand would find many a willing helpmate.

G. LINDOFF.

CATHEDRAL BELLS, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DEAR SIR,—As Mr. Jerram, and I am sure many ringers, especially in the North, will be anxious for a reply to his enquiries, I have to state that as unfortunately none of the ringers of the neighbourhood are in the confidence of the authorities, we are all quite ignorant as to what is going to happen. Mr. Jerram is evidently unaware that the tenor has a large piece broken off the lip. The "Major," which weighs I think nearer four tons than three, was cast at Gateshead, at Messrs. Hawks Crawshaw's Iron Works, under the superintendence of the Barton-on-Humber firm.

R. S. STORY, President.

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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NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Sow seeds by the way."

The report of an outing on Boxing day by a scratch band consisting mostly of members of the Devonshire Guild now practising at Stoke Plymouth, was very interesting, to say the least of it. There brother-strings acted in a most commendable manner by thus, while setting off to enjoy themselves for a brief space, having "an eye to business" in the way of introducing change-ringing to a place where it was previously unknown. They, in consequence had a double pleasure in their outing. Should their visit to St. Germans result in the permanent introduction of scientific change-ringing at that ancient town, as from the report given seems likely to be the case, Boxing Day, 1890, will ultimately become a veritable red-letter day in the annals both of St. Germans and the Devonshire Guild. I shall be glad to hear more about our friends at St. German's, and also that they read our weekly paper.

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I have referred beforetime to this very desirable and beneficial mode of spending our holidays. If the plan were more generally in vogue amongst us, that good results would follow is in most cases a certainty; and seldom, I believe, would the overtures by visiting brethren to such places as the one in question be regarded otherwise than welcome, or their efforts for good be unappreciated. I hope to see the example set by this "scratch band" of Stoke Plymouth extensively followed during the year that is before us.

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Our volatile friend, the secretary of the College Youths, has been unburdening his mind on the subject of seven-bell peal ringing, so now we are in a position to know what he thinks of such "worthless performances." This is a question on which something can be said on both sides, and thus I in my own humble way considered it a fit subject for the Central Council to settle. But after this decisive expression of opinion on the part of the secretary of this great society, which has its headquarters in the almost still greater Metropolis, I rather agree with him that it "seems somewhat ludicrous, and not worth troubling the Central Council about." In the sublime words of Shakespeare (or some other poet) "Sir Oracle hath spoken; let no dog bark."

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The question advanced as to "what would be thought of a band of ringers in our great metropolis" committing the heinous crime of ringing a peal of Caters or Cinques without the covering tenor, will, I fear, be taken by some as a bit of bumptiousness, and a return question be asked—"Why ringers of the great metropolis more than any other?" For there are individuals who contend—most erroneously, of course—that the "ringers of the great metropolis" are actually behind their provincial brethren in many respects—that they live too much on their antiquity, and in the "glories of the past," instead of moving with the times—and that they, moreover have much to learn, both from a theoretical and a practical point of view, particularly in the way of good striking. But then, you know, persons in high positions, in whatever circle they move, are apt to become the objects of criticism, and even jealousy, this is only natural. So we will put down these quibblers who find fault with the "ringers of the great metropolis" as persons of no account. Suffice it! Seven-bell peal-ringing has received its death-warrant, and so this vexed question has got settled for good.

Mr. Jerram pleads very warmly for the retention of the old ring in St. Nicholas' tower, Newcastle. But it is almost a moot point as to which is his strongest plea—the superiority of the present ring at St. Nicholas' over the "modern thick bell," or his condemnation of the latter. Unfortunately, I have not as yet had the pleasure of hearing the bells of St. Nicholas, so therefore can express no opinion as to Mr. Jerram's appeal for their retention. But on the question of "modern thick bells" which are "cast on scientific principles," "which are often made much too thick and heavy for the note intended to be produced" etc., I am inclined to think that very many will be of the same way of thinking as Mr. Jerram. In the early days of our ringing we were in the habit of associating a tenor of 15 or 16 cwt. with the key of F. A ring with a tenor of that sort we thought a handy one; just the sort of ring to pull off long musical lengths of Major methods. Since then, certain "authorities" (Lord Grimthorpe, to wit) have pooh-poohed this notion of light and handy rings, and piled on 50 or 60 per cent. more metal for the same note. Thus we find in place of the sweet-toned 16 cwt. F tenor, a bell of about 25 cwt. is required for the same note. And what is the result of this fad of increasing the weight? Had Lord Grimthorpe been himself a practical change-ringer, in all probability his opinions on many matters (heavy bells amongst them) might have been considerably different. Leaving that out of the reckoning, we take a ring of eight under the "new system," with a 25 cwt. tenor in the key of F natural. The tone of the ring may be sombre, noble, or whatever you may like to call it. But what is the practical result from a purely ringers' point of view? Even supposing the bells to go well, a peal of Major becomes, so far as the "heavy-end" men are concerned, more a feat of endurance than actual skill and proficiency in the art. Then again, should some generous-minded churchman feel disposed to add a couple of trebles, in order to make them into a ring of ten, what is the result? Why, as every ringer knows, it would be impracticable—if not actually impossible—to get a *good* ring of ten bells, with a treble sounding A natural.

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All this goes to shew how absurd it is for a man to set himself up as an authority upon a subject of which he has but little *practical* acquaintance. It is all very well to adopt a principle in the abstract, without taking into consideration how it will work from a *practical* point of view. Thus there can be no wonder that eminent brethren amongst us are, like Mr. Jerram, much opposed to this "new-fangled" notion of increasing the weight of our bells, without an equivalent deepening of note. For myself, I look upon it simply from the standpoint of a ringer. We do not regard our peal-ringing as mere feats of strength, but an exhibition of skill and proficiency in the art; therefore with all due respect to the genius of such a man of universal talent as Lord Grimthorpe, I feel very much inclined to Mr. Jerram's evident opinion that our ancestors knew not only how to cast a good musical bell, but also to put into it just what was needed to make it a *good* one, and one which should be *ringable*. More I could and would say, but time and space prevents; so there for the present I will leave it.

FREE LANCE.

THE PEAL AT PERSHORE ABBEY.—Mr. F. E. Dawe writes to say that in our issue of the 10th instant the date of *The Builder* with drawings of the Abbey tower should read "19th February, 1887," not "1877;" also that the ringer of the 3rd bell was "Henry G. Fruin," not "Druin," as reported. The date of *The Builder*, adds Mr. Dawe, is rather important, as many may wish to procure it.

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Review.

By "SCRUTATOR."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT.—"The past year," say the Committee, "has been on the whole one of marked advance in the history of the Association. Our numbers again show a considerable increase; in fact, for the last two years the Association has been growing at a rate which cannot be expected to be always maintained. We have now 46 life members, 25 honorary, and 18 non-resident, making a total of 577 members in all. A comparison of these numbers with those given in last year's report will show that there has been an advance in every class, but chiefly in that most important one of the performing members. Forty members have been struck off owing to non-payment of subscriptions, and the large number of 44 are still in arrear with their subscriptions for the past year. This state of things is not creditable to the Association, and we hope that it will be remedied promptly on being brought before the notice of defaulting members. Thirty-one peals of 5000 changes and upwards have been rung in the following methods: 19 Grandsire Triples, 2 Stedman Triples, 3 Bob Major, 3 Kent Treble Bob Major, 2 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and 2 Grandsire Caters. Also 126 peals of 720 have been rung. Our finances continue to increase; we have in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of £48 10s. 6½d., as compared with £35 13s. 2½d. a year ago, out of which amount we have decided to invest the sum of £40." This statement will be sufficient to show the highly satisfactory position in which this Association finds itself at the commencement of its current year, and if further proof were needed of its steady growth during past years, such is furnished by the list on page 53, from which we gather that on the 28th of February, 1880, it comprised 11 honorary and 90 performing members. Every subsequent year shews an increase in both classes, till at the end of August last they have mounted to 71 and 488 respectively, not including the 18 non-resident members. The income for the past year is £40 7s. 5d., and the total expenditure for the same period (none of which, I am pleased to notice, has been frittered away in subsidising members by way of free teas, railway fares, etc.) amounts to £27 10s. 1d., this showing a saving on the year's work of £12 17s. 6d. Leaving these statistical matters, I come to other interesting features of this report. Passing by its list of officers, I come to a lengthy statement of the objects for the promotion of which this Association exists. These are seven in number, and although they are in effect the same as those of other Associations, yet the mode of stating them, as adopted by the Lancashire Association, cannot fail to be productive of support from the clergy and influential laity who have the opportunity of reading them. Space will not permit me to quote this highly commendable page in extenso, but I cannot resist giving a brief summary of its contents. The first object is "the furtherance of good and peaceable behaviour in the belfries of our churches;" 2nd, "the due observance in the belfry of the Lord's day, by refraining from using it as a time for common practice, by devoting the bells on that day as far as possible to the service of the Church only, and by ringing on the Lord's day as a special religious act, to be commenced with prayer and conducted with reverence;" 3rd, "the encouragement of care and attention to the cleanliness and comfort of the belfry and the proper condition of the bells;" 4th, "the obtaining full recognition of the ringers' office as essentially a branch of the Church's work;" 5th, the elevating the moral and religious tone and status of the ringers;" 6th, "the cultivation of the science of change-ringing in this county, by doing away with the obnoxious practice of prize-ringing, by arranging for frequent meetings at different places for friendly peal-ringing, etc., and by providing, as far as possible, teachers for those who desire them;" and 7th, "the supplying reliable information of a practical character to all who may require it concerning bells and belfry fittings." Another page is devoted to belfry prayers, suggested for use in whole or in part before commencing to ring for Divine Service. Turning overleaf, we come to an excellent arrangement called a ringing calendar. This tabulated form occupies four pages, giving a list of each town and church, name and address of chief ringer, number of bells and weight of tenor, practice-nights, and methods rung, forming altogether a valu-

able directory, which cannot fail to be useful to members. Another feature, one which I do not remember having seen in any other report, is an analytical list of Minor peals rung during the past year, in which is given opposite the name of each member his total number of 720s in each method rung. From this it appears that ten Minor methods have been practised, and that the Bacup men stand considerably highest on the list both in number of 720s and methods rung, Mr. A. White leading with a total of 58, Messrs. Z. Lord, A. A. Downing, J. Hardman and W. Ormerod following closely, their respective totals being over 50. The highest score of peals is also a Bacup member, Mr. J. Shepherd, with 15 to his credit, Messrs. T. Bradley and J. T. Standing, both new members of the same town, coming up with 11 each. This Bacup section of the Rossendale branch appears to have increased considerably during the past two years, and if their peal-ringing record be anything to go by, the Lancashire Association has certainly acquired a great accession of strength in this quarter. Date touches, I might also remark, are not forgotten in the compilation of this report, twelve such being recorded, Bacup again heading the list. The foregoing will give a fair idea of the contents of this interesting report, which comprises 56 pages of large octavo, and of which also the members of the flourishing Lancashire Association have reason to be highly satisfied. In the style of printing there is room for improvement, but that is a small item compared with the satisfactory nature of the matter printed, and any defects in this direction will doubtless, with the larger experience gained by increasing years, be rectified in time.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By E. B. JAMES, Gloucester.

5040.

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Repeat I. four times: call a single. Call II. and repeat it four times with a single. Single replaces last bob in the part.

In presenting this peal of Grandsire Triples to the Exercise, I should like to point out how peals on this plan are obtainable. The peal is in ten parts, five long and five short, having an ordinary Grandsire single at the end of the fifth and tenth parts. I may add that it is the first peal in parts with two such singles only; and this is the first time that a "round block," other than a B block, has been introduced into a peal between two of these singles, except in bob-and-single compositions.

To obtain peals on this plan, take any plain course, e.g. that of which 2 3 5 4 7 6 is a member, and arrange it so that each lead of this course shall be one lead of a B block. Thus:—

235476	243657	264735	276543	257364
642735	762543	572364	352476	432657
576342	357462	435672	643752	764532
235476	243657	264735	276543	257364

This is obtained by bobbing the ten "Q sets," of which the following are members:—

235476	243657	264735	276543	257364
352476	432657	642735	762543	572364

This gives us five B blocks as above, a long five-part round block, and the remainder of the peal in plain courses. Those courses must be worked into the five-part block by bobbing certain Q sets. The B blocks must be turned out of course when they all run together by omitting to call 2 before.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Hon. Secretary of the Kent County Association, writes: "Will you allow me to inform the members of the Kent County Association that my address in future will be '6, Churchfields, Margate,' where all communications for me should be addressed."

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WE appear to be threatened with another lengthy discussion on what are known as "seven-bell peals." Reports of one or two of these performances have been seen of late, and they have attracted the attention of a correspondent in the person of the Secretary of the College Youths, whom our valued contributor, "Free Lance," this week playfully designates as his volatile friend. We fail to see how objection can be taken to Mr. WOODLEY expressing himself upon such a subject. He is a ringer of no mean order; and the official position of Secretary to either of the great London Societies is enough to warrant any one ventilating his opinions, provided they are so done in a temperate manner.

Those who take part in these seven-bell performances are very apt to resent, in somewhat forcible language, the slightest criticism upon them, and one is sometimes led to almost imagine that to use eight bells when ringing Triples is decidedly wrong. That such a performance as a peal of Triples on seven bells is worthy of great credit, as a performance, we suppose will not be denied, but for all that we think the recognition of seven-bell peals will never take place. The custom of a covering-bell to odd ringing methods is too deeply established for the novelty of dispensing with it, and whenever this latter is done it will be looked upon as a great innovation, the frequent continuation of which will be likely to mark those adhering to the practice as very obstinate people, to say the least.

The first instance of a seven-bell peal within our recollection was we believe, rang at Tottenham. At that time it seemed hard that the members of an enterprising young company should lose the effect of their labours because they were disappointed in one of their party not arriving. And we counselled, but in vain, that their wishes in this instance should be regarded, relative to recording the performance in the peal-book. Anticipations of a repetition of such a performance we never experienced for a moment. But if a caution had then been administered, by the Society concerned, that such feats would not be recognised in future, their present notoriety would not have obtained.

The Metropolis.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, January 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE ILLESLEY Treble.	GEORGE TRINDER 5.
ALFRED FUSSELL 2.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY.. 6.
WILLIAM WILDER 3.	GEORGE NEWSON 7.
A. FENWICK 4.	EDWARD GOULD Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for his hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

The Provinces.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. REEVE* .. Treble.	*HENRY GIBBS 5.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	JOHN GARRARD Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first by the Society of Trinity Youths. *First peal of Stedman.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1891, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FRANK SMITH* Treble.	ISAAC HILLS 5.
FREDERICK SHARP* 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 6.
SAMUEL CONSTANT* 3.	WILLIAM BALDWIN 7.
FREDERICK KEECH 4.	†JAMES N. FROSSELL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th fifteen times in 6th's place, the 2nd and 3rd never there. *First peal on eight bells. †First in the method with a bob bell.

GRUNDISBURGH.—NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES OF TREBLE BOB MINOR ;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

H. GROOM Treble.	F. CLARKE 4.
W. LAST 2.	G. MILES 5.
C. W. PARKER 3.	J. LAST Tenor.

Conducted by J. LAST.

This is the first 5040 by all of the above.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

WILLIAM C. DAWE .. Treble.	WALTER S. WISE 5.
SIDNEY MACEY 2.	HENRY D. ADAMS 6.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	GEORGE F. DOEL Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, of London, was to have called W. C. Dawe's first peal, but as he was engaged in a Bachelors' peal in London on the same day, he was unable to do so.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G#.

JOHN JAY, SEN. .. Treble.	*THOMAS LIDFIELD 5.
ARTHUR A. FULLER† .. 2.	*CHARLES HILLS 6.
GEORGE A. KING 3.	HARRY WESTON 7.
EDWARD C. MERRETT* .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First in the method with a bob bell. This is a one-part peal, and contains the whole of the 8-6's, 8-6-7's and 6-7-8's without the 2nd in 6th's place at a course-end. Messrs. Linfield and Hills hail from Angmering; the rest from St. Peter's, Brighton.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN J. BRIERLEY .. Treble.	FRED CROSSLAND 5.
JOHN HOLDEN 2.	BENJAMIN SHAW 6.
JOSEPH WOOD 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN 7.
JOHN ALLEN 4.	THOMAS B. DICKEN Tenor.

Composed by B. SHAW and Conducted by THOS. B. DICKEN.

Messrs. Allen, Crossland, and Shaw hail from Lindley; Brierley and Wood from Saddleworth; J. T. Dicken from Friezeland; and Holden and T. B. Dicken of the local company.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, January 10, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVERSED).

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F#.

GEORGE WILLIAMS* .. Treble.	ALFRED ANDREWS 5.
GEORGE STANBROOK .. 2.	W. H. FUSSELL 6.
REUBEN FLAXMAN 3.	SAMUEL QUINTON 7.
J. W. WILKINS 4.	*JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Permission was kindly given by the Vicar. The Rev. T. E. Harwood and his son sat in the belfry during the performance. *First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. NICHOLAS' BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

W. H. ABBOTT, ESQ.* .. Treble.	E. HEATHORN 5.
M. BROWN 2.	C. W. MILLER 6.
J. HEATHORN 3.	F. BENNETT 7.
T. H. COLBURN 4.	W. GROVE Tenor.

Conducted by E. FRANCIS, of Norwich, and Conducted by W. GROVE.

*First peal. This peal was rang as a birthday peal for J. Heathorn, who attained his 66th year the day previous, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It is also the longest peal of Major by the Guild, also by all the band.

CRAWLEY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 12, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE PACE* .. Treble.	JOHN TAYLOR 5.
ROBERT JORDAN 2.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 6.
FREDERICK RICE 3.	THOMAS SPARKS 7.
JAMES PARKER 4.	*EDWARD TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by H. BURSTOW and Conducted by F. WICKENS.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 50th birthday of E. Taylor, the ringers afterwards wishing him many happy returns. *First peal. First peal in the method by all except the 3rd and 6th men. F. Wickens hails from Charlwood; T. Sparks and E. Taylor hail from Horley; the rest are local men.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5139 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

JOHN DAY	Treble.	*WILLIAM MUNDY	7.
JOB JOYNES	2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS	8.
ARTHUR J. JONES	3.	JOHN BUFFERY	9.
HENRY BASTABLE	4.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE	10.
BERNARD WITCHELL	5.	HENRY JOHNSON	11.
WILLIAM R. SMALL	6.	WILLIAM KENT	Tenor.

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

This anniversary peal was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the composer, who died January 7th, 1890. The peal was rung with the bells in the inverted titulum position, and has not been previously performed. *First peal of Cinques.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF W. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 size in A.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP	1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	5-6.
WALTER S. WISE	3-4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF	7-8.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1890, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt. in E♭.

A. E. COLLINS	Treble.	*GEORGE BURT	5.
HENRY BROOKER	2.	WILLIAM STATES	6.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER	3.	*WILLIAM HILL	7.
W. J. CHAMBERS	4.	R. RICHARDS	Tenor.
		A. ARNOLD	

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

*First peal in the method.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.)

On Tuesday, January 13, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in E♭.

ERNEST E. BEWICK	Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN	5.
EDWARD B. JAMES	2.	*GEORGE L. BRUNSDON	6.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON	3.	HENRY L. JAMES	7.
FRANCIS E. HART	4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER	Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by H. L. JAMES.

*First peal in the method. The peal is in six parts, 4, 5, 6 being each sixteen times before the tenor, and 2nd and 3rd never there. Vide "Bell News" of September 10th, 1887.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FEDERICK	Treble.	JAMES EASTON	5.
WILLIAM SANDERS	2.	THOMAS MILES	6.
ALFRED E. BASSETT*	3.	JESSE HAWKINS	7.
HENRY FEDERICK	4.	*THOMAS EVERETT	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

*First peal in the method. †First peal. This is the first peal of Union on the bells. It is a six-part peal and is now rung for the first time. The ringers are members of the parish church band.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, January 13, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 32 cwt.

A. BOWELL*†	Treble.	C. SAUL	7.
E. PEMBERTON	2.	H. BOWELL	8.
W. L. CATCHPOLE	3.	W. MOTTS	9.
R. HAWES	4.	*R. W. STANNARD	10.
E. T. SHEARING*	5.	J. MOTTS	11.
A. E. DURRANT	6.	F. TILLET	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAS. MOTTS.

The above was rung on the sixty-fifth birthday of Mr. Chas. Saul. †First peal on the tower bells. *First peal on twelve bells.

Date Touches.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Christmas Eve, at St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 5 mins., was rung by the local company. H. Spencer, 1; W. Waterman, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; H. Scarlett (conductor), 4; F. A. Nunn, 5; G. Blaber, 6.

THE HERTS. ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS.—On Christmas Eve, at St. Peter's church, eight members of the St. Peter's branch of the above Association rang a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Little, 1; A. Hull, 2; J. W. Brewer, 3; E. Hull, 4; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 5; H. Brewer, 6; T. Waller, 7; D. Gibbons, 8. Composed by J. Aspinwall, of Liverpool. Also at the Cathedral, on New Year's Eve, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled. R. Hammond, 1; R. Weatherley, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3; J. E. Randall, 4; W. H. Buckingham, 5; W. Battle, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Thursday, December 25th, at St. James' church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Doble, 1; J. Burge, 2; J. Summerhayes, 3; T. W. Radford, 4; J. Maddock (conductor), 5; J. Cridland, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 4th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch (1891 changes) in 1 hr. 6½ mins., consisting of 451 Bob Minor, 720 College Single, and 720 Oxford Bob. R. Collins, 1; H. J. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. The above is the longest length on the bells, and the first date touch by a local company.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, December 24th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch (1890 changes) in 1 hr. 7 mins., in seven different methods, viz.: 240 St. Simon's, 240 St. Dunstan's, 240 April Day, 240 Dream, 240 Old Doubles, 240 Plain, and 450 Grandsire. E. Cooper, 1; H. Girling, 2; G. Churchyard, 3; E. Gibson, 4; C. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Lovett, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 20th, at St. Gregory's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. *W. Howell, jun., 1; J. Campin, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; W. Bacon, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Harper, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. Also on Saturday, December 27th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes) in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Howell, jun., 1; A. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; W. Bacon, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. Conducted by C. Sillitoe. A. Howell hails from Hornsey, London, and was formerly a member of this company. *Longest touch in this method.

ABBOTS LEIGH (Bristol).—On Wednesday, December 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1890 changes) in 1 hr. 10 mins. C. Symes, 1; W. Frampton, 2; J. Salvage, 3; F. Hollyman, 4; F. Rowles (conductor), 5; A. Winslow, 6. Tenor 19½ cwt. Longest touch by all. Longest touch on the bells for fifty years. The tenor man has been a ringer at the above church for forty years.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 23rd, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. H. Cornish, 1; F. S. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; J. Emery, 4; G. Durling, 5; H. P. Harman, 6; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Composed by J. W. Washbrook, of Oxford. This was rung on the nineteenth birthday of F. S. Sanders, all his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day. It is also his longest length with a bob bell.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Sunday afternoon, for Divine Service at the parish church of St. Woolos, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1891 changes) in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Butler, 1; H. Rogers, 2; J. N. Wreford, 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. H. Trowbridge (conductor), 5; C. A. Long and T. Palmer, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Friday, December 26th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made to ring seven 720's of Bob Minor, but it came to grief after ringing 2160 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins., at the commencement of the fourth 720. E. Gower, 1; A. Stace, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. J. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. E. Gower hails from Mersham; the rest belong to the local band.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 30th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle (first 720 as conductor), 3; G. Denne, 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. And on Wednesday, December 31st, to ring out the old year, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), with the bells half-muffled, in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. Also to welcome the new year with the bells open, 120 Bob Minor. S. Mockett, 1; G. Denne, 2; H. Denne, 3; W. Ongley, 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, AND THE ALLHALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, December 28th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 45 mins. C. A. Button, 1; J. Puplett, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; J. Waghorn (conductor), 5; G. B. Lucas, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Monday, Dec. 29th, at St. John's church, on the back six, the local company rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 30 mins. J. Rann, 1; F. Freeman, 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; L. G. Carter, 4; W. Clark, 5; W. Lebbon (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by a local band.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, December 21st, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise (nine bobs), 5th the observation. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Christmas morning, December 25th, for Divine Service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, December 28th, for Divine Service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles) in 24 mins. Composed by Mr. H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 20th, 1890. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And to ring the old year out and the new year in, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rang in 24 mins. (nine bobs), 4th the observation. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 120 Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. Tenor 13 cwt. This company's summary for the year 1890 consists of 138 complete 720's, viz., fifteen of Plain Bob Minor; eleven of London Scholars' Pleasure; nine each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; eight each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, and Woodbine Treble Bob; seven of Canterbury Pleasure; six each of Yorkshire Court and Cambridge Surprise; five each of Oxford Bob, Violet, and Bocking Treble Bob; four each of College Single, Court Single, and New London Pleasure; three each of Duke of York and College Exercise; two each of Grandsire Minor, Double Bob, Stanstead Court Bob Doubles, Canterbury Pleasure, Superlative Surprise, and College Pleasure; one each of College Double Bob, Stanstead Double Bob, Stanstead Delight, Burton Pleasure, Stanstead New Bob and Victoria Treble Bob. Of the foregoing seventy were conducted by Isaac Cavill, forty-

five by W. Watts, nineteen by J. Luckey, two by H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, and one each by R. T. Hudson and T. Hudson, sen., of Bishopwearmouth. It will be seen that the above 138 720's have been rung in thirty different methods.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Christmas Day, touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung for the various services at St. Peter's and St. Gregory's churches, by Messrs. C. Sillitoe (conductor), Brown, Harper, Howell, jun., Howell, sen., Campin, Cross, and Brackett. On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service at All Saints' church, a touch of Bob Major, and after service a touch of 1008 Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; J. Campin, 2; G. Brown, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott and W. Bacon, 7; H. Brackett and A. Howell, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. On Saturday, December 27th, the following attempted a 5088 Kent Treble Bob at St. Peter's church, but after ringing 1 hr. the 7th rope missed wheel and brought it to grief. J. Campin (Sudbury), 1; T. King (Lavenham), 2; R. Mingay (Foxearth), 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; F. Wells (Glemsford), 5; J. Lee (Foxearth), 6; G. Maxim (Foxearth), 7; H. Harper (Sudbury), 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary's church, Bow, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins. A. Cutmore, 1; E. Hall, 2; S. Joyce, 3; S. Hayes, 4; H. Springall (conductor), 5; F. Norris, 6; R. Turner, 7; C. Dempsey, 8. Composed by H. Johnson. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, December 7th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise; for evening service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. On Tuesday, December 9th, for practice, 720 Yorkshire Court. On Sunday, December 14th, for morning service, 720 College Exercise. And for evening service 720 College Single. Also on Sunday, December 21st, 720 Violet. Also on Christmas Day at 6 a.m. 720 Plain Bob. And on Sunday evening, December 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. On New Year's eve at 11.30 p.m. with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung. And on New Year's morning with the bells open, 720 Plain Bob. All the touches with the exception of the Plain Bob on New Year's morning were conducted by T. Newman, and the 720 of Bob was conducted by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. The following have taken part in the month's ringing: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, G. Essex, T. Newman, E. W. Menday, A. W. Pike, H. Simmonds, H. Smith, J. Hands, and H. Bridgeman. On Sunday, December 4th, on handbells, 360 Plain Bob. E. W. Menday, 1-2; T. Newman (conductor), 3-4; A. W. Pike, 5-6. First 360 by all.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Tuesday, December 23rd, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 4970 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins., the ringing was stopped, owing to a service being held in the church. W. Smith, 1; W. Whiffin, 2; E. W. Yates, 3; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 4; S. Goodchild, 5; E. W. Thompson, 6; A. W. Tubb, 7; A. Wheeler, and E. Britnell, 8. The above was rung in honour of the return of Lord Carington (late Governor of New South Wales) to Wycombe Abbey. The 6th and 7th bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, the "go" of them being all that can be desired.

OXFORD.—On Christmas morning, December 25th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 23 mins. C. Hester, 1; F. Castle, 2; H. J. Castle (conductor), 3; F. Williamson, 4; W. Jeffrey, 5; J. Howse, 6. And on Sunday, December 28th, at Merton College, 336 Stedman Triples. K. Payne, 1; W. Giffard, 2; H. J. Castle, 3; W. Baston, 4; T. Payne, 5; P. Hine, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; H. Cox, 8. Also at the Cathedral 705 Stedman Caters. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; C. Hounslow, 2; E. Hine, 3; P. Hine, 4; W. Baston, 5; O. Thomas, 6; H. J. Castle, 7; T. Payne, 8; W. Finch, 9; A. Barney, 10. And on handbells, retained in hand, at the residence of Mr. Washbrook, a course of Grandsire Cinques. W. Giffard, 1-2; H. J. Castle, 3-4; J. W. Washbrook, 5-6; C. Hounslow, 7-8; W. Baston, 9-10; T. Payne, 11-12. Also 504 Stedman Triples. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1-2; H. J. Castle, 3-4; W. Baston, 5-6; C. Hounslow, 7-8. This is the first touch by the same company since they rang the peal on March 16th, 1887.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 18th, 720 City Delight. F. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; C. Clear, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. First in the method by all. On Saturday, December 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; J. Hills, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F.

Finch, 1; T. Parsons, 2; T. Linfield, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Clear, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 25th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 29th, 720 Superlative Surprise. F. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; J. Hills, 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, January 4th, at the church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Neves, 1; H. Miles, 2; H. Rann, 3; H. Boniface, 4; F. Morris, 5; J. Fox, 6; *W. Palmer (conductor), 7; H. Cornwall, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD.—On Wednesday, December 24th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. E. Gallimore, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; J. Key, 3; H. Meacham, 4; F. J. Cope (conductor), 5; W. J. Fearneyhough, 6. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 28½ mins. F. Calvert, 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; J. Horrocks, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. Bentley, 6. On Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; G. Lord, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. Bentley, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Christmas Day morning, December 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; O. Coombes, 3; W. E. Ward, 4; W. Jennings, 5; A. R. Ward, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8. Also on Sunday morning, December 28th, the first two parts of Holt's ten-part peal was rung for Divine Service, and in honour of the vicar of Ryde being appointed Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; O. Coombes, 3; G. Derrick, 4; W. E. Ward, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. And on Wednesday, December 31st, for midnight service, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; W. Jennings, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. The last five minutes of the year were marked by the tenor being tolled ninety times, and 336 of Grandsire Triples to ring the New Year in, the band standing as above with the exception of J. G. Norris ringing the fifth instead of S. Cantlow.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Friday, December 26th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but came to grief after ringing 2500 changes in 1 hr. 35 mins. S. Clark, 1; B. Foskett, 2; J. Payne, 3; A. Jacob, 4; H. Tyler, 5; A. Pittam, 6; W. Pryor, 7; N. Alderman, 8; G. Newson (conductor), 9; W. Arscott, 10.

HIGHGATE (Middlesex).—On Monday, December 29th, at St. Anne's church, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but failed after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs. 23 mins. S. Clark, 1; J. Page, 2; A. Pittam, 3; R. Bevan (longest length), 4; G. Newson (conductor), 5; B. Foskett, 6; T. Titchener, 7; W. Arscott, 8.

ALDENHAM (Herts).—On Saturday, December 20th, on handbells retained in hand, six 120's of Grandsire Doubles, each called different. G. Layzell, 1; W. Bennett, 2; H. G. Rowe, 3-4; W. Hewitt (conductor), 5-6. Also on Sunday, December 21st, for evening service, six 120's, each called different with 7, 6, 8 cover. C. Williams, 1; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 2; F. Wright, 3; W. Hewitt, 4; H. Wright, 5; H. Hart, 6; A. Childs, 7; J. Hart, 8. And on Sunday, December 28th, being the anniversary of the opening of the bells of the parish church, six 120's of Grandsire Doubles, each called different, for morning service, with the trebles leading. G. Layzell, 1; W. Bennett, 2; C. Williams, 3; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 4; F. Wright, 5; W. Hewitt, 6; H. Wright, 7; A. Childs, 8. Also six 120's for evening service standing as above.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA.—On Thursday, December 11th, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Ashley, 1; H. Girling, 2; G. Churchyard, 3; E. Gibson, 4; C. Smith, (conductor), 5; E. Cooper, 6. And 240 Bob Doubles. R. Joy, 4; J. Lovett, 6; the rest as before. On Thursday, December 18th, 240 St. Simon's, 240 St. Dunstan's, 360 Dream. E. Cooper, 1; H. Girling, 2; E. Gibson, 3; G. Churchyard, 4; C. Smith, 5; J. Lovett, 6. On Christmas morning, for early service, 1360 changes in four methods, viz.: Grandsire, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles, and April Day. J. Ashley, 1; H. Girling, 2; E. Cooper, 3; E. Gibson, 4; G. Churchyard (conductor), 5; J. Lovett, 6.

ASHCHURCH (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, December 15th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins. *G. Taylor, 1; E. Devereux, 2; *A. Wallace, 3; *W. Perks, 4; *T. Devereux, 5; *E. Wallace (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. *First 720 in the method.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, December 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Cornish, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; E. Dunn, 3; J. Emery, 4; W. Fright, 5; G. Durling, 6; H. G. Fruin, 7; W. James, 8. Composed and conducted by G. Durling, and it is his first quarter-peal as conductor. On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. H. P. Harman, 1; J. M. Cooper, 2; T. Harford, 3; J. Emery (first quarter-peal as conductor), 4; G. Durling, 5; E. Dunn, 6; H. G. Fruin, 7; W. James, 8. Composed by W. J. Smith.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, January 4th, at St. Michael's church, two 720s of Plain Bob Minor were rung before Divine Service, and after service, with the bells deeply-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. E. K. Bennett, D.C.L., Rector of this parish, who died very suddenly on Tuesday, December 23rd, in his 56th year. The funeral took place at Rushford, on Monday, December 29th. He was borne to the grave by six men selected from the ringers and the choir, five of which were ringers. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 4th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. J. Wignell, 1; J. Hartley, 2; E. Walker, 3; F. Holder, 4; E. Matthews, 5; E. Hollands, 6; J. Harding (conductor), 7; H. Brooks, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. On the above date, Mr. Brooks, the steeple-keeper, celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

CRAY (Kent).—On Saturday, December 28th, at St. Mary's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Wise, wife of Mr. Richard Wise, who has been a ringer at the above church for many years. W. Burchell, 1; T. Harford, 2; H. Cornish, 3; J. Emery (conductor), 4; W. J. Smith, 5.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, December 31st, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Haspray, 1; J. Woods (first 720 in any method), 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Also 480 in the same method by the same band. Tenor 12 cwt.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On New Year's Eve, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Avis, 1; J. Allen, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spunner, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday evening, January 6th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. *J. Allen, 1; *W. H. Royston, 2; *R. Munn, 3; *H. D. Davis (Gravesend), 4; *F. Hayes, 5; W. Martin (conductor, Swanscombe), 6. *First 720 in the method.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, January 4th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob in 26 mins. W. Tabernor, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Wood (conductor), 6. Also for evening service 720 Woodbine in 25 mins. G. Wood, 1; W. Tabernor, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; E. Glover, 5; W. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, December 21st, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins. *C. Bown, 1; W. Perks, 2; E. Devereux (conductor), 3; A. Wallace, 4; H. Payne, 5; A. Attwood (first 720 with a bob bell), 6. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 11 cwt.

MONNEWEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 4th, after service in the afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. S. W. Martin, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; S. Wightman, jun., 3; J. Tarrant, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; G. Wightman, 6.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Friday, January 9th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Watts, 1-2; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 3-4; W. S. Wise, 5-6. And 1050 of Grandsire Triples. R. Gollop, 1-2; W. S. Wise (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; C. H. Watts, 7-8.

FUND FOR JESSE AVERY.—W. W. Gifford, 5s.; W. Bennett, 2s.; A. Friend, 5s.—G. HOLIFIELD, Abingdon.

FUND FOR R. STACKWOOD.—Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Caversham, 5s.—A. J. NEALE, Aylsham.

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Notices.

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Surrey Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames (by the kind permission of the Vicar), on Monday, Jan. 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.; tea at 6 p.m. at the Albany Hall.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The Second Quarterly Meeting of this Society will be held at Moseley, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing to commence at 4.0 p.m. Meeting will be held in the School-room at 6.0. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

GEO. WALKER, *Hon. Sec.*
1, South Range, Mole Street,
Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

Midland Counties' Association.—The Third Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Nuneaton, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1891. The bells of the parish church (eight) will be open for ringing from 1.0 p.m. Committee meeting in class-room of parish church Schools at 5.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom (close to church) at 6.0 p.m. General Meeting immediately afterwards.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*
5 St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Quarterly General Meeting at East Dereham on Monday, February 2nd. Members requiring travelling cards should send notice to Hon. Sec. or District Secs. six days previously, with station of departure. Dinner at 1.30. Short business meeting after. H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*
Stanhoe, Lynn.

Birmingham St. Martin's Guild.—The usual Quarterly Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 21st, at the Guild's meeting-house, "Tamworth Arms," Moor-street. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
Finch Road, Handsworth.

Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly meeting of the above will be held in St. Mary's Schoolroom, Cradley, on Saturday, January 24th, 1891, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. A. B. Timbrell, Vicar, will preside. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

Note.—All subscriptions are due at this meeting, according to rule. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

United Counties' Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Leesfield, near Oldham, on Saturday, January 24th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 4.0 p.m. Dinner at the Church Inn at 5 o'clock p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each. Members intending being present at dinner must send in their names to Mr. Edwin B. Shaw, 13, Catherine-street, Lees, near Oldham, on or before January 19th. Bells ready at 2.0 p.m. All Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, } *Hon.*
JOHN SIDEBOTHAM, } *Secs.*

St. Mary's (Stratford, Bow) Society.—The Annual Dinner of this Society will take place on Tuesday, January 20th, at the "Three Cups," Bow-road, E., at 7.30 p.m.

Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be held at the head quarters, Bradford, on Saturday, February 7th; full particulars of which will be announced in due course. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Association.—The next District Meeting will be held at Frome on Tuesday, January 27th. Particulars next week. RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting of the Maidstone District will be held on Saturday, January 31st, at Wrotham. The belfries open will be noticed next week; Wrotham all through the day. It is particularly hoped that all who can come will try and do so, so as to ensure a good meeting. The Committee meeting will be held (probably in the Working Men's Club, Wrotham) at 12.30.

THOS. LINDSAY STACK, *Branch Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The Anniversary Meeting will be held at Gloucester, on Thursday, January 29th. A short service at the parish church of St. Mary-de-Crypt at 11.0 p.m.: Address by the Rector, Rev. Hon. Brother M. Trotter. Business meeting, Election of Officers, etc., immediately afterwards. Dinner at the New Inn Hostelry, at 1.15 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head; 1s. to performing members who send a shilling postal order to the Hon. Local Secretary not later than Saturday, the 24th. Address: W. C. Long, Esq., 25, Kingsholm Road, Gloucester.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The next meeting will be held at Rendham, on Saturday, January 24th. Sweffling tower open 4.0 till 9.0 p.m., by kind permission of Rector. Meeting at 6.0. It is regretted that permission cannot be obtained for the use of the bells at Rendham.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Secretary.*
Leiston.

Compositions.

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A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

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By calling a single on 789 the bells come round the next change.

In this touch the 6th is a 2nd bell throughout; and the 4th and 5th are each eight courses behind the 9th.

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5040.

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Twice repeated from 234765, with a bob instead of a single.

In this peal the 6th or 7th is never called before except between the two singles.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By YORK GREEN, *London.*

5040.

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First rang by the Ancient Society of College Youths at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, December 6th, 1890, conducted by John M. Hayes.

Mr. G. Conyard, of Crayford, Kent, writes: "The peal of Canterbury Pleasure, 5248 changes, by me, which appeared in 'THE BELL NEWS' of November 29th, is only a variation of a peal by Mr. Hughes, of Tipton, which appeared in the previous September."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at St. Luke's church on Saturday, January 3rd, when about forty ringers attended from St. Luke's, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas (Liverpool), Prescott, Grassendale, Woolton, Halewood, and Southport. At the meeting in the Cocoa Rooms, in the absence of the vicar, Mr. W. G. Mann presided. After the reading and passing of the minutes of the last meeting, the chairman addressed those present in a telling and forcible speech, of the good work done by these Associations, and of the great progress the Lancashire one had made within the past few years, he having been a member almost since it was established.

Mr. Hill (Sec.), made some encouraging remarks of the steady progress of the branch, stating that about sixty performing members, five life members, and several honorary members had been enrolled during the past year. One performing member was enrolled. A very hearty vote of thanks to the Sec., Mr. Hill, for his voluntary services to the branch for the past year was proposed and carried; also to Mr. Mann for presiding, and was carried with applause, which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. The next meeting was fixed to be held at Grassendale on February 7th.

The following methods were rung during the evening at St. Luke's: Grandsire, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major; and at St. Peter's, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob, Royal.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

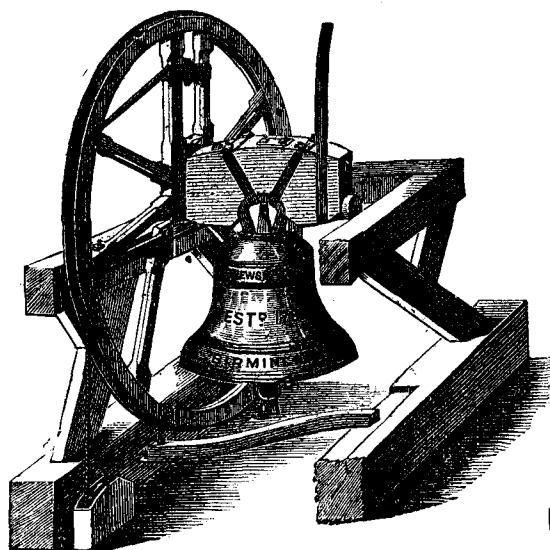
On Saturday, December 27th, on the occasion of a visit home for Christmas of Messrs. Thorne and F. J. and J. Pitts, all of

whom learnt their change-ringing at Dunster, but only one had rang a peal there, a peal was arranged and duly accomplished, after three hours and one minutes' good ringing, and recorded in a recent number of this paper. After the peal a move was made to the house of Mr. W. W. Thrush, an ardent change-ringer, but who was suffering from a bad cold and could not take part in the peal, where they were met by other members, and the band, consisting of Messrs. J. Pitts, W. W. Thorne, Chilcott, Tudball, F. J. Pitts, Moore, Grabham, and Payne, together with Messrs. E. Elliott, W. Hole and C. Thrush, sat down to an excellent supper of roast goose and leg of mutton, with the usual good things in unison with it, which had been prepared for them by Mr. and Mrs. Thrush in fine style, and which had as good a coming-round course as the peal just finished. After drinking "Success to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and the Dunster Guild," the vocal powers of the Messrs. Pitts, Grabham, Elliott, Chilcott, W. Hole, and C. Thrush were brought into use, and with a cordial vote of thanks to our kind host and hostess, and with "shall see you in the tower in the morning," one of the pleasantest evenings it has been the writer's lot to enjoy ended.

W. W.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On New Year's Eve, at St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Spencer, 1; W. Waterman, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; P. Howard, 4; H. Scarlett (conductor), 5; G. Blaber, 6. On Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Waterman, 1; A. S. Barrell, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; H. Scarlett (conductor), 4; F. A. Nunn, 5; H. Spencer, 6. After evening service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Stubbs, 1; A. S. Barrell, 2; J. Barry, 3; H. Scarlett (conductor), 4; F. A. Nunn, 5; E. Edridge, 6.



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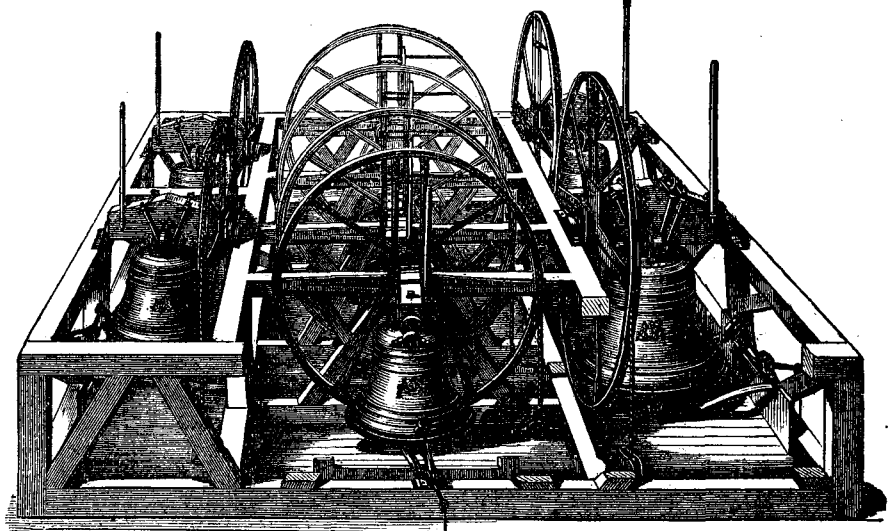
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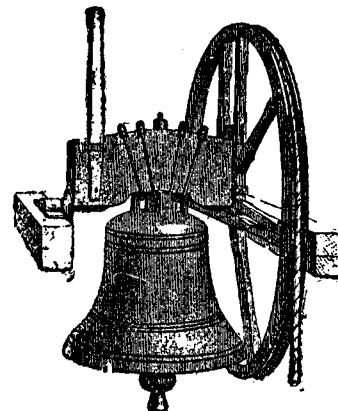
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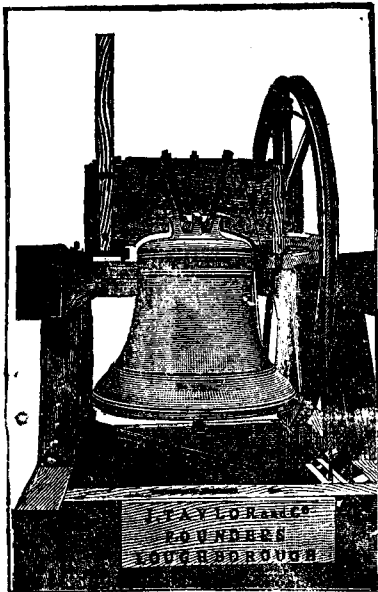
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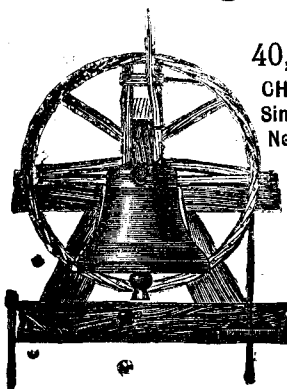
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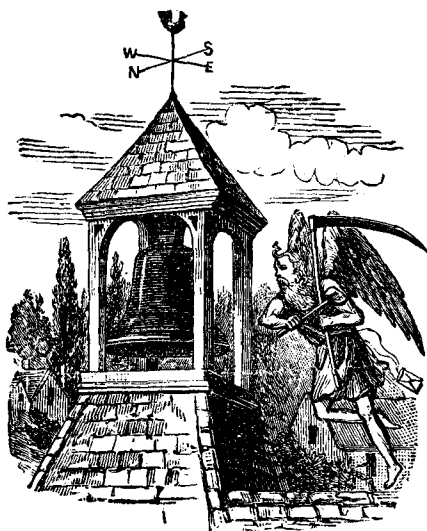
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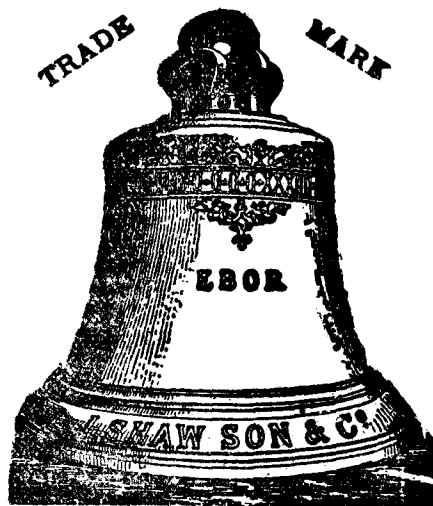
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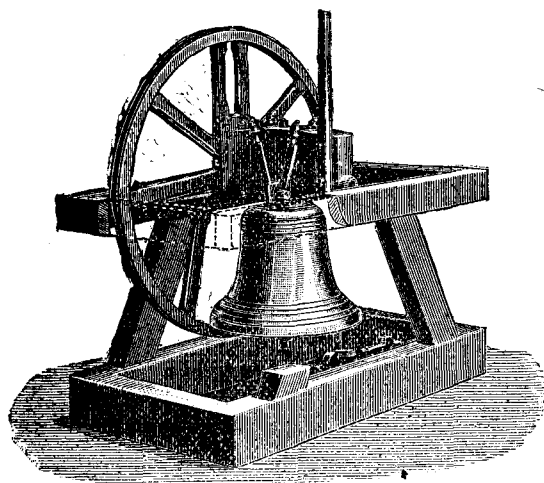
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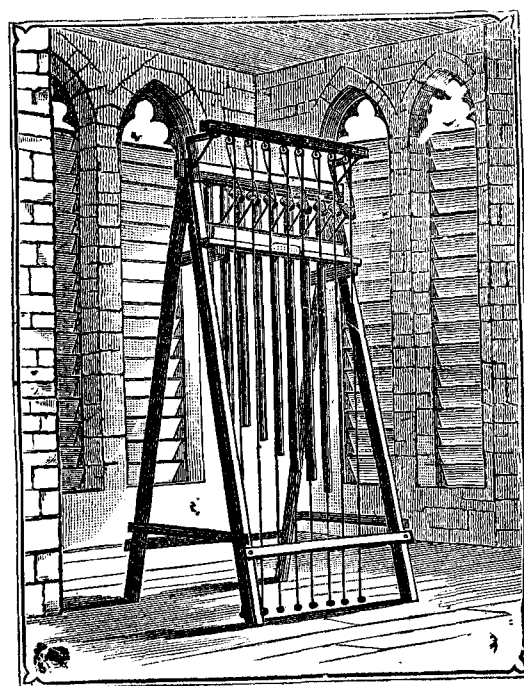
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AT BARKING.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at Barking on Saturday, January 10th, for the first time since the restoration of the tower and completion of the new belfry. Despite a thick fog, which made "London over the Border" wear its dreariest aspect, from thirty to forty members attended from London, Barking, Barking Road, Ilford, West Ham, Tottenham, Wanstead, Romford, Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Springfield, Writtle, and Bocking. Most of those present attended Evensong at the parish church at 5 p.m., at which the Vicar, the Rev. H. Hensley Henson, delivered a short practical address upon the connection of ringers and their art with the House of God and its consequent responsibilities. Tea was served at 5.45 at the Working Men's Club, the chair being taken by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Hon. Sec. of the Association, in place of the Vicar, who was obliged to leave after saying grace and welcoming the Association to Barking. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Assistant Secretary) was also present, and the vice-chair was occupied by Mr. E. A. Davies, one of the churchwardens, himself a practical ringer (would that all churchwardens were!) to whose keen interest and careful superintendence are due the excellent arrangements of the new belfry. The following new members were elected: Honorary, the Rev. H. Hensley Henson, Vicar of Barking; Ringing members, Alfred Head, Writtle; E. Humfrey, Southend; M. Outten and A. Speller, Chelmsford. Provisional elections confirmed: C. Hounslow, Oxford; J. Humphries, Brentwood. The bells at Barking are a fine ring of eight, tenor 22½ cwt., in admirable order for ringing, and the belfry is now a model of what a belfry should be. With the good-will of so energetic a Vicar as Mr. Henson, and the personal superintendence of a churchwarden who considers belfry and bells worthy of his attention, Barking should once more become (if only its young ringers will stick to their work) one of the leading centres of change-ringing in Essex.

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Owing to the very serious illness of the vicar, the annual New Year's Eve gathering of ringers at the vicarage had to be postponed for the present, and the bells were not heard in a half-muffled peal for the old year, and a joyful welcome to the new. The ringers have, with one or two exceptions, always belonged to the North Lincolnshire Association, which granted to them an Instructor, but unfortunately for change-ringing, two companies have already been broken up by young members leaving the parish. In two instances they have introduced scientific ringing into the towers where they now ring. A fresh start has been made, and it is hoped during the winter evenings some progress will result, to be reported at the Annual Meeting of the Association in April next.

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The Chairman, who was greeted with applause, gave the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured.

Song—"Off to Philadelphia," by Mr. H. Shill.

The next toast was "The Clergy." In proposing it the Chairman alluded to the continual support accorded by the clergy of the district to the Society. He was glad to welcome two of them to their festive board, and while grateful for their past kindness, trusted he might not be considered discontented, or exacting, when he said that the Society wanted a little more yet. They desired to see the clergy occasionally in their belfry, which of late years had been sadly neglected. They all knew the many calls on the time of the parson, but he thought some effort might be made by them to spend one half-hour in the ringing-chamber. The result would, he felt certain, be beneficial alike to parson and ringer. But another view had to be taken of the matter. If they wished the clergy to take a greater interest in ringing matters, the clergy on their part would like to see their ringers taking a deeper interest in the services of the Church. It was a lamentable fact, and greatly to be deplored, that out of the great ringing community, only about one-half ever thought of going into a church beyond the belfry door. This was indeed a sad state of things, but one which ought to and could be easily remedied. Change-ringing had made very rapid strides in recent years, and belfry reform, well carried out, had worked wonders, notably in their own immediate neighbourhood, but the object for which they strove would not be achieved until they could succeed in bringing parson and ringer in closer contact.

Song—"Up to Date," Mr. W. Tyack.

The Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge, on rising to respond, was received with loud applause. After returning thanks for their cordial welcome, he said he much regretted that his time would not permit of more frequent visits to the belfry. He had, however, gone into his tower at Lewisham on one or two occasions lately, and was extremely pleased with all he saw and heard, more especially when he remembered the sad state of affairs which existed there a few years ago. He was truly grateful for what the Society had done in his tower. He was fond of Lewisham bells, and proud of his ringers. With regard to the attendance at the services, he was happy to say accommodation for the ringers had been provided at the west end of the church, and the ringers appreciated it. The rev. gentleman in conclusion expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present that evening.

The Rev. Brooke Lambert (whose name had also been coupled with the toast) responded. He said that when the Rev. H. Cockey brought the Society of Trinity Youths under his notice, and explained its objects, he thought at once it was something which ought to be supported. He was gratified at being an honorary member, and heartily wished them success in their work. Like Canon Legge, he too was unable through stress of work to visit the tower very frequently, still he hoped to be with them sometimes. He congratulated them upon the fine peal of Grandsire Caters with which they had re-opened the Greenwich bells. Canon Legge had remarked that Lewisham church was

said to contain the sweetest peal of bells in the county of Kent. That might be so, but probably Canon Legge had not heard Greenwich (laughter). With respect to the attendance of the ringers at Divine Service, he would consult his churchwardens with a view to providing accommodation for them, and he most sincerely hoped that they would take advantage of it, and join with those whom it was their duty to call by their ringing to public worship. He thanked them most sincerely for their kind reception.

Song—"In Old Madrid," Mr. C. Rutter. Grandsire Triples on the handbells—Messrs. Mitchell, Richards, Harvey, and Bedwell.

The next toast was "The Society of Trinity Youths." The Chairman in giving it said: Allow me to congratulate you upon the success which has so continuously attended the society's operations. To begin with Greenwich, we were all heartily glad at being able to resume (through the kindness of the Vicar and Churchwardens) our meetings and practices, which have been exceedingly well attended. Stedman and Treble Bob are often rang on the first Tuesday in the month, and to those who know what a hotbed of stoney-ringing Greenwich used to be, it will come as an agreeable surprise to learn that Christmas and the New Year were ushered in with half-pull ringing—something to be proud of, even though it only consisted of Grandsire Doubles with the usual covering bells. I hope the day is not far distant when Stedman Caters will be rung regularly for the Sunday services. At our last dinner, and also at the annual meeting in June, I suggested that it would be greatly to the advantage of the society and the Exercise if those ringers who were masters of the art would give a little time and attention to the instruction of young beginners. That suggestion has, I am happy to say, been acted upon in a very marked degree. At Lewisham a young band are making very rapid progress, indeed some have already made their debut as change-ringers. But the palm must be awarded to Crayford. Messrs. Barnett and Conyard have given great care and attention to several novices, with the result that they have scored several peals in various methods, and are continually adding to their store of knowledge. These are results of which we ought to be justly proud. We now number about 120 members, the latest additions to our ranks being the Rev. Rhodes Bristow, of St. Stephen's, Lewisham, and the Rev. T. H. Foster, of St. Mary's, Lewisham. Financially we are in a very sound condition, but the state of our exchequer would be considerably better if members would pay up their arrears. The sum is so absurdly small—one shilling—but circulars and letters by the score are of no effect. There are, I am sorry to say, several members who are most anxious that their names should appear in "THE BELL NEWS," and be inscribed in our peal-book as having taken part in this, that, or the other, yet they forget the shilling. No one knows better than myself, who had two years' experience, the trouble there is collecting this small amount. I wish these gentlemen were half as anxious to see their names inscribed in the cash-book. I trust some of them are present, so that my remarks may strike home. I appeal to them to deal justly with their brethren, and pay up their arrears without delay. To those who are always so prompt in the discharge of this little duty I would say, if you see an opportunity of collecting these amounts, kindly do so, and help to lighten the load of care which presses so heavily upon your officers. Now a word of advice to the junior members. Let your motto be "perseverance." Pay strict attention to what is told you by your instructors, and remember in the belfry to carry out your duties with reverence. It may seem presumptuous for one so young to offer advice to the senior members, but some may perhaps need it. Exercise patience and forbearance with your pupils, and banish for ever from your minds that old-fashioned idea (which so strongly prevails among ringers of to-day) that when you have joined the great majority, change-ringing must necessarily die with you. Educate your novices in the right way, so that when they have grown to manhood in the science they may be a credit to themselves, to you, and the society to which they belong. In conclusion, while we are proud of our successes and our society, and grateful for the practice of our noble art, let us not forget that the bells we use, the "loud

cymbals," are instruments of music dedicated to the service of the Almighty, and that when we use them it must not be alone for our own pleasure and amusement, but to His honour and glory. With all heartiness I ask you to drink "Success to the Society of Trinity Youths, root and branch: May it flourish for ever." The toast was drunk amid loud cheers.

Song—"The Bellringer," Mr. Jas. Rutter.

Recitation—"Ask Mamma," Mr. W. Bedwell.

Mr. W. Tyack, in replying to the toast, said that after what had fallen from the chairman he had little to say, but he would impress upon the respective guardians of the towers the desirability of establishing branches with their own officers, similar to that at Lewisham, which was at present the only recognised branch, and he was happy to say, worked exceedingly well. He thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had honoured the toast.

Song—"Welcome Friends," Mr. J. Streek.

The next toast, "The Visitors," was proposed by Mr. Fredk. Rumens, who in welcoming the visitors said they would not only be pleased to see them round the festive board, but also in the various towers.

Song (humorous)—"Rootity-toot," Mr. Thornton.

Mr. Streek (of Penge) in appropriate terms briefly acknowledged the toast.

Song—"True till death," Mr. C. Rutter.

The Chairman next proposed the toast of "The Press," and expressed regret at the absence of the representative of "THE BELL NEWS," he presumed through the fog. He said they ought to be proud of their own paper, devoted as it was to the interests of change-ringing, and he appealed to those present who did not take it to at once give it their support by becoming subscribers. The toast was received very cordially, and Mr. Bedwell briefly replied.

Other toasts followed, and after more songs and handbell ringing, "The Health of the Chairman" was drunk with the usual musical honours, and that gentleman having replied in feeling terms, the interesting evening was brought to a close at a late hour.

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."

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

SIR,—It is with pleasure I read in your issue of the 10th instant of Mr. Dawe and his friends at Pershore Abbey, and heartily congratulate him on the result. But I think our worthy Master must be in the distant future as regards ringing a peal in every cathedral or abbey in which there is a peal of bells, for in the Exeter Cathedral hangs a splendid peal of ten bells, the finest in England, tenor 67 cwt., on which it would be impossible to ring a 5000 as they are at present hung. It now takes sixteen men to ring them in rounds, and I don't think the cathedral body are in a very great hurry to alter the present state of affairs. There have been various firms tinkering at them from time to time, and all to no purpose; and I think I am right in saying that the only half-pull ever rung upon them was about twelve months since, when twelve members of the Devonshire Guild rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples on the Stafford eight of the ring, and a few 6-scores on the front six, and only that after very hard work, as it is over a man's strength to bring the back bells to lead and back again. There would be no one better pleased to hear of a peal being attempted or achieved at any time, should the bells be restored, than myself, or in fact, any member of the Devonshire Guild; and we shall be glad to assist Mr. Dawe in attaining his ambition, or congratulate any one on the completion of such a task. Ringing down here is at such a low ebb among the clergy, that I fear our faintest hopes will never be realised.

B. MUNDY.

WEIGHT OF TENORS.

SIR,—In your issue of the week before last a report appears of a peal of Stedman Triples rang at Pershore, the weight of the tenor being given as 29½ cwt.; and last week "Free Lance" gave us a few remarks on the weight of metal required to produce a certain note. As a native of Gloucester city, I take considerable interest in Rudhall's bells, and I think it is due to the founder that the true weight of Pershore tenor should be given. In the list to which I have access, and which Rudhall published, Pershore tenor is put down at 26 cwt., and this is the usual weight of a bell giving the note Db, as cast by that firm, the tenor of the famous back ten of Painswick being the same note and weight. I

do not wish in any way to take from the honour of the peal by stating this, as I know that the bell goes very badly. As regards the weight of metal necessary, I may add that there is a tenor to a ring of five at Hartbury, near Gloucester, which weighs about 20 cwt., and this bell gives a finer D than any other bell I know; she was cast by John Pennington, of Exeter, in 1628. Why do not modern bellfounders cast us similar bells?

H. L. JAMES.

CATHEDRAL BELLS, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

SIR,—I am glad to see that "Free Lance" agrees with me in the matter of thick bells. I would even go further than he does, and would say that no bell in F ought to weigh more than 15 cwt. I know some very good tenors in F from the Downham foundry in Norfolk, which do not weigh more than 13 cwt. to 14 cwt., which nevertheless have a good full note, and are infinitely superior in tone to some of the modern bells of the same note, weighing from 17 cwt. to a ton. With regard to the ring in the tower of St. Nicholas, Newcastle, as I said before, they are far superior to any modern ring that I know of. I am sorry to hear from Mr. Story that the tenor is broken, but surely he might be recast without interfering with the other bells. This bell seems, according to the Rev. J. T. Fowler, to have been recast several times. In a pamphlet published by him more than twenty years ago, he says that she was originally cast in 1593, was recast at Colchester in 1615, again in 1622, and again in London in 1754. I have not seen the bells since 1870, at which time I was an apprentice in a foundry in Newcastle, and knew very little of ringing, although I was very fond of it even then. Reid's "Newcastle Guide-Book" states that formerly there were but five bells in St. Nicholas' tower, and it goes on to mention the three mediaeval bells, and gives the dates of the others; what it further says is so palpably incorrect that I decline to report it. According to the inscription on "The Major," it was "cast at the foundry of Sir Robert Shafto Hawks and Co., Gateshead, by James Harrison, of Barton-on-Humber, November 28th, 1833." I think that Harrison generally erred in the direction of making his bells too thin instead of too thick. Anyhow "the Major" is a wretched bell.

J. R. JERRAM.

BEDS. ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING.

SIR,—In your account of the above meeting in to-day's issue there is a slight mis-statement (not intentional, I am sure). The report states that Mr. Wilson, of Birmingham, has lately instructed eight of the Wellingborough company sufficient to enable them to join the Raunds Wellingborough, and District Associations. Seeing that the Wellingborough ringers joined the Society immediately it was formed (by the Vicar of Raunds) in the year 1883, their Vicar, Archdeacon Lightfoot, becoming president, and several gentlemen in the town honorary members, the above remarks are most decidedly a little "out-of-course." Our men being desirous of moving on in the science of change-ringing, Mr. Wilson, at my request, gave us some useful lessons in "method ringing" during last summer, for which we feel much obliged to him, and which will, I feel sure, lead to our becoming more interested in the "art and mystery of change-ringing" than ever.

Wellingborough.

E. J. DENNES.

SEVEN-BELL PEALS.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondents "Pully Haulie," "One of the band," and Mr. Lindoff, in your last issue, I maintain that any account of ringing, etc., published in your paper, is open to criticism, and I acted well within that privilege in criticising the above-mentioned peals. I am of opinion that ringing seven-bell peals is no good; I express myself thus: the above-mentioned correspondents differ, but that won't alter my opinion, whether I am in the majority or not. Then as to "Free Lance," I think my letter simply conveyed my views, as it would be wrong in me to endeavour to preach any dictum, and I entirely disclaim endeavouring to do so. No doubt "Free Lance" finds some of his scholars sometimes just as volatile as he seems to think I am. I think he has made one mistake in his remarks. He uses the words: "Secretary of the College Youths," and goes on to say: "After the decisive opinion on the part of the Secretary of this great society," etc. When I wrote my letter I was responsible for it individually, not officially as the Secretary of the College Youths; and I think it rather a liberty on his part to take a society into the question when it is not called for, and when I appear again—as I shall call it—in mufti, I would rather Mr. "Free Lance" left the society alone. There is only one other point I wish to answer, and that is the last sentence of "One of the Band's" letter. I entirely repudiate the assertion there made, and ringers who have met me know that my disposition is not to retard, but to help, but I would certainly not assist any "persevering bands of ringers" to accomplish the performances which has caused the discussion.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY.

HOME CURE FOR DEAFNESS.—A book by a noted Aural Surgeon, describing a System of Curing Deafness and Noises in the Head, by which a self-cure is effected at home. The Rev. D. H. W. Harlock, of the Parsonage, Milton-under-Wychwood, writes: "Try the System by all means: it is first rate, and has been of the utmost service to me." Post free 4d. De Vere and Co., Publishers, 22, Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—DEDICATION SERVICE.

Saturday, December 20th, was a day looked forward to with the greatest interest by all lovers of the merry peal. It will be remembered that in August the bells of the parish church were removed to the workshops of Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, seven of them to be re-tuned and a new one cast. Since their removal they have been greatly missed by the inhabitants. What has a more elevating or a more cheering influence than the chiming of the church bells?

Lift them gently to the steeple,
Let our bells be set on high;
There fulfil their sacred mission
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

As the birds sing early matins
To the God of nature's praise
These their noblest daily music
To the God of grace shall raise.

And when evening shadows soften
Chancel-cross, and tower, and aisle
These shall blend their vesper summons,
With the day's departing smile.

Christian men shall hear at distance,
In their toil or in their rest,
Joying that in one Communion
Of one Church they too are blest.

They that on a sick-bed languish,
Full of weariness and pain,
Shall rejoice their names are whispered
In the Church's prayerful stain.

Year by year the steeple music
O'er the grass-grown graves shall pour
Where the dust of saints is garnered
Till the Master comes once more.

Contrary to the prevailing opinion, the whole of the bells have not been recast. Seven have been retuned, and the new one—the 3rd—was generously given by Mr. H. F. Henson, C.C., to whom all residents in the town and neighbourhood are much indebted. The bells are in the same room as before, and are hung upon iron girders suspended from large oak beams. The gudgeons, ropes, rollers, stays, slides, clappers, and framework are all new. Considerable alterations have been made. Half of the trellis-work has been backed with bricks, and the sound proceeds entirely through the upper half, and is thus thrown higher over the town. This accounts for the fact that the bells do not sound so loud near to, but they are audible at a greater distance. The new bell, which is made of an alloy of copper and tin, possesses a sweet sound, and goes well with the others. The whole of the bells are almost half a note lower in tone than heretofore. The ringing-chamber is higher and nearer to the bells than formerly. The old chamber was situated immediately above the west entrance to the church, some 20 or 30 ft. above the ground, but now it is directly under the clock—the room above where the old chamber used to be. It is about 66 ft. from the ground. The floor of the room is of oak. The sides are panelled with the wood from the old church pews, and not only presents an interesting appearance from an historic point of view, but looks wonderfully neat and cosy. Noticeable in the room are three stone tablets, on which are carved the three record "rings." They have been removed from their former positions in the old chamber, and read as follows:—

"February 28th, 1729.—The whole peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, was rung in three hours and eighteen minutes, by the following persons: Thomas Howard, 1; Thomas Woodford, 2; John Law, 3; George Eyre, 4; Henry Parker, 5; Joseph Rook, 6; John Carley, 7; Henry Ladds, 8.

"Since it was asserted our first performance could not be rung in less than three hours and a half, for an experiment, and before skilful judges, on 12th April, 1731, the whole peal of 5040 was completed at thirty changes a minute, in two hours and forty-eight minutes, by the following persons: Thomas Howard, 1; Thomas Woodford, 2; John Law, 3; George Eyre, 4; Henry Parker, 5; Joseph Booth, 6; John Carley, 7; John Barlow, 8.

"Monday, 16th April, 1759.—Was rung the whole peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in three hours and seven minutes, by the following persons: George Denton, 1; William Hanger, 2; Richard Lane, 3;

Anthony Haines, 4; Joseph Warner, 5; Joseph Parker, 6; Daniel Authrop, 7; John Carrington, 8."

In 1840 the full peal was accomplished in three hours and ten minutes, by the following ringers: J. Wish, 1; T. Dikes, 2; S. Tilley, 3; W. Mawbey, 4; T. Henfield, 5; J. Scott, 6; J. Hanson, 7; J. Hawthorn, 8.

The alterations in the tower have been carried out under the supervision of E. C. Frere, Esq., Clerk of Works; Sir Arthur Blomfield is the architect; and Messrs. Margetts and Neal, of Station Road, the contractors. All the "bells" (small round glasses) taken out of the west window of the church have been put into the little window in the bell-chamber.

The dedication of the new bell took place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, when a short service was held in the nave of the church. Four large coke fires burned in the sacred edifice, and as there was only *terra firma* for a floor and scaffolding on all sides, a remarkable scene was presented. The Rector (Rev. Canon Lindsay) assisted by the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, conducted the service, which included Psalms 150 and 152, and a special hymn, part of which we have quoted above, was sung.

The announcement that a full peal of 5040 changes was to be attempted by the famous ringers from All Saints, Loughborough, in the short space of three hours, excited the greatest interest amongst the ringers of the district, and a considerable number flocked into the town to hear the feat carried out. Their anticipations, however, were doomed to disappointment, for after ringing just over 2500 changes the peal was stopped, the conductor unfortunately missing a bob. About this time the gas almost went out, which probably had something to do with the mishap. The peal commenced at 3.44, and was stopped at 5.21. During the first hour an average of over twenty-eight changes per minute were maintained. Much doubt is expressed as to the accuracy of the statements upon one of the tables. The ringers on Saturday were: W. T. Billinghamurst, 1; J. Smith, 2; R. Lane, 3; J. Hardy, 4; W. A. Tyler, 5; E. Reader, 6; J. W. Taylor (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8.

After ringing several touches the ringers adjourned to Mrs. Tirrell's Temperance Hotel, where they partook of a substantial repast.

The present diameters and weights of the bells, as given by Messrs. Taylor and Co., December, 1890, are: Treble—diameter 2 ft. 6 in., weight 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.; Second—diameter 2 ft. 7½ in., weight 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 0 lbs.; Third—diameter 2 ft. 9½ in., weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.; Fourth—diameter 2 ft. 11½ in., weight 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 0 lbs.; Fifth—diameter 3 ft. 2 in., weight 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.; Sixth—diameter 3 ft. 4½ in., weight 11 cwt. 0 qrs. 16 lbs.; Seventh—diameter 3 ft. 8½ in., 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 4 lbs.; Tenor—diameter 4 ft. 4 in., weight 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. The bells have been tuned down to the key of D; they were formerly in E flat. The new third bell is inscribed: "Holiness unto the Lord. H. F. Henson, C.C., 1890. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough."—*Wellingborough Post*, December 26th.

GORING, OXON.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

ON New Year's Eve, the Rev. H. C. Littlewood invited the ringers of the parish church to supper at the vicarage, which was in the old English style, consisting of roast beef and plum pudding, and other things afterwards. The ringers had previously been to the tower and tried to ring 360 Oxford Bob Minor, but were unsuccessful; but when the old year was tolled out, they were set going again, this time it was brought round. J. Alexander, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; J. Wedge, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Bower (conductor), 6. This is the first touch in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells. And for evening service on Sunday, January 4th, another 360, standing as above. The ringers wish to thank the vicar through the medium of this journal for his kindness.

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.

HANDBELLS.—Four Octave Chromatic Peal, nearly new. Cost over £20; with music, etc., £12 10s. A. Law, Buckley Terrace, Rochdale.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Brothers all are we,"

Did I wish for an introduction to some energetic band of six-bell ringers, who from New Year's day to Old Year's night keep "pegging away" at their work, and on the latter date have an excellent record for the year past, commend me to the brother-strings of Stanstead, by all means. Their list of 138 Minor 720s would have been a highly creditable one in any case; but when we find that list comprising no less than thirty different methods—many of them ranking in the highest class, too—the laurel wreath will surely be fittingly hung up in the belfry of St. Mary the Virgin, Stanstead. And what adds to my pleasure in reading the report in question is the fact that these men of Stanstead have long been known to us for their perseverance; thus the last year's record is not to be taken as a spasmodic effort, likely to be followed by inaction in the future. Friend Cavill's men do not appear to be made of such stuff; therefore it is with both pleasure and confidence that I congratulate them on their excellent programme; pleasure at seeing what they *have* done, and confidence in looking forward to what they *will* do in time to come. To use a Hibernianism, more power to ye!

Lent will soon be again with us, the close of which season will now each year be looked forward to with considerable interest through the meeting of our Central Council. Like as is the case with all new movements, it will take time to get us accustomed—habituated I should say—to the annual assembling of this Council, and its preliminary requirements. But once that is effected, the movement becomes an institution amongst us, and thus takes its place among the many items which make up our ordinary life. But seeing that on next Easter Tuesday is to be held the first actual meeting of that Council, perhaps I may not be considered treading upon forbidden ground if I call attention to certain enactments of the meeting at Easter last, just by way of reminding those concerned of what I might call preliminary things required of them, so that all things may be "done decently and in order."

Rule V. is to the effect "That all Societies returning representative members to the Council be required to contribute annually in *January*, 2s. 6d. on behalf of each representative member returned, to meet the expenses of conducting the business of the Council, and that no representative member shall be entitled to vote at an annual meeting until the subscription of the Society which he represents be paid."

Rule IX. stipulates "That any subject proposed for discussion shall be notified to the Hon. Secretary in writing, signed by two members of the Council, *not less than one month* previous to the meeting, for insertion among the agenda." This means, as I take it, that all propositions or suggested subjects for discussion must be in the hands of Mr. Heywood before the end of February.

According to Rule XII., Full notice of the date, arrangements, and agenda for each meeting "is to be advertised in the ringing papers fourteen days approximately previous to each meeting; but that it be not incumbent on the Hon. Secretary to send private notice to each member." This latter proviso is both a reasonable and sensible one; as will be readily seen, it amply provides against any contingency which may arise in the future in the way of obviating the raising of technical points as to personal service of summonses so far as such concerns the passing of any motion at a meeting. It behoves, therefore, all representatives to take the announcement in the ringing papers as their requisitions to attend, as this will be, according to rule, a sufficient intimation, upon which business may be legally transacted.

It is most ardently to be hoped that the first meeting of this Central Council may be not only as thoroughly representative but also as thoroughly practical as was the gathering last Easter Tuesday. Such being the case, we may look with confidence to the permanent establishment of the Central Council as our chief

legislative body, with the full sanction and approval of the whole Exercise.

I am much obliged to a brother-string who writes in a complimentary strain anent my account of how we welcome in Christmas in my own belfry at home. At the time of writing, I was afraid my narration would be uninteresting to the general body of readers of "THE BELL NEWS," but am pleased to learn that such is not the case, at any rate so far as my correspondent and his band are concerned. Naturally, we have each our own modes of procedure on various occasions, but it is pleasing when one learns that his own particular one is regarded with favour by others who have resolved to follow such example in the future. Of course, difference of circumstances begets difference of action; although, all the while our motive may be the same, and I certainly do think that when we are uniform in motive we might make the expression of it something like uniform also.

FREE LANCE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 17th, a number of the above Guild, comprising the more active ringing members, were entertained at dinner by Henry Stubbins, Esq., barrister-at-law, in celebration of his birthday. To close a busy ringing week, and in honour of the entertainer, a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung upon the bells of St. Martin's, Mr. W. H. Short, of Bristol, who happened to visit the tower at the time, officiating at the tenor.

As near the appointed time as possible, the company, to the number of about twenty, with their entertainer and Mr. Churchwarden Jones, sat down to an excellent dinner, prepared by Hostess Wheeler, of the "Woolpack," Moor Street. The courses were attacked in that silent and business-like manner so characteristic of ringers' feasts, and in a marvellously short space of time the beaming faces around the festive board testified to the comforting influences of the viands. The cloth was then cleared, and the entertainer took the chair, supported by Mr. Jones, when the usual loyal toasts were enthusiastically responded to.

