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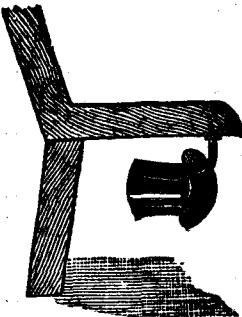
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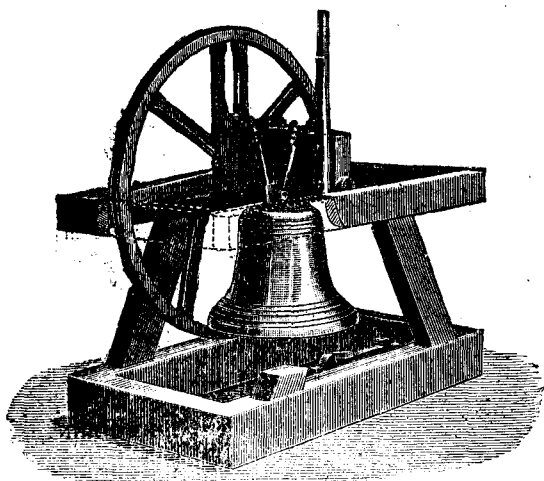
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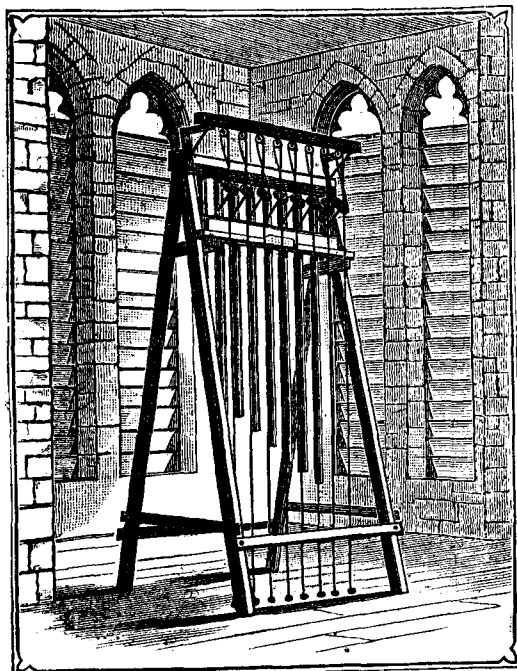
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### OPENING OF A NEW RING OF BELLS AT OSPRINGE, NEAR FAVERSHAM, KENT.

On St. Thomas's day, Monday, December 21st, the new ring of eight bells, supplied and hung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in the tower of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Ospringe, were opened by a band of ringers selected for the purpose by the Hon. Secretary of the Kent County Association, who had been asked by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Griffin) to make all necessary arrangements.

The bells are in good tune, and the "go" of them leaves nothing to be desired; while the favorable opinion as to their tone was unanimous, both outside and inside the tower. They are in the key of F sharp, tenor 17 cwt. When first heard in peal, their sound must have gratified the hearts of the parishioners and subscribers, as it came to their ears through the clear frosty air.

There was no formal dedication of the bells, owing to doubts entertained in some quarters as to the strict legality of such a service; but the prayers generally used at the opening of a new ring of bells were printed and placed in the seats in church for private use. The hymn, "Lifted safe within the steeple," was sung as a recessional after both the morning and evening service. At 11.30 there was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion, with a sermon by the Rev. L. E. Goodwin, Rector of St. Martin's, Canterbury, Rural Dean, from the text Ps. cxvii. 1: "I was glad when they said unto me," etc. Just before the sermon the Vicar gave out that the offertory would be devoted to the funds of the Kent County Association of change-ringers, an announcement which came as a very pleasant surprise to the members of the Association present at the service, as no suggestion or hint of such a thing being contemplated had been previously given. It is to be hoped that this precedent may be followed in other places, though it very rarely happens that the entire amount required has been subscribed, as in this case, before the day of opening. The offertory amounted to £3 5s., and with this sum it is proposed to initiate a Kent County Association Benevolent Fund.

Before the service a few rounds and a 168 of Grandsire Triples were rung with the assistance of S. Snelling, of Sittingbourne, and the foreman of the Ospringe ringers. During the service, after the Administration, the plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by the complete band invited for the opening peal, and at the conclusion of the service a short touch of Stedman Triples and one of Kent Treble Bob Major. The ringers then proceeded to the Vicarage, where they had been invited for luncheon, which, according to express arrangement beforehand, was of the "light" order.

At 2.30, a move was made to the tower, in order to accomplish, if possible, the chief business of the day, to wit, a peal of Stedman Triples. The band had been selected with the view of making the peal as sure as possible, a breakdown on these occasions being extremely disappointing both to ringers and listeners. Happily nothing of the sort occurred; and after two hours and fifty-four minutes from the start, the bells were successfully brought into rounds, and "the opening peal" was an accomplished fact. The names of the ringers and the usual information respecting the peal will be found in the proper place. The peal ended, the band were met at the church porch by the Vicar and churchwarden (Mr. Stunt), who, after mutual congratulations had been exchanged, escorted them to the house of the other churchwarden (Mr. Watson Smith). Here a capital high tea was awaiting them; and the ringers very soon gave the best possible proof of their appreciation of the bountiful hospitality accorded them.

Meanwhile several members of the Association from Boughton

and Sittingbourne kept the bells going to the tune of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

It had been agreed that the peal band should ring a final touch before Evensong at 7.30, but it was so near the hour of service when they returned to the tower that they only had time to ring a course of Bob Major. This concluded the ringing for the day; and the ringers left to catch their respective trains highly pleased with the new bells, with their success in ringing the peal, and with their hospitable reception. We shall hope before long to hear of the young band of Ospringe ringers, as they have already accomplished a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles on handbells. The Curate, Rev. C. E. Matthews, is learning to ring, and judging from their treatment of a strange band of ringers, the Vicar and Churchwardens may be depended upon to give every help and encouragement to their own band.

### DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT ST. MARY'S, BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

The bells in this Church were destroyed by fire on Good Friday, 1891. Happily the Insurance was sufficient to provide for the casting of eight new bells, in the place of those which had long been the pride of the village and neighbourhood. About a ton of pure bell-metal was rescued from the molten mass of lead and bronze, and was introduced into the new ring by the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The rehanging was entrusted to Messrs. Blackbourn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, who have erected a substantial iron frame, in which the bells work easily. The new peal is a little heavier than the old one, the present tenor weighing just a ton, and the whole eight amounting to 84 cwt. The tone of the bells is even better than the famed old ones, and is pronounced by competent judges to be "excellent." Wednesday, December 23rd, was the opening day. A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. was followed by the Dedication Service at 11. The Vicar dedicated the bells, and the Hon. and Rev. Canon Ponsonby preached the sermon. A number of the clergy in the locality were present. After the dedication, the choir and clergy sang the "Te Deum" in front of the Altar. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by a band of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who also rang a touch of Stedman Triples immediately afterwards, and in the afternoon a peal in that method. The bells were rung again for Evensong, by the Bishopstone ringers.

### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly General Meeting of this Association was held at Grimsby on Saturday, December 26th. Ringers attended from Hull, Louth, Lincoln, etc. There was also a good muster of the local ringers. Various touches were rung during the day by mixed bands. At 4.30, the time appointed for the meeting, all assembled at the Bull Ring Coffee Hall, the Rev. Canon J. P. Young presiding. A letter, received from the President (the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln) was read, and others were announced to have been received from other honorary members, regretting their inability to attend. Two honorary and twelve performing members were elected. A suggestion by Norman E. Snow, Esq., Sleaford, was brought forward in his absence by the Secretary—"That an Amalgamated Meeting of the three Lincolnshire Associations be held at Lincoln during the next summer," which received the unanimous approval of the meeting, and details were left with the committee. After the meeting a substantial tea followed, to which about twenty-four sat down. Ringing was again the order until the visitors had to depart. Altogether a very hearty and enjoyable meeting was held.

## LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday morning, December 27th, the bells of St. John's church in the above-named town, were re-dedicated. The service at the church was very bright and cheerful, and fully choral. Among those who attended were the Mayor, Alderman B. Prowse, and the Corporation, who marched in procession from the Court-house, accompanied by the Clergy and various Guilds of the church. The processional hymn was "The Church's one Foundation." The preacher was the Rector, the Rev. W. I. Smith, who based his remarks on the words "They made bells of pure gold"; Exodus 39, part of 25th verse. In the course of his remarks, the rev. gentleman said that from the earliest christian times bells had been used for the gathering together of God's people; and each time they heard them it ought to remind them of the place where a greater High Priest than Aaron was present, and how he was engaged. The work of ringers was just as much a work as that of choristers. This fact had too often been forgotten, because the ringers were out of sight. He (the preacher) hoped that the ringers would remember their holy office, and call to mind the fact that in early times only the priests themselves were allowed to blow those trumpets which were used instead of bells. He had been unable to discover very much connected with the bells in that church, but from what he had learned he believed that they were put up in the year 1816, and he concluded from that that the people had placed them there as a sort of thanksgiving to God, after the memorable battle of Waterloo, when peace had been restored. The bells had again and again sent forth their sweet notes in times of public rejoicing and times of general thanksgiving; they had been used for national purposes, and also for their own municipal affairs. They had in a way spoken the voice of people in praise, at other times upon mournful occasions they had tolled their muffled notes for some leading citizens of the town who had gone to rest. In times of joy, in times of sorrow, they had sent forth their glad or sorrowful peals. They thanked all who had in any way been connected with the restoration of them, and they also thanked the Mayor and Corporation for the part they had taken in the work, which he trusted had come to a happy completion. They had proposed to have chimes, which with a gentle tone would mark the hours of time.

After the sermon the choir proceeded to the belfry, where the rector offered up special prayers. A short touch was then rung on the bells, after which a collection was made on behalf of the Restoration Fund. The Blessing having been pronounced, the choir returned to the vestry singing the recessional hymn "When morning gilds the skies." The bells have been rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons in a most satisfactory manner. During the day touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob Triples, including a date touch of 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. J. Goodhead, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller, 3; F. Grocott, 4; G. Woods, 5; A. Grocott, 6; W. Miller (conductor), 7; W. Slater, 8. Also a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, in 46 mins., standing as before, with the exception of H. Fitchford, 6; A. Bowles. 8.

## NEW RING OF BELLS IN IRELAND.

The peal of bells, by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, which has by public subscription been placed in the tower of Castle-rock church, in memory of the late Lady Bruce, of Downhill, was on Monday week formally dedicated by the Bishop of Derry. According to the *Coleraine Constitution*, the tenor bell weighs 13 cwt., and the whole peal weighs 2 tons 12 cwt. The Bishop formally dedicated the bells, and preached from Rev. xxi. 4, on the mystery of pain. In the first place, he said, much pain was explained by the very fact that they were finite and mortal beings. The pain which was sent them in the course of their life became to many of them, if they might say so, a sacramental thing, and their suffering or pain was translated, as it were, into two languages—the language of love and the language of holiness:—

"There needed no such thing as those bells, however they might soothe the feeling of affection, to keep up in the hearts of any who knew her, the memory of one who seemed to be almost present with them at that moment. What did they think of as they recalled her?—that strong, clear, simple, straightforward honesty; that sanctified common sense which was so bright and

so sharp that it seemed to cut through all that was unessential in any question that was presented to her, and to get to the heart of it; that sweetness, that true sweetness, not the saccharine sweetness of the mere woman of fashion, weak, false, deceptive, a sweet smile with a fierce sarcasm and a bitter heart, but that true sweetness as she seemed to look one through and through with that magic smile; above all, that imperative sense of duty, even when the duty might not be a pleasant one to discharge, and even though it involved telling an unpleasant truth, that regard she had for those to whom she could do good. How often, as he talked with her, had he thought: 'How poor a thing I am; how deeply she cares for the souls of men and women compared with myself.' How she thought about her people, all that concerned their improvement, and their moral, temporal, and spiritual welfare, and about that church in which they were gathered that afternoon. How she longed that the place might not be unworthy of the great purpose for which it was erected. Those who knew anything about her, knew her reverent veneration for that place, and her unfailing attendance at it. Her religious convictions were heart deep. They were deep and intense—deep as life, and intense as the Spirit of God made them. Let the sound of those bells and let the subjects illustrated on that window—the symbols of love—speak to them of her."

## MR. B. T. COPLEY.

It will interest many readers of this paper, especially those connected with friendly societies, to learn that this gentleman, who is the Honorary Secretary of the Yorkshire Association, was on Saturday last, at the annual meeting of the Bradford district of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, elected Provincial Deputy Grand Master, by sixteen votes against his opponents five and one respectively. The importance of this office will be better imagined when mention is made of the fact that the district in question numbers twenty-three lodges, with 4000 members, and possesses an accumulated capital of more than £50,000. As in most places, the Odd Fellows is the leading friendly society in Bradford.

On Saturday afternoon, the Society of Copley Scholars had a special meeting at Bradford parish church, and rang the bells in honour of the elevation of their captain to this distinguished official position, a circumstance which was regarded with great pleasure by large numbers of brethren both of the Odd Fellows and kindred societies.

Many of Mr. Copley's ringing brethren throughout the kingdom will, we doubt not, be pleased to congratulate him on this appointment. We hope to hear, at no distant date, that he has been elected to a seat on the Board of Directors of the Order, a position for which his well-known administrative talents amply qualify him.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22nd, at the parish church, Eckington, Derbyshire: 720 Violet, 720 Duke of York, and 720 Oxford. Treble Bob. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Norman, 3; A. Badderley, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6; in 1 hr. and 27 mins. The above was rung in honour of G. Marsden's birthday, the members wishing him many happy returns. He has also rung one thousand 720s of Treble Bob Minor in the following towers:—Beighton, Staveley, Killamarsh, Dronfield, Norton, Clay Cross, North Wingfield, Bolsover, Long Eaton, Matlock, Bakewell, Edensor, Chesterfield, Belper, Stanton, Glossop, Derby (St. Werburgh's), Horbury, Sandal, Darton, Cawthorn, Darfield, Wath, Spratton, Wentworth, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Armitage, Bridge, Penistone, Anston, Harthill, Sheffield (St. Peter's and All Saints), Shireoaks, Worksop, Blyth, Bullwell, Everton, Pearlthorp, Edwinstowe, Nottingham (St. Peter's and St. Mary's).

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## EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.

The induction of the Rev. Henry Holdsworth to the living of St. Mary's took place on Saturday afternoon, December 19th, 1891. The assembled clergy left the vestry in the following order, and took up a position immediately opposite the north door: the Rev. P. Ward, curate of St. Mary's; Rev. E. Tatham, vicar of St. Paul's; Rev. R. Germon, curate of St. Paul's; and the Rev. E. H. Rogers, vicar of Thames Ditton, who was acting for the archdeacon of the district. After waiting some little time, the churchwardens, Mr. Herbert Andrews and Mr. Pitcher came on the scene, followed by Mr. Hollingsworth. The new vicar then unlocked the church door and entered the building alone, closing the door after him. Having tolled the bell two or three times he reappeared at the door and the ceremony of induction was over. The clergy then entered the church, and the people assembled were admitted.

After the singing of the last hymn the Rev. E. H. Rogers ascended the pulpit and delivered a short address. He asked for the prayers of all of them that the blessing of God might rest upon him in his ministry on behalf of the parish.

After the ceremony was over the bells of the church rang out a merry peal. Previous to the evening service on Sunday the ringers rang 336 changes of Grandsire Triples in honour of the new vicar. The ringers were Messrs Bowers, 1; Halls, 2; Boxall, 3; Baldwin, 4; Charman (conductor), 5; H. Apps, 6; Woods, 7; J. Apps, 8; being the longest touch by the local band.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY GUILDS.—On Saturday, December 26th, a most enjoyable outing was spent in Hampshire by the following eight members of these Guilds: G. Williams and E. C. Merritt (Brighton), A. P. Goddard, R. Gollop, and T. Blackburn (Salisbury), G. Baker (Arundel), W. H. George (London), and J. George (Rugby). The above members visited the ancient and interesting Priory church at Christchurch, near Bournemouth, at the hour of 10 a.m. to attempt a peal, but in consequence of a wedding, service and funeral, a start was not made until 1.0 p.m., when at 4.22 p.m. (3 hrs. 22 mins.), Thurstans' Original peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, was brought home on these beautiful bells, tenor 30 cwt. in D., this being the first peal in that method on them. The vicar (Rev. —. Bush), kindly provided a meat tea for the ringers at Caines' hotel; this was also brought round in good style. The ringers wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells and tea, and Mr. Pearce for conducting them through the ancient buildings, and making the necessary arrangements for the tea. At 5.50 p.m. a start was made by rail for Ringwood, a distance of eight miles, and by the kind permission of the vicar (Rev. Bodkin), a start was made at 7.8 p.m. at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for Thurstans' Original peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, and at 10.0 p.m. in 2 hrs. 52 mins. this was brought home, tenor 19 cwt. in F., and this is the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers then adjourned for some refreshment, and met with a gentlemen much interested in steeple ringing, who stated that *three* blows had to be made in third's place when a single was called, and he could always tell when the bells were wrong, but could not tell when they were all right. The ringers left the place at 11.20 p.m. having had a thorough day's enjoyment of success. Particulars of the peals will be found in the proper place.