The toast of the evening, "Many Happy Returns of the day" to the donor of the feast, was then proposed by the Guild's presiding ringing master, Mr. John Day, who referred to the fact that it was the first time within his lengthy experience of change-ringing, that any gentleman in this neighbourhood had taken so much interest in the science as to entertain such a gathering, and he was very pleased to inform his audience that it was the chairman's intention to make the gathering an annual one.

The Chairman, in responding, referred to the pleasure that good ringing gave him, stating that although he took no active part in it he could not fail to be interested in what was such a favourite pastime in his own native county, Yorkshire, and her neighbour, Lancashire. He reciprocated their hearty wishes, and sincerely trusted that every one of his guests would do his best to thoroughly enjoy himself. He then gave "The Healths of the two Churchwardens of St. Martin's," the Rector's Warden, Mr. Smith, and the people's Warden, Mr. Jones, mentioning his regret that the former's health was not in a state which allowed him to be present that evening, and ending with a tribute to the value of Mr. Jones, as a gentleman who had made himself so indispensable for the work of the parish that he could not possibly be spared from his office at the next vestry election.

The Secretary of the Guild endorsed the Chairman's views as to the value of Mr. Jones' services, stating that he was so far identified with the work and comfort of the ringers, as to be known by them as the Ringers' Warden.

Mr. Jones having suitably responded with references to his co-warden, the remainder of the evening was passed in a social and agreeable manner, courses of Grandsire Cinques and Caters, with a touch of Stedman Triples being given on the handbells by Messrs. Russam, Bastable, Joynes, Kent, Miller, Reeves, and Johnson. A few tunes were also interspersed by Messrs. Russam, Kent and Miller, with capital songs by Messrs. Reeves, Miller, Russam, Joynes and Bastable, and at a seasonable hour the company broke up highly gratified with the truly pleasant evening, and the kind thought and bounty which had provided it.

W. H. G.

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A collection of topics at the last moment prevents the appearance of our customary article, though already in type.

The Metropolis.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THEALL HALLOWS' (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM R. GIBSON Treble.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. 5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 2.	GEORGE B. LUCAS .. 6.
THOMAS G. GROVE 3.	W. PYE ENGLISH .. 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN 4.	WILLIAM MARTIN .. Tenor.

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

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

TWO DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being Three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, and Four 720's of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM RUSSELL* Treble.	CHARLES TUCKER .. 4.
FRANK SPARKS* 2.	*WILLIAM H. TUBB .. 5.
CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 3.	†FRANCIS CARROWAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS CARROWAY.

*First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor. First 5040 on the bells.

WALSALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, January 14th, at St. Matthew's church, 832 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 33 mins. W. Griffin, 1; F. Hallsworth, 2; J. Astbury, sen., 3; D. Westley, 4; E. Lightwood, 5; J. Lawton, 6; W. Walker, 7; J. Astbury (conductor), 8.

The Provinces.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, January 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

ROBERT WEATHERLEY* ..Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.. 5.
J. ERNEST RANDALL† .. 2.	WALTER BATTLE .. 6.
ERNEST R. MITCHELL† .. 3.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 7.
EDWARD HULL† .. 4.	HENRY J. ROWE ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A 720 IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS;

Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob,
Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent
Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

SAMUEL J. CULLIP ..Treble.	SAMUEL CONSTANT .. 4.
MAURICE WARWICK (R.E.) .. 2.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 5.
FRANK SMITH .. 3.	FREDERICK SHARP ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

This 5040 was arranged for M. Warwick, of Pembroke Dock, South Wales, who was formerly a member of the Bedford company.

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

On Thursday, January 15, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK DICKENS* ..Treble.	*CHARLES DICKENS .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 7.
ARTHUR J. JONES .. 3.	WILLIAM KENT .. 8.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS* .. 4.	HENRY JOHNSON .. 9.
BERNARD WITCHELL .. 5.	*WILLIAM JACKSON ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KENT.

Anniversary peal, rung with the bells muffled, in loving memory of the late Henry Johnson, who died on January 7th, 1890. This peal is in the inverted titum position having the last twenty-four courses with the 6th behind the 8th. *First peal of Grandsire Caters.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 15, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM ADLER ..Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLEY .. 5.
HARRY ARGYLE .. 2.	HARRY HORWOOD .. 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	*JAMES F. CLARKE .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD ..Tenor.

Conducted by J. F. CLARKE.

*First peal as conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, January 15, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

HARRY WAKLEY ..Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 5.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. 2.	PETO MEADOWS .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. 3.	THOMAS HOLMES .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY ..Tenor.

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

This is Mr. Robinson's first peal in the method away from the treble.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

W. H. ABBOTT, ESQ.* ..Treble.	ERNEST HEATHORN .. 5.
JOHN J. JONES .. 2.	†GEORGE MANFIELD .. 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	WILLIAM GROVE .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. 4.	†GEORGE RIDDLE ..Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Grandsire. †First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since 1812, and was rung as a birthday peal to G. Riddle, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Manfield and Riddle are of the local company; the rest hail from Guildford.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 16, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

W. T. BILLINGHURST ..Treble.	H. W. ABBOTT .. 6.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 2.	J. HICKMAN .. 7.
E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. 3.	S. BURTON .. 8.
E. READER .. 4.	J. WARD .. 9.
J. SMITH .. 5.	E. WIGHTMAN ..Tenor.

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

JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

Messrs. Abbott, Hickman, and Burton, hail from Nottingham; Ward from Long Eaton. First peal in the method by Messrs. Abbott, Hickman, and Ward, and the first peal of Stedman Caters by S. Burton.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM MIDGELEY ..Treble.	CHARLES A. FOX .. 5.
THOMAS DIXON .. 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. 6.
GEORGE O. DIXON .. 3.	JAMES A. DIXON .. 7.
THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 4.	ALFRED RODGERS ..Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by THOS. DIXON.

T. Whitworth hails from Rawmarsh; A. Rodgers from Rotherham.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 17, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5237 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK ROSE* ..Treble.	GEORGE MORRIS .. 6.
OLIVER JAMES .. 2.	GEORGE HAYWARD .. 7.
WILLIAM JAMES .. 3.	ALFRED MOORE .. 8.
THOMAS ALBUTT .. 4.	GEORGE BOURNE .. 9.
JOHN MASON .. 5.	*THOMAS FARMER ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HAYWARD.

*First peal in any method. Mason hails from Stoke Prior, Moore and Farmer from Hanbury. This peal is in the titum position, and contains the 6th fifteen courses wrong, and the 5th and 6th sixteen courses each before the 9th, and is now rung for the first time.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SMITH ..Treble.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. 5.
THOMAS BENNETT .. 2.	JOHN BENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 4.	THOMAS WALTERS ..Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Smith.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

WALTER HAWKINS Treble.	EDWARD MOSES 5.
FREDERICK SMITH 2.	JOHN BASHFORD, JUN. .. 6.
RALPH ARNOLD 3.	THOMAS BONIFACE 7.
WILLIAM MAYNE† 4.	*JOHN TIDY Tenor.

Composed by J. THORPE, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by W. HAWKINS.

*First peal in any method. †First peal with a bob bell. E. Moses hails from Reigate; R. Arnold from Betchworth.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble.	HARRY ALLEN 5.
GEORGE GREEN 2.	ALFRED RICHELL 6.
HARRY RICHELL† 3.	WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN. .. 7.
JOSEPH NEWMAN* 4.	*FREDERICK NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. A. Edwards hails from Widford; W. Rowland from Chelmsford; the rest are residents of Great Baddow.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

CHARLES SILLITOE Treble.	FRED WELLS 5.
THOMAS KING 2.	HARRY HARPER 6.
GEORGE MAXIM 3.	OLIVER GARWOOD 7.
SAMUEL SLATER 4.	ERNEST PITSTOW .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by C. SILLITOE.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Wells, Slater, and Garwood hail from Glemsford; Pitstow from Saffron Walden; Maxim from Foxearth; King from Lavenham; Harper and Sillitoe belong to Sudbury.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

A. SMITH* Treble.	G. H. BARNETT 5.
H. GARFATH† 2.	C. FRY 6.
A. LE CLERCQ 3.	A. WHITE 7.
JAS. HAWKES 4.	E. CLAPSHAW .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. GARFATH.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal rung and conducted by a local band since 1816.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 20, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble.	JOSEPH MELLOR 5.
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	JAMES ADAMS 6.
SAMUEL WOOD 3.	THOMAS WILDE 7.
JOHN W. WATSON* 4.	JAMES S. WILDE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal in the method. The peal was arranged for Mr. Watson, who hails from Lincoln, and was rung at the first attempt. He was elected a member of the above society previous to starting for the peal, and wishes to thank his fellow-members for so kindly meeting him for the purpose. The brothers Wilde hail from Hyde, Cheshire; the rest belong to Ashton. The peal was rung on the first eight of the peal of twelve.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 20, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 9 cwt. in Ab.

THOMAS JOHNSON Treble.	THOMAS R. SOMERVILLE .. 4.
HENRY KELLY 2.	WILLIAM BRAMLEY 5.
ROBERT HURST 3.	CHARLES E. WILSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. WILSON.

First 5040 on the bells, and first in seven different methods by the Lancashire Association. First performance of the kind by all the band, who are members of the local company. The above was rung with "open leads."

Date Touches.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Christmas Eve, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 26 mins. On Christmas morning, for Divine Service, six 6-scores. And on Wednesday, evening, December 31st, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Doubles (arranged from the ten callings), in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Parker, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Basden, 3; R. Collings, 4; C. Clark, 5; J. Bovington, 6. On Tuesday evening, January 6th, previous to the ringers' annual supper, six 6-scores, in 25 mins.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON.—On Wednesday, January 14th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of 1891 changes in the following methods in 1 hr. 12 mins: 451 of Violet, and 720 each of College Trebles and Arnold's Victory. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DUDLEY.—On Sunday, January 4th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 17 mins. J. Bayliss, 1; T. Hill, 2; F. Fellows, 3; J. Fellows, sen., 4; J. Mills, 5; E. Fellows, 6; S. Spittle (conductor), 7; W. Micklewright, 8; J. Goodman, 9; H. Sheppard, 10. This touch was composed by E. Bennett, of Beddington, and the figures appeared in the Christmas Number of this paper.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HOLBECK (Yorks).—On Friday, January 9th, for practice at St. Matthew's church, a date touch of 1891 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. T. Harrison, 1; W. Woodhead, 2; G. Tingle, 3; H. Tomlinson, 4; J. Woodhead, 5; H. Hubbard, 6; H. W. Needham, 7; D. Yorke (first touch as conductor), 8. The above has the 6th at home throughout, and was composed by H. W. Needham, Leeds. Rung in honour of the conductor's 36th birthday, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. Hubbard and H. W. Needham hail from Leeds the rest belong to the local company.

DEWSBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 4th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch (1891 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. Taylor, 1; J. Idle, 2; W. Ainley, 3; H. Robinson, 4; N. Hepworth, 5; G. H. Hardy (conductor), 6; J. Buckley, 7; J. H. Dixon, 8. The touch was composed entirely with sixth place bobs.

DISS (Norfolk).—At St. Mary's church the old year was rung out and the new year in with a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes) in 1 hr. 16 mins. J. Archer, 1; G. Archer, 2; W. Ireland, 3; W. Salter, 4; E. Hayward, 5; A. Hammond, 6; J. Souther (conductor), 7; A. Hart, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. On Tuesday, January 6th, the fifty-eighth anniversary of the above bells was held as usual, but owing to sickness and severe weather, the muster of ringers was not so good as in former years. At 2.30 the company sat down to a capital dinner provided by host Reeve of the "Dolphin" inn, the Rev. W. N. Andrews, curate, occupying the chair. During the day some good ringing was done on the tower bells, and also on the handbells, in Grandsire, Treble Bob and plain methods.

MOORSIDE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 11th, for evening service at St. Thomas's church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. A. Butterworth (conductor), 1; S. Taylor, 2; J. Pilkington, 3; T. Greenwood, 4; J. Taylor, 5; J. Shaw, 6; L. Hampson, 7; J. T. Prince, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham. Longest touch by S. Taylor. Rung on the 35th birthday of J. Shaw.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DUDLEY.—On Sunday, January 4th, at the parish church, in commemoration of the 72nd anniversary of the opening of the bells, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung for Divine Service in the morning. J. Baylis, 1; F. Fellows, 2; J. Mills, 3; S. Spittle, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; E. Fellows, jun., 6; J. Goodman (conductor), 7; H. Sheppard, 8.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday, December 18th, at St. John's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. T. Penny, 1; H. Preece (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; B. Hill, 3; E. Davis, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; W. Bradford, 6. On Saturday, December 20th, at St. Martin's church, 720 in the same method. H. Preece, 1; R. Horton, 2; F. Owen, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; E. Davis, 5; A. Moore (Hanbury), 6. On Wednesday, December 24th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor. B. Hill, 1; S. Cotton, 2; E. Davis, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; R. Horton, 5; W. Bradford, 6. On handbells, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Owen, 1; H. Preece, 2; W. Page, 3-4; S. Cotton (conductor), 5-6. On Saturday, December 27th, 720 in the same method. E. Davis, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; L. Longney (conductor), 5-6. Also 720 Bob Minor. E. Davis, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTEAD (near Gloucester).—On Wednesday, January 7th, at the parish church of St. Swithin, several 6-scores of Grandsire, St. Dunstan's Doubles, and 180 Bob Minor. W. Dudge, 1; G. Taylor, 2; J. Groves, 3; A. Smart, 4; F. Gillett, 5; E. E. Bewick (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, December 24th, for Midnight Service at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. H. Holloway, 1; J. F. Tarrant, 2; C. E. Foxell, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; W. Newell, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. Tenor 24 cwt. And at St. Giles's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Egby, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6; W. Newell, 7; D. Hind, 8.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON.—The local company have recently rung a 720 each of the following: Violet Treble Bob, College Trebles, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Primrose, Tulip, Oxford, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford Delight, Superlative, Surprise, Ringers' Delight, Tanner's Pleasure, and Cheapside Bob. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOBBING.—On Sunday, January 11th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 23 mins. J. Mann, 1; S. Snelling, 2; J. Jeffrey, 3; E. Price, 4; C. Willshire, 5; Rev. E. W. Carpenter (conductor), 6. Also two 120s of Grandsire Doubles, in which E. Allen and W. Tassell (who hail from Borden), took part, it being their first 120. The above was rang as a farewell to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who to the great regret of the ringers, is leaving the neighbourhood.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Wednesday, December 31st, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Sharp (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. Sharp, 1; F. Keech, 2; F. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; S. Constant, 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp, 6. Also 216 Grandsire Minor, 120 Grandsire Doubles, and 120 Oxford Treble Bob. And on Tuesday, January 6th, a 720 Double Court Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; S. Constant, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Sharp, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnson, 1; H. Sharp, 2; F. Sharp, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; J. Spencer, 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. Johnson (first 120 with a bob bell), 3. And

on Monday, December 22nd, at St. Paul's church, an attempt was made for 504 Bob Major, but was lost after ringing 3136 changes. H. Tysoe, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. Constant, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; H. Sharp, 6; W. Baldwin, 7; I. Hills, 8. And on New Year's Eve, December 31st, 336 Bob Major and 336 Grandsire Triples. The New Year was rung in with 336 Grandsire Triples, and 112 Bob Major. Also on Sunday, January 4th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; S. Constant, 3; W. G. Biggs, 4; F. Keech, 5; H. Sharp, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 336 Bob Major. H. King, 1; W. G. Biggs, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. West, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills, 6; W. Baldwin, 7; F. Smith (conductor), 8. Also 209 Grandsire Triples. T. Howard, 1; F. Sharp, 2; S. Constant, 3; C. West, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; F. Keech, 6; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 7; W. Shimmans, 8. And on Saturday, January 10th, on handbells retained in hand, at the residence of Mr. S. Constant, 41, Howard Street, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). M. Warwick (R.E.), 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6. Also a plain course of Grandsire Triples;

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday evening, January 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; *T. Stuart (conductor), 4; T. Watson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. *First time as conductor.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Wednesday, December 31st, for midnight service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. *G. Green, 1; E. Bozyard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; E. Titt, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. Pallister (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, January 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. *W. Pallister, 1; E. Bozyard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; F. Charlton, 4; E. Titt, 5; †T. Bozyard (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Minor. †First as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FITTLEWORTH.—On Saturday, January 17th, at the parish church, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles by the following members of the local band. A. Ball, 1; Rev. A. B. Simpson, 2; W. Samways, 3; A. H. Simpson (conductor), 4; M. Steer, 5; H. Hayler, 6. The above was the first occasion on which 120 Bob Doubles have been successfully brought round by the local band.

BIRCHINGTON (Kent).—On Saturday, December 27th, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing about 2250 changes in 1 hr. 22 mins. A. Pointer, 1; L. Willshire (conductor), 2; G. Willshire, 3; T. B. Reed, jun., 4; T. B. Reed, sen., 5; J. Bristow, jun., 6; H. Hopkins, 7; W. Enden, 8. And on Saturday, January 3rd, the band attempted another peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 2000 changes in capital style. A. Pointer, 1; L. Willshire (conductor), 2; G. Willshire, 3; T. B. Reed, jun., 4; C. Willshire, 5; C. Price, 6; F. Carroway, 7; W. Enden, 8. After losing the peal the band rang several good touches.

CAWSTON (Norfolk).—On Sunday, January 4th, at the parish church, after Divine Service, five of the Aylsham company with Mr. C. Neale of Cawston, rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. C. Neale, 1; A. Wrought, 2; W. Wrought, 3; J. Moy, 4; G. Moy, 5; A. J. Neale (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. Afterwards the company were entertained to tea by the kind invitation of the rector, the Rev. T. H. Marsh.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, January 11th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Pace, 1; R. Jordan, 2; W. Wadey, 3; J. Newnham, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. Short, 6; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 7; J. Parker, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Rice, 1; R. Jordan, 2; W. Wadey, 3; J. Newnham, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. Short, 6; J. Parker, 7; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 8. Also 224 Canterbury Major. W. Short, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; J. Taylor, 4; F. Wickens, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; J. Taylor, 4; F. Wickens, 5; J. Parker (conductor), 6; R. Jordan, 7; H. H. Chandler, 8. And for evening service 672 Court Bob Triples. F. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; W. Short, 4; J. Parker, 5; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 6; F. Wickens, 7; J. Taylor, 8. Chandler and Short hail from Warnham; Wickens from Charlwood; Wadey from Billingshurst; the rest belong to the local company.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 25th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 1064 Grandsire Triples. A. Arnold, 1; T. Verrall, 2; W. Chambers, 3; W. Todd, 4; W. States, 5; R. Richards (conductor), 6; W. Hill, 7; H. Dudley, 8. And on Wednesday, December 31st, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 47 mins. A.

Arnold, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; A. Collins, 3; W. Chambers, 4; W. States, 5; G. Burt, 6; W. Hill, 7; R. Richards, 8. Also on Sunday evening, January 4th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Verrall, 1; A. Arnold, 2; H. Brooker, 3; W. Todd, 4; R. Richards (conductor), 5; W. States, 6; W. Hill, 7; H. Dudley, 8.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 30th, at St. Andrew's church, in honour of the wedding of the Rev. R. W. Nevill and Miss Constance Slogan, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; A. Le Clercq, 2; H. Garfath (composer and conductor), 3; J. Hawkes, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, 6; A. White, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 10th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater (conductor), 1; Z. Slater, 2; *D. Gridley, 3; F. Wells, 4; O. Garwood, 5; C. Honeybell, 6. *First 720 in the method.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—At midnight on New Year's Eve at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Williams, 1; W. Waterman, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Bennett, 4; J. Crane, 5; J. Bennett, 6; W. H. Smith (conductor), 7; R. E. Grove, 8.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, January 11th, for Divine Service at St. James's church, 720 Victoria Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 25 mins. J. Breatheron (conductor), 1; W. Nelson, 2; *J. Miller, 3; R. Bowling, 4; *W. Gore, 5; J. Banister, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. Messrs. Nelson and Banister belong to St. Andrew's. *First 720 in the method. Also in the evening at St. Andrew's church, a 360 in the same method. O. Worden (conductor), 1; T. Bowling, 2; J. Breatheron, 3; R. Bowling, 4; W. Nelson, 5; J. Banister, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

LONGCOTT (Berks).—On Saturday, January 10th, at the parish church of St. Mary, 720 Bob Minor, in 20 mins. T. Freebury, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; J. H. Shepherd, 3; W. P. Slack, 4; O. W. Layng, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. All the above hail from Swindon.

LEICESTER.—On Friday, January 9th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor, on the front six of the ring of ten. J. Tomlinson, 1; J. Pole, 2; J. O. Lancashire, 3; J. T. Harriman, 4; C. Walker, 5; A. Millis (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. J. Pole hails from Belgrave.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, January 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 336 and other touches of Bob Major by a mixed band. J. Slater (Glemsford), 1; A. Ambrose (Melford), 2; D. Gridley (Clare), 3; S. Slater (Glemsford), 4; H. Duco (Melford), 5; H. Smith (Lavenham), 6; J. Bird (Melford), 7; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 8. Conducted by S. Slater.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, December 6th, at the parish church of St. Giles, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's ten-part), in 38 mins. W. Furn, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; A. Stewart, 3; F. Harris, 4; J. Mackay, 5; E. Haxley, 6; J. S. White (conductor), 7; F. Swindler, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Also 216 Grandsire Minor. J. S. White, 1; F. Harris, 2; E. Haxley, 3; J. Mackay, 4; A. H. Martin, 5; A. Stewart (conductor), 6. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. J. S. White, 1; E. Haxley, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; F. Harris, 4; S. Hall, 5; J. Mackay, 6; A. Stewart (conductor), 7; W. Furn, 8. Messrs. White, Mackay, Stewart, Harris and Haxley belong to the St. Edmund's Society; Martin to Higham Ferrers; the rest belong to the St. Giles' company.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, January 7th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. F. Barlow, 1; W. Warburton, 2; J. Brooks, 3; W. Ingham, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. And a 360 of Bob Minor. F. Barlow, 1; W. Minett, 2; J. Brooks, 3; W. Warburton, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Both conducted by F. Barlow. Warburton hails from Whitefield; Minett, formerly of Leicestershire; Ingham from Oldham; the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 15½ cwt.

RADCLIFFE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 13th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. W. Handley, 1; W. S. Hutton, 2; A. Hardman, 3; T. Lund (Bury), 4; A. Barrett (conductor), 5; J. Hardman, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in F#.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On New Year's morning, the local company rang at All Saints' church 360 changes in three different methods, viz.: 120 each of Stedman, Grandsire, and Manchester Doubles. J. Slater, 1; C. Davie, 2; W. H. Frost, 3; F. Key, 4; H. George (conductor), 5. Tenor 19 cwt. First Stedman on the bells, and first by all the band. Three of the above band belong to the Midland Counties' Association, the rest are members of the local company.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, January 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; S. Constant, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; W. Pettit, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; J. B. Martin, 6. And 720 Double Court Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). C. Allen, 1; S. Constant, 2; C. W. Clarke (con-

ductor), 3; E. Coleman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; I. Hills, 6. Also 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. West, 2; H. King, 3; W. Pettit, 4; E. Coleman, 5; A. J. Barcock (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. C. Allen, 1; C. West, 2; A. J. Barcock, 3; H. King, 4; E. Coleman, 5; J. B. Martin (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. T. Bramsome, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Allen, 3; E. Coleman, 4; S. Constant, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. J. B. Martin, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Allen, 3; E. Coleman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; S. Constant, 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Dickinson, 1; C. Allen, 2; I. Hills, 3; E. Coleman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 336 Grandsire Triples on handbells. S. Constant, 1; J. Wilson, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; A. H. Martin, 5-6; J. B. Martin, 7-8. And 180 Bob Minor and 120 Bob Doubles.

STRATTON STRAWLESS (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, January 7th, at the parish church, six of the Aylsham company rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Moy, 1; A. Wrought, 2; W. Wrought, 3; J. M. Roberts, 4; A. J. Neale, 5; G. Moy (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Afterwards some short touches with the local company.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, January 5th, at St. Denys church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. W. Townsend, 1; N. E. Snow (conductor), 2; W. Bean, 3; H. Holderness, 4; C. Harwood, 5; C. Gould, 6; J. E. Picker, 7; J. E. Langdon, 8. The above was rung on the birthday of Mr. C. Gould, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. Also recently, for practice, the following touches: 728 Grandsire Triples. E. Rowbottom, 1; J. Holmes, 2; W. Bean, 3; T. H. Holdich (conductor), 4; H. T. Holderness, 5; N. E. Snow, 6; J. E. Picker, 7; W. Townsend, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Townsend, 1; N. E. Snow (conductor), 2; W. Bean, 3; J. R. Mackman, 4; C. Harwood, 5; C. Gould, 6; J. E. Picker, 7; C. W. Jackson, 8.

ST. AMES-ON-THE-SEA (Lancashire).—The Lytham parish church company visited this church on Monday evening, January 5th, and rang the first half of Taylor's 6-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 35 mins. These bells were cast and hung by Taylor and Son, Loughborough, in September last. The tower is a new one, the cost of which was borne by subscribers. The bells were given by the Lady E. C. Clifton, formerly of Lytham. W. Miller, 1; J. Miller, 2; J. Fisher, 3; W. Atkinson, 4; *C. Lewis, 5; H. Gregson (conductor), 6; R. Atkinson, 7; *E. Fairclough, 8. *Longest length.

SWANAGE (Dorset).—On Monday, January 15th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. C. Lambert, 1; F. Holt, 2; G. White, 3; G. J. Williams, 4; W. H. Middleton, 5; W. J. Bastable, 6; L. H. Rose (conductor), 7; W. Farmer, 8. Tenor about 22 cwt.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Christmas Day, for morning service at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clark, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Gowers, 1; A. Papworth, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clark, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. Also on the occasion of ringing the old year out and new one in, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Clark, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Brett, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And an 18-score of Bob Minor, standing as before, conducted by A. Clark.

TREDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, January 6th, for practice at the parish church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Stait, 1; W. Taylor, 2; W. Russell, 3; W. Hawker, 4; C. W. Dyson (conductor), 5.

WHITCHURCH (Oxon).—For Divine Service in the evening, on Sunday, December 28th, 360 Bob Minor, and after service 720 in the same method, in 23 mins., by the local band, with the assistance of A. C. West (Kent County Association), and J. Bower (Goring).

WALDRON (Sussex).—On the occasion of a wedding in the neighbourhood on Wednesday, January 7th, eight members of the local company rang at All Saints' church the first half of Shipway's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 27 mins. A. Dawes, 1; A. Reid, 2; E. Jennings, 3; G. Ades, 4; J. Beal, 5; J. Burgess, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; E. Unstead, 8. In the evening 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; G. Ades, 2; E. Jennings, 3; T. Ashdown, 4; J. Beal, 5; J. Burgess, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; E. Unstead, 8. Also another 504. A. Dawes, 1; G. Ades, 2; T. Ashdown, 3; A. Reid, 4; B. Hobbs, 5; J. Burgess, 6; J. Beal, 7; E. Jennings, 8.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, January 11th, before Divine Service at Christ Church, a touch of Grandsire Triples, commencing at the plain course in Holt's Original and ringing to the end of the peal. S. Reeves (conductor), 1; J. Timms (Tamworth), 2; J. R. Frisby, 3; R. Hall, 4; T. Horton, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; H. Hipkiss, 8. And after Divine Service in the evening 575 Grandsire Caters, and 756 Stedman Triples, Messrs. Small and Goodreds being added to the band.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Quarterly General Meeting at East Dereham on Monday, February 2nd. Members requiring travelling cards should send notice to Hon. Sec. or District Secs. six days previously, with station of departure. Dinner at 1.30. Short business meeting after. H. EARLE BULWER, *Stanhoe, Lynn.* Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly meeting of the above will be held in St. Mary's Schoolroom, Cradley, to-day, Saturday, January 24th, 1891, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. A. B. Timbrell, Vicar, will preside. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

Note.—All subscriptions are due at this meeting, according to rule. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

United Counties' Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Leesfield, near Oldham, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 4.0 p.m. Dinner at the Church Inn at 5 o'clock p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each. Bells ready at 2.0 p.m. All Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, } *Hon.*
JOHN SIDEBOTHAM, } *Secs.*

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The next meeting will be held at Rendham, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Sweffling tower open 4.0 till 9.0 p.m., by kind permission of Rector. Meeting at 6.0. It is regretted that permission cannot be obtained for the use of the bells at Rendham.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Secretary.*
Leiston.

Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be held at the head quarters, Bradford, on Saturday, February 7th; full particulars of which will be announced in due course. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Association.—The next District Meeting will be held at Frome on Tuesday, January 27th. Service at St. John's at 2.15. Towers open: St. John's (8), Buckland Dinham (6), and Nunney (6). Tea at 6.0 p.m. and meeting after.

RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting of the Maidstone District will be held on Saturday, January 31st, at Wrotham. The belfries open will be noticed next week; Wrotham all through the day. It is particularly hoped that all who can come will try and do so, so as to ensure a good meeting. The Committee meeting will be held in the Working Men's Club, Wrotham, at 3.0 p.m. The towers of Town Malling and Ightham (probably) will be open for members. The usual allowance will be given for attendance of members.

THOS. LINDSAY STACK, *Branch Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The Anniversary Meeting will be held at Gloucester, on Thursday, January 29th. A short service at the parish church of St. Mary-de-Crypt at 11.0 p.m.: Address by the Rector, Rev. Hon. Brother M. Trotter. Business meeting, Election of Officers, etc., immediately afterwards. Dinner at the New Inn Hostelry, at

1.15 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head; 1s. to performing members who send a shilling postal order to the Hon. Local Secretary not later than Saturday, the 24th. Address: W. C. Long, Esq., 25, Kingsholm Road, Gloucester.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A General Meeting will be held at Lanchester on Wednesday, February 4th. Ringing at St. Mary's, six bells, tenor 9 cwt. Dinner at "King's Head" hotel at 1.30 p.m. L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Waterloo Society.—The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will take place on Wednesday, January the 28th, at St. John's, Waterloo-road, at 8.30. W. W. THORNE, *Hon. Sec.*

Fulham Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 31st. Tower open at 3.0 p.m. Tea in church room at 5.30 p.m., at 9d. per head; business meeting immediately afterwards. Members and friends intending to be present at tea are requested to send in their names to J. W. Driver, 4, Kane-lagh-villas, King's-road, Fulham (s.w.), on or before January 29th.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Quarterly Meeting of the Guild will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, January 31st. Bells open 3 p.m.; meeting 6.0. Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon.*
W. BENTHAM, } *Secs.*

Lancashire Association.—The next meeting of the Rossendale branch will be held to-day, Saturday, January 24th, at Waterfoot. Bells (6) ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. J. SHEPHERD, *Branch Sec.*

Hertfordshire Association.—District Meeting at Bushey on Saturday, February 7th. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

Middlesex Association.—There will be a District Meeting at Hadley on Saturday, February 2nd. The tower will be open for ringing at 5.0 p.m. Nearest stations: Hadley Wood and High Barnet on the Great Northern Railway, each one mile distant from the church. F. A. MILNE, *Hon. Sec.*

"AN INCONSTANT READER" asks assistance in the following matter: "The tower of our church is modern, being constructed of flint and brickwork about twenty years since, and by some is deemed unequal to carry a peal of bells. As the parishioners are very desirous of having a ring of six they would be grateful to be put in the hands of a competent authority unconnected with any bellfounders, who could undertake to give them a professional report on the structure and its capabilities."

CORRECTIONS.—A correspondent writes to correct the following errors which he made in reporting the peal rang at Mossley on the 17th instant: Allan Royston rang the 4th, not John Allen; and Fred Schofield the 5th, not Fred Crossland.

THE JESSE AVERY FUND.—Acknowledged, 12s., A. Holfield (Longworth) 1s., G. Stanbrook (Windsor) 2s. 6d., R. Flaxman, 1s., W. J. Fisher (Eastbourne) 2s., a Friend, 2s., Hagbourne Society of Change-ringers, 11s.—G. HOLIFIELD, *Appleton.*

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—The next portrait published will be that of Mr. William Baron, sen., of London, Treasurer of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. It will appear on February 14th. As so many have expressed their approval of the likeness of Mr. George Dorrington, we may say that our portrait was from a photograph taken by Mr. Pitt, of Bethnal Green Road.

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 additional must accompany such request.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

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By C. H. MARTIN, *Hendon.*

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

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

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

5	4	3	2	6	2	X		
4	2	3	5	6	I	X		
3	2	5	4	6	I	X		I
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5	3	2	4	6		X		
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2	4	5	3	6	I	X		
4	3	6	5	2	2	X		I
3	5	4	2	6	I	X		
5	2	4	3	6	I	X		
2	3	4	5	6	I	X		

This peal contains the 6th her extent at home at ten course-ends, First rung by a band of Cumberlanders on August 23rd, 1885, at Belchamp Walter, Essex, conducted by its composer.

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HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

On Thursday evening, January 8th, by the kind invitation of the rector, the Rev. A. C. W. Upcher, the local company were entertained to supper at the rectory. After supper (which was thoroughly enjoyed by all), the rector gave a short address as to the duties and privileges of ringers. Afterwards a few courses were rung on the handbells, thus bringing a very enjoyable evening to a close. The company through the medium of this paper wish to thank the rector for his kindness and liberality.

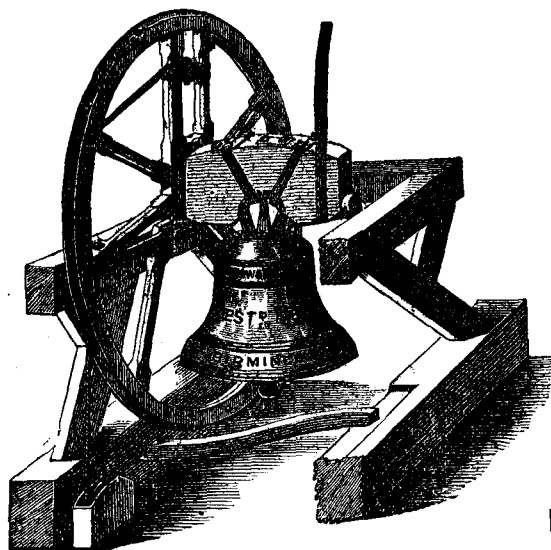
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the Crewe branch of the above guild was held at Crewe on Saturday, January 17th, when representatives from the various towers belonging to the branch assembled in the church, when the vicar, the Rev. G. J. Howson, M.A., gave a very excellent address on the duties of bell-ringers as church workers. The meeting was held in the parish room, the vicar in the chair. The vicar was re-elected President; Mr. A. Wilson was elected Secretary, and Mr. A. Parkes was elected Instructor to the Branch and representative to the General Committee. At five o'clock the ringers sat down to an excellent tea. After refreshing the inner man with the cup that cheers but not inebriates, they ascended the tower, when several touches of Minor and Triples were rung. The time having come for the visitors to leave, the bells were brought to a stand, thus ending one of the most successful and cheerful meetings of the branch.

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Muffled touches were rung upon the eight bells in the old tower on Saturday, January 17th, as a mark of respect to His Grace the Duke of Bedford, whose ashes after cremation were buried at Chenies that day.

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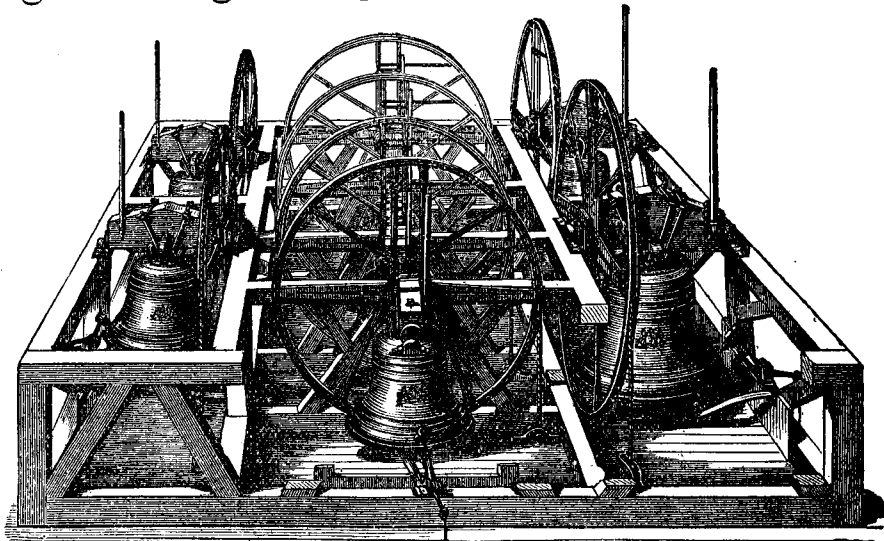
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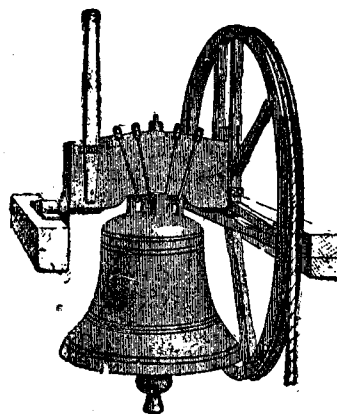
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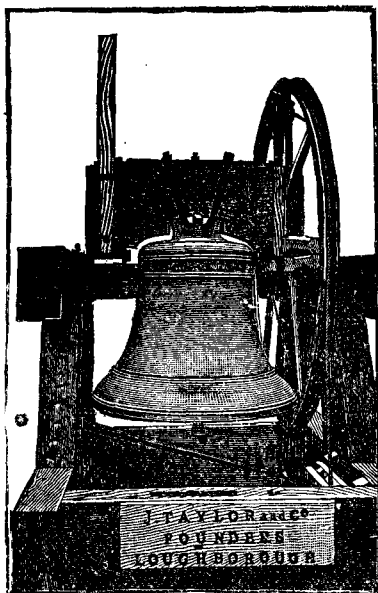
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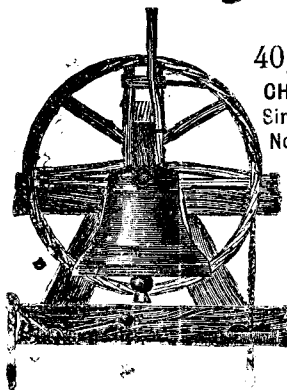
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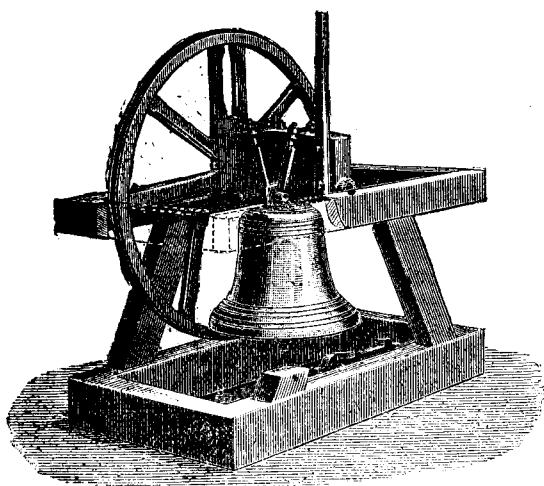
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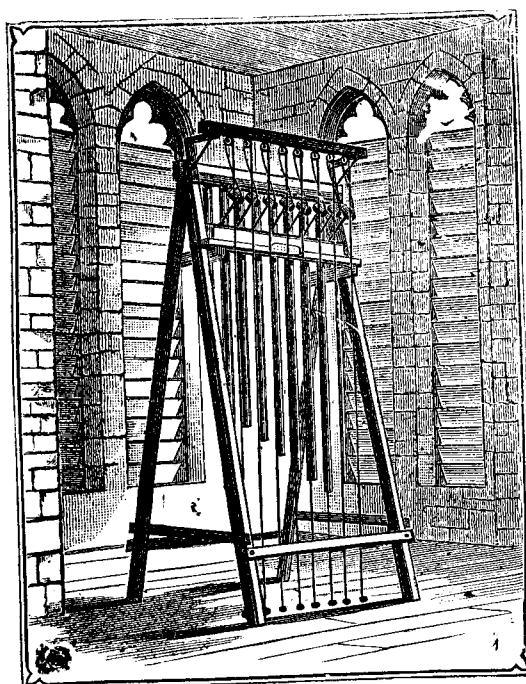
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The third quarterly meeting of the year took place at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 17th, and the bells of the parish church were placed at the disposal of the members during the afternoon.

A committee meeting was held in the schoolroom, and the tea and general meeting followed, at which the president (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) took the chair; there were also present the Rev. Canon Bellairs (Vicar of Nuneaton), Mr. John W. Taylor, jun. (Loughborough), Mr. James George (Rugby), Mr. W. Wakley (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Joseph Griffin (Hon. Secretary), and upwards of thirty members from various districts.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed; one life member and eight ringing members being unanimously elected. The President also announced that the Chesterfield band wished to join the Association, and it was left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary to write Mr. Arthur Knights for the names, and publish them in the annual report, together with those elected that day, which included five from Tamworth, another tower being thus added to the Association.

The president, in his address, stated that the Association had rung 51 peals during the year, and the methods accomplished would compare favorably with previous years. He was very glad that the Leicester branch had woke up and rung three peals during the past quarter, and trusted they would continue in the good work, and that it would cause the other two large towns belonging to the Association, viz.: Derby and Nottingham, to bestir themselves, and help on the objects of the Association.

Mr. Stephen Cooper (Leicester) and Mr. E. D. Taylor (Loughborough) were duly appointed to audit the accounts of the Association.

The towns of Leicester, Burton-on-Trent, and Derby were duly proposed and seconded for the Annual Meeting, and the feeling was decidedly in favour of the former town, but the President, before putting the resolutions, appealed to the members (on account of the annual meeting having been held at Derby since the formation of the Association) to allow it to take place at the latter town, he promising that the question should be dealt with (by resolution, of which notice will be given) at the next annual meeting. The first two propositions were withdrawn, and therefore the meeting takes place as usual at Derby on Easter Monday.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, which was duly acknowledged by that gentleman, who wished the Association success, and said he should be pleased to welcome the members again at Nuneaton whenever it pleased them to select that town for their meeting, and the usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FRIESTON BRANCH.—On Saturday, November 29th, E. Mason, E. Woodthorpe, G. Clark, and W. F. Harwood, journeyed to Frieston, and with the local company rang several 6-scores in different methods at St. James' church. At four o'clock the Rev. S. Staffurth, vicar, entered the belfry to unveil a peal-board recording the two peals of 5040 changes rang last March, one in eleven different methods, and the other in twelve. After a short address by the vicar, an adjournment was made to the Oddfellows' Club Room, when twenty ringers sat down to a first class knife and fork tea provided by Mrs. Leggott. After tea the Rev. S. Staffurth proposed "The East Lincolnshire Association," coupling with it Mr. E. Mason, who responded. A song was then sung by G. Clark, after which Mr. T. Bringeman, churchwarden, proposed the local company. Mr. Barber (conductor) responded, and said he hoped the vicar and churchwardens would be able to add another bell very shortly to make six. On January 2nd, the Rev. S. Staffurth entertained the local company to an excellent supper, when a very pleasant evening was spent in songs, etc., and handbell ringing. A 120 of Grandsire and 120 of Plain Bob was rung by Master S. F. Staffurth, 1: W. Leggott, 2; E. Clayton, 3; A. C. Barber (conductor), J. Sharp, 5-6.

HANDBELLS.—Four Octave Chromatic Peal, nearly new. Cost over £20, with music, etc., £12 10s. A. Law, Buckley Terrace, Rochdale.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, January 24th, a Committee and Quarterly Meeting of the above was held in St. Mary's schoolroom, Cradley, the Rev. A. B. Timbrell, Vicar, presiding. The rev. gentleman in his opening remarks said he was very pleased to see the members of the Association at his centre, and hoped it would not be the last time he should have the privilege of meeting them there. He could not help noticing the good work these Associations were doing, for he could well remember the time when church belfries were looked upon as not being a portion of the church, and ringers were allowed to come and go when they thought proper, and do as they liked when there; but brighter days had dawned on the ringers, who were now looked upon as officers of the Church, and the towers were now recognised by the clergy as a part of the consecrated building, which was due in a great measure to the good work of these Associations.

During the ordinary business eleven ringing members were elected, and the auditors of the past year re-elected. It was decided to hold the next Committee meeting on February 21st, at Kidderminster. The usual vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman for presiding, for his well-chosen remarks, the use of the tower and bells, was proposed by Mr. Spittle, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried with acclamation.

The rev. gentleman, in responding, thanked the members most heartily for the vote of thanks that had been passed, and hoped that those present would not think lightly of the office they held, but hoped that what they did in their various belfries would be done to God's glory; and after calling others to church would stay themselves. He was proud to say that when he looked at his ringers' pew on a Sunday he found them there morning and evening.

The Master, Mr. Spittle, quite endorsed the Chairman's remarks, and said it was the duty of all ringers, that having called others to service should attend the same themselves.

It is very gratifying to know that since the rev. gentleman was appointed Vicar of this parish in 1889, a great change has taken place, both as regards the ringers and also the belfry. The old band of ringers when asked to join the Association and become acquainted with the noble art of change-ringing, preferred pulling the tower down and dressing the bricks before learning this new-fangled stuff of ringing. But through the energy of the present Vicar these have had to make way for a band who has mastered the art of change-ringing, and with the co-operation of their respected Vicar, churchwardens, and other laity of the church, the belfry walls are now wainscoted with stained and varnished deal, to the height of 7 ft., and the floor covered with linoleum cloth, and a mat for each ringer. A code of belfry rules (signed by the Vicar and churchwardens) printed and framed, now adorn the belfry walls. Would that all societies in connection with the Association would take the example and do likewise.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples, Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Major were rung upon the tower bells, and courses of Grandsire Caters, Major, and Triples upon the Association's handbells.

STOKE DEVONPORT, DEVON.

Thursday, the 15th inst., found R. T. Hibbert, of Reading, in the tower of the above parish church, where there is a ring of six bells hung in two tiers, three upon each. After raising the bells, a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, the first on tower bells by all the local men. Thursday, January 22nd, found the same band in the tower, intending to ring rather more than a plain course if possible. On starting so raise the bells in peal, "something went wrong with the works," which upon examination proved to be the chiming hammer of the third fallen from its place across the tenor stock, and by some means, swinging the bell had broken the slider, so the verdict was—no ringing to-night. A volunteer was, however soon found for the disabled tenor, and "go" was called for "sweet Treble Bob," and after one failure, "go" was again called, the result being a good 720 of Kent in 25 mins., the first (so the Stoke men affirm) in the method in the county. T. Hibbert takes this opportunity of thanking the Plymouth men for their courtesy in meeting at the various towers in and around Plymouth.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

The SS. Peter and Paul (Milton) society held their annual supper at the Prince of Wales' hotel, Milton, on Tuesday evening, January 20th, when all the members with one exception, together with some friends, numbering twenty in all, sat down to an excellent repast provided by host Felton, the provision of which did him great credit. The rector (the Rev. R. S. Jukes) presided, the vice-chair being taken by Mr. Dorey, head-master of the Milton Board Schools. The following toasts were subsequently proposed and heartily responded to:—"The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," "Church and State," coupled with the name of the Rector and President (who, after having responded in a suitable manner and expressed his pleasure at being present, vacated the chair, which was afterwards filled by Mr. Dorey), "The Subscribers," "The Leader" (Mr. Hayes), "The Secretary and Treasurer" (Mr. Royston), "The Society and Members," "Members of Societies both present and absent," "The Kent County Association," and "The Host." The remainder of the evening was spent convivially, when songs were sung by the following: Messrs. Avis, Hayes, Louth, Martin, G. Smith, J. Smith, Rose (who also contributed a banjo solo), W. Smith, Henry Corey, Felton, and Royston. The members of the Frindsbury society attended with their handbells and rang a course of Caters and three selections, viz.: Irish melody, Ridges Marlow, and Men of Harlech, in which Messrs. D. Windsor, C. Tulloly, W. Tulloly, C. Windsor, and J. Tulloly took part. Several friends from the societies of Swanscombe and Gravesend were also present. Mr. Smith ably accompanied the vocalists. After a vote of thanks to the chairman, the company dispersed at eleven o'clock, after the National Anthem had been sung, and a very enjoyable evening had been spent.

ST. WERBURGH'S, BRISTOL.

On Tuesday evening, January 20th, the ringers of the above church sat down to their third annual supper, provided by the rector, the Rev. Henry Denning, who also presided, and Mr. Stroud, one of the wardens, being vice-chairman. Previous to the supper the ringers met at the tower at 6.30, and rang several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles in good style. At 7.30 they adjourned to the Church Mission Rooms, for some courses with knives and forks. Courses 1, 2, 3, and 4 were well carried out, then came the word "stand," with health to the Queen from the chair, which was well responded to by all. During the evening several selections were well given on the handbells. The rector drew a few practical lessons from the occupations of the ringers, reminding them that if they wanted to succeed in life, each man must pull his own rope, and that all in the belfry or in the parish should pull together in harmony, and that as in the belfry though the ringers were not seen, yet the effects of their efforts were known by the sound of the bells without, so also their influence was felt in the family and social circle, and he trusted that it would ever be for good.

The Rev. F. Hudson, Mr. Stroud, and M. L. Baynham, responded to toasts, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

SUSSEX CHURCH BELLS.

A paper was read before the Eastbourne Natural History Society recently by Mr. H. Michell-Whitley, on "Sussex Church Bells and Bell Legends." In the course of a deeply interesting and exhaustive paper Mr. Whitley observed that the church bell was introduced into England about the year 680, and the first peal was put up by Abbot Tinkital in Crowland Abbey about the year 870. The most ancient bell in England would appear to be that at Lanhydrock, Cornwall, with the inscription "The gift of Athelstan, for his soul," although it may have been recast in mediæval times. There is no bell in Sussex with a like inscription, although it possesses one at Duncton dated 1369. In former times bells were cast by ecclesiastics, and afterwards at regular foundries and by itinerant bell founders. Hailsham bells were cast there, and Eastbourne bells were recast at Chiddingfold in 1651. After being cast the bells were baptised and exhorted to be efficacious in driving away all hurtful things. At the time of the Reformation many bells were destroyed, but

"clocking," careless freaks, and the custom of recasting the bells into peals of lighter weight and larger number, to adapt them to change-ringing, will account for the small number of mediæval bells left in Sussex. Many again were sold to defray various expenses, and one of the Berwick bells hangs in Alfriston steeple, having been disposed of to that parish, the local rhyme running—

The parson was poor, and also the people,
So they sold their bells to repair their steeple.

The earliest legends are short, often only the name of the saint appearing, after whom the bell was called. In later years the invocation, "pray for us," was added, and such legends as the following appear:—

I am called Katherine, and sound the rose of the world;
My living voice drives away all hurtful things.

The Gabriel bell at Lewes is inscribed: "Sent from God, I bear the name of Gabriel." At East Dean is a bell bearing a legend in Latin, meaning—

Surely no bell beneath the sky
Can send forth better sounds than I.

At Alfriston and Folkington are bells inscribed, "The voice of Augustine sounds in the ear of God." These mediæval legends were, as a rule, reverent, but in post-Reformation times a different feeling obtained. Treble bells in Sussex often bore the words—

I mean to make it understood,
That though I'm little, yet I'm good.

While for a tenor, the inscription on that of St. Nicholas, Brighton, is common:—

I to the church the living call,
And to the grave do summon all.

Sometimes a previous failure in casting is recorded. "Joseph Carter made me better" is on a bell at West Hoathly. Bells were put to various uses. In some churches the sanctus bell still hangs in its bell-cote over the chancel arch. This was also used as the chantry bell when there was one in the church. The power of bells to drive away evil spirits and to disperse storms is also an old superstition. In some places the Devil's knell is rung on Christmas Eve, the legend being that he died when Christ was born. The most pleasing of all old bell customs is the ringing of the Curfew bell, which is still kept up at Hailsham, Mayfield, and Hastings, although discontinued at Eastbourne. Many pleasing traditions attach to our church bells. St. Gregory's bell, formerly at Eastbourne, now hangs in a church in sunny Normandy, being carried off one night by French marauders. The bells of Rye were carried away when the French sacked that town in the fifteenth century, but were recovered the next year by the hardy mariners of the port. Under the waters of the moat which formerly encircled Etchingham church lies a great bell, which will never be seen until six yoke of white oxen are employed to bring it to daylight. Another sunken bell lies in the Ouse, near Uckfield, and the lost bells of Bosham still join in the village peal from the depths of bell hole, where they sunk with sacrilegious Danish pirates, who were bearing them away centuries ago.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—NOTICE OF A LONG PEAL.

Eight members of the Sussex County Association will attempt to ring W. Harrison's 10,176 of Treble Bob Major, on Monday, February 2nd., to start about twelve o'clock.

HENRY H. CHANDLER.

Who's Who says that the oldest prelate of the Church of England is the Bishop of Chichester, aged eighty-eight; the youngest, the Bishop of St. Asaph, aged forty-one. The oldest prelate of the Church of Ireland is the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, aged eighty-three; the youngest, the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross, aged fifty-six. The oldest prelate of the Scotch Episcopal Church is the Bishop of St. Andrew's, aged eighty-four; the youngest, the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, aged forty-nine.

Owing to the rapid growth of population in the parish of St. Mary's, Lewisham, it has been decided to erect a new church at the cost of about £8000. Lord Dartmouth has given a suitable site, and £2000 has already been raised. The parish has a population of 4000, a considerable proportion of which is of the poorer working class.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society was held at the rectory on Friday evening, January 9th. The president (Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence) occupied the chair, there being also present Messrs. H. L. Waddington, W. Battle, G. W. Cartmel, J. C. Mitchell, E. R. Mitchell, T. Long, J. E. Randall, R. Hammond, and E. Chapman. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the secretary submitted the report for the past year. The treasurer also brought forward his statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand, and this was received. The next business on the agenda was the election of officers. Mr. W. Battle was unanimously re-elected treasurer, and Mr. H. L. Waddington was honored by his re-election as secretary. Messrs. J. C. Mitchell and T. Long were elected to serve on the committee. Mr. G. W. Cartmel was appointed conductor for the ensuing year by the president. Mr. J. C. Mitchell brought forward a motion for the adoption of a short office, or service, previous to the commencement of ringing, which on being seconded by Mr. Waddington, was agreed to. The Bishop of St. Albans has consented to become patron of the society.

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.

On Tuesday, January 20th, the change-ringing band of St. Mary, Penzance, with the addition of one or two musical though non-ringing friends, were invited by Mr. Symons to supper at the Western Hotel. The company sat down to a very substantial repast, Mr. Symons being in the chair, and the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Hedgland, in the vice-chair. After supper, there were some touches on the handbells, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, till the guests separated at about 11 o'clock, after spending a very pleasant and harmonious evening. It need hardly be said that the change-ringers of St. Mary's are most grateful to Mr. Symons for the unwearied interest which he continues to take in the welfare of the band, nor is it too much to say that its present efficiency is mainly owing to his personal exertions and kindness.

ST. EDMUND'S, SALISBURY.

A report of the first peal rung at this church will be seen in its proper place. The ring originally consisted of six bells, cast by William Purdew and Nathaniel Bolter (celebrated founders of this city in 1656); but the second was recast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, in 1744, and the fourth by C. and J. Mears in 1846. In 1884 two trebles were added by Mears, the second being the munificent gift of Mr. E. A. Foster, then a ringer at this church, but who is now living at Corsham, Wilts. The ringing-floor being close to the bells, the noise is very great, thus rendering the accomplishment of a peal by no means an easy matter. The tenor requires a considerable amount of strength, and Mr. Greenleaf performed no mean feat in ringing it through the peal, and at the same time striking the bell excellently.

The Archbishop of Canterbury on Friday week opened the hall which has been erected in memory of the late vicar of Croydon, the Rev. J. M. Braithwaite. The new hall, which is to be used as a lecture room and gymnasium, is in connection with the Croydon Church Institute. The Rev. G. C. Fisher, vicar of Croydon, explained the history of the institute and the movement which had resulted in the erection of the hall, remarking that they had carried out the cherished and strongly-expressed wish of the late Mr. Braithwaite. The Archbishop said that allusion had been made to an event which they all felt was a personal blow. He himself would never forget the grief with which he received the intelligence that one who seemed so full of life, so full of energy, and so full of Christian sweetness was no more. The usefulness of that institute had been enormously increased by what they had added to it, and he hoped that the room would be the scene of a great deal of very sincere and very true Church work. The Mayor of Croydon proposed, and the Rev. O. B. Byers seconded, a vote of thanks to the Primate at the close.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

SEVEN-BELL PEALS.

SIR,—Mr. Woodley's criticism is not strengthened at all by his letter of last week. He simply says seven-bell peals are no good, but he does not produce anything to prove his assertion. If his opinion is such that cannot be altered, we must have something more than this; I for one can change mine. I think if a gentleman takes the trouble to criticise any performance, he should be in a position to give a satisfactory explanation of the cause, and up to the present nothing by way of explanation ever appeared in any letters or articles yet written in "THE BELL NEWS." Mr. Woodley opened fire, and I look to him to give us proof why it is unmusical and also degrading to performers.

PULLY HAULIE.

Obituary.

JOSEPH BUMBY.

We have to record the death of this well-known ringer and lover of bells and ringing, of Rothwell, near Leeds, Yorks, at the ripe old age of seventy-seven years. The deceased died on Friday, January 16th, and was interred on the Sunday after. The funeral was largely attended, the streets on the way to, and the church being quite full. The procession was headed by the members of the deceased's Friendly Society, of which he was president for thirty-seven years, followed by the brass bands of which he was one of the founders in 1838. The deceased commenced ringing with the coming of the bells fifty-four years since, and rang for the coronation of the Queen, and taking part in the Jubilee of Her Majesty, he rung the treble in some Arnold's Victory, which was his last ringing. The bells were deeply muffled, and a 704 of Treble Bob Major was rung while the procession walked to the church, time not admitting of any more. The bells were rung muffled for evening service, 960 of Oxford Treble Bob being rung. Also on Monday evening, January 19th, a muffled peal of 5040 changes was rung, particulars of which appear in their proper place. The methods rung formed the last 5040 which the deceased rang in thirty-four years since for the twentieth anniversary of the bells. The deceased took part in a peal of over 6000 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Pontefract some years ago.

JOHN FIDDAMENT.

On Friday, January 16th, the above ringer died of consumption, after about fourteen weeks' illness, aged thirty-two years. He had been connected with the St. Peter Mancroft society for upwards of twelve years, and also with the Norwich Diocesan Association from its beginning in 1877. He commenced to learn the art at an early age (about sixteen), with an opposition company practising at St. Mary's and St. Miles, but after a few years with this Bob Minor company, the twelve at St. Peter Mancroft attracted his attention, and he ultimately was chosen one of the twelve ringers for that church in August 1880. He had taken part in nine peals of 5000 changes, the last being a peal of Grandsire Caters on October 13th, at St. Peter Mancroft, being the only one he has conducted, and having rung only once on the bells since. He was a boot and shoe finisher by trade, living in the parish of St. Benedict. He was interred at the Norwich Cemetery. He leaves a wife and three children.

PENARTH (Glamorganshire).—On Saturday, January 17th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently) was rung as a last token of respect to the late Richard Linnington, who was verger for twenty-four years, from the opening of the church until recently, and who died on the previous Tuesday, aged 78 years. J. Vinnicombe (conductor), 1; W. Voisy, 2; J. Jones, 3; D. Thomas, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Barcombe, 6. The following also took part in the ringing. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Freeman (conductor), 4; F. Bartlett 5; T. Northey, 6.

ANTIQUE CARVED OAK FURNITURE.—Purchasers can buy direct from the villages. The advertiser has for disposal for cottagers and others, a large carved oak hall cabinet, £7; carved oak grandfather's hall clock (brass face), £4; carved hall settle, high carved back box seat for rugs, £4 10s.; carved oak writing-table fitted with escritoire, £4; carved oak hall table, £1 10s.; carved oak dower chest, £2; very small ditto, 15s.; carved oak Cromwellian hall chair, £2 10. Hon. Sec., The Poplars Institute, Newport Pagnell.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—RINGERS' DINNER.

On Monday evening, January 19th, the first annual dinner in connection with the present Society of ringers was held at the "Eagle" Inn, West Street. The Venerable Archdeacon Mount presided, being supported right and left by the Mayor (Dr. Paxton), Mr. Alderman Greene, Rev. J. F. Birkett, and Mr. A. S. Bostock. Mr. Walters, the leader of the ringers, was in the vice-chair. The company, which included many visitors, numbered about fifty. After dinner the usual loyal toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured. Mr. Alderman Greene proposed "The health of the Bishop and Clergy," to which the Chairman made a graceful response. Mr. A. S. Bostock followed with "The health of the member for the division" (Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, M.P.), and said he trusted it would be a long time before the ringers were called upon to ring upon the occasion of the election of another member.

Mr. G. Tippen, a member of the company of ringers, proposed "The health of the Mayor and Corporation," and expressed gratification at seeing so many members of the Corporation present, with His Worship the Mayor at their head. He hoped that the great work to which the Council had set its hand would be effectually carried out, and said if the city was not effectually drained it was certain that the pockets of the citizens would be.

The Mayor, who was cordially received, said he was glad to notice members of the Council of all ways of thinking supporting the chair. It would be clear that if they could not all be right they certainly could not all be wrong. He was glad to be there in support of a Society who did justice to the bells of the Cathedral, which were an ornament to the city.

Mr. Farley gave "The Visitors," and said it was a compliment to the ringers to see so many present.

The Rev. M. Edwards, of Petersfield, appropriately returned thanks.

Mr. W. Gale, another member of the late Guild, proposed "The health of the present ringers," and while giving hearty wishes for the success of that body, said it was very gratifying to notice the improvement which was constantly observable in the ringing of the Cathedral bells.

Mr. Walters, whose name was coupled with the toast, acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many of the old Guild present, as it showed a good feeling existed between the past and present ringers. He thought the Cathedral ringers should hold their own with those of other churches in the diocese, especially in the art of change-ringing, and announced, amid applause, that the Rev. J. F. Birkett, who was an experienced change-ringer, had joined the Society.

After a touch on the handbells, the Rev. J. F. Birkett proposed "The health of the Chairman," and spoke of the kindness which the Archdeacon had constantly shewn to the ringers.

The toast was warmly welcomed, and the Archdeacon, in returning thanks, remarked that ever since he had been a clergyman he had taken an interest in bells and bell-ringers. At Cuckfield he got together an excellent band of ringers; and anything he had done towards accomplishing the same result in Chichester, he had done with a very willing heart. As had been remarked before that evening, they had a splendid ring of bells, and more than that, they had got what could not be found in any other city in England, namely, a bell tower built apart from the Cathedral. Formerly magnificent campaniles stood in connection with several other cathedrals, but except that at Chichester all had been demolished. They might, therefore, be proud of having the only bell tower of its kind in England, containing one of the finest peals of bells, and he would fain hope one of the finest sets of ringers. It had been very gratifying to him to notice from time to time how very much improved the ringers had become, and thought it spoke well for their industry. He would give them all the encouragement he could; and they had much encouragement that evening in seeing the Mayor and so many of their fellow-citizens present. The Archdeacon shortly afterwards quitted the chair, after a pleasant convivial evening had been spent. The singing of Mr. Walter Turner, Mr. Firth Bailey, and Mr. Cussons, assisted by Mr. Maltby, in the comic department, was much applauded.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT RENDHAM.

The third quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Rendham on Saturday, January 24th. There were about twenty-five members present from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Benhall, Rendham, Sweffing, and Great Glemham. The bells of the adjoining parish church of Sweffing were most kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers by the rector, the Rev. H. Ruxton, and were kept going at intervals during the afternoon and evening, various touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor being successfully brought round.

The business meeting was held at six o'clock, presided over by Mr. F. Cooper, when two names were enrolled as new members of the Association. Two peals have been rung since the last meeting, both at Leiston. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Saxmundham on April 4th. It was much regretted that the vicar of Rendham, the Rev. George Ensor, refused permission for the use of the Rendham bells—a peal recently restored and increased to six—and considerable comment arose upon the vicar's subsequent action, in having a few days' prior to the meeting expressed his being willing to allow the bells to be rung, but subject to some very extreme condition, to wit; "that no member of your company visit the Rendham or other public-house in this neighbourhood on the day or evening of your visit; nor that any of my ringers be invited to enter a public-house on that evening." Such conditions were considered most unreasonable and inconvenient, particularly to those who arrived in conveyances, and the result was that the tower was closed. The Chairman announced that the landlady of the Rendham public-house, by whom it has been conducted during the past forty years, had of her own free will, subscribed and collected about £4 towards the restoration of the peal, and feelings of indignation were freely expressed. Some excellent ringing on the handbells, on which various touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Cinques, were successfully brought round. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. Ruxton for his kindness in granting the use of the Sweffing bells, which brought to a close a highly successful meeting, marred only by the circumstances before referred to.

BAGBOROUGH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

For some time past the bells of this prettily-situated parish church have been silent while undergoing a partial restoration. The old beams in the tower, upon which the bell-cage rested, were in a most unsafe condition, old age and hard work for generations past having visibly told upon them. It is to be regretted that sufficient funds were not forthcoming to allow of a complete restoration. Still, what has been done will make the bells pealable for many years to come. All the bells have been fitted with strong new oak wheels, new stays and sliders, and new stocks to the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The bells are a good ring of six, with a rich-toned tenor weighing about a ton. A curious inscription somewhat is found on the 2nd, which is as follows:—

"Boeth ould and young did agree full well,
To pay for casting of this bell,
Because a true tall it should tell."

Thursday, the 22nd instant, was fixed for the re-opening, and during the afternoon, besides the local ringers, Stogumber, Bishops Lydeard, Dunster, Minehead, and Old Cleeve bands of ringers were represented. The bells were raised in peal by six of the Stogumber and Bagborough ringers, who tapped some very good rounds and then lowered the bells equally well. By this time several of the members of the Dunster and Minehead societies had arrived, and the first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles ever rang on the bells soon became an accomplished fact. Several more 6-scores in the same method soon followed, and two or three courses of Grandsire Minor (the first Minor ever rang upon them) were also brought round. The bells were kept going during the remainder of the evening by fixed bands, a plain course of Stedman Doubles being rung by the Stogumber band. The "go" of the bells is very satisfactory, and a general feeling of pleasure is experienced throughout this quiet little village at once more hearing the sound of the church bells.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Ex fumo dare lucem."

I submitted last week's paper to an old friend of mine, who is a photographer of no mean repute, with the request that he would pass his opinion upon the last of our portraits which it contains. On returning it, he said he was unable to decide whether Mr. Motts' portrait or his record of ringing achievements was most to be commended. Both, in his opinion, were really excellent. And, frankly speaking, my own ideas ran pretty much in the same groove; so, all things considered, while friend Motts has come in for gratification at his faithful presentment, the Exercise has reason to be proud of him as a talented and energetic brother-string.

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We have been prone to complain (and not without reason) of the scant recognition of our work as ringers by parsons, churchwardens, and other "persons of high degree" in the Church. Fortunately, however, if reports which we read from time to time are any indication, this complaint gets gradually less ground. Not long ago, we were told of both Wardens at Bradfield (if I am not mistaken) who had commenced learning to ring and mastered a 720 of Minor, one of whom I believe has since taken part in a peal of Major. The last week's paper is also not without evidences of an improved state of things in this direction, which are pleasing to note. It is most ardently to be hoped that examples such as that of Mr. Davies, of Barking, as a Church official, and of Mr. Henry Stubbings, at Birmingham, will become more extensively followed. By this means (I scarcely need add) benefit will accrue both to the ringers and to the Church on whose behalf their services are given. Time works wonders, is an old saying, but there is likewise no disputing the fact that Father Time's performances are often accelerated by our own actions and conduct. In this case, I believe that the active co-operation of influential churchmen with us depends in a great measure with ourselves. The line of demarcation which so generally exists has been drawn more from inattention on the one hand, and exclusiveness on the other, than any real opposition; and moreover, both parties have helped to draw that line. So the more we set about obliterating it, the sooner it will disappear; and thus Father Time's wonder-working powers be very materially assisted.

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A brother-string, who is so modest that he "particularly desires I will not give publicity to his name," writes me a long and rather humorous letter on the disputed seven-bell peal question. In fact, had I not known the contrary to be fact, I might have been tempted to imagine that it was our versatile friend Joshua who had penned the epistle. He commences by saying that he is a "good bit bothered" on this point, as to where the rule comes in, and where the line is to be drawn about odd-bell ringing. If ringing Triples without the covering tenor is to be regarded as a "worthless performance," he wants to know if the same rule applies to ringing Doubles in the same way. There is a tower somewhere in his neighbourhood with a ring of five, where the local company are in the habit of pulling off six-scores in various methods, and reporting the same in "THE BELL NEWS." These performances, he says, have never to his knowledge been condemned by authorities—secretarial or otherwise—and thus if it is so criminal to ring Triples or Caters without cover, does the same apply to Doubles? To be consistent, he thinks it should; and therefore the local band in question ought to be sat upon—pulverised, in

fact—for daring to ring Doubles, until they had got another bell, so that they might have the cover behind. Then again, he wants to know (he is evidently an inquisitive sort of individual) if there is any rule in existence which compels the tenor to drum behind. Suppose a band meeting for a peal found it convenient, or had a fancy, to ring the back seven in, with the treble in front or behind all through, or even took any other bell for that purpose, would that he asks, bring the peal under the same category and condemnation as those rung without cover at all? The fifteen puzzle he considers isn't in it with this problem. But being a ringer in a little country place far away from the "great Metropolis," he is ignorant of the ringing morality in that "centre of things good, bad, and indifferent, and depot of the wisdom of the world," so is unable to form an adequate or correct opinion, recent correspondence notwithstanding.

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Is there any one amongst us skilled in the art of solving problems or working out conundrums, who will oblige my epistolary friend with some elucidation of the mystery which seems to trouble him so much? Perhaps friend Joshua, in the exuberance of his wisdom, might bring his powerful electric light to bear upon it, and thus lighten my friend's darkness and give ease to his troubled mind.

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I am much pleased in being able for another time to refer to the Society of Trinity Youths, and congratulate them on the success which has attended their efforts during the last twelve months. At the same time I hope the Master's address will receive careful attention by others besides those to whom it was primarily addressed. There are some nuts of good sense in it that will bear cracking by many—of whom I might add, the sooner they cracked them the better, both for themselves and others.

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I was glad to see in last week's number the report of a 5040 in seven different methods (I had almost written "peal," but our Editor objects to the word, and rightly in such cases) by the Walton-on-the-Hill branch of the Lancashire Association. The attainment of this has been a great object, I know, with the worthy steeple-keeper and conductor of Walton. But the drawbacks he has experienced in its pursuit has been of such a nature, and so often repeated, that I should not have wondered to have heard that he had abandoned it in despair. Those people who can draw upon any number of experienced ringers and ring a peal every day will fail to see, perhaps, much in this particular performance. Of course not. They are not compelled to depend upon the training of a few village lads, who as soon as they have learnt to ring emigrate to some other part of the country. This, with other drawbacks, has repeatedly arisen in the case under consideration for about five years. It is certainly a notable instance of "Try again!" and I commend it to the notice of my readers who are periodically disheartened by those failures which are our common lot. FREE LANCE.

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

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1891.

BELOW will be found information respecting the Central Council, which perhaps has been looked for by those interested. Those bodies who send delegates may now see what is required of them, and we shall not be out of place in advising that the information desired be forwarded without delay. The nominations for the post of Hon. Secretary will we hope only be made after mature consideration. The office will be an important one, and the selection should be guided only by the possession of the necessary qualifications. There are one or two young members of the Council whose ability in discussion at the last meeting was somewhat noticeable, and no doubt either of them would fill the post with credit, and loyally co-operate with the President in increasing the popularity and usefulness of the Council.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Hon. Secretaries of Ringing Societies who have not yet forwarded the names of their Representatives on the Central Council are requested to communicate the necessary particulars at once to the Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), Mr. A. Percival Heywood, Duffield Bank, near Derby, in order that a complete list may be forthwith published. In cases where the requisite information has been forwarded without the fee, it is requested that the necessary amount be promptly remitted. The following is the full return required from each Society:—

- 1.—Names and addresses of Representatives.
- 2.—Total number of members on books.
- 3.—Fee of 2s. 6d. for each Representative.

The Council will meet in London on Easter Tuesday, March 31st, and the first business will be the election of a President and Hon. Secretary. Only those gentlemen who have been previously nominated in accordance with rule VII. will be eligible. Nominations, signed by two Representatives, must be sent into the above address not less than one clear month before the day

of meeting, so as to appear upon the agenda paper which will be published in these columns early in March.

All subjects proposed for discussion must be forwarded in writing, signed by two Representatives, before the end of February. Any subject notified after that date can only be entertained by special resolution of the meeting.

The earnest co-operation of Hon. Secretaries and Representatives will be invaluable in advancing the arrangements for the first meeting of the Council.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, January 20, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 5.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. 2.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is the first time this composition has been called from the 6th.

GREENWICH, KENT.—THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN JAMES LAMB* .. Treble.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. 6.
JOHN ROSE .. 3.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 7.
FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 4.	WILLIAM GEORGE DAVIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAMES LAMB.

*First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of W. G. Davis.

The Provinces.

MONNEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Double Court Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 6 cwt.

STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Treble.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 4.
ALFRED WIGHTMAN .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 5.
HORACE BEDINGFIELD .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CHAPMAN .. Treble.	ALFRED CHAPMAN .. 4.
J. C. ABBISHAW .. 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. 5.
GEORGE ABBISHAW .. 3.	J. M. CHADWICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK.

The above peal was rung muffled for Mr. Joseph Bumby.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Wednesday, January 21, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOMAS PAGE .. Treble.	THOMAS CURTIS .. 5.
JOHN BALLARD .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. 6.
FREDERICK WILSON .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. 7.
STEPHEN POWELL .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Florence May, of Brook House, Basingstoke, and Mr. Noel Steadman Ashby, of Eling, Southampton. J. W. Whiting hails from Fareham.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, January 22, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

HENRY HIPKISS .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 2.	CHARLES PRICE .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. 8.
HARRY MILLS .. 4.	SAMUEL REEVES .. 9.
WILLIAM LONG .. 5.	JAMES HALL .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON of Birmingham, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

The peal has the fifth and sixth each 24 courses behind the ninth. Mr. George hails from Rugby; W. Long from Perry Barr; and the rest from West Bromwich.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BRIGHTON PARISH CHURCH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 22, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN JAY, SEN. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. 5.
JOHN R. REILLY .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 3.	HENRY WESTON .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by G. F. ATTREE.

The above is the first peal in the method by all the band; the first in the county, and by eight members of the above Association. It was rung at the second attempt.

TIRLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, January 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, EACH 6-SCORE CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

WILLIAM BALL* .. Treble.	*ALBERT HARTLAND .. 4.
LIONEL LONGNEY .. 2.	*BENJAMIN PRICE .. 5.
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN* .. 3.	*EDMUND CHAMBERLAIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

*First 5040. First 5040 on the bells. The conductor hails from Croome; the rest are local men.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN* .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 7.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. 4.	HENRY G. FRUIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first time this composition has been called from the 5th.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 17 size in A.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP	1-2.	WALTER S. WISE	.. 5-6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	.. 3-4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF	.. 7-8.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 23, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. * Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE PRIOR*	.. .. Treble.	ERNEST A. PITSTOW	.. 5.
WALTER PRIOR	.. .. 2.	GEORGE TAYLOR	.. 6.
ARTHUR JAMES	.. .. 3.	FREDERICK PITSTOW	.. 7.
HENRY PRIOR	.. .. 4.	CAPT. A. P. MOORE	.. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FREDK. PITSTOW.

Capt. Moore hails from Redenhall, Norfolk; G. Taylor from Cambridge, and Messrs. Prior from Stanstead Mountfitchet, the rest are local men. The above was rung after an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court. *First peal in the method.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
HURRY'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

HENRY G. GARDNER	.. Treble.	HENRY MITCHELL	.. 5.
JAMES E. GROVES*	.. 2.	JOHN HOPTON	.. 6.
JOSEPH YEATES†	.. 3.	THOMAS GROVES	.. 7.
HENRY BROWN†	.. 4.	ALFRED A. WAITE	.. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED A. WAITE.

†First peal of Major. *First peal of Major with a bob bell.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in C♯.

SIDNEY MACEY	.. Treble.	FRANCIS RIGDEN	.. 5.
HENRY D. ADAMS	.. 2.	WALTER S. WISE	.. 6.
WILLIAM J. PRINCE	.. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	.. 7.
SYDNEY LAWRENCE	.. 4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF	.. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

First peal on the bells. A note respecting this peal will be found on another page.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5129 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE	.. Treble.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	.. 6.
F. OSWALD MOULE*	.. 2.	JAMES MOTTS	.. 7.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER	.. 3.	ALBERT E. DURRANT	.. 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS†	.. 4.	FREDERICK TILLET	.. 9.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	.. 5.	EDGAR PEMBERTON	.. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells.