THE ALL SAINTS, BENHILTON (SURREY) SOCIETY.—On Saturday, December 26th, the members of this Society were kindly invited by C. F. Scott, Esq. (a former ringer of the above society) to Lindfield, Sussex. Eight members journeyed by train to Hayward's Heath Station, where they were met by Mr. Scott, and thence proceeded to Lindfield. Arriving at the church of St. John the Baptist, where there is a grand ring of eight bells, they were kindly received by the vicar, and after viewing the interior of the beautifully decorated church, proceeded to the belfry where ringing was commenced. A few touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob being rung, they all retired to the "Bent Hotel," where an excellent dinner had been pro-

vided, to which all did full justice. Dinner being over, a walk in the neighbourhood was enjoyed by all, the sun shining beautifully through the middle part of the day, which made it very pleasant indeed. Returning to the belfry about three o'clock, ringing was carried on for about three hours, during which time touches of Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob and New London Pleasure were rung. Ringing being over, they proceeded to Manor House, the residence of Mr. Scott, where tea was partaken of. A few courses on the handbells being rung, they left to catch the train, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Scott for his kindness and hospitality.

## Obituary.

## JOSEPH CHEETHAM.

Many of our readers, particularly of Yorkshire and Lancashire will, we feel sure, be both greatly surprised and deeply grieved at learning of the death of the above-named ringer of Bradford. Although for a considerable time back he has had but indifferent health, which fact had necessitated his withdrawal from active ringing, no one imagined that his end was so near. On Tuesday week he was engaged in his usual occupation, but feeling far from well, did not return on Wednesday. On Christmas Day feeling slightly better, he came downstairs, but soon after returned to bed where he fell asleep, and as he slept his spirit passed peacefully away to Him who gave it. He was born at Sandal on May 31st, 1829, and removing to Bradford in the early part of his life, became connected with the parish church company, of which he afterwards was the talented and respected conductor; his failing health, as before observed, necessitating his practical retirement from active work in the belfry about four years ago. He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, took a most active and lively interest in its welfare from its foundation, and served several years on the Committee, enjoying—which was ever a matter of pride to him—the confidence and esteem of the late President and Treasurer. Upon receiving intelligence of his death, the parish church company at once sent communications to bands in the neighbourhood, and on Monday last his remains were interred in the family vault at Scholemoor Cemetery. Brother-ringers were present at the mournful ceremony from Bradford, Bolton, Shipley, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, etc., and after the mourners had left the graveside, a course of Grand, sire Triples was rung over the grave by A. Moulson, 1-2; J. Broadley, 3-4; B. T. Copley, 5-6; J. Angus, 7-8; the ringing being listened to by a large assembly of sorrowful friends. It should be also remarked that Mr. Cheetham was a subscriber to "THE BELL NEWS" from its commencement, he ardently hailed its first appearance, and constantly advocated it as a great boon to the Exercise. He was likewise a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

## R. A. GOFTON.

The above-named was a ringer at St. Paul's church, Whitley, having joined the belfry some six or seven years since, shortly after Mr. Story took charge of the loft. He was an apt pupil, and advanced as quickly as could be expected. He had mastered Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and was anxious to go on for further methods. At the same time he contributed largely to the harmony maintained amongst the ringers by his peaceable and forbearing nature, the writer never having heard him speak a harsh word. He was an excellent joiner, and very materially assisted in putting the belfry in order, doing the whole of the cleaning and several other items at his own expense. Influenza, which has been so rife in this neighbourhood, four of the ringers being down with it at the same time, left him in such a condition that he succumbed to an attack of pleurisy, and he passed peacefully away on Christmas morning while the bells were ringing for morning service, aged fifty years. He was buried on Monday, December 28th, close to the belfry door, being carried from his late home by six of the local ringers, after which 720 Bob Minor was rung. G. Aynsley, 1; W. Fraser, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; F. Lees, 4; R. S. Story, 5; W. Story, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Aynsley, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. Barber, 3; R. S. Story, 4; W. Story, 5; F. Lees, 6. W. Thompson also took part in some Oxford Treble Bob, the bells being deeply muffled. The funeral was largely attended, the deceased being highly respected. This sad occurrence interfered with several holiday peal arrangements. A large family is left, two of the sons being connected with the belfry.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week will be issued the portrait, with memoir, of Mr. F. Knights, of Norwich.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 501.)

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BARNWOOD** (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, September 15th, for practice at the parish church by the local band, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-five bobs and ten singles) in 26 mins. A. Rheams, F. Gillett, E. E. Bewick, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Waite. And on Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (with fourteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. E. E. Bewick, W. T. Bennett (of Chepstow), D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Miles. Also on Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, being the Harvest Festival, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 26½ mins. J. Yeates, D. J. Aston, E. E. Bewick, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Waite. And on Sunday morning, November 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. A. Rheams, D. J. Aston, J. Yeates, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Write. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

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

**BRISTOL**.—On Sunday, November 22nd, at St. Stephen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1295 changes. H. Tucker, 1; G. Pearce, 2; A. Pearce, 3; C. Gordon, 4; F. Gooding, 5; H. Portch, 6; C. E. D. Boutflower, 7; E. Duckham, 8; G. Daltry, 9; G. Stallard, 10. Conducted by H. Portch.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

**GREAT CROSBY**.—On Sunday evening, December 6th, at St. Luke's church, for Divine Service, a 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Hale 1; J. Howard (conductor), 2; J. Sephton, 3; S. Hopgood, 4; J. Hale, 5; W. Rimmer, 6. Also on Sunday evening, December 13th, another 720 Grandsire Minor was rung. W. Hale, 1; J. Howard (conductor), 2; J. Sephton, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Owen, 5; W. Rimmer, 6. Owen hails from Sefton, and Rimmer from Southport.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**TWYFORD**.—On Tuesday, December 1st, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Neville, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; W. West, 4; A. Ashford, 5; H. White (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, December 15th, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles. \*H. Chandler, 1; G. Smith (conductor), 2; †A. Smith, 3; E. Hewlett, 4; J. Ashford, 5; G. Brown, 6. \*First 120. †First 120 on a bob bell.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**KIRK ELLA**.—On Saturday, December 5th, six members from Hull visited this place and rang 720 Bob Minor in 26½ mins. G. Marshall, 1; H. Jenkins, 2; G. T. Miller, 3; T. Stockdale, 4; H. W. Needham, 5; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 6. After which another 720 Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. N. Stephenson (Kirk Ella), 1; T. Stockdale, 2; G. T. Miller, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; J. W. Stickney, 5; H. W. Needham (conductor), 6. Tenor 19 cwt.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HATFIELD** (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, December 12th, 216 Grandsire Minor. J. Shepherd, 1-2; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 3-4; W. E. Powers, 5-6. And 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Shepherd, 1-2; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 3-4; A. Shepherd, 5-6; W. E. Powers, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Major. J. T. Kentish, 1-2; J. Shepherd, 3-4; H. G. Rowe, 5-6; W. E. Powers, 7-8. And on Friday, December 11th, for confirmation, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Shepherd, 1; J. Kentish, 2; J. Shepherd, 3; H. Shepherd, 4; W. Powers, 5; J. Richardson, 6; A. Shepherd (conductor), 7; G. Smith, 8. Also 504, conducted by J. Kentish. And 1008. R. Shepherd, 1; J. Kentish, jun., 2; J. Shepherd, 3; J. Kentish, sen., (conductor), 4; W. Powers, 5; H. Shepherd, 6; A. Shepherd, 7; G. Smith, 8.

**BALCOMBE** (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 3rd, 720 Court Bob. A. Gasson, 1; E. Streeter, jun., 2; \*C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. \*First in the method with a bob bell. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Streeter, jun., 1; R. Bourn, 2; \*C. Holman, 3; E. Streeter, sen., 4; J. Gasson, 5; †T. Streeter (conductor), 6. †First 720 as conductor. \*First attempt with a bob bell. And on Thursday, December 10th, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Gasson, 1; E. Streeter, jun., 2; R. Bourn, 3; R. Streeter, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. E. Streeter, jun., 1; A. Gasson, 2; \*F. Streeter, jun., 3; R. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 5; T. Streeter, 6. \*First attempt with a bob bell. And 720 College Exercise. E. Streeter, jun., 1; R. Streeter, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Gasson, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6.

**GOOLE** (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, December 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 48 mins. C. West, 1; J. Blanchard, 2; T. Whitfield, 3; J. W. Cooper, 4; F. Tate, 5; A. Haines, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; A. Sutcliffe, 8. All belong to Goole, and it is the first quarter-peal by the local company.

**HORSMONDEN** (Kent).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, December 14th, being W. H. Lambert's birthday, at the residence of Mr. T. Lambert, 1008 of Bob Major, in 30 min. T. Lambert, W. Lambert, F. Lambert (conductor), and J. Breach.

**OLDHAM** (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 20th, for Divine Service in the evening at Moorside church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Harrison, 1; S. Taylor, 2; J. Pilkinton, 3; T. Greenwood, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. Shaw, 6; L. Hampson, 7; J. T. Prince, 8. First 504 as conductor.

**PENARTH**.—Recently at the parish church for Divine Service, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Hodge, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. Hallett, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; \*R. Percy, 6. \*Longest touch.

**SALISBURY** (Wilts).—On Tuesday, December 22nd, at St. Martin's church, 1280 of Bob Major. J. F. Stevens, 1; G. F. Doel, 2; A. J. Callaway, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; S. Macey, 5; H. D. Adams, 6; R. W. J. Gollup, 7; W. W. Gifford (conductor) 8.

**SITTINGBOURNE** (Kent).—On Sunday, December 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins. W. Tassell, 1; E. Allen, 2; W. Simpson, 3; C. Willshire, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; W. Walker, 8.

## 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."

## PROPOSED BENEVOLENT FUND.

**SIR**.—In the report of the opening of a new ring of bells at Ospringe will be seen a statement that the offertory at the service was given to the Kent County Association, and with this it is proposed to start a Kent County Association Benevolent Fund. I should be glad to know if any of our Guilds and Associations have anything of the kind, or contemplate the formation of such a fund. It seems to me that something might be done for sick or aged and indigent members, by means of offertories and collections at our Annual Meetings, and at all events by our more prosperous Associations. The subject might well be discussed at the meeting of the Central Council. Perhaps some of your readers will favour me with their ideas on the question.

FREDK. J. O. HELMROE, Hon. Sec. K.C.A.

## ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY AGAIN.

**SIR**.—I should like to know if after the recent correspondence about the ringing at this church, whether seven bells only were rung on Christmas morning last, or eight. If the head ringer, Mr. J. R. Haworth, will inform me by a letter through you, Sir, I shall feel obliged.

ENQUIRER.

## INDIGNATION.

**SIR**.—The circumstance alluded to by "Plain Speaker" with regard to the "disposing by way of chance" of one of "THE BELL NEWS" portraits, is one which ringers who have any respect for themselves must lament. I consider such an occurrence and those persons who made it the most contemptible. When bribery at elections used to be found out, the places were disfranchised and looked upon with contempt. Let "Plain Speaker" tell us who these "worthy" people are who descended to toss for a penny portrait, rather than spend that large sum in buying one, and the place where it happened. I'll be bound to say intelligent ringers would soon look upon them, and their village, as disfranchised, and regard them accordingly. Perhaps such people do not consider themselves mean at all, an opinion not shared by

ANTI-HUMBAG.

Leeds, December 29th.

**LATE PEALS**.—By some postal mal-administration reports of about eight peals have been received too late for insertion in this number. Some of these were rung early in the week, and plenty of opportunity was therefore afforded for an earlier arrival. If conductors and others who send reports will persistently continue, after having been repeatedly cautioned, to delay their reports till the latest possible moment, they must put up with the consequences.

## 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.

**Lancashire Association.** — Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Luke's church, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, January 2nd, 1892. The usual business, and to appoint a Secretary for the ensuing year. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting in Cocoa rooms, close by, at 6 p.m.

RICH'D. HILL, Branch Sec.

21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.** — A meeting of the above association will be held in the church-room, Stoke, to-day, Saturday, January 2nd, at 4 p.m.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } Hon. Secs.  
W. TWIGG, }

**Essex Association.** — A district meeting will be held at Romford, on Saturday, January 16th. The tower of the parish church (8 bells), will be open all day. Tea at the national school at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Tickets at a fare and a quarter will be issued by the G.E.R. to all members. Members intending to be present, should signify the same to the Secretary not later than Sunday, the 10th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**Quex Park Bells.**—Notice.—It is requested that all communications in reference to Quex Park and All Saints Band of change-ringers, be addressed to Mr. T. B. Reed, Bath Cottages, Birchington, until further notice.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Bramley, to-day, Saturday, January 2nd, 1892. A peal will be attempted by members; meet 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, the "Cardigan Arms," Town Street.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—Quarterly meeting at All Saints, Leighton Buzzard, to-day, Saturday, January 2nd. Tower open at 3 o'clock.

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

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 30th, 1892. Full particulars will appear in our issue of January 16th.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

5, St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—An invitation for the February meeting has been received from the St. James' branch, Bolton, Bradford. Any other branch desirous of having the meeting, should communicate with me at once.

BEN T. COPELEY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**Lancashire Association.** — Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Prestwich parish church (six bells), on Saturday, January 9th, 1892. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Annual Meeting, Bristol, Saturday, January 9th, 1892. Dinner at St. Augustine's Mission Room, Lower College Green, (under

S. Augustine's Archway), at 2 p.m., the Dean in the chair. Service at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral, address by the Very Rev. F. Pigou, D.D., Dean. Business meeting in Chapter Room immediately afterwards. Members who intend to dine, are requested to give notice to the Hon. Local Secretary, C. E. D. Bouflower, Esq., 30, Broad Street, Bristol, not later than by Monday's post, January 4th. Performing Members must enclose a postal order for 1s. (Hon. Members, 2s. 6d.) when a Dinner Ticket will be reserved for them. REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The meetings for January are as follows:—Greenwich, St. Alphege, Tuesday 5th: practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. (members are requested to attend the meeting in the vestry afterwards, as business of great importance will be brought forward.) Lee, St. Margaret's, Wednesday 13th: practice 7.15 to 9 p.m. Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday 19th: practice 8 to 10 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 25th: practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, St. John's, Wednesday 27th: practice 8.15 to 9.30 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend the meetings. I shall be glad to receive subscriptions from those members who are in arrear.

F. RUMENS,

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

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 TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

Mr. Carter writes:—"Dear Sir,—I apologise for my carelessness in not writing my date touch, published a fortnight ago, out in full, for by doing so, I find it runs round in the middle of the second part. I hope that no member of the Exercise has attempted to ring it. I have enclosed the alteration. I am also sorry to say that the touch by Mr. Ellis Nuttall, Rawtenstall, published on December 5th, is false."

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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. HALE.—We have not received it.

E. H.—There is not the least necessity. It may be considered personal.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.**—This is the first peal in this method rung on these fine bells, the bad go of the big bells necessitating much hard labour, and great credit is due to Mr. Gowers for the very able and plucky manner in which he rang his bell. The ringers were afterwards very hospitably entertained at the vicarage by the Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Stower, for which, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," they desire to return their thanks. Messrs. Honeybell, Wells, and Slater are from Glemsford, Harper and Siltoe from Sudbury, the rest from Stanstead, Suffolk.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT ASHTEAD, SURREY.**—This is a one-part composition, and is now rung for the first time as 5088, and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 5 6, without the 2nd bell being in 6ths place at a course-end, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," October 3rd, 1891, Messrs. Jordan, Mills and Akehurst hail from Capel, Moses from Reigate, and the rest from Crawley, Sussex. The ringers wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the rector for kindly granting the use of the bells, and the steeple keeper for having everything in readiness.

**ADDRESSES WANTED.**—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

\*.\*We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1892.

DURING the time this issue of our journal is being printed, the advent of a new year will be heralded by the sound of Church bells all over the kingdom. In this very fact lies more than seems at first sight. Perhaps such an announcement of a fleeting year and the arrival of its successor is the most palpable indication given us. The sound of Church bells at the hour of midnight only comes at such a period; and those who look upon bells with the greatest indifference at any other time pay some little regard to the ringing of the old year out and the new one in. Many there are, indeed, so regardless of diurnal progress that they would not think that a new year was dawning, did not the sounds of the Church bells awaken them to the fact. And thus ringing at such a period has become to be regarded an institution by all, honored in its regular observance.

The commencement of a new year has always been looked upon as a period when we should cast up our conscientious accounts, take stock, as it were, of our moral progress, and determine upon future improvement in our conduct and behaviour. To point out the course to pursue in such case is hardly within our province. We have, fortunately, efficient guides provided for us to whom we may look, and not in vain, for counsel how we should regulate our pilgrimage in this vale of tears. We may however express a hope that where friendships have during the past year been rent asunder by misunder

standing, they may be again cemented at this period. "Let brotherly love continue."

Our science still has need to keep "Reform" as its watchword. And reform in more ways than one. We hear of strange doings now and then which, to speak figuratively, almost makes the blood boil. A case where it is said a person in charge of bells allows them to get out of order periodically so that he may call in an acquaintance of his own to operate upon them and share the payment received, is one hardly to be thought of in a temperate manner. We are very much afraid, not only that our information in this particular case is nearly correct, but that it is not the only one. Ringers and all concerned should not scruple or hesitate one moment to stop a process of this kind, and that at whatever worldly cost or disadvantage to the offender. Whoever moves to put a stop to such a nefarious practice will be held a belfry-reformer of the highest calibre.

Our readers will join in the hope we express that the new year may bring with it prosperity to the Exercise at large, and to its members individually all the blessings which a beneficent Creator can bestow. And this too not without sincere thankfulness of heart for all we have received, and are continually enjoying. May the coming year be to our brethren all over the world the happiest; and its record of trouble and trial the least of any. These are our wishes for the new year—1892.

### The Metropolis.

#### WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in Eb.

W. J. COAKHAM .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MAYNARD .. .. 5.
GEORGE GRIMWADE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK NUNN .. .. 6.
ROBERT J. MAYNARD .. .. 3.	ERNEST EDRIIDGE .. .. 7.
JOHN NUNN .. .. 4.	A. G. FREEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by A. G. FREEMAN.

#### FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. POPE .. .. 6.
JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 2.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 3.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 8.
STEPHEN G. DAVIES* .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

\*First peal on ten bells. W. E. Pope hails from Staplehurst, Kent; A. Palmer from Maidstone.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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

TEBBS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ALFRED PALMER .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 26th, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 5.
ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 2.	ARTHUR TENNANT .. .. 6.
JAMES KITCHENER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 7.
JAMES NIXON .. .. 4.	JAMES CAWLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. NEWSON.

J. Kitchener hails from Colne St. Aldwyns, Gloucester, and was elected a member previous to starting. This peal was started for after being stopped at Hampstead.

#### WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK RUMENS* .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 5.
THOMAS MAYNARD .. .. 2.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. POPE .. .. 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

\*First peal of Stedman.

### The Provinces.

#### UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in C.

HENRY G. GARDENER .. Treble.	DANIEL J. ASTON .. .. 5.
HENRY MITCHELL .. .. 2.	JOB MORRIS .. .. 6.
ALFRED A. WAITE .. .. 3.	GARIBALDI MILES .. .. 7.
JOHN HOPTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY G. GARDENER.

#### BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

CHARLES JOHNSTONE .. Treble.	EDWARD COLEMAN .. .. 4.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL J. CULLIP .. .. 5.
HERBERT SHARP .. .. 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

\*First 5040 in seven methods.

#### CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT WILKINS* .. Treble.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK CULLUM .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal in the method.

## BROOKFIELD, GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WM. TOPPING* .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. BRIERLEY .. .. 5.
JOHN FEARNEHEAD* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. 7.
JOHN BLAKELEY .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM SEDDON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. JAKEMAN.

\*First peal.

## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 19, 1891, in Five Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 10,080 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 6.
FREDERICK CULLUM .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 7.
HENRY GIBBS .. .. 4.	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This peal, which has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each twenty-four times in 6ths place, appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 30th, 1891, and is now rung for the first time. It is also Messrs. Conyard and the conductor's 100th peal.

## OSPRINGE, NEAR FAVERSHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 5.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 6.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 3.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This was the opening peal. For particulars see another page.

## ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1891, 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:

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

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

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

W. H. FUSSELL .. .. Treble.	S. SMITH .. .. 5.
W. H. INGLESANT .. .. 2.	A. W. MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. .. .. 3.	W. T. BILLINGHURST .. 7.
ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 4.	*T. GRUNDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

A. Millis hails from Leicester. It is supposed to be the first time that this peal has been rung on tower bells in the County.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN RICE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
JAMES PARKER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. 7.
GEORGE PACE .. .. 4.	*PETER TYLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COLLISON.

\*First peal.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. Treble.	FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 5.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. 2.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. 6.
HARRY STRATFORD .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
FRED. BIGGS .. .. 4.	GEORGE BUNCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This was a midnight peal, and all are members of the local band.

## WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS BRANCH .. Treble.	THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 5.
WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HOOKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

This peal was rung before 7.30 in the morning; and is the first peal in the method by Messrs. Hogsflesh and Pelling.

## CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

GEORGE BAKER .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on these fine-toned bells.

## BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

A. GRIST .. Treble.	E. T. GREEN .. .. 5.
J. W. WHITING .. .. 2.	*G. PRESTON .. .. 6.
J. BRISTOW* .. .. 3.	I. J. BRISTOW .. .. 7.
J. G. BENNETT .. .. 4.	T. BELBIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WHITING.

\*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells, which have been hung twenty years. J. W. Whiting hails from Fareham; G. Preston from Christchurch; the rest belong to the St. Peter's band.



## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY FERGUSON .. .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
HENRY H. LINDSEY .. .. 2.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 3.	JOSEPH PATTISON .. .. 7.
JAMES H. CLAPPERTON .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by PAUL CASHMORE and Conducted by WILLIAM STORY.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6 in fourteen courses (one part) and is the first in the method the conductor has called. R. C. Hudson belongs to Sunderland; Pattison to Winton; the rest to St. John's.

## RINGWOOD, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor about 19 cwt. in F.

GEORGE BAKER .. .. Treble.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 3.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 4.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Messrs. Blackbourn, Goddard, and Gollop hail from Salisbury; Williams and Merritt from Brighton; W. H. George from Eastleigh; James George from Coventry; Baker from Arundel.

## SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ALBERT J. CLARKE .. .. Treble.	HARRY HARPER .. .. 5.
CHARLES HONEYBELL .. 2.	RICHARD THEOBALD .. 6.
ROBERT BRETT .. .. 3.	ROBERT GOWERS .. .. 7.
FRED WELLS .. .. 4.	SAMUEL SLATER .. .. Tenor.
	CHARLES SILLITOE ..

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## ASHSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES PARKER* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PACE .. .. 5.
EDWARD MOSES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. 6.
JOHN AKEHURST .. .. 3.	FREDK. W. RICE .. .. 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 4.	EDWIN JORDAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal of Major as conductor. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

HARRY LAST .. .. Treble.	WALTER WHITING .. .. 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN .. 6.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLLOW .. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Wightman and Sons belong to Crettingham; the rest belong to the local company. This peal has the 6th her extent at home at nine course-ends. For calling see Snowdon, Part II., page 16.

## CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' SIX-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

FRED LARBY† .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BURT .. .. 5.
HENRY BROOKER .. .. 2.	*CHAS. H. KITCHING .. 6.
WALTER O. GAMMON† .. 3.	FRED G. HERMON .. .. 7.
WALTER SADLER .. .. 4.	ALFRED E. COLLINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

†First peal. \*First peal in the method.

## CHILHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A SIX-PART PEAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERIC T. HARRIS .. Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
ALBERT BIGGS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. BOULDEN .. 6.
HERBERT F. FOREMAN .. 3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. 7.
CHARLES COUCHMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM G. LUCAS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by

GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

First peal on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also Mr. Gillett for having everything in readiness.

## RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES JACKSON .. .. Treble.	CHAS. HENRY HATTERSLEY 6.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 2.	EDWARD WOODWARD .. 7.
GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 8.
GEORGE OLIVER DIXON .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 9.
ARTHUR BREARLEY .. .. 5.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY and Conducted by  
THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

This is supposed to be the first peal of Treble Bob Royal rang in the county of Nottingham. C. Jackson hails from Hull; Messrs. Wood and Longden from Ashton-under-Lyne, and the rest from Sheffield.

## GLOUCESTER.

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

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM BRUNSDON* .. 1-2.	REV. HENRY L. JAMES 5-6.
EDWARD B. JAMES .. .. 3-4.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by E. B. JAMES.

\*First peal of Triples in hand. Referee—W. Bennett. Mr. W. C. Jones was present during the first half, and Mr. F. E. Hart throughout the peal.

## COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

## THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES JUKES .. .. Treble.	†AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. 5.
WALTER JUKES*† .. .. 2.	†CHARLES P. VICKERS .. 6.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 3.	†JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MORGAN .. .. 4.	HARRY RODEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

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

## WALDRON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26th, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED LANGRIDGE .. .. Treble.	RICHARD HOATHER .. .. 5.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 2.	ALFRED TURNER .. .. 6.
JOHN BEAL .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS .. .. 7.
FRANK BAKER* .. .. 4.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

Messrs. Langridge, Hoather, Turner, and Dawe hail from Lewes; Rann and Baker from Brighton, the others are local men. \*First peal with a bob bell.

## EYE, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

ALFRED OAKES* .. .. Treble.	JOHN BUMPSTEAD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD .. .. 2.	GEORGE FORD .. .. 6.
FREDERICK DAY .. .. 3.	HARRY TORBLE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

\*First peal. Messrs. Bumpstead, Garrard and Torble hail from London: Souter from Diss.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH ROGERS .. .. Treble.	*REV. H. J. ELSEE .. .. 5.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 2.	*HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
WALTER BROWN* .. .. 3.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. 7.
JAMES BARRATT* .. .. 4.	*HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal in the method. Rev. H. J. Elsee and Messrs. Eachus, Chapman, and Brown, hail from Manchester; Carter from Birmingham; the rest belong to the local band. H. Dransfield was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## MARLOW, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 28th, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F#.

FRANK BIGGS .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. .. 5.
HARRY STRATFORD .. .. 2.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. 6.
WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
FRED. BIGGS .. .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

W. E. Yates and J. C. Truss, sen., are local men, the others are from Hughenden. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

## SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 18 cwt.

W. TOWNSEND† .. .. Treble.	†J. HOLMES .. .. 5.
G. SKEFF .. .. 2.	R. JARVIS .. .. 6.
S. C. SKINNER* .. .. 3.	J. R. MACKMAN† .. .. 7.
H. T. HOLDERNESS† .. 4.	E. JARVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. JARVIS.

\*Hails from Sleaford; †hails from Heckington. †First peal. After ringing the peal, the ringers were entertained by the vicar, the Rev. M. H. Marsden, to a knife and fork tea at the vicarage. The Rev. W. Disney, in the absence of the vicar, took the chair. A vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for the use of the bells, and for the kind way in which he had entertained the ringers.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE HUNT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 5.
FREDK. EDWARDS .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
ALFRED J. PATES .. .. 3.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 7.
HARRY J. WRIGHT .. .. 4.	HENRY HART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

Rung on the second anniversary opening of the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, AND  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HENRY RODEN .. .. Treble.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. 5.
WALTER JUKES .. .. 2.	CHARLES F. VICKERS .. 6.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	*HARRY A. HALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

\*First peal. W. Jukes was elected a member of the above society before starting.

NEWMHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WALTER BENNETT* .. .. Treble.	*ERNEST E. BEWICK .. 5.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES .. .. 3.	*ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	REV. HENRY L. JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by the Rev. H. L. JAMES.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal is the first in the method on the bells. It is taken from Snowden's Double Norwich.

## DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 2.) Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY MASON† .. .. Treble.	JAMES GRAHAM .. .. 5.
WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 2.	REV. C. W. H. GRIFFITH 6.
JAMES HUNT† .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. MILLS .. .. 7.
REV. A. COODE .. .. 4.	HENRY MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

†First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells, which have been augmented from five to a peal of eight.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RUSHOLME.—On Thursday, December 17th, at St. James' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Morgan, 1; \*T. B. Idle, 2; W. E. Ryder, 3; \*R. Borrowghs, 4; \*W. H. Idle, 5; \*F. Ryder, 6; J. Eachus, 7; J. Parkinson, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby, and conducted by T. B. Idle. Messrs. Eachus and Parkinson belong to the Cathedral band; Morgan to the St. John's band; the rest are of the local company. \*First date touch.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 8th, at Christ Church, seven members of the above Association, assisted by Mr. Gower, rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes) in 1 hr. 3 mins. \*S.

Wilson, 1; W. Sanders, 2; J. Beams, 3; A. E. Bassett, 4; T. Miles (conductor), 5; J. Easton, 6; J. Hawkins, 7; \*A. Gower, 8. Composed by Ellis Nuttall, of Rawtenstall. \*Longest length.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, December 15th, at St. Paul's church, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1891 changes) in 1 hr. 12 mins. E. Coleman, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Sharpe, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood. This is the longest length in the method by all.

FROME (Somerset).—On Saturday, December 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 14 mins. E. F. Bishop, 1; F. Rebbeck, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. J. Scammell, 4; W. F. Bishop, 5; H. Nutley, 6; J. Rebbeck (conductor), 7; J. Millard and F. Iles, 8. Rang on the nearest convenient date to the opening of the bells after rehanging by Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury. All the above belong to Frome, and have learnt the art without any outside assistance. It is also the longest length on the bells by any local company. Owing to the difficulty of hearing the trebles it was rung on the back six, the trebles leading throughout.

#### Miscellaneous.

##### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Tuesday, December 15th, for practice at the church of St. Swithun, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. \*J. W. King, 1; G. C. Sharpe, 2; W. Skelton, 3; H. Haigh, 4; †J. F. Haigh (conductor), 5; \*H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; \*S. Penney, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor.

##### STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BIDDULPH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, December 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob in 24 mins. E. Brought, 1; J. Moss, 2; A. Cottrell, 3; M. Moss, 4; S. Moore, 5; W. Carter (conductor), 6.

##### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE.—On Monday, December 21st, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. M. Digby, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Ring, 3; F. Hayes, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. First in the method by J. Broom.

##### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday evening, December 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 25 mins. A. E. Sheppard, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 20th, at the church of St. George-in-the-East, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 48 mins. G. Hartnup, 1; W. Cecil, 2; H. Springall (conductor), 3; E. Wallage, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; S. Joyce, 7; G. Barrell, 8.

#### SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, December 8th, at St. Alphege's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. \*W. Foreman, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; W. Tyack, 4; †F. Rumens (conductor), 5; T. Taylor, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. Berry, 8. Composed by A. G. Freeman. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Saturday, December 12th, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. \*T. Liddell, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; G. Campbell, 3; \*J. Harbottle, 4; H. Lindsey, 5; W. Holmes, 6. And on Saturday, December 19th, another 720. \*W. Custance, 1; G. Campbell, 2; \*J. Nicholson, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; \*R. Mordue, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. \*Local men, and first 720. Tenor 8½ cwt.

#### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

OLD BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, December 20th, at the church of St. Mary, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. T. Cumley, 1; W. Baron, sen., 2; \*H. N. Davis (conductor), 3; R. W. Hoather, 4; S. Baker, 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; A. Sweetman, 7; A. R. Davis, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor.

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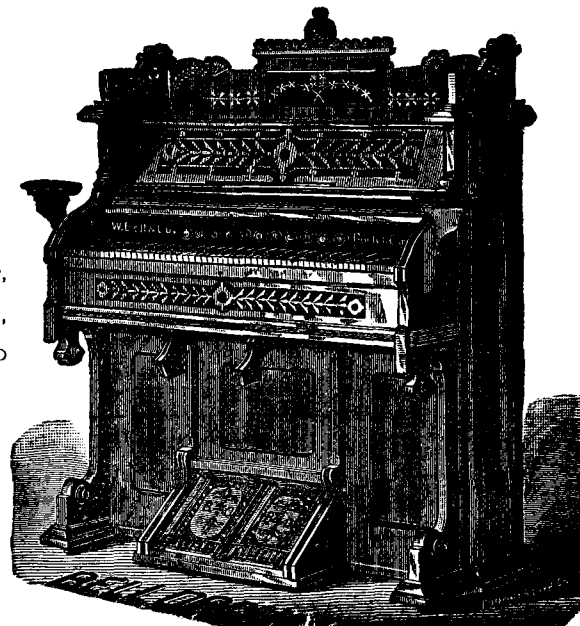
WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 18th, at St. James's church, for service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Baggot, 1; W. Stinton, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; H. Dakin, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; W. Fryer (first as conductor), 6. On Monday, October 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Stinton, 1; A. Orford, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; W. Fryer, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 27th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Baggot, 1; W. Stinton, 2; A. Orford, 3; W. Fryer, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 3rd, 720 Stourbridge Singles. C. Baggot (first in the method), 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; J. Lewis, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Lewis, 1; H. Dakin, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. H. Hartshorne (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 17th, 720 College Single. C. Baggot, 1; J. Lewis, 2; A. Orford, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Baggot, 1; W. F. Hartshorne, 2; A. Orford, 3; J. Lewis, 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6.

Other Miscellaneous touches will be found on page 480.