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WOOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES WILLIAMS	.. Treble.	WILLIAM DAVIES	.. 5.
JOHN BROWN	.. 2.	ROBERT WILLIAMS	.. 6.
WILLIAM JAMES	.. 3.	THOMAS HAMMOND	.. 7.
JOHN ASPINWALL	.. 4.	*JAMES MARTIN	.. Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS and Conducted by THOMAS HAMMOND.

†First peal in the method. Also first in the method on the bells, and rang in honour of the birthdays of Thomas Hammond, William Booth, and churchwarden J. J. Blabey, Esq.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS DIXON	.. Treble.	CHARLES A. FOX	.. 5.
HENRY WARD	.. 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN	.. 6.
JOSEPH ATKIN	.. 3.	ROBERT HARRISON	.. 7.
GEORGE O. DIXON	.. 4.	CHARLES JACKSON	.. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by C. JACKSON, of Hull.

This peal, which is in two parts, contains the sixth its extent in 5-6.

DISS, NORFOLK.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM IRELAND	.. Treble.	ELLIS HAYWARD	.. 5.
CHARLES WEBSTER	.. 2.	ARTHUR HAMMOND	.. 6.
GEORGE ARCHER	.. 3.	ABEL HART	.. 7.
WILLIAM SALTER	.. 4.	JOHN SOUTER	.. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by W. IRELAND.

A. Hammond hails from Burston, and this is his first peal.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. W. LANG	.. Treble.	H. BROOKE	.. 5.
J. KNOTT	.. 2.	J. BARRACLOUGH	.. 6.
L. ILLINGWORTH	.. 3.	H. KAYE	.. 7.
S. GOODALL	.. 4.	W. COLLINS	.. Tenor.

Composed by the late O. LANG, of Liversedge, and Conducted by L. ILLINGWORTH.

Barraclough and Kaye hail from Huddersfield. Kaye's first peal.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MR. A. P. HEYWOOD'S NO. 1. (AS A 10-PART). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

GEORGE GATLAND	.. Treble.	WM. N. HOLT	.. 5.
JOHN SMART*	.. 2.	JAMES MATTHEWS	.. 6.
THOMAS SEARLE*	.. 3.	CHARLES TYLER	.. 7.
CHARLES SMART	.. 4.	GEORGE SMART	.. Tenor.

Conducted by CHAS. TYLER.

*First peal in the method. This peal is now rung for the first time in Sussex.

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.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 14th, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, a date touch of 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. in the following methods: 91 Plain Bob Minor, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, 720 College Exercise. G. Gray, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. The 91 of Plain Bob was composed by I. Cavill. This makes W. Watts' 400th 720. And on Thursday, January 8th, at the residence of Mr. C. Prior, on handbells, a date touch (1891 changes), consisting of 451 Plain Bob Doubles, 360 Hudibras, 360 St. Dunstan's, 360 Antelope, 360 Grandsire in 50 mins. G. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; W. Prior, 5-6. Longest on handbells by all.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN.—On Friday, January 16th, five members of the Hanley Castle Society paid a visit to this place, and with L. Longney, of Croome, rang a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently, in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. Hill, 1; L. Longney (conductor), 2; F. Lane, 3; A. Pitt, 4; W. Tarling, 5; W. Worthington, 6. The above, which was rung on F. Lane's birthday, is the longest touch on the bells, which are a peal of six, and not eight, as stated in "THE BELL NEWS" by a well-known ringer some time ago.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—Recently at St. Paul's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. Constant, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; M. Warwick, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; F. Keech, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and contains the Queens, Tittums, Whittingtons, and the twenty-four 6-7's. Tenor 27 cwt.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD,

SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).—On Thursday, January 15th, at Christ Church, the local company rang a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 15 mins. T. Fielding, 1; Jos. Rimmer, 2; D. E. Rimmer (composer and conductor), 3; B. Tugate, 4; L. Whitmore, 5; L. Tyldesley, 6; Jas. Rimmer, 7; J. W. Rimmer, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in token of respect for the late Miss Clarke, daughter of the Ven. Archdeacon Clarke, vicar of the above church.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes) in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Prescott, 1; W. J. Taylor, 2; J. Watts, 3; H. J. Ellis, 4; F. A. White, 5; J. Sholicar (composer), 6; G. Prescott (conductor), 7; T. Martland, 8.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FREISTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, January 19th, at St. James's church, a date touch (1891 changes), in 1 hr. 13 mins., in fourteen different methods, viz., Hempstead Delight, Canterbury Pleasure, Antelope, Chase, Old Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Dream Dunstan, Lincolnshire Singles, London, Hudibras, Sunshine, and Grandsire. *S. F. Staffurth, 1; A. C. Barber (conductor), 2; E. Clayton, 3; Joseph Sharp, 4; John Sharp, 5. *Longest length. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 17th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes), in 1 hr. 18 mins. 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. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham.

MANUDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, January 20th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. in the following methods: 211 Bob Doubles, 120 Dream, 120 Canterbury, 240 Hudibras, 240 Chase, 240 London Single, 240 St. Dunstan's, 240 Antelope, 240 Grandsire. F. W. Tharby, 1; J. Harvey, 2; A. M. Key, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior (conductor), 5. Tenor 11 cwt.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Friday, January 16th, at St. George's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. Taylor, 1; G. W. Shaw, 2; J. Greaves, 3; S. Cowper, 4; J. Holden, 5; W. Bentley, 6; S. Wrigley, 7; T. B. Dicken (conductor), 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Lindley.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Wednesday, January 14th, for the

wedding of Mr. Jull and Miss M. J. Styles, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 2520 changes in four different methods, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, and 360 Canterbury Pleasure, in 1 hr. 30 mins. standing as before. Longest length by Messrs. Broom, Ring, and Digweed.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Saturday, December 20th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (nine bobs and six singles). W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; C. Tucker, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles), standing as before. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. H. Tubb, 1; F. Sparks, 2; W. Russell (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; C. Martin, 4; C. Tucker (conductor), 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Sunday, December 28th, after evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). W. Russell, 1; C. Tucker, 2; F. Sparks, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Tubb, 2; F. Carroway, 3; F. Sparks, 4; C. Tucker, 5; C. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, January 10th, two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; C. Tucker, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, January 15th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, W. Webb, 3; W. Tubb, 4; W. Mulley, 5; W. Burrows, 6.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, December 7th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, December 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor, standing as above. Also on Christmas Eve, 720 Grandsire Doubles. And on New Year's Eve 1260 Grandsire Doubles. C. Crampton, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Tucker, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; J. Edmonds, 6. Also on Sunday, January 4th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). J. Cawley, 1; C. Tucker, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. B. Burrows, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. Cawley, 1; C. Tucker, 2; W. B. Burrows, 3; G. Smith, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Monday, January 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as in the first 720.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Wednesday, January 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles) in 26½ mins. R. Langton, 1; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 2; G. Lowden, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. This 720 was composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 10th, 1891. Also on Sunday evening, January 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (ten bobs and fourteen singles). R. Langton, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. Lowden, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; W. Story (Newcastle), 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On New Year's Day, at St. George's, Jesmond, a 720 of Bob Minor in 31 mins. F. Lees (conductor), 1; H. Dall, 2; W. Story, 3; ———, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; F. Harrison, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. And on Monday, January 12th, at St. John's church, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but a mistake brought it to grief after ringing 2900 changes in 1 hr. 40 mins. F. Lees, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Eggleston, 3; E. Wallis, 4; S. Power, 5; J. Simm, 6; T. Denton (conductor), 7; G. Dixon, 8. Also on Thursday, January 15th, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. Campbell, 1; J. Clapperton, 2; H. H. Lindsay, 3; H. Ferguson, 4; F. Lees, 5; W. Eggleston (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE.—On Saturday, January 17th, at the parish church, five members of the Whitley branch of the above Association after paying a visit to Wylam and ringing some Doubles there, called at the above church and rang two 720's of Bob Minor with the assistance of Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle. The first was called with ten bobs and fourteen singles. G. Aynsley, 1; R. S. Story, 2; J. Barber, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; T. J. Gifton (conductor), 5; W. Thompson, 6. The second was called with nine bobs and six singles, by the same conductor, standing as before, with the exception of the 2nd and 4th ringers changing bells. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs), in 25 mins. M. Caddy, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 18th, for

Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27½ mins. F. Calvert, 1; G. Lord, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Saturday, January 17th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for Mr. J. Sholicar's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to the intense cold the conductor brought the bells round at the half-way, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins. Jas. Smith, jun., 1; Jas. Walker, 2; T. Hindle, 3; Jas. Smith, sen., 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor about 17 cwt.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Tuesday, December 16th, for practice, at the parish church, a 756 of Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; Rev. F. A. H. de Boulay, 4; I. Searle, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. And on Sunday, December 21st, for evening service, a 418 of Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; E. Brackley, 3; I. Searle, 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; J. Matthews, 6; C. Smart, 7; W. N. Holt, 8. And on Tuesday, December 23rd, for practice, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; C. Smart, 2; J. Smart, 3; I. Searle, 4; J. Matthews, 5; W. B. Hills, 6; W. N. Holt (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. An attempt to ring Holt's Original on Friday, December 26th, came to grief through a change-course shortly before the first single was reached. Also on Sunday, December 28th, for morning service, a 756 of Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; E. Brackley, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; I. Searle, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; W. N. Holt, 8. For the midnight service on December 31st, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Tyler (conductor), 3; C. Smart, 4; J. Smart, 5; I. Searle, 6; G. Gatland, 7; W. B. Hills, 8. And the Old Year having been tolled out by a few strokes on the tenor, the New Year was welcomed by a 336 of Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; I. Searle, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; W. B. Hills, 6; G. Gatland, 7; C. Smart, 8. And on Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; W. N. Holt, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; J. Matthews, 4; W. B. Hills, 5; C. Smart, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; G. Smart, 8. And on Thursday, January 8th, being the anniversary of the dedication of the bells, Holt's Original was lost when about 3900 changes had been rung. The dinner and the musical evening which followed at the Railway Hotel was however a great success. And on Sunday, January 11th, for morning service, a 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; I. Searle, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; W. B. Hills, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. Also on Tuesday, January 13th, for practice, a 504 of Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; G. Smart, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; C. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Matthews, 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. Also a 546 of Grandsire Triples. C. Smart, 1; W. B. Hills, 2; G. Smart, 3; J. Smart, 4; I. Searle, 5; E. Brackley, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; G. Gatland, 8. And on Thursday, January 15th, for practice, a 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; C. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; I. Searle, 5; E. Brackley, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8; followed by a quarter-peal in the same method. G. Smart (conductor), 1; E. Brackley, 2; J. Smart, 3; I. Searle, 4; C. Smart, 5; J. Matthews, 6; W. N. Holt, 7; G. Gatland, 8. Also for evening service on Sunday, January 18th, a 588 of Stedman Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; C. Smart, 3; I. Searle, 4; W. N. Holt, 5; E. Brackley, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Saturday, January 17th, at Holy Trinity church, the following met to celebrate the wedding of Mr. D. W. Brown, a member of the Hull branch, to Miss Firman, by ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins., they had to stop in consequence of one of the members being ill and not able to go on with it. F. Merrison, 1; W. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; T. Stockdale, 4; R. Chaffer, 5; J. W. Stickney, 6; J. Dixey, 7; C. Jackson, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the home of the bride, where the rest of the evening was spent with songs and handbell ringing.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 18th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major in 41 mins. M. Brown, 1; G. H. Croucher, 2; E. W. J. Rees, 3; T. H. Colburn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; E. Heathorn, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; W. Grove, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DARESBUURY (Cheshire).—On Monday, January 12th, at the parish church, the local company rang for practice, 2160 changes, being a 720 each of London Single (P. Hamblett, conductor), Plain Bob and

College Single (T. Houghton, conductor), in 1 hr. 18 mins. A. de Prez, 1; P. Johnson, 2; C. Hartley, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in G. This is the longest touch by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, and 5th bells. Our correspondent adds that this will close the practice of change-ringing here for some time to come, owing to Mr. P. Johnson leaving the parish, and having no one ready to take his place.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, January 11th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Jones (St. Neots), 1; F. Keech, 2; S. Constant, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; M. Warwick, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; W. Baldwin, 8. Also 288 and 112 Bob Major. And on Monday, January 12th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 16 mins. M. Warwick, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; H. Sharp, 5-6. Also on Thursday, January 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). M. Warwick, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; W. G. Biggs, 5-6.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, January 21st, in Ridley Hall, 720 Bob Minor in 14 mins., 120 Oxford Bob Minor, and a course of College Single Minor. C. A. Clements (Non-Coll.), 1-2; E. B. James (Caius), 3-4; H. L. James (conductor, Caius), 5-6. Tenor 11 size in G.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, January 4th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 23½ mins., 5th the observation. *J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, January 7th, on the occasion of a wedding at the above church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also a 720 College Exercise. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, 5th the observation. G. Gray, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, January 11th, for morning service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins. 5th the observation. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, a 720 College Exercise. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, January 18th, for morning service, two 360's of Double Oxford Bob. T. J. Watts, 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 13 cwt.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Friday, January 9th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Davey, 3; W. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, January 13th, 720 Court Single. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Davey (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Mr. Davey hails from Halstead.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, December 29th, on the occasion of a visit from W. J. Sevier, of Gloucester, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing about 2 hrs. and 8 mins. the 7th rope broke. F. Rose, 1; O. James, 2; G. Hayward, 3; T. Albutt, 4; W. Rea, 5; G. Bourne, 6; G. Morris, 7; A. Moore, 8; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 9; T. Farmer, 10. Composed by A. Knights of Chesterfield.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 17th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor and 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lee, 1; S. Evans, 2; G. Green, 3; R. Inch, 4; G. Maxim, 5; G. Maxim (Fox-earth, conductor), 6.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Monday, January 12th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Gridley, 1; W. Lee, 2; G. Green, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, January 15th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). G. Maxim (conductor), 1; S. Evans, 2; W. Gridley, 3; W. Lee, 4; R. Inch, 5; G. Green, 6. Also on Monday, January 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor. W. Gridley, 1; W. Lee, 2; G. Green, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Thursday, January 22nd, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. T. Lambert, 1; J. Beech, 2; F. Butchers, 3; G. Hodge, 4; W. Lambert, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by Messrs. Beech, Butchers, and Hodge; also the first by a local company. And on Sunday, January 25th, for Divine Service, 360 and 720 in the same method, standing as before.

Notices.

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Norwich Diocesan Association.—Quarterly General Meeting at East Dereham on Monday, February 2nd. Dinner at 1.30. Short business meeting after. H. EARLE BULWER, *Stanhoe, Lynn.* Hon. Sec.

Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be held at the head quarters, Bradford, on Saturday, February 7th. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting of the Maidstone District will be held to-day, Saturday, Jan. 31st, at Wrotham. The belfries open will be noticed next week; Wrotham all through the day. It is particularly hoped that all who can come will try and do so, so as to ensure a good meeting. The Committee meeting will be held in the Working Men's Club, Wrotham, at 3.0 p.m. The towers of Town Malling and Ightham will be open for members. The usual allowance will be given for attendance of members. Besides local Secretaries each band could elect one practising member to serve on Committee. THOS. LINDSAY STACK, *Branch Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A General Meeting will be held at Lanchester on Wednesday, February 4th. Ringing at St. Mary's, six bells, tenor 9 cwt. Dinner at "King's Head" hotel at 1.30 p.m. L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Fulham Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3.0 p.m. Tea in church room at 5.30 p.m., at gd. per head; business meeting immediately afterwards. Members and friends intending to be present at tea are requested to send in their names to J. W. Driver, 4, Kane-lagh-villas, King's-road, Fulham (S.W.).

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Quarterly Meeting of the Guild will be held at Ormskirk to-day, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells open 3 p.m.; meeting 6.0. Rev. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon.* W. BENTHAM, *Secs.*

Lancashire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Blackburn, to-day, Saturday, January 31st. The tower of the parish church (ten bells), and that of Holy Trinity (eight bells) will be open for ringing from 2.0 p.m. Meeting of the Committee at 3.0 p.m. General Meeting in the parish church school at 6.0 p.m. The Right. Rev. Bishop Cramer-Roberts, Vicar of Blackburn, will preside. J. REDFORD, *Hon.* A. E. WREAKS, *Secs.*

Hertfordshire Association.—District Meeting at Bushey on Saturday, February 7th. By kind permission the towers of Bushey and Oxhey churches will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the parish hall, Bushey, at 5.30; price to members, 6d. each; business meeting afterwards. Members intending to be present will kindly so inform me not later than Wednesday next. I shall be glad to receive the subscriptions from those members who are still in arrear. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans, January 28, 1891.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday next, February 7th, at Bucknall. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to the Secretary, 55, High Street, Bucknall, not later than Wednesday, 4th inst. Bells at 4.0 p.m. Tea at 6.30.

REV. R. B. TONGE, *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG,

Lancashire Association (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, February 7th. Ringing from 4 o'clock. The peal of eight at Garston will also be available at the same time. Meeting in Mission-room at 6.0 p.m. The Vicar will preside. RICH. D. HILL, *Branch Sec.*

The Society of Trinity Youths.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Greenwich, on Tuesday, February 3rd. Meeting time 7.30. E. E. RICHARDS, *Hon. Sec.*
12, Glenalvon Street,
Woolwich.

The Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch).—The next ringing meeting will take place at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, February 7th. Ringing from 4.30 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

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 additional must accompany such request.

A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN CASERS.

BY W. KENT, *Birmingham.*

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†Produced by bobs at 2, 4, 5, and single at 8.

The above touch has the 6th a second bell and the 5th behind the 9th throughout.

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

Four times repeated.

The peal may be rung as a ten-part with five shunting bobs. *These are shunting courses.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By ELLIS NUTTALL, *Rawtenstall.*

1891.

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

By repeating the above four times, substituting a single for the last bob, gives the following, 1324567. The cramp change is got by all the bells remaining still, allowing 3-2 to change places, which brings them round at hand.

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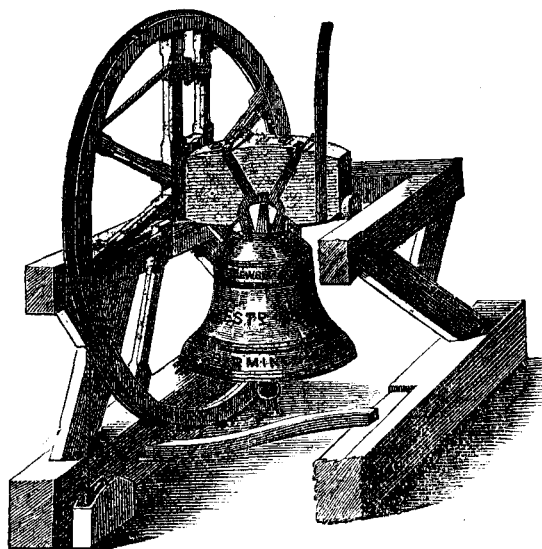
THE BELLS OF ST. PHILIP'S, BIRMINGHAM.

A correspondent, who signs himself a "Five Years' Subscriber," writes:—

Through the medium of your widely-circulated and popular journal, I wish, with your approval, to call attention to a matter of great importance, viz., St. Philip's bells, the second church of importance in the city of Birmingham. For the past twelve months at this church, where there hangs a peal of ten bells (all tolerably ringable), the use of the bells on Sundays for Divine Service has been the subject of much speculation as to who is to blame for the horrid state of things there existing. Now, Mr. Editor, I think that you will agree with me that for a church to possess a peal of ten bells and to only use the first three of them for Sunday chiming is simply a scandalous state of affairs; and yet this is exactly what is done at St. Philip's on Sunday mornings and evenings throughout the entire twelve months, and at the time of writing the prospects of any satisfactory alteration of the at present slipshod arrangements seems as far off as can be imagined. It is a well-known fact that some ten of the city ringers, most Sundays at all events, go to the above church, and for their pleasure ring from 9 a.m. till 10.15 a.m., at which latter hour the ringers adjourn *en masse* from the belfry, and the sole persons on whom the duty of ringing or even chiming the faithful to worship, devolves, is an old man alone, and as I have before stated, all that he can do at most is to make a discordant jangle of the first three bells. Now sir, we citizens of Birmingham have been highly flattered by an American visitor to our city, and in his statement that he was fully convinced that "Birmingham is the best governed city in the world," there is ample room for discussion of opinion as applying to the belfries and churches of the city.

Even at St. Martin's church, the Sunday's performance consists of one man chiming by means of an apparatus the whole of the twelve bells, with the effect that they are only heard for 200 yards at the very most, and are not half so pleasant to the ear as six chimed in the orthodox manner. Bishop Ryder's (peal of eight) and St. John's, Deritend (eight) are exceptions pleasant to relate. Of course ringers whose eye this letter catches, will at once say that they are in no way bound to stay to ring or chime for the service, but could it not be arranged that once a month at least, church-goers might have the pleasure even of hearing their parish church bells chimed methodically, and failing this, could not a band of willing young men be got together to at least chime the whole ten or even eight for service. I for one would willingly surrender half an hour morning and night each Sunday for so urgent an object. At St. Philip's the old saying "no pay no attendance" is lord of all. Leicester, my native place, is far ahead of Birmingham in respect of the Sunday ringing and chiming, in which town much importance is attached to the proper number of bells (say eight out of ten) being chimed for service. That falling short of that number, there is an immediate enquiry into the cause. Not so here; however we are content to jog in the old rut. I hope by your kindness to obtain publicity to this disgraceful state of ecclesiastical lethargy and its ultimate removal."

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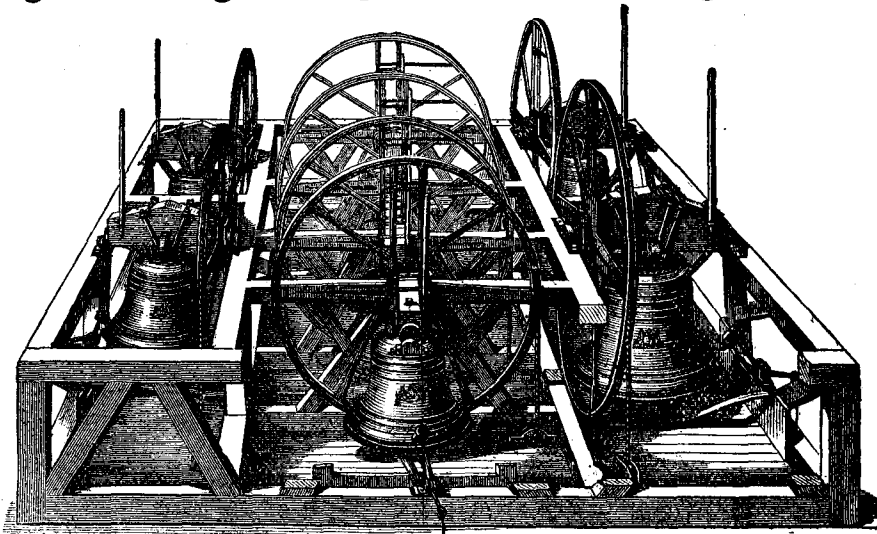
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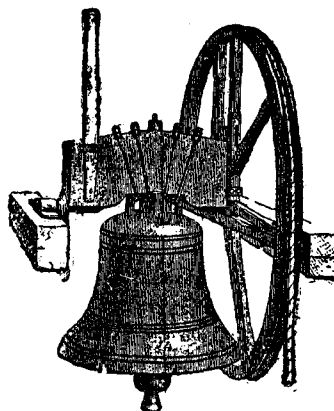
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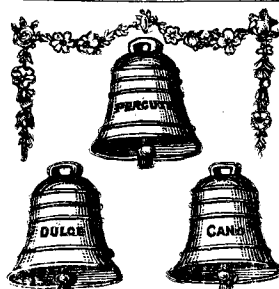
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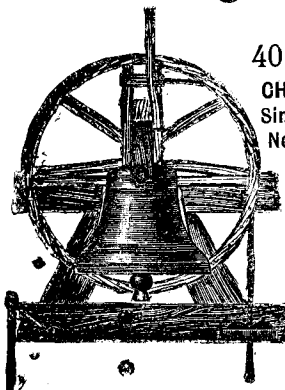
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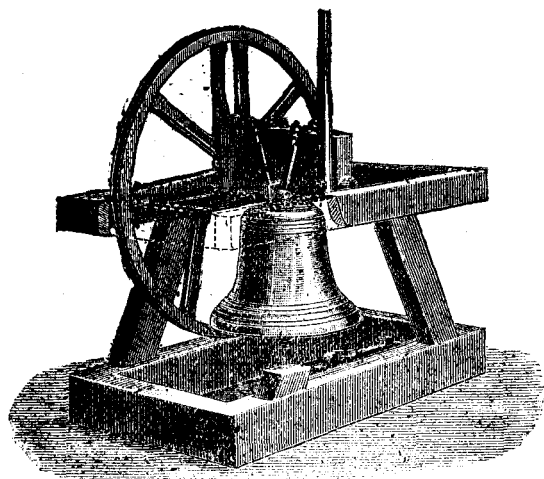
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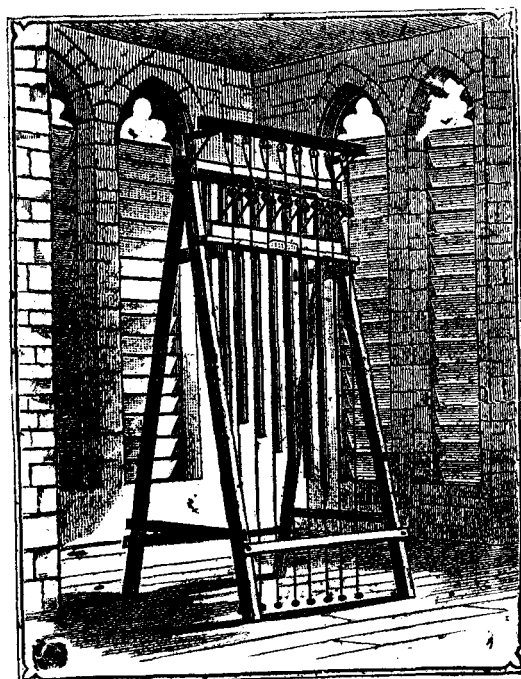
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Accordingly the anniversary meeting was held on Thursday, January 29th, at Gloucester. The weather was most unpropitious, but a fair number of members were present at the service, which was held at 11.15 in the church of St. Mary-le-Crypt, and more arrived from different quarters by later trains.

An eloquent and most appropriate address was given by the Rev. Hon. Brother M. Trotter. After service the business meeting was held in the schools adjoining the church, which were kindly lent by the Rector, who presided.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the treasurer's account for the past year, which showed a balance in hand of nearly 22*l.*, was submitted and passed. The fact was strongly commented on by several present that no less than 157 members are in arrear with their subscriptions, and the Secretary, Master, and Chairman spoke strongly of the trouble and expense which such neglect entailed, and urged all present to use their influence in altering this state of affairs.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The President and Vice-Presidents of the past year were unanimously re-elected. It was proposed by Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Boutflower, that the Rev. H. A. Cockey, who had now held the office of Master for the usual period of two years, be requested to re-occupy that post. Mr. Cockey expressed a hope that some one with more time at his disposal might be appointed to succeed him, but the motion was put to the meeting, and he was unanimously re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, and the Treasurer, Mr. F. E. Ward, were also re-elected, as were the local secs., with the exception of the Rev. G. C. Keble, who had left the Cricklade district. The meeting empowered the Master and Secretary to appoint local secretaries for this district and others which are now unrepresented.

It was unanimously resolved that the next meeting should be held at Painswick.

The election at Thornbury of the Rev. H. A. Cockey and Messrs. G. H. Phillott and F. E. Ward, to represent the Association at the Central Council, was confirmed.

Two new honorary members were elected: Canon Parker (Bitton) and the Rev. A. H. Browne (Northleach); and six ringing members. Canon Shelton begged to call attention to the fact that the Gloucester Cathedral authorities were taking steps to have the bells rehung, and brought forward a resolution to the effect that the Association should take steps to raise local contributions from its members throughout the diocese, and by this practical assistance shew that an interest was being taken in the work of the mother church. After some discussion the motion was withdrawn, as no definite opinion could be given as to the possibility of working such a scheme.

On the motion of Mr. Boutflower, it was resolved that the Association should bear the expense of erecting a peal-board in the tower of All Saints' church, Bristol, to commemorate the peal of Stedman Triples—the first on the bells—which was rung in the evening of Tuesday, August 20th, 1889, in honour of the wedding of the Master of the Association, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, and Miss Frances Ellacombe, which took place that afternoon.

At 1.15 dinner was served at the "New Inn," to which about forty sat down.

The ringing during the day included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, at St. Michael's and St. Mary-le-Crypt; and a 720 of Bob Minor and several 6-scores of Doubles at St. Nicholas.

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A VISIT TO BENINGTON, HERTS.

On Monday, January 19th, Captain A. P. Moore visited Benington lordship, the home of Squire Proctor, and with the Benington Society enjoyed a fine practice in the admired methods of Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Stedman Triples on this musical peal. On Tuesday the whole of the party went to Braughing, and upon this fine ring of eight rang some excellent touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, the Squire taking part in the ringing. On Wednesday a visit was made to Ardeley, and at St. Lawrence's church, which possesses a sweet musical ring of six, rang changes in the methods of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Minor. S. Page, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; H. Warner, 3; J. Warner, 4; C. Shambrook, 5; Captain Moore, 6. Arriving at Benington in the evening, another pull was enjoyed.

Captain Moore having thus terminated his visit to Squire Proctor, took Saffron Walden on his way home, and arriving there on Thursday about 5 p.m., soon afterwards made his appearance at the house of Mr. F. Pitstow, the steeple-keeper. At 6 p.m., most of the members of this ancient society met the Captain at the tower of the parish church, and rang some touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. As a peal could not be arranged that evening, Mr. F. Pitstow invited some of his friends from a distance to meet the Captain next day (Friday) to attempt a peal, and accordingly those invited put in an appearance at the appointed time, and a start was made for Double Norwich. The bells were not long swinging before the band proved themselves unable to perform the task, and an attempt for Treble Bob Major then proved successful, much to the delight of the worthy visitor, Captain Moore. All the ringers expressed the great pleasure it gave them to meet this fine old English gentleman, and especially to ring a peal with him upon this musical ring of bells, the particulars of which have already appeared.

DAVENTRY AND WEEDON DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

It has been said that Northamptonshire is not a good county for change-ringing. Some years ago much was done to remove this unpleasant stigma by the foundation of the Wellingborough and Raunds Association. As this organisation, however, could not reach the district on the other side of Northampton, an Association has been formed for the Rural Deaneries of Daventry and Weedon and their neighbourhood, having the double object of promoting a right and proper use of belfries, and the art of change-ringing.

After some preliminary meetings for the discussion of the scheme, and the drawing up of rules, etc., the new Association held its first annual gathering at Daventry on Monday, January 26th. Proceedings commenced with a dinner at 2 p.m., to which about forty-five sat down, the company including ringers from Braunston, Bugbrooke, Daventry, Doldford, Everdon, Newnham, and Staverton. The Rev. Canon Collins, rector of Daventry, presided, and there were also present the Revs. F. Churchill (rector of Everdon and Secretary of the Association, to whose indefatigable efforts its foundation is due), H. Waters, A. W. Durham, G. M. Edmunds, H. W. Johnson, and H. B. Woolley. After dinner there was a service at the parish church, at which the Rev. G. M. Edmunds, rector of Stoke Doyle, near Oundle, preached an excellent sermon, containing many forcible illustrations from bells and change-ringing. Then came a business meeting, and after a vote of thanks to the preacher, the ringers adjourned to the tower. Daventry church has the only ring of eight in the neighbourhood. The tenor weighs 16½ cwt, and they are musical bells, but their "go" is very indifferent, and it would not be the easiest task in the world to ring a 5040 on them. Change-ringing is however in its infancy in this part of the county, and the best that could be done in this line was a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles by the Bugbrooke band. The Daventry ringers finished the day's work by ringing "Home Sweet Home" on the tower bells, which they did very cleverly. A successful start has been made, the Association already numbering fifty-three members, many of whom are being initiated into the mysteries of Plain Bob, so that at the next meeting doubtless some more change-ringing will be accomplished.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31st, the quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Ormskirk, and was largely attended by ringers from Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, Croston, Halsall, Hindley, Sefton, Upholland, and Southport, besides the local company. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., several touches being rung until 4.30 p.m., when service was held in the church, being well attended by the ringers. Prayers were read by the Rev. J. Johnson, and a practical address delivered by the Rev. J. E. Woodrow. After service, by the kind invitation of the vicar and Mrs. Woodrow, the ringers sat down to an excellent knife and fork tea in the vicarage schoolroom, and to which ample justice was done, the vicar and Mrs. Woodrow being indefatigable in their endeavours to make every one comfortable, and gave them a hearty welcome.

The business meeting was afterwards held, at which the vicar presided, being supported by the Revs. W. T. Bulpit, J. Johnson, J. Oliver, and Messrs. W. L. Hutton and W. G. Taylor, churchwardens of Aughton, and Mr. J. Martin, of Sefton. The vicar, in a good and practical address, gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Ormskirk, and said he was pleased to see so good an attendance of members, and called upon the corresponding secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit having done so, heartily endorsed all that the vicar had said, and spoke of the good work being done by the Guild.

Mr. W. Bentham then read a report shewing the steady progress that was being made by the Guild both financially and with membership, and it now consisted of 130 members and a good balance in hand.

Several practical suggestions were brought forward by Mr. J. Martin and Mr. Hutton, the latter shewing a beautiful illustrated card of membership, which was greatly admired, after which several items of interest was discussed, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding and for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to Mrs. Woodrow for providing so excellent a tea, a most successful meeting was brought to a close. Methods rung—Grandsire Minor and Triples, Bob Minor and Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

On Saturday, January 31st, being the Annual Dinner-day, it was decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters in the afternoon of that day, which was brought round in capital style in 3 hours and 10 mins. (see peal column). The band then started for a long course (from the Church to the Plough Inn), where Host Watkinson had served up a capital dinner. The chair having been taken (not home) by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, he called "go," and not the slightest hitch occurred throughout the three courses. The cloth having been removed and all the usual loyal and patriotic toasts gone through, the chairman then gave the Rector, Rev. Canon Bridges, to whose generosity the Society owe their annual dinner. This toast was received with musical honours. The toast of "The Visitors" having been responded to by Mr. E. Moses, of Reigate, the rest of the evening was devoted to harmony, every one taking an equal share in it.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch took place at Stoney Stanton, on Saturday, January 24th, there being a good attendance of members, considering the bad state of the weather. Ringing commenced at 4.30 p.m., when several touches of Treble Bob Minor were rung conducted by A. R. Aldham, and a 720 of Plain Bob Minor by E. Lane, 1; J. Noble, 2; A. R. Aldham, 3; W. Hickley, 4; J. F. Clarke, 5; H. Horwood (first 720 as conductor), 6. The bells were then lowered in peal and an adjournment was made to the meeting house, Mr. A. R. Aldham presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the officers of the past year were all unanimously re-elected. The handbells were then brought into use and several tunes played, and two courses of Grandsire Triples rung. Thus ended a successful meeting.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful district meeting was held at Frome on Tuesday, January 27th. The day's proceedings were opened with service at St. John's church, which was conducted by the Hon. and Rev. Hanbury-Tracy (vicar), assisted by the Rev. — Vining (curate), and the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith (Master of the Association), the vicar giving a very interesting and appropriate address. A move was then made for other towers, and the party drove to Buckland Dinham, Nunney, and Mells, returning to Frome to a well-earned tea at "The Bull." The meeting held after tea was presided over by the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith (Master), supported by Mr. Rupert Lewis (Hon. Sec.), Rev. H. A. Cockey (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol Sec. of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), and Mr. H. H. Palaret, of Norton St. Philip's. The minutes of the last meeting (at Wraxall) were read and confirmed, and on the proposition of Mr. Doble (Taunton), it was decided after some discussion to hold the next district meeting at Dunster.

On the proposition of Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy of St. John's (Frome), Buckland Dinham, Nunney, and Mells, for the use of their bells. The towers represented during the day were St. Mary's and St. Saviour's (Bath), St. Mary's (Taunton), All Saints (Wraxall), St. John's (Frome), and Norton St. Philip's, and the ringing included touches of Grandsire Triples and Minor, and 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., being the day fixed by the Lord Bishop of Guildford for the induction of the Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, M.A. (recently assistant-curate of All Saints, Highgate), into the living of St. Michael's, Basingstoke, the local ringers, desirous of according a hearty welcome to their new Vicar, had arranged to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event. Unfortunately two members of the band found it would be impossible for them to attend on that day, and there seemed every probability that the attempt would have to be abandoned. Messrs. F. Bennett and J. Jones of Guildford having been asked to fill the vacant places, very kindly wired a reply in the affirmative, and their appearance early on Thursday morning set to rest all doubts of the peal falling through for want of hands. Shortly before 11.30 a start was made. Settling down steadily to work nothing occurred throughout calculated to tax the capabilities of a conductor, and at the expiration of 2 hours and 48 minutes a first-class peal had been brought into rounds. The Induction service commenced at 2.45. Owing to the unfavorable weather the congregation instead of assembling in the churchyard took their seats in the church, and the ceremony connected with the opening of the principal door took place entirely on the inside of the building. The Bishop of Guildford (Dr. Sumner) read the mandate by virtue of which he proceeded to induct the Rev. R. Cooper-Smith "into the vicarage and church of Basingstoke, and into the real, actual and corporal possession of the same, with the rights, fruits, members and appurtenances thereof." The new Incumbent then unlocked the door and having relocked it, stood near the font and rang the treble by means of a rope specially let down from the belfry. After a prayer from the Bishop the vicar again unlocked the door, and the choir and clergy proceeded to their places in the Chancel singing the hymn "The Church's one Foundation." Evening prayer was then said, after which a very able address by the Bishop was listened to with rapt attention. After the service the Vicar held an informal reception at the Town Hall, at which as many parishioners attended as the Hall could conveniently accommodate. The induction of a new Vicar at Basingstoke has not been of frequent occurrence; the space of time covered by the last three vicars being about one hundred and thirty years.

MONEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 25th, 720 Bob Minor. R. H. Hayward, 1; J. Tarrant, 2; S. Wightman, 3; G. Wightman, 4; S. Meadows, 5; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 6. And after service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. S. W. Martin, 1; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 2; S. Wightman, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; S. Meadows, 5; G. W. Wightman, 6.

APSLEY GUISE.—REOPENING OF THE PARISH CHURCH.

On Thursday, January 29th, 1891, in early dawn the ringers of this parish sent forth an enlivening peal from the bells of the church, heralding the opening ceremonies of the restoration of the church, from the tower of which waved proudly in the breeze the banner of the Cross of St. George. The Rector the Rev. J. C. Maltby, met the Bishop of Ely at Womburn Sands Station about one o'clock, and proceeded with him to the Rectory, the bells again notifying his Lordship's entrance into the village, a 720 of Bob Minor being rung by R. Wells, 1; W. Smith, 2; E. Norman, 3; M. Lane, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

The church has been re-seated throughout with new oak benches, and after much animation in the village, are henceforth to be "free and unappropriated."

Among the clergy present were the Bishop of Ely, the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Revs. B. C. Smith, F. Ashpitel, W. Baker, W. W. C. Baker (Hon. Sec. Beds Association), F. Hill, J. C. Walter, A. Dixon, Hon. and Rev. E. R. Powys, who gave a cheque for £300 to clear the whole remaining debt, and E. H. Mosse. Numerous touches were rung during the day, including a 360. W. Costin, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Norman, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, February 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. Cyril Herbert, 1; H. Checkley, 2; W. Smith, 3; E. Norman, 4; W. Mynard, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at St. Thomas' church, Leesfield, on Saturday, January 24th, when ringers attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Dinting, Friezland, Glodwick, Glossop, Gorton, Hyde, Leesfield, Mossley, Saddleworth, Whitfield, and Haughton. The meeting was held in the school-room at 4 p.m., for the adoption of the Annual Report, passing the accounts, and appointment of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. John Holden (Mossley), was re-elected President; Mr. John Blakely (Gorton), was elected Vice-President; and Mr. Joseph Radcliffe (Saddleworth), was re-elected Secretary; and a Committee of one from each tower in union. Messrs. D. Heap (Ashton-under-Lyne), and R. Woolley (Hyde), were appointed auditors for the next twelve months. It was also decided to hold the May meeting at Mossley, and if possible to arrange for the eight-bell competition, and also to hold the September meeting and six-bell competition at Dinting, and the next annual meeting at Whitfield, near Glossop. Votes of thanks were passed to the vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and school-room, when an adjournment was made to the Church Inn, where an excellent dinner was provided and thoroughly enjoyed, afterwards ringing upon the tower and hand-bells in various methods, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Miscellaneous Touches.

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ILKLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, January 11th, for evening service, 588 Bob Triples. J. Mumford (longest touch), 1; W. C. Cook, 2; C. Barker, 3; C. Stephens, 4; W. Waland, 5; W. Beanlands, 6; J. Beanlands (conductor), 7; J. Denby, 8. On Sunday, January 16th, 476 in the same method, standing as before, and three courses of Bob Minor, with S. Mumford at the 2nd. On Sunday, January 25th, for morning service, 728 Bob Triples. F. Myers, 1; W. Cook, 2; C. Barker, 3; C. Stephenson, 4; W. Waland, 5; F. Pell, 6; S. Beanlands (conductor), 7; J. Denby, 8. And for evening service a half-peal of Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 32 mins. F. Myers, 1; W. Cook, 2; C. Barker, 3; C. Stephenson, 4; W. Waland, 5; F. Pell, 6; S. Beanlands (conductor), 7; J. Denby, 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, January 24th, at the church of St. Giles, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire

Triples, but after ringing over 5000 changes in 3 hrs. 5 mins. it came to grief, through the third man missing his lead. T. Ealey, 1; J. S. White (conductor), 2; S. Hall, 3; J. George, 4; A. Stewart, 5; J. Mackay, 6; W. Thompson, 7; F. Swindler and H. Smith, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Great credit is due to the ringers of the heavy bells, as they go rather bad. Longest length by Messrs. Hall, Thompson, Swindler, and Smith.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, January 12th, for practice at St. Mary's church, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 518 changes. C. Giles (first 500), 1; F. Hopgood (conductor), 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. C. Foxall, 4; A. Whatmore, 4; H. Blissett, 6; J. Hands, 7; J. Swain, 8.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 26th, at All Saints' church, Hamer, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. J. Hartley, 1; J. Lingard, 2; *J. W. Tabner, 3; R. Whittles, 4; *R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley, 6. *First 720 in any method.

STOKE (Devon).—On Thursday, January 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Myers, 1; E. Hendy, 2; R. Ford, 3; E. Taylor, 4; A. Richards, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. R. T. Hibbert, 1; A. Ford, 6; the others as before. First 720 in any method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells. Tenor 14 cwt.

STEYNING (Sussex).—For practice on Thursday, January 22nd, a 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; W. B. Hills, 3; G. Gatland, 4; T. Searle, 5; W. N. Holt, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8. On Saturday, January 24th, eight members of the St. Nicholas' Society, Brighton, started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but a mis-call brought the bells round when about 900 changes had been rung. Time not permitting a fresh start, a 518 of Grandsire Triples was rung. J. Neves, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; G. B. Bleach, 3; H. Miles, 4; H. Boniface, 5; F. Morris, 6; W. Palmer, 7; H. Cornwell, 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples, in which four of the Steyning Society took part. G. Smart (conductor), 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Smart, 3; J. Searle, 4; T. Searle, 5; F. Morris, 6; W. Palmer, 7; H. Cornwell, 8. On Sunday, January 25th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; W. B. Hills, 5; J. Matthews, 6; J. Searle (Brighton), 7; C. Tyler, 8. And 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Smart, 1; J. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; W. B. Hills, 6; W. N. Holt, 7; J. Matthews, 8. In the afternoon a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Woolgar, 1; W. N. Holt, 2; T. Searle, 3; C. Smart, 4; W. B. Hills, 5; J. Searle, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; G. Smart, 8. And for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. N. Holt, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Searle (conductor), 4; E. Brackley, 5; C. Tyler, 6; C. Smart, 7; G. Gatland, 8. These four touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. J. R. Bloxam, D.D., Vicar of the adjoining parish of Upper Beeding, who died on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

THIRSK (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, January 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the local company rang 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. J. Neesam, 1; J. Wrightson, 2; J. W. Long, 3; D. Burton (composer and conductor), 4; H. Brown, 5; G. Neesam, 6; R. Boddy, 7; H. Wright, 8. Also in the evening a quarter-peal in the same method, in 46 mins. J. Neesam, 1; J. Wrightson, 2; H. Brown, 3; D. Burton, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; R. Boddy (composer and conductor), 7; H. Wright, 8. On Thursday evening, January 22nd, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Reeves's Variation), in 1 hr. 34 mins. J. W. Long, 1; J. Wrightson (conductor), 2; H. Brown, 3; D. Burton, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; R. Boddy, 7; H. Wright, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. in F natural. Longest length by all and rung at the first attempt.

WALSALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, January 21st, at St. Matthew's church, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major in 46 mins. W. Griffin, 1; F. Hallsworth, 2; J. Astbury, sen., 3; W. Walker, 4; E. Lightwood, 5; J. Lawton, 6; D. Wesley, 7; J. Astbury, jun. (conductor), 8.

WORKINGTON (Cumberland).—On Sunday evening, January 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. T. Platts, 1; *A. Newman, 2; R. Fox, 3; R. Phillips, 4; G. Higson, 5; F. Hyde (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 ever rung on these bells. *First 720 in the method. Newman hails from Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire; Higson from Hindley, Lancashire. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE JESSE AVERY FUND.—Acknowledged, £2 16s. 6d.; the Kidlington Society of change-ringers, 3s. 2d.; F. Webb (Kidlington), 2s.—G. HOLIFIELD, Appleton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, January 31st, at Blackburn. The bells of the parish church and those of Holy Trinity were, through the kindness of the authorities, placed at the service of the members. Ringing commenced shortly after two p.m., members arriving in quick succession from Liverpool, Manchester, Bolton, Heywood, Bury, Eccles, Southport, Church, Bacup, Rawtenstall, Burnley, Dalton-in-Furness, Newchurch, Ashton-under-Lyne, etc. Grand-sire Triples, Caters, Treble Bob, Treble Bob Royal, Stedman, Bob Major, and Bob Minor were the methods rung.

The general meeting was held in the parish schools, which was attended by sixty-six members. The Right Rev. Bishop Cramer-Roberts, Vicar of Blackburn, presided, and the following officers were present: Rev. J. H. Elsee, M.A., President; J. Eachus, vice-president; J. Redford, secretary; H. W. Jackson, treasurer; G. Longden, J. Barratt, J. Harrison, J. Aspinwall, R. Hill, and J. Horrocks, members of the Committee.

The Right Rev. Chairman said he was pleased to meet the members of the Association; it was an event he had looked forward to; he was glad to be amongst the list of their vice-presidents; he found on looking over the report that their finances were very satisfactory, which augured well for the success of the Association. The subject of his address he had taken from the objects contained in the report, being a portion of the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth (page 3 annual report). The various points were beautifully illustrated in a very lucid manner, his sound advice and appreciation of the ringers' office winning for him the esteem of all present.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., President, spoke of the many ways by which the Association might be useful, especially in the matter of keeping the bells in proper going order. He congratulated the members on their excellent attendance, and personally thanked Bishop Cramer-Roberts for his very able address.

The Secretary announced that the second quarterly meeting had been fixed for April 25th, at Bolton, and the third for July 18th, at Rawtenstall.

Mr. J. Eachus, vice-president, proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, churchwardens, and school managers for the use of the bells and schools.

Mr. H. W. Jackson, Treasurer, seconded.

A similar compliment was paid to the authorities of Holy Trinity church, which was acknowledged by the Chairman. Six new members were elected.

BRADFORD.—COMING OF AGE CELEBRATION.

On Saturday last, as will be seen by the peal records, a 5040 of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at Bradford parish church, in honour of the twenty-first birthday of Mr. Joe Hardcastle, Hon. Secretary of the Society of Copley Scholars. "Go" was called at 3.15, and at 6.35 "that's all" from the conductor brought round a peal which was considered the best in point of striking which had been rung on these bells for some time. The band then adjourned to 45, Bright-street, where Mrs. Hardcastle, assisted by Mrs. Copley, Mrs. Angus, and a young lady who shall be nameless, had laid out a most appetising tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Tables having been cleared at length, the company resolved itself into "liberty hall" (as the R.A.O.B. would say), and with a few other friends who joined, a pleasant evening was spent together in honour of the event. Songs were sung, and courses of Triples and Major, as well as lively airs, were rung on the handbells. During the evening Mr. J. Angus proposed the health of Joe Hardcastle, whose majority they had so happily celebrated, which was responded to most heartily. Mr. J. Broadley proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hardcastle, coupled with thanks for the excellent tea which had been furnished, which toast was duly honoured, and responded to by Mr. Hardcastle. "Success to the Copley Scholars" was also submitted by Mr. H. Raistrick, to which toast Mr. Copley replied, complimenting the band on their excellent peal, and referring briefly to the events of the day, and their experience during the past twenty years. The company soon afterwards separated, the whole proceedings of the afternoon having been thoroughly enjoyed by every one concerned.

BUCKLAND, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

In former days the ringers of Buckland were the most skilled, and the most famous for many a mile round; and nearly all the six-bell towers in the neighbourhood have resounded with the music of a 720 in one method or another, struck off in first-rate style by them.

But one by one the old band died out, and now only two remain. For many years past no change-ringing has been indulged in; but a few months ago, at the request of the new Rector, the Rev. C. P. Brickwell, an honorary member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the local company, which contained some fresh blood, as well as some older members who were desirous of improvement, gave their attention to the art, and with the assistance of the one remaining member of the old company, Mr. J. Cockerill, who still, in spite of the weight of more than eighty years, occasionally handles a rope, have made such good progress that on the evening of new-year's-day they accomplished their first 6-score of Old Doubles, with the further assistance of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The ringers stood as follows: W. Bayliss, 1; W. Halling, 2; J. Cockerill, 3; Rev. H. Cockey, 4; A. Green, 5; J. Smith, 6. Messrs. J. Grimmett and F. Smith are as far advanced as those who took part in this 6-score, but made room on this occasion for Mr. Cockerill and Mr. Cockey.

The ring consists of six bells, five old, and one recently recast; and is very musical. It is much hoped that a meeting of the Diocesan Association may be held somewhere in the neighbourhood in the course of the present year.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The First Quarterly Meeting of the year was held at East Dereham, on Monday, February 2nd, and was attended by about thirty members, who assembled from Norwich, Beccles, Great Yarmouth, Eye, Hingham, and Aylsham, in addition to the members of the local company. The recent severe weather, and want of employment which it brought with it, prevented many members from being able to attend, who, under more favourable circumstances, would no doubt have put in an appearance. The day, however, was pleasantly passed by those who came, the weather being everything that could be desired. The Rev. H. L. Arnold, Vicar of East Dereham, presided at the dinner, and bade the Association a hearty welcome. At the short business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary was able to congratulate the members upon the position which their Association had attained, and to point to many circumstances of distinct encouragement for the future; the progress made during the past year, and the hearty way in which the members, as a body, had pulled together to rescue their Association from its very critical position, being in the highest degree gratifying. Eleven honorary, one non-resident life, twenty-seven performing members, and six probationers, were then admitted, and three probationers confirmed as full members.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Kingston-on-Thames on Monday, January 19th. Soon after six o'clock forty-six members sat down to a meat tea at the Albany Hall. About seven o'clock the Hon. Treasurer, the Vicar of Kingston, took the chair, and after the usual formal opening (consisting of reading the minutes of the last meeting), the Secretary reported six peals rung since the last meeting. Afterwards the Secretary moved an important addition to the rules of the Association. The proposition was to establish life-membership of performing members residing in another county. After considerable discussion it was agreed to pass the rule so that now performing members who reside out of the County of Surrey may become life members by a donation of 5s. The cash account for the past year was read and passed, and it was resolved that £20 of the balance in hand should be banked in the Post Office Savings Bank. Twenty-one new members were elected, including one honorary life member, and two other honorary members. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at East Molesey, on Easter Monday.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"An ounce of practice is worth a ton of theory."

Public speakers, when drawing a comparison between two persons or circumstances, are prone to wind up with the exclamation "Look on *this* picture and on *that*!" What (I thought to myself after reading the contents of page 536), a fund was there for a speaker fond of making such comparisons, and bringing them out! In the first column we read of a most enjoyable gathering in connection with the Chichester Cathedral ringers' guild, where were present (at the "Eagle" inn, bear in mind) the Venerable Archdeacon Mount, who actually presided, the worshipful the Mayor, a worthy Alderman, certain reverend gentlemen, and a pretty numerous assembly of other officials of the Church. These all met in a public-house for the purpose of having dinner together in celebration of the first anniversary of the Chichester Cathedral Guild. Well, you might remark, there is nothing singular about all this. We read in "THE BELL NEWS" continually of such gatherings; in fact, scarcely a week passes without many such reports appearing in its pages. Right you are: and no one is more pleased to read them than your humble servant. But that is only one of the pictures which page 536 presents to us. The other is on the second column, which gives an account of the third quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham district of the Norwich Diocesan Association, held at Rendham on the 24th ult. Here there was no gathering together of clergy, influential laity, and ringers, such as was witnessed at Chichester (even though it was in a public-house), but actually the use of the bells themselves was denied to the visiting brethren, unless they would enter into a compact to the effect "that no member of your company visit the Rendham or other public-house in this neighbourhood or the day or evening of your visit, nor that any of my ringers be invited to enter a public-house on that evening." What next? These might travel for miles in order to be present at the meeting of their Association; but if they desired to have a pull on the Rendham bells with other friends, they could only be allowed that privilege under conditions as exceptional in character as they were bigoted in conception.

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We laymen are apt to credit our clergy with less than an average amount of practical common sense in their dealings with the world in its more secular aspect; and such examples as this of the Rev. George Ensor, vicar of Rendham, will of a truth give considerable amount of colour to such a notion. But, perhaps, it may be urged in its favour that he is a strenuous advocate of total abstinence, and thus took this opportunity of emphasising his teetotal principles. Then if he really wished to keep the visiting ringers away from the only place of refreshment in the village, because of the supposed "contaminating influences" which are said to be attached to public-houses, why did he not provide a substitute in the way of tea at his school-room, where in all probability the visitors would only have been too glad to partake of "the cup that cheers but not inebriates," and thus have shewn himself really earnest and practical in his ideas. But nothing of this sort appears from the report given us of the meeting.

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Now, I would never set myself as a defender of what are styled our national drinking customs—neither (for the matter of that) would I champion the cause of total abstinence; but I have no hesitation in putting the two pictures before any true advocate of "temperance, soberness, and charity," and ask, which course is most likely to promote that duty to ourselves enjoined by our Church; the mixing together of the classes, and

the rightful use of our "licensed houses," as seen at Chichester; or the peremptory—"If you go into the public-house you shan't be allowed to use my bells." I believe, had I been a visitor at Rendham on that occasion, I should have been strongly tempted to have purposely disobeyed the imperious magnate of the vicarage, by going at once into the aforementioned public-house, and then have gone straight to the vicarage and informed his lordship of my contumacious action.

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Well, we will let this drop into that vast abyss of "things past and gone," where lies so much of what is disagreeable. We have, happily, reason to be gratified that we have with us so many of our clergy and our "betters" in Church and State, who have the good sound sense to deal with the world as they find it, and who thus materially help us on in that portion of our work which aims at raising the Science and its exponents from a social point of view: a work which has been attended with such a large amount of success during the past twenty years or so. We can therefore view with more equanimity, that exception to the general rule reported from Rendham.

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Look on this picture, and on that.

FREE LANCE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this district was held at Wrotham on Saturday, January 31st. A committee meeting was also held on the same day, at which Mr. Woolley (Maidstone) was again elected as the representative on the central committee. It is pleasant to be able to record that on the proposal of Mr. E. N. Howard (formerly unattached), the Eynsford band were readmitted to the Association; the chief credit of this being certainly due to Mr. Howard (secretary to the band). The whole company are now full members, five having received certificates in 1886 (E. N. Howard, F. Head, J. Wellard, W. Wash, W. West), and two being passed on Saturday (R. Baldwin and T. Collier). We hope others will be soon induced to follow their example. Two honorary members were also elected: J. C. Crosley, Esq., Sadler Hall, Eynsford; and the Rev. W. A. Warner, Curate-in-charge of Ash. The present meeting, we were glad to notice, was much better attended than that held at Town Malling last year; though there is still plenty of room left for improvement. Altogether just upon thirty were present, including ringers from Ash, Eynsford, Harrietsham, Maidstone, Town Malling, Seal Chart, and Wrotham. As regards the actual ringing, Bob Triples, Bob Minor, and Grand-sire Doubles, is what we chiefly noticed during the day. Allowances of 1s. were made to the members attending the meeting. May we venture, in conclusion, to call the attention of all whom it may concern, to the following fact: All subscriptions are due in January, and very few have as yet been paid.

THOS. L. STACK, District Secretary.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE BELLS OF ST. PHILIP'S, BIRMINGHAM.

SIR,—Referring to the paragraph in your last issue under the above heading, I must leave my friends of a kindred ringing society in this city to answer the strictures as to what occurs at St. Philip's tower, but as Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild I may point out that your correspondent ignores the fact that St. Martin's bells are always rung at least once a month for Divine Service, besides on many extraordinary occasions when "no pay is the rule."

This Guild provides that any band in union with it shall ring at their tower for at least one Sunday in the month, and endeavours to foster a feeling which will provide for still more frequent ringing.

W. H. GODDEN,

Hon. Sec. St. Martin's Guild.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1891.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	YORK GREEN 6.
WILLIAM D. SMITH 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL 7.
EDWIN HORREX 3.	*EMANUEL HALL 8.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE* 4.	SAMUEL HAYES 9.
GEORGE J. SMITH* 5.	JOHN M. HAYES Tenor.

Composed by Y. GREEN and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal. The ringers through the medium of this paper, wish to thank the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells on this occasion. This peal is now rung for the first time, and was published March 8th, 1890.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, STOKE NEWINGTON,
SEVEN 720'S OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED
DIFFERENTLY.

HENRY SPENCER Treble.	PERCY HOWARD 4.
HUGH SCARLETT 2.	FREDERICK ARTHUR NUNN .. 5.
HENRY STUBBS 3.	ERNEST EDRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by H. SCARLETT.

A note about this performance will be found on another page.

The Provinces.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	CHARLES HONEYBELL 5.
WALTER GRIDLEY 2.	GEORGE MAXIM 6.
ZACHARIAH SLATER 3.	OLIVER GARWOOD 7.
FREDERICK WELLS 4.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY,
KIDDERMINSTER.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM WAKEMAN Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH 5.
GEORGE SALTER 2.	*THOMAS BENNETT 6.
JOHN BENNETT 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.
*First peal in the method.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

STEPHEN POWELL Treble.	JOHN J. JONES 5.
JOHN BALLARD 2.	JOSEPH R. HIGGINS 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	HENRY WHITE 7.
FREDERICK WILSON 4.	*WILLIAM HATTEN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal. This peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, who was inducted into the living of the above church on the same day. Messrs. Bennett and Jones hail from Guildford.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

REV. R. P. NEWHOUSE† .. Treble.	GEORGE H. WILKINS 5.
OWEN FASEY* 2.	WALTER E. YATES 6.
JAMES W. WILKINS 3.	ALBERT E. HOSKINS 7.
FRANK BISSLEY 4.	HENRY GILDING Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. The Rev. R. P. Newhouse is the only local clergyman who has accomplished a peal in the above tower, and he is the energetic secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Guild.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

On Thursday, January 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS:
Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN Treble.	ISHMAEL RICHARDS 4.
WILLIAM ANDREWS 2.	ROBERT ANDREWS 5.
ROBERT SCOTT 3.	TOM ANDREWS Tenor.

Conducted by R. SCOTT.

First 5040 upon the bells. First 5040 by all. This is supposed to be the first 5040 in the County in the above methods, and rung in honour of the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. H. Bere, of this parish, to Miss M. A. Phillott, of Weston-super-Mare.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, HYDE.)

On Thursday, January 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble.	THOMAS WILDE 5.
ROBERT WOOLLEY 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY 6.
THOMAS BRADLEY 3.	JAMES S. WILDE 7.
WALTER SLATER 4.	JAMES SHAW Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

Mr. Wood hails from Ashton. A report respecting this performance will be found in another column.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Friday, January 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY GIBBS Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	JOHN J. CHEESEMAN 6.
ISAAC EMERY* 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	THOMAS DAYNES Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

The above peal was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of May 17th, 1890. It is a ten-part, No. 1, and is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev. A. H. Watts for kindly granting the use of the bells. *First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

MARCELLUS J. DIGBY .. Treble.	FREDERICK HAYES 5.
GEORGE A. HAYES 2.	WILLIAM HARPER 6.
JOSEPH W. AITKINS 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
FREDERICK J. RING* .. 4.	BENJAMIN SPUNNER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal.

BEDDINGTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.
Tenor 21 cwt. in Ep.

A. PLOWMAN Treble.	W. BURKIN 6.
E. BENNETT 2.	J. HARTLEY 7.
R. SEWELL 3.	J. HARDING 8.
A. B. CARPENTER, M.D. .. 4.	C. GORDON 9.
E. MOSES 5.	C. WELLING Tenor.

Conducted by E. BENNETT.

This peal has the sixth behind the 9th and 8th throughout.

BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble.	J. W. CUNDALL 6.
SIDNEY CLARK 2.	J. ANGUS 7.
HARRY RAISTRICK 3.	J. H. HARDCASTLE 8.
J. BROADLEY 4.	THOMAS POLLITT 9.
J. COTTERELL 5.	B. F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS POLLITT and Conducted by J. H. HARDCASTLE.

All members of the Society of Copley Scholars. This peal was rung in honour of the coming of age of Joe Hardcastle, Hon. Sec. of this Society.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

HENRY HUBBARD Treble.	*FRANCIS WOODHEAD 6.
TOM LOCKWOOD 2.	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM 7.
HENRY LOCKWOOD* 3.	*WILLIAM SNOWDON 8.
ALFRED NAYLOR* 4.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH 9.
WILLIAM WALKER 5.	ROBERT BINNS Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WALKER and Conducted by TOM LOCKWOOD.

*First peal of Royal. This peal in which the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place at a course-end, was rung in the tittum position, and it is the first peal in the method rung by the above Associations.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN HAMMOND* Treble.	JAMES SMITH 5.
GEORGE ROWE, JUN. 2.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 6.
WILLIAM RUFFELS 3.	†WILLIAM GRIMES 7.
EDWARD GOODING* 4.	WILLIAM MILLER Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

First peal. First peal as conductor. Crickmer hails from Earl Soham; the rest belong to the Debenham Society.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

5040 CHANGES IN TWO DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and four 720's of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER GRIDLEY Treble.	*ROBERT INCH 4.
WILLIAM LEE* 2.	*SAMUEL EVANS 5.
GEORGE GREEN* 3.	GEORGE MAXIM Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE MAXIM.

*First 5040. The above was rung as a compliment to the rector, the Rev. John Foster, who completed his seventy-sixth year on that day.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH HANDS* Treble.	WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS .. 5.
CECIL FOXELL* 2.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 6.
FREDERICK SWEETZER* .. 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL 7.
JAMES POTTER† 4.	RICHARD TOM HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, of Hendon, and Conducted by JAMES POTTER.

*First peal of Major. †First peal as conductor. It is also the first peal of Major on the bells.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

HENRY HIPKISS Treble.	THOMAS HORTON 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 2.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	CHARLES PRICE 8.
REV. J. R. KEBLE* 4.	REUBEN HALL 9.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM KENT and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains eighteen courses with 5-6 in coursing order, and twelve in the reversed order; and the 6th seventeen courses at home, seventeen courses behind the 9th, and eighteen courses behind the 8th. *First peal of Caters.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	THOMAS KING 5.
AMOR AMBROSE 2.	FREDERICK WELLS 6.
HARRY SMITH* 3.	GEORGE SMITH 7.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4.	*ROBERT GOWERS Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM GARRARD, of Ipswich, and Conducted by SAMUEL SLATER.

The above peal is in three parts. Messrs. G. Smith, Symonds, and King hail from Lavenham; Slater and Wells from Glemsford; Ambrose from Melford; H. Smith and Gowers from Stanstead, Suffolk. *First peal on eight bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CULLUM* Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT 5.
FREDERICK J. FRENCH 2.	GEORGE CONYARD 6.
HENRY GIBBS 3.	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7.
WALTER J. SMITH 4.	*WILLIAM BEDWELL Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

*First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 1, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

THOMAS BRANCH Treble.	CHARLES BLACKMAN 5.
JAMES GARMAN 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
HENRY BURSTOW 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER 7.
THOMAS ANDREWS 4.	THOMAS HOGSFLESH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is James Garman's first peal with a bob bell. Blackman hails from Arundel.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. Treble.	FRANCIS LEES 5.
R. C. HUDSON* (aged 15) .. 2.	*JOSEPH PATTISON 6.
HENRY FERGUSON† 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON 7.
GEORGE ATKINSON* 4.	WILLIAM STORY Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD and Conducted by WILLIAM STORY.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. First peal in the method by the ringer of the 7th, and first peal as conductor by W. Story. Hudson hails from Bishopwearmouth; Atkinson and Pattison from Winton; Gofton from Whitley; the rest are local.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 2, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM LEBBON Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
ARTHUR H. GARDOM 2.	GEORGE CARTER 6.
EDWARD ATHERTON BACON .. 3.	WALTER CLARK 7.
FREDERICK FREEMAN 4.	*JOSEPH TRAPPS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LEBBON.

Messrs. Bacon, Freeman, Rann, Carter, Clark and Trapps were elected members of the above society previous to starting for the peal. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, also the first peal in the method by all the band. *First peal in any method.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor about 17 cwt.

JAS. SMITH, JUN.* Treble.	*W. E. WILSON 5.
JAS. WALKER* 2.	J. WATSON 6.
T. HINDLE* 3.	†J. WALKER 7.
JAS. SMITH, SEN. 4.	*M. ADAMS Tenor.

Composed by J. SHOLICAR, of Ormskirk, and Conducted by J. WALKER.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal ever rung on the bells by a Blackburn company alone.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, February 2, 1891, in Five Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,176 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS ANDREWS Treble.	ALFRED MILLS 5.
FREDERICK RICE 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
EDWIN JORDAN 3.	WALTER CHARMAN 7.
JAMES PARKER 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of Mr. William Short, the Captain of the Warnham band.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, February 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

DANIEL SPRINGALL Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE 5.
ROBERT BLANCHARD 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 6.
DAVID BURTONSHAW 3.	GEORGE PELL 7.
SAMUEL GREENWOOD 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. GREENWOOD.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN ASPINWALL Treble.	THOS. HAMMOND 5.
CHARLES WILLIAMS 2.	GEORGE FISHER 6.
CHARLES E. WILSON* .. 3.	*JAMES MARTIN 7.
HENRY COLEY 4.	ROBERT WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ROBERT WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, February 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHARLES JACKSON Treble.	DAVID WM. BROWN 5.
TOM STOCKDALE 2.	JOHN WM. STICKNEY .. 6.
JAMES HIGHFIELD 3.	JAMES DIXEY 7.
FREDERICK MERRISON .. 4.	JOHN WM. DALE Tenor.

Conducted by CHAS. JACKSON.

Rung to celebrate the 33rd birthday of J. W. Dale. It is also the 100th peal rung by C. Jackson, and the 75th that he has conducted.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, February 4, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. C. MITCHELL,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 size in D.

SYDNEY E. MITCHELL* .. 1-2.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 5-6.
ERNEST R. MITCHELL .. 3-4.	JOHN C. MITCHELL .. 7-8.

Conducted by JOHN C. MITCHELL.

Umpire—Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham. *First peal. The conductor has now called this composition from each pair of bells.

HOME CURE FOR DEAFNESS.—A book by a noted Aural Surgeon, describing a System of Curing Deafness and Noises in the Head, by which a self-cure is effected at home. The Rev. D. H. W. Harlock, of the Parsonage, Milton-under-Wychwood, writes: "Try the System by all means: it is first rate, and has been of the utmost service to me." Post free 4d. De Vere and Co., Publishers, 22, Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

Date Touches.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,**

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, January 11th, at All Saints' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8½ mins. O. Fasey, 1; H. Rogers, 2; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 3; F. Dentry, 4; F. Bissley, 5; W. Ayres, 6; A. Hoskins, 7; H. Gilding, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST ALBANS (Herts).—On Thursday, January 22nd, on handbells, retained in hand, at the residence of Mr. Mitchell, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes), in 1 hr. 1 min. *S. J. Mitchell, 1-2; E. R. Mitchell, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; E. Hull, 7-8. *Longest touch.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday morning, January 25th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, a date touch of Stedman Caters in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. H. Godden, 1; W. Haywood, 2; J. Joynes, 3; H. Bastable (conductor), 4; J. Day, 5; A. J. Jones, 6; A. Roberts, 7; C. Stanbridge, 8; J. Johnson, 9; T. Reynolds, 10. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., being the second touch given on page 486 of "THE BELL NEWS" of January 3rd. Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

LINDLEY, HUDDERSFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 25th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1891 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins., with all sixth's place bobs. A. Sykes (composer), 1; A. Crossland, 2; G. Denby, 3; J. Royston, 4; G. Schofield, 5; B. Shaw, 6; C. Cranan, 7; F. Schofield (conductor), 8.

MONOWDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 25th, at the parish church, 1891 changes of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Archer, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; S. W. Martin, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; S. Meadows, 5; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 by the ringer of the treble, also the first by the third ringer with a bob bell, and the longest length by the ringer of the fourth.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, January 26th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Brooker, 1; J. F. Tarrant, 2; A. Whatmore, 3; W. Willshire, 4; F. Hopgood (composer and conductor), 5; J. Swain, 6; H. Blissett, 7; J. Maskell and C. Giles, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

Miscellaneous.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, January 21st, at the parish church, 503 Grandsire Triples. T. Page, 1; T. Curtis, 2; J. Ballard, 3; F. Wilson, 4; S. Powell, 5; H. White, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; A. Knight, 8. Also 1050 Grandsire Triples, being three leads in addition to the fifth part of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' five-part peal. T. Page, 1; T. Curtis, 2; F. Wilson, 3; S. Powell, 4; J. Ballard, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; A. Knight, 8. J. W. Whiting hails from Fareham.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 25th, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Haynes, 1; R. Jordan, 2; C. Weeden, 3; E. Jordan, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; D. Jordan, 6. Also 720 London Surprise. J. Akehurst, 1; R. Jordan, 2; C. Weeden, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6. And 720 College Exercise. M. Jenkins, 1; *W. Haynes, 2; C. Weeden, 3; E. Jordan, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Saturday, January 17th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by a mixed band from Wycombe, Slough, Old Windsor, Hughenden, Farnham Royal, Cookham, and Boyne Hill. Conducted by J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal. And on Sunday evening, January 18th, for Divine Service, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 45 mins: H. Gilding, G. Wilkins, F. Bissley, A. Hoskins, F. Dentry, J. Todd, J. W. Wilkins, and H. Rogers. Also on Saturday, January 24th, another quarter-peal in the same method by Messrs. Quintin, Williams, Fasey, Hoskins, Wilkins, Flaxman, Stanbrook, and Gutteridge. And 504 Grandsire Triples by the same band, being the first touch with a bob bell by G. Williams. Also on Sunday evening, January 25th, for Divine Service, 912 Grandsire Major by H. Gilding, H. Rogers, G. Wilkins, F. Dentry, E. Rogers, W. Ayres, A. Hoskins, J. W. Wilkins. This is the longest touch in the method by a local band.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Saturday, January 17th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing about 3000 changes in 1 hr. 50 mins. L. E. Collins, 1; W. H. Theobald, 2; E. Jones, 3; W. Whiffn, 4; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 5; J. C. Truss, jun., 6; W. E. Yates, 7; J.

C. Truss, sen., 8. And on Sunday, January 25th, the first 504 of Holt's ten-part peal. A. H. Cocks, 1; H. Collins, 2; E. Jones, 3; W. H. Theobald, 4; J. C. Truss, sen., 5; W. E. Yates (conductor), 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; A. W. Truss, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS (Kent).—On Friday, January 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), with 7-8 covering. T. Earll (conductor), 1; W. Hadlow, 2; J. H. Fermer, 3; H. Hollands, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; F. Hollands, 6; T. Russell, 7; F. King, 8. Also 360 Bob Minor, standing as before. And on Sunday, January 25th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Earll (conductor), 1; A. Knight, 2; J. H. Fermer, 3; H. Hollands, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; F. Hollands, 6; T. Russell, 7; G. Tassell, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Fermer and Hadlow hail from Harrietsham.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CARLISLE.—On Saturday, January 24th, six of the ringers from Workington parish visited the above place for the purpose of having a pull with the local ringers. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. T. Platts, 1; W. Gregson, 2; R. S. Fox, 3; R. Phillips, 4; G. Higson, 5; F. Hyde (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by the ringers of the first, fourth, and fifth bells. W. Gregson hails from Carlisle; the rest from Workington. Also 360 of Grandsire Triples. R. S. Fox, 1; D. Harding, 2; F. Gibson, 3; W. Gregson (conductor), 4; L. W. Jennings, 5; G. Higson, 6; F. Hyde, 7; R. Phillips, 8. Other touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Minor, and Grandsire Triples were also rung by mixed companies during the afternoon on the handbells and tower bells, and the visitors returned home highly gratified with the result of their visit.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOOKING (Essex).—On Sunday, January 25th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins., by five members of the local company and E. Carter, of London. T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. Calthorpe, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; E. Carter, 6.

STEBBING (Essex).—On Monday, January 12th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 changes in six different methods, viz., New Doubles, St. Simon's, Stedman's Slow Course, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Dunstan's, and Grandsire. Also on Sunday, January 18th, for Divine Service, 720 in the above methods including Plain Bob and St. Dunstan's. And on Sunday morning, January 25th, for Divine Service, a 600. Also for evening service 720 in the above methods. And on Monday, January 26th, for practice, 1080 changes were rung. A. Barker, 1; T. Ruffel, 2; H. Emery, 3; T. Barker, 4; E. Claydon (conductor), 5. Also on handbells, 180 Bob Minor, with E. Claydon (conductor), 4; T. Barker, 5.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM.—On Saturday, January 17th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1248 changes), in 44 mins. W. Charman, 1; E. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; J. Parker, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. Rice, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 25th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently). W. T. Robson (first in the method), 1; T. Hudson, jun., 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; H. G. Dawson (first in the method), 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; R. Langton, 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 26th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27½ mins. H. Hayes (conductor), 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. Watson, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. Bentley, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Wednesday evening, December 31st, at St. Mary's church, 720 College Single Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. On Friday evening, January 16th, 720 Yorkshire Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. On Sunday morning, January 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. On Sunday evening, January 25th, for Divine Service, 720 London Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, January 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. *W. Wheeldon,

1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; †R. W. Twigg, 3; G. Hobbs, 4; C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. *First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW BUCKENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, January 18th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; R. Hutton, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hinchley (conductor), 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLEEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, January 24th, at the church of St. Stephen, Westminster, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. W. Carter, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; T. R. Bell (first quarter-peal in the method), 4; E. Duff, 5; J. Willshire, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; H. S. Ellis, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. After the service a substantial dinner was given, at which W. Burdett-Coutts, Esq., M.P., presided, supported by the Ven. Archdeacon of London, the vicar, the Rev. W. H. G. Twining, and several other rev. gentlemen and friends.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Thursday, January 22nd, at the parish church of the Holy Trinity, 504 Grandsire Triples, without cover. A. Mills, 1; C. Blackman, 2; G. Batts (Brighton), 3; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 4; G. Balchin, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6; G. Baker, 7. And on Sunday evening, January 25th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Balchin, 1; F. Luxford (conductor), 2; C. Blackman, 3; G. Baker, 4; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 5; E. Ede, 6; W. Twigg, 7; A. A. Mills, 8.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, January 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. Calthorpe, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; E. Carter, 6. Mr. Carter hails from London; the rest from Braintree.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 25th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Davey (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also 240 standing as before. F. Davey hails from Halstead; W. Moore from Bocking.