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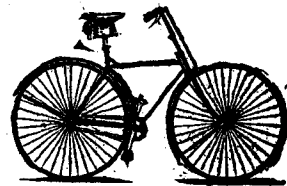
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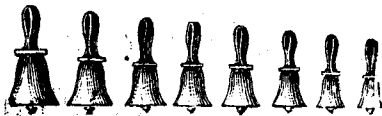
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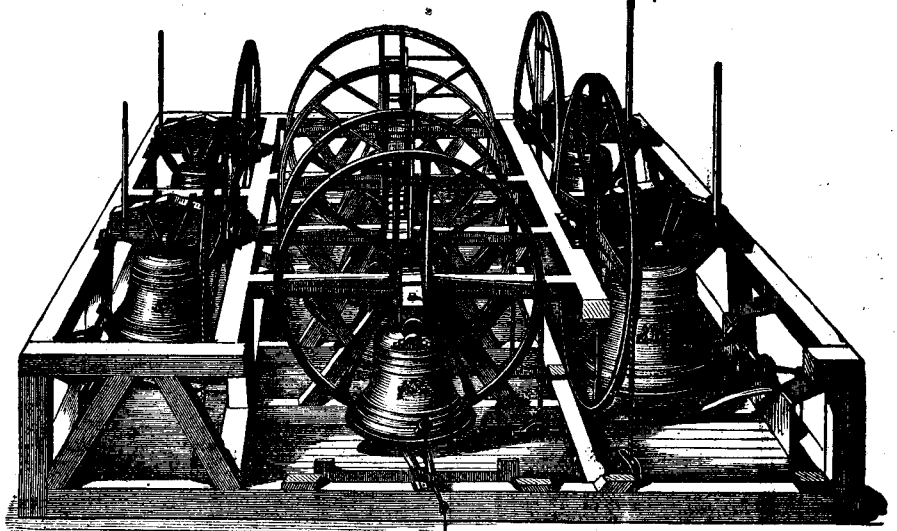
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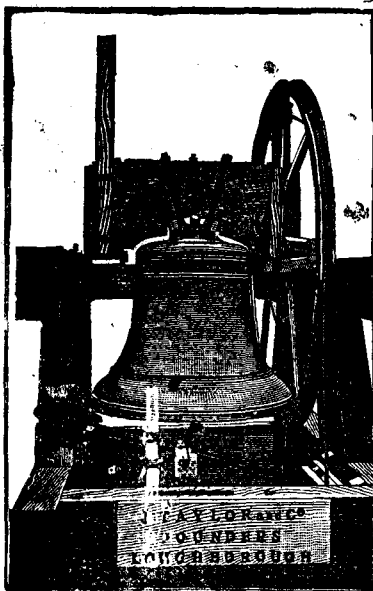
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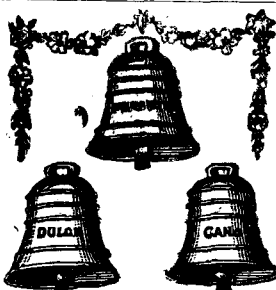
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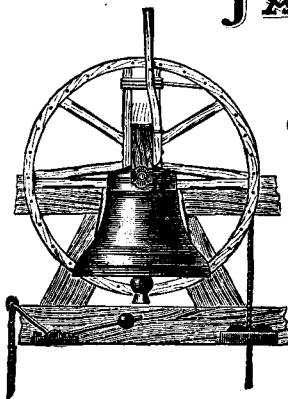
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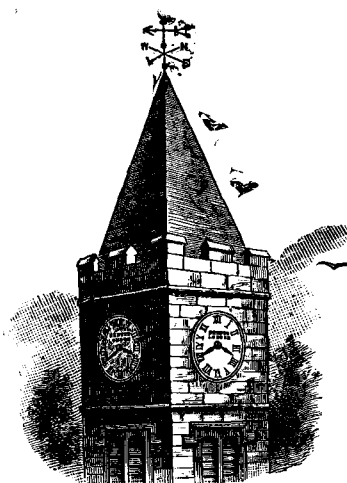
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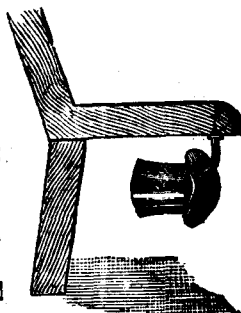
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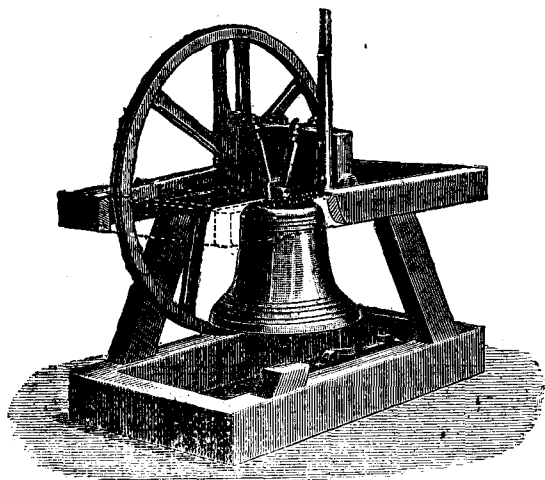
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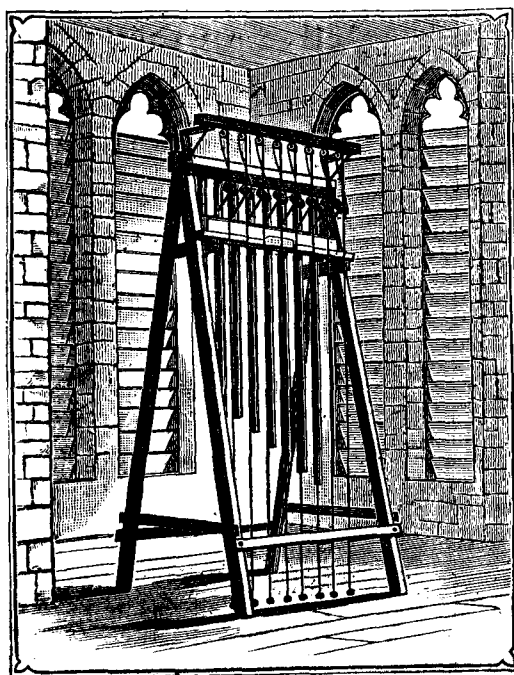
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## MR. FREDERICK KNIGHTS, C.C., OF NORWICH.

(Vide Portrait.)

Mr. FREDERICK KNIGHTS, the present Master of the St. Peter Mancroft company, of Norwich, was born at Catfield, a village fourteen miles from Norwich, on December 12th, 1851. The tower of Catfield church contains a ring of five bells, and the subject of this sketch, manifesting in his youth the same fondness for bells and ringing which was to distinguish his later years, was frequently to be found with the ringers at their meetings; but being so young, was unable to tempt them to instruct him how to handle a bell, so that there his accomplishments did not extend beyond chiming. In 1860, however, the family left Catfield to reside in Norwich. Here the young aspirant soon made acquaintance with some of the younger members and probationers of the St. Peter's company, and under such auspices, speedily began to handle a bell, ringing his first 720 of Bob Minor at the age of twelve, at St. Mary's. After this, his advance was rapid; the difficulties of eight, ten, and twelve bell ringing being mastered at a comparatively early age. In 1868 he rang his first courses of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Bob Maximus, which made him eligible for election as a full member of the Society of St. Peter Mancroft, the rule of that company being, then as now, that a candidate for membership must be able to ring these methods before he could be elected. At that time there were seventeen local ringers proficient in Stedman Cinques, and this fact prevented any vacancy occurring till 1876, in which year Mr. KNIGHTS was elected a full member of the company. No peal-ringing was then being done by the Norwich company, and Mr. KNIGHTS was obliged to make his *debut*, as a peal-ringer, in another tower. His first peal, accordingly, was not accomplished till the year 1880, when he took part in a 5088 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Kenninghall. The regular St. Peter's company at that date were nearly all members of old standing, several of whom passed away in a short space, leaving only eight remaining, there being no young candidates ready to take the places of those who dropped out. In 1882 Mr. KNIGHTS was elected Master, and at once set to work to teach some young men the art of ringing, and in due time succeeded, in spite of all difficulties, in placing the company in a fair position. Of the present company nearly all are young members, some of whom rang their first peals in 1889, all, who were under the tuition of Mr. KNIGHTS having now succeeded in ringing peals. The company, thus constituted, has now rung more peals than any of the old ringers had succeeded in placing to their credit; and Norwich, with its magnificent ring of twelve, once more bids fair to take its proper position at the head of the Exercise in the Eastern Counties. One recent achievement is especially worthy of notice, viz., the accomplishment of a peal of Treble Bob Major on the back eight, for the first time in the history of the bells, Mr. KNIGHTS on that occasion piloting the great tenor (41 cwt.), single-handed, and conducting the peal. Mr. KNIGHTS is one of the representatives of the Norwich Diocesan Association on the Central Council, and is a member of the College Youths and also of the Essex Association. The medal which he wears was presented by the Albert Street Handbell ringers in 1878, he being the conductor of the band. It is of solid silver, with eight bells engraved on one side, and the following inscription on the other: "Presented to F. Knights by the Albert Street Bell Players, 1878." Any ringer or band of ringers visiting Norwich will always meet with a cordial welcome from Mr. KNIGHTS and his company, and willing assistance. The following list of peals in which Mr. KNIGHTS has taken part since 1880 is not a lengthy one, but it must be remembered that much of the time since that date has

been taken up in teaching, and the assiduous practisings necessary to train beginners for a place in the company.

Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	...	...	2
" " Royal	...	...	...	...	3
" " Major	...	...	...	...	19—conducted 15
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	...	1
" Triples	...	...	...	...	2
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	...	...	...	...	1
Grandsire Caters	...	...	...	...	3
" Triples	...	...	...	...	1
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	1
In three methods on six bells	...	...	...	...	1 (conducted)

One of the peals of Treble Bob Major was rung upon hand-bells retained in hand, which also he conducted.

## ST. PAUL'S, WARRINGTON.

The annual supper in connection with the above took place at the Mason's Arms, Mill Street, on Monday evening week. A substantial repast was provided, and was done full justice to. After the tables had been cleared, Mr. G. Bebbington, jun., was voted to the chair. The usual loyal toasts were given. Mr. J. Seed then rose to propose the toast of "Our Officers," viz., the secretary (Mr. T. M. Moore) and treasurer (Mr. G. Bebbington, junr.). In a brief speech he alluded to the satisfactory manner in which the business had been conducted during their tenure of office, and expressed a hope that they would serve them for many years to come. The secretary responded, and thanked them heartily for the manner in which the toast had been received, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to further the interests of ringing and ringers. He now had a pleasant duty to perform, which was to present to his co-adjutor in office a handsome album as a token of esteem from his brother-ringers. In making the presentation, he (the secretary) alluded to the kindness and courteous manner shown at all times by the conductor. He then read the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. G. Bebbington, jun., conductor, as a mark of esteem from his fellow-ringers. T. M. Moore, M. Hosker, J. Seed, J. R. Hill, A. Oxley, F. Stout, J. M. Moore, Levi Jones." In acknowledging the presentation, the conductor begged to thank one and all for the kind presentation of such a handsome album, and assured them it would be the greatest pleasure for him to look upon it with pride and satisfaction, not for the value of the same, but as a token of the respect and kind feeling which it carried with it. He could only say, in conclusion, that so long as his services were of any use to them it would be the greatest pleasure for him to be at their disposal to further the art of ringing. The rest of the evening was spent in a very convivial manner, songs being given by several members. The singing of the "National Anthem" terminated a very enjoyable evening.

## RINGERS' SUPPER.

On New Year's Eve the ringers of Walton-le-Dale, near Preston, Lancashire, enjoyed a good supper and friendly party in the house of Mr. H. Robinson, the parish clerk and sexton. The supper was given by the young band who have been practising the art of ringing with great perseverance for more than a twelvemonth past. The old ringers and two or three other friends, including the Curate (Rev. C. Foxley), and the Senior Churchwarden (Mr. R. Woodhouse), were there as guests. The proceedings began by some ringing in the church tower from 7.0 to 7.30. Then all met at Mr. Robinson's for supper, which was well served by Mrs. and Miss Robinson. After supper, Mr. R. Woodhouse, the Churchwarden, who has always taken great interest in the ringers, was voted to the chair. Various toasts were drunk, and songs and recitations were rendered by Mr. R. Dewhurst and others, including a song of welcome to the old ringers and the new year; composed by Rev. C. Foxley, sung by Mr. F. Eccles, secretary to the junior band. As twelve o'clock drew near they adjourned to the belfry, where the young ringers rang the old year out and the new year in, after which the regulars took the ropes in hand for a short touch.



## THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, BOLTON, LANCs.

This company assembled at New-Year's eve to ring out the old year, and ring in the new. Additional interest was taken in the proceedings, as the co-ringers of Mr. Jackson, the conductor, had decided some time ago to acknowledge his services in a practical manner by presenting him with a testimonial, consisting of a gold bell, which is an excellent piece of art, and a perfect model of the monogram on the frontispiece of the Lancashire certificate. A second present given to the same gentleman was a beautiful silk umbrella.

Immediately the ringing was over, Mr. Redford took the chair, his remarks being chiefly of an introductory character.

Mr. A. Bentley, before he performed the duties he had been chosen to fulfil, said that Mr. Jackson had been the Secretary of the tower for twenty-seven years, and for the past twenty-five years had been the conductor. His career had been a most honourable one, and he fully deserved the presents that were about to be made. He (the speaker) had great pleasure in asking Mr. Jackson to accept the gold bell as a token of their esteem.

Mr. T. E. Turner said he also had a pleasing duty to perform, but before he did so, he wished to refer to the good generalship displayed by Mr. Jackson. There were at the present time five members connected with the tower who had been with the recipient of these presents for well nigh a quarter of a century; indeed he thought that very few companies of ringers existed where less changes at taken place in the *personnel* of the company, which was entirely due to the good judgment shown in all matters that came under the observation of Mr. Jackson. He then made the presentation of the umbrella.

Mr. H. W. Jackson, in acknowledging the presents, said they had entirely bewildered him, as he had not the slightest knowledge about it. However, it gave him great pleasure in accepting them; the gold bell should be appended to his watch chain.

The company next adjourned to the residence of Mr. H. W. Jackson, where a sumptuous repast awaited them, and where a few hours were spent commensurate with this joyous festival of the year. The thanks of the company are due to him and his brother, Mr. J. H. Jackson, for the many occasions they have enjoyed their hospitality during a number of years past.

At the annual New Year's congregation tea party held on the 2nd inst. the Rev. T. Taylor-Evans, Vicar, referred to the event in very graceful terms, his only regret being that the ringers had not informed him of the matter, nor had they asked him for a subscription.

## PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CAPTAIN A. P. MOORE.

The following circular was privately issued a few weeks ago to such of the Exercise in the Eastern Counties and elsewhere, who were known to the Committee as prominent friends and acquaintances of the late Captain Moore; and the response has, so far, been almost unanimous. The total sum hitherto subscribed in answer to this private appeal, does not, however, reach the amount required to enable the Committee to proceed with the erection of the proposed memorial; and it is considered that there may be some at least, whom the circular did not reach, who would be glad to have a share in perpetuating the memory of so old and staunch a friend of the Exercise as Arthur Peniston Moore.

19th October, 1892.

"DEAR SIR,—Some ringing friends of the late Captain A. P. Moore, being desirous of perpetuating his memory in connection with the art he loved so well, propose, with the cordial consent of the Rector, to erect a Memorial Brass, with a suitable inscription, in the ringing-chamber of Redenhall Church. In order to give an opportunity to all who may desire to join in testifying their sense of the worth of our late friend, it has been decided to limit the amount of the subscription to sums not exceeding five shillings. The cost of the brass and inscription will probably be from £10 to £12. Contributions, however small, may be sent to any of the undersigned. We are, yours faithfully,

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H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn."

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26th, the above Association held their quarterly meeting at Eckington, the attendance being not so good as usual, several towers not being represented. Some very good ringing was done during the afternoon. The meeting for business took place in the club-room of the "White Hart" inn, the Rev. H. E. Ferry presiding. The minutes having been confirmed, it was next resolved to have the Easter meeting and dinner at Killamarsh. Staveley should have been the next place of meeting, but an agreement had been arrived at between the companies to change, Staveley giving way to Killamarsh on account of the latter wishing to have their bells reopened on Easter Monday. The bells are in Messrs. Taylor's hands for rehangng in a new iron frame. The arrangements for the dinner, etc., was left in the secretary's hands. Votes of thanks to the rector was proposed, also a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. E. Ferry for presiding, which concluded the meeting. The Eckington members rang a 720 of Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; —. Lunn, 6. Also 720 Kent. G. Butcher, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Atkin, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. Allen, 6. And 720 of Duke of York. F. Hancock, 1; J. Atkin, 2; T. Bettison, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; J. Allen, 5; G. Marsden, 6. Also 360 Oxford. F. Hancock, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; J. B. Tarlton, 4; H. Turton, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. The Norton members gave several tunes on the handbells; also songs and recitations, which was well appreciated by the members present.