BRISTOL.—On Thursday, January 22nd, at St. Matthew's church, Kingsdown, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. T. Salter (conductor), 1; C. H. Gordon, 2; W. Tyler, 3; J. Davies, 4; A. Parrish, 5; T. Radford, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; R. Channings, 8. The above was rang with the bells muffled, it being the anniversary of the decease of Messrs. S. Jones and G. Hunt, late members of the Ancient Society of St. James. Messrs. Knill and Waters also took part in the ringing during the evening.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, January 11th, at St. Michael's church, after Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Woods, 4; R. Atkins, 5; J. Hinchley (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 21st, for practice, 720 Double Oxford and 420 Double Court. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. The first touch of Double Oxford by all.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, January 12th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Smith, 1; R. Jefferies, 2; C. Bate, 3; Jas. Kitchener (conductor), 4; M. Williams, 5; T. Smith, 6. Also on Monday, January 19th, 1300 Grandsire Triples. T. Barnett, 1; H. Griffin, 2; R. Jefferies, 3; J. Kitchener, 4; C. Bate, 5; T. Smith, 6; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 7; M. Williams, 8. And on Monday, January 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Jefferies, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. Bate, 3; J. Kitchener (conductor), 4; H. Griffin, 5; T. Smith, 6.

CRANSLEY (Northants).—On Thursday, January 1st, at the parish church, by the Kettering parish church company, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins., called three different ways. G. Tose-land, 1; G. Lillyman, 2; B. Panther, 3; E. Underwood, 4; G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. Spence, 6.

HATHEROP (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, January 20th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; R. Jefferies, 2; J. Kitchener (conductor), 3; H. Griffin, 4; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 5; T. Smith, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Barnett, 1; R. Jefferies, 2; C. Bate, 3; J. Kitchener (conductor), 4; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 5; T. Smith, 6.

TEWKESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, January 22nd, for practice at the Abbey, 1008 Stedman Triples, taken from Brook's Variation. W. Hampton, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; S. Cleal, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8.

(The remainder of miscellaneous touches will be found on page 547.)

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be held at the head quarters, Bradford, to-day, Saturday, February 7th.
B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Grassendale to-day, Saturday, February 7th. Ringing from 4 o'clock. The peal of eight at Garston will also be available at the same time. Meeting in Mission-room at 6.0 p.m. The Vicar will preside. RICH'D. HILL,
Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch).—The next ringing meeting will take place at the Cathedral, Manchester, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 4.30 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m.
W. BROWN,
Branch Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Saturday, February 7th, at Bucknall. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to the Secretary, 55, High Street, Bucknall, not later than Wednesday, 4th inst. Bells at 4.0 p.m. Tea at 6.30.
REV. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Middlesex Association.—There will be a District Meeting at Hadley to-day, Saturday, February 7th. The tower will be open for ringing at 5.0 p.m. Nearest stations: Hadley Wood and High Barnet on the Great Northern Railway, each one mile distant from the church.
F. A. MILNE, *Hon. Sec.*

Surrey Association.—All those members who wish for a copy of the forthcoming report, balance-sheet, and list of members, are requested to give their orders to their local secretary, and local secretaries are asked to kindly make up their lists as soon as possible, and to send them to the Hon. Sec., in order that he may know how many copies to order.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association (Rochdale Branch).—Ringing meeting at East Crompton church (six bells), on Saturday next, February 14th. Ringing from 3.0 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 p.m.
F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

The Johnson Anniversary.—The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham will arrange for an Anniversary Dinner in memory of the late Henry Johnson. This will be as near as possible on the lines of those held during his lifetime. Particulars will be published in our next, or may be obtained in the course of the next few days from the Honorary Secretary,

W. H. GODDEN.

Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham,
February 3rd.

Midland Counties' Association (Nottingham District).—The Annual Meeting of this District will be held at St. Mary's schools, Barker-gate, on Wednesday, February 11th, at 8 o'clock prompt, for the election of officers.

A. LAMBERT, *Local Secretary.*

6, Osmaston-street, New Lenton, Nottingham.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

CORRECTION.—Mr. Samuel Reeves, of West Bromwich, writes: "The peal of Grandsire Caters reported in last week's paper should have been 5057 changes, not 5076, as sent."

NOTE.—In connection with the performance at St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, reported elsewhere, we are asked to add that it is the first of its kind ever rung by Messrs. Spencer, Stubbs Howard, and Nunn; the first on the bells; the first by the local band, to whom great credit is due, as the ropes fall so irregularly.

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 additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By W. J. FISHER, *Eastbourne.*

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4	6	3	5	2	s

Three times repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

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5088.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	H
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-
6	3	2	5	4	-	-	-
5	6	2	3	4	-	-	-
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2	3	6	5	4	-	-	-
6	5	2	3	4	-	-	-
2	6	5	3	4	-	-	-
5	3	2	6	4	-	-	-
2	5	3	6	4	-	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	s	-

Twice repeated.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th are the only bells in 6th's place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By THOS. POLLITT, *Bradford.*

5080.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IN	M	W	H
5	2	3	7	4	8	6		out		2
2	4	3	7	5	8	6	I			2
4	5	3	7	2	8	6	I			2
5	4	2	7	3	8	6	2			2
4	3	5	7	6	8	2		I		2
3	6	4	7	2	8	5		I		2
6	3	2	7	4	8	5	2			2
3	4	2	7	6	8	5		I		2
6	2	4	7	3	8	5	I			2
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	I	2	†	2

†4ths and in.

This peal, which has the 7th in 5th's place, and the 8th in 7th's place throughout, with the 5th and 6th each four courses behind the 9th, was rung for the first time at the parish church, Bradford, in the Kent variation, on Saturday, January 31st, 1891; conducted by J. H. Hardcastle.

THE OLD YEAR.

At last he's laid aside to rest,
His faults and failings too;
His joys and woes, in many a breast
Are axioms all too true.

He's gone, and with him let there lie,
All prejudice and deceit,
Let friendship reign, and love belie
That which was counterfeit.

If any one's a sore complaint
Against a brother-string,
Open the heart, leave not the taint,
However hard the sling.

'Tis nobler much to mend the breach,
Made by some words unkind;
Heal up the wound, let wisdom teach
Goodwill to all mankind.

As ringers, men of metal, we,
Though only mortal men,
Make up a band, and all agree
To ring a peal on ten:

The time, the place, are known to all,
The bells a splendid "go,"
We muster some, others withal
Are coming rather slow.

Some fail to come, and thus our peal
Is spiked; a luckless thing,
And thus we find we're mortal, not
Good metal like our ring.

So ringers all, both great and small,
Such failings may eschew;
And do to others as you would
They should do unto you.

And may our bells ring gladly on
And merrily in the ear,
Tell of our hopes and joys anon,
In a new and prosperous year. D.

NOTE TO THE WARNHAM PEAL.—This long peal of Treble Bob Major is the greatest length in the method yet rung in Sussex, and was rung at the first attempt, and without the least hitch all through. As the band left the tower they were congratulated on their success by other local ringers and friends, who anxiously waited the approach of rounds, and pronounced the peal an excellent one. The Warnham men thank Messrs. Jordan, Mills, Parker, and Kice for so kindly obliging them in coming for the purpose.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

In connection with the peal of Stedman Triples rung at the above town, and reported in its proper column, the following will not be out of place, perhaps. The peal was accomplished only at the third attempt. The band met on Monday evening, 19th January, and the bells went off into changes at 6.45. Every thing went on as smooth as could be wished, the midway single being passed under most promising conditions, and the prospects appeared to indicate a good finish, when at length a very unusual, and also a very unfortunate incident occurred. Immediately upon getting into the 15th part the gas-lights, two in number, which had been hitherto burning with their accustomed brilliancy, suddenly began to get "smaller by degrees, and beautifully less," finally stopping at a nearly imperceptible glimmer, leaving the room in almost total darkness, and causing not a little confusion and amazement amongst the ringers. Indeed the ray of light which was left was so small that the ringer of the treble asked the conductor not to call the bobs loud for fear the glimmer should disappear altogether! The tenor-man was asked to set his bell and go and turn the gas up at the meter, where it was rightly conjectured it had been shut off. As all was in darkness, and the meter situate in a remote part of the church, five courses had been rung before the lights regained their brilliancy, and the tenor-man joined again. Shortly after, to the great regret of all, it was found a change-course had occurred during the dark period, so "stand" was called, after ringing 4,100 changes in 2 hrs. 25 mins. The attempt was a very determined one, Mr. Wood deserving special mention. On investigating the cause of the lights being turned down it was

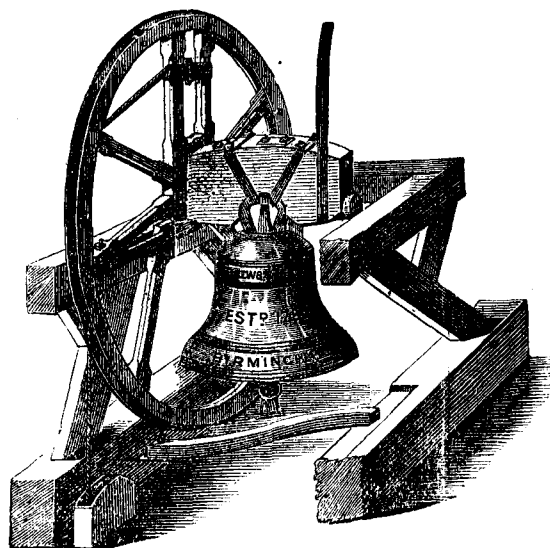
found that a pupil of the organist had, as was his custom, turned off the gas after he had finished practising, being totally oblivious of the fact that it was needed by the ringers.

On Monday, January 26th, another attempt was made, but a change-course occurring in the 23rd course, "stand" was again called.

The next attempt took place on Thursday, January 29th, and ending successfully. although during the performance of the first half (a few courses before the half-way single) the lights were again reduced to a veritable glimmer, plunging the apartment in almost total darkness, and causing much alarm for the safety of the peal. The tenor-man promptly set his bell, and quickly gaining the meter raised the lights again, but it was with great difficulty that the bells were kept in their proper order. Afterwards it transpired that it being the choir's practice-night, the organist, thinking he was turning the gas on, exactly did the reverse. Happily the mistake was rectified before any mischief was done. The tenor being set at rest rather more than two courses, was again set going, and eventually, much to the satisfaction of all concerned, the peal was accomplished as reported.

In conclusion, the writer's opinion is that changes rung on the first seven bells of the octave is very much on a par with the music said to be rendered by the celebrated Morgan family—anything but sweet. W.

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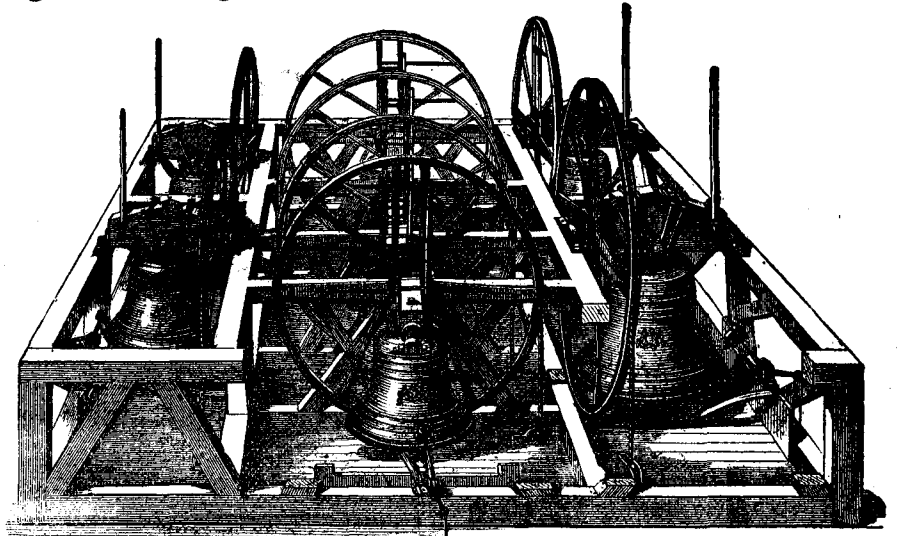
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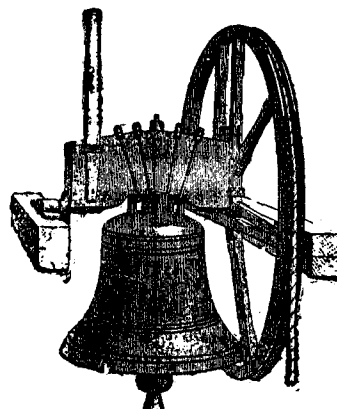
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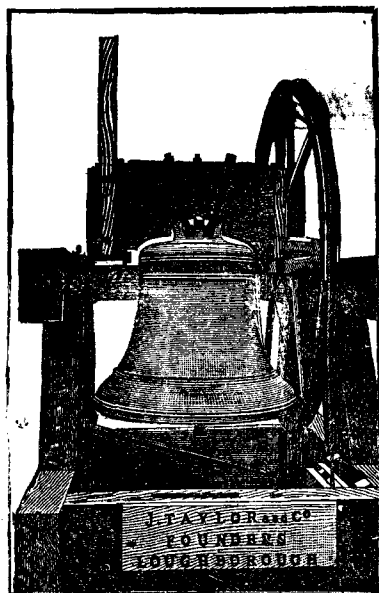
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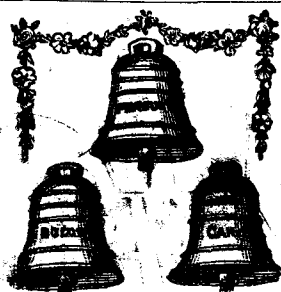
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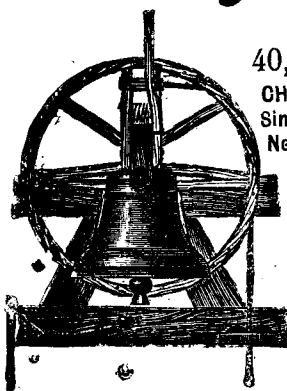
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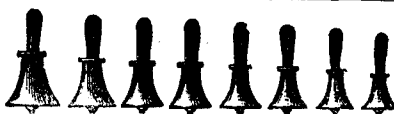
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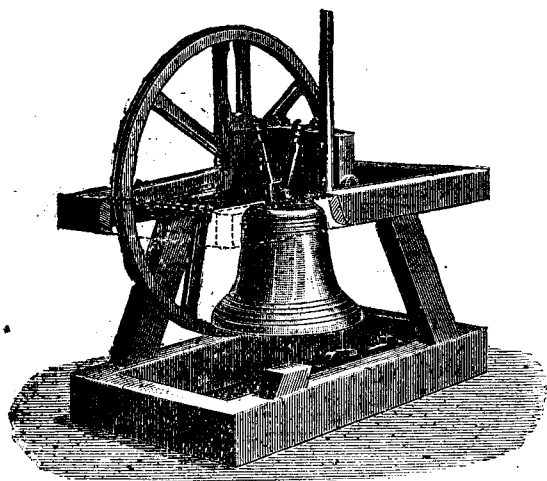
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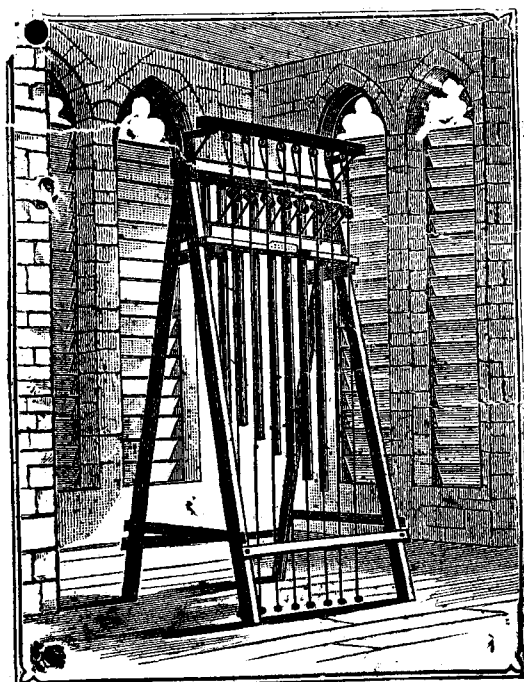
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MR. WILLIAM BARON, OF LONDON.

[Vide Portrait.]

MR. WILLIAM BARON, whom we this week pourtray, is a native of Newent, in the county of Gloucester. He was born on October 14th, 1843, and consequently is in the forty-seventh year of his age.

He was taught to handle a bell-rope by his father, who has been parish clerk of Newent for something like forty years; the old gentleman, we are pleased to add, being still both hale and hearty. In the year 1858 MR. BARON removed from his native place to the town of Cheltenham for a brief period, and where he made acquaintance with Mr. Charles Freeman, a noted ringer of the neighbouring parish of Prestbury, and under his tuition rang at that pleasant suburb of the above-named fashionable resort his first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles.

In 1860 he came to the metropolis, but while there for a year or two he did no ringing; but in 1863 he joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, of which body it is only a mere truism to say that he is a very highly respected member, and in which he has held for several years the honourable post of Treasurer. Visitors to the Cumberlands' and St. James' circles in the metropolis twenty-three or twenty-four years ago, would have formed the opinion that the subject of our memoir was then a very prominent member of the London Exercise, and an exceedingly skilful hand in manipulating the bells into rounds when tyros in Grandsire Caters had wandered from the correct path, and effected that heinous disturbance to the touch which we know by the terms "change-course" and "shift." At one time or another MR. BARON has taken part in some very creditable performances by the Royal Cumberlands, as the following list of peals will show. But special mention may be attached to the following; although unsuccessful in two cases, they seem to show that our friend possessed some corporeal energy and staying power. In October 1877 he assisted in ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 8099 changes in 5 hrs. 20 mins., and on Boxing Day of the same year he rang 7 hrs. and 35 mins. in an unsuccessful attempt at a peal in the same method at All Saints, Fulham, when the peal came to grief. A few years later he was in another attempt for the 120 courses of Stedman Caters, when after ringing 6 hrs. and 30 mins. "stand" had to be called, when about 10,000 changes had been rung.

A few years after his entrance into the above-named society, he had observed that the opportunities for practice did not seem quite sufficient for many who were anxiously aspiring to become ringers. Some of these, with MR. BARON at their head, took upon themselves the onerous duty of launching another ringing society, and with the assistance of Mr. Robert Rose, William Coppage, E. G. Harvey, J. W. Mansfield, A. Hayward, and others, the Waterloo Society of Change-Ringers came into existence. In this new society very many opportunities for academical practice was obtainable; and MR. BARON is still a very prominent member of it. During the period of its existence, some scores of young men have received his advice and tuition, and it is not too much to say that had it not been for the existence of the Waterloo Society, combined with the exertions of MR. BARON, many who are now regarded as skilled ringers in various methods, would never have become practically acquainted with the interior of a ringing-chamber.

MR. BARON rung his first peal in the year 1864, at the church of St. James, Clerkenwell, and first made his *debut* as conductor at St. Giles-in-the-Fields in the year 1868. But it was on March 17th, 1877, that he succeeded in conducting Holt's Original, which was accomplished at St. Mary's, Battersea, since which

time he may fairly be said to have worn that composition almost threadbare.

He is a member of the following societies:
The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.
The St. James' Society.
The Waterloo Society.
The Yorkshire Association.
The Sussex County Association.
The Surrey Association.

His list of peals consist of Grandsire Triples, 81, conducted 61; Grandsire Major, 2, conducted 2; Grandsire Caters, 29, conducted 15; Grandsire Cinques, 3, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 11; Stedman Caters, 12; Stedman Cinques, 8; Treble Bob Major, 19, conducted 1; Royal, 12; Maximus, 3; total number of peals—180: conducted 80. Two of the Grandsire Triples peals were rung on handbells retained in hand.

Upon two separate occasions MR. BARON has had the honour and satisfaction of receiving mementoes of his friends' esteem. In the year 1874, members and friends of the Waterloo Society presented him with a very handsome timepiece. The presentation took place at an annual feast, presided over by J. M. Routh, Esq. In the year 1885 also, through the instrumentality of Mr. H. S. Thomas, MR. BARON was presented with a splendid gold albert, with bell appendage attached. This presentation took place at an especially arranged evening concert, and a numerous quantity of ringers were present. The Rev. F. H. Fisher, the then vicar of Fulham, took the chair.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Thursday, January 22nd, the ringers at the above church, together with the choir, were entertained to a first-rate dinner at the Victoria Hotel, by the Vicar and Churchwardens of the parish. Host Wallace had prepared a splendid repast, one which, as it afterwards transpired, was far in advance of what was stipulated for, the extra cost being borne by Mr. Wallace himself with his usual generosity. The Vicar (Rev. I. W. Milner) took the chair, and after the tables had been cleared, those present set about to enjoy themselves, the choir singing carols, duets, and songs, to the immense delight of all, the choirmaster's "Off to Philadelphia," and Mr. Brown's "Father O'Flynn" being specially applauded. The ringers also brought the handbells into play, and Mr. W. G. Routledge entertained the company with "How Bill Smith won the battle of Waterloo," and "The Sailor and the Jew."

The Vicar proposed the health of Mr. Churchwarden Woodger, who, he said, was the principal pillar in St. John's church, and a true friend both to ringers and singers. This toast was drunk with musical honours, and several others having gone round, "The Choir and Bellringers" was proposed, coupled with the names of Messrs. Graham (choirmaster), Lees (ringing instructor), and Milner (organist).

In responding to the toast, Messrs. Graham and Lees spoke of the progress which each department had made during the past year, and to the good fellowship which existed among the two bodies. Mr. Lees also reminded the Vicar of an application he had made for new ropes, the old ones being sadly out of repair. The Rev. I. W. Milner said that it should come before the next vestry meeting; and explained to the company that the ringers had offered to provide four of the ropes if the vestry would obtain the other four necessary to complete the set. This pleasant reunion broke up, after proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace for their liberality, at about 11 o'clock, everyone declaring that they had never enjoyed a more pleasant evening.

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A NOVELTY IN COMPOSITION.

A four-part peal with the part-ends all even (in course) is, I believe, a form of composition that has not hitherto been placed before the Exercise. The annexed example may therefore prove interesting to composers as somewhat of a curiosity. The plan is simple enough, the only requisite being a method that allows six working bells. The fact that this is an unusual number for composers to deal with is probably the reason why no peal of this class has appeared before.

A FOUR-PART PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR.

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A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

OPENING OF TWO NEW PEALS OF HANDBELLS.

The members of St. Peter's society, Norwich, met to try the above, when touches of Grandsire Cinques, and Treble Bob, etc. were rung upon them, and also some tune-ringing by Mr. F. Knights and Son. One is a peal of twelve in the key of D, No. 21 size, and the other a peal of thirteen in the key of G, 18 size, and were made by Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., of Bradford, and are fitted up upon their improved principle arranged to avoid all rattling from the clappers, whereby nothing can be heard only the notes from the bells. The D peal are for the Hethersett (near Norwich) ringers; the thirteen are for the Trinity Church ringers, Norwich, and give great satisfaction. Mr. F. Knights, Master of the St. Peter's ringers, has been appointed agent in Norwich for Messrs. Shaw's handbells, and have received from them nearly 500 bells, and all have given credit to that firm.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

A large church clock has been erected here, and was formally started on the 6th instant. It has one large dial, with gilded figures and hands, strikes the hours, and chimes the Cambridge quarters. The movement has been constructed on the very best lines to ensure perfect timekeeping and durability, and is covered with a substantial glass case. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, the Midland Clock Works, Derby, who are also making similar clocks for Morville, Shropshire, Bradeley, near Stafford, and others.

THE HERTS. COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at Bushey on Saturday, February 7th. During the afternoon some Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the bells at Oxhey church, which is situated on the boundary of Bushey. A move was afterwards made to Bushey, which was reached at the time appointed for the tea. The table was laid in the village hall, kindly lent for the occasion by the rector, the Rev. T. H. Kynaston, who presided, there being also present—C. E. Keyser, Esq. (who although residing in town for the season, made a special journey to be present), L. Proctor, Esq. (Benington), and Messrs. S. Page (Benington), E. P. Debenham (secretary), G. W. Cartmel (asst. sec.), J. C. Mitchell, E. Hull, A. Hull, T. Waller, W. H. L. Buckingham, J. W. Brewer, H. Brewer, W. Battle (St. Albans), B. Foskett (Hampstead), H. G. Rowe (Aldenham), and the following Bushey members: Messrs. Oakley, E. E. Huntley, F. Edwards, H. Hunt, and A. J. Pate. After tea the business meeting was held, the Rev. T. H. Kynaston being voted to the chair in the absence of the President, Leonard Proctor, Esq., who had to leave to catch his train. It may not be out of place here to mention that this veteran ringer looked well and hearty, and took part in some ringing during the day.

The secretary was called upon to read the minutes, which were adopted. The provisional election of Mr. J. W. Rumney, of Hatfield, was confirmed, and Messrs. Ralph Shepherd and J. Kentish, jun., of the same place were elected members.

On the proposition of Mr. J. C. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. H. Brewer, the annual meeting was fixed to be held on Easter Monday at St. Albans.

Mr. J. C. Mitchell gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the Association adopt an office for use in belfries in affiliation with the Association.

Votes of thanks concluded the business. The Bushey bells were afterwards set in motion, Stedman, Grandsire Triples, and some Kent Treble Bob Major being rung. Messrs. Henry Lewis and E. R. Mitchell, of St. Albans, arrived on the scene during the evening and took part in the ringing, which was kept up until nine o'clock.

Bushey bye-the-bye was in total darkness, not having arrived at that state of civilization to have gas in the streets, although in use in the houses. "General" Booth could not have visited this spot at this time of the year, or he would have branded it as the "darkest spot" in the universe. As an instance of this, a couple of good folk were passed on the road who had adopted the primitive method of carrying a lantern to guide their steps.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL BRANCH.—ON Thursday, February 5th, the ringers 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; at the head of the table was placed "The compliments of the season to Captain Coleman; Long may he live to hear the sound peal forth from the bells which he so kindly had recast." Various other mottoes had been arranged around the room. Mr. S. E. Parker occupied the chair and Mr. G. Denne the vice-chair. After dinner the chairman proposed the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," which was heartily responded to.

Mr. Parker then followed with a song.

The health of "The Visitors" was proposed by the vice-chairman.

Mr. Stuntin, in responding, said it was a great pleasure to be with them that evening. Should he be in the district another year, he should be with them again, and he thanked them for drinking their health.

Mr. Weller next gave a song which was loudly encored.

The Chairman in proposing the health of Captain Coleman, said what a pleasure it was to stand in the belfry now and ring the bells since they had been recast, and said they could not let the evening go without drinking his health, which was drank amid cheers.

The health of "The Host" having been drank, Mr. Burton briefly responded. The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and songs, which was brought to a close by the ringers ringing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the Queen."

ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its annual general meeting on Saturday, January 31st. The tower was open from 3.0 p.m., and at 5.30 the sixteen members present adjourned to the church room for tea, which was kindly presided over and provided by the Rev. W. C. Muriel, Vicar.

Afterwards the usual business meeting was held. The Master, Mr. J. W. Driver, in presenting his report for the past year, stated that there were now forty members on the books as against thirty-two last year, and that the finances were in a flourishing condition. Eight peals had been rung during the year, viz.: four of Grandsire Caters and four of Grandsire Triples. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *Master*: Mr. J. N. Driver; *Secretary*: Mr. John Green; *Steward*: Mr. E. H. Adams; *Treasurer*: Mr. S. How. The Rev. W. C. Muriel was asked to undertake the office of President, which he accepted in a few appropriate remarks.

After a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower, and for so kindly providing tea, a move was again made to the tower, and during the afternoon and evening various touches of Grandsire Minor, Triples, and Caters, and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—STAVELEY.

ON Monday evening, February 2nd, the Staveley ringers and a few friends sat down to an excellent supper given by Mr. Samuel Palmer (a member of the local society), at the "Elm Tree" inn. After ringing a long course on the knives and forks, a call for "stand" was made until the cloth was drawn, when Mr. Worthington was elected to take the chair. After the loyal toasts was drank, the local company rang a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. Tune-ringing at intervals followed, then songs from Messrs. Palmer, Smedley, Mottershall, Freeman, Hill and Burns, rendered good service to the evening; also a few remarks from Messrs. Madin, Harris, and Croft. Much credit is due to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Croft, for the kind manner in which they provided the repast. At the usual hour the meeting closed with the hearty good wishes for Mr. Palmer and family.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful district meeting was held at Hadley on Saturday, February 7th. The tower of St. Mary's church was open for ringing at 5 o'clock, but it was 6 o'clock before a sufficient number mustered for a touch of Grandsire Minor. At 6 o'clock however, members began to flock in from Finchley and Hendon, and an hour later there must have been eighteen or twenty assembled in the belfry. Touches were rung in seven Minor methods, viz., Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, College Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and the local band rang several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and plain courses of Grandsire Minor. The touches followed each other in quick succession until 9 p.m., when the company separated, all expressing themselves thoroughly well satisfied with the tone and "go" of the bells. They desire to express their thanks to the rector and Mr. Churchwarden Samuel for so kindly permitting them the use of the bells.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

At the adjourned general meeting of this Society on Wednesday, February 4th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *Master*: G. Wild (re-elected); *Treasurer*: C. E. Malin (re-elected); *Steward*: J. E. Davis; *Secretary*: W. Partridge, 42, York Road, Lambeth, S.E.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY BRIGHT OF WOOLWICH.—We are sorry to hear of the death, on Sunday afternoon last, of the veteran Henry Bright, of Woolwich. It will be remembered that a portrait of Mr. Bright appeared with this paper last September. The funeral took place on Thursday, at Woolwich Cemetery, Plumstead, amid manifestations of the most profound respect.

Miscellaneous Touches.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 1st, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor with 7-8 behind in 30 mins. R. C. Burrell, 1; W. Rowland, sen., 2; A. Speller, 3; J. Parmenter, 4; R. W. Everard, 5; W. Rowland, jun. (first 720 as conductor), 6. The above are all members of the local company, and this is their first 720.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, January 20th, for practice at the parish church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 24 mins. J. Wignell, 1; J. Harding (conductor), 2; E. Walker, 3; J. Hartley, 4; E. Matthews, 5; E. Hollands, 6; F. Holder, 7; W. Morley, 8. This is the first half-peal ever rung by a local company.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, February 1st, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27½ mins. F. Calvert, 1; H. Hayes (conductor), 2; T. Watson, 3; J. Watson, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Bentley, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Saturday, January 24th, at the parish church with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, and 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; W. B. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. The above was rung as a mark of respect to P. Charles, Esq., late of Olders Hill Lodge, Hendon Lane, Finchley Church End, N., who was buried at Highgate Cemetery that day. Also on Sunday evening, January 25th, after Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. W. Webb, 1; F. Carroway, 2; F. Sparks, 3; C. Martin, 4; *W. Burrows, 5; C. Tucker (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 23 mins. W. Webb, 1; C. Tucker, 2; C. Martin, 3; W. Burrows, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Taken from *Rope-Sight* page 80.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, February 1st, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) in 46 mins. A. A. Earle (first quarter-peal), 1; J. C. Green, 2; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 3; C. F. Winny, 4; E. H. Adams, 5; A. Hubbard, 6; W. Sampson, 7; Jas. Nicholls, 8; H. Kenten, 9; H. C. Collier, 10. H. C. Collier hails from Sevenoaks.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, January 21st, at St. Martin's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Scarlett (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; P. Howard, 3; J. Nixon, 4; R. Bevan, 5; E. Edridge, 6. And another 720 in the same method. R. Bevan, 1; J. Cawley, 2; P. Howard, 3; J. Nixon, 4; E. Edridge, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, February 1st, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. G. Baldwyn, 1; C. Smith, 2; A. Devereux, 3; A. Wallace, 4; A. Attwood, 5; E. Devereux (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of College Single and Bob Minor, standing as before.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, January 13th, at St. Mary's, Stoke Newing-720 Bob Minor. H. Scarlett (conductor), 1; G. Gauns (first 720), 2; J. Barry, 3; J. Howard, 4; F. A. Nunn, 5; E. Edridge, 6. On Sunday, February 1st, 720 Bob Minor. H. Spencer, 1; J. Barry, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; J. Howard, 4; F. A. Nunn, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6. After service 720 Bob Minor. H. Scarlett (conductor), 1; J. Barry, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; P. Howard, 4; F. A. Nunn, 5; A. S. Barrell, 6.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, January 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. Wood, 1; W. Tabernor, 2; J. Wood, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; E. Glover, 5; W. Baddeley (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, January 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins. W. Tabernor, 1; E. Glover (conductor), 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Wood, 6.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT.—On Sunday morning, February 1st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. S. Churton, 1; E. Montford, 2; A. Pennington, 3; T. Austin, 4; J. Austin, 5; R. T. Dunn (late of Coalbrookdale), 6; H. Page (conductor), 7; T. Rose, 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—READING BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd instant, at the "Broad Face" hotel, Reading, when about forty members sat down to an excellent supper at 7.0 p.m., the Chairman, Mr. J. Martin Routh, presiding. Having proposed "the Queen," the Chairman called upon the Secretary, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, to read the minutes of the last meeting, with balance-sheet, which came out very successfully. The election of officers was then proceeded with, resulting in the re-election of the whole, to whom a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Newell. It was agreed that a combined meeting for practice should be held monthly at the four towers. Other unimportant business having been disposed of, Mr. J. Martin Routh proposed "Success to the Oxford Diocesan Guild," observing that from small beginnings it had advanced with giant strides, equal to any, surpassed by none. He urged the members still to persevere with that bulldog courage characteristic of Englishmen, in spite of rebuffs.

Mr. Newell, the honoured patriarch of Reading ringers, replied for the Reading branch. He was pleased to see so large a number gathered together. The ringers themselves had made rapid strides; soon he hoped to hear of a peal being rung at St. Mary's by a band belonging to that tower—they were well on their way towards it. Then St. Giles's ought to have at least ten members now the peal was increased to eight, six was not enough; let them take a leaf from Caversham, who were augmenting their peal. He was pleased to see two youngsters present, aged respectfully 12 and 15. He thanked the Chairman for his encouraging remarks.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, General Secretary, then rose, and being greeted with loud applause, observed that it gave him very great pleasure to be present. The work was easier in Reading than in the outlying districts; in ability he thought the Reading branch stood at the top of the tree. After expressing his regret that the office of Secretary should have fallen vacant, he observed that the duties were most onerous, not a day passing which had not its share of a large correspondence. He explained the late appearance of the report owing to the dilatory way in which certain of the towers sent in their subscriptions, which only came to hand after two or three, or even more letters had been written to defaulters. He was pleased to state that the Guild was larger now than ever before, while its operations were extending: there were over 850 change-ringers and 165 honorary members; two towers had been lost during the past year, but there had been a gain of ten! Hungerford and Wheatley had joined, and a branch would shortly be formed for Cuddesdon, Wheatley, and Garsington, in addition to one at Oxford. Banbury, too, hoped to have a branch. He was going to invite the Bishop of Oxford to preach at the Annual Festival, to be held at Woodstock in July. Seeing youngsters present, he was at once reminded of his own experiences, when Colonel Troyte had in hand a party at Broadclyst, Devon: there boys might be seen perched on boxes, one of these boys afterwards becoming a national schoolmaster in his present parish of Dunsden. The late Bishop of Oxford was delighted to see so many men at the Annual Festival at Abingdon some years ago; it was indeed a grand thing to have nearly 900 men engaged in Church work in the diocese. Mr. Hart-Davis concluded his remarks by observing that he was always glad to do anything in his power for working-men, more especially when they were Churchmen in addition.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the last speaker (who had to leave the meeting), observing that Reading had done its share in upholding the Guild, the fifty-two members of the branch having in the past year increased to sixty-three.

Mr. J. E. Hern, after stating that he was a member of most Associations, said he would like to see more than one annual meeting; there ought also to be a good dinner, as that was the most forcible way of appealing to men.

The Secretary answered that on the score of expense a dinner would be impossible. It was a very difficult diocese to work, containing, as it did, no less than three counties. Mr. Hern was also reminded that the branch meetings afforded opportunities for meeting ringing friends; there had been no less than three held quite recently within easy reach, viz.: at Pangbourne, Wokingham, and Wycombe.

The Chairman brought the discussion to a close by saying

that ringing ought always to be the chief thing—that when societies spent large sums on dinners, etc., they were indeed in jeopardy.

Mr. Newell, in feeling terms, referred to the very serious illness of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who was now in the Oxford Infirmary. The Chairman and Secretary also added a few words, commending his case to the very earnest consideration of those present. It is hoped that a substantial sum of money will be sent him in a short time, from those who appreciate his past invaluable services. Mr. Newell stated that he would gladly receive and forward any amounts the various towers should see fit to contribute.

Speechifying being concluded, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, Messrs. Newell, Paice, Sweetzer and Newman contributing songs, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge a Devonshire recitation: "Maister Hogg in a Turkey bath," while the Caversham handbell ringers discoursed sweet music on their splendid peal of handbells. The National Anthem brought to a close the most successful and enjoyable evening ever spent by the members of the Reading branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

On Tuesday evening, February 3rd, the Hatfield College Youths held their annual supper, which was their third festival of the kind since the establishment of the society. A capital dinner was served by host Kentish, and there were present the Rev. Lord W. G. Cecil, who was supported by the Rev. N. S. Hodson, and Messrs E. P. Debenham (St. Albans), W. Whitby (hon. sec.), J. Kentish, sen., A. Shepherd, W. J. Richardson, J. Hollingsworth, W. G. Bowers, J. Shepherd, J. W. Rumney, H. Shepherd, J. T. Kentish, jun., G. Smith, H. Tharby, W. Greenham, C. Smith, J. Greenham, R. Halsey, and N. Mitchell.

Immediately after the dinner the Rector had to leave, and the chair was taken in his lordship's absence by the Rev. N. S. Hodson. After the loyal toasts had been proposed and duly honored, Mr. Whitby briefly proposed "The Rector and Clergy of the parish." In responding,

The Rev. N. S. Hodson said it gave him great pleasure to take an interest in the parish institutions. Their duties as clergymen could be far better carried out when the people were known to them. Their special duty was to influence the people who performed work of this kind. He liked to see Art carried to perfection, and the keen interest the ringers took in their work was greatly to their credit. When once they made an effort they should continue it, even at a sacrifice. It was not just to let a few willing hands do all the work, while others merely looked on, treating the matter as a joke. Their duty of calling to worship was an important one, and the clergy were greatly indebted to them for the efficient manner in which they executed that duty.

Mr. Debenham then proposed "Success to the Hatfield College Youths." He congratulated them on their work of the present as well as of the past. It was three years since he was last among them, and he had been pleased to hear of the good ringing performed by them during the day in honour of the 61st birthday of the Prime Minister. United action was required to ensure success, and he hoped soon to hear of them excelling in the higher methods. He wished to pay a tribute to Mr. Kentish (the Master), who was a regular attendant in the belfry at all times. In responding, Mr. Kentish said he hoped the society would prosper, as it had done. No efforts would be spared by him to achieve success. The loss of three ringing members during the past year had greatly hindered them in the pursuit of the higher methods. At one time last year they were only worth six inside ringers, but there were now nine.

Mr. A. Shepherd then gave "Success to the Hertfordshire Association," to which Mr. Debenham (Hon. Sec.) responded.

A few more toasts were given and responded to, and during the evening songs were rendered by various members of the company, and a duet by Messrs. Richardson and Smith, Rev. N. S. Hodson kindly accompanying. Thus ended a very pleasant evening, all the company regretting that the occasion only came once a year.

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.

"Owe no man anything."

One more brother-string has joined the century circle. Well done, Charlie Jackson! Often have we seen his name in the pages of "THE BELL NEWS" in connection with peals, attempts at ditto, which have only too frequently come to grief (as our Editor puts it), from either a change-course, rope slipping wheel, a mis-call, or some other unfortunate circumstance: in the business of the Yorkshire Association, of which he is so energetic and popular an officer; or in bringing out recruits. In all these his name stands out prominently creditable to himself, and honourable to his brethren in the "fourth part of the realm." And amidst all his labours for the advancement of his favourite science, he has at length succeeded in pulling off his hundredth; upon which circumstance I am happy in adding my own congratulations to those which he has doubtless received already. May his second "century" be accomplished with less disappointments and the pleasure of numbering among those who take part in it many whom he has been instrumental in bringing out as talented scions of the Exercise.

If friend Jackson had kept a diary from the day when he first attempted a peal up to the present, recording all his experiences—his disappointments and his successes, I rather imagine it would "a tale unfold," of a most interesting character. But probably, as is the case with all of us, much would be there recorded that he would fain consign to the region of the "forgotten past," and so after all, the remembrance of present success will most likely be more congenial food for thought. Therefore, Charlie, draw the line, and start again. Maybe your diary of the future will be more pleasant reading.

Last week I had a disagreeable subject to deal with. This week, unfortunately, I have another. And—what is more unfortunate still—this latter one has not the redeeming feature of being a solitary exception to a general rule, but on the other hand, its too frequent occurrence is a source of much trouble and annoyance, and is one also to which I have been tempted to refer many times. What I refer to is the culpable negligence of so many members of our county Associations in the matter of paying their subscriptions. I know full well that in dealing with this discouraging feature of our work of organisation I shall in all probability be treading upon some one's corns; but that I cannot help. This is a practical matter, in which there should be no "beating about the bush." If our county Associations are to carry on their work as they ought to do, as they are meant to do, and in the way they must do if they are to adequately fulfil their mission, it is imperatively necessary that members thereof should meet their honest obligations in the way of supplying the funds agreed upon by them on joining, promptly, and with as little trouble as possible to their officers who are voluntarily and zealously striving for the success of their various Societies. These officers have, in all conscience, quite as much work placed upon their shoulders in the way of carrying on the ordinary business of their Associations without the additional and totally unnecessary (as well as most unpleasant) work of soliciting those subscriptions which members have inferentially pledged themselves to pay at the time of their election.

Time after time do we find this complaint cropping up, with only too good reason. Last week we have two instances of it. The Gloucester and Bristol Association has "no less than 157

members in arrear with their subscriptions;" and in the case of the Kent County Association attention is called to the fact that "all subscriptions are due in January, and very few have as yet been paid." What makes it appear even worse in these two cases is the circumstance that allowances are made to members out of the funds, when they attend meetings. One of them last year paid over £62 in "expenses of meetings" (the practising members' subscriptions for the same period was £53 3s.—£9 odd less than these "expenses"), while the other gives its members a half-crown dinner for a shilling. And still the complaint comes alike from Gloucester and from Wrotham of members' gross negligence in paying their annual subscriptions.

Not very long ago, I was looking at the annual report of another Association (which also, by the way, had the like complaint to make) from which I found that a member if he thought fit (and for anything I know this might have been done) could by attending all the meetings during the twelve months get six shillings' worth of "feeds," out of the funds to which he only contributed either one or two shillings. I have been told of an individual case where a member after getting several shillings' worth in this way finally lapsed without paying his small subscription for the period during which he had been eating and drinking at the Association's expense. That when he had done this, the Secretary merely crossed the man's name out of the book, and said no more about it, instead of having him publicly expelled, and not allowing him the honour of rejoining.

Well, I must be drawing to a close, but have a little more to add. My own personal experience leads me to the belief that those Associations who offer the most personal inducements to their members—such as "feeds," part payment of railway fares, etc., feel this negligence in the payment of subscriptions the most; and that as a general rule those who keep down the ordinary subscription to the modest shilling per annum for legitimate working expenses fare the best in the matter of getting in their funds, and are the most successful in other ways. I may be wrong in this, but it certainly is my own individual opinion. But that does not affect the main point at issue nor condone in the slightest degree the shabbiness of those who will take the good provided by their Associations and shirk the fulfilment of their just obligations. No side issue can affect this. Were the subscriptions a couple of pounds per annum, instead of a couple of shillings, why some condonation of this dilatoriness might be pardonable; but when the amount is so ridiculously small, it does seem to me a disgrace to the whole Exercise that this complaint should have to be made at all—that there are within it those whose ideas of honesty and integrity are of such a weak nature, that they will allow one or two shillings to stand between them and the payment of their just debts.

As I remarked at the outset; I expect I shall have trod upon some one's corns. If I have done so, I can't help it; if, however, my doing so tends to a better state of things in future, I hope neither the owners of the aforesaid corns, nor your humble servant will be a bit sorry for the somewhat painful operation.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1891.

As the time approaches for the first meeting of the Central Council, an increasing interest will, no doubt, be felt in many quarters in the prospects of the assembly, and the probabilities of a successful result attending so important a movement in the history of the Exercise. Curiosity and expectation will be on the alert; and many will be eager to watch and criticise the outcome of this initial gathering of the elected Representatives.

We must not be accused of a want of faith in the Council, if we consider it our duty to utter a word of caution, and to recommend our readers to moderate their expectations and to give time to the Council to shape and adapt itself to the work before it. It is unwise to expect much at first from an untried body; and it must be remembered that the first care of the Council must necessarily be to set its own house in order, before it can take up questions external to its own economy.

The Council will first have to appoint its Officers; and then to elect such of the twelve Honorary Members as it may wish to co-opt at once. Some questions of procedure, notwithstanding the pains expended on the Draft Scheme of Constitution, will be almost sure to crop up and require settlement; and bye-laws may have to be discussed and framed. It is quite conceivable that initiatory business of this kind may consume a great proportion of the time allotted to the opening session; and the Representatives may find it impossible to deal with any outside question at all at their first meeting, or, if at all, only on some point which admits of little debate and easy settlement.

We have before expressed the hope that business will be facilitated by nominations for the offices of President and Secretary being sent in in good time. Any subject

for discussion must also be previously intimated in writing to the Provisional Secretary during the present month.

There are several subjects of some importance which might well engage the attention of the Council as soon as may be. It is not our immediate business to indicate them now; but we have noticed in one instance of late a disposition to regard, and even to suggest, some matters of dispute as being beneath the notice of the Council. This is surely a mistake! In our opinion, in order to be really useful to the Exercise, the Council should possess the attribute well known to distinguish the elephant's trunk, which can, as occasion requires, either uproot an oak, or pick up a pin. We do not think the Council should be above stooping to the consideration of any matter, however small, upon which an authoritative decision is demanded; and we trust that none of the Representatives will be above taking charge of such questions and bringing them forward, whatever his own opinion on the matter in dispute may be.

At the same time we are not without hopes that some large subject may be introduced, or some useful work inaugurated, which can be referred to a Committee for elaboration during the interval that will elapse between the first and second meeting of the Council. United action on the part of our Associations is much needed in certain directions, and the Central Council affords the means of securing such united action, and we hope and believe it will not be neglected.

In conclusion, may we be allowed to urge the importance of a full attendance of the Representatives at the first meeting, as a guarantee to the Exercise that the hopes that have clustered around the formation and birth of the Council are not in danger of being disappointed.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK.

As is well known, this grand old fabric is now undergoing a most complete restoration, and to such an extent, that it will be amply fitted for a Cathedral for the proposed new diocese of South London. Most of our readers are aware that this church, with its famed peal of twelve bells, has for many years been the head-quarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and therefore it will not appear remarkable that the members of that Society take a more than deep interest in this work of restoration. The funds required to carry out what is intended, are not yet complete, and the members of the above-named body have therefore thought that this scheme of restoration is one towards which they, as a Society, could most appropriately contribute, and a well-timed suggestion has been made that College Youths of every degree, and resident in all parts of the globe, should be invited to help in such a laudable object. The Trustees of the Society will therefore be glad to receive from any College Youth donations, however small, for this purpose, which will be acknowledged by them in this paper. The amount raised in this manner will be "The Society of College Youths' subscription" to the undertaking; and it is confidently hoped that every member of the Society, wherever he may be situated, will respond to this very commendable suggestion, and thus shew to the authorities of St. Saviour's, and Churchmen generally, that they are not altogether supine in matters which affect the well-being of the grand old Church of England.

The Trustees of the Society are Mr. George Mash, 30, Newcomen Street, Southwark, S.E., and Mr. George Dorrington, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E. As we have just stated, these gentlemen will be happy to receive all sums sent to them for the above purpose.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Bachelors' Peal.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDE, FLEET STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in Db.

RICHARD FRENCH Treble.	ARTHUR S. BARRELL .. 7.
WILLIAM CECIL 2.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 8.
WILLIAM BURKIN 3.	HENRY G. FRUIN 9.
GEORGE J. SMITH 4.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN 10.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES 5.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 11.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 6.	FRANCIS E. DAWE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

First peal on twelve bells by Messrs. F. L. Davies and A. S. Barrell. All the above band, who are in the category of "Bachelors," belong to London, and the novelty of achieving a peal at St. Bride's by twelve Bachelors, has been in contemplation for a long time, although only one previous attempt has been made. Their ages, which range from twenty to forty years, shows an average of about twenty-seven. This is the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever accomplished in which the conductor has also been the tenor-man.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALLHALLOWS' TOTTENHAM SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM R. GIBSON Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 2.	J. WAGHORN, SEN. 6.
THOMAS C. GROVE 3.	WM. PYE ENGLISH 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. It is also J. Waghorn, senior's 50th peal.

The Provinces.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN. .. Treble.	GEORGE GREEN 5.
ARTHUR SPELLER* 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 6.
WILLIAM HAWKES 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
WILLIAM EVERARD* 4.	RICHARD C. BURRELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

All the above are bachelors. Hawkes hails from Springfield, Green from Baddow, Edwards from Widford, Lincoln from Writtle, the rest belong to the Chelmsford company. *First peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH Treble.	FREDERICK SMITH 5.
FRANK BARKWAY 2.	HENRY SMITH 6.
EDWIN CALVER 3.	JAMES SOUTER 7.
GEORGE PRIME 4.	CAPTAIN MOORE Tenor.

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

First peal in the method by Messrs. Barkway, Calver, and H. Smith, who hail from Brockdish. They had only tried the method twice before. The rest belong to the local band. The ages of the second and third ringers is seventeen respectively.

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On Friday, February 6, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM MILLER Treble.	HENRY GREGSON 5.
JOHN FISHER 2.	GEORGE MILLER 6.
JAMES MILLER 3.	ROBERT ATKINSON 7.
WILLIAM ATKINSON 4.	JOHN MILLER Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MILLER.

All the above hail from Lytham. They wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. W. G. Terry, for the use of the bells. This is the first peal on the bells. They were hung by Taylor, of Loughborough, in September last.

CHURCH STRETTON, SALOP.—THE SALOP ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 6, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

WM. HUTCHINSON Treble.	*THOS. BRATTON 5.
GEO. WRIGHT 2.	*ALBERT LITTLE 6.
GEO. WOODHALL 3.	THOMAS BARRON 7.
FREDERICK RYDER 4.	THOMAS OWEN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WOODHALL.

The above was rung on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells (with the addition of two new bells), by a band of Whitchurch men, with the assistance of Mr. Thomas Bratton, of Welshpool. *First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT,

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN ROSE Treble.	FREDERICK HAYES 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
HENRY GIBBS 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This is a two-part peal, taken from Snowden's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, page 38. It is also the first peal of Kent Treble Bob by the Trinity Youths, and the first peal in the method by Messrs. Rose, Gibbs, French and Cheesman. The bells were rung half muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. Fooks, a lady well-known and respected in the parish, who was buried the same day.

EASTBOURNE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

F. DYER Treble.	E. WILLOUGHBY 5.
J. SHARP 2.	T. LEWIS 6.
A. BAKER 3.	T. HART 7.
F. HARDING 4.	J. LEWIS Tenor.

Conducted by T. HART.

LEE KENT.—THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN CROWDER* Treble.	THOMAS TAYLOR 5.
FREDERICK RUMENS* 2.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS 7.
THOMAS G. DEAL* 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the rector, the Rev. F. H. Law, for kindly granting the use of the bells. *First peal in the method, also the first peal of Major on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY LAST Treble.	*ALFRED HATCHER 5.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
WALTER WHITING 3.	ALFRED WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	GEORGE PERRY Tenor.

Conducted by A. WIGHTMAN.

*First peal. The Messrs. Wightman hail from Creetingham.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

GEO. E. PURDON Treble.	HARRY CAMPEY 5.
THOS. NEILL 2.	FRANK OSGERBY 6.
CHAS. PRIESTMAN 3.	DAVID ROBERTS 7.
JOHN YOUNEY 4.	GEO. HARE Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. NEILL.

First peal by all except the ringer of the 7th, and the first by an entire local band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY AND THE LANCASHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

BROOK'S VARIATION.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble.	†GEORGE E. TURNER 5.
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	THOMAS WILDE 6.
WILLIAM SMITH 3.	JAMES S. WILDE 7.
JOHN EACHUS† 4.	*SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor.

No Conductor mentioned.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. The is the first peal in the method on the bells. Brothers Wilde hail from Hyde, and Messrs. Eachus and Turner from Manchester, the rest are local ringers.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, February 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

BENJAMIN STARKEY Treble.	JAMES JONES 5.
WILLIAM CARTE 2.	CHARLES WILLIAMS 6.
GEORGE MITCHISON 3.	WILLIAM E. SMITH 7.
GEORGE SMITH 4.	CHARLES FLUCK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. SMITH.

B. Starkey hails from Handsworth; J. Jones from Aston; the rest are local men.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

A. MILLIS† Treble.	*J. NEEDHAM 5.
T. F. CLARKE 2.	T. W. CHAPMAN 6.
S. COTTON* 3.	*G. CLEAL 7.
G. BURROWS 4.	T. HOLMES Tenor.

Conducted by A. MILLIS.

†First peal in the method as conductor. *First peal in the method. Messrs. Chapman and Clarke hail from Nuneaton, T. Holmes from Burton, the remainder belong to the local company.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

MICHAEL BROWN Treble.	ERNEST HEATHORN 5.
HENRY COLBURN 2.	CECIL W. MILLER 6.
GEORGE CROUCHER 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	WILLIAM GROVE Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method by all the band, also on the bells, and was rung at the second attempt. Also the first peal in the method rung by an unaided local band in the Guild.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY WEAVER Treble.	THOMAS FARMER 4.
THOMAS WYER 2.	ALFRED MOORE 5.
HENRY BUCKINGHAM 3.	HENRY TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by A. MOORE.

This is the first 5040 every rung by a Hanbury band, and the first by all except Moore and Farmer. Rung as a farewell to H. Buckingham.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5149 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

W. GRIFFIN Treble.	W. WALKER 6.
F. HALLSWORTH 2.	F. LIGHTWOOD 7.
D. WESLEY 3.	J. LAWTON 8.
W. KENT 4.	J. ASTBURY, JUN. 9.
T. REYNOLDS 5.	W. LONG Tenor.

Conducted by J. ASTBURY, JUN.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled for the anniversary of the death of Wm. Hallsworth, late a member, and has the 6th twenty-four times behind the 9th and 8th, and in the shortest number yet rung with these qualities.

HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES;

Comprising thirty-two 6-scores with Extremes, and ten with Plain Leads, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

ERNEST E. DAVIS* Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES 4.
WILLIAM DADGE 2.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 5.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER 3.	†ERNEST E. BEWICK Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. BEWICK.

†First 5040 as conductor. *First 5040 away from the tenor.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH FAYERS Treble.	JOHN HARDING 5.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	†JOHN HARTLEY 6.
JOHN FLOWMAN 3.	CHARLES BANCE 7.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER 4.	JAMES TRAPPITT Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. The ringers, through the medium of this paper, wish to thank the Rev. A. G. Hunter, for his kindness in granting them permission to ring the above.

HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

SEVEN 720'S OF PLAIN BOB MINOR.

[Each called differently.]

Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER* .. Treble.	†JAMES E. GROVES 4.
WILLIAM DADGE* 2.	†THOMAS GROVES 5.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER 3.	ERNEST E. BEWICK Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. BEWICK.

*First in the method. †First 5040 of Minor.

DORKING, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY DODD Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	HENRY BOXALL 6.
JOHN HEATHORN 3.	WILLIAM GROVE 7.
WILLIAM BULPITT 4.	CHARLES DUDLEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal rung on the bells by members of the above Guild. Messrs. Jones, Heathorn, Bennett and Grove, hail from Guildford; the remainder are of the local company.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Francis Goodwill, Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, and Double Court.

Tenor 6 cwt.

STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 4.
ALFRED WIGHTMAN 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5.
HORACE BEDINGFIELD .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

BENJAMIN HILL* Treble.	ERNEST DAVIS 5.
FRANCIS JELF 2.	†WILLIAM PAGE 6.
GEORGE HINTON 3.	*WILLIAM BRADFORD 7.
HERBERT G. KNOWLES .. 4.	ROBERT HORTON Tenor.
	THOMAS MALIM

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This peal was rung at the second attempt, the first being lost after 2½ hours ringing.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. in Eb.

JOSEPH WINDRIDGE .. Treble.	ALBERT EVERITT 5.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
ROBERT P. BRINDLEY .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
WILLIAM CHAPMAN† .. 4.	*WILLIAM TOMLINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. TIMMS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Mr. George hails from Rugby, and this is his twentieth peal, having rung his first peal on February 16th, 1889, at St. George's church, Camberwell.

HENDON.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 9, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

CHARLES CRAMPTON* .. Treble.	†FREDERICK PRATT 4.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT† 2.	FRANCIS CARROWAY 5.
CHARLES W. TUCKER .. 3.	†CHARLES H. MARTIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. H. MARTIN.

*First 5040. †First 5040 in seven different methods. †First 5040 as conductor: also the first 5040 in seven different methods on the bells. It was also rung in honour of thirty-sixth birthday of the Charles Crampton, which fell on February 10th, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1891, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE .. 3-4.	HENRY D. ADAMS .. 7-8.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

The Colonies.

HOBART, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA.

(THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 29, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs.

W. SHENTON Treble.	T. B. HALL 5.
HARRY ADAMS 2.	W. ALBINSON 6.
JAS. BEECHY 3.	JAS. L. MURRAY 7.
J. B. CLARKE 4.	S. WILKINSON Tenor.

Conducted by H. ADAMS.

First peal on the bells, and the second in the Colonies. Messrs. Hall and Albinson are College Youths.

HOBART, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA.

(THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs.

W. SHENTON Treble.	T. B. HALL 5.
JAS. L. MURRAY 2.	W. ALBINSON 6.
JNO. BEECHY 3.	HARRY ADAMS 7.
J. B. CLARKE 4.	S. WILKINSON Tenor.

Conducted by J. B. CLARKE.

Messrs. Hall and Albinson are College Youths.

Date Touch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEVERLEY.—On Saturday, January 31st, at the Minster, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. E. Purdon, 1; J. Smelt, 2; J. Youney, 3; T. Neill, 4; H. Campney, 5; F. Osgerby, 6; C. Priestman, 7; G. Hare, 8. Composed and conducted by T. Neill.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EYNSFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, February 1st, after evening service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), in 25 mins. J. Wellard, 1; S. Collier, 2; E. N. Howard, 3; F. Head, 4; W. Wash (conductor), 5; W. West, 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, February 1st, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. P. Brooker, 1; R. Pelling, 2; T. Card, 3; J. Mnggbridge, 4; T. Hodges, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; S. Perkins, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs, in F.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday evening, January 29th, a touch of 672 Plain Bob Triples was rung for practice, in 25 mins. G. Campbell, 1; W. Egglestone, 2; H. Fergusson, 3; *J. Clapperton, 4; *H. H. Lindsay, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7 *R. Welch, 8. *First touch on eight bells.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Thursday, January 29th, for practice at the parish church, 360 Plain Bob Minor. G. Atkinson, 1; J. B. Dobson (first touch on a bob bell), 2; J. Blake, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; J. Pattison (conductor), 5; W. C. Bennett, 6. On Sunday, January 25th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. J. B. Dobson, 1; J. Pattison (conductor), 2; G. Atkinson, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; J. Blake, 5; W. C. Bennett, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Thursday, January 15th, for practice at St. Nicolas church, 576 Treble Bob Major. J. Heathorn, 1; M. Brown, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; T. H. Colburn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; G. Croucher, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; W. Grove, 8. And on Thursday, January 22nd, 704 in the same method, with E. Heathorn, 1; conducted by W. Grove. Also 288 in the same method, with W. Bulpitt, 1; conducted by F. Bennett. W. Bulpitt hails from Dorking, and this is his first touch in the method.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Friday, January 23rd, at the University church of St. Mary the Great, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. F. Seaton (Corpus), 1; H. L. James (conductor), 2; E. B. James (Caius), 3; Rev. A. H. F. Boughy (Trinity), 4; E. A. Hensley (St. John's), 5; H. Drake (St. John's), 6. Tenor 17 cwt. Rung on Seage's apparatus. And on Tuesday, January 27th, at St. Benet's church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. A. Hensley (St. John's), 1; E. B. James (Caius), 2; C. A. Clements (Non-Col.), 3; Rev. A. H. F. Boughy (Trinity), 4; H. L. James (conductor), Caius), 5; H. Drake (St. John's), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Also on Thursday, January 29th, in Ridley Hall, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 10 mins. C. A. Clements (Non-Coll), 1-2; E. B. James (Caius), 3-4; H. L. James (conductor, Caius), 5-6. Tenor 11 size in G. And at the church of St. Mary the Great, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. *W. H. Harding (St. John's), 1; H. L. James (conductor, Caius), 2; E. B. James (Caius), 3; E. A. Hensley (St. John's), 4; C. A. Clements (Non-Col.), 5; G. F. Seaton (Corpus), 6. *First 6-score on a tower bell.

CHERRY HINTON (Cambs).—On Saturday, January 31st, at St. Andrew's church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Harding (St. John's), 1; E. B. James (Caius), 2; E. A. Hensley (St. John's), 3; H. L. James (Caius), 4; C. A. Clements (Non-Coll), 5. Tenor 7 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTEAD.—On Sunday, January 25th, at St. Swithin's church, in honour of the return home of Captain Hicks, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. A. E. Pegler, 1; W. Dudge, 2; T. Groves, 3; A. Smart, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; E. E. Bewick (first 720 as conductor), 6.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25½ mins. Conducted by J. Bradshaw.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Friday, January 9th, at Christ Church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 26 mins. Conducted by R. H. Barton. And on Sunday evening, January 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27½ mins. E. Yates, 1; T. E. Barton, 2; W. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6.

(The remainder of miscellaneous touches will be found on page 558.)

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Surrey Association.—All those members who wish for a copy of the forthcoming report, balance-sheet, and list of members, are requested to give their orders to their local secretary, and local secretaries are asked to kindly make up their lists as soon as possible, and to send them to the Hon. Sec., in order that he may know how many copies to order.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association (Rochdale Branch).—Ringing meeting at East Crompton church (six bells), to-day, Saturday, February 14th. Ringing from 3.0 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

Midland Counties' Association (Burton-on-Trent District).—The Annual Meeting of this District will be held in the Parish-room, St. Paul's Institute, on Thursday, February 19th, at 8 p.m., for the election of officers.

A. WAKLEY, *Local Sec.*

The Johnson Anniversary Dinner.—The St. Martin's Guild give notice that this will be held on Saturday, the 28th instant, at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor-street, Birmingham. Dinner on the table at 5.30 p.m. Tickets—2s. 6d. each; may be obtained on application to the undersigned, on or before Wednesday, the 25th instant. As it is intended to make this an annual opportunity for a social reunion of ringers in honour of the late Henry Johnson, it is requested that all ringers who can possibly do so will make it convenient to attend.

W. H. GODDEN,
Hon. Sec.

Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham,
February 3rd.

Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—A Committee meeting of this Association will be held in the Chantry of St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, on Saturday next, February 21st, at 4 p.m. prompt. The Vicar (Rev. S. Phillips) will preside. The tower will be open for ringing.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—NOTICE.—The subscription for 1890-1, payable under Rules 7 and 12, is now due and must be paid not later than the 24th inst. at head quarters, as after that date no subscriptions can be received for the current year.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY,
February 10th.
Hon. Sec.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—The following days of the week are set apart for public worship by different nations: Sunday by Christians, Monday by the Grecians, Tuesday by the Persians, Wednesday by the Assyrians, Thursday by the Egyptians, Friday by the Turks, and Saturday by the Jews.

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 additional must accompany such request.

THREE PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
6 4 3 2 5	S	-	-
2 6 3 4 5	-	-	-
4 2 3 6 5	-	-	-
3 6 4 2 5	-	-	-
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-
4 6 2 3 5	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5	-	-	-
6 3 2 4 5	-	-	-
2 4 6 3 5	-	-	-
3 2 6 4 5	-	-	-
6 4 2 3 5	S	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-

5040.

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
6 4 3 2 5	S	-	-
3 6 4 2 5	-	-	-
4 2 3 6 5	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5	-	-	-
2 6 3 4 5	-	-	-
3 2 6 4 5	-	-	-
6 4 2 3 5	S	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-
4 6 3 2 5	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-
6 2 3 4 5	-	-	-
3 6 2 4 5	-	-	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-

5040.

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
6 4 3 2 5	S	-	-
2 6 3 4 5	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5	-	-	-
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-
4 6 2 3 5	-	-	-
2 4 6 3 5	-	-	-
3 2 6 4 5	-	-	-
6 4 2 3 5	S	-	-
3 6 2 4 5	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-

Each of the above twice repeated.

In either of these peals the 2nd or 3rd are never in 6ths at a course-end.

Compositions by other authors will appear in our next number.

A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By T. MILLINGTON, *Clay Cross, Derbyshire.*

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

A NEW METHOD.—BATH TRIPLES.

By the REV. F. E. MURPHY, *Bath.*

Front	{ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
to	{ 2 1 4 3 5 7 6
Middle	{ 1 2 4 5 3 6 7
Six.	{ 2 1 5 4 3 7 6
	{ 1 2 5 3 4 6 7
	{ 2 1 3 5 4 7 6

Front	{ 2 3 1 4 5 6 7
to	{ 3 2 4 1 5 7 6
Middle	{ 2 3 4 5 1 6 7
Four.	{ 3 2 5 4 1 7 6

Back	{ 3 5 2 1 4 6 7
to	{ 5 3 1 2 4 7 6
Middle	{ 3 5 1 4 2 6 7
Six.	{ 5 3 4 1 2 7 6
	{ 3 5 4 2 1 6 7
	{ 5 3 2 4 1 7 6

Back	{ 3 5 4 2 7 1 6
to	{ 5 3 2 4 7 6 1
Middle	{ 3 5 2 7 4 1 6
Four.	{ 5 3 7 2 4 6 1

Front	{ 3 5 2 7 6 4 1
to	{ 5 3 7 2 6 1 4
Middle	{ 3 5 7 6 2 4 1
Six.	{ 5 3 6 7 2 1 4
	{ 3 5 6 2 7 4 1
	{ 5 3 2 6 7 1 4

Front	{ 5 2 3 7 6 4 1
to	{ 2 5 7 3 6 1 4
Middle	{ 5 2 7 6 3 4 1
Four.	{ 2 5 6 7 3 1 4

Back	{ 2 6 5 3 7 4 1
to	{ 6 2 3 5 7 1 4
Middle	{ 2 6 3 7 5 4 1
Six.	{ 6 2 7 3 5 1 4
	{ 2 6 7 5 3 4 1
	{ 6 2 5 7 3 1 4

Back	{ 2 6 7 5 1 3 4
to	{ 6 2 5 7 1 4 3
Middle	{ 2 6 5 1 7 3 4
Four.	{ 6 2 1 5 7 4 3

etc., etc.

By following the above method, the bells come into rounds in 140 changes. I should be glad of the opinions of other ringers. I only hope it will be given a trial on the tower bells by some of those who have rung most of the other methods, as it affords "fresh worlds to conquer."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

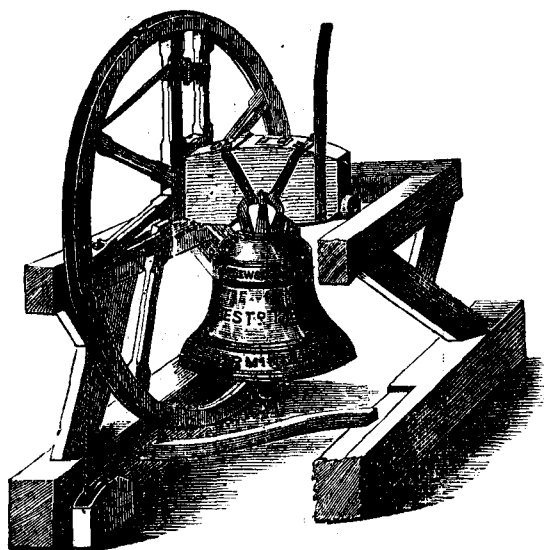
The February general meeting of this Association was held at head quarters, Bradford, on Saturday last, when there was a large muster of members and friends from Addingham, Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bolton, Bradford, Brighouse, Dewsbury, Denholme, Drighlington, Gargrave, Guiseley, Halifax, Headingley, Huddersfield, Hull, Ilkley, Keighley, Leeds, Low Moor, Liversedge, Pudsey, Rawmarsh, Ripon, Rothwell, Saddleworth, Sheffield, Shipley, Skipton, Tong, Manchester, and other places. By kind permission of the Rev. Canon Bardsley, the Rev. C. H. King, and the wardens, the bells of the parish church and St. James, Bolton, were placed at the disposal of the members during the day. At four o'clock the committee met in the parish church schoolroom, when several new members were elected, and other business transacted. Afterwards the general business meeting was held in the same place, Mr. William Snowdon, president of the Association, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, some discussion ensued with reference to the Central Council. The general feeling of members present was unmistakably favourable to the Council as proposed to be constituted, the "bone of contention" being the expenses necessary to sending the full complement of representatives annually to the Council. Ultimately the arrangements made previously were confirmed, all the speakers agreeing that the permission to vote by proxy, as proposed by the original draft rules of the Council, was desirable in order to make the decisions of the Council more adequately representative, and thus of more weight in the Exercise. Notices of motions to come before the June meeting were given; one from the Hull branch with reference to the railway expenses of members of committee when having to go to head quarters, and another for

the committee permitting members leaving the county before they had completed their life-membership, under certain conditions, completing their payments on return to the county.

Mr. B. T. Copley (Hon. Sec.), on behalf of the Ripon branch (the members of which had been compelled to return early in order to be present at a meeting at home in the evening), then formally invited the Association to hold its June meeting at that city. The primary grounds for that invitation were, he added, that just recently the ring of eight in the Minster tower had been re-hung in an excellent steel frame by Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., of Bradford, the reopening of which had been recently reported in "THE BELL NEWS." Since then it had been decided to have two trebles, the cost of which will be defrayed by Colonel Kearsley and two ladies of the city as memorials of departed relatives. This augmentation is also placed in the hands of Messrs. Shaw and Co., the intention being to have the ring of ten first rung on Easter Sunday morning next, by the Minster company. The invitation was most warmly received and unanimously accepted, the arrangement of details being left in the hands of the committee and the Ripon branch conjointly.

Reference was made to the first peal of Bob Royal by the Association (which had been rung at Leeds parish church on the previous Saturday) as well as Mr. Charles Jackson's rooth peal (rung at Hull on Thursday, the 3rd instant), these references being acknowledged and replied to by Mr. Snowdon and Mr. Jackson respectively.

Cordial votes of thanks were likewise passed to the Rev. Canon Bardsley, the Rev. C. H. King, and the wardens of the parish church and St. James's, for the use of the bells and schoolroom; and another to the president closed the proceedings. The members then adjourned, and ringing at both towers recommenced, which was continued until after 9 o'clock.



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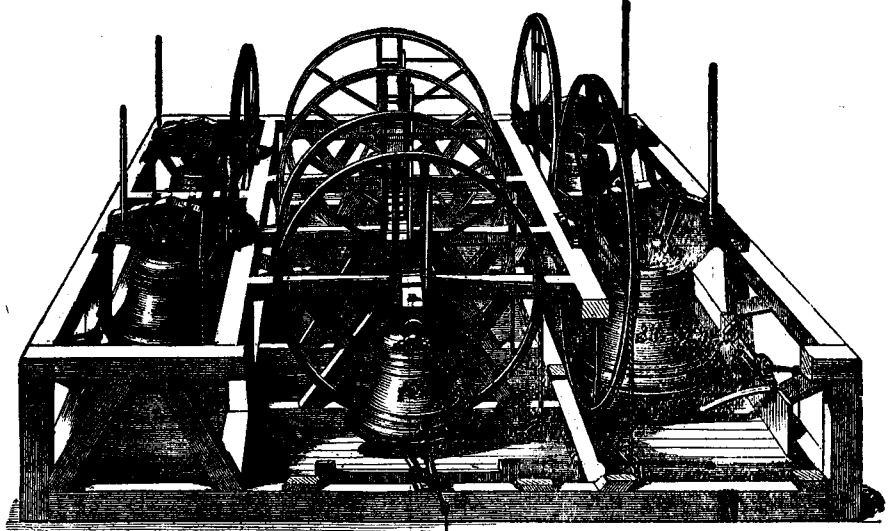
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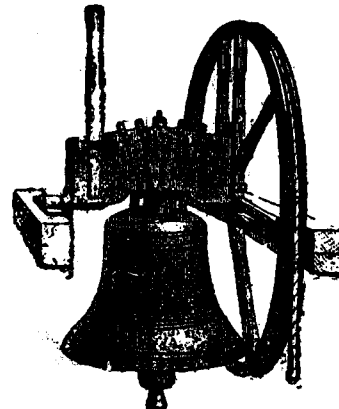
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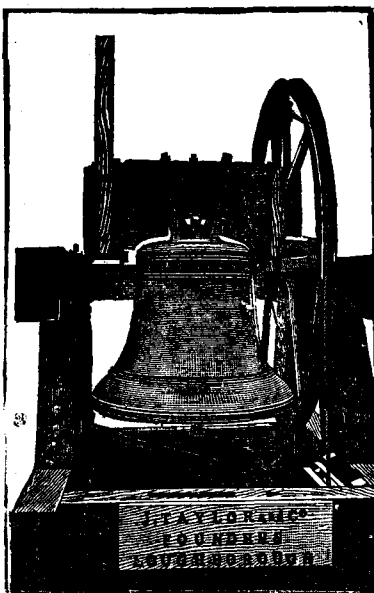
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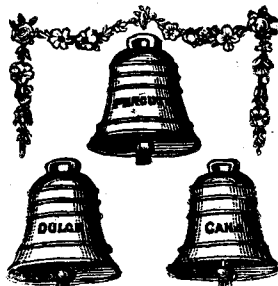
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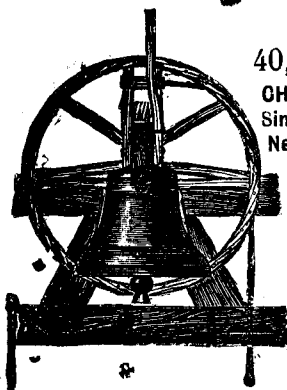
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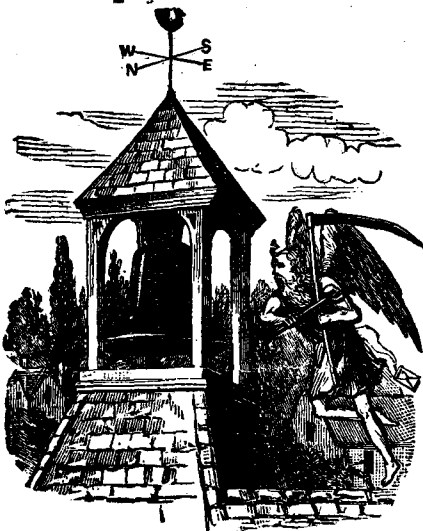
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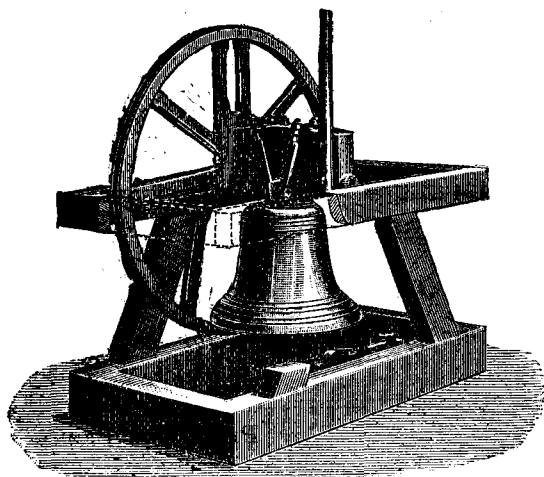
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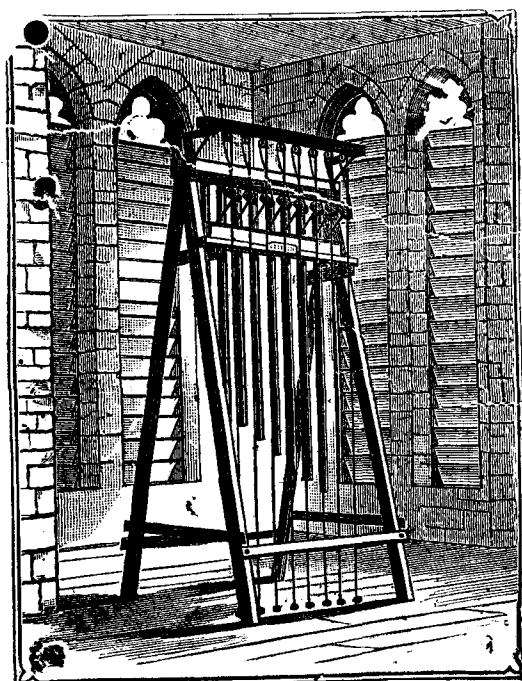
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All the retiring officers and committee were re-elected, with the exception of the Treasurer, for which office A. H. Cocks, Esq., of Great Marlow, was unanimously elected.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) then delivered a short address, in the course of which he said they were, he felt sure, all very sorry that their late excellent Secretary (the Rev. Dolben Paul) was no longer able to do his duties, but though out of their sight, he was not out of mind, and their thanks were due to him for having so ably conducted the laborious duties for upwards of ten years, and he thought the members would like to propose a vote of thanks to him for his services. He was glad, however, to tell them he had found a very efficient deputy in the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Vicar of Dunsden, Reading. They had to deplore the illness of their chief Instructor, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who had been ill for about a month, but he (the Master) hoped he would soon be among them again. With reference to the work of the Guild, he hoped and felt they were going on satisfactorily. The bells were essentially part of the Church, and they were Church officers, and ought to be found in their places in the belfry when

ever duty called them there. They had plenty of stimulus in these days, and they should provoke one another to good works and love, not forgetting the assembling of themselves together, etc. It was well that they should assemble themselves together like that, and he hoped that they would remember they were assisting in the work of God. The Society was very useful in looking after bells and bell work, and he was always glad to go to any church and see how the work of repairing or rehanging bells was going on, and their services were often useful in preventing bad workmanship, and also in preventing useless bells being supplied. He had paid fifteen visits for such purposes during 1890, and at one place he went to near Reading, he found a very indifferent tenor, and he was instrumental in getting it changed. He had been invited to go with a band of ringers to open Wells Cathedral bells, which were now being rehung by Messrs. Blackbourn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, and which when finished they guarantee shall be rung by eight men—the weight of the tenor is 52 cwt.—and he (the Master) hoped that they would be ready by next May.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said he had quite by chance the good fortune to be the founder of the Guild, as it had sprung up out of a paper which he read at the invitation of the Rev. D. Paul, at Wokingham, on "Bells and Bellringing," thus shewing what great things came sometimes by small and insignificant beginnings. With regard to the Guild itself, he saw every sign of progress in connection with it; the numbers were higher, and he saw that three towers had joined in his own locality, making ten new towers in all. He hoped the officers would be pleased to consider the formation of new branches during the year, for if that was done he thought several outlying towers would join. His time as Secretary was always at their disposal, and it always gave him great pleasure to do all he could for the working man, and more especially if the working man was a churchman.