## VISIT TO LLANTRISANT.

On Saturday, December 26th, the Penarth ringers journeyed to the above place to have a pull on the bells, and also to try and introduce change-ringing amongst the local men. On nearing the church, they heard the bells going merrily in rounds by the local band, who at once lowered them and placed them at the disposal of the visitors, who at once commenced to raise them, but found it a very hard job, the bells going as bad as it is possible for bells to go, but by a lot of hard pulling they managed to raise them, and on the word "go" several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. On "stand" being called, the band adjourned to the house of host Thomas, and after doing justice to the repast kindly provided by the local band, and indulging in a few 6-scores on the handbells, they started again for the belfry, and after a few more 6-scores the bells were lowered in peal. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Hallett, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; W. Vaizey, 6. They would like to suggest that this would be a good opportunity to have the bells thoroughly overhauled, it being the native place of the present Lord Mayor of London, his lordship's mother having been buried there recently. The local men are anxious to learn the art of change-ringing, but it is impossible to do it in the condition the bells are now in. The third is cracked, and they have not been touched since they were placed there in 1717. The visitors wish to heartily thank the rector and churchwarden for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for their kind hospitality on this occasion.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this branch was held at St. Luke's Church, Liverpool, on Saturday last, the 2nd inst. No doubt owing to the weather there was only a small attendance of members. Ringers from Blackburn and Manchester were also present. The usual business meeting was held in the Cocoa Rooms, close by the Church. The chief item of note was the resignation of the Local Secretary, Mr. Hill, and the appointment of a new one. Mr. P. Barton proposed, and Mr. R. S. Mann seconded, "That Mr. C. R. Stanley be appointed," which was carried. One performing member was elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Gough for presiding and to Mr. R. Hill for past services. Mr. Hill in responding said that nothing but years would have induced him to give up the Local Secretaryship. The next meeting was fixed for February 6th. at Walton church.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of the above society was held at Bramley on Saturday, January 2nd. At 3 o'clock ringers began to muster in the vicinity of St. Peter's church to hear the go off for the 5040 on this handy ring of six by Messrs. Warner, which was successfully accomplished with good ringing throughout, particulars of which appear in another column. A business meeting was held at the Cardigan Arms, Town Street, when members and ringing friends from the following towers were present: Calverley, Rothwell, Birstall, Northallerton, Pudsey, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley. The President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presided, supported by Mr. W. Abbshaw, Vice-President. The place for the next meeting was discussed at some length, when a proposition by Mr. W. Abbshaw, seconded by Mr. D. Wilson, that it be held at Ardsley, near Wakefield, on Saturday, January 30th, was carried. New Year's greetings to and fro warmly passed. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, Churchwardens, and local ringers for the use of the bells, etc., was carried amidst applause. Touches of Kent and Plain Bob on the tower bells, and courses on the handbells, concluded a successful meeting.

## GORING, OXON.

On New Year's Eve the Rev. C. H. Littlewood invited the ringers of the parish church to supper at the Vicarage, which is an annual thing, he having given it each year since he has been vicar of the parish. Before the supper commenced, the ringers rang a 720 of Double Court Minor, being the first in the method by all the band; then to the vicarage, and did justice to the good things provided. After supper the vicar placed a jar of the favourite weed for those who were accustomed to it, and games of bagatelle were played until it was time to go and ring the old year out and the new year in.

Owing to the illness of one of the sidesmen (Mr. S. E. Saunders) the ringing at midnight was very brief, a few rounds, and then the tenor tolled till twelve o'clock, when 360 of Plain Bob Minor was rung, conducted by G. Wilson. During the present season the ringers have succeeded in ringing 720 in the following methods, viz.: Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, London Single Bob, College Single, Yorkshire Court, Double Court; the ringers being J. Carter, J. Alexander, C. Tidbury, J. Wedge, W. Aldridge, G. Wilson and J. Brown.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—RINGERS' TEA.

The annual tea in connection with the St. Margaret's society of Change Ringers, was held at the "Black Horse" hotel, when the members (twelve in number) sat down to an excellent spread, served up in host Mayston's usual good style. Upon the removal of the cloth, Mr. T. E. Shearing was voted to the chair, when the usual loyal and other toasts were duly given and responded to. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, which were interspersed with touches upon the handbells, with touches of Grandsire Triples, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The party broke up at 11 o'clock, a very enjoyable evening having been spent.

## A SEASONABLE PRESENT.

The Lord Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Bowlby, who is also Rector of St. Philip's, Birmingham, has presented each one of the ringers at that church with a New Year's gift of £1.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—The Portrait appearing this week is fully up to the usual excellence of our Portraits. We shall issue another next week, that of Mr. John Laker, the veteran ringer of Ashford, Kent.

**THE RINGERS' GUIDE TO THE CHURCH BELLS OF DEVON.** By C. PEARSON, M.A. Price One Shilling, or bound 1s. 6d. Postage Threepence.

**HOW TO LEARN CHANGE-RINGING WITHOUT AN INSTRUCTOR.**—By the same Author. Price Threepence; by post Fourpence, or six copies for 1s. 3d.—WILLIAM POLLARD AND Co., Printers, Exeter.

## WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 26th, eight members of the Midland Counties' Association visited the above place for the purpose of attempting a peal on the bells of the parish church. These bells have recently been made into a peal of eight, four new trebles being cast, and the whole rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the "go" of them reflect great credit on that firm. Having raised the bells a start was made at 11.30 a.m., and after 3 hrs. and 3 mins. good ringing, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5088 changes) was successfully accomplished.

On descending the tower a pleasant surprise awaited them in the shape of a substantial dinner at the "White Horse," which was ordered by the vicar (the Rev. A. F. Tollemache), and to which full justice was done. Tunes and touches on the handbells by the visitors, songs and speeches by the local ringers, was then the order of the day, until the visitors had to leave to catch their train, all being much pleased with the day's outing.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for his great kindness through the medium of this paper, and also the local ringers for their cordial reception.

## DEATH OF J. Y. STURGE, ESQ., OF THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

With deep regret was the news received on Sunday week, of the death of Joseph Young Sturge, Esq., after a fortnight's illness. The deceased was universally esteemed, and devoted much time and labour to various parochial institutions and to the welfare of the poor. For over twenty years he had held the office of churchwarden of the parish church, and done much towards maintaining the fabric. He was also an Hon. Member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers and shewed great interest in bells and bellringing. The funeral took place on Wednesday, December 30th, amid very heavy rain. The bells of the parish church were fully muffled, the tenor being only left open, and were rung while the funeral cortege was proceeding to church. The service consisted of the singing of the 90th Psalm, and after the Lesson, the 401st Hymn, "Now the Labourer's task is over" was very effectively rendered. After the interment, the bells were again handled; being only half-muffled, and the deceased's age (sixty-eight years) was struck with a whole peal and stand; after which a course of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung in eight minutes. F. Poole, 1; E. Hale, 2; A. Phelps, 3; H. J. Thurston, 4; C. Eddington (conductor), 5; J. Alsop, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; J. Philips, 8. A muffled peal was again rung on Sunday.

## 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."

## COMMENDABLE EXAMPLES.

SIR,—I thought it might interest some of the readers of your valuable paper, to know that Mr. John Fermer, of Harrietsham, a great lover of bell-ringing, walked during the year 1891 a distance of six miles fifty-eight times, making 348 miles, to ring in this very old church, which contains a peal of ten bells. During these visits he rung thirty-seven 720s, forty-five 18-scores, and short touches of Bob Major. In his own village of Harrietsham he rung for fifty-five services and for twenty-four practices. Mr. John Fermer is a member of the Kent County Association, and the greatest credit is due to him for his untiring perseverance, and the great trouble he has taken to secure for us at Harrietsham a very good service. The Leeds band of ringers during the year never missed a practice, nor even were they once late. To shew the interest taken in this exercise it is worth notice that Mr. F. Hollands, aged 72 years, walked on each occasion a distance of four miles, wind, rain, snow, in fact, nothing preventing him from putting in an appearance.

Leeds, Kent.

WILLIAM FOLKETT.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Seeing a peal of 10,080 on Erith bells last week in your issue, the tenor should be 15 cwt. according to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's list, not 18 cwt. as stated.

TRINITY YOUTH.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday, December 20th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. C. Reeves, 1; H. Scarlett, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Marks, 4; G. Cornell, 5; P. Howard (Bedford, conductor), 6.



## THE ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY SOCIETY.

The annual dinner of this society was held (by kind invitation of the Rector), on Saturday, January 2nd, at the Grammar Schools, Clarence Road. The Rector presided, supported by the clergy, churchwardens, and sidesmen of the parish. Dinner over, the chairman proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were well received. He next proposed "The Hackney Society of Change-Ringers." Having expressed his confidence in the society, he went on to say that the ringers work was a high one, as hundreds of years ago none but the priests were allowed to ring the bells. The bells were very dear to us, being with us in our joys and in our sorrows. Having thrown out a hint that some of the clergy in the parish might take to ringing, the rev. gentleman concluded by wishing all a prosperous new year.

The Master (Mr. W. Burkin), in responding, assured the clergy a hearty welcome should they be inclined to learn the art. He said the society continued to thrive, having increased in numbers, and during the past year had succeeded in getting several young members through their first peal.

Mr. Lowles, L.C.C., in proposing "The Officers of the Society," said the state of the society spoke well for the efficiency of the officers, but he thought the greatest credit was due to Mr. W. D. Smith (the secretary), to whose energy and zeal the society owed its success.

Mr. W. D. Smith, in reply, said he had given much time and labour in the interests of the society, but with him it was a labour of love. He spoke of the necessity of a room or some more convenient meeting place than they had at present.

The Rector kindly promised to give the matter his attention.

Mr. C. H. Jessop next proposed "The President and Vice President" of the society, dwelling at some length on the generosity of the Rector in providing such an excellent repast, also thanking the other gentlemen for their presence that evening. He said to bring the ringers and church authorities more closely together had been striven for for years, and he took that evening's proceedings as a step in the right direction.

This toast was received with musical honours, the Rector (Rev. F. Evelyn Gardiner) and churchwardens, Messrs. Barnes and Hart, suitably responding. Some excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening, the company finally dispersing with "Auld Lang Syne."

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD.—This band visited Jarrow to have a ring on the bells, on December 26th. On the Sunday morning they found themselves in the belfry, and for morning service they rang a 720 of Bob Minor. T. Brewis, 1; H. Tyson, 2; R. Oliver, 3; A. English, 4; F. Lowe, 5; F. Harrison (conductor) 6. Hurrying off to another church they rang 360 of Bob Minor, time not being allowed for a 720. F. Lowe, 1; T. Brewis, 2; E. Carr, 3; R. Henderson, 4; F. Harrison (conductor) 5; W. Brewis, 6. Harrison and English paid a return visit on New Year's Eve, being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Agar; and after playing some lively airs upon the handbells, they left to ring the New Year in. At the hour of twelve, the tenor-man struck 12 with the tenor, and the remainder of the band entering the belfry, a well struck 720 of Bob Minor and 720 of Canterbury Pleasure was rung in 26 mins. F. Lowe, 1; H. Tyson, 2; A. English, 3; T. Brewis, 4; W. Brewis, 5; F. Harrison (conductor) 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 501.)

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 5, at the parish church, a band met for the purpose of ringing a 5056 of Bob Major to oblige their old and esteemed friend, Mr. Chas. Fisk, who has a sincere wish to ring a full peal. The peal was not obtained through some of the large bells going very heavily; however the conductor brought the bells home with bob instead of single, being desired to do so by one of the band at the half-peal end, 2528 changes, in 1 hr. 45 mins. A. Symonds (Lavenham), 1; C. Fisk (Lavenham), 2; F. Wells (Glens-

ford), 3; A. J. Clarke (Stanstead), 4; A. Papworth (Stanstead), 5; R. Theobald (Stanstead), 6; S. Slater (Glensford), 7; T. King (conductor, Lavenham), 8. This was the first half of the peal of 5056 Bob Major which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," composed by G. Hughes, of Tipton.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 13th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 1 min. A. Sweatman, 1; E. F. Cole, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; R. W. Hoather, 5; J. C. Truss, jun., 6; D. W. Griggs, 7; A. E. Church, 8; \*F. J. Pitts (conductor), 9; G. Chesterman, 10. \*First quarter-peal of Caters as conductor. J. C. Truss hails from Great Marlow, and this is his first quarter-peal of Caters, he having only rang the plain course in the method before.

LLANDAFF (Wales).—On Saturday, December 26th, at the Cathedral, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), with 4-6-8 covering, in 50 mins. J. Clutterbuck, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; H. G. White, 4; A. White, 5; E. Nelms, 6; W. Combes (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. It was arranged to ring a quarter-peal of Triples, but meeting two short the above was rung instead.

MINCHINHAMPTON (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, December 28th, at the parish church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins. J. Boulton, sen. (conductor), 1; F. Cook, 2; J. Boulton, jun., 3; A. Window, 4; A. Cowley, 5; J. Hawkes, 6. Messrs. Cook and Hawkes hail from Chalford; the rest belong to the local band. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, being Innocents Day. These bells have lately been rehung by Messrs. Blackbourn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, and the "go" of them is excellent.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, November 2nd, for practice, 252 and 504 Stedman Triples. F. T. Hoad (conductor), 1; H. Swain, 2; F. Linter, 3; F. Saunders (longest length), 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Argent, 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Mosley, 8. On Monday, November 9th, 504 in the same method. F. T. Hoad (conductor), 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Linter, 3; J. Bashford, sen., 4; T. H. Colbourn, 5; W. Argent, 6; E. Kenward, 7; E. Moses, 8. On Monday, November 23rd, 504 in the same method. F. T. Hoad (conductor), 1; J. Poplett, 2; F. Linter, 3; E. Moses, 4; J. Bashford, jun., 5; W. Argent, 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, December 6th, at All Saints' church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; J. Holt, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6. On Monday evening, December 14th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (first 720), 6. On Monday evening, December 14th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 26 mins., composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross, Derbyshire. E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Holt, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, December 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 26 mins., composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross, Derbyshire. W. Airey, 1; J. Holt, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6.

SEAL CHART (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, December 27th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor in 11 mins. F. Kettell, 1; G. P. Burr, 2; S. Cole, 3; H. R. Wilkinson, Esq., 4; D. J. Goldsmith, 5; H. C. Collyer (conductor), 6.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 22nd, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. Barrington, 1; W. J. Pell (first 720), 2; H. C. Collyer, 3; R. Blanchard, 4; D. Springall (conductor), 5; G. Pell, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Also on Monday, December 28th, at the church of the Emmanuel, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. on the back six. G. Barrington, 1; S. Greenwood, 2; H. C. Collyer, 3; G. Durling, 4; G. Pell, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. Tenor 17½ cwt. Messrs. Harman and Durling hail from Bromley.

SWANAGE (Dorset).—On Friday morning, December 25th, for early service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. W. Lambert, 1; F. Holt, 2; G. White, 3; W. Hardy (first quarter-peal), 4; W. Middleton, 5; G. Williams, 6; W. Bastable (conductor), 7; A. Brundon, 8.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, December 26th, at St. James' church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. G. Yendall, 1; J. Burge, 2; W. Chapman, 3; T. Radford, 4; T. Doble, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by Messrs. Doble and Yendall. W. Chapman hails from Milverton, and it is his first 720 away from the tenor.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, December 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Beaven, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; H. Hill, 3; B. Sheldon, 4; W. Sevier, 5; F. Grove, 6; W. G. Grove (composer and conductor), 7; W. Aldridge, 8.

## 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.

**Essex Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Romford, on Saturday, January 16th. The tower of the parish church (8 bells), will be open all day. Tea at the national school at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Tickets at a fare and a quarter will be issued by the G.E.R. to all members. Members intending to be present, should signify the same to the Secretary not later than Sunday, the 10th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 30th, 1892. Full particulars will appear in our next issue.

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

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Prestwich parish church (six bells), today, Saturday, January 9th, 1892. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Meeting at 7.0 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Annual Meeting, Bristol, to-day, Saturday, January 9th, 1892. Dinner at St. Augustine's Mission Room, Lower College Green, (under S. Augustine's Archway), at 2 p.m., the Dean in the chair. Service at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral, address by the Very Rev. F. Pigou, D.D., Dean. Business meeting in Chapter-Room immediately afterwards.

REV. PITT EYKYN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stony Stanton, on Saturday, January 16th. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*  
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**Lancashire Association of Change-Ringers.**—Fylde Branch.—The second quarterly meeting of this branch will be held in the parish church school, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, on January 23rd, 1892, at 6 p.m. Bells ready at 3 p.m. The Rev. W. G. Terry will preside. The secretary will be glad to see any member of the L.A.C.R. present at this meeting.

JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*  
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

**St. Mary's Stratford, Bow, Society.**—The annual dinner of the above society will take place on Thursday, January 14th, at the "Bow Bells" tavern, Bow Road, E., at 7.30 p.m. sharp; visitors 3s. 6d. each.

R. J. TURNER, *Hon. Sec.*  
190, Bow Road, E.

**Waterloo Society.**—The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday next, the 13th inst. Members please attend.

**Waterloo Society.**—The annual dinner will take place at the "Rising Sun," York Road, Lambeth, on Saturday, 30th inst., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each, can be obtained of Mr. Geo. Wild, 9, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, and of the Hon. Sec. WALTER PARTINGTON, 42, York Road, S.E.

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The meetings for January are as follows:—Woolwich. St. Mary's, Tuesday 19th: practice 8 to 10 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 25th: practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, St. John's, Wednesday 27th: practice 8.15 to 9.30 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend the meetings. I shall be glad to receive subscriptions from those members who are in arrears.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*  
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

The tower of St. Margaret's, Lee, is closed for ringing, on account of the damage done by the late storms.

**All Saints (Fulham) Society.**—The annual general meeting of this society will take place on Saturday, January 16th, 1892. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4 p.m. Tea in church-room at 6 p.m., at 9d. each. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers intending to be present at the tea, should signify the same to the Secretary not later than Thursday, January 14th, 1892.