The Master then moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of High Wycombe for the use of the church, and to the organist for his services, and this having been heartily accorded,

The Rev. R. Chilton (Rural Dean), in responding, said he was very much obliged to them for the vote of thanks, for it had given him great pleasure to receive the branch at High Wycombe church. He had received the general body of the Oxford Guild on one occasion before, and that was the best church they could come to, as it was the largest in the Diocese, and he thought it was a good thing for all the churches when the Guild was formed, for it set up a good standard model of ringing, and they were glad of the instruction both the old and voluntary ringers had received, for it had been a great advantage to them. He was glad to see so many young men join the Society, and he had pleasure in receiving them, and in wishing them every success.

The Vicar of Bray, the Rev. O. A. Raymond, then moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. R. P. Newhouse for his excellent sermon, and after that gentleman had returned thanks, one of the best meetings the branch has held terminated. Afterwards short touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Oxford Bob Triples were continued till about 9 o'clock, when the visitors were obliged to leave, having spent a most enjoyable day.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A General Meeting of the above was held at Lanchester, on Monday, February 4th, at which the following branches were represented: Newcastle (St. John's), Durham (St. Oswald's), Darlington (St. John's), Benfieldside, Consett, Tanfield, Chester-le-Street, Whitley, Lanchester, and Bishop Wearmouth.

A Committee Meeting was held at 12.30, after which thirty of the members sat down to dinner at the "King's Head" hotel. The President of the Association (Mr. R. S. Stery), occupied the chair, while the vice-chair was filled by the Vice-president (Mr. F. Lees). On the removal of the cloth the chairman gave the loyal toasts, which were duly honoured, after which followed "The Bishops and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle." The Rev. C. Buston, of Embleton, and Mr. R. Crawford, of Morpeth, were elected honorary and performing members, and Mr. E. J. Baneroff, of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, was elected a performing member. A vote of thanks to the Rev. F. W. Glyn, Vicar of Lanchester, for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

THE LATE MR. HENRY BRIGHT.

Amid general manifestations of sorrow, the remains of the above-named ringer were laid to rest in the Woolwich Cemetery on Thursday, February 12th. At 3 p.m., the coffin, covered with a violet pall and bearing the following inscription:

HENRY BRIGHT,
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
DIED FEBRUARY 8th, 1891,
AGED 81 YEARS.

was taken from Messrs. Banister and Son's establishment into St. Mary's church (with which the deceased had been connected half a century), where the first part of the Burial Service (choral) was performed in the presence of a large congregation, the Rev. J. W. Green, a "Trinity Youth," officiating.

The journey to the Cemetery was then made, the cortege consisting of an open funeral car, and three morning coaches, the first containing the relatives of the deceased, and the others being occupied by his brother-ringers at St. Mary's. Signs of mourning were visible throughout the greater portion of the route, and upon arriving at the Cemetery it was found that a large number of friends and sympathisers had assembled, among them being the rector of Woolwich (the Rev. S. G. Scott), and ministers of other denominations. The concluding portion of the ceremony was again performed by the Rev. J. W. Green, and the benediction having been pronounced, a course of Grandsire Triples upon the muffled handbells was rung by Messrs. B. Sheldon, J. C. Harvey, H. Harvey, and H. Hill. This last duty having been performed, many pressed forward to take a farewell look at the coffin containing the remains of one who was generally beloved.

Among the wreaths sent was one composed of lilies, etc., from the Master of the Society of Trinity Youths and Mrs. Thornton.

Upon returning to the church, the local party rang a deeply muffled touch of 518 Grandsire Triples, and on Saturday last an unsuccessful attempt at a peal was made by Messrs. Hill, Harman, Grove, Harvey, Sheldon, Carter, Richards, and Bevin, a change-course occurring after ringing upwards of two hours.

It should be mentioned that amongst those present at the graveside were Messrs. Perrett and Frooms, who twenty years ago were pupils of the late Mr. Bright, and with whom he rang several peals.

The usual muffled touches were rung at Greenwich on Saturday evening at the church of St. Alphege, by Messrs. Everard, Thornton, Shade, Lamb, Foreman, Palmer, Davis, and Gibbs.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14th, the Eckington and Killamarsh ringers visited Beighton to assist Mr. T. Lunn who is teaching a young company at that tower, change-ringing at Beighton being at the lowest point possible. Several attempts have been made to get a band together, part old hands and part new, but it would not act, so the rector has now taken the right course, starting with a complete new band, with Mr. T. Lunn, of Eckington, as tutor. After several attempts on Saturday, the new band rang their first 120 of Oxford. Also 720 of Violet by C. Severn, 1; G. Burnham, 2; A. Baddiley, 3; E. James, 4; H. Turton, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. And 240 Duke of York, with T. Lunn, 5. Messrs. Severn, Burnham, and Turton, hail from Killamarsh; the rest from Eckington. Our correspondent adds: "It is to be hoped the young band will soon become members of the Association, and subscribers to 'THE BELL NEWS,' not of one copy, but of six."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A ringing meeting of the above branch was held at St. James' church, East Crompton (six bells), on Saturday, February 14th, when there were about twenty ringers present. The objects were well explained by Mr. G. Hoyle who presided, and it is thought there will be an accession of new members, those present being pleased with the account given of the work done by the branch. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the vicar and wardens, and also to the chairman. The bells were rung in Bob Minor up to 9 p.m.

FOR SALE.—A peal of handbells, second-hand, in good order. Ten in number, size 17. Apply—J. S. White, 22, Raglan Street, Northampton.

RENHOLD, BEDS.

The bells of this church, five in number, have just undergone a thorough restoration. The work which was done by the well-known firm of Messrs. Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, consists of the recasting of the tenor, and the supplying it, together with the other four bells, with new clappers, wheels, headstock, and strengthening of the framework, etc. The dedication took place on Friday, January 30th. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Bedford performed the dedication service, and afterwards preached an admirable sermon based upon Numbers x., v. 1-2. The service of dedication was preceded by ordinary evensong, the prayers being read by the vicar, the Rev. Horace Rudkin, and the Rev. T. L. V. Simkin, curate of Cavendish, Suffolk. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Carleton Greene, vicar of Great Barford and rural dean; the second lesson by the Rev. W. Hart-Smith, rector of St. Peter's and rural dean of Bedford. The other clergy present were the Revs. A. Orlebar, vicar of Willington; H. Hocken, vicar of Cople; W. Humbley, curate of Roxton; and T. Coles, curate of Cople. The day was beautifully fine, and there was a very large congregation, the collection amounting to £12 12s. The total cost of the restoration (the funds for which were very generously started by Mr. and Mrs. Peck, of Howbury Hall), amounted to £105, which has already been collected. The tenor weighs about 14 cwt. in G.

On Saturday, February 14th, Messrs. Constant, Clarke, Hills, Frossell, Howard, and Johnson, members of the Beds. Association, by the kind permission of the vicar, visited Renhold, and rang several 120's of Grandsire, Bob, and Stedman Doubles, P. Howard ringing his first 120 of Stedman. Afterwards the local ringers handled the ropes, and arrangements have been made for them to practice change-ringing, and become members of the Beds. Association. The "go" of the bells is excellent.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

The annual dinner of St. Mary's Guild was held on Tuesday, February 10th, at Mr. Wickenden's, North Street. The chair was taken by the Rev. W. H. Askwith (vicar of St. Mary's and president of the Guild), the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. T. Doble (the conductor). Among the company present were the Rev. H. Wice (curate), Mr. E. Clatworthy (churchwarden), Mr. C. H. Venning (steward of the tower), Mr. G. S. Bicknell, &c. After dinner the chairman gave the toast of "Queen," which was received with acclamation. In a humorous speech Mr. Clatworthy proposed "the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and the vicar and the Rev. H. Wice suitably responded. The toast of the evening followed, "St. Mary's Guild of Change Ringers," given from the chair, and responded to by Mr. Venning and Mr. Doble. Mr. Bicknell then proposed "The Churchwardens," coupled with the name of Mr. Clatworthy, who replied. The remaining toasts were: "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. Venning; "the Visitors" (for whom Mr. Bicknell responded), by the Rev. H. Wice; "the Probationers," by Mr. W. Pearse; and "the Host and Hostess," by Mr. Doble. During the evening some of the members gave a selection on the handbells, including "The Ash Grove," "Home sweet home," etc. Several songs were also sung, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

NOTE TO THE LIVERSEDGE PEAL.—This peal was rung to commemorate the birthdays of Messrs. J. Knott and J. W. Lang. And it was also the jubilee and farewell peal of the veteran J. Illingworth, who took part in a peal in 1841 at Liversedge. Since that time he has rung 135 peals of 5000 and upwards on seven, eight, ten, and twelve bells, including the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent, Oxford, and London Treble Bob, Rose of England, Prince Albert, Cumberland Exercise, Violet Major, and Treble Bob Royal and Maximus. One of the Treble Bob Royal peals was a 10,000, rung at Bradford; and others of 8000 and 10,000 of Major at Liversedge. He has also been engaged in most of the prize-ringing contests during the last forty years, and generally has been found among the prizewinners, having eight Firsts recorded to his credit.

HOME CURE FOR DEAFNESS.—A book by a noted Aural Surgeon, describing a System of Curing Deafness and Noises in the Head, by which a self-cure is effected at home. The Rev. D. H. W. Harlock, of the Parsonage, Milton-under-Wychwood, writes: "Try the System by all means: it is first rate, and has been of the utmost service to me." Post free 4d. De Vere and Co., Publishers, 22, Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

THE YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

On Saturday evening, February 7th, the members of the above held their anniversary at Mr. Breed's, Lowther Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided. Mr. Breed occupied the chair, and Mr. Howard the vice-chair. The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the chairman and loyally drunk. Mr. Howard then proposed the "Dean and Chapter," who he said were always the ringers' friends. Mr. Thompson next submitted the "City Members and Donors," who again had shown great kindness to the members of the society. Mr. Hodgson proposed the "York Minster Bellringers," to which Mr. Howard, who had been a member for over fifty years, responded, and stated that the society was in a flourishing condition, and hoped it would long continue to prosper. Mr. Morrell then proposed "Success to The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers," and after a few well chosen remarks this was heartily responded to. Other toasts followed, including "the Officers of the Society," &c. The toasts were interspersed with tunes and changes on handbells and songs and recitations, the evening's proceedings closing with the toast of the "Host and Hostess."

Obituary.

ROBERT HAMPSON.

The above-named gentleman died at his residence in Rochdale on the 31st ult., at the age of sixty-eight years. Deceased was born at Radcliffe, near Bury, but learned to ring at Rochdale parish church when a young man, his tutor being the late Mr. Thomas Bamford. Deceased took part in a good many peals of Grandsire Triples, and could take part in Major methods as well. He also was engaged in a great many prize-rings, helping to bring many prizes home. He was also a member of the College Youths, and took part in a peal in London. He also gave a handsome subscription to have the bells of his native place augmented from six to eight, and he often related the following, which happened at Rochdale parish church. The ringers had a great desire to ring a peal of Treble Bob Major, and one Sunday they rang a long touch for service, and when they descended afterwards, they came across an old ringer from Oldham, who rejoiced in the by-name of Doffing, crying very hard against a gravestone, and he said it was because he never thought he should hear Rochdale ringers ring Treble Bob like that touch, and it may be said that the peal has never been rung yet by a band of Rochdale men. It is about twenty years ago since he rang his last peal, having to give it up owing to a serious bodily ailment, which prevented him getting up steps. He leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn his loss. His remains were interred on Wednesday, February 4th, and the bells of the parish church were muffled, when the following rang a touch of Grandsire Triples for the evening service. W. Schofield, 1; J. T. Lucas, 2; G. Hoyle, 3; J. Hoggard, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; F. Birtwistle (conductor), 6; — Stott, 7; H. Turner, 8.

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Miscellaneous Touches.

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HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Monday, February 2nd, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 28 mins. T. Lambert, 1; W. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; G. Hodge, 4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5; J. Beech, 6. On Thursday, February 5th, 720 in the same method (six bobs and thirty singles). T. Lambert, 1; J. Beach, 2; F. Butchers, 3; G. Hodge, 4; W. Lambert, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. And on Monday, February 9th, another 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; W. Lambert, 3; F. Butchers, 4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5; J. Beach, 6. Tenor 19½ cwt.

LONGNEY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, January 20th, at the church of St. Lawrence, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Ernest Longney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. W. Ellis (conductor), 1; R. Ellis, 2; R. Prosser, 3; A. Longney, 4; W. Prosser (longest touch), 5; R. Gardner, 6. Also a 600. W. Ellis, 1; R. Prosser, 2; R. Ellis, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Prosser, 5; R. Gardner, 6. And on Sunday morning, January 25th, for Divine Service, 600 Grandsire Doubles. W. Ellis, 1; R. Ellis, 2; W. Ward, 3; A. Longney, 4; R. Gardner, 5; D. Pockett, 6.

LONDON.—Recently, at the "Goose and Gridiron," St. Paul's churchyard, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, retained in hand. G. T. McLaughlin, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 5-6; A. W. Barkus, 7-8. Also a

course of Treble Bob Major. And on Friday, February 13th, at the church of St. Stephen, Rochester Row, the usual whole pull and stand as a token of respect to the late Lady Emily Pepys, one of the oldest members of the congregation. S. J. Reed, 1; T. R. Bell, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; E. Duff, 4; H. S. Ellis, 5; W. Lamb, 6; J. Willshire, 7; H. R. Newton, 8. Afterwards a touch of Stedman Triples was rung with H. R. Newton (conductor), 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; W. Lamb, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, January 29th, at the church of S. Peter Mancroft, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Cinques, but after ringing 2860 changes, in about 2 hrs. 10 mins., "stand" was called, owing to some of the bells getting shifted out of their proper course. G. Howchin, 1; F. Howchin, 2; E. Ward, 3; J. Smith, 4; P. Sadler, 5; F. H. Knights, jun., 6; A. Warnes, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. Knights, 9; J. Skinner, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12. This was rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. Pelham Burn, vicar of the above church, who was married in London on that day.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 25th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. F. Sanders, 1; W. Fright, 2; H. P. Harman, 3; G. Durling, 4; E. Dunn, 5; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, February 8th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Sanders, 1; J. Cooper, 2; G. Durling, 3; H. G. Fruin, 4; E. Dunn, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6.

PERRY BARR (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, January 31st, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Haxley (Northampton), 1; W. Roberts (Northampton), 2; J. Jones (Birmingham), 3; J. Mackay (Northampton), 4; G. Smith (Perry Barr), 5; A. W. Martin (Higham Ferrers), 6; J. White (Northampton), 7; S. Hall, 8. Composed by J. Carter and conducted by J. Jones. The above also made an attempt for a peal but were not successful. They wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, January 31st, at the parish church of St. Mary, 1300 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. E. Smith (conductor), 1; F. Barkway, 2; E. Calver, 3; F. Smith, 4; G. Mobbs, 5; H. Smith, 6; J. Souter, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Messrs. H. Smith, Barkway, and Calver hail from Brockdish; the rest are local men. Tenor 24 cwt.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Sunday, January 25th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; W. Lewis, 3; G. Burton, 4; A. E. Chapman, 5; A. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Baily, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; W. Lewis, 3; C. Green, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; A. E. Chapman (conductor), 6. On handbells, at the residence of A. E. Chapman, 840 Bob Triples. W. Hall, 1-2; A. E. Chapman, 3-4; A. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; J. B. Martin, 7-8. On Friday, February 6th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Baily, 1; C. Green, 2; G. Burton, 3; G. Heath, 4; W. Hall, 5; A. E. Chapman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 8th, 360 College Little. J. Bailey, 1; J. Butler, 2; W. Lewis, 3; C. Green, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; A. H. Martin (conductor), 6.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, February 2nd, at the parish church of St. Denys, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. W. Townsend, 1; N. E. Snow (conductor), 2; W. Bean, 3; J. R. Mackman, 4; J. Holmes, 5; R. Mackman (Spalding), 6; J. E. Picker, 7; C. W. Jackson, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, February 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a touch of Grandsire Triples. S. Palmer, 1; A. Worthington, 2; J. Harris (conductor), 3; W. Worthington, 4; S. Smedley, 5; H. Mottershall, 6; H. Madin, 7; G. Swift, 8. Also a 240 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Mottershall, 1; A. Worthington, 2; C. Platts (first 240 on a bob bell), 3; S. Smedley, 4; W. Worthington (conductor), 5; H. Madin, 6. C. Platts hails from Dronfield.

STINCHEMBEE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, February 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Stockwell, 1; G. Woodward, 2; W. Woodward, 3; A. Burcombe, 4; G. Condict, 5; G. Barnfield, 6. Also three six-scores with G. Condict, 4; A. Burcombe, 5; the rest as before. Each of the above were called differently.

STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, January 25th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Stanley, 1; G. Lucas, 2; J. Mason (conductor), 3; H. Martin, 4; W. Lewis, 5; O. Stanworth, 6. And on Monday, January 26th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. J. Mason (conductor), 1; W. Lewis, 2; J. Stanley, 3; H. Martin, 4; G. Lucas, 5; E. Mason, 6.

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.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Saturday, February 7th, Messrs. Holding, Harding, Wilson, Wright, Langford, Jarvis, and Emery (ringers from Crewe), visited Chester, for the purpose of enjoying their favourite Art. After viewing the principal sights in the city, a move was made at 5.30 to the Cathedral, where through the kindness of Mr. F. Ball, the conductor, they found everything in readiness. Among other touches brought round were the following: A 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Wright, 1; R. Langford, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; R. T. Holding, 4; A. Cross (Chester), 5; F. Ball (conductor), 6; G. Harding, 7; J. Moulton (Chester), 8. Also 168 in the same method. J. Thomas, jun. (Wrenbury), 1; F. Ball, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; R. Langford, 4; J. Moulton (conductor), 5; J. Dillon (Bromborough), 6; R. T. Holding, 7; G. Harding, 8. Tenor 34 cwt.

A move was then made to Handbridge, where they found the peal of eight bells, tenor 20 cwt. waiting for them, with Mr. C. Price, of Eccleston, in attendance. The Crewe ringers at once took possession, and with the assistance of Mr. Jno. Thomas, jun., of Wrenbury, 518 of Grandsire Triples was rung in capital style. J. Wright, 1; Jno. Thomas, 2; A. Wilson, 3; R. Langford, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6; G. Harding, 7; J. Emery, 8. Also 504 in the same method. Jno. Thomas, 1; F. Fletcher (Chester), 2; A. Wilson, 3; R. Langford, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; R. T. Holding, 6; J. Moulton (conductor), 7; J. Emery, 8. Great credit is due to J. Emery for the way in which he rung the tenor in this tower, it being his second attempt at Grandsire Triples.

An adjournment was then made to refresh the inner man, Mr. J. Moulton bringing his fairy bells with him, and tapped a course of Grandsire Cinques, a course of Stedman Triples, 490 Grandsire Triples, and 96 of Kent Treble Bob Major, Mr. C. Price calling the bobs.

A move was then made for the station, and Crewe was safely reached after a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. The visitors wish to thank the Chester ringers through the medium of this paper for their kindness in meeting them, and hope before long to have the pleasure of welcoming them to Crewe.

FARNHAM.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RINGERS' DINNER.—The annual gathering of the Farnham ringers with a few friends, took place at the Queen's Head hotel on Wednesday evening, February 4th, and passed off most successfully, an excellent repast being served by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Floate. The Rev. W. Westacott occupied the chair, and the vice-chair was filled by Mr. G. Elliott. The visitors included Mr. F. W. H. Chaundy (organist), Mr. C. Smith and Mr. G. R. Waterson (Wrecclesham). After ample justice had been done to the supper, the following toasts were given and received with the greatest cordiality: "The Queen and Royal Family," "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," "The Ringers," "The Chairman and Vice-Chairman," etc. During the evening, songs were sung by Messrs. Le Clercq, Sergt. Garfath, G. R. Waterson, G. Elliott, A. White, F. W. H. Chaundy, and — Ventham. A touch or two was given on the handbells by the ringers. The party broke up at eleven o'clock, thoroughly well satisfied.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at Grassendale, near Liverpool, when upwards of twenty ringers attended from Liverpool, Garston, Prescott, Woolton, Southport; and the local company. In the absence of the vicar (who was called away from home), Mr. Wm. Davies presided, and who in a brief speech spoke of the great progress of the Association and change-ringing throughout the county.

Mr. Hill (sec.), said a few words on the steady increase of members in the branch.

After the passing of the minutes of the last meeting, it was proposed and carried that the next meeting be held at Tue Brook and West Derby combined.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and Mission Room; also to Mr. Davies for presiding, both of which were carried with applause, and brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Methods rung during the evening—Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire.

WELLINGBOROUGH.—ANNUAL SUPPER TO CHOIRS AND RINGERS.

The yearly supper to choirs and ringers connected with the parish church and the church of St. Barnabas, Wellingborough, took place on Monday evening, February 9th. Owing to the serious illness of the organist, Mr. Head, the bells were not rung as usual before the supper. The new vicar, the Rev. R. W. Wynter, the Revs. Altham and Isherwood (curates), Messrs. Askham and Parker (churchwardens), also several sidesmen and friends were present, making, with choirmen and ringers, over eighty to sit down to the hot repast provided. The usual loyal and other toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

In responding to the toast of "The Ringers," Mr. Dennes (belfry sidesman), stated that although they had had many changes and many deaths in the town during the past year, yet he was glad to say the ranks of the ringers remained unbroken. He referred to the late Mr. G. H. Burnham as one who was always a good friend to choirs and ringers, and who would be remembered for generations to come, as the donor of their new second bell. It was his wish (and he felt sure it was the wish of all the ringers and chimers who stood round him), that everything connected with the belfry, bells, and clock, should be carried on to the satisfaction of the vicar, churchwardens, and townsfolk generally, and he begged to thank both the ringers and Mr. Weston, the clock-keeper, for the way in which they responded to his efforts to bring this about. He hoped some day to see a suitable screen across the west arch instead of the present curtain. When this idea was taken up he felt sure the ringers would help to the best of their ability. In conclusion he thanked the vicar and churchwardens for the kindness and consideration belfry matters received at their hands, and begged to propose the health of "The Old Ringers," coupling the toast with the name of Mr. John Harley, who was also the oldest fireman in the town, for years ago the parish church ringers were the town Fire Brigade, the Priest's bell was used as "Fire Bell," and the Fire Engine was kept in the south porch of the church. Mr. Harley was eighty-six years of age, and had been a ringer over sixty years. Songs, recitals, handbell music, and social chat and conviviality made this (the eighth) annual gathering of Church workers and officials, as pleasant and enjoyable as any that have preceded it.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE PARISH CHURCH.—On Sunday, February 8th, as has been the custom for some years, the offertories were given to the ringers as remuneration for their services. The preacher in the morning was the Rev. Canon Nash, Rector of Little Wenlock; in the evening the Rev. J. M. Lester. At both services there were large congregations, who entered heartily into the services. The choir in the morning, under the leadership of Mr. Harvey, and accompanied on the organ by Mr. Wall, sang the anthem "If ye love me," and in the evening Mr. W. Morgan sang the solo from *Elijah*, "If with all your hearts," which was followed by the chorus "How goodly are thy tents?" The total amount realised was £11 7s. 1d., a result considered satisfactory, as being greater somewhat than on former occasions. The band of ringers at Coalbrookdale appear to deserve encouragement, as they are one of the very few bands of ringers who ring regularly by method, and last September they accomplished a peal of 5040 changes in the Plain Bob method, besides many other touches and part peals at different times throughout the year.—*Local Paper*.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Chorley on Saturday, February 7th, the following towers being represented: Blackrod, Chorley, St. Andrew's, Leyland, St. James', Leyland, St. Mark's, Preston, Penwortham, and Standish. The methods rung were London Single Bob, College Single Bob, Victoria, and Plain Bob. At six o'clock the members adjourned to a private room at the White Horse Inn, where the usual business was gone through. After votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the rector for the use of the bells, the meeting was brought to a close.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1890, AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1890.	Jan. to Nov.	Dec.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise.	Stedman.	Tal.	Position in 1886.	Position in 1887.	Position in 1888.	Position in 1889.
1 Anc. Soc. of College Youths..	71	7	78	7	25	—	8	3	—	35	78	3rd.	2nd.	1st.	2nd.
2 Kent County Association	57	6	63	3	34	3	17	—	—	6	63	10th.	13th.	15th.	13th.
3 Sussex County Association ..	43	13	56	16	15	4	5	5	3	8	56	9th.	1st.	2nd.	1st.
4 Oxford Diocesan Guild	37	14	51	2	18	2	—	6	2	21	51	2nd.	4th.	4th.	3rd.
5 Midland Counties' Assn.	45	5	50	2	14	2	2	12	7	11	50	1st.	5th.	3rd.	4th.
6 Essex Association	39	1	40	9	14	1	9	2	—	5	40	19th.	10th.	5th.	5th.
7 Lancashire Association	35	4	39	2	31	—	4	1	—	1	39	4th.	6th.	6th.	9th.
8 Norwich Diocesan Assn.	30	3	33	10	5	2	8	4	1	3	33	6th.	8th.	7th.	6th.
9 Yorkshire Association	25	6	31	23	3	—	4	—	—	1	31	5th.	3rd.	8th.	7th.
10 Gloucester and Bristol Assn.	21	7	28	4	12	3	4	2	—	3	28	21st.	11th.	10th.	11th.
11 Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	22	5	27	2	13	1	8	—	1	2	27	14th.	16th.	20th.	18th.
12 Royal Cumberland Youths..	25	1	26	10	4	2	1	4	—	5	26	11th.	9th.	12th.	15th.
13 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	22	—	22	2	10	—	2	3	—	5	22	22nd.	17th.	14th.	—
14 Trinity Youths	18	—	18	—	9	—	9	—	—	—	18	—	—	23rd.	21st.
15 Hertford Association	15	1	16	1	8	—	7	—	—	—	16	13th.	21st.	16th.	10th.
16 United Counties' Association	13	3	16	14	—	—	2	—	—	—	16	8th.	12th.	11th.	17th.
17 Surrey Association	11	4	15	1	6	—	3	1	—	4	15	15th.	15th.	9th.	16th.
18 Society for Arch. of Stafford	13	—	13	—	12	—	—	—	—	1	13	18th.	14th.	13th.	12th.
19 Worcester and Districts Assn.	10	3	13	—	8	—	1	1	—	3	13	28th.	17th.	14th.	8th.
20 Middlesex Association	10	1	11	1	4	2	4	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	30th.
21 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	10	—	10	3	—	—	—	1	—	6	10	—	18th.	24th.	20th.
22 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	8	1	9	1	3	—	5	—	—	—	9	—	—	27th.	23rd.
23 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	5	1	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—
24 Waterloo Society, London ..	3	3	6	—	4	—	—	—	—	2	6	—	23rd.	28th.	25th.
25 St. James' Society, London..	4	1	5	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	5	7th.	7th.	18th.	19th.
26 Bath and Wells Association..	3	2	5	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	33rd.	33rd.
27 Birmingham Amal. Society..	4	—	4	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	4	12th.	27th.	26th.	24th.
28 Devonshire Guild	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
29 Bedfordshire Association....	3	1	4	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	27th.	19th.	29th.	28th.
30 North Lincolnshire Assn. ..	3	—	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	29th.	35th.	27th.
31 Durham & N'castle Dioc. Assn.	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
32 East Lincolnshire Association	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
33 Eastern Counties' Guild	2	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	29th.	28th.	30th.	29th.
34 Cambridge University Guild ..	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
35 Chester Diocesan Guild	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	34th.	26th.
36 Hereford Diocesan Guild....	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	32nd.
37 Salop Association	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	31st.	—	—
38 Cumberland County Assn. ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
39 Old East Derbyshire Assocn ..	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
The Colonies	1	2	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Independent Societies	40	7	47	7	26	3	9	—	—	2	47	—	—	—	—
	665	102	767	122	312	29	119	45	14	126	767	—	—	—	—
Less peals entrd. under two Assn.	67	1	68	10	21	1	25	2	1	8	68	—	—	—	—
Total	598	101	699	112	291	28	94	43	13	118	699	—	—	—	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—London Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 9; in Seven Surprise Minor Methods, 2. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 35; Double Oxford Bob Major, 3; Forward Royal, 1; Duffield Royal, 1; Duffield Major, 2. Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 4; Caters, 18; Triples, 96. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 4; Royal, 11; Major, 70; in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 27. Grandsire: Cinques, 1; Caters, 29; Major, 4; Triples, 247; Doubles (5040), 10. Plain Methods: Bob Major, 42; Bob Triples, 22; Union Triples, 10; Oxford Bob Triples, 6; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 6; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 2; in Plain Methods on five bells, 6; on 6 bells in fourteen methods, 2; in seven ditto, 12; in five ditto, 3; in four ditto, 2; in three ditto 4; in two ditto, 3; in one ditto, 2. Total 699.

The forty-seven peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Sussex 9, Lancashire 7, Yorkshire 5, Gloucestershire 4, Monmouthshire 4, Cheshire 2, Berkshire 2, Kent 2, Middlesex 2, Shropshire 2, Staffordshire 2, Somersetshire, 2, Lincolnshire, 1, Suffolk 1, Derbyshire 1, Northamptonshire, 1. Greatest number of changes in one peal, 8886. Number of peals, containing over 6000 changes, 4, under 6000, 695.

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Conductors of four peals and upwards:—J. W. Washbrook, 53; J. Shepherd, 25; F. G. Newman and G. Williams, 17; C. Hills and G. Newson, 15; E. Barnett, A. P. Heywood, H. L. James, Rev. F. E. Robinson, W. Wakley, C. F. Winny, 10; H. White and H. R. Newton, 9; J. Pettit, 8; H. Bastable, G. Lindoff, J. Motts and S. Reeves, 7; W. H. L. Buckingham, J. W. Driver, F. E. Dawe, G. B. Lucas, A. A. Moorcraft and J. W. Taylor, 6; A. R. Aldham, F. Bennett, R. E. Grove, J. Hinton, W. Sevier, H. Springall and W. S. Wise, 5; A. Brearley, H. H. Chandler, B. T. Copley, J. Carter, T. Card, S. French, J. Griffin, W. Lincoln, A. Palmer, J. Sholicar and E. Smith, 4. In addition to these, there were 21 who conducted three peals, 47 who conducted two peals, and 165 who conducted one peal, and 3 published without a conductor's name, making a total of 276 persons who acted as conductors during the year.

Peals rung on Church bells, 675; Peals on Handbells, 20. They were rung as follows:—

January, 64.	March, 38.	May, 59.	July, 40.	September, 46.	November, 73.
February, 61.	April, 67.	June, 37.	August, 42.	October, 71.	December, 101.

Decrease during the past twelve months on 1889, 98.

The following table shews the number of 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.	1890. " " " " " " " " " " " "	699

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1891.

THIS week we make an attempt to work up arrears in the reports of touches. Though more than three pages of this intelligence is given in this number, there yet remain others, which we hope to publish next week. The Lenten season appears to have checked the flow of peals, and that may perhaps enable us to again get all reports up to date.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt. in Db.

JOHN ROGERS .. .. .Treble.	NATHAN PITSTOW 6.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	GEORGE NEWSON 7.
WILLIAM BARON 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 8.
HENRY SWAIN 4.	GEORGE WILD 9.
EDWARD F. COLE 5.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN ROGERS.

This composition, by Bobs only, has the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th bells each nine courses before the 7th, and the shortest coming home course from Titum course-end (26 changes) that ever has, or will be in this method for ever.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in E♭.

THOMAS MAYNARD .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM B. MANNING 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

The Provinces.

HORLEY, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT SONGHURST Treble.	JOHN TAYLOR 5.
GEORGE WICKENS 2.	THOMAS SPARKS 6.
ROBERT JORDAN 3.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 7.
STEPHEN KENWARD 4.	*WILLIAM WALLIS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

First peal in the method by all the band excepting Messrs. G. and F. Wickens, who hail from Charlwood, Messrs. J. Taylor and R. Jordan belong to Crawley.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

ARTHUR HULL* Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
EDWARD HULL* 2.	*HENRY BREWER 7.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 3.	E. PERCY DEBENHAM .. 8.
JESSE W. BREWER* .. 4.	*WALTER BATTLE 9.
ERNEST R. MITCHELL .. 5.	THOMAS WALLER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal of Royal, and also first peal of Royal rung in this City by an entirely local band.

OCKLEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. TAYLOR Treble.	P. DU SAUTOY 4.
C. E. EAGLES 2.	T. STEDMAN 5.
G. COX 3.	F. BARTON Tenor.

Conducted by T. STEDMAN.

†First 5040 by all except the conductor. The first 5040 on the bells for more than forty years.

HADLOW, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	ARTHUR C. WEST 5.
ALFRED PALMER 2.	EDGAR POPE 6.
WILLIAM E. POPE 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
ROBERT EDWARDS 4.	GEORGE RABBIT Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. The tenor man's first peal, and the first of Stedman by Mr. T. Card.

BEDDINGTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. Treble.	CHARLES BANCE 6.
ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 7.
JOHN HARTLEY 3.	JOHN HARDING 8.
GEORGE WELLING 4.	CHARLES GORDON 9.
WILLIAM BURKIN 5.	JAMES W. TRAPPIST .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

This peal was rung as a farewell peal to Mr. John Hartley, who is now leaving the South for the Midlands. His brother-ringers have taken this very suitable method of expressing their esteem, and their regret at his departure.

LEESFIELD, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, February 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS EGERTON* .. Treble.	*JAMES BAILEY 5.
FRED. CROSLAND 2.	JAMES PRIESTLEY 6.
JAMES GRATRIX 3.	EDWIN B. SHAW 7.
SAMUEL STOTT 4.	*WALTER INGHAM Tenor.

Composed by BENJAMIN FRANCIS, of Bressingham, and Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

J. Gratrix hails from Manchester, S. Stott from Oldham, and W. Ingham from Macclesfield. *First peal in the method, also the first peal of Bob Major on the bells.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

On Saturday, February 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs. in G.

FREDERICK C. VICKERS .. Treble.	*JOSEPH CLARIDGE 5.
WILLIAM CHESHIRE 2.	*HENRY DEANS 6.
BENJAMIN DALTON 3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
BENJAMIN GOUGH 4.	*HARRY RODEN Tenor.

Conducted by ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

*First peal on eight bells. J. E. Claridge hails from Wolverhampton, W. Cheshire, and B. Gough from Coseley, B. Dalton from Tettenhall, the rest belong to the local company. This is the first peal upon the bells since they were augmented into eight, and was rung at the first attempt.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	CHARLES SILLITOE 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL, JUN.* .. 2.	HARRY SMITH 6.
GEORGE S. BROWN 3.	WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN... 7.
THOMAS KING† 4.	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

†First in the method. *First peal and first attempt. Messrs. Howell and Son, Brown and Sillitoe hail from Sudbury, Smith and Symonds from Lavenham, and Slater from Glemsford.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF VIOLET MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. W. LANG Treble.	H. BROOKE 5.
J. KNOTT 2.	M. RAMSDEN 6.
J. ILLINGWORTH 3.	L. ILLINGWORTH 7.
S. GOODALL 4.	W. COLLINS Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by L. ILLINGWORTH.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

HORLEY, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HORLEY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 15, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT SONGHURST .. Treble.	EDWARD DEWEY 5.
JOHN TAYLOR† 2.	STEPHEN KENWARD 6.
WILLIAM EDWARDS 3.	PETER ETHERIDGE 7.
THOMAS SPARKS 4.	*ALFRED SPARKS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TAYLOR.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

Date Touches.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, February 13th, at St. John's, Deritend, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. C. Sparks, 1; J. Jones, 2; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 3; G. Walker, 4; G. Hitchman, 5; F. H. James, 6; A. Hackley, 7; F. Mumford, 8. This touch contains the Queens, Tittums, and Whittingtons, and the twenty-four 6-7s.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, February 4th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples 1891 changes. W. Leavey (longest touch), 1; T. Curtis, 2; F. Wilson, 3; S. Powell, 4; H. White (conductor), 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; J. Ballard, 7; A. Knight, 8. Time 1 hr. 1 min. Composed by Ellis Nuttall, of Rawtenstall. Rung as a farewell touch to S. Powell, who is leaving the town.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, January 22nd, at St. Luke's church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. R. S. Mann (conductor), 1; W. James, 2; C. Wilson, 3; H. Coley, 4; G. Fisher, 5; W. Davis, 6; J. Aspinwall (composer), 7; J. Martin, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, February 5th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 17 mins. F. Scrimsham, 1; J. Baker, 2; G. Weldon, 3; T. Jowett, 4; C. F. Allison (conductor), 5; J. W. Chapman, 6; T. O. Nixon, 7; J. Lamb, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. Composed by Ellis Nuttall, of Rawtenstall, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 31st.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITCHURCH (Oxon).—On Monday, January 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch, 1891 changes, consisting of two 720's of Bob Minor, and 444 in the same method, with an additional seven odd changes. J. Wedge (Goring), 1; J. Bower (Goring), 2; W. Lawrence (conductor), 3; C. Pocock, 4; T. Pocock, 5; E. Bushnell, 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALDENHAM (Herts).—On Sunday evening, February 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1891 changes), with the trebles leading, in 1 hr. 4 mins. G. Layzell, 1; W. Bennett, 2; C. Williams, 3; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 4; F. Wright, 5; W. Hewitt, 6; H. Wright, 7; A. Childs, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Friday, January 30th, at St. Modwen's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. G. Shepherd, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; R. W. Logie, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; P. Meadows, 5; J. Walker, 6; J. Jaggar, 7; J. Carvell, 8. Arranged and conducted by John Jaggar.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN.—On Saturday, February 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Smith, jun., 1; J. Walker, 2; T. Hindle, 3; J. Smith, sen., 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor about 17 cwt. Composed by J. Sholicar, of Ormskirk.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, February 4th, at The Saviour's church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. R. Fiddes, 1; J. S. Cartwright, 2; E. Hewitt, 3; W. Hulme, 4; W. Grundy, 5; A. E. Wrecks (conductor), 6; J. Calderbank, 7; H. Lord, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. This touch is the composition of Ellis Nuttall, of Rawtenstall. Longest length by Messrs. Cartwright and Grundy.

RAWTENSTALL.—On Tuesday, February 10th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. H. Ashworth (longest touch), 1; G. E. Rollerson, 2; W. Howarth, 3; J. H. Banks (Helmshore), 4; E. Nuttall (composer and conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6; J. Ramsbottom, 7; J. Rollerson, 8. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Daniel Brown, who had been a teacher in the Sunday School for over fifty years.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GRUNDISBURGH (Norfolk).—On Saturday evening, January 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 changes in the following

methods: College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 15 mins. G. Lancaster, 1; W. Last, 2; J. Last, 3; F. Clarke, 4; C. W. Parker, 5; J. Ward, 6. Conducted by J. Last.

GREAT YARMOUTH (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, February 10th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 16 mins. H. Ireland, 1; R. Christian, 2; M. Long, 3; W. Blyth, 4; T. Tooley, 5; A. Webber, 6; W. Secrett, 7; W. Fletcher, 8; D. Hayward (conductor), 9; H. Hammond, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. Composed by E. Bennett, of Beddington.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 15th, at St. Paul's church, a date touch of 1891 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 9 mins. T. Lilley, 1; W. Wilks, 2; T. B. Kendall, 3; J. Lilley, 4; W. R. Sandiforth, 5; G. A. O. Nettleton, 6; J. A. Ross, 7; J. S. Clark, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Longest length by W. R. Sandiforth. Composed by G. A. O. Nettleton, and conducted by J. A. Ross.

STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, February 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins., consisting of 211 Grandsire Doubles, 240 Grandsire Minor, 720 Grandsire Minor, and 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Mason, 1; G. Lucas, 2; O. Stanworth, 3; H. Martin, 4; W. Lewis, 5; J. Mason (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WRAYSBURY (Bucks).—On Tuesday, January 13th, at St. Andrew's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Whatmore, 1; Rev. J. H. Hindson (conductor), 2; G. Kirby, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; H. Shanks, 5; G. Whatmore, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; W. Bradford, 8. And on Tuesday, January 27th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2½ hrs., the sixth rope broke. E. Whatmore, 1; R. Flaxman, 2; A. Andrews, 3; J. J. Parker (conductor), 4; H. Shanks, 5; G. Whatmore, 6; S. Quinton, 7; J. Mills, 8. Several of the band had met one short on three previous occasions, but with assistance, two attempts were made without success. The third failure caused much disappointment to four of the local ringers who were taking part. On all occasions the worthy vicar provided refreshments. On Tuesday, February 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Flaxman, 1; T. Goddard, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; T. Shanks, 4; H. Shanks, 5; G. Whatmore, 6; J. Mills, 7; W. Bradford, 8. Also a 518, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Hindson.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPHOLLAND (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 11th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Lea, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; J. Watts, 3; W. H. Baxter, 4; H. Gaskell, 5; R. Young (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, January 18th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Lea, 1; J. Nicholson, 2; T. Gaskell, 3; W. H. Baxter, 4; R. Young, 5; J. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, January 25th, 720 Plain Bob, the ringers standing as before. Also on Sunday morning, February 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob, the ringers standing as before. And for evening service 720 Grandsire. H. Lea, 1; W. H. Baxter, 2; J. Watts, 3; J. Nicholson, 4; T. Gaskell, 5; R. Young (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Thursday, January 29th, for practice, 2520 Grandsire Triples, being the first half of Holt's ten-part peal. W. French, 1; G. Wakefield, 2; J. Humphrey, 3; W. Wilson, 4; H. Simpson, 5; E. Perrin, 6; T. Durban (conductor), 7; W. Harris, 8. This is the longest touch by the local company since its formation, and by all except G. Wakefield, T. Durban, and W. Harris. On Sunday, February 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, 532 Grandsire Triples. H. Grice, 1; G. Wakefield, 2; J. Humphrey, 3; W. Wilson, 4; H. Simpson, 5; E. Perrin, 6; T. Durban (conductor), 7; W. Harris, 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Grice, 1; G. Wakefield, 2; W. Wilson, 3; G. Robertson, 4; T. Durban, 5; E. Perrin, 6; *H. Simpson (conductor), 7; W. Harris, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday morning, January 4th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. Also on Tuesday, January 27th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. S. Mockett (conductor), 1; H. Denne, 2; G. Denne, 3; W. Ongley, 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. And on Tuesday, February 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 1; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, February 7th, at the parish church, six members of the above rang 720 each of Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, and New London Pleasure. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; C. Severn, 4; H. Madin (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Madin hails from Staveley; Severn from Killamarsh. Also on Tuesday, February 10th, 720 Duke of York and 120 City Delight. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; A. Baddiley, 3; E. James, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. First 720 in the method by A. Baddiley, also first attempt at City Delight. And 240 Oxford, the Rev. H. E. Ferry ringing the 3rd.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGHOLD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, February 4th, at the parish church, 360 Grandsire Minor in 15 mins. E. Burdock, 1; T. Blake, 2; A. Bartlett, 3; T. Burdock, 4; T. Atwell (conductor), 5; A. Ashdown, 6. Also on Sunday morning, February 8th, for Divine Service, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles. F. Blake, 1; T. Blake, 2; A. Bartlett, 3; T. Burdock, 4; T. Atwell (conductor), 5; W. Hammond, 6. And for evening service, the same band rang three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. First 360 of Minor by A. Ashdown; also the first time that four different 6-scores of Bob Doubles have been rung upon the bells.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Thursday, January 22nd, for practice at the church of St. Nicholas, 288 Treble Bob Major. *W. Bulpitt, 1; M. Brown, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; T. Colburn, 4; E. Heathorn, 5; G. Croucher, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; W. Grove, 8. Also 704 in the same method. E. Heathorn, 1; F. Bennett, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; T. Colburn, 4; J. Jones, 5; M. Brown, 6; G. Croucher, 7; W. Grove (conductor), 8. And on Thursday, January 29th, a 640. J. Heathorn, 1; T. H. Colburn, 2; W. Grove, 3; G. Croucher, 4; C. W. Miller, 5; E. Heathorn, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; M. Brown, 8. Also on Sunday morning, February 8th, for Divine Service, 576 in the same method. W. Bulpitt, 1; M. Brown, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. Jones, 4; F. Bennett, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; G. Croucher, 7; W. Grove (conductor), 8. W. Bulpitt hails from Dorking, and these are his first and longest touches in the method.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HURSTPIERPOINT (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 31st, at the parish church, eight members of the St. Peter's (Brighton) branch of the above Association, attempted Johnson's peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, to commemorate the Rev. Canon Borrer's jubilee as rector of the above parish, but when nearing the end of the twenty-first course, a trip occurred which could not be recovered, and which brought it to grief after ringing about 4600 changes in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor 14 cwt. J. Jay, 1; J. R. Reilly, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; G. A. King, 5; G. Williams, 6; *H. Weston (conductor), 7; G. F. Attree, 8. *First attempt in the method as conductor.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 10th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2470 changes, "stand" was called, owing to a change-course. Messrs. Hounsell and Gibson hail from Cuckfield; J. Searle from the St. Nicholas branch, Brighton; the rest belong to the local branch. *G. King, 1; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 2; J. Searle, 3; W. Gibson, 4; W. Walder, 5; *H. Chapman, 6; F. Hounsell, 7; A. Parsons, 8. *Longest length. And on Monday, January 19th, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. G. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; W. Walder, 3; †G. Prevett, 4; F. Scott, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Parsons, 8. †Longest length. The foregoing is noteworthy from the fact of its being the longest length by a local band for twenty-seven years. Also on Monday, January 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples, the ringers standing in the same order as in the last touch. And on Monday, February 2nd, 504 in the same method. W. Batchelor, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; W. Walder, 3; G. Prevett, 4; F. Scott, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Scott, 8. Also on Saturday, February 7th, an attempt was made to ring a variation of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which was unfortunately brought to grief through the conductor missing a bob at the 4760th change. J. King, 1; J. Searle, 2; F. Hounsell, 3; W. Gibson, 4; W. Walder, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Parsons, 8.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Wednesday, February 4th, for practice, 360 Kent Treble Bob, two courses of Double Oxford, and two courses of College Single. The above methods were rung for the first time by Messrs. Challen and Soane. — Challen, 1; T. C. Elliss, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; W. Selby, 6. Rung on Selby's silent apparatus. On Sunday, February 8th, for evening service, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob, the first by all the band and on the bells. C. Soane, 1; T. C. Elliss, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Saturday, January 24th, 714 Grandsire Triples, on handbells, retained in hand. J. Herbert, 1; A. Scarf, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; J. Lea, 5; T. Fudge, 6; W. Pigrame, 7; C. Baker, 8. On Saturday, January 31st, 1008 in the same method. C. Baker, 1; A. Scarf, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; J. Lea, 5; T. Fudge, 6; J. Herbert, 7; J. Burgess, 8. This touch has the twenty-four 6-7s at backstroke.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Dawson, 1; J. Newman, 2; W. Newman, 3; G. Green (first 720), 4; H. Allen, 5; A. Richell (first 720 as conductor), 6. First 720 by the local company.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 21st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, in 48 mins. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This touch was rang in honour of the conductor's 29th birthday. And on Sunday, January 25th, for morning service, a 720 College Pleasure in 23 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, January 28th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. G. Jordan (first 720), 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; I. Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Superlative Surprise, in 24 mins. (6th the observation). G. Gray, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey (conductor), 5; T. J. Watts, 6. This makes T. J. Watts' 200th 720, the 720 Plain Bob was rung in honour of G. Jordan's 16th birthday. And on Sunday, February 1st, a 720 Victoria Treble Bob, in 24 mins. for morning service. I. Hammond, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, February 4th, for practice, a 720 Violet Treble Bob, in 24½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also a 720 New London Pleasure in 24½ mins. G. Gray, 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, February 7th, an attempt was made to ring a 5040 in seven Treble Bob methods, but was lost after 720 each of the following had been rang in 2 hrs. and 4 mins.: being a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 720 Violet Treble Bob, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 College Exercise, 720 College Pleasure and about 120 New London Pleasure. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the methods. †First 720 in the method with a bob bell. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS. —On Sunday, January 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; M. Caddy, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, February 8th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. Watson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning February 1st, at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. Also for evening service, 720 College Single (forty-two bobs and two singles). W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, February 8th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Ormerod, 1; A. White (conductor), 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Smith (Rawtenstall), 5; W. Smith, 6.

RAWTENSTALL.—On Sunday afternoon, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; E. Nuttall (Rawtenstall), 3; A. A. Downing, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, December 16th, five members of the local band, assisted by Mr. Romans, of Gloucester, rang for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 27 mins. S. E. Romans, 1; J. Yeates, 2; E. E. Bewick (first 720 in the method), 3; D. J. Aston, 4; M. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, December 23rd, by the local company only, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 28 mins. E. E. Bewick, 1; D. J. Aston, 2; J. Yeates, 3; G. Miles, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, December 30th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), was rung by four members of the local band, assisted by Mr. J. E. Groves and Mr. T. Groves, both of Shrewsbury, in 28 mins. D. J. Aston, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; J. E. Groves, 3; T. Groves (first 720 in the method), 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; G. Miles, 6. Also on Tuesday, January 6th, by five members of the local band, assisted by

Mr. Gillet, of Withington, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 27 mins. F. Gillett, 1; J. Yeates, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; D. J. Aston, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; G. Miles, 6. And on Sunday morning, January 11th, prior to Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. J. E. Groves, 1; D. J. Aston, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; G. Miles, 6. Also on Tuesday, January 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 27 mins. J. E. Groves (first 720 in the method), 1; H. G. Gardner, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; G. Miles, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6. And on Tuesday, January 27th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. D. J. Aston, 1; F. Gillett, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; J. E. Groves, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; T. Groves, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, February 15th, for Divine Service, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. (taken from Holt's Original). W. G. Bull (first quarter-peal), 1; H. A. Hopkins (conductor), 2; E. F. Cole, 3; Santley Baker, 4; F. Pitts, 5; W. Baron, jun. 6; N. J. Pitstow, 7; A. Swetman, 8. N. J. Pitstow hails from Saffron Walden, Essex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, February 8th, at Christ Church, for evening service, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. W. Henderson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Story, 4; T. T. Gofton, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, February 9th, five of the Whitley ringers and two from Winlaton visited St. John's Church, and with the assistance of local men, rang a 504 of Bob Triples. C. L. Routledge, 1; *R. A. Gofton, 2; T. T. Gofton, 3; *W. Fraser, 4; R. S. Story, 5; H. Ferguson, 6; J. Pattison, 7; *G. Aynsley, 8. And a 336 Bob Major. J. Smith, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. Pattison, 4; *H. H. Lindsay, 5; W. Story, 6; R. S. Story, 7; F. A. Underwood, 8. Also a 420 of Bob Triples. G. Aynsley, 1; R. A. Gofton, 2; J. Pattison, 3; W. Fraser, 4; R. S. Story, 5; H. Ferguson, 6; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 7; W. Story, 8. *First touch on eight bells. †First attempt at Major. Messrs. R. Story, Gofton, Aynsley and Fraser belong to Whitley; Pattison and Smith to Winlaton. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham).—On Shrove Tuesday, February 10th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 30 mins. T. Walker, 1; T. Hudson (Bishopwearmouth), 2; R. C. Hudson (Bishopwearmouth, conductor), 3; T. Hudson, jun. Bishopwearmouth, 4; C. L. Routledge (Newcastle), 5; R. S. Story, (Newcastle), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. T. Hudson, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; J. Huntley, 3; T. Walker, 4; R. S. Story, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. Two other 720s were attempted in these methods in which Messrs. Sheraton, Curry and Brown took part, but owing to the usual noisy visitors, etc., they came to grief, within 40 changes of the end. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ASTON.—On Saturday, February 7th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Worcester to open a new reredos, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, conducted by T. Miller and T. Russam. And in the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, with the assistance of three friends from Gloucester, but it was lost after ringing 2376 changes. T. Russam (conductor), 1; A. J. Jones, 2; F. Dickens, 3; *F. Hart, 4; *W. H. Brunsdon, 5; *J. Austin, 6; C. Stanbridge, 7; T. Miller, 8; B. Wittchell, 9; W. Cartwright, 10. *Hails from Gloucester. And on Sunday morning, February 8th, before Divine Service, with the assistance of Mr. R. Bosworth, 1008 Grandsire Triples, composed by the late Henry Johnson. J. Quarterman, 1; A. J. Jones, 2; R. Bosworth, 3; C. Stanbridge, 4; T. Russam, 5; B. Wittchell, 6; W. Kent (conductor), 7; W. Jackson, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ELSTREE (Herts).—On Tuesday, January 13th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. C. Williams, 1; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 2; F. Wright, 3; W. Hewitt, 4; H. Wright, 5; A. Childs, 6. All the above ringers belong to Aldenham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, February 1st, at the church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. Langdon, jun., 1; H. Langdon, 2; J. Bonney, 3; I. G. Shade, 4; S. Binfield, 5; M. A. Wood (composer and conductor), 6; J. West, 7; J. Monday, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 8th, at St. Peter's church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins. S. Wilkins, 1; A. Archer, 2; S. Burton, 3; E. W. Holroyd, 4; J. Woolley, 5; J. Hickman, 6; E. Robison, 7; W. Flinders, 8. Conducted by J. Woolley. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, January 6th, at St. John-the-Baptist Chapel, Deritend, 720 Plain Bob in 28 mins. G. Hitchman, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; J. Jones, 3; G. Walker, 4; F. James, 5; J. Carter (conductor), 6; F. Mumford, 7.

BRISTOL.—On Saturday, January 31st, at St. Philip's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Emery, 1; C. Walters, 2; J. Davies, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; C. H. Gordon, 5; A. Parish, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; R. Channings and M. Powell, 8. Rung on the anniversary of the death of Mr. David Morgan, with the bells muffled.

BROMLEY (Kent).—Recently at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Cornish, 1; T. Durling, 2; J. Emery, 3; E. Dunn, 4; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 5; H. P. Harman, 6; H. G. Fruin, 7; G. Durling, 8. And on Sunday, February 8th, a quarter-peal in the same method in 43 mins. J. Chandler (first quarter-peal), 1; F. Sanders, 2; P. F. Harman, 3; J. Cooper, 4; T. Durling, 5; H. P. Harman, 6; H. G. Fruin (composer and conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, February 10th, 252 Stedman Triples. H. P. Harman (conductor), 1; W. Fright, 2; T. Durling, 3; J. M. Cooper, 4; J. Emery, 5; T. Harford, 6; W. Smith, 7; W. James, 8.

CHEPSTOW (Mon).—Recently, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Morley, 1; T. Collinson, 2; G. Watts, 3; W. Freestone, 4; G. Watkins, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 31st, 840 Bob Triples, in 31 mins. C. Davis, 1; J. Prickett, 2; T. Collinson, 3; J. Morley, 4; G. Watkins, 5; G. Watts, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; J. Simmonds, 8. Longest touch with a bob bell by J. Prickett, who hails from Cardiff. Also on handbells, retained in hand, two courses of Grandsire Triples. T. Collinson, 1-2; G. Watts, 3-4; G. Watkins, 5-6; J. Morley, 7-8.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, January 24th, at St. Mary's church, meeting short for Caters, 1302 Union Triples, on the back eight. *W. Gooch, 1; W. Rowland, jun., 2; A. Edwards, 3; *W. Everard, 4; *G. Green, 5; *A. Richell, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; R. C. Burrell, 8. *Longest touch. †Longest in the method. This touch, composed by W. J. Piper, contains nine 4-6s, nine 7-4s, and nine 6-7s. And on Sunday evening, February 8th, for Divine Service, J. Carter's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing Queens, Whittingtons and Tittums, in 50 mins. R. C. Burrell, 1; W. Rowland, sea., 2; A. Speller, 3; *W. Rowland, jun. (conductor), 4; W. R. Everard, 5; W. Hawkes, 6; A. Edwards, 7; W. Ridgewell, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, February 10th, at the parish church, 840 changes of Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. F. Parsons, 1; F. Bond, 2; A. Edwards, 3; C. Bond, 4; J. H. Keylock, 5; H. Hughes, 6; G. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. This is the longest touch of Triples yet achieved by the new band.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, January 25th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44½ mins. G. Dukes, 1; J. Marshall, 2; C. Beasley, 3; C. Daniel, 4; J. A. Meredith, 5; H. Woodhall (conductor), 6; W. Verry, 7; H. Grosvenor, 8. This quarter-peal contains queens and tittums and twelve 6-7s, the 3rd and 7th being never in the hunt. Composed by A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, and now rung for the first time. Messrs. Daniel and Verry hail from Handsworth, and are members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; the rest belong to the local band.

ELMORE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, January 25th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 600 Grandsire Doubles. J. Prosser, 1; R. Prosser, 2; T. Harmer (conductor), 3; R. Ellis, 4; W. Prosser, 5; W. Hooper, 6. And 480 in the same method. J. Prosser, 1; W. Ward, 2; T. Harmer, 3; R. Ellis, 4; R. Prosser, 5; D. Pockett, 6.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, February 1st, at the parish church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. P. Taffs, 1; A. Hore, 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Cooke, 4; A. Harris, 5; W. Evans, 6; W. Easter, 7; W. Haigh (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, February 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Bates, 1; W. Cooke, 2; W. Easter, 3; J. Baker, 4; A. Harris, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6.

HANBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 8th, for morning service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering. H. Weaver, 1; T. Wyer, 2; H. Buckingham, 3; A. Moore, 4; T. Farmer, (conductor), 5; H. Taylor, 7; J. Buckingham, 6; G. Cole, 8.

(The remainder of miscellaneous touches will be found on page 571.)

Notices.

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Surrey Association.—All those members who wish for a copy of the forthcoming report, balance-sheet, and list of members, are requested to give their orders to their local secretary, and local secretaries are asked to kindly make up their lists as soon as possible, and to send them to the Hon. Sec., in order that he may know how many copies to order.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Johnson Anniversary Dinner.—The St. Martin's Guild give notice that this will be held on Saturday, the 28th instant, at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor-street, Birmingham. Dinner on the table at 5.30 p.m. Tickets—2s. 6d. each; may be obtained on application to the undersigned, on or before Wednesday, the 25th instant. As it is intended to make this an annual opportunity for a social reunion of ringers in honour of the late Henry Johnson, it is requested that all ringers who can possibly do so will make it convenient to attend.

W. H. GODDEN,
Hon. Sec.

Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham,
February 3rd.

Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—A Committee meeting of this Association will be held in the Chantry of St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, to-day, Saturday, February 21st, at 4 p.m. prompt. The Vicar (Rev. S. Phillips) will preside. The tower will be open for ringing. JOHN SMITH,
37 Simms Lane, *Hon. Sec.*
Netherton, near Dudley.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—NOTICE.—The subscription for 1890-1, payable under Rules 7 and 12, is now due, and must be paid not later than the 24th inst. at head quarters, as after that date no subscriptions can be received for the current year.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY,
February 10th. *Hon. Sec.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Rothwell, on Saturday, February 28th. Ringing from 3.0 p.m. Nominations for the various offices should be made at this meeting. HERBERT W. NEEDHAM,
Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association (Blackburn Branch).—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Padiham, on Saturday, February 28th. Belfry open at 2.30., meeting at 6.0. All ringers are earnestly requested to attend. J. HORROCKS,
93, Henry Street, *Branch Secretary.*
Church.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens, on Saturday, February 28th. Bells open 3.0 p.m. Meeting 6.0 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon.*
W. BENTHAM, } *Secs.*

Kent County Association (Ashford District).—A meeting of this District will be held at Ashford on Friday, February 27th. The committee will meet in the Mission-room at 3.0 p.m., when the usual allowance will be paid, and business transacted. Members are reminded that unless their subscription for the current year is paid, they are not entitled to the above allowance. A. E. NUNN,
Hon. Sec.

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 additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, *Eastbourne.*
6048.

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

Five times repeated, substituting a single for the bob at the half-way and end.

This peal has the 5th, 4th, and 6th each eighteen courses in 6th place at the course-ends.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By E. FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

5376.	2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
	6 4 3 2 5	-	-	-
	2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-
	4 3 2 6 5	-	-	-
	2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-
	3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-
	4 6 3 2 5	-	-	-
	5 3 6 2 4	-	-	-
	6 5 3 2 4	-	-	-
	3 2 6 5 4	-	-	-
	6 3 2 5 4	-	-	-
	2 6 3 5 4	-	-	-
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	3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-
	4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-
	3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-
	2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-
	3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-
	5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-
	4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
	3 2 4 5 6	-	s	-

Repeated.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th at a course-end, the 6th being twenty-two times at home. First rung at Guildford, Surrey, on Monday, January 12th, 1891; conducted by W. Grove.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By HARRY MILLS, *Tipton.*
5376.

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
4 6 3 2 5	s	s	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-
6 2 3 4 5	-	-	-
3 6 2 4 5	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-
6 4 2 3 5	-	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-
4 2 3 6 5	s	-	-
3 4 2 6 5	-	-	-
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-

Three times repeated; single to be substituted for a bob midway and end.

In this peal the 5th and 6th are each twenty-four times in 6th place.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*
5024.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
3 6 4 5 2	2	-	1	2
3 4 5 6 2	-	1	2	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	2	1	-
5 2 4 3 6	2	-	1	2
5 4 3 2 6	1	-	2	1
4 6 3 2 5	2	-	1	2
5 4 2 6 3	-	2	2	-
6 2 4 5 3	-	2	2	-
2 6 3 5 4	-	1	2	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	1	2	-
3 2 4 6 5	2	-	2	-
6 4 2 3 5	1	-	2	-
2 5 3 4 6	2	-	2	-
2 3 4 5 6	1	-	2	-

This peal, in fourteen courses, has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right; also eleven out of the twelve 8 6's.

By using the alternative calling in the ninth or twelfth courses, the peal is increased to 5056, and if used in both these courses, it will be 5088. Thus the peal is capable of producing 112 variations.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*
7200.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
3 6 4 5 2	1	2	-
4 2 5 6 3	1	1	2
2 4 3 6 5	2	2	-
2 3 6 4 5	1	2	-
3 2 5 4 6	2	2	-
3 5 4 2 6	1	2	-
2 4 5 3 6	2	2	-
4 2 6 3 5	2	2	-
4 6 3 2 5	1	2	-
2 4 6 5 3	2	2	-
5 3 4 6 2	1	2	-
3 5 2 6 4	2	2	-
3 2 6 5 4	1	2	-
2 3 4 5 6	2	2	-

This peal, in fourteen courses, has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right.

Compositions of other authors will appear next week. Mr. J. Rogers will be communicated with through the post.

GREAT MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

ON Thursday, February 5th, the ringers of the Priory Church held their second annual dinner in a large room, kindly lent for the purpose by Mr. W. Paddison, a brother-ringer. The tables were prettily decorated with plants and flowers given from the nurseries of Mr. Francis Jelf. A capital menu was partaken of, and after dinner various toasts were gone through, and votes of thanks passed to the different friends who had so kindly contributed to the evening's enjoyment. The presence of several of the ringers' wives and other lady friends considerably added to the pleasure of the evening, and after some songs and recitations, dancing was indulged in. Several courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung by Messrs. Jelf, Peacey, Burston, jun., R. and H. Knowles, Stroud, and Paddison; and among the other ringers were W. Burston, sen., D. Greening, T. Gunnell, F. Lane, R. McCann, W. Baylis, F. Hall, and Willie Burston.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, January 22nd, the ringers of the parish church had their annual tea, and were joined by ringers from Beccles, Southwold, and Westhall. Previous to the tea the ringers met at the tower and rang 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Page, 1; T. King, 2; H. Stimpson, 3; H. Hopson, 4; R. Spalding, 5; J. Larter (conductor), 6. Also 360 in the same method. M. Danford, 1; R. Spalding, 2; T. G. Smith, 3; G. Eastough, 4; H. Hopson, 5; J. Larter, 6. At five o'clock they adjourned to "The Compasses," where a capital tea was provided. After tea handbell ringing and singing brought a very pleasant and harmonious evening to a close. H. Stimpson and H. Hopson came from Beccles; T. King from Southwold.

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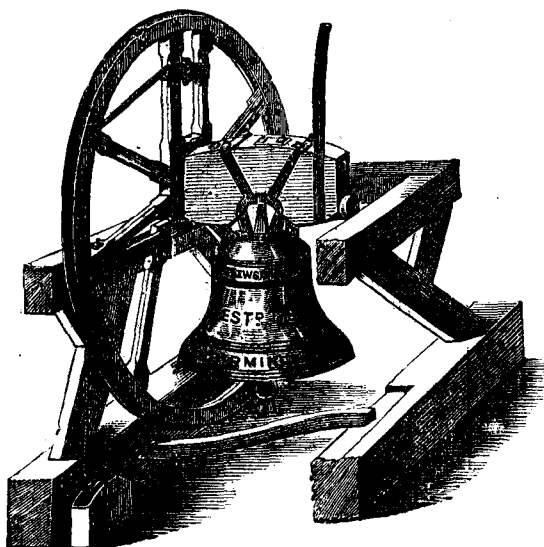
AN interesting presentation took place on Saturday, February 7th, to the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, senior curate of the above church, and Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The Dedication Festival of the church had just been kept, and according to custom, the rector (the Rev. George Tugwell), invited the church-workers to supper at the Church House. During the evening, Mr. Griffith was presented with a handsome carriage clock and address, by his band of ringers which he has formed and trained since his arrival there.

Mr. A. S. Flower, on behalf of the ringers, asked Mr. Griffith to accept the gift as a mark of their gratitude for great kindness and the esteem and affection for him as their conductor.

Mr. Griffith, who was agreeably surprised at receiving such an unexpected recognition of his work, acknowledged the gift in felicitous terms.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

The ringers of the parish church had their annual supper on Saturday, February 7th, at the Old Bull Hotel, Church Street, where a splendid spread was served up by Mrs. Mitchel, and to which ample justice was done. After the cloth was removed, C. A. Sanderson, Esq., was voted to the chair, and J. H. Hartley, Esq. to the vice-chair. The Chairman in his address congratulated the ringers on their success in getting the first peal ever rung on the bells by a local company, and which was recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 7th. A pleasant evening was passed in singing songs and recitations, also courses of Grandsire Triples and tune-playing on the handbells, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close, with a vote of thanks to the chairman.



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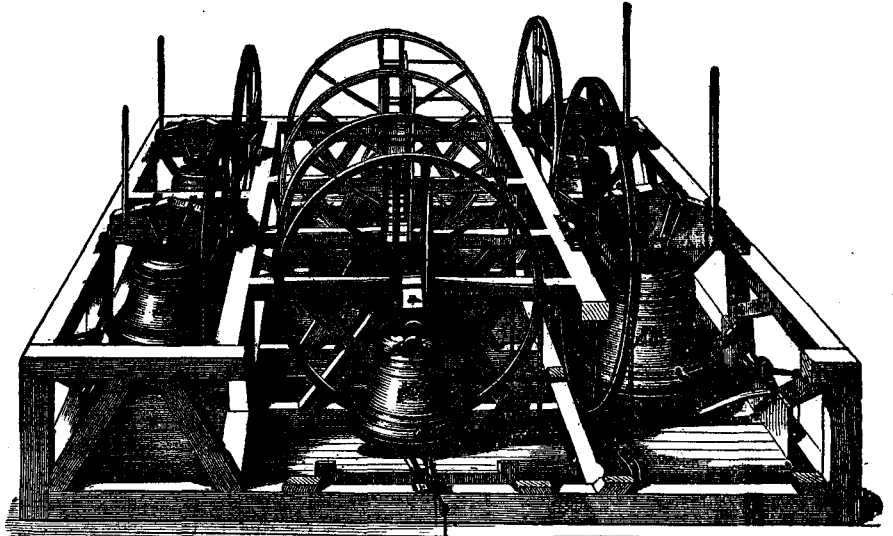
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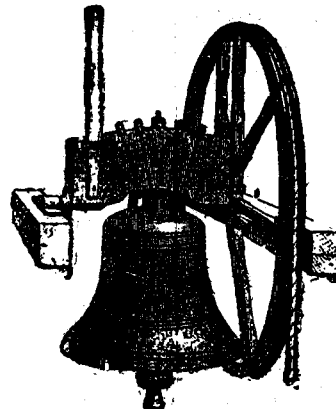
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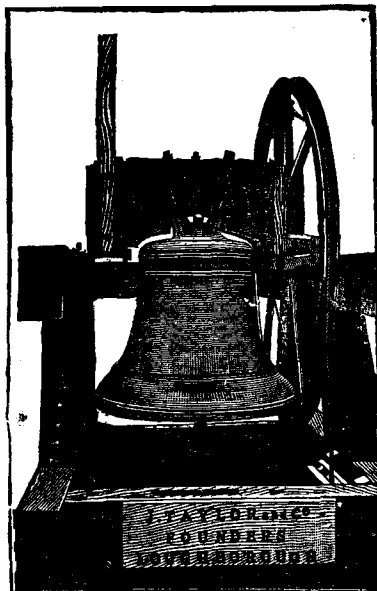
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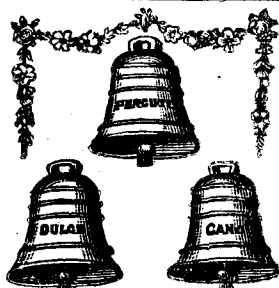
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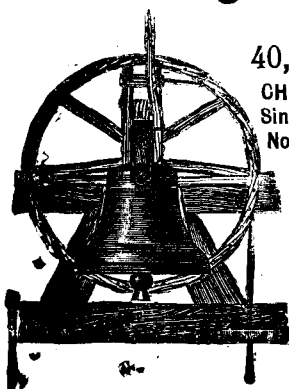
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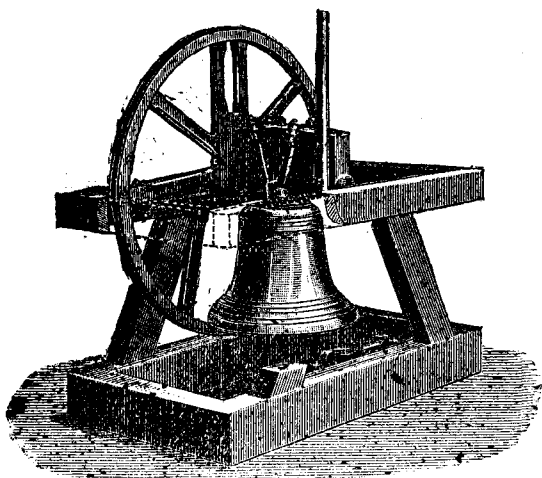
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CHURCH STRETTON, SALOP.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW CLOCK AND PEAL OF BELLS.

On Friday, February 6th, a special dedication service was held to consecrate a new peal of bells and clock. In 1711, one hundred and eighty years ago, Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast a ring of six bells for the belfry of the parish church, which still exist. The churchwardens at the time were Thomas Brooks and Randolph Jones. The watchwords cast on two of the older bells are "Prosperity to this place," and "Peace and good neighbourhood." In the rectorate of Mr. Wilson it was found the wood beams to which the six bells were fastened were gradually becoming unsafe, and a fund was started by him for rehanging the church bells. This small fund was largely augmented by a bazaar held under the auspices of the present Rector, the Rev. C. Noel-Hill, last summer, and it was then determined, not only to re-hang the six old bells, but to add two more to the number to complete the octave. One of the six bells moreover was cracked, and in order that the eight bells might be all in unison and harmony, it was necessary to send all the old bells to the bellfounders. The names of the present churchwardens, Messrs. John E. Proffit and D. Hyslop, will be carried down to posterity, with the names of "E. Brooke de Strett, gen., Mr. Thomas Brooks, Mr. Randolph Jones, and Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester," already on the other bells. There is in the tower also a smaller bell, rung for five minutes before each service commences, and commonly known as the parson's bell. On this bell are the words "Come away, make no delay." A few particulars about the church may be of interest. It is an ancient cruciform structure, dedicated to St. Lawrence, having an image of that saint in the southern angle of the tower, and was probably built in the latter part of the 12th century. The portion forming the nave seems to have been built some time previous to the other portions, and is in the Norman style. The clustered columns supporting the towers are Norman, but the battlemented tower itself is Early English, and was probably built in the 13th century and repaired in the 15th century, as there is evidence of the Perpendicular Gothic in the ornamentation. The transepts and the chancel have evidently been re-built at different periods. The east window, the gift of the late Rev. R. N. Pemberton, is dated 1809. It is in three bays, filled in with well-executed designs in stained glass, representing St. Peter and St. John, with our Saviour in the centre bay. The interior of the church is fitted with open sittings, neatly worked in oak in geometric Gothic; and the gangways and chancel floor are laid with encaustic tiles, harmoniously combined as to shade and colour. The present Rector, the Rev. C. Noel-Hill, has been indefatigable in improving the church and its services since his induction. To him is due the beautiful marble pulpit, the surpliced choir, the grand organ and organ-chamber, additional seats, and the new peal of bells and clock.

At the appointed hour on Friday, there was a large congregation. The clergy of the neighbourhood met in considerable numbers; among them were noticed the Rev. J. P. Dalton, Withington; Rev. J. T. Halke, Rev. A. T. Pelham, Cound; Rev. E. F. Wayne, Church Preen; Rev. Donald Carr, Woolstiston; Rev. H. C. Sturges, Bodenham; Rev. L. Bagot, Stanton Lacey; Rev. P. Brent, Downton; Rev. W. Craven, Upton Magna; Rev. E. Williams, Acton Scott; Rev. Tudor Fitzjohn, Cardington; Rev. A. Pope, Delbury; Rev. J. W. Colvin, Leintwardine. The clergy robed at the Priory, and were met at the church door by the choir, thence all advancing, singing the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past." The rector, emerging from the precincts of the altar to the front of the chancel, repeated some versicles (to which the choir responded), and said, "I, Charles Noel-Hill, do humbly present, to the greater glory of God and to the use of the people of this parish, this clock with its Cambridge chimes." Amid silence in the sacred building, the clock then chimed the fourth quarter, and struck the hour of three. Then followed three prayers, that the clock might remind the parishioners of the fleeting of time, and that they might be instigated to make the best use of the same vouchsafed to them. Even-song was then intoned by the Rev. Percy Brent, the first lesson being read by the Rev. J. T. Halke, and the second by the Rev. A. Thursby Pelham. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Dalton, Withington. The synopsis of his sermon was that

whereas some men would place science and art as supreme to religion, the church, as the custodian of religion, used all the sciences, music in the bells, organ and choir, architecture, painting, and sometimes even sculpture to further its development. The church was often accused of narrowness and want of sympathy, but inasmuch as all these included in the interests of its members, in addition to providing for their various wants in all phases of their existence, the charge could scarcely be said to be substantiated. After the sermon the choir, followed by the rector, filed down the chancel underneath the church turret, where the bells were solemnly dedicated. The choir and congregation then sang the hymn "Lift them gently to the steeple." During the collection of the offertory (devoted to the restoration fund, and which realised the sum of £10), the bells rang, and the strain was taken up by the choir singing a solemn *Te Deum*. The recessional hymn, "Now thank we all our God," brought the important service to an end. Mr. Chester, A.C.O., presided at the organ, and was very successful in conducting the musical portion of the service.

During the evening a band of ringers from Welshpool and Whitchurch made the hills and vales of Church Stretton re-echo to sounds which they certainly had never heard before, by ringing Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. An account of this peal appeared in our issue of February 14th.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—*Treble* (new) "Te Deum Laudamus;" *Second* (new), "Laudate sum in Excelsis;" *Tenor*—"To the greater glory of God these bells were re-hung, and the peal increased, Christmas, 1890. Gloria in Excelsis Deo. C. Noel-Hill, M.A., rector; J. E. Proffit and D. Hyslop, wardens." The estimate of Messrs. Taylor and Co. originally amounted to the sum of £207 19s., irrespective of new work to beams, floor, or masonry, or making a clear passage to admit of the bells being hoisted and lowered; but it was afterwards found that the old floor was scarcely capable of holding the bells as they stood, much less to bear the weight of two additional bells with their framework; consequently new floors had to be made, and without doubt the floor on which the present peal of bells stands is of the very best description. Ellacombe's chiming apparatus has been applied to the new peal at a cost of about £20. The value of this lies in the fact that the bells will not, as they have been in years gone by, be deteriorated by the process of tying ropes to their tongues. The clock with Cambridge chimes cost, without case, the sum of 100 guineas. Tradition says that in the year 1711, in the reign of Queen Anne, when Marlborough was in his zenith, there was only five bells in Stretton church, but against considerable opposition they or their metal were transformed into six. They were unquestionably a good peal of bells, but the present are far superior, and reflect the highest credit on the founders and all who have been instrumental in the promotion of the work. The new clock was erected by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, the Midland Steam Clock Works, Derby.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

The annual dinner of this Society was held on Saturday, February 7th, at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, when in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. G. Twining), the chair was taken by the Rev. W. H. Manning. Following a good repeat the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly proposed and responded to. The toast of "The president and vice-president," proposed by Mr. T. R. Bell, was replied to by the Rev. W. H. Manning, in the absence of the President and Vice-president; and the toast of the evening, "St. Stephen's Ringers' Society," was most ably proposed by Mr. H. Joyee, and responded to by the Master of the Society, Mr. H. Ellis. During the evening some good singing was rendered by the members, among the most noteworthy being the Rev. C. S. Swire, Messrs. John and James Pryer, H. Ellis, E. Duff and Carter. Mr. J. Cocks kindly officiated at the piano.

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 1,300,000 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.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

On Friday, February 20th, a long-projected expedition by members of the Essex Association in Chelmsford and the neighbourhood, which has twice or three times been postponed through bad weather, was made to the village of Great Waltham, five miles from Chelmsford, the parish church of which contains a fine heavy ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt.) of various dates from 1422 to 1796. The local ringers only attempt call-changes and the plain course of Bob Major, which they almost know by heart, and there are no records of any change-ringing in previous times. The ringing-chamber is a curious place; but the bells are in good order, and a new set of ropes by Nicoll (of Bermondsey) has lately been fitted; and if some additional support could be given to the frame where the heavy bells hang, there would be little fault to find with their "go." At present, when the eight bells are in motion, the frame rocks a good deal under the tenor, and it would be hard work for a man to ring her through a 5040. On this occasion nothing more serious was attempted than a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully brought round in 50 mins. R. C. Burrell (Chelmsford), 1; W. Rowland, sen. (Chelmsford), 2; J. Dains (Widford), 3; W. Rowland, jun., 4; W. Hawkes (Springfield), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon (Writtle), 6; A. Edwards (Widford: conductor), 7; W. Lincoln (Writtle), 8. The tenor was then turned in to a 504 of Bob Major, conducted by W. Lincoln, the ringers standing as before.

On adjourning for refreshment before the homeward drive, the band found a substantial hot supper prepared for them by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Hulton, who though not a ringer, or specially interested in ringing, has always been ready to welcome ringers who pay a visit to the fine bells under his charge. Now that a quarter-peal has been accomplished, it is hoped before long to attempt a peal, with an extra man if necessary at the tenor. The band desire to return their best thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower, and for his liberal hospitality.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Committee meeting of this Association was held in the chantry of St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, on Saturday last, presided over by the Rev. S. Philips, Vicar. The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, the usual business was transacted, during which seven members from Clent and three from Areley Kings were elected as performing members, and the Rev. D. Vawdrey, Vicar of the last-named place, as an honorary member of the Association. The draft report of the Committee was then read by the Hon. Sec., as was also the balance-sheet by Mr. Barrett (one of the auditors), and adopted. It was decided, after a brief discussion, to hold the Annual Meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, the rev. chairman undertaking to write to the Dean and Chapter in reference to having the use of the Cathedral bells, and if possible to get the Dean to deliver an address to the members.

The Hon. Secretary here made a request that the local secretary of each society in union forward a list of the company's names, with the names and addresses of the secretary and delegate, at once to him, so that a correct list of names may appear in the Annual Report.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples, were rung upon the tower bells by mixed bands. A vote of thanks to the rev. chairman for presiding, for the use of the chantry, tower, and bells, was unanimously adopted, and in responding,

The Vicar said that he would like to see more of the clergy (and in this diocese especially) taking a greater interest in these Associations, which had done and were doing a good work in connection with the Church throughout the length and breadth of the land.

This closed the proceedings.

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RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Saturday, February 21st, the ringers of the parish church, Newchurch, held a supper in commemoration of the fact that each member of the society had scored a peal of Grandsire Triples. They invited most cordially those who assisted them in their first attempt, and also the conductors. The invited guests were Messrs. J. Harrison and T. Millett, of Heywood, who so readily came and assisted them in their first attempt in May last. Mr. H. H. Nutter, the local member of the Committee of the Lancashire Association, has been of great service to them in times when his services were very much required. Mr. J. Shepherd, the Local Secretary, was also present, and who has been ready and also promises to still be ready to conduct their peals when requested.

A real good substantial dinner was provided at 6.30 at the "Boar's Head." Mr. J. T. Stott called "go" to that most native joint—the roast beef of Old England. Several "bobs" were made, but not more than may be contained in a course. Then there was a "single" made, which caused beef to be out of course, and mutton (roast and boiled) took its place. A course being successfully concluded from this, a fresh call was manufactured, which changed the course to "goose." After dodging about after the goose, a few singles were made from veal pie, but the Doubles were had from the richly made plum pudding. Whilst the tables were being cleared, Messrs. Harrison, Shepherd, Nutter, and Stott, rang a few courses of Triples on the handbells; also Mr. Taylor was coached through one touch on the trebles. The evening was spent in toasts, songs, and ringing upon the handbells. Among the toasts were "The Queen," "The Host and Hostess," "Our Visitors," "The Lancashire Association" (to which Mr. Nutter suitably replied), and "The Rossendale Branch."

Mr. Shepherd replied to the latter toast, and stated that out of a branch containing about sixty members, there were about fifty who had rang a peal or peals of 5040 and upwards, and in addition to these about seven or eight who could ring several different and difficult methods, which spoke well for this district.

The evening was most enjoyably spent, and the company dispersed at 10.30 p.m., the visitors heartily thanking the local company and wishing them every success. The party were highly pleased with such a social gathering, and looking forward, wishing for "many happy returns of the day."

CLOCK-MAKING OPERATIONS.

Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., have just completed a large clock for Thornbury with three illuminated opal glass dials; one ditto for Bowling with two illuminated dials; one ditto for Belfast with one illuminated dial. The same firm have also in hand Cambridge quarter-chimes for Ripon Cathedral, and two bells; also rehanging at St. John's, Deansgate, and Addingham; also the tenor recast.

THE SOCIETY OF COPLEY SCHOLARS.

On Thursday evening, February 19th, this society held another "social" at the Unity rooms, when, in spite of the dense fog which prevailed, about eighty persons were present. The Captain of the society (Mr. B. T. Copley) occupied the chair. Songs were sung by Messrs. Bakes, Mawson, Barker, and Whitehead; and recitations were given by Miss and Master Titterington, and Sergeant Hamilton Dobbyn; and tunes and changes rung on the handbells by members of the society. During the evening, the Chairman referred to the recent "coming of age" of the Hon. Sec., Mr. Joe Hardcastle, acknowledging his many services to the society, and concluding by proposing the toast of his health, with best wishes for his future, which toast was honoured very heartily, and responded to by Mr. J. H. Hardcastle, senior.

Between the musical, elocutionary, and other items, various dances were indulged in under the superintendence of Messrs. Titterington and Mawson: Messrs. James Angus and Albert Bakes accompanied on the piano; a most pleasant evening being brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks and three cheers to the chairman.

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THE LATE MR. FRANCIS GENDERS, OF ERDINGTON.

The funeral of this gentleman, who was a native of Erdington, Warwickshire, took place on the 18th instant, at the Roman Catholic cemetery. He deserves more than a passing notice at our hands, if only from the fact that he presented a peal of bells to Erdington (R.C.) church.

Mr. Genders was formerly, for seven years, a gardener in the employ of the late Sir Josiah Mason, but in 1860 he emigrated to Canterbury, New Zealand. Previous to going, however, he promised if successful in life to give a ring of bells to the Catholic Church; and in New Zealand, by thrift and perseverance, he was enabled to acquire considerable property. Remembering his promise previous to returning home in 1877 deceased forwarded the sum of £800 for the purpose of providing the bells. The order for them was accordingly entrusted to Messrs. Wm. Blews and Sons, of New Bartholomew Street, Birmingham, and it was executed satisfactorily. The bells consist of a peal of light, the weight of the whole three-and-a-half tons, while the tenor-bell alone weighs three-quarters of a ton. Deceased was also a great benefactor to the Roman Catholic Church in New Zealand while living in that country, and since his return he gave in 1887 some property to the new Catholic Bishopric of Christchurch, New Zealand, to Bishop Grimes. From 1877, the year of his return, he lived a quiet and unostentatious life at Erdington, and only removed to Aston to reside about two years ago, but occasionally he visited Erdington and took a great interest in everything promoted for the welfare of the Catholic Church. He was eighty years of age, well-known and respected, and by his death many will miss a true friend.

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."

CLAIM OF A COMPOSITION.

SIR,—In last week's issue was published a 6048 of Bob Major by W. J. Fisher, of Eastbourne. I beg to state that the peal was composed by me in January 1889, and 5040 of the above was rung at St. John's Deritend, on January 14th, 1889. By calling a bob w. m. instead of n in the last course of the first part, and cut away the second part, it reduces the peal to 5040.

JOHN CARTER.

172, New John Street West, Birmingham.

[Mr. Hart, of Gloucester, writes to a similar effect.—ED.]

THE FIRST WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL AT DORKING.

SIR,—Your correspondent made a slight error in the footnote to the peal recorded in your columns of last week. If he will refer to the sixth annual report of the Winchester Diocesan Guild or "BELL NEWS" for February 27th, 1886, he will find a Winchester Diocesan Guild peal of Grandsire Triples was rung there on February 22nd, 1886, conducted by

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

AN ENQUIRY.

SIR,—Being a learner in the art of change-ringing, I should be glad if you or any reader of "THE BELL NEWS" would kindly answer the following: How many true peals can be rung on six bells in the Bob Minor method?

T. A. F.

CRITICISMS.

SIR,—Last Saturday week a method appeared in your paper entitled Bath Triples, the author of which asked for the opinions of other ringers on the subject. The same author published some time ago a method called St. Andrew's Major. I might point out that four blows behind is sufficient to spoil any method, and a seven-pull dodge, to say nothing of its monotonous sound, introduces so many false course-ends, that a peal must be absolutely impossible. I hope our friend will make himself acquainted with the properties of methods before he attempts to produce any more, and I will refer him to an article on this subject by Mr. A. P. Heywood in "THE BELL NEWS" for January 16th, 1886, and also to the introduction of the Duffield method in April 1887 by the same author. I should like also to point out that the 6048 of Bob Major published last week by W. J. Fisher, is identical with Cox's peal of Superlative, vide "BELL NEWS" for September 5th, 1885. Such simple compositions are not to be had nowadays.

H. L. JAMES, B.A., Master C.U.G.C.R.

Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 590.)

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 13th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Holman (first 504 in the method), 1; T. R. Bell, 2; J. Reed, 3; F. Ingerfield, 4; E. Duff, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; J. Willshire (first time as conductor), 7; H. R. Newton, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. J. Reed, 1; T. R. Bell, 2; E. Duff, 3; F. Ingerfield, 4; J. Willshire, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; H. R. Newton, 7; H. S. Ellis, 8.

MILTON NEXT GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday afternoon, February 10th, after a wedding ceremony at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung by request, in honour of the event, in 26 mins. J. Avis, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; R. Munn, 3; J. Allen, 4; J. Smith, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 22nd, for Divine Service in the evening, a similar 720, in 30 mins., by the same band with the exception of the treble, which was rang by G. Butler, and recorded as his first 720.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 21st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Symonds, 1; A. Symonds (conductor), 2; T. King, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Hollocks, 6.

ST. BUDEAUX (Devon).—On Sunday, February 8th, at the parish church, by the Stoke Damerill band, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Myers, 1; E. Taylor, 2; R. Ford, 3; A. Richards, 4; W. Marsh, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. First 720 of Minor on the bells.

STISTED (Essex).—On Thursday, February 19th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and six singles). F. Davey, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Duncombe, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. And 240 in the same method. E. Radley (conductor), 1; W. Bearman, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; C. Duncombe, 4; F. Davey, 5; A. Chaplin, 6. Messrs. Davey and Bearman hail from Bocking; the rest belong to the local company.

STOKE (Devon).—On Thursday, January 29th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins. H. Myers, 1; C. Hendy, 2; R. Ford, 3; E. Taylor, 4; A. Richards, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. First 720 by all the local men and on the bells. For practice, at the residence of Mr. E. Taylor, on Tuesday, February 10th, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Myers, 1; C. Hendy, 2; R. Ford, 3; E. Taylor, 4; W. Marsh, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, February 19th, 2464 Bob Major. R. Gollop, 1-2; W. S. Wise, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams (conductor), 7-8. Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

TICKHILL (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 15th, for morning service at the parish church, 720 Primrose, in 25 mins. A. Wright, 1; F. Jenkinson, 2; G. Stevenson, 3; T. Manfield, 4; C. Ainley, 5; J. S. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Violet, in 25 mins. A. Wright, 1; G. Stevenson, 2; G. Hackford, 3; F. Jenkinson (conductor), 4; C. Ainley, 5; R. Beeston, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. Beeston hails from Blyth; G. Stevenson from Everton, and both are members of the North Notts. Association; the rest are local men.

WALSALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, February 4th, at St. Matthew's church, 853 Stedman Caters, in 33 mins. W. Griffin, 1; F. Hallsworth, 2; J. Astbury, sen., 3; W. Walker, 4; D. Westley, 5; J. Wesley, 6; E. Lightwood, 7; J. Lawton, 8; J. Astbury, jun. (conductor), 9; E. Taylor, 10.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Pace, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Taylor, 3; T. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And 720 College Exercise. B. Payne, 1; J. Taylor, 2; J. Gasson, 3; T. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine. G. Pace, 1; J. Taylor, 2; T. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; R. Jordan, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, February 15th, at the parish church, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. H. Hill, 1; W. Attridge, 2; W. G. Grove, 3; J. C. Harvey (conductor), 4; B. J. Sheldon, 5; R. G. Carter, 6; E. E. Richards, 7; G. Beaven, 8.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. (composed by the late Mr. Johnson.) J. Harper, 1; W. Johnson (conductor), 2; B. Hodson, 3; S. Dace, 4; J. Appleby, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; T. Anson, 8.

News from Abroad.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—The following is an account of the doings of a band of ringers, purely Australian, during the past nine months:—

In the latter part of March, 1890, the following members of the St. Mark's society, Sydney, took steps to learn the art of change-ringing under the tuition of Mr. J. Joyner, viz.: Messrs. J. Waterman, M. A. Noble, W. Leghorn, A. Macartney, and B. Joyner: the two first-named having to be taught how to handle a bell. The result has been that by the end of August, 1890, we were able to ring Doubles well, even going so far as to be able to ring five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the average time of each being 5½ mins. Ever since this time we have been slowly but surely progressing, and to demonstrate the enthusiasm and fondness for the art which we possess, it may be said that we would not miss one chance of having a pull at the ropes despite all weathers, some of our members having to come a distance of two miles for practice, and this twice a week, one night of which is devoted to handbell work.

On October 2nd, for practice, we got five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and for the first time two plain courses of Grandsire Minor, the band being stationed thus: W. Leghorn, 1; J. Waterman, 2; M. A. Noble, 3; A. B. Joyner, 4; A. Macartney, 5; T. H. Joyner, 6. About this time we had an addition in the person of Mr. W. Clements, from Devonshire, England, who began to ring Grandsire Minor with us, he having previously rung Triples.

Following this our work and success has been very encouraging. For Divine Service we always ring a 6-score or two of Grandsire Doubles, or touches of Minor. It being the wish of the Master (Mr. T. H. Joyner) that one of our young members should conduct, our first 720, A. Macartney was chosen for the purpose, and he has succeeded by assiduous study in proving his ability to do the work. Two unsuccessful attempts were made on December 10th, and again on Christmas morning we were disappointed after having rung for three-quarters of an hour, when the bells were brought round. Boxing-day morning saw the next attempt, but the fates were unpropitious. However we determined if possible to usher in the new year with a complete 720, so with this object in view, after midnight service we stood as follows: J. Waterman, 1; T. Joyner, 2; M. A. Noble, 3; A. B. Joyner, 4; A. Macartney (conductor), 5; W. Clements, 6. "Go" was called at 12.25 a.m., and at 12.54 the conductor rattled out "that's all," and the job was done! good even striking throughout, and not one clash of any kind, the only fault being that we were compelled (through our treble-man being indisposed) to put one of our inside men on the treble, with the result that he rung a trifle wide when he got up behind. We were also compelled to put Mr. Clements at the tenor, otherwise we should have been all "cornstalks." This is the first 720 on the bells by a Sydney company, the first having been rung by the Victorian Society of Melbourne when visiting our city some time ago.

A. B. JOYNER,

Hon. Sec. St. Mark's Society of Ringers, Sydney, N.S.W.

RINGERS' SUPPER.—On Tuesday evening, December 30th, 1890, there was a very large gathering in the Masonic Hall, Hobart, Tasmania, the motif of which was the congratulation of the members of the Victorian Society of Ringers upon the success of their efforts at Trinity church, and expressing a hope that the future would prove successful as regards bell-ringing generally. The scene was a very inspiring one. The supper table was laid out in a manner which elicited general approval. The president of the Hobart Ringers' Association (Rev. G. W. Shoobridge) occupied the chair, and near him were seated the vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Stops, T. L. Hood, R. J. Rogers, and A. Crisp; Mr. McGrath—also a vice-president—being in the vice-chair. After the supper, "The Queen" was proposed by the chairman, who took the opportunity to allude to the splendid display of ringing by the visitors. He was sure that their visit would act as an impetus to bellringing in Hobart, and the time was not far distant when they themselves would be able to pull off a peal. The Victorian society had been successful in ringing the first peal

that had ever been heard in Tasmania, and the second in the Australian colonies (the first having been rung in Sydney), and he expressed the pleasure he and others had experienced in listening to its music. The toast was loyally honoured. Mr. H. L. D'Emden then proposed "The Clergy," and alluded to the fact that the peal which had been rung was composed by the Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. He also spoke of the warm interest displayed in bellringing by the local clergy. The Rev. W. H. Hadon replied in appropriate terms. The toast, "The Victorian Society of Bellringers," was proposed by Mr. E. J. Rogers, who spoke very feelingly of the feat their visitors had performed—a feat never before attempted in the colony, and though it had many times been tried in the other colonies it had only once been a success—namely, on the occasion referred to by the chairman, which was on the 9th of April, 1890. Bellringing was an art which should be encouraged, inasmuch as it was a combination of mental and physical exercise; and so delicate was it that in making such a record as that which they had heard on the previous day there must be no sound but the conductor's voice. He was therefore very proud that the attempt had been successful. Mr. W. Albinson, in responding, gave expression to his heartfelt thanks for the manner in which they had been treated during their stay, and referring to the peal—which necessitated each man striking his bell 5040 times—he gave a most amusing description of the difficulties experienced by ringers, and referred at some length to the science of ringing. The peal they had heard was not only the first rung in Tasmania, and the second on this side of the equator, but the third peal that had been rung outside of Great Britain. Mr. H. Adams (conductor) also responded. Other toasts were proposed; and during the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. J. L. Murray, A. W. Johnson, J. W. Gould, T. B. Hall and H. Adams; members of the Victorian society ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples and a touch of Grandsire Caters on the handbells. "Auld lang syne" and "God save the Queen" closed a most enjoyable evening. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Alderman Bailey and Mr. J. D. Shaw.

We are also asked to insert the following paragraphs. These show, unfortunately, that the "misunderstanding" which arose among our Antipodean friends a short time ago, has not yet been corrected. We give these paragraphs exactly as sent, all but the typographical errors in which they abound:

"On the evening of December 30th last a band of the Melbourne Ringers' Association, under the conductorship of Mr. John Heather, rang a date touch on the bells of St. James's cathedral. It was composed by Mr. Heather, and the 'hitting' throughout the whole piece was a creditable display of correct time, and the time occupied in ringing was 1 hr. 14 mins. The positions of the ringers were as follows: F. Holt, 1; John Heather, No. 2; J. Jeffreys, 3; G. Jenkins, 4; Mr. Guest (master ringer), 5; J. Roslyn, 6; R. Cordingley, 7; H. Blakeley, 8."

"On New Year's day a band of the Melbourne Ringers' Association, under the conductorship of Mr. Guest, accomplished the very difficult task of ringing the peal known as 'John Holt's original ten-part peal, Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes,' on the bells of the new Anglican cathedral. It is the first time that piece of campanology has been performed in Victoria, and it reflects the highest credit on all who took part in it, as none, save Messrs. Guest and Roslyn, had ever essayed the feat before. It took 3 hrs. 4 mins. to get through, and during the whole of that time the hitting was as near perfection as possible. The ringers stood thus: F. Holt, 1; J. Heather, No. 2; J. Jeffreys, 3; A. Barnes, 4; Mr. Guest, 5; J. Roslyn, 6; R. Cordingley, 7; W. Pearson, 8."

It may be added that Messrs. Cordingley and Jeffrey, who figured in the above, were formerly members of the Calverley society, Yorkshire.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Unitas, Benevolentia, et Concordia.

I feel sure I shall be echoing the sentiments of us all when I express my warmest sympathy with friend Washbrook in his illness, and my most earnest hope that ere long he may be restored to health again. Although his temporary absence from our midst is one which will be keenly felt by his own Guild most particularly, and by the Exercise at large in a not much smaller degree, I do not wish for his recovery simply on that account, or from any selfish motive so far as our work of ringing is concerned. In the prosecution of that work we have, happily, learnt to cultivate a more personal bond of brotherhood amongst one another which runs little danger of being broken through any slight differences of opinion that may exist on various matters. It is not, therefore, merely as brother-strings that our warmest good wishes will go to friend Washbrook, but from our mutual esteem and kindly feelings one toward another as personal friends. His good wife will also share our sympathy in her affliction; and as we now join in her sorrow, so likewise shall we join with her in rejoicing when he who is now laid on a bed of sickness is restored to her and home, and our belfries are brightened by his presence again. With all my heart I pray soon may that be.

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And so good old Henry Bright has passed away, full of years and honour. Another link binding past and present has thus been severed. But I trust the remembrance of his worth will be an incentive to those with whom and for whom his best energies were freely put forth, to profit by his example and continue to make progress in that work to which he was so ardently attached. Thanks to our "gallery," the veteran's features are still preserved to us; and this brings to mind the thought of how much we should value this addition to our paper, which thus enables us to preserve so pleasing a memento of our brethren when they are taken from us by the hand of death.

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Speaking of the "gallery" reminds me of its latest acquisition. Although this is not the first time that friend Baron's many and long services to the Exercise have been recognised, I do not doubt that this last compliment will be equally valued by both himself and his many friends. The Waterloo Society is fortunate in his genial companionship no less than his talented assistance. Their mutual efforts in the way of progress have been singularly fortunate; thus we may anticipate that at no very distant date his second "century" will be scored, and the event be made the occasion of yet another tribute to his zeal.

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Our national analyst has had the opportunity of placing two more peals to the credit of our Colonial brethren. The ice took a long time in breaking, but now that this has been accomplished, while congratulating our Australian friends on the feat, let us venture to look forward to the permanent and organised establishment of the Exercise in that great though distant portion of the British Empire, which will be in itself one more link binding together the Colonies and the old Mother Country, to the mutual advantage of both.

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Just recently, a suggestion has been made to me with reference to the meeting of the Central Council. I had much rather my friend would have taken upon himself to make this suggestion

through the ordinary correspondence columns of "THE BELL NEWS," but as he so much prefers it, I will broach the subject on his behalf. My friend proposes that as the meeting on Easter Tuesday next will be the first actual assembly of the Council, a memento of the occasion should be obtained in the way of a portrait of those forming it—in one group, if practicable. He is of opinion that were such to be done, copies might be struck off and issued either as a special supplement to "THE BELL NEWS," or to subscribers. In either case, he thinks the venture would pay, from a speculative point of view. But whether or not, he appears to be strongly of opinion that the first meeting of the Council should not be allowed to pass over without *some* memento of its formation, which he anticipates will be of great value in future years and to coming generations. While agreeing with my correspondent in his proposal, on general grounds, I confess I hardly like to take up the question myself. Anyhow, the mentioning of it can do no harm, even if it had no practical result, and this consideration alone prompts me to give publicity to the suggestion. If any of our brother-strings should think it worth consideration, perhaps they might be able to propound something which would cover the ground taken by my correspondent, even if it did not take exactly the same shape.

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Regarding the meeting of the Council, I am in complete accordance with the Editor in his desire for a full attendance of preresentatives "as a guarantee to the Exercise that the hopes that have clustered around the formation and birth of the Council are not in danger of being disappointed." I don't believe those hopes will be disappointed, but that on Easter Tuesday next, the attendance and deliberations will be such as to place the Council upon a permanent and satisfactory footing amongst us.

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Those gentlemen who send their touches for publication just now are having a very good innings. Well, one good turn deserves another, as the showman in one of Marryatt's novels so pithily remarked. These records are sent to the Editor by those who, I suppose, occupy a leading position among their fellows, and I venture to ask these brethren to take care that each member of their society are constant subscribers. It is suggested to me that to be a constant weekly subscriber to our paper is not a bad form of insurance, for whenever a ringer is in distress its columns are open for an appeal on his behalf. I invite the attention of heads of companies to that fact, and also to the following. At Woolwich, Kent, every Sunday morning, as soon as the company have assembled, a copy of "B.N." is supplied to every member, one of the band, for convenience sake, purchasing the number required. I only make this statement upon hearsay, but I believe it to be correct. May such an example be contagious.

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I was pleased to read of the "interesting presentation" made to the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Mr. Griffith, if I mistake not, commenced his ringing career while at college, and was at one time a member of the Oxford University Guild. By the way, what has become of that Guild? I thought we should have heard of something being done ere this by the undergraduates. In the matter of ringing the sister university is leaving them far behind. Now, Dark Blues, let's hear from you!

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1891.

OUR contributor who lives in the enjoyment of the cognomen of "FREE LANCE," makes a suggestion this week which unfortunately we cannot see our way to carry out. The idea of a picture representing the Ringers' Parliament is admirable in its conception, but its practicability from a commercial standpoint is open to doubt. Our friend lays stress upon the fact that the meeting on Easter Tuesday next will be the "first actual assembly" of the Council, and the memento of such an important occasion should in his opinion be obtained in the manner indicated. We have not lost sight of the fact that the suggestion has come to him from some one else, but the opinion that it meets with his approval may safely be hazarded, or we think he would hardly have made a note of it. If a souvenir of the first Ringers' Parliament is necessary or desirable, we should wish for something more substantial or imperishable than what is suggested. A photograph of the assembly would with many only possess fleeting interest. If something could only be got together which would place on record or be a memento of the labors of the gentleman who has been instrumental in founding the Central Council, we feel sure that every member of the Exercise would rejoice. Such a subject is however one we must not dwell upon, beyond saying that we shall be very glad to give all effect in our power to any observations or suggestions which may be made thereon.

The Metropolis.

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Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS* .. Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM 6.
GEORGE NEWSON 2.	*FREDERICK I. PITTS 7.
WILLIAM W. THORNE 3.	*JOHN BARBER 8.
WILLIAM SHORT† 4.	HUGH SCARLETT 9.
ERNEST T. EDRIDGE* .. 5.	*HENRY SPENCER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNY Treble.	JOHN M. HAYES 5.
EDWIN HORREX 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 6.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON 7.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 4.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

This is W. W. Gifford's 100th peal, twenty-one of which have been rung upon handbells retained in hand. C. F. Winny had the honour of calling his first peal, also his first peal upon handbells.

The Provinces.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, February 18th, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

CHARLES FELLOWS Treble.	JOHN W. CARTWRIGHT .. 5.
PETER CONLON 2.	JOHN MURPHY 6.
WILLIAM STRINGER 3.	JAMES PLANT 7.
MARTIN MURPHY 4.	FRANK HALES Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PLANT.

The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the donor of the bells, Mr. F. Genders, who was interred at the above church the same day.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM FRENCH Treble.	HERBERT SIMPSON 5.
GEORGE WAKEFIELD 2.	EDGAR PERRIN 6.
JAMES HUMPHREY 3.	THOMAS M. DURBAN .. 7.
WILLIAM WILSON 4.	WILLIAM HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by T. M. DURBAN.

This is the first peal by the local company, and by all except G. Wakefield, T. M. Durban and W. Harris. First by G. Wakefield with a bob bell, and by T. M. Durban as conductor. W. French was elected a member of the Association before starting. Canon Grant intends to celebrate the event by giving the company a supper at Easter, and a handsome subscription to the funds.

BEDDINGTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

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

FRANK HOLDER* Treble.	GEORGE WELLING 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 7.
JOHN HARTLEY* 3.	*JOHN HARDING 8.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	CHARLES BANCE 9.
JOHN PLOWMAN 5.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT .. Tenor.

Composed by W HARRISON and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

*First peal of Royal. Mr. Hartley having expressed a strong desire to attempt a peal of Royal before leaving Beddington, Canon Bridges kindly allowed the practice time to be extended, for which all are very grateful.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Thursday, February 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in Bb.

R. LE VESCOITE Treble.	F. E. WARD 5.
L. STAFFORD 2.	JAMES HINTON 6.
J. W. JONES 3.	*C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER .. 7.
F. GREEN 4.	E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by Mr. E. B. JAMES and Conducted by F. E. WARD.

*First peal. The above was published in "THE BELL NEWS," on 17th January, 1891; was rung for the first time, and at the first attempt. Messrs. Boutflower and Hinton hail from Bristol.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Friday, February 20, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	HENRY GIBBS 5.
WILLIAM J. REEVE 2.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	JOHN BLACKMAN Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 20th, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

E. W. CARTWRIGHT Treble.	*A. MATTHEWS 6.
J. SMITH 2.	W. T. BILLINGHURST .. 7.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. 3.	JOS. HARDY 8.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 4.	†R. LANE 9.
E. READER 5.	E. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by R. LANE.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal in the method. This peal has not been previously rang.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five 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.	CHARLES SILLITOE 5.
WALTER GRIDLEY 2.	*ALBERT J. CLARKE 6.
WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. .. 3.	CHARLES HONEYBELL .. 7.
FRED WELLS 4.	*ROBERT BRETT Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, of Ipswich, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The peal in three parts, has the 6th at home the last two course-ends in each part. Messrs. Howell and Sillitoe hail from Sudbury; Slater, Wells, and Honeybell from Glensford; Clarke and Brett from Stanstead, Suffolk; Gridley belongs to Foxearth. *First peal on eight bells. Messrs. Clarke and Brett were elected members of the Association in the tower.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

AUGUSTUS HARRIS Treble.	WILLIAM EASTER 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. 6.
ARTHUR C. WEST 3.	ALFRED PALMER 7.
WILLIAM COOKE 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This is the first peal in the method by the Association. Messrs. Palmer and West hail from Maidstone; the rest belong to the local company.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN DAINS Treble.	*WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN. 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6.
GEORGE GREEN* 3.	†ALFRED TARBUN 7.
ABRAHAM SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4.	RICHARD C. BURRELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH Treble.	FREDERICK SMITH 5.
FRANK BARKWAY 2.	HENRY SMITH 6.
FREDERICK HOWCHIN .. 3.	JAMES SOUTER 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4.	CAPTAIN MOORE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.
The Messrs. Howchin hail from Norwich, H. Smith and Barkway from Brockdish.

ERITH, KENT.—THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS
AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5088
CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS* Treble.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
FREDERICK CULLUM 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
HENRY GIBBS 4.	FREDERICK FRENCH Tenor.

Composed by G. CONYARD and Conducted by FREDERICK FRENCH.
*First peal of Major.

BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF
COPLEY SCHOLARS.

On Saturday, February 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BOLTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble.	JAMES MAWSON 5.
J. W. CUNDALL 2.	B. T. COPLEY 6.
J. BROADLEY 3.	*JAMES COTTERELL 7.
GEORGE TITTERINGTON .. 4.	SAM PALFRAMAN Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.
*First peal as conductor. This peal was rung in honour of the birthday of John Joyce, the amiable steeple-keeper of St. James', to whom his brother-scholars wish many happy returns. Messrs. Hardcastle, Cundall, Broadley and Cotterell belong to Bradford parish church; Messrs. Titterington, Mawson, Copley and Palframan to Bolton.

GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN ASPINWALL Treble.	CHARLES E. WILSON 5.
HENRY COLEY 2.	ROBERT WILLIAMS 6.
WILLIAM JAMES 3.	JAMES MARTIN 7.
CHARLES WILLIAMS 4.	THOMAS HAMMOND Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by
THOMAS HAMMOND.

The company wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank Mr. S. Gough for the use of the bells, and for having everything ready.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, February 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. in E.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY, M.A.* 1-2	HENRY L. JAMES, B.A. 5-6.
EDWARD B. JAMES 3-4	*CHARLES A. CLEMENTS. 7-8.

Composed by E. B. JAMES and Conducted by H. L. JAMES (Master of the Guild).

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method ever rung in hand; it is also the first peal in the method by either University. It was rung at the third attempt, and on the birthday of Mr. C. A. Clements. Messrs. James belong to Caius, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey to Trinity, and C. A. Clements is a non-Collegiate member of the University. The composition will appear in its place in due course.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

ERNEST CHAPMAN* Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
EDWARD HULL 2.	WALTER BATTLE 6.
J. ERNEST RANDALL 3.	HENRY J. ROWE 7.
ERNEST R. MITCHELL .. 4.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 23, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	*SAMUEL EVANS 5.
WALTER GRIDLEY 2.	*DANIEL GRIDLEY 6.
FRED WELLS 3.	CHARLES SILLITOE 7.
WILLIAM HOWELL, JUN. .. 4.	*RICHARD THEOBALD Tenor.

Composed by E. FRANCIS, of Norwich, and Conducted by
CHARLES SILLITOE.

This peal is in two parts, and the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place at a course-end. It was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" vol. 7, p. 293. Messrs. Slater and Wells hail from Glensford; Sillitoe and Howell from Sudbury; Gridley from Clare; Theobald from Stanstead, Suffolk; W. Gridley and Evans from Foxearth. Messrs. D. Gridley and Theobald were elected members of the Association. *First peal.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in F#.

HENRY HUBBARD Treble.	ALFRED NAYLOR 5.
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM .. 2.	*GEORGE NOBLE 6.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 7.
WILLIAM CHILD 4.	JOHN WHITAKER Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by
H. W. NEEDHAM.

This peal, which is in fifteen courses, has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, and was rung as a farewell peal to the conductor who is leaving Leeds. Messrs. Hubbard, Needham, Barracough and Woodhead hail from Leeds, the rest belong to the local company. *First peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE REFRESHMENT ROOMS, GEORGE STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART.

ERNEST R. MITCHELL* .. 1-2.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3-4.	*EDWARD HULL 7-8.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal in the method on handbells. Umpire, Mr. Richard Eden Hammond.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

E. SMITH Treble.	F. SMITH 5.
G. PRIME 2.	H. L. JAMES 6.
E. B. JAMES 3.	J. SOUTER 7.
CHARLES CANDLER 4.	CAPTAIN MOORE Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by E. SMITH.

Mr. H. L. James is the Master and Mr. E. James the Secretary of the Cambridge University Guild. Both are members of the S. Michael's Juniors Society, Gloucester. E. B. James hails from Caius College, Cambridge, and H. L. James from Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

Date Touches.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday evening, February 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; W. Jennings, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; O. Coombes, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. Tenor 26½ cwt. Composed by Ellis Nuttall, of Rawtenstall.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Monday, February 16th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1891 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. T. Stockdale, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; D. W. Brown, 4; J. Thompson (York), 5; J. Dixey, 6; C. Jackson (conductor), 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, of Duffield. Tenor 25 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP.—On Saturday, February 14th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Minor, 1891 changes, being 451 Bob Minor, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 7 mins. T. Bozyard, 1; W. Charlton, 2; J. Shipp, 3; D. Shipp, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (composer and conductor), 6. This is the longest touch upon the bells, and the first date touch in the diocese.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON (Somersetshire).—On Tuesday, February 10th, at the parish church, a date touch a 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Smith-Flower, 1; F. Skuse, 2; W. Davies, 3; W. Eames, 4; G. Temple, 5; H. W. Brown (composer and conductor), 6; H. Wotton, 7; W. Cox, 8. Rung in honour of F. Skuse's 21st birthday.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH.—On Sunday, February 15th, for evening service at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5½ mins. J. Taylor, 1; G. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. T. Stott, 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Diver, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; J. Diver, 8. Composed by E. Nuttall, of Rawtenstall, and conducted by W. Taylor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—On Tuesday, February 3rd, at St. Helen's church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5½ mins. W. Liggins, 1; J. H. Dunmore, 2; H. Canner, 3; W. Owen, 4; J. Jacques, 5; A. Hitchcock (longest length), 6; W. Canner, 7; G. Thornby, 8. Composed by E. Nuttall and conducted by T. Jacques, and it is his longest length as conductor. On Monday, February 9th, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. H. Canner, 1; J. H. Dunmore, 2; W. Liggins, 3; W. Owen, 4; T. Jacques, 5; A. Hitchcock, 6; W. Canner, 7; J. Curtis, 8. Arranged from Holt's Original by J. Jaggard, and conducted by W. Canner. This last was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late E. F. Mammatt, Esq., sidesmen of the parish church.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH.—On Tuesday evening, February 17th, at All Saints' church, for practice, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. A. Cooper, 1; C. Timms, 2; T. Danks, 3; G. Griffiths, 4; E. Woodhall, 5; S. Smith, 6; S. Slater, 7; E. Cashmore, 8. Composed by Mr. John Carter and conducted by W. A. Cooper.

Miscellaneous.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BOXTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, February 12th, for practice at the church of the Saviour, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. R. Fiddes, 1; J. S. Cartwright, 2; W. Hulme, 3; E. Hewitt, 4; W. Grundy, 5; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 6; J. Calderbank, 7; H. Lord, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt.

BURY (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. T. Hutton, 1; W. Warburton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; A. Barrett (conductor), 4; F. Morris, 5; W. Fielding, 6. It is a good number of years since a 720 of Bob Minor was rung on these bells, owing to the bad state they are in. J. Gratrix hails from Manchester; Warburton from Whitefield; the rest from Radcliffe.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 16th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; H. Hayes (conductor), 2; J. Horrocks, 3; R. Grime, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. Bentley, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday evening, February 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. Watson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, February 14th.

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 7th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Schofield, 1; T. Morris, 2; J. Aspinwall, 3; J. Allen, 4; W. Davis, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method in 25 mins. R. Hill (conductor), 1; J. Turner, 2; J. F. Turner, 3; R. Williams, 4; J. Aspinwall, 5; J. Allen, 6.

RADCLIFFE (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 16th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 25 mins. J. W. Handley, 1; J. Morris, 2; A. Hardman, 3; A. Barrett, 4; F. Morris (conductor), 5; J. Hardman, 6.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, February 3rd, for practice at St. Paul's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Welsby, 5; J. Brookes, 6. On Sunday evening, February 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24½ mins. J. Brookes (conductor), 1; J. Potter, 2; J. Worthington, 3; J. Williamson, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. On Monday evening, February 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in honour of the 43rd birthday of W. Denner, the oldest member of the company. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Worthington, 4; J. Williamson, 5; Jos. Potter, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH.—This band of the above Guild rang during the year 1890 thirty-nine 720's in the following methods: 13 Canterbury Pleasure, 7 Kent Treble Bob, 6 Warnham Court, 6 Oxford Single Bob, 3 Grandsire Minor, 2 Plain Bob, 1 New London Bob, and 1 Pride of Cranleigh, composed by W. Charman. Also 1440 of Grandsire Minor and Warnham Court. On Wednesday evening, January 14th, 720 Oxford Single Bob (thirty singles) in 28 mins. H. Henson, 1; W. Streeter, 2; H. G. Charman, 3; J. Knight, 4; G. Farnfield, 5; W. Charman (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, January 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 29 mins. J. Knight, 1; W. Streeter, 2; H. G. Charman, 3; J. Charman, 4; G. Farnfield, jun., 5; W. Charman (conductor), 6. First on the bells by a local band. Also on Sunday morning, February 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Knight, 1; W. Streeter, 2; H. G. Charman, 3; J. Charman, 4; G. Farnfield, jun., 5; W. Charman (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

LILLESALL.—On Saturday, February 7th, six members of the above Guild visited this place for the purpose of opening the parish church bells. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 24 mins. C. F. Vickers, 1; B. Dalton, 2; B. Gough, 3; H. Deans, 4; E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor, and several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, conducted by Messrs. Dalton and Gough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, February 12th, for practice at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). H. Ferguson, 1; J. Clapperton, 2; H. H. Lindsay, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; W. Story, 5; F. Lees (conductor), 6. After this the first part of Annable's peal of Bob Triples (840 changes) was rung in 31 mins. G. Campbell, 1; W. Story, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; H. H. Lindsay, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; R. Welch, 8. Also on Sunday, February 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), was rung on the middle six. H. Pearson, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. H. Clapperton, 4; H. H. Lindsay, 5; G. Campbell, 6; F. Lees, 7; R. Welch, 8.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—At a special practice on Friday, February 13th, at Christ Church, 1680 changes of Minor were rung, viz., 240 each of Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Merchant's Return, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, in 58 mins. W. Henderson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Story, 4; T. Gofton, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, February 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and eighteen singles). R. Langton, 1; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 2; G. Lowden, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. This is the composition of Mr. T. Millington, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of the previous day.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, January 22nd, for practice, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnson, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; S. Constant, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Tysoe (first in the method with a bob bell), 6. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. Constant, 1; F. Keech, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Smith (conductor), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. Tysoe, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; F. Smith, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6. And on Thursday, February 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Johnson, 1; I. Hills, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; P. Howard (first 720 in the method), 5; S. Constant (first 720 in the method), 6. Also a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. J. Cullip, 1; S. Constant, 2; P. Howard, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Baldwin, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score Grandsire Doubles. S. Constant, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnson, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; P. Howard (conductor), 5; Rev. J. C. Penrice, 6. And on Sunday, January 18th, at St. Paul's church, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. H. Tysoe, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Baldwin, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; S. Constant, 8. Also 224 Bob Major and three courses of Stedman Triples. And on Sunday, January 25th, a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Smith, F. Keech, 2; S. Constant, 3; H. Sharp, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; I. Hills, 8.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, February 14th, for practice at St. James' church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). P. Howard (1st 720 in the method), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. West, 3; H. King, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant (1st 720 as conductor), 6. Also a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). C. Johnson, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. West, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; P. Howard, 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. West, 1; S. Constant, 2; P. Howard (1st 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; H. Tysoe, 4; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnson (1st 720 in the method), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. Constant, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; C. West, 5; W. G. Biggs, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 1st, for afternoon service, a 1022 of Grandsire Triples (the first part of Mr. Parker's peal, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of 31st January, 1891). J. Woolgar, 1; J. Matthews, 2; W. N. Holt, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; T. Searle, 5; E. Brackley, 6; G. Gatland, 7; C. Tyler, 8. And for evening service a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; E. Brackley, 2; T. Searle, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; C. Smart, 5; J. Matthews, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; G. Smart, 8. And a 518 of Grandsire Triples. T. Searle, 1; C. Tyler (conductor), 2; J. Matthews, 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; W. N. Holt, 6; C. Smart, 7; E. Brackley, 8. And on Sunday, February 8th, for morning service, a 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smart (conductor), 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; T. Searle, 4; W. B. Hills, 5; C. Smart, 6; J. Woolgar, 7; W. N. Holt, 8. And on Sunday, February 15th, for morning service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; C. Tyler (conductor), 2; J. Matthews, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; C. Chambers, 5; W. B. Hills, 6; G. Gatland, 7; J. Smart, 8. And for evening service a 700 of Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Tyler (conductor), 3; G. Gatland, 4; W. N. Holt, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Smart, 7; J. Woolgar, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RENDHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, February 12th, at the parish church, with the bells deeply muffled, 1440 changes in the following methods: 720 Plain Bob Minor, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 360 Grandsire Minor. G. Cooper, 1; W. Boast, 2; H. Folkard, 3; J. Aviss, 4; W. Lambert (conductor), 5; W. Rouse, 6. The above was rung as a token of respect to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Girling, who were very old and respected parishioners, and who were interred in the afternoon of that day. The respective ages of the deceased (78 and 79 years) were tolled out on the tenor bell at the close of the ringing.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 31st, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Argent, 1; G. Wilson, 2; W. Taylor, 3; C. Lincoln, 4; H. Button (conductor), 5; J. Button, 6. And on Saturday, February 7th, two courses of Bob Major. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. Lincoln (conductor), 3; G. Wilson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; G. Morling, 6; H. Button, 7; J. Button, 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON.—On Sunday, February 1st, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs), Holt's Original. C. Baggott, 1; J. Pagett, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; J. Lewis, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. On

Tuesday, February 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), composed by C. W. Clarke, of Bedford. W. Hinton (first 720 in the method), 1; J. H. Parson, 2; H. Dakin (conductor), 3; W. Fryer, 4; J. Lewis, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6. On Sunday, February 15th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two) singles, in 24½ mins. C. Baggott, 1; H. Dakin, 2; W. Fryer, 3; J. H. Parsons, 4; J. Pagett, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6.

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

GLOUCESTER.—On Friday, January 30th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, from Brook's Variation. R. J. Wilkins, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; C. Jones, 4; W. J. Sevier, 5; S. E. Romans (conductor), 6; W. H. Brunson, 7; J. Austin, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. Rung with the bells half-muffled, for the beloved wife of the clerk of this church, as a token of respect by the Society. On Thursday, February 12th, for practice at the above church, 528 Duffield Major. W. J. Sevier, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; C. Jones, 4; J. Austin, 5; S. E. Romans, 6; G. L. Brunson, 7; W. H. Brunson (conductor), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, February 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Essex, 1; T. Blackburn, 2; A. P. Goddard, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. And in the afternoon on hand-bells, 720 Bob Minor. E. W. Munday, 1-2; T. Newman (conductor), 3-4; A. W. Pike, 5-6. First 720 by all.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

ASHEY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—On Sunday evening, February 15th, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, in 48 mins. G. Hatton (first quarter-peal), 1; J. H. Dunmore, 2; W. Liggins, 3; W. Owen, 4; H. Canner, 5; A. Hitchcock, 6; W. Canner, 7; T. Jacques, 8. Conducted by W. Canner. The above was rung as a tribute of respect to the late E. F. Mammatt, Esq., who was a sidesman of the parish church, an hon. member of the Society, and an hon. member of the Midland Counties' Association. Though not a practical ringer he always took an active part in the management of the Society, willing to do anything for the good of the ringers, who feel that they have lost a friend who cannot be readily replaced.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, February 8th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. Hammond, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Hammond, 6. And for evening service 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 10th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Bulcher (first 720), 1; F. Radley (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; F. Davey, 3; W. Bearman, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Also 216 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by C. H. Howard. Tenor 19 cwt.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 17th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. *R. Botting, 1; *G. Huggett, 2; F. Arnold, 3; *W. H. Judd, 4; R. Arnold (conductor), 5; J. Harkett, 6. *First 360.

DERBY.—The annual sale of work being held at St. Andrew's on Shrove Tuesday, February 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; C. Draper, 2; A. E. Thompson, 3; S. Maskrey, 4; J. W. Thompson (conductor), 5; C. E. Hart, 6; T. Alton, 7; T. Allbutt, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Wednesday evening, February 11th, at St. Mary's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Parker, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 2; J. J. Parker, 3; A. H. Taber, 4; E. Harris, 5; H. Parsons, 6; A. Fryer, 7; E. Gould, 8. Also a quarter-peal in the same method, in 43 mins. E. Harris (first quarter-peal), 1; G. Ilsley, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; W. Fenwick, 4; W. Trinder, 5; J. Basden, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; E. Gould, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GORING (Oxon).—On Tuesday evening, February 10th, at the parish church, a 360 of London Single and a 360 of College Single, and on Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 180 of College Single, and for service in the evening a 180 London Single and 180 of Oxford Bob. J. Alexander, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; J. Wedge, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Brown (conductor), 6. First 360 London Single by all; and the 1st 360 of College Single by all, excepting the conductor.

(The remainder of miscellaneous touches will be found on page 583.)

Notices.

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Surrey Association.—All those members who wish for a copy of the forthcoming report, balance-sheet, and list of members, are requested to give their orders to their local secretary, and local secretaries are asked to kindly make up their lists as soon as possible, and to send them to the Hon. Sec., in order that he may know how many copies to order.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Johnson Anniversary Dinner.—The St. Martin's Guild give notice that this will be held to-day, Saturday, February 28th, at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor-street, Birmingham. Dinner on the table at 5.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN,

Hon. Sec.

Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham,
February 3rd.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Rothwell, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing from 3.0 p.m. Nominations for the various offices should be made at this meeting.

HERBERT W. NEEDHAM,

Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association (Blackburn Branch).—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Padiham, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Belfry open at 2.30, meeting at 6.0. All ringers are earnestly requested to attend.

J. HORROCKS,

Branch Secretary.

93, Henry Street,
Church.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells open 3.0 p.m. Meeting 6.0 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon.*
W. BENTHAM, } *Secs.*

Lancashire Association (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. John's church, Tue Brook (eight bells), and St. James's, West Derby, combined, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting in Mission-room, West Derby-road, at 6 p.m.

RICHD. HILL, *Hon. Sec.*

21, Chesnut-street, Southport.

Lancashire Association (the Manchester Branch).—The next ringing-meeting will be held at Eccles, on Saturday, March the 7th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall, on Saturday next, March 7th.

Rev. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Middlesex Association.—There will be a District Meeting at St. Stephen's, Hampstead (near Hampstead-heath station), on Saturday next, March 7th. The time at which the tower will be open will be announced next week.

F. A. MILNE, *Hon. Sec.*

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 additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By HARRY MILLS, *Tipton.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 6		W	M	H
4 6 3 2 5	S	S	-	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-	-
6 2 3 4 5	-	-	-	-
3 6 2 4 5	-	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-	-
6 4 2 3 5	-	-	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-	-
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-	-
4 3 2 6 5	-	-	-	-
2 6 3 4 5	S	-	-	-
4 3 6 2 5	-	-	-	-
6 4 3 2 5	-	-	-	-
3 6 4 2 5	-	-	-	-
2 4 6 3 5	-	-	-	-
6 2 4 3 5	-	-	-	-
4 6 2 3 5	-	-	-	-
3 2 6 4 5	-	-	-	-
6 3 2 4 5	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 6 5	-	-	-	-
3 4 2 6 5	-	-	-	-
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

In this peal the 5th and 6th are each twenty-four times in 6ths place.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, *Eastbourne.*

5040.

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

6048.

2 3 4 5 6		W	M	H
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-	-
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-	-
4 6 3 2 5	-	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-	-
6 2 3 4 5	-	-	-	-
3 4 6 2 5	-	*	-	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-	-

Five times repeated. Single for a bob first call of the third and sixth parts. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th in sixths place at the course-ends. By calling a bob at M, and omitting the bob at H in the course where marked * reduces the peal to 5040.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS,

By the late W. HALLSWORTH.

5149.

I 2 3 4 5 6 5 16

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

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

† 2 1 4 5 6 3

*Produced by bobs at 1, 3, 7, 8, 10 and 14.

†Produced by bobs at 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12 and 13.

Rung at Walsall, with the bells half-muffled, on February 7th, 1891, being the anniversary of the death of the composer; conducted by J. Astbury, jun.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

6016.

By E. BARNETT, *Crayford.*

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

Three times repeated, with single mid-way and end.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS.

By E. T. SHEARING, *Ipswich.*

5280.

2 3 4 5 6		I	4	7
2 5 6 3 4	-	-	-	-
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-	-
3 4 5 6 2	-	-	-	-
4 5 3 6 2	-	-	-	-

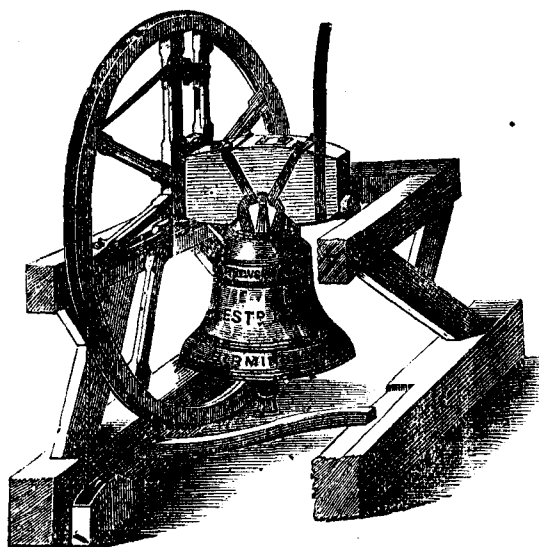
This is supposed to be the first 5000 in the method published in "THE BELL NEWS."

LILLESHELL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHURCH BELLS.—By searching through the old parish registers we find that bells have been in existence here at least 300 years, how much longer it is impossible to tell, for in 1584 "Was ye greatest part of ye town of Lilleshall burned with the vicarage house and part of ye church beginning at ye Poole and soe going by ye vehement wynde being ye Thursday before Shroftide at nonetyme of ye day and evg. was ye reg. with many other bookes and stuff consumed. Ye Lord amend it and blesse all other places from ye like calamity. Amen." It will be seen from the above that all records prior to 1584 were burned, and, consequently, the bells cannot be traced back longer than the time before specified. In the olden times bell-ringing was in great vogue here, they rang for Divine Service, for funerals, on coronation days, on fast days, public holidays, and invariably on November 5th, and the anniversary of the restoration of Charles II. Those were good times for Edward Reynolds, the rope-maker, who lived here in the middle of the 17th century, for the number of bell ropes he supplied yearly was astonishing. Early in the present century the old bells were replaced by the present ones. They were cast by Mears, of London. The names of the two churchwardens appear on them. They were hung on an old principle, and in the lapse of years the timbers have given way, which made re-hanging necessary. Nothing was done in the matter, however, until the Marchioness of Stafford proposed to place a memorial organ in the Church, when a meeting of the parishioners was called, and it was resolved to thoroughly renovate the sacred edifice and re-hang the bells, prior to the instrument being placed in the organ-chamber. Messrs. Taylor and Sons undertook the work, and it has been most thoroughly carried out by Mr. William Peat, an employe

of the firm. The bells are now hung in iron frames, firmly bolted down to oak beams of considerable strength, and three feet below there is a new floor added. Six members of the St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton, visited Lilleshall for the purpose of re-opening the beautiful bells on Saturday afternoon. A 720 of Grandsire Minor and 720 Bob Minor were rung. The ringers were most hospitably treated to tea, etc., by the Rev. W. J. Price, after which they again went to the belfry and rang several touches, including a 6-score each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles and touches of Minor. The visitors were delighted with the hanging of the bells, and the great ease with which they can be rung. Now that they (the bells) are in such a satisfactory condition, and the belfry fitted up at considerable cost, let us hope that the spirit and love for the art of bellringing, such as was practised by inhabitants of this village centuries ago may be revived.—*Local Paper.*

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 10th, the bells of the parish church were rung at intervals during the day by mixed bands of ringers who were visiting the town on the occasion of the annual fair. A 720 of Bob Major was rung in the morning by A. Symonds (Lavenham), 1; W. Howell, sen (Sudbury), 2; H. Smith (Lavenham), 3; A. Long (Bildestone), 4; C. Jarvis (Lavenham), 5; W. Snell (Lavenham), 6; T. King (Lavenham), 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor, Sudbury), 8. Also in the afternoon 1056 Bob Major. W. Howell, sen., 1; H. Smith, 2; *D. Gridley (Clare), 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; W. Bacon (Sudbury), 5; A. Symonds, 6; T. King, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. A touch of Double Norwich Court was also rung by W. Howell, jun., 1; T. King, 2; H. Smith, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; H. Duce (Melford), 5; W. Bacon, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; A. Symonds, 8. Conducted by C. Sillitoe. Tenor 24 cwt. *First 1000.



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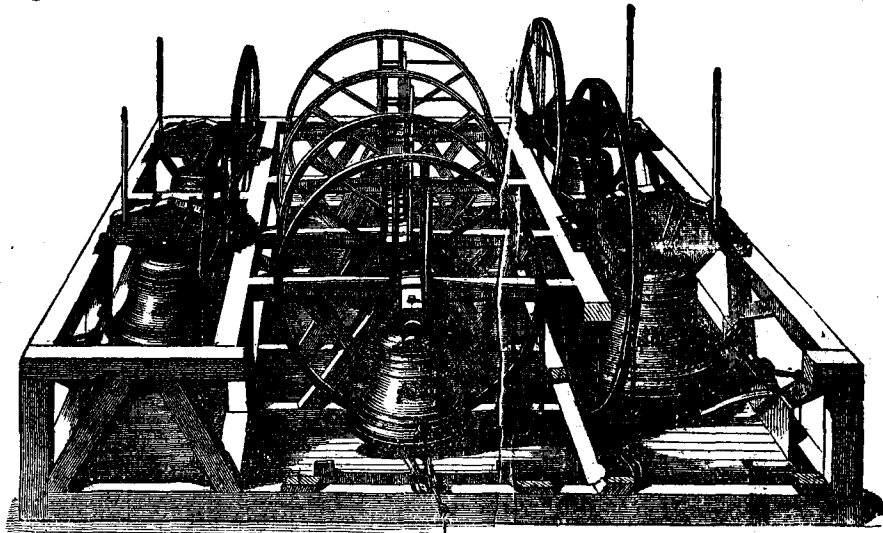
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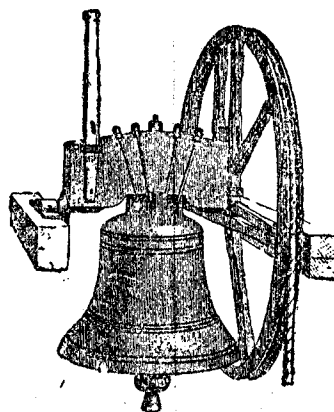
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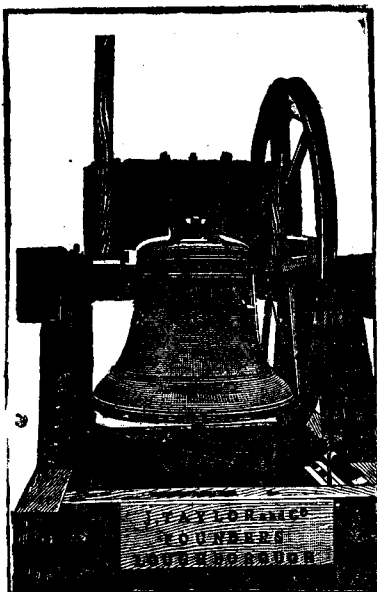
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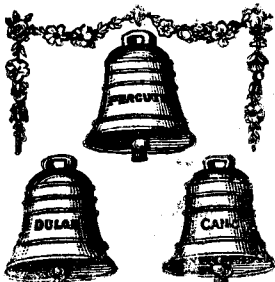
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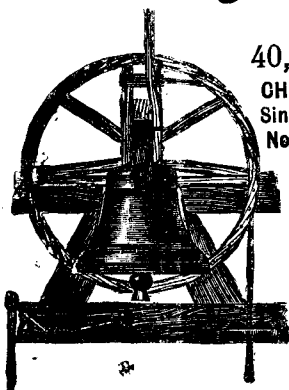
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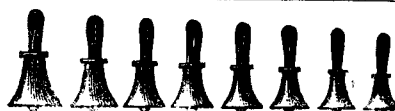
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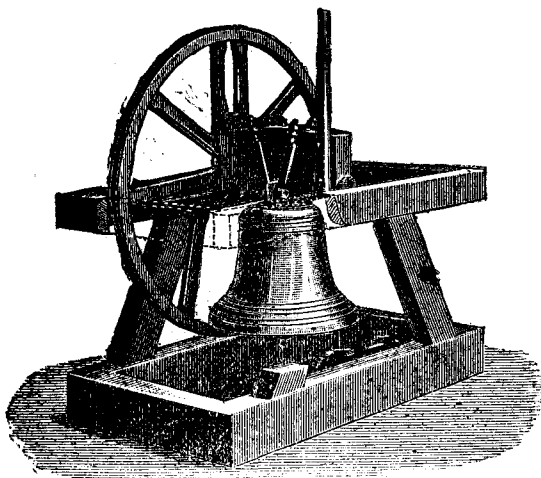
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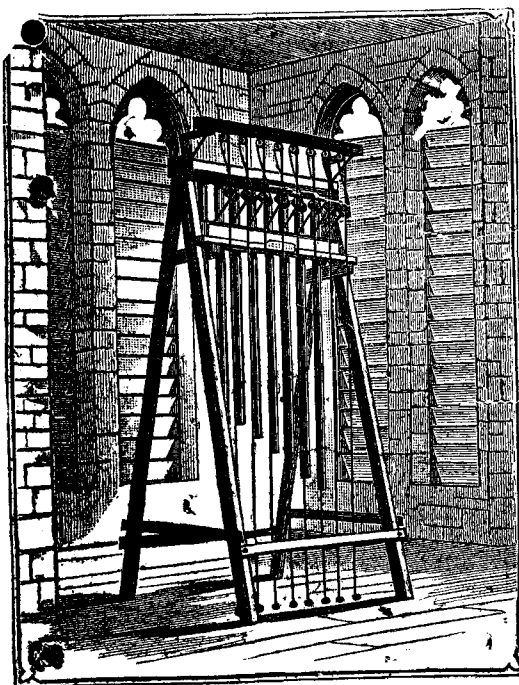
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RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Thursday, February 26th, Mr. G. F. Attree invited the members of the Brighton parish church society of amateur change-ringers to take supper with him at Booth's well-known restaurant in East Street, in commemoration of the recent peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rang by the above society.

Twelve members took their places under the mastership of Mr. Attree, and "go" was called at 8.30 p.m. Afterwards the handbells were brought out, and the rest of the evening was spent quietly with them.

Mr. Attree in a few remarks after supper said it gave him great pleasure to meet the members there that night, and he intended to make it an annual occurrence. Reviewing the proceedings of the society for the past twelve months, he said they had rung their first peals in the following methods; Double Norwich Court Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major; noticing that four peals of Double Norwich has been rung, conducted by four different members, and he hoped the society would continue to progress at the same rapid rate. He would also be pleased to repeat the invitation when a certain "surprising" event was ever pulled off.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the donor of the feast, and the meeting broke up at the hour of midnight.

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Tuesday, March 3rd, being the silver wedding-day of Mr. C. Blackman (one of the oldest members of the local band), it was decided to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, and with the help of some friends the peal was safely accomplished, as recorded in its proper place. After the peal, Mr. Blackman invited the ringers to his house to supper, and "go" being called, a few more courses in the knife and fork method was soon accomplished in good style to the satisfaction of all present. After supper, handbell ringing, songs, and talking of old times, kept up to the small hours, and ended a very enjoyable evening. Before leaving, three hearty cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Blackman, and a hope expressed by all that they might have the pleasure of ringing another peal for the golden wedding, and spend as pleasant an evening together then, as they had that night.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

At St. Peter's church, Hindley, Lancashire, on Saturday, February 21st, a peal of Grandsire Triples was achieved by the local company, particulars of which will be found recorded in its proper place. This peal was rung upon the twenty-fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells, and at its conclusion, the company adjourned to the "Bird-in-Hand" hotel, where a splendid spread awaited them, to which ample justice was done.

The cloth being removed, Mr. J. Lang was called to the chair and Mr. O'Kay to the vice-chair. In opening the proceedings, the Chairman said it gave him great pleasure to preside over an assembly of that character.

The usual loyal toasts, also toasts having connection with the occasion, viz.: the twenty-fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells, having been given and responded to,

The Chairman called upon Mr. E. Brown to fulfil the duty which devolved upon him that evening, which was to make a presentation to their esteemed conductor, Mr. Prescott, which took the form of a gold albert with appropriate appendage. The inscription engraved on the latter was:—

"Presented to J. Prescott, by the past and present ringers of St. Peter's, Hindley. February 21, 1891."

Mr. Brown said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present to their friend Mr. Prescott a token of their regard and esteem. He asked Mr. Prescott to accept the albert, with its appendage (in the shape of a bell), as a mark of respect from the St. Peter's society, and as token of acknowledgment for the lengthy and valuable services he, as a ringer, had rendered to St. Peter's church.

Mr. Prescott acknowledged the gift in a few appropriate remarks.

The remainder of the evening was enlivened by songs and handbell ringing. Votes of thanks to the chairman, vice-chairman, and host and hostess brought the meeting to a close.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, February 28th, a meeting of the above branch was held at Padiham, when representatives was present from Blackburn, Church, Colne, Burnley, and Padiham. The business meeting was held in the belfry at six o'clock, presided over by the Rev. W. G. Sayer, M.A., when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hoghton on Saturday, April 11th. Votes of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens, chairman, and ringers of Padiham, terminated the meeting, after which several touches of Bob Minor was rung.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of the above society was held at Rothwell on Saturday, February 28th. Members attended from Leeds, Holbeck, Headingley, Calverley, and Rothwell, and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung, followed by touches of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Minor, Duke of York, Woodbine, and Violet Treble Bob Minor. A vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the Rothwell company for their arrangements, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

Obituary.

We are sorry to announce the death of Mr. William Collins, which took place on Wednesday, February 18th. He was sixty-eight years of age, and had been steeple-keeper of St. Michael's, Star Street, Paddington, for the last seventeen years. He was also an highly-respected member of the College Youths and St. James' Society, and had rung several peals in the standard methods. The deceased was buried at Willesden on Tuesday, February 24th, and was followed by numerous friends; and as a last mark of respect the following rang with the bells deeply muffled at St. Michael's church, Star Street, on Thursday, February 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. S. Smith, 1; G. Thurlow, 2; D. W. Griggs, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; J. Nixon, 5; G. Smith, 6; B. Foskett, 7; J. Cawley, 8. Also several other touches were rang, in which Messrs. W. Williams and E. Jones took part.

ST. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL.

The Ancient Society of St. Stephen's ringers adopt a practical method of demonstrating their interest in the preservation and restoration of the old church of St. Stephen; and the latest work which the society has carried out is the provision of a new pulpit, which will be one of the finest in the West of England, and in the opinion of many people even better than the elaborate structure to be seen at Norwich. During the last few years the society has undertaken various improvements and additions to St. Stephen's, in connection, for instance, with the east window, the reredos, the chancel, choir stalls, chancel paving, the baptistry, the font, the heating and lighting, and the substitution of new oak seats, with handsome carvings, in the place of the old pews in the nave and aisles. Altogether between 10,000*l.* and 15,000*l.* has been spent during the last ten years. When the society of St. Stephen's Ringers decided to set about providing a new pulpit no time was lost in taking the necessary steps, and designs were prepared by Messrs. Pope and Paul, architects to the restoration committee.

The new pulpit is in the English Gothic style of the fifteenth century, to suit the architecture of the church; and it is octagonal in shape, and of the finest Caen stone. The superstructure is a mass of delicate tracery and panel work, with groined niches at the angles. The strings, cornices, and canopies are composed of delicate carving. The panels are filled in with a beautiful blood red marble, very rare and costly, and the circular bosses between the canopies are of similar marble. The body of the pulpit stands upon groined stonework also of occasional shape, the intersection of the several ribs being carved with natural foliage; below this is a group of eight shafts alternately of Purbeck and Ippelen marble, highly polished, each shaft being girt with a band of Mansfield stone, and the whole cluster of shafts with their carved caps and moulded bases presents a very rich and pleasing effect. The shafts rest upon a circular base of red Devonshire marble, and this stands on a foundation of blue pennant stone corresponding with the chancel steps. The interior of the pulpit is lined with English oak, and the steps from the chancel to the pulpit will be provided with a very handsome brass railing. The figures which stand at the several angles of the pulpit constitute the most striking feature of the whole work. They are of the purest white alabaster that could be obtained from the quarries of Staffordshire; and each figure occupies a place in a niche, the base of which is borne by angels with outspread wings and uplifted hands. The central figure is that of Our Lord as the Good Shepherd, carrying over His shoulders a lamb, which he protects with one hand, whilst He grasps in the other an Eastern shepherd's staff. The figure is fixed on a richly-wrought alabaster base, above it being a canopy with angels at the corners. The sculptor was Mr. Harry Hems, of Exeter, and the cost of the pulpit was 350*l.* The structure is a splendid work of art, and both the design and execution reflect the highest credit on the architects and sculptor.

The old carved pulpit which has been discarded is supposed to have done duty for something like 200 years; and according to tradition some of the material used in it was taken from one of the ships of the Spanish Armada, colour being given to the rumour by the fact that St. Stephen's is known as the merchant parish of the city. The old pulpit will be presented through the Archdeacon of Bristol to the new church about to be erected at Westbury-park. The Society of St. Stephen's Ringers are about to rehang the bells in the church tower, the old timber framework being so decayed as to be dangerous, and they propose to increase the peal by the addition of two new bells, for which Messrs. Pope and Paul have prepared specifications. A further addition will be made to the choir and chancel as soon as the funds will admit of it.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—The Annual Meeting for the election of officers for this district was held on Thursday, February 19th, the Vice-President, the Rev. F. H. Beaven, in the chair. The following officers were all re-elected: Vice-president: Rev. F. H. Beaven; District Secretary: Arthur Wakley; Committee: Messrs. L. Bullock and H. Wakley. Address of District Secretary: 125 Victoria Crescent.

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."

MR. FISHER'S EXPLANATION.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Carter, I beg to say that I see nothing of the 6048 of Bob Major in "THE BELL NEWS," which he says he composed in January, 1889. I do not wish to claim the peal if it's his, so I take his word for it and pay forfeit, still at the same time, I think, that composers who do not publish their peals should forfeit them. Our critic Mr. James, has, I think, hit rather wide of the mark. What "Superlative" has to do with Bob Major I don't know, only that bobs at w. h. and h. will bring up the same course-ends; but not at m. w. h. perhaps he means the calling is identical, if so, I should like to point out to him that 1, 4, 6, in Double Norwich correspond to the w. m. and h. in Bob Major, and draw his attention to 5040 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, by W. Royle, in 1854. "Snowdon's Double Norwich, p. 18," which is identical with 5040 of Bob Major by the late H. Hubbard. "Snowdon's Rope Sight, p. 103," these peals have been open to criticism for some years; I think that Double Norwich is more applicable to Plain Bob than Surprise Methods are. What do you say John? "James" has (though perhaps not intentionally) kicked your door as well as mine.

WILLIAM J. FISHER.

P.S.—I see no composition of Cox's in "THE BELL NEWS" for September 5th, 1885; there are plenty by Pitstow and others.

A CLAIM.

SIR,—In last week's issue I notice a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 5376 changes, by Harry Mills, of Tipton. I beg to state the same peal was sent to me on January 25th, 1889, by Mr. Knights, of Chesterfield, and rung at Warnham, on December 26th of the same year, conducted by myself.

HENRY H. CHANDLER.

DECREASE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF PEALS.

SIR,—Being much astonished at the considerable decrease in the number of peals rung last year as against 1889, I have compared Mr. Attree's analysis published last week with the corresponding one of last year, and thinking that the figures would be interesting to the Exercise, I send you those which show the most striking differences. The total decrease was 98 peals or rather more than 12 per cent. Three societies show very remarkable decreases, viz.:—The Sussex County, decrease of 42 peals or 43 per cent.; the Oxford Diocesan, 29 peals, or 36 per cent.; the Worcester, 25 peals, or 66 per cent. It would be interesting to hear from the secretaries of these associations, to what cause they attribute the decreases. Other societies which shew decreases are; the Hertford County, 13 peals, or 45 per cent.; the Norwich Diocesan, 12 peals, or 27 per cent.; the Yorkshire, 11 peals, or 26 per cent.; the Staffordshire Archidiaconal, 10 peals, or 43 per cent.; the Essex County, 9 peals, or 18 per cent.; the Midland Counties, 7 peals, or 12 per cent.; the College Youths, 6 peals, or 7 per cent. and the Hertford College Youths which last year had 7 to its credit, does not appear at all. The only societies, with the exception of the recently-formed Middlesex Association, which show remarkable increases are the Kent County Association, with an increase of 40 or 173 per cent., and the Society of Trinity Youths with an increase of 10 or 125 per cent. The causes of this are not far to seek. With regard to the methods rang the decrease appears to be chiefly among the simpler ones. Grandsire being reduced by 30, and the other plain methods by 36, Treble Bob showing a decrease of 11, and peals upon 6 bells, an advance of 34, while on the other hand, Double methods (chiefly Double Norwich), show an increase of 14, Stedman shows a decrease of 1, but this of course, together with Surprise Methods, which number the same in both years, is practically an increase, being a larger percentage the year's peals.

J. C. MITCHELL.

AN ENQUIRY.

SIR,—Being a learner in the art of church bell ringing, may I kindly ask any of your readers to give me any suggestions how to constitute a Society of ringers to learn change-ringing, etc.; what working rules for same to adopt.

OLIVER G. HOWE.

Ramsey, Huntingdon.

A DISCLAIMER.—Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, writes: "Kindly correct an error of mine in connection with the peal of Treble Bob Royal published in your issue of the 24th of January last, viz.: 5200 changes: the peal is the composition of the late William Booth, and was rung at Sheffield in 1846."

Compositions.*Continued from page 603.***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.**By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

6 5 3 2 4 - -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

6 2 5 3 4 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

5 6 2 3 4 - -

6 3 2 5 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

2 4 3 6 5 - - -

4 3 2 6 5 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

2 5 3 4 6 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

3 2 5 4 6 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

3 5 4 2 6 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - -

3 2 4 5 6 s

Repeated.

This peal contains the 6th the extent at home at the last twelve courses of each part, with all the 6-4s and 4-6s, 6-5s and 5-6s.

First rung on May 6th, 1890, at St. Anne's, Highgate Rise, conducted by James Hannington.

The following is a variation of the same peal:

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

6 5 3 2 4 - -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

2 4 3 6 5 - - -

4 6 3 2 5 - -

6 2 3 4 5 - -

4 3 2 6 5 - -

3 6 2 4 5 - -

6 4 2 3 5 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

2 5 3 4 6 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

3 2 5 4 6 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

3 5 4 2 6 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - -

3 2 4 5 6 s

Repeated.

TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

8064.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

4 2 6 3 5 - -

6 2 5 3 4 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - -

4 3 2 5 6 s - -

2 5 4 3 6 - -

4 2 5 3 6 - -

3 4 5 2 6 - -

2 3 5 4 6 - -

6 5 2 3 4 - - -

3 6 2 5 4 - -

2 5 3 6 4 - -

6 2 3 5 4 - -

5 6 3 2 4 - -

3 2 5 6 4 - -

Twice repeated from

5 2 4 3 6

but omitting the single, produce

3 2 4 5 6

then repeating the whole completes the peal.

This peal (having only two singles) contains the 4th, 5th and 6th twenty-four times in 6ths place, and the 2nd and 3rd never there; and is the first peal in the method ever composed with these properties.

8064.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

6 4 2 3 5 - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - -

4 2 6 3 5 - -

6 3 2 4 5 s - -

2 4 6 3 5 - -

6 2 4 3 5 - -

4 6 2 3 5 - -

2 3 4 6 5 - -

4 2 3 6 5 - -

3 4 2 6 5 - -

2 6 3 4 5 - -

3 2 6 4 5 - -

Five times repeated.