J. GREEN, *Secretary.*  
Fulham Palace.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A committee and quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Dudley, on Saturday, January 23rd, 1892, at 5 p.m. prompt. The Rev. S. J. Marriott, M.A., Vicar of Netherton, will preside. The bells of St. Thomas's (10), will be open for ringing. All members' subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

**Redenhall, Norfolk.**—The anniversary of the company will be celebrated on Wednesday, the 13th January. Ringers and friends are cordially invited. Dinner at "Yew Tree" inn, at 1.30.

**NOTE TO PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, AT DRAYTON, BERKS.**—As stated in last week's "BELL NEWS" the St. Peter's society, Caversham, intended to attempt a peal of 13,440 Double Norwich, at Drayton, on the 28th inst., but unfortunately, one of the band was taken ill with Influenza, the other seven men with one or two of the younger hands, travelled to Drayton, in the hope that the Rev. F. E. Robinson would be able to take the spare rope. On arrival, however, their hopes were in vain, as that gentleman had important business in the morning, and a muffled peal at Oxford, so the attempt had to be postponed to some future time. The greatest disappointment of the day was to think that Mr. Wadey, of Warnham, should have travelled over sixty miles to hear the peal.

## THE COPPAGE MEMORIAL FUND.

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The work is being carried out by Mr. James Andrews, of Eastbourne, and about another 7s is required to cover the estimate, viz. £6.

## 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 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By W. BUXTON, *Ashover, Derbyshire.*

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Five times repeated, substituting a single for the bob mid-way and end.

## A 1-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By THE EDITOR.

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

Five times repeated; single midway and end. All the different positions of 567.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. P. T.—That will do as well as anything else. All that you have to mind is that no repetition occurs, which is not at all unlikely. Such mutilations of a method, however, we never encourage, and would prefer ringing up to the 1892nd change of a peal, and then calling "Stand."

**CORRECTIONS.**—In the peal rung at Bramley, Yorks., on December 19th, 1891, the third method should read "Merchants' Delight" and not "Merchants' Return;" also the ringers were from Armley. In the report of peal published in last week's "BELL NEWS" of the peals at Drayton, Somerset, the ringer of the 5th should read "James Grabham," not "James Grafham."

**ADDRESSES WANTED.**—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

\* \* We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1892

WE alluded last week to a circumstance which had come to our knowledge which, if true, demanded not only the most strict investigation, but the ignominious removal of the offender. During the week we have received several communications to the effect that the allusion, which referred to belfry management—or mismanagement—have some foundation in fact. Our correspondents may rest assured that we did not publish the results of our information without due enquiry being made beforehand. The materials sufficient for the purpose of accurately pointing out the spot where such irregularities were said to exist, we were unable to take full advantage of without a breach of confidence, but perhaps the hints we gave will be sufficient to prevent the practice of them in future, especially when it is mentioned that the action of the individual concerned will be watched with the greatest circumspection.

One of our correspondents this week gives play to his feelings of disgust in mentioning that the steeplekeeper of the church at which he practices, makes a very good addition to his income by converting the bell-chamber into a pigeon-house, and rearing flocks of these birds, for which he states a good market can easily be found. This writer goes so far as to send us the address of an admirer of these feathered bipeds, who has more than once been glad to do business with the steeplekeeper alluded to. The bell-chamber under such conditions must be an inviting place to enter, and we are not surprised to hear that the corn scattered in the windows for the benefit of the

pigeons is the means of almost every other class of bird congregating therein. We hope the mention of this fact will induce this steeplekeeper to engage entirely fresh quarters for his commercial operations, before we are driven to the necessity of speaking more pointedly. If he is wise he will take the hint without delay.

While we have no objection in exposing such irregularities with a view to their removal, it may be pointed out that it is the duty of the ringers concerned to at once make representations to the incumbent or churchwardens where they exist, at whatever cost. Were such things possible at the church where it is sometimes our pleasure to meet, no consideration of any sort would induce us to prevent action being taken, even if it resulted in incurring the displeasure of the steeplekeeper or any of his friends. No ringer should want the courage to do what is right.

### The Provinces.

#### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 17, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

W. E. CARTWRIGHT .. .. Treble.	J. HICKMAN .. .. 5.
A. W. MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. .. 3.	W. H. FUSSELL .. .. 7.
J. SMITH .. .. 4.	T. GRUNDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

Messrs. Hickman and Robinson hail from Nottingham, and it is their first peal of Stedman Triples.

#### BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

##### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 23, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. 7.
ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 4.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal on the bells, which are a new peal by Mears and Stainbank, and hung by Blackbourn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury. The tone of the bells and hanging also are most excellent, and reflect great credit on all concerned.

#### OXFORD—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES FOWLER .. .. Treble.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	ALFRED FOX .. .. 6.
ALBERT DUBBER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	HARRY COX .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

#### TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

##### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SAMUEL HODGES .. .. Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 5.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 6.
PERCIVAL BROOKER† .. 3.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 7.
STEPHEN PERKINS† .. 4.	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

#### OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 40 cwt.

CHARLES FOWLER* .. .. Treble.	*ALBERT DUBBER .. .. 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 8.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW .. .. 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 9.
ALFRED FOX* .. .. 5.	WILLIAM JEFFERY .. .. Tenor.
	FRANK FRANCIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal on ten bells.

#### WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. 5.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 2.	GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 6.
JOHN W. WILSON .. .. 3.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 7.
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 4.	ALFRED MILLIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. R. ALDHAM.

First peal of Major on the bells and rung at the first attempt. A. R. Aldham hails from Barwell; J. H. Swinfield from Earl Shilton.

#### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

##### THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER, AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

HALEY'S VARIATION.

JOHN BENNETT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. 5.
WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. .. 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 7.
RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 4.	THOMAS WALTERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

#### DRAYTON, BERKS.

##### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWIN MENDAY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 5.
R. T. HIBBERT .. .. 2.	HENRY SMITH .. .. 6.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 3.	*HARRY SIMMONDS .. 7.
GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 4.	ERNEST MENDAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST MENDAY.

All the above belong to the St. Peter's Society, Caversham. \*First peal with a bob bell. See note on another page.

#### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. H. BRIERLEY .. .. Treble.	H. HEAP .. .. 5.
F. JAKEMAN* .. .. 2.	J. GILLOTT .. .. 6.
T. WROE .. .. 3.	J. HARRISON .. .. 7.
W. JAKEMAN .. .. 4.	E. BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

\*First peal. Rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

TOM LOCKWOOD .. .. Treble.	GEO. BARRACLOUGH .. .. 5.
CHARLES JOHNSTONE .. .. 2.	MATTHEW TOMLINSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE TINGLE .. .. 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. .. 7.
HARRY TOMLINSON .. .. 4.	HENRY SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by T. LOCKWOOD.

Mr. Johnstone hails from Bedford; the rest from Leeds.

## CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE DUKES .. .. Treble.	CALEB BEASLEY .. .. 5.
LLEWELLYN WALKER .. .. 2.	JOS. A. MEREDITH .. .. 6.
JAMES MARSHALL .. .. 3.	HARRY A. WOODALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WOODALL .. .. 4.	CHARLES WORTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY A. WOODALL.

First peal by L. Walker, aged 15, and C. Worton. Also the first peal ever rung on the bells by an entirely local band.

## LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, December 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN BUTTERY.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th thirteen times right, and is now rung for the first time. \*First peal.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JAMES MATTHEWS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS SEARLE .. .. 5.
JOHN SMART .. .. 2.	GEORGE SMART .. .. 6.
CHARLES SMART .. .. 3.	CHARLES TYLER .. .. 7.
GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 4.	JAMES WOOLGAR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

M. BUTCHER .. .. Treble.	N. HOLLYOAK .. .. 5.
W. HUNSTONE .. .. 2.	B. H. BISHOP .. .. 6.
A. WHATMORE .. .. 3.	J. WHATMORE .. .. 7.
T. E. GRIFFITHS .. .. 4.	C. HODGETTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. WHATMORE.

First peal by all the band with the exception of A. Whatmore.

## MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

SIDNEY MASON .. .. Treble.	*JAMES PARKMAN .. .. 5.
GEORGE ATKINS .. .. 2.	HENRY MOORE .. .. 6.
JAMES HUNT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. .. 7.
JOHN PUGSLEY .. .. 4.	*MORRIS PARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. THORNE.

\*First peal. The conductor hails from Dunster.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE WINTER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE DAWSON .. .. 2.	SAMUEL JOHNSON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CLARKE .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN SUGDEN .. .. 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Devonshire.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, JESMOND,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

JOHN SIMN .. .. Treble.	*FREDK. HARRISON .. .. 5.
HENRY FERGUSON* .. .. 2.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON* .. .. 3.	ROBERT SPENCER STORY .. 7.
JOSEPH PATTISON* .. .. 4.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY and Conducted by R. S. STORY.

\*First peal of Oxford. This is the first peal on the bells, which were put up in February, 1888. R. C. Hudson hails from Sunderland; Pattison from Winlaton; Harrison from Jarrow; the rest are local men.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WM. MIDGLEY .. .. Treble.	HY. WOODING .. .. 5.
A. KNIGHTS .. .. 2.	C. A. FOX .. .. 6.
G. O. DIXON .. .. 3.	J. A. DIXON .. .. 7.
SAM THOMAS .. .. 4.	WM. BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by C. A. FOX.

This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6. All but A. Knights hail from Sheffield.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY GIBBS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 5.
WILLIAM AXTELL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

## BRAMLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 2, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Arnold's Victory, London Scholars, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. NAYLOR .. .. .	Treble.	J. THACKRAY .. .. .	4.
C. PRATT .. .. .	2.	J. M. CHADWICK .. .. .	5.
A. CHAPMAN .. .. .	3.	J. GUY .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK.

J. Thackray and J. Guy from Armley; J. M. Chadwick and A. Chapman from Rothwell; C. Pratt from Calverley; and A. Naylor from Headingl.

## HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

HENRY MARTIN* .. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. .. .	5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. .	2.	JOHN BENNETT .. .. .	6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. .	3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .	4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

\*First peal in the method, also first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Short and Barber hail from London; Martin from Belbroughton; the rest from Kidderminster.

## -GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE GREEN .. .. .	1-2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. .	5-6.
HIRZEL F. DE LISLE .. .. .	3-4.	WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN. .. .. .	7-8.

Conducted by W. ROWLAND.

Umpires—E. Scotcher and C. Waskett. This is the first peal on handbells by all the band.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

T. DAY'S THREE-PART.

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ALBERT E. PARSONS .. .. .	2.	JOHN CARTER .. .. .	6.
ADAM H. HILL* .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. .	7.
EDWARD GOODREDS* .. .. .	4.	*REUBEN HALL .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal. It is forty years since a peal of Treble Bob was rung on these bells and is the first peal in the method rung by the above society.

## Date Touches.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 10th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Oxford Bob Triples, 1891 changes, containing nine 6-7's, nine 7-4's, Queens and Tittums, all at hand, in 1 hr. 8 mins. \*W. Gammon, 1; G. Burt, 2; \*W. C. Palmer, 3; H. Brooker (conductor), 4; W. Sadler, 5; A. E. Collins, 6; \*F. G. Hermon, 7; \*C.

H. Kitching, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. Composed by E. Bennett, of Beddington. \*Longest touch in the method.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Friday, December 25th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins., to commemorate the 12th anniversary of the marriage of Captain Somers Cox and Mrs. Cox. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, 2; E. Dewey, 3; E. Kenward, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6; W. Argent, 7; E. Moseley, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, January 3rd, for Divine Service, Carter's date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples (as given in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, January 2nd) in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Watson, 1; W. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; W. Nash, 6; M. L. Myhill 7; L. Copsey, 8.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, December 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (composer), 2; J. Pilkington, 3; G. Prescott, 4; F. R. White (conductor), 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; J. Watts, 7; T. Martland, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Clarke Aspinwall, one of the vice-presidents of the Guild, and Coroner of Liverpool.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFELD (Yorks).—On Friday, December 25th, at the parish church, a date touch, consisting of 91 Oxford, 240 Arnold's Victory, 240 Tanner's Pleasure, 240 New London Pleasure, 360 Duke of York, 363 Violet, and 360 Woodbine, in 1 hr. 7 mins. B. Bramall (longest length), 1; W. Wilson, 2; G. Merryman, 3; C. Fox, 4; G. Uttley, 5; A. Brearley (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

OSSETT (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, December 20th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1891 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 13½ mins. A. Spurr, 1; G. Marsden, 2; G. Crawshaw, 3; W. Illingworth, 4; J. Buckley, 5; J. A. Idle (composer and conductor), 6; W. Dixon, 7; D. Stephenson, 8.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 27th, at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, eight members of the above society, being also members of the St. Stephen's society, Westminster, rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. S. J. Reed, 1; T. R. Bell, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; J. M. Hayes, 4; E. Duff, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; J. Willshire (conductor), 7; F. Pates, 8. Composed by H. A. Wilde, of Sandiacre, and contains Queens, Tittums, and Whittingtons, fifteen 4-6's, fifteen 7-4's, and fifteen 4-6's all the right way.

## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, December 26th, at St. Denys church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 16 mins. W. Townsend, 1; J. Holmes, 2; W. Bean, 3; H. T. Holderness, 4; N. E. Snow (conductor), 5; C. Gould, 6; J. E. Picker, 7; C. W. Jackson, 8. Composed by E. Nuttall. The above is the longest touch on the bells by a local company.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Tuesday, December 29th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. Hunt, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; J. Grabham, 3; T. Radford, 4; J. Maddock, 5; T. Doble, 6; H. Moore (conductor), 7; W. W. Thorne, 8. Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre. Arrangements had been made for a peal, but owing to a meeting taking place at the vicarage, the above date touch was rung instead.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Monday, December 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Bate, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Easter, 4; W. Kings, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6; W. Cooke, 7; C. Waterman, 8.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, December 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 9 mins. B. Starkey, 1; C. Daniel, 2; T. Verry, 3; H. Bastable, 4; G. W. Baldwin (composer and conductor), 5; T. Westwood, 6; W. Verry, 7; F. Workman, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Thursday, December 3rd, for practice at the parish church, 1275 Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J.



R. Soley, 1; W. J. Taplin, 2; H. Collins, 3; L. E. Collins, 4; J. C. Truss, sen., 5; W. H. Theobald, 6; W. E. Yates, 7; A. W. Truss, 8. And on Thursday, December 10th, for practice, 1036 Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. A. H. Cocks, Esq., 1; W. J. Taplin, 2; L. E. Collins, 3; H. Collins, 4; J. C. Truss, sen., 5; W. H. Theobald, 6; W. E. Yates, 7; A. W. Truss, 8. Both of these touches were conducted by W. E. Yates.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Friday morning, December 25th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 22 mins. A. Edwards, 1; J. Fisher, 2; W. Fisher, 3; H. Fisher, 4; H. Druce, 5; N. Spindlow (composer and conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service, 360 College Single in 11 mins. A. Edwards, 1; H. Fisher, 2; W. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; H. Druce (conductor), 5; J. Fisher, 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Edwards, 1; H. Fisher, 2; W. Fisher, 3; H. Druce, 4; N. Spindlow, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. This is the first time this composition has been rung on the bells. And on Sunday evening, December 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 22 mins., each 6-score called differently. A. Edwards, 1; W. Fisher, 2; J. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; H. Druce (conductor), 5; W. Watts, 6.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Tuesday, December 1st, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. E. W. Menday, 1; F. Hopgood, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; C. Foxell, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; W. Newell, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. And 672 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; C. Foxell, 5; F. Hopgood, 6; W. Newell, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 6th, 560 Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; H. Smith, 6; R. T. Hibbert, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 13th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; G. Essex, 2; J. Hands, 3; H. Smith, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. And for evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. W. Menday, 2; H. Smith, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. On Sunday, December 20th, 784 Bob Major. H. Bridgeman, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. On Friday, December 25th, 1008 Bob Major. E. Menday, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 27th, 336 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; H. Smith, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And a 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. W. Menday, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Bridgeman, 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, November 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 640 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Goulds, 8. Also on Sunday evening, December 6th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; R. Harman, 8. And for practice on Tuesday, December 8th, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; W. Cornish, 3; J. Symons, 4; H. Stubbington, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. W. Whiting, 8. Also on Monday December 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins., the bells being half-muffled on account of the death of Dr. Harold Browne, late Bishop of Winchester. J. Harper, 1; H. Stubbington, 2; W. Cornish, 3; C. Simmonds, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Goulds, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday, December 20th, for Divine Service at the Abbey, 180 Bob Minor. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Groves, 4; T. Cole, 5; C. Tribe, 6; A. Newman, 7; W. H. George, 8. On Friday, December 18th, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to Dr. Brown, late Bishop of Winchester, 360 Plain Bob Doubles. A. Newman, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Elcomb, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; J. Elcomb, sen., 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Saturday, December 5th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 28½ mins. R. Dewhurst (conductor), 1; P. Gregson, 2; W. Slater, 3; J. Watson, 4; J. Walker, 5; J. Smith, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 28½ mins. F. Calvert, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 6th, at the parish church, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. Smith, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Saturday, December 26th, at St. Stephen's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 3800 changes, the bells had to be stopped owing to illness near the church. G. Newson, 1; E. F. Cole, 2; J. Kitchener, 3; A. Pittam, 4; A. Tennant, 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; B. Foskett, 7; A. Jacob, 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 15th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Dawes, 1; E. Jennings, 2; A. Reed, 3; G. Ades, 4; J. Beal, 5; B. Hobbs (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor by all the band.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OLD SWINDON (Wilts).—On Tuesday, December 22nd, a company of ringers met the Master of the above Association, who was on his way to the reopening of the Bishopstone church and bells, and rang at the parish church 620 Grandsire Triples, being the latter part of a date touch by Mr. J. Carter. A. Lawrence, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; G. Iles, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; H. B. Slack, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 7; T. Robinson, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Friday evening, December 25th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins. W. Bidnell (aged 15), 1; T. Webb, 2; J. Cawdell (conductor), 3; G. T. Spicer, 4; J. Phillips, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; Rd. Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8. First quarter-peal by W. Bidnell.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Tuesday, December 29th, at St. James' church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Hunt, 1; T. Doble, 2; J. Grabham, 3; J. Maddock, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; T. Radford (conductor), 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, December 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Watson, 1; E. Pye (first quarter-peal), 2; G. Pye, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; G. Roughton, 5; W. Nash, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; L. Copsey, 8.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, October 28th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a 720 London Treble Bob, and 720 College Single. And on October 31st, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob, and 720 Superlative Surprise. Also on November 1st, 720 Yorkshire Court, and 720 College Pleasure. And on November 5th, 720 Duke of York. Also on November 7th, 720 Grandsire Minor. And on November 8th, 720 Morning Star, in 23 mins., 720 College Double Bob in 24 mins. Also on November 9th, 720 College Double Bob, 720 Stansted Double Bob, 720 Double Bob Minor, and 720 College Single. And on Thursday, November 12th, a 720 York Surprise. G. Gray, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and on the bells. Also on Sunday, November 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Double Bob Minor. And on Thursday, November 19th, 720 Westminster Treble Bob, and 720 Stansted Delight. Also on Sunday, November 22nd, 720 Grandsire Minor, and 720 Cambridge Surprise. And on Thursday, November 26th, 720 York Surprise, 720 Burton Pleasure, and 720 Superlative Surprise. Also on Sunday, November 29th, 720 Stansted New Bob. And on Thursday, December 3rd, 720 Grandsire Minor, 720 Double Oxford Bob, and 720 York Surprise. Also on Sunday, December 6th, 720 Yorkshire Court, and 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. G. Jordan, 1; G. Gray, 2; J. Luckey, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 as conductor), 6. And on Monday, December 7th, 720 Grandsire Minor, 720 Double Oxford Bob, and 720 Double Court. Also on Thursday, December 10th, 720 Court Single. And on Thursday, December 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor, 720 Double Oxford Bob, 720 Double Court Bob, 720 Yorkshire Court, 720 Court Single, and 720 Oxford Bob. Also on Sunday, December 20th, 720 Imperial Treble Bob, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 24½ mins. W. Cavill (first 720 as conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; Isaac Cavill, 6. And on Sunday, December 27th, 720 College Single. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, December 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. And on Friday, December 18th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt. This makes W. Watts' 500th 720.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Friday, December 25th, for early celebration at St. John's church, 504 Bob Triples. F. Lees, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; J. H. Clapperton, 4; H. H. Lindsey, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6; H. Pearson, 8. And on Saturday, December 26th, 720 Woodbine Minor. H. Ferguson, 1; J. H. Clapperton, 2; R. S. Story, 3; H. H. Lindsey, 4; F. Lees, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WORLINGWORTH.—On Saturday, November 7th, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. S. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; W. G. Crickmer, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. First 720 by all except W. G. Crickmer, also first on the bells. And 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 College Single, standing as before. On November 9th, 720 Court Single Bob. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. Also 360 Double Oxford and 240 Kent. And on Sunday, November 22nd, 720 Kent. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. And on Sunday, November 29th, 720 Double Court Bob. H. Beecroft (first 720 in the method), 1; H. Creasey, 2; R. Collins, 3; F. Clayton, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, December 6th, 360 Christmas Eve. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. Also on Sunday, December 8th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5; D. Collins, 6. Also 720 Christmas Eve, standing as before; first 720 by all and first 720 on the bells. Also 720 Coronation Exercise, standing as before; first 720 by all and first on the bells, and was rung at first attempt. And on Thursday, December 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Beecroft, 1; the rest as before. Also on Sunday, December 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Collins, 1; E. Clayton, 2; W. G. Crickmer, 3; W. Ruffels, 4; R. Ruth, 5; D. Collins, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—360 Bob Minor. W. G. Crickmer, 1-2; W. Flory, 3-4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5-6. Also three leads of Oxford Treble Bob.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Friday morning, December 25th, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43½ mins. G. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; W. Liggins, 3; W. Owen, 4; A. Hitchcock, 5; H. Canner (first quarter-peal as conductor), 6; W. Canner, 7; G. Thornley, 8.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Friday, December 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 New London Pleasure in 27 mins. J. Trendell, 1; E. Trendell, 2; G. Trendell, 3; C. Trendell, 4; F. Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6.

BIRSTALL (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, December 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled for the wife of Mr. J. Midgley, of Gomersal, and formerly a ringer at this church. G. Thornton, 1; D. Wilson, 2; F. W. Crossley (first 720), 3; W. Stainthorpe (conductor), 4; J. Clayton, 5; W. H. Holmes, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Friday, December 25th, for early celebration at the parish church, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; T. Newman, 6; J. W. Nudds, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Also for morning service 503 Grandsire Triples. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; P. Springham, 5; T. Newman, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8. J. W. Nudds hails from Kenninghall, Norfolk.

CAWSTON (Norfolk).—On Saturday, December 26th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. C. Neale, 1; A. Rought, 2; W. Rought, 3; J. Moy (Aylsham), 4; G. Moy, 5; A. J. Neale (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score in the same method. C. Neale, 1; Rev. T. H. Marsh, 3; W. Rought (Aylsham), 3; A. Rought (Aylsham), 4; G. Moy (Aylsham), 5; A. J. Neale (Aylsham), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. The company were afterwards entertained with refreshments by the rector, the Rev. T. H. Marsh.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, December 20th, at Holy Trinity church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins. W. Trinder, 1; E. Andrews, 2; W. Andrews, 3; S. Moore, 4; G. Lait (conductor), 5; G. Canter, 6.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Friday, November 27th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. S. Slater (conductor), 1; R. Wells, 2; F. Wells, 3; A. J. Clarke, 4; J. Bradman, 5; R. Brett, 6. Also 720 Double Court Bob. A. J. Clarke (conductor), 1; S. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; G. Smith, 4; J. Bradman (first 720 in the method), 5; R. Theobald, 6. And on Wednesday, December 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater (conductor), 1; R. Theobald, 2; F. Wells, 3; G. Smith, 4; J. Bradman, 5; R. Brett, 6. Also on Wednesday, December 16th, 720 Plain Bob. S. Slater, 1; R. Wells, 2; F. Wells, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; J. Bradman, 5; R. Brett, 6. It is just twenty-seven years ago on this day since the first 720 was rung in this tower. And on Saturday, December 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Papworth, 1; S. Slater (conductor), 2; F. Wells, 3; D. Gridley (Clare), 4; J. Bradman, 5; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 6. Also a 720 of Double Court. A. J. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Honeybell, 2; D. Gridley (first 720 in the method), 4; Z. Slater, 5; R. Gowers, 6.

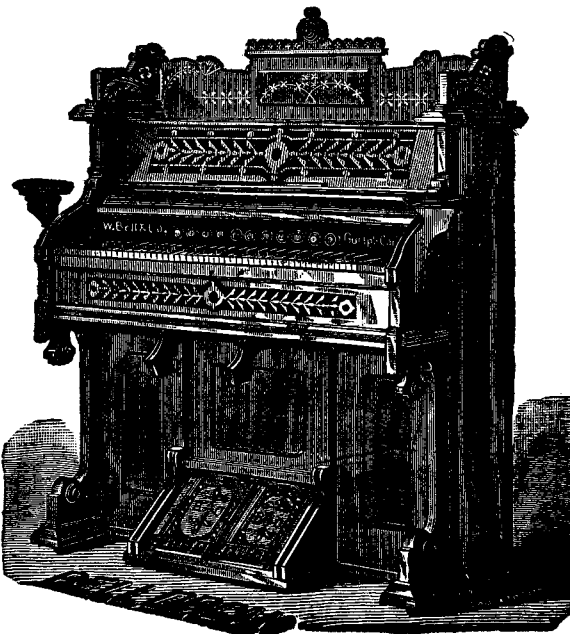
HALLIWELL (Lancashire).—On Friday, December 25th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Thornley, 1; J. Sedon, 2; R. Sedon, 3; T. Ridings, 4; R. Thornley, 5; W. Pennington, 6; J. Sedon, 7; T. Morris, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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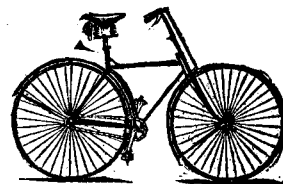
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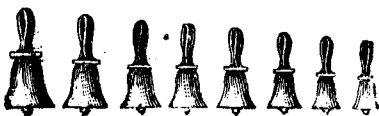
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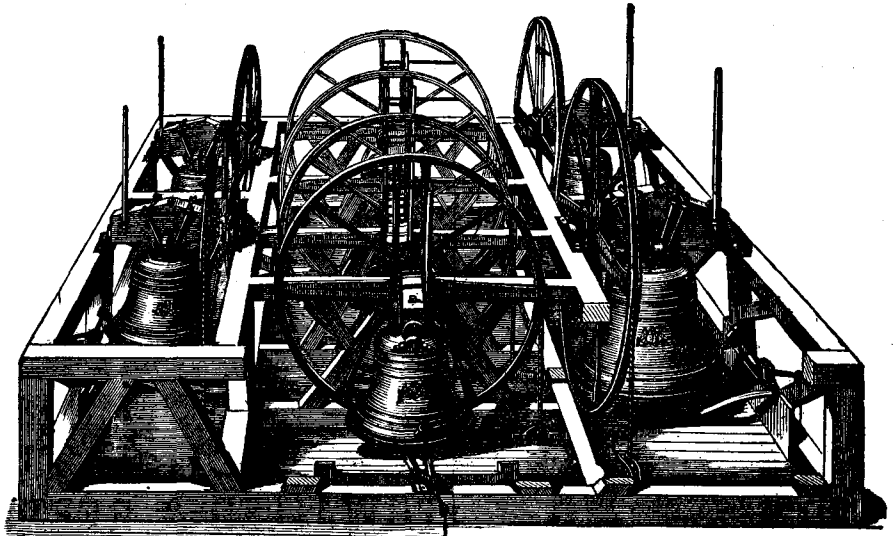
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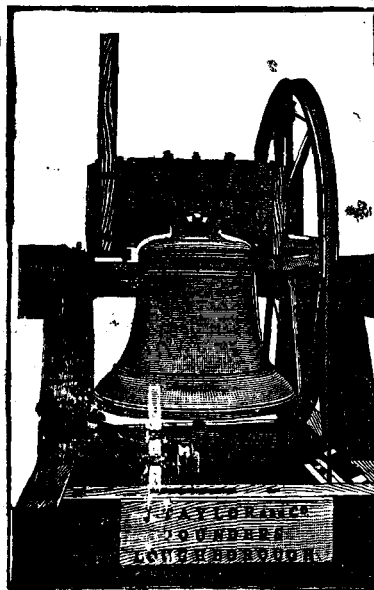
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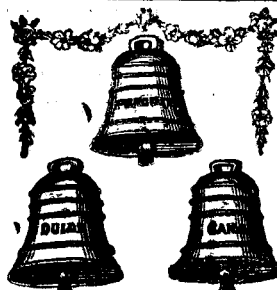
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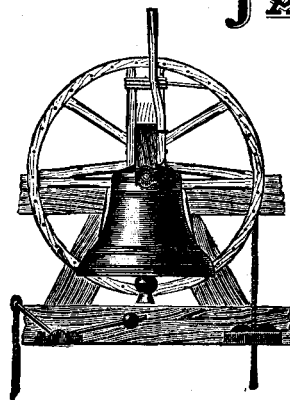
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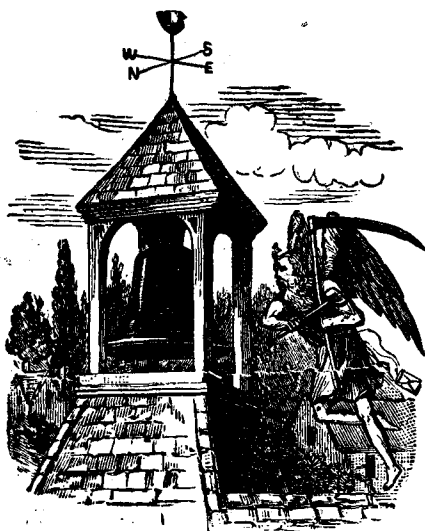
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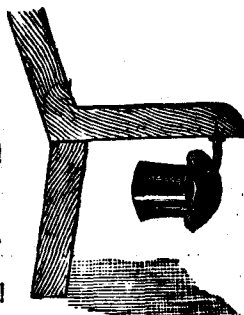
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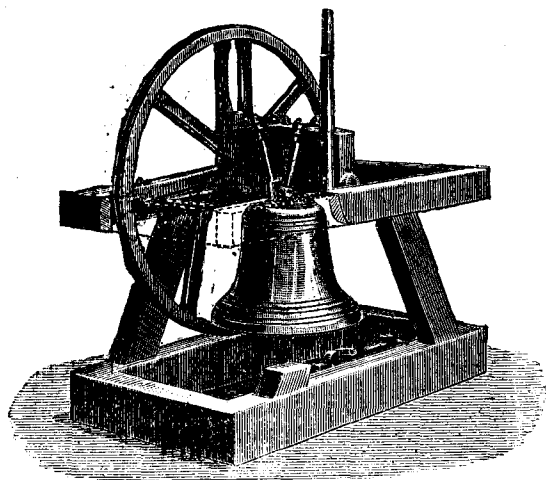


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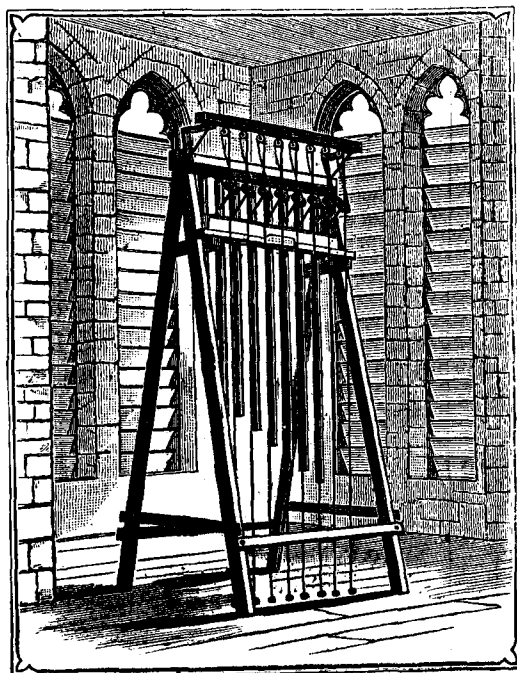
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## DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells (Lord Arthur Hervey) visited Drayton on Monday, the 28th December, 1891, to dedicate the augmented peal of church bells. The expense of the repairing of the old peal of five and the adding of the three new bells was borne by Mr. and Mrs. E. Cely Trevilian, of "Midelney Place," whose generosity is commended in the highest terms. As the five old bells are of particularly fine tone, it was resolved only to have them re-tuned with the three new bells which Mr. and Mrs. Trevilian have given, and this, with the founding of the new bells, was entrusted to the well-known firm of Messrs. Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, Leicestershire. The top of the tower having crumbled considerably owing to the ringing of the old peal of bells, Mr. Trevilian generously volunteered to have it restored and made secure also at his own expense, and this important improvement of the church was carried out before the bells were hung; the Diocesan Architect (Mr. E. Buckle, of Bedford Square, London) supplying the plans, and Mr. S. S. Webb, of Curry Rivel, doing the building work. Drayton Church is now one of the prettiest and most complete in the neighbourhood. It is remarked that four of the old bells bear historical dates—two of them being dated 1611 (the year of the translation of the Bible); one 1654 (in which year one of Cromwell's Puritan victories was won); and the fourth 1745 (memorable for the Stuart insurrection). The fifth bell is undated, but it is assumed, without much corroboration, that it was hung about the time of the Restoration, the inscription on it being of a loyal nature: "Fear God and honour the King."

The three new bells also bear the names of the Vicar (the Rev. Walter Alford) and the Churchwardens (Mr. E. C. Trevilian and Mr. Wm. Jeffery), with the date 1891.