This peal also has the same qualities as the previous one.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, *Easibourne.*

6048.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

4 3 6 5 2 - -

2 6 3 5 4 - - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

6 5 3 2 4 - -

3 2 6 5 4 - -

6 3 2 5 4 - -

5 6 2 3 4 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - *

2 3 5 6 4 - -

Five times repeated, substituting a single for the bob at half-way and end. This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th each sixteen courses in 6ths place at the course-ends.

*By calling a bob at H in the eighth course it brings up the first part-end and reduces the peal to 5376.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.By JOHN ROGERS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5000.

1 2 3 4 5 6

*4 2 6 3 5

I 4 14 15 16

5 2 4 3 6 - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - - -

5 4 3 2 6 - - -

2 4 5 3 6 - - -

5 3 2 4 6 - - -

4 3 5 2 6 - - -

2 3 4 5 6 - - -

4 5 2 3 6 - - -

3 5 4 2 6 - - -

6 5 2 4 3 - - -

4 5 6 2 3 - - -

6 2 4 5 3 - - -

5 2 6 4 3 - - -

6 4 5 2 3 - - -

2 4 6 5 3 - - -

5 4 2 6 3 - - -

2 6 5 4 3 - - -

4 6 2 5 3 - - -

The last nine courses twice repeated, produce:-

5 4 6 3 2

2 4 3 6 5 - - -

6 4 2 3 5 - - -

2 3 6 4 5 - - -

4 3 2 6 5 - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - - -

3 6 2 4 5 - - -

3 4 6 2 5 - - -

6 2 3 4 5 - - -

6 5 2 4 1 3 - - -

Four hobs when 8-9 are behind bring the bells round.

*This course produced by hobs at 3, 13, 14, 19.

This peal commences with a slow six from 123456. It is also necessary to point out that each succeeding course commences with a quick six and finishes with a slow one; the 9-7-8s being at a quick six-end instead of a slow one as usual.

First rung at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, on Saturday, February 14th, 1891, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.By THOMAS POLLITT, *Bradford.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

3 2 6 5 4 2 2

2 4 6 5 3 I 2

2 6 5 4 3 I 2

3 2 4 6 5 2 I 2

2 3 5 6 4 2 2

3 4 5 6 2 I 2

3 5 6 4 2 I 2

4 3 5 2 6 2 2

4 5 2 3 6 I 2

2 3 4 5 6 I I

First rung at Bradford, on February 28th, 1891, conducted by J. H. Hardcastle.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Whatever is good, support it with all thy might."

I am sorry to learn that the unfortunate misunderstanding which arose among our Antipodean friends a short time ago has not been corrected. It seems such a pity that the advent of our art in the Australian colony should have been so marked by unpleasant surroundings. And what makes this all the more regrettable is the fact that so small a matter should have created so great a dispute, with its accompanying deeply deplorable features. Such a circumstance bodes ill for the ultimate success of the Exercise on that portion of the British domains. But yet I live in hopes of learning with pleasure that better counsels have begun to prevail among our colonial brethren; that the aforesaid misunderstanding has been satisfactorily arranged and that those now harbouring feelings the reverse of fraternal towards each other have taken a kindly and sensible view of the matter, with the result that they have become even more closely united than before. Shall my hope be realised—and soon? Naught stands in the way but a forgetfulness of the old proverb "Bear and Forbear."

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Our Editor is dubious about the commercial success of the proposal I ventilated last week as to a portrait of the members of our first parliament. Of course he should be the best judge on a question of that sort; but, maybe, past experiences have made him somewhat pessimistic on such matters—and no wonder! The idea of my friend in making his proposal was mainly the preservation of some memento of the Central Council's first meeting, and in this I fully agree with him. Whatever shape this memento might take, that is not so much the crucial point as that *something* of a substantial nature should be decided upon to mark an event which must eventually be of a historic character; for who knows what it may lead to?

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Thus I cordially commend the Editor's invitation to brother-strings to ventilate their views on the matter, and trust that the outcome of their deliberations will be such as to prevent in the present or future generation any expressions of regret that we allowed the event to pass over without some sort of substantial remembrance.

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In glancing through the records of touches and peals lately, it occurred to me that many names which I used to see in "THE BELL NEWS" some years ago had for some time been conspicuous by their absence. I turned to my bound volumes of the paper to take a survey, and I came to the conclusion that there is a sort of ebb and flow, as it were, among ringers as well as ringing. Many names I could mention, once prominent in the records, which we never see now, and there are also others seen now which to my memory are fresh. While I am very pleased to see the accession of new men, I must say that I regret the absence of the old ones, some of whom at one time we read of so often. Where is Mr. H. C. Woodward, of Derby, now? Has he retired from the Exercise? Where is our friend John Carter, with his lengthy handbell feats? and is the once celebrated Waltham Abbey Society extinct? I could point out many others who seem to be having a rest—a long rest, be it said. But these are enough for the purpose. Let me ask my old friends to wake up again, and show the world that they are not dead yet, but as full of energy as ever. Their coming forth again will give in many places a powerful fillip to the exertions

of many younger men. A ringer who has earned his laurels should not be content with that, but like our late revered friend Henry Johnson, determine to die in harness.

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The twenty-one peals reported last week brought to my mind very strongly some previous epistolary warfare on the subject of peal-ringing during Lent. This action appears to be obnoxious to certain of our brethren, for reasons which may readily be understood. But if we are to take the pages of "THE BELL NEWS" of last week as a criterion, it would appear as if those prohibitory ideas had not any great prevalence amongst us. I certainly have no desire to reopen the question, which is one, in my opinion, where the rule of the Apostolic Fathers of the Church—"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity"—applies with peculiar force. But whatever may be our ideas with regard to ringing peals during the whole seven weeks of Lent—usually the most tempting season of the year for such performances—at any rate, I do think we should be united in abstaining from all save necessary ringing during Holy Week. We might leave our bells silent from Palm Sunday evening until they were called upon to usher in the great festival of Easter on the Sunday morning following. With that expression of opinion for the present I leave it, only reminding our brethren of the Apostolic injunction to let everything be done decently and in order. If we but follow that up honestly and practically, I don't think we shall any of us get very far wrong.

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But here I must pull up, as our Editor is desirous of clearing off arrears in the shape of touches, etc. This continually occurring difficulty of his really should be got rid of—not in the way of curtailing or keeping out reports sent, through want of space, but by such increased support to the paper as would enable him to make an occasional enlargement without extra cost to the reader. So long as bands are so parsimonious as to make one copy sufficient for the lot, I confess, the outlook for such an improvement is not very bright. Personally, I cannot understand how a ringer worth the name can be satisfied with less than a copy of his own weekly; and seeing that the success of "THE BELL NEWS" is so closely interwoven with our own progress as members of the Exercise, I do hope that among the many objects aimed at by us during the current year will be the placing of our own special organ on such a footing as will relieve the Editor from any anxiety regarding want of space by enabling him to increase the number of pages when necessary, without loss to the proprietors. Were "THE BELL NEWS" a charitable institution, there might be some reason for an appeal on its behalf; but seeing that it is nothing of the sort, but on the other hand something which returns us our money's worth—and more—the thought that it is not supported as it ought to be—and fully deserves to be—makes me feel—well I won't say what I feel, for fear I offend somebody.

FREE LANCE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

A smoking concert, under the presidency of Mr. Henry S. Thomas, will be held at the headquarters of the above Society, the "Green Man," St. Martin's Lane, on Saturday, March 21st. The proceeds arising from same will be given to Mr. William Hovord, an old and much-esteemed member of the above society, who has been laid up for some months past, and is sadly in need of pecuniary assistance.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1891.

We are compelled to direct the attention of our readers to the delay which obtains in forwarding the reports of peals. We think there is little or no reason why these reports should not be posted the next day after they are performed. This is however very rarely the case, and the consequence is that on the morning of going to press, we get reports of peals which could have been received two or three days before. An influx of peals at the last moment either curtails our editorial article or cuts it out altogether, and that is the case now. Next week will be published the portrait of the REV. E. W. CARPENTER, Honorary Secretary of the Kent County Association.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	ARTHUR S. BARRELL .. 7.
WILLIAM BURKIN 2.	RICHARD FRENCH 8.
GEORGE J. SMITH 3.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS 9.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4.	*WILLIAM DAVIES 10.
HENRY SPRINGALL 5.	*WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11.
HENRY R. NEWTON* 6.	EDWIN HORREX Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. W. Davies hails from Liverpool.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

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On Thursday, February 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM W. THORNE .. Treble.	*ERNEST T. EDRIAGE .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	ALBERT PITTAM 6.
JOHN BARBER 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 7.
GEORGE MOY* 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal of Treble Bob. Mr. G. Moy hails from Aylsham, Norfolk, and was elected a member before starting, and this is his first peal in the Kent variation. This peal has the 6th the extent home at the last six course-ends, and the second bell never in 6th place at the course-ends.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST T. EDRIE* .. Treble.	*CHARLES MARTIN 5.
HENRY DAINS 2.	ALBERT PITTAM 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	JOHN BARBER 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. This peal, in two equal parts, has the 4th and 6th only in 6th place, and the 6th the extent at home, and is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH PRESCOTT Treble.	EDWARD KAY 5.
EDMUND BROWN 2.	THOMAS TICKLE 6.
JOHN BROWN 3.	EDMUND PRESCOTT 7.
SAMUEL TICKLE 4.	NOAH GREGORY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PRESCOTT.

The above peal consisted of the first half of Reeves' Variation and the last half of Holt's ten-part, and was rung on the twenty-fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

SALISBURY.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE 3-4.	HENRY D. ADAMS 7-8.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by H. D. ADAMS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5248
CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD 5.
FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 2.	*ROBERT WILKINS 6.
THOMAS SAXBY 3.	HENRY GIBBS 7.
WILLIAM J. REEVE 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT and Conducted by HENRY GIBBS.

This peal has the 6th the extent each way in 5-6, and appeared in "THE BELL News" of December 13th, 1890. *First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1891, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALEXANDER MCFARLANE* .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
JOSEPH PATTISON 2.	*JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 6.
ROBERT BORROWS* 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 4.	†THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by
T. T. GOFTON.

*Hails from Middlesbro', Yorks, and this is their first peal of Major. †First peal as conductor, and also his first attempt at calling Major. He is only eighteen years of age. Pattison hails from Winlaton, R. S. Story and Gofton from Whitley; the rest are local men.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD 5.
HARRY WARNETT* 2.	WALTER J. SMITH 6.
HENRY CORNISH† 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4.	JOHN DAYNES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

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

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES SILLITOE Treble.	HENRY SMITH 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. .. 2.	FRED WELLS 6.
A. PAPWORTH* 3.	SAMUEL SLATER 7.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4.	HARRY HARPER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and Conducted by
CHARLES SILLITOE.

The above is a one-part peal, and contains the 4th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, also the 5th its extent at home, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Sillitoe, Howell, and Harper hail from Sudbury, Slater and Wells from Glemsford, Symonds and Smith from Lavenham, Papworth from Stanstead, Suffolk. Mr. Papworth was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.
*First peal.

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, February 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

JOHN MILLER Treble.	*C. H. LEWIS 5.
W. ATKINSON 2.	GEORGE MILLER 6.
JAMES MILLER 3.	ROBERT ATKINSON 7.
JOHN FISHER 4.	*E. FAIRCLOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MILLER.

*First peal.

GILLINGHAM.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28th, 1891, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
5040 CHANGES IN FIVE DIFFERENT METHODS ON
SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

One of Canterbury Pleasure, One of Oxford, Two of Kent, One
of Grandsire and Two of Bob Minor.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT RING Treble.	WILLIAM EVANS 4.
WILLIAM COOKE 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH 5.
CHARLES WATERMAN .. 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

First 5040 in Minor methods on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

EMANUEL GREENWOOD .. Treble.	THOMAS BANCROFT 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 2.	ASA SMITH 6.
WILLIAM SMITH 3.	MIDGLEY MOORE 7.
WILLIAM BASTOW 4.	WILLIAM GILL Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by WILLIAM GILL.

The above was rung to celebrate the fifty-second birthday of M. Moore, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble.	J. W. CUNDALL 6.
SIDNEY CLARK 2.	*JOHN F. MALLABY 7.
HARRY RAISTRICK 3.	J. H. HARDCASTLE 8.
SIMEON LANGSTAFF* 4.	THOMAS POLLITT 9.
JAMES COTTERELL 5.	B. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS POLLITT and Conducted by J. H. HARDCASTLE.

*First peal of Royal. This peal was arranged primarily for Mr. Simeon Langstaff of Pudsey, an old Alma veteran, who had donned his medals in honour of the event, and who had been long anxious to include a peal of Royal among his performances. He was heartily congratulated by his brother-ringers on the fulfilment of his desire.

BRIGHOUSE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

B. T. COPLEY Treble.	JOHN F. PEARSON 5.
JABEZ WHITELEY* 2.	SAMUEL STOCKS 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL* 3.	FRANK PRINCE 7.
CHRISTOPHER NIELD 4.	HENRY MARSHALL Tenor.

Composed by S. MARSH, of West Bromwich, and Conducted by FRANK PRINCE.

*First peal. This is the first Association peal by all except B. T. Copley, Hon. Sec. who hails from Bradford. T. B. Kendall hails from Shipley; the rest belong to the local company. It was rung at the first attempt.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble.	CHARLES BLACKMAN 5.
JOHN STAPLES 2.	HENRY CHANDLER 6.
FREDERICK LUXFORD 3.	GEORGE BALCHIN 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	ALFRED MILLS Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

A note to this peal will be found on another page. Messrs. Chandler and Chapman hail from Warnham, Williams from Brighton; Staples from Havant; the rest are local men.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—On Saturday, February 28th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch, 1891 changes, of Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 7 mins. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. R. C. Burrell, 17; W. Rowland, jun., 2; W. Rowland, sen., 3; W. Lincoln, 4; G. Green, 5; W. Hawkes, 6; W. Richell, 7; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 8; A. Edwards, 9; W. J. Piper, 10. Tenor 22 cwt. Rev. T. L. Papillon and W. Lincoln are from Writtle; Messrs. Green and Richell from Great Baddow; Piper and Edwards from Widford; Hawkes from Springfield; the rest belong to the St. Mary's company. Conducted by A. Edwards.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WORKINGTON (Cumberland).—On Thursday, February 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 451 and two 720's, each called differently, in 1 hr. 12 mins. A. Newman, 1; T. Platts, 2; R. S. Fox, 3; R. Phillips, 4; G. Higson, 5; F. Hyde (conductor), 6. Longest length on the bells; also longest length by Messrs. Newman, Platts, Fox, and Phillips.

HASLINGDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. G. H. Ashworth, 1; G. E. Rollerson, 2; W. Howarth, 3; J. H. Banks, 4; E. Nuttall (composer and conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6; J. Ramsbottom, 7; W. H. Heys, 8. Longest length by W. H. Heys, who belongs to Haslingden; the rest hail from Rawtenstall, except Banks who hails from Helmshore.

LEEDS (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, February 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church of St. Peter, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 24 mins. Tenor 36 cwt. H. Hubbard, T. Lockwood, 2; H. Lockwood, 3; G. Barraclough, 4; W. Walker, 5; F. Woodhead, 6; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 7; W. Snowden, 8; R. Binns, 9; G. Fothergill, 10. This touch has the 6th the extent behind the ninth with the bells in course. It was rung as a compliment to Peter Snowden on his seventy-sixth birthday, also as a farewell touch to H. W. Needham, who is leaving Leeds. The St. Peter's society wish many happy returns of the day to the one, and health and success to the other in his new situation at Hull.

MIRFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, February 15th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. J. Crowther, 1; Herr Von Collinson, 2; T. Crawshaw, 3; S. Peacock, 4; W. Peacock, 5; W. Barrow-clough, 6; W. Holmes (composer and conductor), 7; H. Hincliffe, 8; B. Robinson, 9; J. Peacock, 10. Tenor 31 cwt. The above is in twelve courses, the treble making a sixth-place bob in every course.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, February 23rd, at St. Paul's church, Fulney, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. Barker, 1; R. Creasey (conductor), 2; J. S. Wright, 3; J. W. Creasey (London), 4; C. Quinton, 5; C. Creasey, 6; J. A. Croxford, 7; T. Quinton, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed by Ellis Nuttall, of Rawtenstall.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Saturday, February 14th, at St. Anne's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Stevens, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; O. Harding, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, February 21st, 720 Bob Minor. B. Hawkins, 1; F. Francis, 2; G. Hawkins, 3; T. Gould, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. The brothers Hawkins hail from Hawley, Hants, and this is their first 720 in the method.

WOKING (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, February 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 768 in four Minor methods, being 192 each of Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and Plain Bob, in 30 mins. 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 longest length in four Minor methods by the band.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Thursday, February 19th, at St. Saviour's church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins., with 4-8 covering. C. Goodenough, 1; H. W. Brown, 2; B. Wilcox, 3; C. Bell, 5; H. Mills, 6; J. Fussell (conductor), 7; R. Tylee, 4; W. Tylee, 8. First 720 of Minor by all except H. W. Brown, and first in the method by all. And on Saturday, February 21st, at Christ Church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 24 mins. J. Smith-Flower, 1; F. Skuse (conductor), 2; W. Davis, 3; G. Temple, 4; W. Eames, 5; J. Worton, 6; H. W. Brown, 7; J. Fussell, 8. This was an attempt for the peal, but just before the half-way something went wrong with the sixth, and they were called round at half-way. It was afterwards found that the pulley box was loose, and had nearly come off.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANDESTON (Norfolk).—On Thursday, February 19th, for practice at All Saints church, 720 Francis Genius. And on Saturday, February 21st, 720 Francis Genius, 720 Francis Goodwill, 120 each of Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, and Woodbine. J. Tarrant, 1; A. S. Wightman, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; W. G. Crickmer, 4; G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, 6. These two 720's of Francis Genius and Francis Goodwill were rang in this tower in a 5040, with London Surprise on February 17th, 1749, and this is the only place in Suffolk where London Surprise is supposed to have been rung.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday morning, February 15th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 350 Oxford Bob Triples. P. Brooker, 1; J. Muggerridge, 2; J. Maynard, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; W. Latter, 5; G. Turley, 6; T. Card (conductor), 7; S. Perkins, 8. Also for evening service the last 742 of Holt's Original. P. Brooker, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; R. Pelling, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Latter, 5; J. Muggerridge, 6; T. Card (conductor), 7; W. Walsh, 8. And on Tuesday, February 17th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the birthdays of Messrs. Latter and Mankelow, but was lost after ringing an hour. P. Brooker, 1; J. Maynard, 2; W. Latter, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; G. Card, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6; G. Turley, 7; S. Perkins, 8. Afterwards 1596 Oxford Bob Triples by the same band.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday, February 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 42 mins. C. Barber, 1; F. Hunter, 2; T. Saxby, 3; A. Peill, 4; F. Cullum, 5; J. Garard, 6; H. Gibbs (conductor), 7; G. Cullum, 8. Messrs. Saxby, Peill, and Gibbs hail from Crayford; the rest are local men.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, February 22nd, at the parish church for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. A. Fuller, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Martin, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. First 720 by A. Fuller. And on Monday, February 23rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; R. Munn, 2; F. Ring, 3; F. Hayes, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. First in the method by R. Munn.

LEEDS (Kent).—On Sunday, February 8th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor in 27½ mins. T. Earll (conductor), 1; A. Knight, 2; J. Fermer, 3; H. Hollands, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; F. Hollands, 6; T. Russell, 7; G. Davis, 8. And on Friday, February 13th, a 360 Bob Minor. W. King, 1; W. Hadlow, 2; H. Hollands (conductor), 3; F. Hollands, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; T. Russell, 6; E. Randall, 7; J. Fermer, 8. Also on Sunday, February 22nd, a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. T. Earll, 1; A. Knight, 2; J. Fermer, 3; H. Hollands (conductor), 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; F. Hollands, 6; T. Russell, 7; G. Davis, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

ULCOMBE (Kent).—On Saturday, February 21st, at All Saints' parish church, an attempt was made to ring a 720 Bob Minor, but it came to grief. G. Russell, 1; A. Knight, 2; H. Hollands (conductor), 3; F. Hollands, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; T. Russell, 6. And a 360 Bob Minor. G. Russell, 1; W. Hadlow, 2; J. Fermer, 3; H. Hollands (conductor), 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; T. Russell, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. J. Fermer and W. Hadlow hail from Harrietsham, the rest from Leeds.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, February 15th, before Divine Service, the local company rang 720 Plain Bob Minor (ten singles and six singles). T. D. Thompson, 1; E. J. Norman, 2; J. Hall, 3; A. Rigby, 4; J. Bonsall, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, February 22nd, before Divine Service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. T. D. Thompson, 1; E. J. Norman, 2; H. W. Wilde, 3; J. Bonsall, 4; W. T. Burton, 5; R. T. Parkins (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

BARWELL (Leicestershire).—*Handbell Ringing.*—At the residence of Mr. W. Power, on Thursday, February 8th, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Argyle, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 5-6; G. Winter, 7-8. Also a plain course of Grandsire Caters. J. Swinfield, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; A. R. Aldham, 5-6; T. W. Chapman, 7-8; G. Winter, 9-10.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, February 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Langton, 1; W. T. Robson (first 720 of Minor), 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. And on Monday, February 23rd, for practice, 720 in the same method (fourteen bobs and two singles). R. Langton, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; T. Hudson, sen. (conductor), 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Reed, 1; T. R. Bell, 2; E. Duff, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; J. Willshire, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Reed, Bell, and Ellis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Saturday, February 7th, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and twenty-six singles). G. Maxim (conductor), 1; W. Lee, 2; R. Mingay, 3; S. Evans, 4; R. Inch, 5; G. Green, 6. On Monday, February 9th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Wells, 1; W. Lee, 2; R. Mingay, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Green, 6. On Thursday, February 19th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Inch, 1; W. Lee, 2; F. Wells, 3; W. Gridley, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; R. Mingay, 6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, February 8th, at the church of Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Bocking Treble Bob in 23½ mins. J. Luckey, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, a 720 Violet Treble Bob in 23½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, February 12th, a 720 Violet Treble Bob in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; G. Gray, 2; I. Cavill, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Hammond (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Double Oxford Bob (forty-two singles) in 23½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Cavill, 2; I.

Hammond, 3; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey, 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Luckey, 1; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts, 6. †First 720 in the method. H. J. Tucker hails from Bishop Stortford. And on Sunday, February 15th, for afternoon service, a 720 New London Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, February 18th, for practice, a 720 City Delight (nine bobs) in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also a 720 London Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. These are the first 720s in the methods by all the band, and the first on the bells. And on Sunday, February 22nd, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey (conductor), 5; I. Cavill, 6. *First 720 in the method as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SOCIETY.

GLOUCESTER.—On Wednesday, February 18th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. F. E. Hart, 1; G. C. Brunsdon, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; C. Jones, 4; J. Austin, 5; S. E. Romans (conductor), 6; R. J. Wilkins, 7; W. J. Sevier, 8. This touch was rung for the Assize. Also 480 Duffield Major. E. E. Bewick, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; F. E. Hart, 3; C. Jones, 4; J. Austin (conductor), 5; G. L. Brunsdon, 6; S. E. Romans, 7; W. H. Brunsdon, 8. And on Sunday morning, February 22nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major, 1296 changes. E. E. Bewick, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; S. E. Romans, 3; W. C. Jones, 4; J. Austin, 5; G. L. Brunsdon, 6; W. J. Sevier, 7; W. H. Brunsdon (conductor), 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the city in the method, and by all the band except J. Austin. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, February 16th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late William Bone, who was a ringer at this place for many years, and who died and was buried the previous week. E. Dewey, 1; E. Hoad (conductor), 2; R. Arnold, 3; E. Moses, 4; F. Linter, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Howard, 8. It was intended to have rung a quarter-peal of Stedman, but meeting one short the above was rung.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, February 8th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks (conductor), 2; F. Carroway, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. H. Tubbs, 5; W. B. Burrows, 6. And on Sunday evening, February 22nd, for Divine Service 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Sumpter, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. H. Tubbs, 4; E. Edridge, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. Also after service 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). W. Russell, 1; E. Edridge, 2; J. Barber, 3; W. Short, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Sparks, 1; G. Smith, 2; F. Carroway, 3; C. Tucker, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; E. Edridge, 6. *First 720 in the method.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Monday, January 26th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, February 4th, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, as a mark of respect to the late W. F. Sweetland, Esq., who was for many years churchwarden of the above church. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor standing as before. And on Wednesday, February 18th, 360 Plain Bob Minor. H. J. Martin, 1; F. Carroway, 2; F. Pratt, 3; W. B. Burrows, 4; C. Tucker, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, January 19th, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Plain Bob Minor. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. Tucker, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; H. J. Martin, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIRTON.—On Saturday, February 21st, at St. Mary's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. T. Richardson, 1; W. F. Harwood, 2; G. Clark, 3; J. M. Rylatt, 4; A. Barber, 5; G. Woodthorpe, 6; E. Mason (conductor), 7; E. Woodthorpe, 8. This is the longest length by the above society on eight bells. Also a 720 by J. M. Rylatt, 1; G. Woodthorpe, 4; E. Woodthorpe, 6; J. Goodwin, 8; the rest as before. And 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). C. Clayton, 1; G. Clark, 2; A. Barber, 3; W. F. Harwood, 4; T. Richardson, 5; E. Mason (conductor), 6. Messrs. Rylatt, Woodthorpe, and Goodwin hail from Boston; Mason, Clark, and Harwood from Skirbeck; Barber and Clayton from Frieston; Richardson from Kirton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHOVER.—On Friday, February 20th, at the parish church, some of the local members of the above Association accomplished their first 720 of Bob Minor in 32 mins., after three months practice since the introduction of an additional bell, and the re-hanging of the whole by Messrs. Taylor and Sons in November of last year. The striking throughout was very good. J. H. Beardow, 1; T. Beardow, 2; T. J. Beardow, 3; W. Buxton, 4; G. Beardow (conductor), 5; W. Hopkinson, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday afternoon, February 15th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Mark, 1; S. Atkins, 2; E. Unitt, 3; T. Lowe, 4; J. Gough (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. Before starting, J. Mark was elected a member of the above Association.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, February 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Forward Major (1272 changes), in 48 mins. H. Mills, 1; T. Horton, 2; J. Carter (conductor), 3; R. Hall, 4; S. Jesson, 5; J. Jones, 6; J. Astbury, 7; W. R. Small, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Thursday, February 12th, on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. S. M. Campbell to the living of Midhurst, it was decided to go for a peal in honour of the occasion. "Go" was called at 7.25 and after ringing 2 hrs. and 12 mins. stand was called owing to a shift-course in Oxford Single Bob at the half-way single. The following methods were rung: two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; one 720 College Single and 360 Oxford Single Bob. C. Soane, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; I. Lee, 6. *First 720 in either method, also first 720 with a bob bell, longest length as conductor, and first attempt to call a peal. And on Sunday, February 15th, for evening service, a 180 Bob Minor. — Challen, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Soane, 4; W. Selby, 5; I. Lee, 6. Also a 360 Kent Treble Bob with C. Soane, 1; G. Batts (R.M.), 6. The rest as before. And on Thursday, February 19th, it was decided to start for the peal lost the week previous, this time to be on the silent apparatus, but owing to one not turning up, could not start, but rang a 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Soane, 5; W. Selby, 6. Also a 120 Double Oxford standing as before, W. H. George (conductor). †First 720 as conductor and the first attempt.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, January 8th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Finet, 1; J. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Lindfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. And on Monday, January 19th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Ratts (Brighton), 1; T. Parsons, 2; J. Hills, 3; F. Finch, 4; C. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, January 22nd, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; H. Evans (Goring), 2; T. Linfield, 3; F. Finch, 4; C. Clear, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. And on Monday, January 26th, a 720 of Plain Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Clear, 2; W. H. Abbott, Esq. (Guildford), 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Lindfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 20th, a 720 of Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; H. Finch, 2; W. H. Abbot, 3; F. Finch, 4; C. Clear, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, February 22nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. H. G. Fruin (composer and conductor), 1; P. F. Harman, 2; T. Durling, 3; J. M. Cooper, 4; G. Durling, 5; G. Simpson (1st quarter-peal away from the tenor), 6; H. P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, February 12th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), 720 Canterbury Pleasure (sixteen bobs and two singles). Also 120 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Wood, 1; S. Strong, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Martin, 6. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton, Lancashire; J. Martin from the pro-Cathedral, Liverpool. And on Sunday morning, February 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), the singles occurring at the first and fourth part-ends. J. Wood, 1; S. Strong, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles), composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre. T. Poal, 1; the rest as before.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Sunday afternoon, February 15th, after Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Fox, 1; R. Kemp, 2; R. Hutton (conductor), 3; G. Smith, sen., 4; J. Hinchley, 5; J. Hilling, 6. Also on Wednesday, February 18th, for practice,

720 Bob Minor. J. Fox, 1; R. Kemp, 2; J. Hilling, 3; G. Smith, jun., 4; G. Smith, sen., 5; J. Hinchley (conductor), 6. And 360 Double Court. J. Fox, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday afternoon, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; R. Kemp, 2; G. Smith, sen., 3; J. Hinchley, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Woods, 6. After Divine Service 720 Double Court and 360 Grandsire Minor. R. Kemp, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; J. Woods, 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 17th, at the parish church, 720 College Single. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Davey, 3; W. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. Davey (first 720 in the method), 3; S. Sargent, 4; C. Howard, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, February 22nd, for Divine Service at St. James' church, Bolton, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. J. Joyce (first touch away from the tenor), 1; B. E. Howe, 2; J. Mawson, 3; G. Titterington, 4; H. Good (first quarter-peal), 5; W. Titterington, 6; S. Palframan, 7; C. Barker (first quarter-peal), 8. Composed by W. Shipway and Conducted by B. T. Copley.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 3rd, at the parish church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins. A. Holman, 1; G. Allen, 2; J. Robinson, 3; R. Holman, 4; F. Sanders (conductor), 5. Also on Sunday, February 15th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. A. Holman, 1; G. Allen, 2; F. Linter (conductor), 3; R. Holman, 4; F. Sanders, 5. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERITH (Kent).—On Thursday, February 12th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Henry Bright, of Woolwich. C. Wilkins, 1; F. Hunter, 2; G. Cullum, 3; H. Barber, 4; F. Cullum, sen., 5; F. Cullum, jun., 6; J. Garard (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8.

DERBY.—On Wednesday, February 18th, at St. Andrew's Litchurch, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins., with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. Severn Taylor, an esteemed friend and sidesman of the above church. W. Shardlow, 1; C. Draper, 2; T. Alton, 3; S. Maskrey, 4; J. W. Thompson (conductor), 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; C. E. Hart, 7; T. Albutt, 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, February 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. W. Challenor, 1; J. Needham, 2; J. O. Lancashire, 3; J. T. Harriman, 4; W. Miller, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 7; G. Needham, 6; M. Green, 8. *First 720 in the method. This is the first 720 in the method ever rung on the bells. Tenor 27 cwt.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, March 1st, for morning service, at the parish church, a 360 and a 9-score. F. Barlow, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 in the same method. F. Barlow, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. These were conducted by F. Barlow. J. Gratrix hails from Manchester, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 15½ cwt. The 720 was rung in 26½ mins.

STAINLAND (Yorks).—On Wednesday, February 18th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 of Oxford and 720 of Kent were rung in 53 mins. W. J. Jones (conductor), 1; J. A. Nutton, 2; J. Mellor, 3; E. Nutton, 4; J. E. Taylor, 5; P. Shaw, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt. This was rung in honour of the twenty-first birthday of Mr. Benjamin Naylor Holroyd, one of the ringers. Afterwards a very pleasant evening was spent.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, February 15th, at the parish church, a 12-score of Kent Treble Bob. A. Clark (conductor), 1; W. Lee, 2; G. Green, 3; S. Evans, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett, 6. Messrs. Lee, Green, and Evans hail from Foxearth; the rest belong to the local company. Also on Tuesday, February 17th, at the residence of R. Gowers, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Papworth, 1; J. Newman (first 720), 2; A. Clark, 3; R. Gowers, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Theobald (conductor), 6.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 29th, before Divine Service at the parish church, the following members of the St. Giles society rang 960 Grandsire Triples in 33 mins. W. Johnson (conductor), 1; S. Dace, 2; B. Hodson, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; S. Pitt, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Admas, 7; M. Kibble, 8.

WORKINGTON (Cumberland).—On Monday, February 16th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. A. Newman, 1; T. Platts, 2; R. S. Fox, 3; R. Phillips, 4; G. Higson, 5; F. Hyde (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell.

Notices.

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Surrey Association.—All those members who wish for a copy of the forthcoming report, balance-sheet, and list of members, are requested to give their orders to their local secretary, and local secretaries are asked to kindly make up their lists as soon as possible, and to send them to the Hon. Sec., in order that he may know how many copies to order.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is
R. H. HART-DAVIS,
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

Lancashire Association (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. John's church, The Brook (eight bells), and St. James's, West Derby, combined, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting in Mission-room, West Derby-road, at 6 p.m.
RICH. HILL, *Hon. Sec.*
21, Chesnut-street, Southport.

Lancashire Association (the Manchester Branch).—The next ringing-meeting will be held at Eccles, to-day, Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.
W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall, to-day, Saturday, March 7th.
Rev. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Middlesex Association.—There will be a District Meeting at St. Stephen's, Hampstead (near Hampstead-heath station, N.L.R.), to-day, Saturday, the 7th inst. The tower will be open for ringing at 5.30 p.m. After ringing a general meeting will be held for the purpose of electing a delegate to represent the Association on the Central Council.

F. A. MILNE, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Old Square, Lincoln's Inn.
March 4th, 1891.

The Lancashire Association (Rossendale Branch).—The next meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Saturday, March 7th, at Helmshore. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.
J. SHEPHERD, *Branch Sec.*

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wollaton Church, on Saturday, March 14th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.

A. LAMBERT, *Local Secretary.*
6, Osmaston Street, New Lenton, Nottingham.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Further particulars will be published.
W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

A QUESTION.—Mr. A. Symonds, of Market Lane, Lavenham, Suffolk, wishes some ringing friend to inform him how many 720s of Treble Bob Minor there are on the nine-bob composition, and he trusts the question may be answered in our next number.

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 additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, *Crayford.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 6 W I M H

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

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

Three times repeated, with single mid-way and end.

A PEAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, *Eastbourne.*

5216.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong and right.

A 720 OF GRANDSIRE MINOR,

By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, *Eastbourne.*

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

Five times repeated; substituting single for bob midway and end.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By E. B. JAMES, *Gloucester.*

5184.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5

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

Five times repeated, with s for bob at the * in 3rd and 6th parts.

In this peal the 6th is the right and twelve times wrong, and the 5th twelve times wrong and right.

Rung at Cambridge on Monday, Jan. 23rd.

A 720 OF OXFORD BOB MINOR,

By H. W. WILDE, *Sandiacre, Derbyshire.*

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

Five times repeated; single for bob midway and end.

The above calling will do for 720 of Yorkshire Court Minor; also Double Bob Minor.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE

TRIPLES,

By J. SHEPHERD, *Bacup.*

1891.

2 3 4 5 6 7

2 3 5 4 6 7
3 2 5 4 7 6
-
2 5 3 4 7 6 4
6 4 2 7 5 3 1
4 2 6 7 5 3 4
3 7 4 5 2 6 1
2 6 3 4 5 7 2
6 3 2 4 5 7 4
3 2 6 4 5 7 4
7 4 3 5 2 6 1
3 2 7 4 6 5 3
2 7 3 4 6 5 4
7 3 2 4 6 5 4
5 4 7 6 3 2 1
3 2 5 7 6 4 2
6 4 3 5 7 2 2
3 7 6 4 2 5 3
5 4 3 2 7 6 1
4 3 5 2 7 6 4

Twice repeated.

* * As compositions sent for insertion were becoming numerous, some of them possessing features of more than ordinary merit, a greater collection of them appears this week. They will be found on page 596. Every endeavour is made to publish these matters as early as possible after receiving them.

RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

By kind permission of the Rev. F. B. Newman, a quarterly meeting of the above society was held at the church of St. Mary, Burton Latimer, recently. In addition to placing his bells at the disposal of the society from 2.30 to 6 o'clock, the rector (who has been a hearty supporter of the Association since its formation eight years ago) conducted the ringers over the church, pointing out its Norman and Early English nave, the handsome canopied screen, the frescoes on the walls, and other points of interest in the ancient structure. In the year 1864 the tower and spire having become unsafe were taken down and rebuilt. The church was restored three years later. A new clock, supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, has recently been placed in the tower, and has proved itself an efficient time-keeper. Burton Latimer bells are a light peal of five, the tenor being one of the many nice-toned bells cast by Eayre, of Kettering, in the eighteenth century. It weighs probably about 13 cwt. The inscriptions and the dimensions of the bells are stated in North's *Church Bells of Northants* to be as follows:—

1. IH'S : NAZARENVS REX : IVDEORVM FILI : DEI MISERERE : MEI 1620. (Diam. 31½ in.)
2. CÆLORVM CHRISTE PLATIAT TIBI REX SONVS ISTE J. PAINE AND H. BULL HIEROPHYLACIBUS T. AND J. EAYRE 1718. (Diam. 32½ in.)
3. CÆLORVM CHRISTE PLATIAT TIBI REX SONVS ISTE 1619. (Diam. 35 in.)
4. IH'S : NAZARENVS REX : IVDEORVM FILI : DEI MISERERE : MEI 1619. (Diam 37 in.)

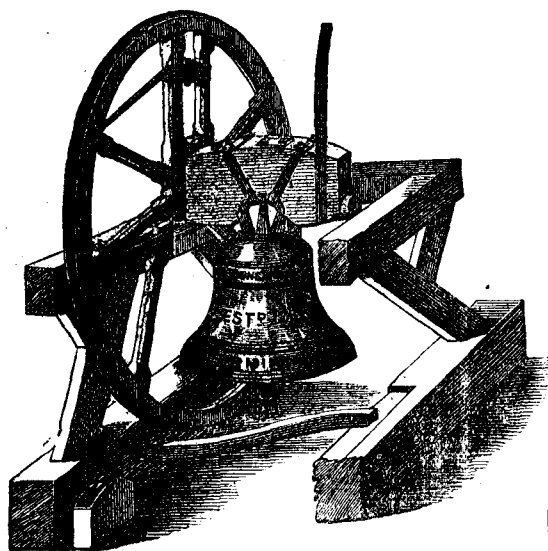
5. IHS NAZARENUS REX IVDEORUM FILI DEI MISERE MEI WILLIAM STEAR AND JOHN PAYNE C. W. 1749 T. EAYRE : KETT : FECIT (Diam. 40½ in.)

Ringers from Raunds, Kettering, Earls Barton, High Ferrers, Irthlingborough, and Wellingborough, about twenty in all, were present during the afternoon. The short pull (the ringing room being immediately under the bells), the stout, stiff ropes, and the not altogether pleasant "go" of the bells prevented anything like good striking. With light bells such as these, thin pliable ropes would be much more convenient for ringing and would, in the case of the tenor, most likely prevent its "little habit" of "casting rope." Before separating, the ringers passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. B. Newman for the use of the bells. The next meeting of the society (the annual meeting) is fixed to take place at Earl's Barton on Whit-Monday.

BRADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A large clock has just been fixed in the parish church of this village. It is fitted with all modern improvements to ensure perfect accuracy, and will doubtless prove a great boon to the inhabitants, as the nearest railway station is three miles away. The dial is 5 feet in diameter, with gilt hands and figures, and the hours are struck upon the largest bell. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Steam Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work.

HOME CURE FOR DEAFNESS.—A book by a noted Aural Surgeon, describing a System of Curing Deafness and Noises in the Head, by which a self-cure is effected at home. The Rev. D. H. W. Harlock, of the Parsonage, Milton-under-Wychwood, writes: "Try the System by all means: it is first rate, and has been of the utmost service to me." Post free 4d. De Vere and Co., Publishers, 22, Warwick Lane, London, E.C.



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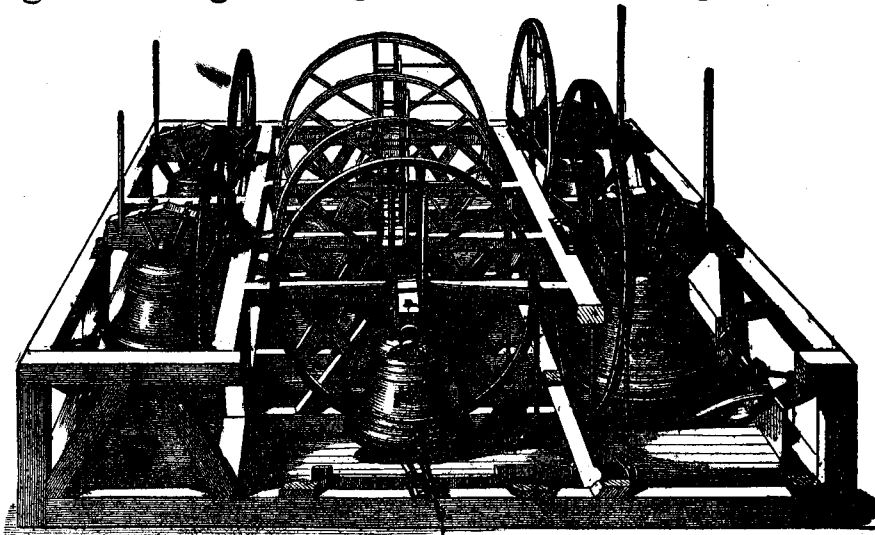
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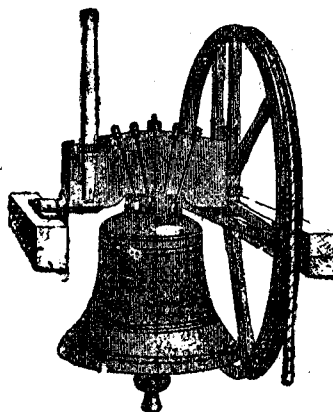
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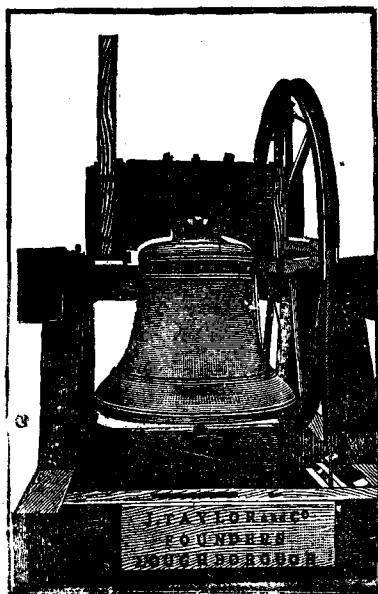
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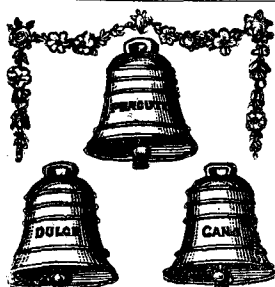
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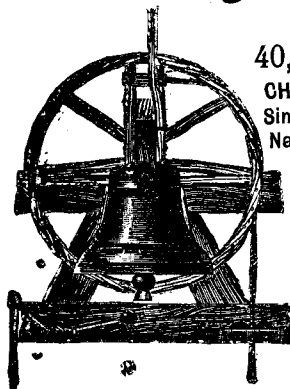
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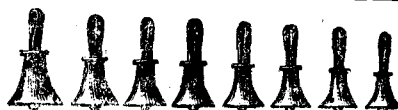
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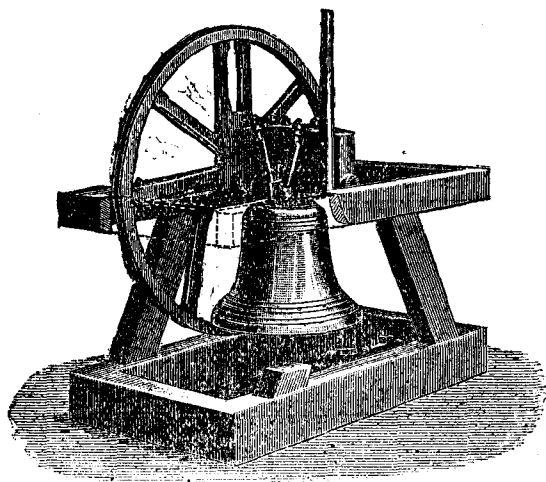
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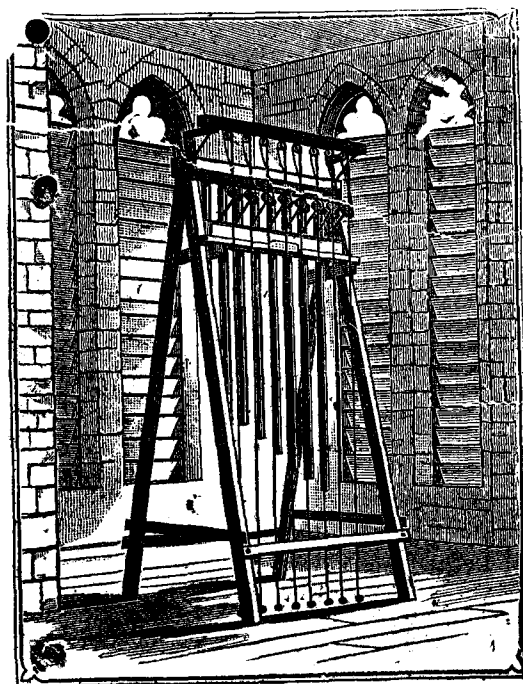
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THE REV. EDWARD WESTALL CARPENTER is the second son of Dr. Alfred Carpenter, of Croydon (who is well known as one of the greatest living authorities on sanitary science), and brother to Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter, the energetic Honorary Secretary of the Surrey Association of Change-Ringers. He was born at Croydon on October 2nd, 1855, and was educated at Winchester College, from whence he went to Caius College, Cambridge, and took the B.A. degree in the Mathematical Tripos in 1878. He then accepted a Mastership at King Edward VI's Grammar School, Bury St. Edmund's, where he remained for nearly two years, and after taking his M.A. degree he was ordained deacon in 1881 by the late Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Tait), and priest in the following year by the late Bishop of Dover (Dr. Parry), and was licensed to the curacy of Milton-next-Sittingbourne.

Although at Bury St. Edmunds he lived within a stone's throw of the Norman tower with its grand peal of ten, and St. Mary's church with a peal of eight, no thought of becoming a ringer crossed his mind; and at Milton, where there are two churches, the old church possessed a peal of five with the tenor hopelessly cracked and the rest unringable (these have lately been put in order), and the Chapel-of-Ease (St. Paul's) still has the unenviable notoriety of being the only church in Kent without a bell of any kind.

In the year 1883 he was appointed to the vicarage of Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, and there he found a peal of six by Mears, which were in such a bad condition that though the tenor was only a 9 cwt. bell, it generally required two men to raise it. His attention was drawn to ringing at this time owing to the fact of his brother having taken up the Art with enthusiasm, and he tried to learn upon one of the least dangerous bells in the tower. This was not very satisfactory, especially as the belfry was used as a coke store and receptacle for grave-diggers' tools and rubbish, and he felt that a reformation was needed both above and below. While the work of re-hanging was going on, he turned his attention to the science of change-ringing, and when the bells were once more in order he endeavoured to teach both himself and his ringers the mysteries of Plain Bob. This was an arduous task, as little ringing was done at Sittingbourne, and none anywhere else in the neighbourhood, and he had no assistance at all. Occasional visits to Croydon, however, soon put him in the way of learning the practical part of the Art, and on April 18th, 1887, he rang his first peal (Bob Major) at Carshalton, conducted by his brother on his birthday.

In the following year MR. CARPENTER introduced a scheme for the remodelling of the constitution of the Kent County Association, by which the county was to be divided into districts with a Local Secretary in each, and the new rules were adopted at the Annual Meeting at Canterbury last year. At the same meeting he was elected Secretary of the Association on the retirement of the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen. He is one of the representatives of the Association on the Central Council. His record of peals rung though not long, is a varied one, viz., four of Grandsire Triples, and one each of Plain Bob, Union and Oxford Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Mr. Carpenter resigned the Vicarage of Bobbing in January last, and accepted a curacy at St. John's, Margate.

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THE JOHNSON ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

The usual annual gathering arranged by the executive of the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, took place on Saturday, the 28th ult., when a large number of ringers from the neighbourhood around Birmingham and the adjacent counties met to honour the memory of the gifted composer.

Early in the afternoon the bells at St. Martin's were set ringing, and well-struck touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques proved not only the ability of the ringers assembled, but also that there is a possibility of obtaining good ringing from mixed bands who have no regular opportunities of meeting together.

In the absence of the senior ringing-master—Mr. Bastable's health not admitting of his engaging in tower bell-ringing—the proceedings at the tower were taken charge of by Mr. Buffery, who with Mr. Joynes, the tower-keeper, and the ringing-masters at Aston, Messrs. Kent and Russam, extended a genial welcome to all visitors.

At six o'clock the assembled company, numbering between forty and fifty, among whom were representatives from Gloucester, Leicester, Warwick, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Hinckley, Sutton Coldfield, Tipton, etc., including such well-known ringers as Messrs. W. Wakley (St. Paul's, Burton), J. Carter (Birmingham and District Amalgamated), R. Cartwright (St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton), J. Lawton (Walsall), S. Cotton (Leicester), W. R. Small (Tipton), and most of the officers and principal members of the St. Martin's Guild, sat down to an excellent dinner at the Tamworth Arms, at the close of which the chair was taken by A. P. Heywood, Esq., President of the Midland Counties' Association, supported on either side by Mr. Churchwarden Jones and Mr. Day, the presiding ringing-master of the St. Martin's Guild.

The usual ringers' loyal toast of "Queen, Church, and State," given by the Chairman, was duly honoured by the company.

In asking those assembled to join him in toasting the memory of the late Henry Johnson, the Chairman referred to their dear old friend's life-long connection with the St. Martin's company and the re-constituted St. Martin's Guild, of which he was the first presiding ringing-master. He congratulated Birmingham ringers on the vitality of the St. Martin's Guild, urging that a continuance of such vitality, and the friendly and hospitable spirit which characterised the members, were the most fitting and convincing proofs that Mr. Johnson's memory was present among them. In paying a high compliment to Birmingham ringers for the heartiness of the reception always accorded himself whenever he came among them, he mentioned the pleasure it gave him to find that the St. Martin's Guild, in the welfare of which his old friend took an anxious interest, was at present in a more flourishing state than ever.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then given by Mr. Day, and in responding to the same Mr. W. Wakley gave "Success to the St. Martin's Guild," endorsing all that the Chairman had stated as to the reputation it had attained and still continued to uphold.

The Secretary (Mr. Godden), in responding, mentioned the pleasure it gave the members to meet the many ringing friends present, and the determination which—he believed—existed with every member, not only to uphold a reputation for good and sound ringing, but also—to the extent of their ability—the character for hospitality and good feeling towards other ringers, with which they had been credited by some of the speakers that evening.

"The Clergy and Wardens of St. Martin's," coupled with the health of Mr. Churchwarden Jones, was then given, and in acknowledging, Mr. Jones conveyed to the meeting the regret of his co-warden that ill-health should so frequently oblige him to



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be absent from their gatherings. He testified to the respect felt by the authorities for their ringers, and the pleasure it always gave him—personally—to be of assistance to them. It had been his good fortune to attend several meetings similar to the present, whereby he had been afforded the honour of making the acquaintance of their Chairman, whose health he now begged to propose. This was met by enthusiastic applause, and the Chairman having responded, the remainder of the evening was devoted to music and handbell ringing.

Touces of Stedman Caters were given by Messrs. Russam, Bastable, Kent, Witchell, and Johnson. A course of Treble Bob Major, in which the veterans Messrs. Perks and Day each handled a pair, elicited the interesting statement that twenty-two years had elapsed since either of those gentlemen had taken up a pair in that method.

Capital songs were given by Messrs. Witchell, Humphrey (Hinckley), and Wake.

A most harmonious and pleasant evening ended all too soon, and every one seemed to feel that the very utmost had been made of the opportunity afforded to ringers in the Midland Counties' for social intercourse.

ACCIDENT TO THE TENOR BELL AT GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Tuesday evening, January 27th, the local company met as usual at the tower of St. Mary-the-Virgin, to ring for practice. The tenor bell, which has had its cannons cracked for years, has been suspended to the stock by two small bolts. On being raised and set, one of the bolts gave way. The wheel being well on the bell, she lodged on the spoke. The ringers being somewhat alarmed at the rattling of the bolt, left the bell standing, and went up to see what had occurred. On seeing their splendid tenor in such a dangerous position, they at once ran for pieces of wood, nails, hammers, etc., and set to work and shored her up. Their recter being away from home at the time, she had to stand so for nearly a month. On his return they broke the news to him, and he at once wrote to the well-known firm of Messrs. H. Bowell and Son, Church Bell Hangers, Ipswich, who soon came and brought their tackling, etc., and lowered her down into a safe position, cleared off the old broken cannons, and drilled and inserted bolts through her crown. She has also been quarter-turned and fitted with Bowell and Sons, improved clapper hinge. They completed their work on Saturday, March 7th. In the afternoon of that day they paid a visit to Stanstead, Suffolk, and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Clark (conductor), 1; A. Papworth, 2; R. Brett, 3; G. Smith, 4; H. Bowell, 5; A. Bowell, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. They then made their way back to Glemsford to try the newly-hung bell, and at seven o'clock rang 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Slater (aged 84 years), 1; S. Slater (conductor), 2; C. Honeybell, 3; H. Bowell, 4; R. Gowers, 5; A. Bowell, 6. Also some Double Court, and Woodbine. On Sunday, March 8th, at the house of Mr. S. Slater, some courses of Bob Major and Royal were rang on the handbells. And for evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Theobald, 1; C. Adams, 2; A. Bowell, 3; H. Bowell, 4; C. Honeybell, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Also some touches of Kent after service. The bells were then lowered, and they returned home well pleased with the new tenor bell, which has been greatly improved by the fresh clappering. It may also be added that for over thirty years since they were rehung in the new tower by a local man they have never gone up right, but now can be pulled up by any one man alone, a fault so much felt among ringers having to go up in the grease to turn them. Had the bell been pulled off at the time of the accident, she must have gone to the bottom, some fifty feet. The bell is a fine-toned one, weighing 16 cwt., and was cast by John Newman, of Bury St. Edmunds, 1686, being the oldest of that make in the county of Suffolk.

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On Sunday morning, February 22nd, the bells of the parish church, Halewood, were rung deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Spencer, sidesman of the above church. On Friday, February 27th, the bells were rang deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect at the funeral of the late Mr. Nicholas Twigge, a churchwarden of the above church. Also on Tuesday, March 3rd, the bells were rung deeply muffled as a tribute of respect at the funeral of Mr. John Lowe, a ringer at the above church; and after the funeral service the ringers rang over his grave a plain course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, deeply muffled. T. Thelwell, 1; J. Grace, 2; J. Large, 3; J. Crosby, 4; D. Kerrison, 5; G. Calland, 6; J. Robinson, 7; W. Boyes, 8. The whole of the above was conducted by Mr. Joshua Large. The ringers placed on his coffin a beautiful wreath contributed for by them.

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."

FALSE PEALS.

SIR,—The 5216 of Double Norwich Court, the 720 of Grandsire Minor, and the 6048 of Bob Major, published this week by Mr. Fisher, are all false. The Bob Major is however true as 5376. In Cox's compositions is given as a 6048 of Superlative in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 5th, 1885, page 185; it was reproduced as Double Norwich in August, 1887, by Mr. Washbrook, and by Mr. Carter it appears in 1889 and again by Mr. Fisher in 1891 as Bob Major. The composition is however Mr. Cox's, by seniority, and I am sure Mr. Carter will admit this. As for Royle's peal, the appendix to Hubbard's *Art of Ringing* shows pretty plainly that the composition is Royle's and not Hubbard's, although there is some doubt. H. L. JAMES.

MR. FISHER'S EXPLANATION.

SIR,—Kindly correct a very stupid error of mine in the 6048 of Bob Major by me published last Saturday. The ninth course is very false. Kindly strike it out and reduce the peal to 5376 by adding the bob at 11. in the eighth course. How I could publish it I don't know; it was certainly a careless overlook. WILLIAM JAMES FISHER.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Canterbury Major by me which appeared in our paper of last week should have been 5120 and not 5376 as stated. Kindly mention this in your next, and oblige, E. BARNETT.

A REJOINDER.

SIR,—In last week's issue I noticed a letter by Henry H. Chandler, stating that the peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 5376 changes, composed by myself and published in your issue of February 28th, is the composition of Mr. Knights, of Chesterfield. Now I ask if Mr. Knights has ever published the peal in "THE BELL NEWS" as his composition. If he has I will give up all claim. I have always understood and shall always maintain the idea of "first published—first claim." I shall therefore claim the peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 5376 changes, being the first ever published in this method in "THE BELL NEWS," with the properties, and on the plan, as my own composition. HARRY MILLS.

Obituary.

GUY WATSON.

It is our painful duty to chronicle the decease of this young and promising change-ringer, a member of the St. Saviour's society of Walthamstow, of which body his father has been the Treasurer since its formation. At the age of 19, he has been taken away by a disease very rapid in its progress—illness lasting about three days—to the intense grief of his family and friends, and to the deep regret of all who knew him. The above-named society has lost in him a member of very great promise indeed, as the pains he took to master the science would certainly have resulted in his ultimately becoming one of the best ringers in the neighbourhood. In his last moments, and when his mind became unhinged, the ruling passion of his latest years was strong, and bells was the chief theme of his wandering imagination. Great sympathy is felt for the parents, as he was the eldest son, and his steady, quiet and unobtrusive demeanour increases the measure of their loss. Last Monday muffled touches were rung upon St. Saviour's bells, as a mark of respect.

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THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28th, the monthly meeting of the above Guild was held at Crossens, and was attended by a large company of members from Aughton, Crosby, Croston, Hindley, Sefton, and Southport, besides the local company. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and several touches were rung by mixed companies until 4.30 p.m., when service was held in the church and largely attended by the ringers. Appropriate hymns were sung, and a beautiful address was delivered by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, after which the ringers sat down to a splendid tea and ample justice was done to the good things provided. The business meeting was afterwards held, presided over by Mr. W. L. Hutton, supported by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit and Mr. J. Martin. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of, and one member joined, and some good and practical suggestions brought forward and discussed amongst the ringers present. A hearty vote of thanks to the chair man for presiding, and to the Rev. W. T. Bulpit for providing so excellent a tea and use of the bells and schoolroom, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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Compositions.

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THREE 2-PART PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

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

Repeated.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

2 3 4 6 5 - - -

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

Repeated.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

Continued— I 4 5 6
 6 2 5 3 4 - - -
 2 5 6 3 4 - - -
 5 6 2 3 4 - - -
 3 2 6 5 4 - - -
 2 6 3 5 4 - - -
 6 3 2 5 4 - - -

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

Repeated.

4th and 6th only in 6ths place at course-ends.

First rung at Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex, on February 28, 1891, by the Royal Cumberland Youths, conducted by George Newson.

In all these peals the 6th is twenty-four course-ends home, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By J. H. HARDCASTLE, *Bradford*.

5080.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1st M 2nd M H

5 4 3 7 6 8 2 I out 2
 4 6 3 7 5 8 2 I 2
 6 5 4 7 2 8 3 I 2
 5 6 2 7 4 8 3 2 2
 6 3 5 7 2 8 4 2 2
 3 2 5 7 6 8 4 I 2
 2 6 3 7 4 8 5 I 2
 6 2 4 7 3 8 5 2 2
 2 5 4 7 3 8 6 I 2
 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 4ths and in 2

This peal has the 7th in 5th place, and the 8th in 7th place throughout. It has also 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 two courses each with the tenor, which is the observation bell.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By P. BRICKELL, *Northenden, Cheshire*.

6144.

2 3 4 5 6 W B H

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

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

Five times repeated.

Single half-way and end.

By calling the first course B and H, 23564 is produced, cutting off the first part of the peal, thus reducing it to 5248.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By H. W. WILDE, *Sandiacre*.

1891.

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

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

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

Twice repeated.

Single instead of bob at last call in the third part produces—

1 3 2 4 5 6 7

Round next change at hand.

This touch contains queens, tittums, and Whittingtons, the twelve 6-7s, the twelve 7-4s, and the twelve 4-6s, and it is the first date touch for the year having these qualities.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By W. J. SEVIER, *Gloucester*.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By WILLIAM J. SEVIER, *Gloucester*.

5000.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

produce 3 2 4 5 6 s 790864 make the bob

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

These nine courses twice repeated. Bob instead of single 2nd and 3rd parts.

SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.—We are asked to state that Mr. W. A. Cooke is Secretary for the Rochester district of the Kent County Association, and his address is 2, Railway Terrace, New Brompton, Chatham, Kent.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Let the events of the past guide us; for the benefit of our future.

The Ancient Society of St. Stephen's, Bristol, has most certainly adopted "a practical method of demonstrating their interest in the preservation and restoration of their venerable church." After undertaking various improvements in connection with the east window, reredos, chancel, choir stalls, chancel paving, baptistery, font, heating and lighting, substitution of new oak seats, and lastly a new pulpit, they are now about to rehang their bells, and augment them as well by two new ones. Surely the Bristol churchpeople have good reason to be proud of their ringers. I was exceedingly well pleased to read of their good deeds past and prospective. May they be enabled to complete the good work in which they are engaged, and when they have their augmented peal, have the proud satisfaction of feeling that they have demonstrated in a most peculiar fashion their position as Churchmen. And when they have done so, I opine their feelings cannot fail to be of the pleasantest character, through the consciousness of having faithfully done their duty as sons of the Church. May their example be extensively followed.

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But—in connection with this—I must mention a very important particular. It must be understood that those gentlemen—"The St. Stephen's Ringers" mentioned, are *not* what readers of our paper expect them to be. They are not bell-ringers at all! True it is that in Bristol city a society of bell-ringers exists, which society rejoices in the name of the St. Stephen's Society, but they differ very widely (too widely, in fact) from the "St. Stephen's Ringers" mentioned last week. These latter gentlemen call themselves also, I think, "Merchant Venturers," and are possessed of a lot of funds, something similar I suppose to the London Guilds. Why these "Merchant Venturers" lay claim to the title of "St. Stephen's Ringers" I don't know. They don't fraternise, I believe, with the ringers of the city, beyond inviting once a year at their annual banquet, I am told, one or two actual ringers, who I suppose have to take a seat "below the salt." I think in this "St. Stephen's Ringers" business there is abundant matter for enquiry. I should like to know the origin of the funds appertaining to such a mystical corporation. Perhaps some of our Bristol brethren can enlighten us upon it. I am sure the publication of full particulars relating to the origin of "The Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers," and in what manner it became possessed of its wealth, would be very welcome in the pages of our paper.

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I do not often take notice of the compositions—original and otherwise—which appear from time to time, seeing that there are so many lynx-eyed brethren on the look-out for productions which are not what their producers claim them to be. Neither do I desire to place the least stumbling-block in the way of aspirants for the honourable position of composers in the Exercise. But I cannot help recommending Mr. W. J. Fisher just to look over the calling of his 6048 of Bob Major, particularly the last two courses of the part. Just possibly there may be some mistake in the publication, but I am rather afraid the fault lies further ahead. At any rate, I shouldn't care to ring in it as it appears on Saturday last.

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I was gratified to read of the testimonial to Mr. Joseph Prescott, of Hindley, in Lancashire. I have the misfortune of

not being acquainted with that gentleman, though I have in common with other readers seen his name among the records more than once. These little tokens of appreciation deserve more than a passing notice. They are not only a lasting pleasure to the givers and receivers, but they set a noble example for many to follow. There are hundreds of men who deserve similar acts of recognition at the hands of those who unfortunately imagine that all the trouble and pains taken in their ringing education is to be taken in the day's work. Let me ask those obtuse, stubborn (some would say thick-headed) people, to realise, if they can, the amount of temper-trying energy and labour which has been spent upon their instruction, in many cases by their local conductor, and therefore without having to pay a fee. Do they ever think the continual coaching they receive is worth some compliment in the shape of a testimonial? I hope they do.

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So the old Alma veteran, Mr. Simeon Langstaff, of Pudsey, Yorks, has at length achieved one desire of his life, namely, a peal of Royal. I heartily join with his brother-ringers in their congratulations. He "donned his medals in honour of the event." Well done, good old British soldier! Those medals were gained by faithful services to your Queen and country in times of warfare and bloodshed: you now wear them after the strife and turmoil while you ring the bells which proclaim peace and goodwill to all mankind, and accomplish the desire of your heart in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Long may you be spared to bear them upon your breast, in token of past services to the land of your birth, and to give *eclat* to your achievements in your latter days as a worthy scion of the Exercise.

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I have had numerous enquiries lately about our amusing friend Joshua. Evidently there are many who would like to hear from him again. Well, I can only reply that so far as I know, he is in good health and spirits, only—like myself—troubled with more engagements and hard work than is at times agreeable to his feelings. But, although he is doing little just now in the way of writing, he is, like the parrot, thinking a lot: so probably before long, we shall be again enjoying a good laugh at his witticisms, and enjoying the pungency of his well-aimed home-thrusts.

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A brother-string, whose kindly consideration I freely acknowledge, proposes, with the Editor's permission, "in order to give me an occasional rest," to contribute an article now and then on his experiences and reminiscences as a ringer. If my friends' experience in this direction is similar to my own and many others that I am acquainted with, doubtless he will be able to *many* "a tale unfold," which will be both interesting and instructive. So by the Editor's leave, I would say to him, the sooner he "opens out" the better.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1891.

THE principal coming event which is now casting its shadow before is the meeting of the Central Council on Easter Tuesday next. We have already published a list of the representatives of those Associations whose Secretaries made complete returns, and this week the list again appears in a corrected form. Below will be seen what proposals the Council has to consider, and it will not be gainsaid that the ringers' House of Representatives has enough for one day's discussion. The first item on the Agenda is the election of a President and Hon. Secretary. For the former of course Mr. HEYWOOD is certain to receive unanimous election, but as there are no less than four candidates for the latter office, an interesting competition will take place. In a conversation we had the other day with a distinguished member of the Exercise, respecting the election of Secretary, it is somewhat remarkable that two gentlemen whom we named as possessing the best qualifications for the post are among those nominated. We imagine that the third item on the Agenda will meet with some discussion, viz: whether voting by proxy is to be allowed in the case of Associations returning more than one representative. On such a topic much may be said both for and against; though where only the expenses of a delegate or two are the chief considerations in favour of proxy voting, we are of opinion that they ought not to carry much weight, especially when the funds of most associations are very well able to bear the cost. The other business to be brought forward is of a very appropriate character, and doubtless will receive due attention. All must hope that any representations the Council may think fit to make to any authority, as the result of its deliberations, may be effective.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Central Council will be held on Easter Tuesday, March 31st, 1891, at the "Inns of Court" Hotel, Holborn (Lincoln's Inn Fields entrance) at one o'clock precisely. Luncheon will be provided at 2s. 6d. a head immediately after the meeting.

Members are requested to accept this intimation as final; in accordance with rule XII. no further notice will be given.

AGENDA.

- 1.—To elect a President and Hon. Secretary to serve for three years, in accordance with rule VII.

NOMINATIONS:

For the office of President: A. P. HEYWOOD.
For the office of Hon. Secretary: E. F. STRANGE.
F. E. DAWE.
F. W. THORNTON.
G. F. ATTREE.

- 2.—To elect Hon. Members, in accordance with rules II. and IV.

- 3.—To decide whether rule XI. shall be amended so as to allow voting by proxy in the case of Societies returning more than one representative.

- 4.—To decide whether a Standing Committee shall be formed, consisting of the President, Hon. Secretary, and five members, to adjudicate on any matters referred to it involving no general principle necessary to be referred to the whole Council.

- 5.—To decide whether a Committee shall be formed to draw up a body of advice, suggestions and instructions on the treatment of bells and comfort of ringers; to be adopted as a report and circulated through the medium of the various Societies with the authority of the Council.

- 6.—To decide what steps shall be taken to obtain adequate recognition of the Ringers' office and work at Church Congresses.

- 7.—To discuss, and if possible define, what is essential to the performance of a true peal.

NOTE: The specific resolutions will be laid before the meeting by their respective movers. It is deemed undesirable to publish them *in extenso*.

The rules passed by the Provisional Committee last Easter for the guidance of the Central Council, will be reproduced in full in our next impression.

The Metropolis.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM W. THORNE .. Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM 5.
HENRY DAINS 2.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
HENRY A. HOPKINS 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.
First peal in the method by W. W. Thorne, also his fiftieth peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	EMANUEL HALL 5.
SAMUEL JOYCE 2.	HENRY TORBLE 6.
WILLIAM BURKIN 3.	HENRY SPRINGALL 7.
YORK GREEN 4.	SAMUEL HAYES Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung as a birthday peal to Henry Springall, he having completed his 28th anniversary on the 8th.

The Provinces.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 2, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble.	*JOHN MOY 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS, JUN. 6.
GEORGE MOY 3.	JAMES SKINNER 7.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 4.	FREDK. KNIGHTS, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by FREDK. KNIGHTS, SEN.

*First peal.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1891, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE 3-4.	HENRY D. ADAMS 7-8.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by HENRY D. ADAMS.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. Treble.	*FREDK. H. KNIGHTS, JUN. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN* 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
EDWARD FRANCIS 3.	*JAMES SKINNER 7.
PHILIP SADLER 4.	*FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS and Conducted by F. J. HOWCHIN.

Rung on the back eight. *First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, nor is there any record of a peal being rung on the old ring that occupied the steeple before the present bells.

BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of the following;

Francis Genius, Francis Goodwill, Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Treble.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 4.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 5.
HORACE BEDINGFIELD .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIMON LANGSTAFF Treble.	WILLIAM STAINTHORPE .. 5.
C. B. D. FARROW 2.	JOHN CLAYTON 6.
HENRY ODDY 3.	GEORGE BOLLAND 7.
WILLIAM BOLLAND 4.	FRANK BIRKS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, of Sheffield, and Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, March 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HENRY FERGUSON* Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
WILLIAM STORY 2.	GEORGE ATKINSON 6.
JOS. PATTISON* 3.	THOMAS T. GOTTON 7.
CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE 4.	FRED. HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by FRED. HARRISON.

*First peal in the method. The conductor hails from Jarrow, Messrs. Story and Gottton from Whitley, G. Atkinson and J. Pattison from Winlaton, the rest are local.

Date Touches.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA.—On Tuesday, February 17th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 changes on six bells, was rung with the bells deeply-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Henry Aberton, who was clerk at this church for twenty-one years, and who died in his 75th year, and was interred in the parish churchyard on the above date. J. Ashley, 1; H. Girling, 2; G. Churchyard, 3; E. Cooper, 4; C. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Lovett, 6.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 23rd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Prescott, 1; F. A. White (conductor), 2; J. Sholicar, 3; W. Sumner (composer), 4; P. H. Harvey, 5; J. Watts, 6; W. J. Taylor, 7; G. Prescott, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

FLIXTON.—On Tuesday, March 3rd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Royle, 1; J. M. Ridebalgh, 2; C. Rogers, 3; W. Brown, 4; W. Brammer, 5; J. Eachus (conductor), 6; S. Collier, 7; G. W. Shaw, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. Longest length of Grandsire Triples by all except the conductor. Messrs. Eachus, W. Brown, and W. Brammer hail from Manchester Cathedral; the rest are the local band.

BRIGHOUSE (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, a date touch, 1891 changes, of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 5 mins. H. Wilson, 1; J. F. Pearson, 2; F. Cressley, 3; C. Nield, 4; W. Wood, 5; S. Stocks, 6; F. Prince (composer and conductor), 6; H. Marshall, 8.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—Recently at the parish church, four members of St. Bartholomew's society, and four of St. Giles', Willenhall society, rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes) in 1 hr. and 8 mins. J. Lloyd, 1; S. Pitt, 2; A. Malborn, 3; S. Dace, 4; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 5; J. Bates, 6; J. Adams, 7; W. Best, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. The band were afterwards entertained by Mr. W. Wilson, at the "Royal Oak" inn, Meeting Street.

LEESFIELD (Lancashire).—On Thursday, February 26th, for practice at St. Thomas's church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Major, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Shaw, 1; E. B. Shaw, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; F. Crosland, 4; J. Bailey, 5; J. Priestley, 6; S. Stott (conductor), 7; W. Ingham, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 29th, at St. John's

church, a date touch comprising a 451 of Plain Bob Minor, 720 Kent Kent Treble Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 1 hr. and 3 mins. W. Drew (conductor), 1; F. Page, 2; G. Hardy, 3; R. Wells, 4; G. Thompson, 5; F. Watling, 6.

TEWKESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, February 24th, at the Abbey, a date touch of 1891 Union Triples. W. Hampton, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; S. Cleal, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (composer and conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Beauchamp.

Miscellaneous.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Monday, March 2nd, at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Gadsden, 1; W. Markham, 2; A. Headey, 3; W. Markham, 4; W. Whiffin, 5; A. Kirby, 6; A. W. Tubb, 7; E. Britnell, 8. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. A. Headey, 1; A. W. Tubb, 2; A. Kirby, 3; W. Whiffin, 4; H. Markham, 5; W. Ward, 6. Conducted by A. W. Tubb. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which E. Britnell, W. Ward, and S. Turner took part, conducted by H. Markham and W. Whiffin. And on handbells, a course of Stedman Triples. E. Gadsden, 1; W. Markham, 2; A. Headey, 3; H. Markham, 4; W. Whiffin, 5; A. Kirby, 6; A. W. Tubb, 7-8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, standing as before. First course of Stedman Triples by all except Messrs. Whiffin and Tubb.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, March 26th, at St. Giles' church, a 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; G. Essex, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; E. Reeves (conductor), 5; A. Whatmore, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; H. Smart, 8. And a 504 of Stedman Triples. A. W. Pike, 1; E. C. Foxell, 2; G. Essex, 3; A. Evans, 4; A. P. Goddard, 5; W. Newell, 6; E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Blissett, 8. And on Sunday, March 1st, for Divine Service in the evening, a 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Blissett, 1; J. Hands, 2; G. Essex, 3; A. Evans, 4; E. Reeves, 5; T. Newman, 6; *E. Heathorn, 7; A. W. Pike (conductor), 8. *Late of Guildford. First touch as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PADIHAM (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 28th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; T. Duxbury, 2; E. A. Baker, 3; H. Hayes, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Bentley, 6.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 8th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a 720 London Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. And on Friday evening, February 27th, a 720 Single Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 of Single Court by all the band with the exception of T. R. Somerville and C. E. Wilson. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, March 4th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 30 mins. A. Ashdown, 1; T. Blake, 2; E. Burdock, 3; T. Burdock, 4; A. Bartlett, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 rung on the bells without a call every lead, and was rung at the second attempt. Tenor about 19 cwt.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 1st, for Divine Service (on the occasion of a confirmation by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese) 504 Stedman Triples. F. Bennett (conductor), 1; W. Grove, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; T. H. Colburn, 5; M. Brown, 6; G. Croucher, 7; C. W. Miller, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, March 1st, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 350 Grandsire Triples, being the longest touch yet accomplished by the local band without assistance. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; A. E. Nye (conductor), 5; C. Simmons, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 7; J. Matthews, 8.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, March 1st, at St. Nicholas' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Neves, 1; H. Rann, 2; P. Allfrey, 3; J. Fox, 4; H. Boniface, 5; G. Biggerstaff, 6; W. Palmer, 7; F. Baker (first quarter-peal, Lewes), 8.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS,

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, March 1st, at the parish church

on the occasion of the opening of the new screen in the west end of the church, a 672 of Grandsire Triples. F. Davis, 1; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; W. Tyack, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; J. Laws, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; F. Palmer, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, March 2nd, a touch of 2016 Bob Triples at St. John's church, in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. Campbell, 1; W. Story, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. H. Clapperton, 4; H. H. Lindsay, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; R. Welch, 8.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, March 1st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 behind (twenty-four bobs and four singles), in 28 mins. A. Cunningham, 1; *C. E. Waugh, 2; G. W. Dix, 3; A. Tully, 4; R. R. Johnson, 5; G. B. Patterson, 6; J. Hern (conductor), 7; A. E. Dowell, 8. *First 720.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, February 24th, at the parish church, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Wheeldon, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. Hobbs, 4; C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First in the method by all. And on Thursday, February 26th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. W. Twigg, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. Hobbs, 4; C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

THE HORNSEY GUILD.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, February 8th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Ward, 1; J. Barber, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; G. Griffin, 4; W. Dixon, 5; T. Titchener, 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Dixon, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; W. Short, 3; G. Griffin, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Barber, 6. And on Monday, February 9th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. J. Barber, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; W. Dixon, 3; W. Short, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BARWELL (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, March 8th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Bob Minor. C. Belton (first 720) 1; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; H. Argyle, 4; J. Swinfield, 5; H. Horwood, 6. On the same day at the house of Mr. Aldham, a 377 of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, retained in hand. H. Argyle, 1-2; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; H. Horwood, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. J. Swinfield, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; A. R. Aldham, 5-6; T. W. Chapman, 7-8; H. Horwood, 9-10. Messrs. Horwood, Chapman and Argyle hail from Nuneaton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRENTWOOD.—On Saturday, February 21st, on handbells, retained in hand, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). C. Baker, 1; A. Scarf, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; J. Herbert, 5; T. Fudge, 6; W. Pigram, 7; J. Lea, 8. And on Saturday, February 28th, a 503 in the same method. C. Baker, 1; A. Scarf, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; J. Lea, 5; J. Herbert, 6; W. Pigram, 7; T. Burgess, 8. And on Tuesday, March 3rd, a 504 in the same method. D. Crow, 1; A. Scarf, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; J. Lea, 5; J. Herbert, 6; W. Pigram, 7; J. Baker, 8.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, February 21st, at SS. Peter and Paul's, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Stedman Caters, with the bells muffled, in memory of the late William Hallsworth, of Wallsall, but was lost after ringing 1908 changes, in 1 hr. and 18 mins. C. Dickens, 1; C. Stanbridge, 2; F. Dickens, 3; — Pymm, 4; — Tucker, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; W. Leng, 7; H. Johnson, 8; B. Wittchell (conductor), 9; W. Kent, 10. Messrs. Pymm and Tucker hail from Bristol, and were made members of the above before starting for the peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DOVER (Kent).—On Thursday, February 26th, at St. James' church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. C. Laker, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; E. Potter, 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker (conductor), 6. And 120 Bob Doubles. C. Laker, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; E. Potter (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; W. Wright, 6. H. Denne, H. Castle, F. Capp and S. Parker hail from Deal.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, February 26th, at St. Michael's

church, a 504 of Stedman Triples. W. J. Sevier, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; W. H. Brunsdon, 3; C. Jones, 4; J. Austin (conductor), 5; G. L. Brunsdon, 6; R. J. Wilkins, 7; W. Gillett, 8. And on Sunday, March 1st, for morning service, a 528 Duffield Major. H. Brawn, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; C. Jones, 4; J. Austin, 5; G. L. Brunsdon, 6; W. J. Sevier, 7; W. H. Brunsdon (conductor), 8. And for evening service, a 500 Duffield Major. E. E. Bewick, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; C. Jones, 4; J. Austin, 5; S. E. Romans, 6; G. L. Brunsdon, 7; W. H. Brunsdon (conductor), 8.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ARELEY KINGS.—On Friday, February 27th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). T. Fowles, 1; T. Elcox, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; W. Martin, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. This was T. Elcox's first attempt with a bob bell in the method. This is also the first 720 rung by the band under the above Association.

LYE.—On Sunday, March 8th, on the back six, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. T. Brooks, 1; J. Pagett, 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; W. Taylor 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Harris (conductor), 6. This is the lightest peal of eight ringing bells in England. Tenor 3½ cwt.

NETHERTON.—On Thursday, February 26th, at St. Andrew's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24½ minutes. J. Prestidge, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Smith (conductor), 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25½ mins. T. H. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Smith (conductor), 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. And on Sunday, March 1st, a 720 of College Single in 26 mins. F. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend 3; W. Prestidge, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, March 5th, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 26 mins. *T. H. Smith, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; *W. Prestidge, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. T. H. Smith and A. E. Parsons hail from Old Hill, W. Micklewright from Dudley. And on Sunday, March 8th, a 720 of Oxford Bob in 25 mins. F. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6.

WOLLASTON.—On Sunday, March 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Stinton, 1; J. Pagett (first in the method), 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; W. Fryer, 4; J. Lewis, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6.

ALDENHAM (Herts).—On Sunday, February 22nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 480 of Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering. H. Jones, 1; C. Williams, 2; T. Wright, 3; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 4; —, 5; H. Wright, 6; A. Childs, 7; H. Hart, 8. And on March 4th, 504 of the same, standing as before. Longest length by all except the conductor.

CHARLWOOD (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 2nd, 720 of Kent. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; A. Ellis, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. T. Jordan, 1; J. Newnham, 2; E. Dewey, 3; F. Wickens, 4; R. Jordan, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. And 288 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; A. Ellis, 3; F. Wickens, 4; B. King, 5; R. Jordan (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, 720 of Oxford. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; A. Ellis, 3; F. Wickens, 4; B. King, 5; R. Jordan (conductor), 6. Dewey hails from Reigate; Newnham and Jordan from Crawley.

COALBROOKDALE (Salop).—On Friday evening, February 27th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. W. Price (first 720), 1; J. Jukes (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; A. Wale, 3; W. Jukes, 4; W. Morgan, 5; A. D. Bradburn (conductor), 6; J. Day, 7; S. T. Hughes, 8. On Monday, March 2nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and eighteen singles), in 27 mins., the ringers standing as before. And a 360 of the same, the ringers as before, with the exception of S. T. Hughes, J. Wale ringing the tenor in his place.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, February 25th, at St. Mary's parish church, by the local ringers for practice, 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Haspray, 1; J. Woods (first 720), 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Parry, 4; J. Hughes, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. And for Divine Service on the following Sunday morning, a 12-score and a 6-score in the same method, conducted by J. Hughes, the band standing as before. And for evening service a 18-score, and a 6-score, conducted by W. Smith. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Friday, February 27th, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. E. Jones, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; G. Coleman, 3; G. Irons, 4; H. Sutton, 5; C. Chasty, 6. This is the longest length

by all, and was conducted by H. Sutton. Also 144 in the same method. J. Jones, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; H. Sutton (conductor), 3; G. Irons, 4; C. Chasty, 5; G. Coleman, 6.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Saturday, February 28th, for practice at All Saints' church, 336 of Bob Major. A. S. Ough, 1; J. G. Green, 2; S. Luscombe, 3; E. H. Adams, 4; A. Hubbard, 5; H. Collyer, 6; H. Kenten, 7; J. W. Driver (conductor), 8.

GORING (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, March 1st, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. J. Emmons, 1; C. Tilbury, 2; J. Wedge, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Bower (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 in the same method. J. Alexander, 1; the rest as above. The above touches were rung at the first attempt; it is also the first 720 of Bob Minor by the first five ringers, and the first in the method as conductor.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, February 15th, at the parish church, a 504 of Stedman Triples. W. Cooke, 1; A. Harris, 2; W. Easter, 3; P. Taffs, 4; W. Haigh, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6. W. Evans, 7; W. Bate, 8. And on Sunday, March 8th, a 1344 Bob Major. W. Bate, 1; P. Taffs, 2; W. Baker, 3; W. Cooke, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; W. Evans, 6; A. Harris, 7; W. Haigh (conductor), 8.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Thursday, February 19th, for practice at the parish church, a 224 of Grandsire Triples. G. Price (Oxhey), 1; W. Pates, 2; H. G. Rowe, 3; E. E. Huntley, 4; H. Wright, 5; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 6; W. Oakley, 7; W. Atkins, 8. Also a 336. G. Hunt, 1; E. E. Huntley, 2; W. Pates, 4, the rest as before. Also on Thursday, February 26th, a 336 on handbells, retained in hand. W. Oakley, jun., 1; H. Hunt, 2; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 3-4; H. Wright, 5; E. E. Huntley, 6; W. Oakley sen., 7-8. E. P. Debenham from St. Alban's, H. G. Rowe and H. Wright from Aldenham, the rest to Bushey.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Friday, February 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of

respect to the late J. L. Taylor, Esq., who had been a great friend to the ringers of this town for many years. J. Freeman, 1; J. F. Penning, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, February 26th, at the parish church, a 720 of Woodbine (nine bobs). R. Brett (conductor), 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Gowers, 5; A. Clark, 6. First 720 by all. And a 600 of Plain Bob. R. Brett (conductor), 1; R. Gowers, 2; A. Papworth, 3; C. Clark, 4; A. Clark, 5; R. Theobald, 8.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, February 28th, at St. James's church, 216 Grandsire Minor. S. Radford, 1; R. Crossman, 2; T. Radford, 3; J. Burge, 4; J. Cridland, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to William Adam, aged 106 years 11 months.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Friday evening, February 20th, at St. Mary's parish church, 720 College Single Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; R. Hurst, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. Mr. Kendrick is from Bidstone, Cheshire; and it is the first 720 in the method he has rung.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, February 24th, 720 College Single Minor, in 25 mins. C. Baggot, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; Jas. Lewis, 3; W. Fryer, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. C. Barrett, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; J. Pagett (conductor), 3; H. Dakin, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Harris, 6. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 19th birthday.

WOOTTON BASSETT (Wilts).—On Sunday, March 1st, at the parish church, 168 and 420 of Grandsire Triples. T. Freebury, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; H. B. Slack, 3; O. M. Layng, 4; G. C. Iles, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6; J. H. Shepherd, 7; G. Bullock, 8. All the foregoing hail from Swindon.

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

Position in 1890.	January.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1890.
1 Anc. Soc. of College Youths...	7	1	2	—	1	—	—	3	7	1st.
2 Essex Association ..	7	4	1	1	1	—	—	—	7	6th.
3 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ..	6	2	1	2	1	—	—	—	6	8th.
4 Yorkshire Association ..	6	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	9th.
5 Winchester Diocesan Guild..	6	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	6	11th.
6 Kent County Association....	4	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	4	2nd.
7 Sussex County Association..	4	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	4	3rd.
8 Royal Cumberland Youths..	4	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	4	12th.
9 Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	13th.
10 Trinity Youths ..	4	—	1	—	2	—	—	1	4	14th.
11 Surrey Association ..	4	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	4	17th.
12 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	3	—	2	—	②	—	—	—	3	4th.
13 Midland Counties' Assn. ..	3	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	3	5th.
14 Lancashire Association..	3	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	3	7th.
15 Middlesex Association ..	3	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	3	20th.
16 Gloucester and Bristol Assn.	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	10th.
17 Society for Arch. of Stafford	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	18th.
18 Worcester and Districts Assn.	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	19th.
19 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	21st.
20 Bedfordshire Association ..	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	29th.
21 Hertford Association.....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	15th.
22 United Counties' Association	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	16th.
23 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	22nd.
24 Waterloo Society, London ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	23rd.
25 Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	25th.
26 South Lincolnshire Assn. ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Independent Societies ..	6	3	1	—	1	—	—	1	6	—
Less peals entrd. under two Assn. ..	90	18	26	10	19	2	2	13	90	—
	10	1	1	2	4	0	0	2	10	—
Total ..	80	17	25	8	15	2	2	11	80	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2. Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 1; Caters, 3; Triples, 7. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 1; Royal, 2; Major, 13; in Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 1. One Treble Bob Minor Method, 1; Grandsire: Caters, 5; Triples, 18. Doubles (5040), 2. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Union Triples, 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 6; Bob Triples, 2; in three methods on five bells, 1; on 6 bells —; in seven ditto, 3; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 2. Total 80.

The six peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Cheshire 1, Gloucestershire 1, Lancashire 1, Somersetshire 1, Worcestershire 1, and Yorkshire 1.

Peals rung in January, 1888	52	Peals rung in January, 1890	64
" " 1889	83	" " 1891	80
Increase on January of last year, 16.			

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GEORGE F. ATTREE.

Notices.

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Surrey Association.—All those members who wish for a copy of the forthcoming report, balance-sheet, and list of members, are requested to give their orders to their local secretary, and local secretaries are asked to kindly make up their lists as soon as possible, and to send them to the Hon. Sec., in order that he may know how many copies to order.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.*

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wollaton Church, to-day, Saturday, March 14th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.

A. LAMBERT, *Local Secretary.*
6, Osmaston Street, New Lenton, Nottingham.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Further particulars will be published. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Hertfordshire Association.—Annual Meeting at St. Albans on Easter-Monday. Further particulars next week. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association.—The Annual tea and meeting will be held in the church schoolroom on Easter-Monday. Tea on tables at 5 o'clock. Meeting after tea. Tower open for ringing from 9.30. J. J. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

Essex Association.—There will be a District Meeting at Southminster, on Saturday, April 4th. The towers of Southminster (six bells) and Tillingham (six bells), will be open for ringing. A brake will meet the 2.0 p.m. train at Southminster to convey ringers to Tillingham. A meat tea will be provided at Southminster at 5.30 p.m. Ringers intending to be present should inform the Secretary not later than Easter-day.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage.

The Sawbridgeworth Society.—Notice is hereby given, that the usual Easter-Monday meeting of ringers will not take place this year. G. ROCHESTER, *Warden.*

Surrey Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held, by the kind permission of the Vicar, at East Molesey, on Easter Monday, March 30th. The following towers will be open for ringing from 12 o'clock;—East Molesey and Hampton (eight bells), and Thames Ditton (six bells). Trains to Hampton Court Station. Tea at 6.0 p.m. at the New Inn, Molesey, free to all annual subscribers whose subscriptions are paid. Those who intend to be present must please send word to Mr. J. Strutt, *London Street, Kingston-on-Thames*, not later than Thursday, March 26th. The tea will be followed by the General Business Meeting.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Compositions.

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TWO PEALS OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By G. CONYARD, *Crayford.*

5056.

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Each of these peals has the 6th the extent wrong and right.

H. ARGYLE.—Purely an accident, which we regret; let it be settled the way you suggest.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By P. BRICKELL, *Northenden.*

5120.

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Four times repeated; 23456 progressively in 6ths place at course-ends in each part.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, *Gillingham.*

5024.

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This is supposed to be the nearest approach yet obtained to having the 2nd and 3rd entirely out of 6ths place at a course-end.

A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By T. MILLINGTON, *Clay Cross.*

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Twice repeated.

* * As compositions sent for insertion were becoming numerous, some of them possessing features of more than ordinary merit, a greater collection of them appears this week. They will be found on page 608. Every endeavour is made to publish these matters as early as possible after receiving them.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting of the above branch was held at the parish church, Eccles, on Saturday, March 7th, when members attended from Manchester, Worsley, Swinton, Pendlebury, Rusholme, Haughton, and Flixton, besides the local company. The business meeting was held in the Mission Room, presided over by the Rev. J. Santisford, who made a brief but very appropriate address to the members present, there being about forty. The Rev. H. J. Elsee (president of the Association and one of the representatives on the Central Council), then invited discussion among the members regarding certain business to be transacted at the coming meeting of the Central Council. This being disposed of, it was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Ann's, Haughton, on Saturday, April 11th. During the evening touches were rung in the following methods: Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Votes of thanks being accorded to the rev. gentleman for presiding, and to the vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at the church of St. John the Baptist, Tue Brook, near Liverpool, on Saturday, March 7th, when about twenty ringers attended from Liverpool, Garston, Walton, and Southport. The vicar presided at the business meeting in the Institute at 6 p.m., and in a very humorous and brief speech welcomed the Association, and was pleased to find such an organisation was formed for the good of ringers, etc. Two new members were enrolled.

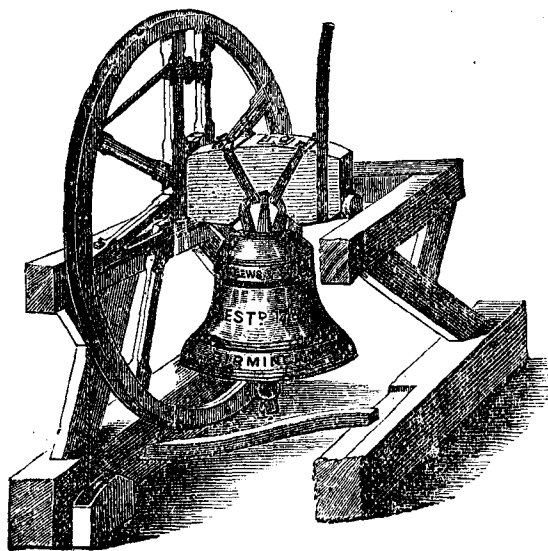
The next meeting (six-bell tower) was fixed to be held at Walton-on-the-Hill on Saturday, April 4th. A vote of thanks

was passed and carried to the vicar for the use of the bells and Institute, and for presiding, which brought the meeting to a close. Methods rung on the bells during the evening: Cambridge Surprise Major, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7th, a very successful district meeting was held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead. Some twenty-five members attended from Finchley, Hendon, Tottenham, Gospel Oak, Stoke Newington, and Hadley. Touches of Grandsire Caters, Triples, and Stedman Triples, and a plain course of Bob Royal were rung. At the conclusion of the practice a General Meeting was held, at which Mr. G. B. Lucas, of Tottenham, Master of the Association, was unanimously elected to represent them on the Central Council, and a resolution passed that his travelling and other expenses should be defrayed out of the funds of the Association. Seven new members were then enrolled. A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar, the Rev. J. Kirkman, for so kindly permitting the use of the tower, terminated the proceedings punctually at 9 p.m. The company separated after having spent a thoroughly enjoyable three hours in the belfry. It is to be hoped that arrangements may be made for periodical meetings for practice at St. Stephen's, and that the tower may in time become one of the centres of the Association.

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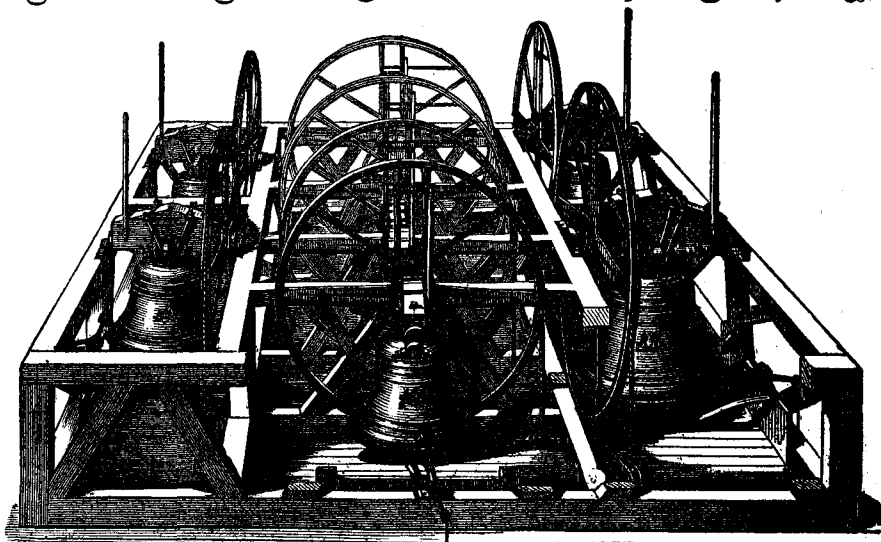
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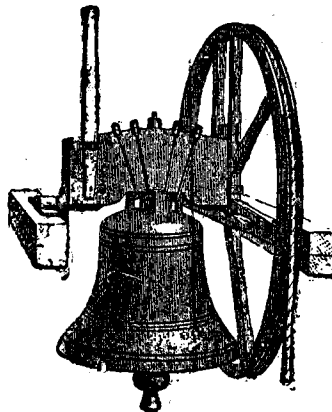
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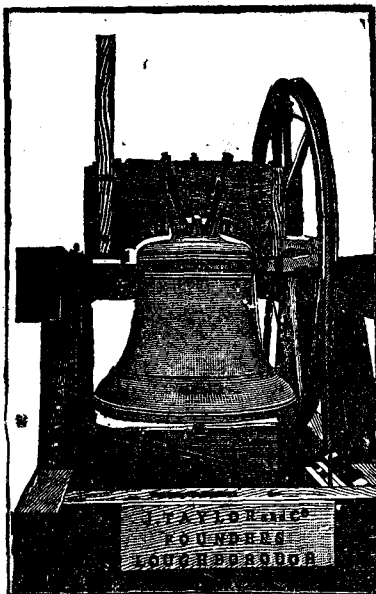
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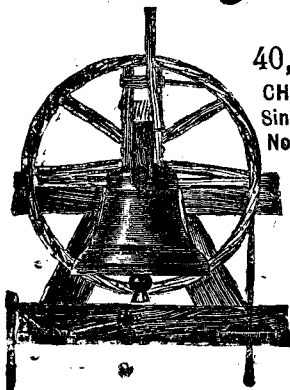
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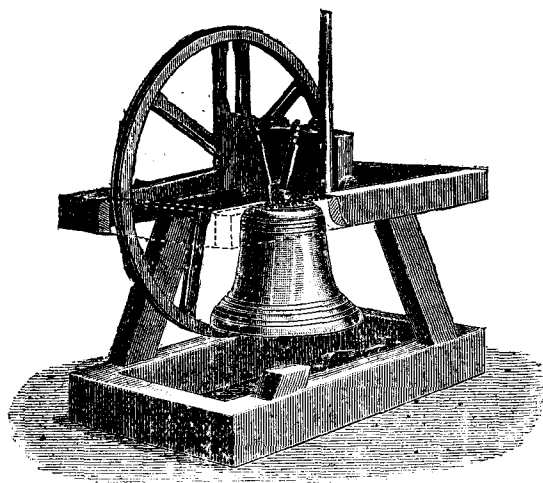
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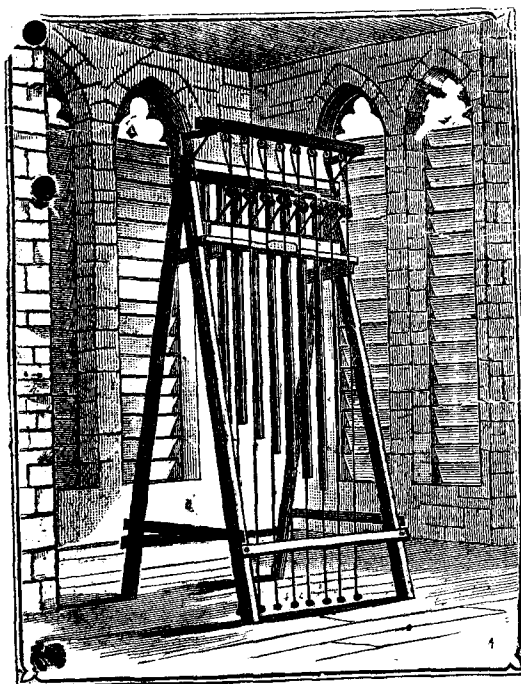
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(1.)	5040.	(2.)	5040.
672534	I 762435 I	672534	I 762435 I
456723	3 467235 5	456723	3 237546 4
234756	I 354267 I	564237	2 462537 I
562734	I 253467 5	265437	5 754623 3
345762	I 362745 4	532746	4 657423 5
743562	5 763245 5	735246	5 576234 2
367254	4 347526 4	467235	I 345276 I
263754	5 543726 5	674352	2 243576 5
352476	4 265473 I	376452	5 372654 4
453276	5 432765 I	243765	3 673254 5
764253	I 654732 I	652743	I 736542 2
267453	5 276543 3	246375	4 257364 3
(3.)	5040.	(4.)	5040.
672534	I 762435 I	672534	I 762435 I
456723	3 237546 4	456723	3 467235 5
624375	4 532746 5	564237	2 674352 2
326475	5 325467 2	725643	3 376452 5
543267	3 673425 I	257436	2 523476 I
675243	I 476325 5	452736	5 425376 5
756432	2 764253 2	524367	2 254763 2
457632	5 537264 I	325467	5 752463 5
324657	I 425376 3	673425	I 527634 2
243576	2 324576 5	476325	5 465273 3
542376	5 473652 4	764253	2 654732 2
275634	4 264735 3	267453	5 276543 3

In peals Nos. 1 and 2 the 2nd is not called before. In Nos. 3 and 4 the 2nd is called before three times in each part.

I also give below a peal with the 2nd bell always called before.

(6.) 5040.

672534	I	762435	I
726345	2	357462	I
457326	I	623457	I
634572	3	746235	3
726534	I	357246	I
527634	5	623574	3
275346	2	526374	5
372546	5	265743	2
723465	2	762543	5
427365	5	627435	2
534276	3	426735	5
765234	I	354726	I
427653	3	673542	3
534627	I	426573	I
275634	I	264735	2

I shall next deal with six-part peals.

(To be continued.)

ST. MARY THE GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.

"The Vicar of Great St. Mary's has issued a long letter about the condition of the University church. He points out that some repairs to the tower and some improvement in the ventilation are urgently required, and ought to be taken in hand at once by the parish and University. He also calls attention to several highly desirable improvements; the clock is practically worn out, and the celebrated Cambridge chimes are not heard to advantage; the choir organ is in a very bad state, and there is great need, in the very large church of a very small parish, for a side chapel for daily and occasional services. Mr. J. T. Micklethwaite's report, which is appended to the Vicar's circular, advocates some very considerable changes in the interior of the church. At present it is much blocked with galleries; he proposes to remove the eastern bay of each gallery, and to make up for the space sacrificed by providing seats in the eastern chapels, which could then be thrown into the church. There would be a great gain in displaying the full proportions of the building, and the Heads of Houses would be placed in a more convenient and dignified position both for hearing and seeing than they now occupy. So far as it appears, Mr. Micklethwaite's suggestions have met with more general approval than might have been expected, and some parts of the vicar's proposals, notably the new clock and side chapel, have been cordially welcomed."—*Guardian*.

If such alterations as the foregoing proposals suggest are taken in hand with alacrity and spirit, perhaps the bells may meet with some attention. The rehanging of the whole peal in a new frame, with some slight revision of the ringing-chamber, would be fitting accompaniments to any form of restoration at the University church of Great St. Mary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, March 7th, at Helmshore. There were members present from Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, Newchurch, Bacup, and the local company. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Minor, and Triples, also Bob Major were rung. It was proposed to hold a meeting at Haslingden on Saturday, April 11th, and to invite other branches to join. Ringing was well kept up till about nine o'clock, when a very good and instructive meeting dissolved.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

In order that the proceedings of the Central Council may be more readily followed we reproduce, for the benefit of such of our readers as are without, a full copy of the rules passed at the meeting of the Provisional Committee last Easter for the formation and regulation of the Council, the first meeting of which will be held, as already announced, at the "Inns of Court" Hotel, Holborn, on Tuesday, March 31st, at one o'clock.

RULES.

I.—That the Council be known as "The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers."

II.—That the Council consist:—

(i) Of representative members from all recognised Societies, Associations, and Guilds, of Church Bell Ringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term "Societies") numbering not less than 75 members. The representation to be in the following proportion:—

For a Society the number of whose members exceeds 75 but does not exceed 150	one Representative.
150 " " " "	300 two Representatives.
300 " " " "	450 three " "
450 " " " "	four " "

Four Representatives to be the limit of representation allowed to any one Society.

(ii) Of Honorary members, not exceeding twelve in number elected by the Council. No Representative member to be eligible as an Honorary Member. The voting powers of Honorary Members to be equal with those of Representative Members.

NOTE.—The object of adding Honorary Members to the Council is in order to obtain the support of gentlemen who have not been returned as Representative Members, but whose assistance the Council may desire.

III.—That, except in the case of a vacancy, in which case the new Member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the three years, the election of Representative Members shall take place triennially before the end of the year.

IV.—That the Honorary Members shall, as far as convenient, be chosen by the Council at their first Annual Meeting after the triennial election; but that, in the event of vacancies, others may be chosen at either of the following Annual Meetings. Also that each Honorary Member shall retire after the third Annual Meeting from and exclusive of the Meeting at which he was elected, but be eligible for re-election; but that any Honorary Member who, during his term of office, may be elected a Representative Member shall, *ipso facto*, vacate his Honorary Membership.

V.—That all Societies returning Representative Members to the Council be required to contribute annually, in January, 2s. 6d. on behalf of each Representative Member returned, to meet the expenses of conducting the business of the Council, and that no Representative Member shall be entitled to vote at an Annual Meeting of the Council until the subscription of the Society which he represents be paid.

NOTE.—It is hoped that all Societies will also defray the travelling expenses of their respective Representative Members.

VI.—That the Council meet once annually, about Easter, in some convenient centre, as agreed upon at the previous meeting, but that the meeting following the Triennial Election be always in London.

Also, that any meeting may be extended to additional sittings on the same or the following day on a motion for adjournment being put and carried.

That the President have power, in case of emergency, to call Special Meetings of the Council, and that he shall at any time summon such a Special Meeting on receipt of a requisition signed by twelve Representative Members.

VII.—That, at the Annual Meeting next after each Triennial Election, a President and Hon. Secretary be chosen to serve for three years. The Hon. Secretary to act also as Treasurer. Either Representative or Honorary Members to be eligible for these offices.

Also that, in the event of the President or Hon. Secretary vacating office before the expiration of the three years, the ensuing meeting shall elect a member to fill the vacancy during the remainder of the period. The retiring President and Hon. Secretary to be eligible for re-election at the expiration of their term of office. The President to retire from the chair immediately his successor is elected; the Hon. Secretary to continue in office till the business of the Meeting is concluded. All nominations for these offices to be sent to the Hon. Secretary, signed by two Members of the Council, not less than one month previous to the Meeting, so that the names may appear on the Agenda paper. The next business after the election of a President and Hon. Secretary to be the election of Honorary Members.

VIII.—That the Council have power to appoint Committees for any purpose for which it may appear desirable; and also, if the state of the funds permits, to allow the necessary expenses of holding the Committee Meetings.

IX.—That any subject proposed for discussion shall be notified to the Hon. Secretary in writing, signed by two Members of the Council, not less than one month previous to the Meeting for insertion among the Agenda. But that it shall be competent on a vote of majority of the Meeting, for the Council to discuss a subject not upon the Agenda paper, providing such subject does not affect the Rules or Constitution of the Council.

X.—That at Meetings of the Council the President shall take the chair, and that in the event of his absence the Members shall elect a Chairman for that meeting. The Chairman to have a casting vote. One third of the whole number of Members to form a quorum.

XI.—That all resolutions having reference to matters outside the private business of the Council, shall be carried by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Meeting, and that, in such cases the names of the voters shall be entered in the minute book under the respective headings of "Ayes" and "Noes." Each Member, whether Representative or Honorary, to have one vote.

XII.—That full notice of the date, arrangements, and agenda for each Meeting shall be advertised in the ringing papers fourteen days approximately previous to each Meeting; but that it be not incumbent on the Hon. Secretary to send private notice to each Member. Also that the names of the Members present and the business transacted at such Meeting be entered in the minute book and reported to the Ringing Papers.

XIII.—That at each Annual Meeting the Hon. Secretary shall present a statement of the accounts of the previous year, which shall be examined and passed by the Meeting.

XIV.—That alterations in the Rules of the Council shall be made only at the Annual Meetings, and that every notice of a proposed alteration, shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary, signed by two Members of the Council, not less than one month before the Meeting. The Secretary to take care that such notices be duly advertised among the other Agenda.

SOME CURIOUS BEQUESTS.

Nothing reveals the characters of people more than the gifts and bequests they make. Could anything, for instance, better exhibit the amiability of Dr. Gregory, a once famous Edinburgh physician, than the following conduct. One day he was receiving fees for the privilege of attending his lectures. He left a student, and went into an adjoining room for a fresh supply of admission tickets. In a mirror he saw the student sweep into his pocket some sovereigns from a heap of gold (the fees of other students) that lay on the table. The doctor returned, dated the admission ticket, and gave it to the thief. He then politely attended him to the door, and on the threshold said, with deep emotion, "I saw what you did just now; Keep the money; I know what distress you must be in, but for God's sake never do it again—it can never succeed." The pupil implored Gregory to take back the money, but he refused, saying, "Your punishment is this, you must keep it—now you have taken it." The reproof had a salutary effect. The youth turned out an honest man. A similar story is told of Lettson, another physician, who in his day was very celebrated. On one occasion as he was travelling, a highwayman stopped his carriage, and putting a pistol into the window, demanded his money. The faltering voice and hesitation of the robber showed that he was new to the business. Lettson, handing his card, said that he was sorry to see such a well-looking young man pursuing a course which would inevitably bring him to ruin: that he would give him all the money he had about him, and would try and put him in a better way of life, if he called upon him in the course of a few days. Finding that the young man had been driven to lawless action by unexpected money difficulties, and that he had occupied a good position, Lettson obtained for him a commission in the army, where he distinguished himself so much that his name appeared twice in the *Gazette*. Here are two instances of bequests which must have heaped coals of fire upon the heads of recipients. When bleeding a French lady a surgeon had used his lancet so clumsily that he cut an artery instead of a vein, in consequence of which the lady died. On her death-bed she, with charming humanity and irony, made a will bequeathing the operator a life annuity of 800 livres, on condition "that he never again bled anybody so long as he lived." A similar story is told of a Polish princess who lost her life in the same way. In her will, made *in extremis*, there was the following clause—"Convinced of the injury that my unfortunate accident will occasion to the unhappy surgeon who is the cause of my death, I bequeath to him a life annuity of 200 ducats, secured by my estate, and forgive his mistake from my heart. I wish this may indemnify him for the discredit which my sorrowful catastrophe will bring upon him." Very thoughtful, too, was the man who not long ago left a large sum of money to his nephew, on condition that he got married in six months, and not be a miserable old bachelor like his uncle. That it is possible, however, to be quite as unhappy when married, is proved by the fact that one, Thomas Nash, in 1813, bequeathed "fifty pounds a year to the ringers of the Abbey Church at Westminster, on condition of their ringing on the whole peal of bells, with clappers muffled, various solemn changes on the 14th of May in every year, that being the anniversary of my wedding day, and also on the anniversary of my decease to ring a grand bob-major and merry mirthful peals, unmuffled, in joyful commemoration of my happy release from domestic tyranny and wretchedness."

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Report for 1890 is now ready. The late Secretary, however has not left any list of subscribers' addresses. Those members of the Guild, therefore, who are life subscribers, and who live at a distance, will do well to write at once to me—Rev. R. H. HART-DAVIS, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

ANSWER TO MR. MILLS.

SIR,—If Mr. Mills will take the trouble to look in "THE BELL NEWS" for March 28th, 1885, he will find a peal of 13,440 Bob Major in five parts, by me, which can be brought round at the third part-end in 8064 changes. After the peal was published I found out that the bells could be brought round at the second part-end, by substituting a single for the bob at M in the first course. Now this peal will run equally true if the calls at W are reversed, viz.: call the first course

W M H O R W M H
S - - - S S -

then commence with the calling of the last course, and run afterwards until the second course is reached, which of course cannot be considered a new peal. I also stated that the 8064 would run true on Double Norwich. I should have stated that it would go true on any Major method (excepting Grandsire) with the treble a plain hunt; the 5376 will do the same. Mr. Mills will thus see that the peal he published is not a new one, as the calls at W in his peal are simply the reverse of mine, and that it has been published in our paper, although not as a 5376; but most probably it will be found in the reports of the Sussex County Association, as it has been rung twice at Warnham, first as 5376 College Single (an improved variation of the old Major method), on February 18th, 1889. While writing I should like to correct an error in the peal of 5024 Treble Bob Major published by me in the issue of the 21st ult., in which I W should be called in the tenth course.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

SIR,—In replying to Mr. James' letter published in last week's issue, I beg to state that though the peal of 6048 Bob Major by me is the same calling as Cox's peal of Superlative, I do not think that Treble Bob methods ought to be classed with plain methods, as the calling produces different course-ends and qualities. All peals of Superlative will not run in Plain Bob or Double Norwich. When I composed the peal little did I think of looking over Surprise methods for the same calling.

JOHN CARTER.

Obituary.

REV. F. A. ALBAN WYLD.

The county of Essex has just lost one of its most popular preachers by the death of the above rev. gentleman, rector of St. Andrew's, Romford, who died on Tuesday, March 3rd, at Hythe, Kent, at the early age of thirty-nine. The deceased had not enjoyed robust health for the last two-and-a-half years, having two winters ago to go abroad. The rev. gentleman was very popular as a powerful, attractive and active preacher, and received months in advance pressing invitations to preach special sermons or take mission services from all parts of the country. One of his largest congregations was at Tewkesbury Abbey, when it was estimated that there were 3000 present. His addresses were all extemporary, and it is feared that the great demands for his services, combined with his extraordinary activity and accumulation of pressure on the brain, accelerated his early death. His interest in our art was shown while in charge at Dagenham. Under his personal superintendence the whole of the bells were taken out and overhauled. Notwithstanding that not much improvement was made in the "go," the first and most important step in belfry reform was carried out by making the belfry have the appearance and also recognised by those that frequented it as part of the House of God. While here he learnt to ring rounds, and there can be no doubt that had he been with a company of change-ringers he would have made a fairly good ringer. The funeral took place at Stanford-le-Hope on Thursday, March 12th, when five of the local company with Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, rang a deeply muffled touch. The deceased was an hon. member of the Essex Association.

NOTE TO THE COALBROOKDALE PEAL.—This was the first peal in the method on the bells, and also by Messrs. Wale, Morgan, and Bradburn, who (with W. Price) are local ringers, the rest of the band came from Bridgnorth. It is the first peal by the tenor and treble-men, also by members of the Shropshire division of the Guild. It was rang on the birthday of H. Warren, upon which fact he was congratulated. Permission to ring the peal had been kindly given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Harris. Previous to attempting the peal the Coalbrookdale ringers were elected members of the Herefordshire Guild, proposed by the Rev. J. Davies, seconded by Mr. J. E. Hall.

Compositions.

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THREE PEALS OF DOUBLE
NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.By N. J. PITSLOW, *Saffron Walden.*

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

3 2 4 6 5 - - -

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

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

6 5 4 2 3 - - -

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

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

Continued— 5 6 2 3 4 I 4 5 6
 3 2 6 5 4 - - -
 3 6 2 5 4 - - - s
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 4 2 5 3 6 - - -
 2 3 5 4 6 - - -
 3 4 5 2 6 - - -
 2 5 4 3 6 - - -
 5 3 4 2 6 - - -
 2 4 3 5 6 - - -
 4 5 3 2 6 - - -
 5 2 3 4 6 - - -
 4 3 2 5 6 - - -
 3 5 2 4 6 - - -
 5 4 2 3 6 - - -
 3 2 4 5 6 - - -

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB
ROYAL.By HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberlands.*

5080.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

3 5 4 2 6 I 2 2

2 4 5 3 6 2 2 2

2 5 3 4 6 I 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 I 2 2

By calling the 4th and 5th courses as follows:—

5 3 4 6 2 M W H

5 6 2 3 4 2 I I I

2 4 3 6 5 I I 2

the peal is augmented to 5120 changes, each peal containing the 6th its extent in 5-6.

5120.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

5 6 3 4 2 I 2 2

6 5 2 4 3 2 2 2

4 2 5 6 3 2 2 2

4 5 6 2 3 I 2 2

4 6 2 5 3 I 2 2

Repeated.

First rung by the Royal Cumberland Society on August 5th, 1889, at St. Barnabas, Pimlico, conducted by Geo. Newson.

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAXIMUS.

5040.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, *Duffield.*

I 2 3 4 5 I B O

5 3 2 4 I - -

2 5 3 4 I - -

3 5 4 2 I - -

2 4 5 3 I - -

5 2 4 3 I - -

3 4 2 5 I - -

2 3 4 5 I - -

Nine times repeated: substituting a single for the last bob in the 5th and 10th parts. Rung at Birmingham, March 17th, 1891, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

8171.

2 3 4 5 6

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

3 5 4 2 6 8th in 3
 4 3 5 2 6 9th in 3
 3 2 5 4 6 8th in 3
 5 3 2 4 6 9th in 3
 2 5 3 4 6 9th in 3
 3 4 5 2 6 8th in 3 s

4 2 5 3 6 8th in 3
 5 4 2 3 6 9th in 3
 4 3 2 5 6 8th in 3
 2 4 3 5 6 9th in 3
 3 2 4 5 6 9th in 3
 2 5 4 3 6 8th in 3

5 3 4 2 6 8th in 3
 4 5 3 2 6 9th in 3
 5 2 3 4 6 8th in 3
 3 5 2 4 6 9th in 3
 2 3 5 4 6 9th in 3
 5 4 3 2 6 8th in 3 s

6 2 4 5 3 8th in 2
 4 6 2 5 3 9th in 3
 2 4 6 5 3 9th in 3
 6 4 3 5 2 8-9
 3 6 4 5 2 9th in 3
 4 3 6 5 2 9th in 3

6 3 2 5 4 8-9
 2 6 3 5 4 9th in 3
 4 2 6 5 3 9th in 3 s

6 2 3 5 4 8-9
 3 6 2 5 4 9th in 3
 2 3 6 5 4 9th in 3
 6 3 4 5 2 8-9
 4 6 3 5 2 9th in 3
 3 4 6 5 2 9th in 3

6 4 2 5 3 8-9
 2 6 4 5 3 9th in 3
 3 2 6 5 4 9th in 3 s

2 5 6 3 4 8th in 3
 6 2 5 3 4 9th in 3

Repeated: substituting 8th in 2 for the calling of the first course, and 9th in and out at 2, and 8th in 3 for the last two courses.

This peal which is in two equal parts, contains the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right.

By substituting a bob for the first single in one or both parts, the peal is reduced to 7091, and 6011 respectively; or by substituting bobs for the first and third singles in one part, the number will be 6227; and by substituting a bob for the first single in both parts, and the third single in one part, the peal is further reduced to 5147. Other numbers are obtainable, viz.: 7307, 6443, and 5365.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Nothing venture; nothing win.

The latest acquisition to the "Gallery" is further evidence that it maintains its fame. Mentioning this subject leads me to mention another matter concerning photographs; and in what I am about to suggest I hope I may be pardoned if I offend. The idea of publishing a group portrait of the Council I am told must be abandoned on account of its impracticability. Now my opinion being that some perpetuation of the first actual Council should be made, I take the liberty to suggest: That a photograph of each member (cabinet size) be collected for an album of appropriate beauty and dimensions, having a title-page denoting the circumstances attending its production, and that the President be respectfully solicited to accept such album as a memento. I'll say no more on the subject beyond asking members of the C.C. to at once favor me with their views upon it. If agreeable, I should propose the following gentlemen as a Committee to carry it into effect: the Secretary of the C.C., the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, and the Editor of this paper.

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As our Editor very pithily puts it, "the principal coming event which is now casting its shadow before is the meeting of the Central Council on Easter Tuesday next." That day will without doubt be a memorable one in the history of the Exercise. It therefore behoves all who are privileged to take part in its proceedings, to consider seriously and well the business announced for transaction; and besides to take counsel with their brethren on the various items of the agenda paper, so that they may be prepared to give on each question not merely their own individual opinion and vote, but also that of those whom they are deputed to represent. Their going thus prepared will of a certainty not only give additional weight to the Council's decision, but be of considerable service in the way of economising the only too limited amount of time at disposal, which is a desideratum of no small importance.

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Regarding the business included in the agenda paper, while I would not willingly obtrude my own opinions with any object of influencing the representatives intending to be present at the Council, I cannot refrain from venturing a reference to them. At the same time, I trust my expressions of opinion will be taken in the same spirit in which they are given, namely, an earnest desire to see the Central Council established on a firm and substantial basis amongst us, so that its decision in years and generations yet to come may be accepted by the whole Exercise as those of its duly and universally recognised governing body.

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In the first place, I am most especially gratified that our esteemed friend, Mr. Heywood, will have a unanimous vote on the proposition for his election as first president of the Council of which he may be veritably said to be the father. This is just as it ought to be. Even although some other propositions for that post had been sent in, and the person so proposed voluntarily withdrawn in Mr. Heywood's favour, the initial proceedings of the Council would not have been marked with that characteristic of unanimity—and I might even add, of common gratitude to one who has done so much for us—as they will now be by the unopposed election of him to whom I hope the Central Council will for ages remain as a monument.

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For the post of Honorary Secretary only second in importance to that of president—we naturally looked for some competition.

But even in this instance, it is pleasing to know that four such "good men and true" have been nominated. We shall have, therefore, all of us, the satisfaction of anticipating with confidence that, however the voting goes, the president will have a most loyal and excellent coadjutor in conducting the work of the Council.

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The selection of honorary members is a point which will necessitate very careful consideration. To my own mind these should be selected not so much with a view merely to scatter them up and down the country because of representation—the representatives themselves will keep "the balance of power" for administration purposes—as to get included in that body those of our brethren most likely from their experience and abilities as will both give weight to the decisions of the Council, and also enable those less favoured as yet, in coming to wise decisions on whatever may be brought up for deliberation. Probably enough, most—if not all—will go to the Council prepared to advance the claims of some member of the Associations which they represent for the position of honorary member, but it is to be hoped that in the final selection consideration of experience and ability will have greater weight than mere representation.

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The question of proxy voting is one on which, as the Editor remarks, "much may be said both for and against," at the same time it will be well if representatives devote serious consideration to the pros and cons of the question before they are called upon to give their votes.

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On paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 of the agenda paper there will, I imagine, be little difference of opinion—on principle, at any rate; particularly the proposal No. 6 which aims at taking such steps as will "obtain adequate recognition of the ringers' office and work at Church Congresses." Although our annual Church Congress has no definite administrative functions, yet its influence is without doubt very great in the Church, and my opinion most certainly is that the sooner we as ringers of the Church gain position and recognition at the Congress, the greater will be the probabilities of our success both scientifically and as officers in the work of the Church.

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But probably, one of the most delicate questions up before the Council is contained in proposition No. 7, which proposes "to discuss, and if possible, define, what is essential to the performance of a true peal." Here most likely complication may arise, and considerable difference of opinion be manifested. But even should the Council be unable to thrash out the many questions involved at its meeting, it is to be hoped that it will not separate without some expression of opinion for guidance during the next twelve months.

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"With these few remarks," as public speakers are prone to say. I leave the Council and its business for the present, in the confident anticipation that its inaugural meeting will prove satisfactory to us all, and thus the newly-formed body start on its career amid the good wishes and fervent aspirations of the whole Exercise for its future usefulness and success.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1891.

THOUGH a tax has been placed upon the publication of compositions, their number does not seem to decrease. It is true we cannot now point to a file a yard long filled from top to bottom with questionable productions in Bob Major, and variations in galore of well-known peals of Caters and Triples. But the mania for notoriety in this branch of the science is not defunct. By no means. Lately some of these "aspirants to campanistean fame," as one of the old ringing books calls them, have been caught napping, and their pleasant dreams of success in composition ruthlessly destroyed. This of course is very disappointing, but we are afraid very little sympathy is felt for those who suffer the embarrassment of being detected in the publication of a false peal. The remedy however lies with themselves.

We are favoured now and again with hosts of figures, said to represent peals, but which we find it impossible to interpret. And the extraordinary properties some of these lucubrations are said to possess warrants the belief that the authors of them are trying to imitate the facetiousness of our contributor "JOSHUA." The "properties" of a peal or touch do not vary with fashion. The well-known musical positions of bells when in changes will never be supplanted while change-ringing lasts by fancy qualifications. Let this be remembered by young composers, and let them also get into the habit of submitting their figures to a competent neighbour before rushing into print. This counsel, if acted upon, will prevent much disappointment.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

LATE RETURN.—The Waterloo Society, London.—C. E. Malim.

The Provinces.

COLERNE, WILTS.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

JAMES SMITH-FLOWER .. Treble.	*FREDERICK SKUSE .. 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE .. 2.	†HENRY WOTTON .. 6.
WILLIAM DAVIS .. 3.	HENRY W. BROWN .. 7.
WALTER EAMES .. 4.	JAMES FUSSEL .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WOTTON.

The above was rung on the fiftieth anniversary of the birthday of J. Smith-Flower. *First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, March 4, 1891, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD.. 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE .. 3-4.	HENRY D. ADAMS.. 7-8.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by HENRY D. ADAMS.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

J. TAYLOR Treble.	W. TAYLOR 5.
J. STANDRING 2.	J. SHEPHERD 6.
J. WOLSTENHOLME 3.	H. H. NUTTER 7.
J. B. TAYLOR 4.	J. DIVER Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

Messrs. J. Taylor, W. Taylor, and Diver hail from Newchurch; J. B. Taylor from Waterfoot; Wolstenholme and Nutter from Ramsbottom. It was rung on the occasion of the birthdays of Messrs. Wolstenholme and J. B. Taylor, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns of the day.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART, REVERSED BY A. P. HEYWOOD, ESQ.

THOMAS HORTON .. Treble.	*WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 5.
WILLIAM LONG .. 2.	REUBEN HALL .. 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 3.	SAMUEL REEVES .. 7.
SAMUEL SPITTLE* .. 4.	JAMES HALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, is reversed so as to bring the seventh at home each course-end.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCIVAL J. BROOKER .. Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD .. 5.
RICHARD PELLING† .. 2.	THOMAS CARAD .. 6.
JAMES BAKER .. 3.	GEORGE TURLEY .. 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. 4.	*JOHN LATTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The above peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Latter his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. 4 lbs.

PHILIP SADLER* .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS.. 2.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS, JUN. 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 3.	JAMES SKINNER.. 8.
GEORGE MOY† .. 4.	GEORGE SMITH* .. 9.
ARTHUR J. NEALE† .. 5.	JOHN SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by P. SADLER.

*First peal in the method. First peal on the bells. †First peal as conductor. The composition will be found on page 107 of Hubbard's 4th edition, and contains the whole of the 8 9's and 9 7 8's with the 5th and 6th behind the 9th and round at hand.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 12, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS SAXBY .. Treble.	HENRY GIBBS .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. 2.	†ROBERT WILKINS .. 6.
WILLIAM AXTELL† .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS† .. 4.	†HENRY WEBB .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by GEORGE CONYARD.

This is a ten-part peal (No. 9) given in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 17th, 1890, and is now rung for the first time. †First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 13, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS .. Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD .. 5.
WILLIAM J. REEVE .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT .. 6.
FREDERICK HAYES† .. 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 7.
HENRY GIBBS .. 4.	FREDERICK FRENCH .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD, and Conducted by FREDERICK FRENCH.

This is a six-part peal, the figures of which will appear in due course, and is the first peal in the method on the bells. †First peal in the method.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor about 24 cwt.

CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Treble.	FRED. GILBERT .. 5.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP .. 2.	HERBERT SHARP .. 6.
FREDERICK SHARP .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 7.
SAMUEL CONSTANT .. 4.	ISAAC HILLS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal in the method by all except the first, second, and tenor ringers. This is a one-part peal, having the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, with both bells five course-ends home. The above is taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of September 24th, 1887, and is supposed to be rung now for the first time. The ringers wish to thank the rector, Canon Lindsay, for the use of the bells; also the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness. The bells have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, and the "go" of them is excellent.

THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL.

We have been favored with a view of the sketch submitted of this memorial. The Committee appear to have done the very best they could with the funds at their disposal. The material used is granite, polished, with gold letters, and the whole is massive, strong, and apparently calculated to stand for very many years. The selection has evidently been dictated by the wish to have the memorial substantial and lasting, and yet not lacking in design.

CROYDON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MORRIS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

A. E. COLLINS Treble.	THOMAS VERRALL 5.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	GEORGE BURT 6.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 3.	WILLIAM HILL 7.
HENRY BROOKER 4.	*H. DUDLEY Tenor.
	A. ARNOLD J

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd; it is also the first peal in the method on the bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WALTER T. WALLER* .. Treble.	E. P. DEBENHAM 5.
JESSE W. BREWER 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
EDWARD HULL 3.	WALTER BATTLE 7.
HENRY BREWER 4.	DAVID GIBBONS Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD PERCY DEBENHAM.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the opening of the new Sunday School and Parish Room in connection with the church.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.

JAMES SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM RUFFELS 5.
GEORGE ROWE, JUN. 2.	*WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 6.
JOHN BRADY 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES 7.
EDWARD GOODING 4.	EDGAR COLLENS Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

First peal of Major by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th bells. *First peal of Major as conductor. Crickmer hails from Earl Soham; Collens from Worlingworth; the rest belong to Debenham. This peal will be found in Snowden's *Rope-Sight*, page 104. In this peal the 6th is twenty-two times wrong and right.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMPSON FLEWS* .. Treble.	WM. MASON 5.
JOHN BOOTHMAN 2.	HENRY HORNER 6.
JOHN WM. STIRK 3.	WM. BILLOWS 7.
STEPHEN DOUGHTY 4.	WM. DOWNHAM HILLARY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. BILLOWS.

*First peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

RICHARD C. BURRELL .. Treble.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 5.
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2.	ALFRED TARBUN 6.
WILLIAM ROWLAND, SEN. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PIPER 7.
JOHN DAINS 4.	EPHRAIM W. HOUGHTON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

First peal in the method by all the band, and first upon the bells.

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

On Saturday, March 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JOHN DAY Treble.	A. ROBERTS 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	BERNARD WITCHELL 7.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 8.
FREDERICK DICKENS 4.	WILLIAM KENT 9.
A. J. JONES 5.	WILLIAM JACKSON Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal is in the inverted titum position and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late James. Evans who died on March 3rd. He was for many years Warden at the above church, and a member of the St. Martin's Guild.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP,

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SHROPSHIRE DIVISION.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM PRICE Treble.	JOHN OVERTON 5.
WILLIAM H. WARREN 2.	WILLIAM MORGAN 6.
ALBERT WALE 3.	ALFRED D. BRADBURN .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	JAMES EDWIN HALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

A note to this peal will be found in another page.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.)

On Monday, March 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JONATHAN FINNEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM MEREDITH .. 5.
SANDY WAINE* 2.	*WILLIAM BYRON 6.
WILLIAM MOSTON 3.	THOMAS BYRON 7.
JOHN MOSTON 4.	WILLIAM HATTON Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BYRON.

*First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS REYNOLDS .. Treble.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
JOE JOYNES 2.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. 8.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3.	JOHN BUFFERY 9.
HENRY BASTABLE 4.	JOHN HOWE 10.
WILLIAM KENT 5.	ALFRED THOMAS 11.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 6.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This is the first peal of Maximus in the method. With the exception of the Double Norwich rung in 1817 it is the only peal of Maximus yet achieved in any but the common methods. It is also the first peal of Maximus by the ringers of the 6th, 7th, 10th, and tenor bells. The calling will be found on another page.

Date Touches.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUTTERTON.—On Saturday, March 7th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. Richardson, 1; W. F. Harwood, 2; A. Barber, 3; T. Ladd, 4; E. Mason (conductor), 5; G. Ladd, 6; J. M. Rylatt, 7; E. Clayton, 8.

Tenor 18 cwt. Composed by Ellis Nuttall, of Rawtenstall. This touch was rung as a compliment to the conductor on his birthday, all wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. T. and G. Ladd hail from Pinchbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH.—On Wednesday, March 11th, at St. Nicholas church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Taylor, 1; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; H. H. Nutter, 6; T. Stott, 7; J. Diver, 8.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, March 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Prescott, 1; W. J. Taylor, 2; J. Watts, 3; W. Sumner (composer), 4; P. H. Harvey, 5; W. Bentham, 6; G. Prescott (conductor), 7; T. Martland, 8.

HALIFAX (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, March 15th, for Divine Service at All Souls' church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. H. Reynolds, 1; A. Stead, 2; F. Salmons, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; G. H. C. Copping, 5; J. Hampson, 6; C. E. Stewart, 7; S. Stewart (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 26 cwt. First date touch by A. Stead.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, March 9th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch, 1891 changes, of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 16 mins. C. Fisk, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; H. Smith, 4; T. King (conductor), 5; W. Snell, 6; A. Symonds, 7; W. Moore, 8. Composed by J. Shepherd, of Bacup.

WOOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 3rd, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. H. Richardson, 1; G. Hyslop, 2; R. Roughley, 3; H. Fyles, 4; R. Leather, 5; P. Ball, 6; T. Kay (conductor), 7; J. Edwards, 8. Composed by E. Nuttall, of Rawtenstall. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, February 22nd, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Freeman (aged 16: first 720), 1; E. J. Norman, 2; J. Bonsall, 3; T. D. Thompson, 4; W. T. Burton, 5; R. T. Parkins (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, March 8, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 of Bob Minor (four bobs and eighteen singles), composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross. A. Freeman, 1; E. J. Norman, 2; T. D. Thompson, 3; J. Hall, 4; J. Bonsall, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. And on Monday, March 9th, an attempt for a 5040 in five Minor methods was made, which unfortunately gave to grief after ringing 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 540 of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 15 mins. T. D. Thompson (first of Treble Bob), 1; R. T. Parkins, 2; J. Hall, 3; J. Bonsall, 4; W. T. Burton, H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING ROAD (Essex).—On Saturday, March 7th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Waits, 1; A. White, 2; W. Dallimore, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. Doran (conductor), 5; H. Randall, 6.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, March 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Double Court Bob. F. Calthorpe, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Davey (first 720 in the method), 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, March 7th, at the parish church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Calthorpe, 5; F. Rudkin (conductor), 6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, March 1st, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 College Single in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, March 4, for practice, 720 Court Single, in 24½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 College Double Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 24 mins. G. Gray, 1; W. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3;

W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, March 8th, for morning service, 360 Yorkshire Court. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service 720 Yorkshire Court in 23½ mins., composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins, standing as before, conducted by W. Watts. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, March 8th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, 720 College Pleasure in 24½ mins. Also for evening service 720 Violet (twenty-one bobs) in 24 mins. J. Foulds, 1; R. Smith, 2; H. Stenton, 3; F. Drabble, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, March 8th, at the parish church, the second 504 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 19 mins. W. J. Taplin, 1; L. E. Collins, 2; H. Rogers, 3; W. H. Theobald, 4; W. E. Yates (conductor), 5; J. C. Truss, sen., 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; A. W. Truss, 8. H. Rogers belongs to Boyne Hill; the rest belong to the local company.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, March 9th, for practice at the parish church, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 518 changes. J. Maskell (first 500), 1; C. Giles (first 500 with a bob bell), 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; A. Watmore, 4; E. C. Foxall, 5; F. Hoppood (conductor), 6; H. Blisset, 7; A. P. Goddard, 8. Also on Tuesday, March 10th, for practice at St. Lawrence's church, amongst other touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Hoppood (conductor), 1; W. Lawrence, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. C. Foxall, 4; — Guildford, 5; J. E. Hern, 6; W. Newell, 7; J. Maskell, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, February 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; C. Clear, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; F. Finch, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; T. Linfield, 3; H. Finch, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, March 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot (first 720 in the method), 2; F. Finch, 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Wednesday, February 25th, at the parish church, 360 Yorkshire Court. G. Pettitt, 1; A. Turner, 2; G. Turner, 3; C. Stehelin, 4; A. Langridge, 5; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. Also 240 and 120 Bob Minor standing as before. And on Wednesday, March 4th, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. C. Sandles, 1; W. Trusler, 2; A. Turner, 3; G. Turner, 4; C. Stehelin, 5; A. Langridge, 6; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 7; H. Shoesmith, 8. This was rung on the middle six, and was W. Trusler's first 720. It was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of February 14th, 1891, composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross, Derbyshire. Also on Sunday evening, March 8th, for Divine Service, 600 Grandsire Doubles. W. Trusler, 1; A. Turner, 2; G. Turner, 3; A. Langridge, 4; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 5; H. Shoesmith, 6.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Thursday, March 12th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Soane, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; G. Batts (a.e.), 5; J. Lee, 6. First 720 by all, and first in the method on the bells. Touches of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob were rung by the same band.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday, March 2nd, for practice at St. Peter's church, 504 Bob Triples. G. Gammond, 1; W. Palmer, 2; H. Brooker (conductor), 3; W. Sadler, 4; H. Harman, 5; G. Burt, 6; C. Kitchin, 7; A. Collins, 8.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 8th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Hoad (conductor), 1; F. Linter, 2; W. Sadler, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; J. Howard, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALTON-ON-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, March 8th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's parish church, 720 Single Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), the singles occurring in the

3rd and 6th parts, in 25 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Thursday, February 17th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles) in 25 mins. J. Worthington (conductor), 1; Jno. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Also on Sunday evening, March 1st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Brookes, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; S. Oakes, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON.—On Tuesday, March 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 29 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Gibbanks. W. Hinton, 1; J. Lewis, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOOD GREEN (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, March 7th, at St. Paul's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Harper, 1; E. Unitt, 2; G. Pugh (conductor), 3; T. Lowe, 4; J. Gough, 5; S. Atkins, 6; J. Foster, 8. The above met for a peal, but meeting one short they rang the above with the tenor behind. They wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derby).—On Sunday, February 22, a 720 of Duke of York, in 25 mins. H. Taylor, 1; J. Severn, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before except H. Greaves, 3. And on Monday, for practice, a 720 each of Violet and Oxford, in 50 mins., with J. Emsen, 2; and H. Greaves (first 720 of Violet), 3; the rest as before. And on Sunday, March 8, a 720 each of New London Pleasure and Duke of York. H. Taylor, 1; J. Severn, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. And on Monday, March 9th, for practice, a 720 of City Delight, standing as before; and a 720 of Arnold's Victory, with H. Greaves, 1; the rest as before. The above are H. Turton's first 720 in each of the foregoing methods.

BRISTOL.—On February 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, in 37 mins. G. Daltry, 1-2; T. Hibbert (Reading), 3-4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5-6; C. H. Gordon, 7-8. And on Sunday, March 8th, at St. John's church, 720 of Bob Minor. C. H. Gordon, 1; G. Daltry, 2; H. Turner, 3; J. Hinton (conductor), 4; W. Emery, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 8th, at the parish church, 362 Grandsire Doubles. A. Holman, 1; G. Allen, 2; F. Sanders, 3; R. Holman, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. A. Holman, 1; G. Allen, 2; W. Sadler, 3; R. Holman, 4; F. Sanders (conductor), 5. And another 120 conducted by W. Sadler.

BUSHLEY (Worcestershire).—On Monday evening, March 9th, some members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Society visited this place and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. H. Witherington, 1; S. Cleal, 2; J. Devereux, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, in which Messrs. Austin, Taylor, and C. Jones accomplished their first 6-score in that method upon the tower bells.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Tuesday afternoon, March 8th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Thomson (first 720), 1; H. J. Fisher, 2; N. Spindlow (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; H. Druce, 4; J. Fisher, 5; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 6.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, March 1st, for Divine Service at the church of St. Lawrence, 1080 of Bob Royal in 45 mins. W. Holloway, 1; J. Potter (conductor), 2; W. J. Williams, 3; C. Foxell, 4; E. Menday, 5; E. Heathorn, 6; A. Goddard, 7; W. Goseltine, 8; W. Newell, 9th; T. Hibbert, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Sunday, March 8th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. W. Gifford, 1; W. M. Lush, 2; G. F. Doel (longest touch with a bob bell), 3; R. W. J. Gollop, 4; S. Macey, 5; W. S. Wise (conductor), 6; H. D. Adams, 7; W. C. Dawe, 8. Composed by Mr. Hopgood, of Reading.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA (Lancashire).—On Thursday night, March 5th, the ringers of St. John's, Lytham, paid a visit to this place, and by kind permission of the Rev. W. Terry rang a 720 of Bob Minor

with 7-8 covering, this being the first 720 in the method on the bells. J. Fell (conductor), 1; T. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; R. Cookson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; J. Salthouse, 6; G. Maries, 7; R. Whiteside, 8.

STRATFORD ST. MARY (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 2nd, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross, Derbyshire. G. Winny, 1; W. Hazell, 2; H. Bowers, 3; J. Starling, 4; J. King, 5; W. Nevard (conductor), 6. And another 720 in the same method conducted by W. Hazell. Messrs. Nevard, King, and Bowers hail from Great Bentley, Hazell from Little Bentley, Starling from Great Bromley, and Winny is of Stratford.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Wednesday, December 24th, at the church of St. Barnabas, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). A. Millard, 1; H. Griffin, 2; C. Apps, 3; E. Jacobs, 4; J. E. Warren (conductor), 5; W. Linter, 6. On Sunday, February 22nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; J. E. Warren, 2; A. Millard (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Osman, 4; C. Apps, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 1st, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Millard, 1; J. E. Warren (conductor), 2; J. Osman, 3; E. Jacobs, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter, 6. On Sunday, March 8th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). E. Jacobs, 1; J. Osman, 2; C. Apps, 3; J. E. Warren (conductor), 4; A. Millard (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Linter, 6.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, March 7th, at the parish church of St. Mary Magdalene, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 768 covering. G. Collard, 1; J. H. Taylor, 2; W. H. Wilkins, 3; W. Eveleigh, 4; T. Doble (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6; G. Yendall, 7; J. Lugg, 8. And three 6-scores in the same method, the band standing as before except H. Creed, 3. Rung in honour of the Rev. W. H. Askwith (Vicar) having been appointed to the prebendal stall of Barton St. David, in Wells Cathedral. On Sunday evening, March 8th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores, with 768 covering. G. Collard, 1; J. H. Taylor, 2; G. Yendall, 3; W. Eveleigh, 4; T. Doble (conductor), 5; F. Millard, 6; E. J. Smith, 7; W. Smith, 8.

TICKENHALL (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, February 14th, 1891, six members of the St. Michael's society of Melbourne visited this place, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. F. Hollingworth, 1; H. Hollingworth, 2; J. R. Wood, 3; J. Warren, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunncliffe (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 rung on the bells since they were hung in 1840. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor. F. Hollingworth, 1; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 2; J. Warren, 3; T. Hollingworth, 4; G. C. Tunncliffe, 5; J. R. Wood, 6. Two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were also rung with two of the local men.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, March 8th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. T. Johnson, 1; S. Strong, 2; R. Hurst, 3; H. Kelly, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. S. Strong hails from Bidstone, Cheshire.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday morning, March 15th, before Divine Service at St. Swithin's church, six members of the Cathedral society rang 720 Grandsire Minor in 29 mins. J. Clements, 1; N. Wale, 2; W. Pudge, 3; H. Pheasant, 4; J. Reynolds, 5; H. Wilkes (conductor), 6. The collections after service were in aid of the choir funds.

THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.—This colossal institution has just issued its forty-second Annual Report, and the bare mention of the sums of money circulated by its operations is enough to take away one's breath. The total assets of the company is now above twelve and a half millions, being above a million and a half more than last year. The Premiums received on the Ordinary business exceed those of the previous year by £257,734; while the Industrial business has an increase of £181,183. Nothing but indomitable energy on the part of the various officers of the company could produce such tremendous results, and the saying, now fast merging into a proverb that the "Prudential" is one of the wonders of the present century, will certainly defy contradiction.

Good Friday coming in next week we shall be compelled to publish this paper a day earlier than usual. Everything intended for insertion must reach us therefore not later than Wednesday morning next. As our next number commences a new volume, we shall issue a portrait—that of Mr. Henry Burstow, of Horsham, Sussex.

HOME CURE FOR DEAFNESS.—A book by a noted Aural Surgeon, describing a System of Curing Deafness and Noises in the Head, by which a self-cure is effected at home. The Rev. D. H. W. Harlock, of the Parsonage, Milton-under-Wychwood, writes: "Try the System by all means: it is first rate, and has been of the utmost service to me." Post free 4d. De Vere and Co., Publishers, 22, Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Surrey Association.—All those members who wish for a copy of the forthcoming report, balance-sheet, and list of members, are requested to give their orders to their local secretary, and local secretaries are asked to kindly make up their lists as soon as possible, and to send them to the Hon. Sec., in order that he may know how many copies to order.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Hertfordshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter-Monday. The Cathedral and St. Peter's Towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. until 12.30 p.m., and in the afternoon from 2.30. Special Service at St. Peter's at 12.45 p.m., with an address by the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Dinner at the Corn Exchange at 1.30 p.m. (cost to members, 1s. 9d. each), followed by meeting for the election of officers and general business. Mr. J. C. Mitchell's proposition as to the adoption of an office for use by the Association, will come on for discussion. Cheap Tickets to members on the Great Northern Line, and trains will run at excursion fares from London by the Midland and Great Northern lines. For particulars vide companies' advertisements. Members and visitors intending to be present are earnestly requested to so inform me not later than Wednesday, March 25th, in order that provision may be made for catering, &c.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties' Association.—The Ninth Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Derby on Easter-Monday, March 30th, 1891. All the towers will be open for ringing from 10.0 a.m. Committee-meeting in the Coffee-rooms, Midland-road, at 4 p.m. Tea and General Meeting at the same establishment at 5 o'clock, when the following resolutions will be submitted: 1. That the place where the next annual meeting shall be held be fixed at the previous annual meeting. 2. That in future the annual meetings be held alternately at Derby, Nottingham, and Leicester. All members and friends earnestly invited to attend.

5 St. Paul's-street-east, JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*
Burton-on-Trent.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Further particulars will be published.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association.—The Annual tea and meeting will be held in the church schoolroom on Easter-Monday. Tea on tables at 5 o'clock. Meeting after tea. Tower open for ringing from 9.30.

J. J. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

Essex Association.—There will be a District Meeting at Southminster, on Saturday, April 4th. The towers of Southminster (six bells) and Tillingham (six bells), will be open for ringing. A brake will meet the 2.0 p.m. train at Southminster to convey ringers to Tillingham. A meat tea will be provided at Southminster at 5.30 p.m. Ringers intending to be present should inform the Secretary not later than Easter-day.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Until the Annual Meeting of this Guild, the acting Secretary and Treasurer is R. H. HART-DAVIS.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

The Sawbridgeworth Society.—Notice is hereby given, that the usual Easter-Monday meeting of ringers will not take place this year.

G. ROCHESTER, *Warden.*

Surrey Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held, by the kind permission of the Vicar, at East Molesey, on Easter Monday, March 30th. The following towers will be open for ringing from 12 o'clock;—East Molesey and Hampton (eight bells), and Thames Ditton (six bells). Trains to Hampton Court Station. Tea at 6.0 p.m. at the New Inn, Molesey, free to all annual subscribers whose subscriptions are paid. Those who intend to be present must please send word to Mr. J. Strutt, London Street, Kingston-on-Thames, not later than Thursday, March 26th. The tea will be followed by the General Business Meeting.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—No other meeting will be held until the Annual Meeting, of which due notice will be given.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Old East Derbyshire Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Easter-Monday, March 30th. A short service will be held in the church, with an address by the Rev. J. Oldham, Rector, at which he hopes to see as many present as can make it convenient. The Rector has kindly undertaken to have the dinner cooked at the rectory, which will be on the table at 2 p.m. in the church schoolroom. The meeting will be held after dinner for the election of officers and other matters. Peal of six open for ringing during the day.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
9, Pipworth Terrace, Eckington.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A district meeting will be held at Farnham on Wednesday, April 8th. The belfry will be open at 2.0.

Portsea Vicarage, R. C. M. HARVEY, *Hon. Sec.*
Hants.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter-Monday, March 30th. Committee Meeting at 1.30 prompt; General Meeting at 2.30 prompt. The Cathedral tower will not be open for ringing. The Hon. Sec. would be pleased to receive a list of names of each company in union at this meeting from those local Secretaries who have not sent them.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.
March 17th.

Lancashire Association (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's parish church, Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Short service and address at 5.15. Unveiling of Peal Tablet, recording the first 5040 in seven methods rung by the Lancashire Association Ringers at 5.45. Tea at 6.15, after which the usual business meeting will be held. Tea will be provided free of charge to all those sending their names to Mr. C. E. Wilson, 12, York-street, Walton, on or before April 2nd. It is earnestly requested that members will do their utmost to attend this meeting.

R. HILL, *Secretary.*
2, Chesnut-street, Southport.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Important Notice.—Members are requested to attend the next meeting at St. Saviour's on Tuesday next, the 24th instant, at 8.30 p.m., when the agenda paper of the Central Council will be laid before the meeting to be considered.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds & District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held on Saturday, April 4th, at the parish church, Leeds. Further particulars next week.

H. W. NEEDHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

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 additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By G. CONYARD, *Crayford.*

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Repeated.

. As compositions sent for insertion were becoming numerous, some of them possessing features of more than ordinary merit, a greater collection of them appears this week. They will be found on page 620. Every endeavour is made to publish these matters as early as possible after receiving them.

. The three peals by T. Brickell, published last week, are all false.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—W. Ward: The matter partakes too much of a local disagreement, and your letter would do no good. John Hack: The place is Leeds, in Kent, where the extent on eight bells is said to have been rung. H. Mason: Thanks; you will see we have adopted your suggestion. J.W.S.: We were not aware your opinion was solicited.

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Extracts from the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT. For the Year ending 31st December, 1890.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 55,846, assuring the sum of £5,615,676, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £340,600.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,162,649, being an increase of £257,734 over the year 1889. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £765,709, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £191,427 per annum.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,517,925, being an increase of £181,183. The increase in the Premium receipts for the years 1887-90 was £606,630, giving an average increase for the first four years of the Quinquennium, of £151,657 per annum.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,489,204. The number of Deaths was 169,890. The Number of Policies in force was 9,000,204: the average duration continues to increase, and now exceeds six and a half years.

The total Assets of the Company have been raised during the year from £10,946,156, to £12,579,870, being an increase of £1,633,714. The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	200,000	0	0	British Government Securities (Consols)	1,237,327	18	9
Ordinary Branch Funds	4,439,792	4	0	Railway and other Debentures	1,849,221	3	6
Industrial Branch Fund	7,912,205	16	9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	2,859,515	11	6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	27,871	19	9	Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,041,468	3	3
				Mortgages	1,688,355	2	1
				Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	266,463	12	0
				Bank of England Stock	160,337	0	1
				Freehold and Leasehold Property	823,725	0	9
				Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	675,558	11	6
				Reversions	132,036	16	0
				Railway and other Shares	165,582	16	2
				Loans on the Company's Policies	100,319	8	3
				Furniture and Fittings	15,500	0	0
				Loans upon Personal Security	705	0	0
				Outstanding Premiums	130,572	8	5
				Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' Balances	59,157	8	1
				Outstanding Interest and Rents	100,760	6	0
				Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	302,258	14	2
	£12,579,870	0	6		£12,579,870	0	6

THOS. C. DEWEY, } *Managers.*
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W. J. LANCASTER, *Secretary.*

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts, and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1890, 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, 1890.

18th February, 1891.

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18th February, 1891.

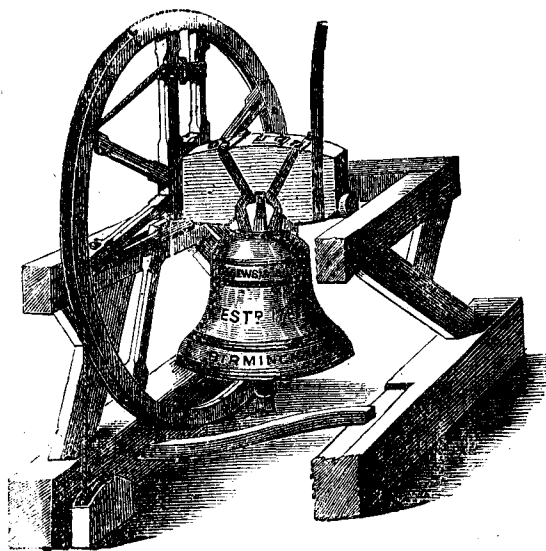
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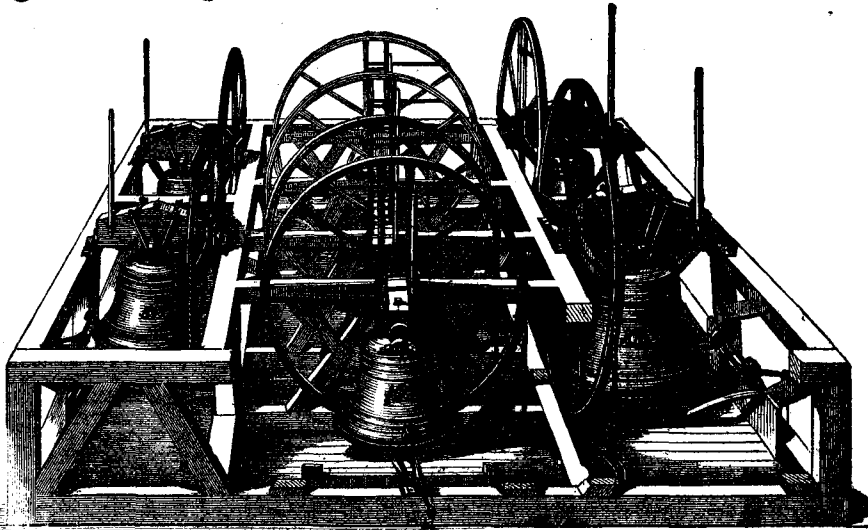
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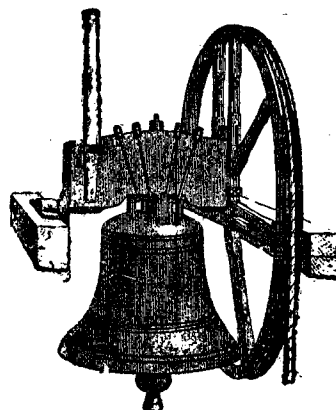
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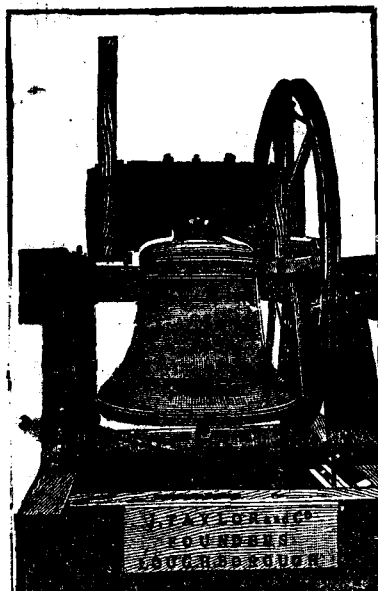
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