The interior of the church was beautifully decorated for Monday's ceremony, the Misses Alford and Miss Maud, with others, having worked out novel and artistic designs in a manner that reflected credit on their good taste. The inscription "How beautiful are thy messengers: their sound is gone out into all lands, their words unto the ends of the world," was arranged round the church in an original form. The words "How beautiful" in red letters on a woollen background, bordered with holly leaves, appeared over the doorway leading to the belfry, the next three words, similarly coloured and arranged, being in the window recesses. The words "Their sound is gone out into all lands" had each as a background the woollen figure of a bell, shaped with a border of holly leaves; there being thus artistic figures of eight bells decorated with this appropriate text in red letters. Over the pulpit there was a red shield with the inscription "King of Kings," in golden letters, and over the reading-desk a similar shield with the words upon it—"Lord of lords." There were several other inscriptions about the choir stalls, and the stone pillars were entwined with the evergreens and holly leaves, the whole giving a warm and cheerful appearance to the church. The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association had undertaken the opening of the bells, and several touches were rung prior to the service by some of the members, amongst whom were the Master, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith (St. Mary's, Bath) and the Rev. A. Coope (Chaplain of the Theological College, Wells).

The Lord Bishop, on approaching the church in a Bath chair, at between three and four o'clock, was greeted with a joyous peal from the bells, and during his progress up the aisle the congregation, who crowded the building in every part, remained standing. The service, which had been specially prepared for the occasion, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Alford) and the curate (the Rev. Benjamin Bull). The following clergy were present as visitors and sat among the congregation:—The Rev. C. M. S. Mules (Curry Rivel), J. Stubbs (Hewish), S. O. Baker (Muchelney), and Martin Alford (Swell, near Fivehead). The Bishop preached from his chair, which was wheeled to the front of the altar. His text was taken from Psalm cxxii, 1.—"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." In the course of his sermon, his lordship said these were simple and familiar words, but they had a great depth of meaning in them, and the more they were thought over the more would that meaning come forth. He proceeded to show the several causes contributing to the gladness of a man who praised God at all times as a pleasure rather than as a duty. After showing how experience of God's mercy was one

great cause of the gladness referred to by the psalmist, the Bishop said the congregation had come there to celebrate the improvement which had taken place in the edifice of that church and the addition of bells, with which to summon the parishioners to prayer. These improvements, these tokens of love and care of the house of God, seemed to point forward to that blessed time when the redeemed of the Lord would go to His Zion with psalms of everlasting joy; when the gates of the heavenly house would be thrown wide open; when the unsearchable treasures of God would be thrown open and made free of access to all His children; when the Lord Himself would be fully known by men even as men were known by Him; when His unfathomable goodness would be poured out before all people, and they would look upon it with rapture; and when every eye would behold Him and every knee be bowed. Then they should all know even as they were known, and he hoped that that meeting in the house of prayer would induce to that end.

The hymn "O worship the King" was then sung, and the Bishop having pronounced the Benediction, the service ended.

The Bishop, who has recently entered upon his eighty-third year, looked well and spoke clearly, although in a subdued tone. He was the guest of Mr. Trevilian, and after taking tea at the Vicarage he departed for Wells in his carriage.

In the evening the members of the Association were invited to supper with the local ringers, and sat down to a sumptuous repast. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been duly honoured, the toast of the Association was proposed and heartily responded to, and briefly acknowledged by the leader in felicitous terms. On the following morning an early start was made for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' five-part No. 2 peal of Grandsire Triples, and the bells were brought round successfully in two hours fifty-three minutes. Particulars of the peal have already been published in "THE BELL NEWS." The ringers expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the work done by Messrs. Taylor, and with the "go" of the bells.

## MARKET RASEN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On December 30th, at the parish church of St. Thomas, six members of the local company, all belonging to the North Lincolnshire Association, succeeded in ringing a date touch of 1891: changes, comprising 451 of Plain Bob (ten bobs and two singles), 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), and 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Gadd, 1; R. Tomlinson, 2; J. Hackney, 3; T. Steeles, 4; T. Gibbons, 5; H. Burkitt (conductor), 6. Time 1 hr. 12 mins. Tenor 13 cwt. This makes the third date touch on the bells; the first in 1878, and the second in 1886; Messrs. Burkitt, Gadd, and Gibbons have taken part in all three, Mr. Hackney in the last two. It was feared some weeks ago that after all Mr. Burkitt's trouble in pricking out the odd changes, that it would not come off, as Mr. Tomlinson had a severe attack of influenza, but he sufficiently recovered to accomplish the task on the last day but one of the old year. On the following night the company assembled, as per usual custom, at the residence of L. Rhodes, Esq., churchwarden, where they partook of a most excellent supper, and were afterwards hospitably entertained, the compliments of the season being passed to Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, which was responded to by the former with a wish that they all would meet on many future occasions in like manner. The members then adjourned to the belfry, where a muffled peal was rung on the bells, the old year tolled out, and the new year ushered in with a merry peal. The band wish to publicly thank Mr. Rhodes for his great kindness, and also for his liberal subscription to their funds.

## NEW CLOCK FOR PRESTON PARK, SUSSEX.

A new clock has been recently erected in the clock tower at Preston Park, Brighton. It was supplied by the well-known firm of J. W. Benson, of Ludgate Hill and Old Bond Street. It shows the time upon four 5-ft. copper dials, painted white, with black figures and hands, and strikes the hours upon a bell weighing 4cwt. It is fitted with brass wheels and bearings, hardened and tempered steel pinions, and rack repeating striking word.

## MR. JOHN LAKER, OF ASHFORD, KENT.

(Vide Portrait.)

MR. JOHN LAKER, whose portrait appears this week, is now eighty-four years of age, having been born in 1806. He commenced ringing in the year 1823, when as a youth of seventeen he rang his first 1008 of Bob Major, which qualified him to become a member of the Ashford society, into which no person was admitted till he had rung that number. His first peal of 5040 Bob Major was rung on April 3rd, 1826, and his next performance of any note was a peal of 10,304 Bob Major, rung on January 18th, 1830, in 6 hrs. 25 mins. After ringing the above, MR. LAKER commenced practising Treble Bob, and rang his first peal in that method, consisting of 5120 changes, in 1831. Since that time he has rang a good many peals of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Treble Bob Major. His longest peal of Treble Bob Major was rung in March 1848, consisting of 5600 changes, in 3 hrs. 44 mins. On that occasion he rang the tenor (the weight of which is 24 cwt.), and conducted the peal. The last peal he rung was in 1883, so that from his first long peal to his last was a period of fifty-seven years. A number of the peals that he has rung in during that time, he conducted, but now having reached so great an age, he is not able to do much in the belfry. Still he is able to take a short pull at times, and he invariably evinces the greatest interest in ringing in the county generally, his faculties remaining as active as ever, and his bodily strength being well maintained for his years. We regret however that the old gentleman has fallen on evil days in his old age, and that his means of support are now precarious and intermittent. His blameless character and the industry and perseverance of his earlier years, should entitle him to the consideration of all, especially change-ringers, and it is sincerely to be hoped that after eighty-five years of honest independence, the veteran ringer will not be compelled to seek an asylum in the poorhouse. MR. LAKER also rang several peals with the late Mr. John Friend, of Hythe, and many other ringers.

## THE RIPON CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The ringers of Ripon Cathedral, with only one exception, visited Harrogate, through the kind invitation of the president of the Harrogate society, on Saturday evening, January 9th, and spent a very pleasant evening in ringing their very musical peal of eight bells, which has recently been augmented from six. The ringing commenced about 5.0 p.m., with a 720 of Bob Minor, with the tenor behind (only six members from Ripon having then arrived, the others arriving by a later train), assisted by the president of the local society. After the arrival of the other ringers from Ripon, 282 of Stedman Triples was rung, followed by 480 of Kent Treble Bob Major and 504 of Grandsire Triples, finishing up with a 420 of Stedman Triples. The other part of the evening, nearly up to 10.0 p.m., was spent in ringing Bob Major with the local ringers for their improvement. Mr. T. Langley, the president of the Boroughbridge society, put in an appearance, but did not have time to ring owing to his train leaving so early. Our correspondent adds: "The inhabitants of Harrogate are fortunate in having such a persevering and improving band of change-ringers."

## THE ALLHALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

The annual supper in connection with the above took place at "The Ferns," the residence of the Rev. W. Starey, on Thursday, January 7th. A substantial repast given by the vicar, the Rev. A. Wilson, was done full justice to. About sixteen members sat down to the good things provided for them, including the Revs. H. J. Watts, O. N. Tribe, and Mr. J. H. Thompson, the senior churchwarden, who were there as guests. The usual usual loyal toasts were given and responded to with musical honours. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, which were interspersed with touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters lapping.

## ST. PETER-IN-THE-EAST, OXFORD.

On the last Sunday morning of the year 1891 the Rev. J. R. King, vicar, preached at St. Peter-in-the-East parish church. In the course of his sermon the rev. gentleman said: "The year had been uneventful so far as the fabric of the church was concerned, the principal work being the completion of the peal of bells. The collections that day would be divided, and part of them would be devoted in clearing off a little debt that remained on the bells. They must all be conscious of late years of the improvement in the ringing, and the skilful way the bells had been handled to summon them to church. As this had been brought about at little or no expense to the parish, they should do something to promote that which the ringers had at heart. The new bells were a valuable addition, and they might trust that they might long be employed for the service of God, expressing the joys and sorrows of parishioners, and only being used to ring out the false and ring in the true. Whenever an improvement or work of restoration was started upon in an old church like that it generally led to something further that required doing. So it was with the bells. It was found that some of the machinery was worn out, and some of the framework weakened by age. When the new bells were hung this work was done economically, but the cost could not be thrown upon the bell fund, as the money in connection with this had been raised to a certain extent by persons interested in bell ringing outside the parish. Therefore, they were also asked to help to clear this off that day. Two old friends, not lately resident in the parish, they would lay in their graves to-morrow. One was always foremost in spreading abroad a knowledge of bell-ringing. For many years he (the late Mr. T. Hill) had been the senior bell-ringer of that parish, and, in spite of infirmity, to the end he liked to come to worship in his parish church. The other (the late Mrs. Bailey) had fulfilled to the full the duties of a Christian wife and mother. It might be truly said, in the words of the text, that they went 'forth unto their work and to their labour until the evening.' Now, the sun of their life was set, and it only necessary for them to await the dawning of the day, which would awake in God's appointed time."

## BARKING, ESSEX.

On Tuesday evening, January 5th, the Vicar gave his annual dinner to the adult members of the choir and ringers of St. Margaret's in the Infants' schoolroom, about sixty responding to the kind invitation. The Vicar presided, the Rev. W. W. Clarke, senior curate, acted as vice-chairman; the Revs. Gerald K. G. Marshall (choir-master), A. D. M. Gowie, and — Philpot, curates, were also present. The ringers are all members of the Essex Association (Barking Branch), with the Rev. H. H. Henson, M.A., President; E. A. Davis (churchwarden), Vice-President; F. Norris, Master; S. Lake, Hon. Sec., A. Carter, Sidesman, T. Bissell, J. Bissell, A. J. Davies, E. Lucas, A. Whight, H. Freeman, C. Dean, J. H. King, and A. Deards. After the usual loyal and other toasts, H. Berry, Esq., Sidesman, gave the toast of "The Barking Society" in very eulogistic terms, which was very suitably responded to by F. Morris, Master. The Vicar, in a very able speech, spoke very highly of the ringers and the bells, who he said conveyed the Gospel message Sunday after Sunday to those whom he could not touch. He said he was proud of the belfry, which for cleanliness, appliances, and everything to charm the heart of a ringer is second to none in the county.

The remainder of the evening was spent in toast and song. Mr. A. W. Hume, Organist of St. Margaret's, presided at the piano. Any brother-string who has not had the pleasure of ringing in this grand old tower, can be accommodated with a touch or quarter-peal any Sunday evening at 5.30. A. D.

THE NATION'S BEREAVEMENT.—The news of the sad death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence will come with appalling suddenness to our readers. A valued correspondent suggests, just as we are going to press, that we should indicate some method by which ringers should be able to express their sorrow at such a calamity. But we think, with all deference, that it will be best for our brethren to take their own mode of rendering their respect to the memory of the young prince whom the Almighty has been pleased to take unto Himself.



MR. JOHN LAKER.  
(OF ASHFORD, KENT.)

# THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Bristol on Saturday, January 9th. Ringing commenced at 10.15 at St. Luke's, Bedminster, where some Grandsire Minor and Doubles were accomplished by the visitors from Thornbury and Dursley. The Temple Church was the next place of meeting, and here the party was joined by parties from London, Newton-S-Loe, and St. George's. Two or three touches of Triples were rung here, and then an adjournment was made to the Mayor's chapel.

At 2 p.m. over forty members sat down to an excellent dinner served in St. Augustine's Mission Room. The chair was taken by the Master, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, who was supported by the Rev. Dr. Pigou, Dean of Bristol, the Revs. Pitt Eykyn, Hon. Sec., H. Joberns, Rector of St. Stephen's, and J. Rigbye, Assistant curate of St. Augustine, and Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower, Hon. Local Sec., R. Lewis (Hon. Sec. of the Bath and Wells Association), E. Lascelles (Newton S. Loe), O. W. Layng (Swindon), etc.

At 3 p.m. service was held in the Cathedral, consisting of full choral evensong, with an address from the Dean, who took as his text the words "Holiness to the Lord," and after bidding the members of the Association a most hearty welcome to the Cathedral, spoke most earnestly and eloquently of the teaching of the bells when rung.

He said he took that opportunity to offer them a most hearty welcome to their Cathedral church, and he hoped they would always feel, when they came to Bristol, that they would find a welcome within its walls. Theirs was a very interesting craft, that of bell-ringing, and it had grown until it had resolved itself into a science now a days; and, like many other things, it had had small beginnings. It was very difficult to trace the history of bells, but perhaps some of them who knew their bibles sufficiently well would remember that as far back as in the book of Exodus it was written that bells were hung upon part of the dress worn by the High Priest. And the object of these bells was that when he moved about they should sound, and people hearing the bells ringing should go to the temple. In the olden time it was the fashion to have some kind of inscription on the bells, just as they are now a days. He thought it was very interesting to read the different inscriptions brought to light from time to time on the bells in our own churches. Some of them were very quaint and curious, and reflected the temper and spirit of the age. The inscription upon the bells which Aaron wore upon his dress as high priest was "Holiness to the Lord," and he could scarcely fancy a more fitting motto to be hung upon their belfries, to be put upon their bells, or to be the motto of their bell-ringers than the old one—that they could not improve—"Holiness to the Lord." The bell was a very ancient method of attracting notice, and its form had been traced back to nature. They were told that the model of the bell of the largest kind was the dear little bluebell, which was to be found in our woods in spring time, and if they looked at it, they would see it was a perfect bell. God seemed almost to have given them the fashioning of that for use in after time, and that was by no means the only flower which seemed to have suggested to man's mind the form the bell should take. In process of time man began to think how they could use these things best, and he supposed it was the bluebell that first that put into man's mind that bells should be put into towers and steeples. If they noticed in the bluebell it did not hang straight down, but hung upon a stalk. Sometimes they had the bells in their towers, sometimes in the steeples, and in some instances in a bell tower, which was disassociated with the church. There were a few instances of this in England. In Chichester, where he came from, they had a campanile, which was separate from the church, and, by some people, it was considered safer. It was a remarkable thing that it was not until a comparatively late period that bells began to be generally used for the purpose of calling people to the house of God. When he had asked

what was the reason of that, it was suggested the early times of the Church were times of great persecution, and persons were driven in every direction, and therefore they had to worship out of sight. They were afraid to ring the bells publicly, summoning the people to the house of God, because it would excite hostility. It was thus interesting to note that bell-ringing was far more associated with the Church's time of peace than with the Church's time of persecution. There was no music perhaps on earth like the music of bells. He supposed there was nothing spoke to them with so human a voice as bells. They could hardly tell what the result to the Church would be if the bells ceased to be rung, for there were so many influenced by them, there were so many who were reminded that it was the Lord's day, and to observe His ordinances by going to the house of God. The ringing of the bells brought many persons to church. When they rang out a marriage-peal how bright and sparkling it sounded, and they could thus tune their bells to some of the saddest scenes of life. So they saw how important a part bell-ringing played in their churches and in their seasons, in the happier and sadder times of human life, and what it was doing for all sorts and conditions of men. They should remember that the belfry was really a part of the house of God. This was a growing feeling, and these associations were helping it very much indeed. He thought a man should take a great pride in change-ringing, but he should regard his office as distinctly a religious one. He noticed this was the sort of feeling which seemed to characterise their association. They had excellent and wise rules, which no one could take reasonable exception to. There was happily now none of the desecrations with which the old ringers and belfries were so often associated, and it was a grand and happy change which had come over the Christian Church in these matters. And so, gathered there that afternoon, let him say all that he could in words of encouragement to help them to regard their craft, not only in the scientific aspect, but in a religious aspect. When they rang out those bells which spoke of gladness and thankfulness to God, then let them sometimes think how much cause they had for thankfulness to Him who had ever showered upon them—our Father, our Saviour, our Redeemer—endless and numberless blessings. When they tolled the bell sometimes for the passing soul, or they rang the muffled peal with its wondrous solemnity, let them who were acting as bell-ringers remember that they had a soul of their own to be saved, and that their time would one day come.

Immediately after the service the business meeting was held in the Chapter-House, the Dean taking the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, the officers of the previous year were unanimously re-elected. The names of thirty new members were submitted to the meeting and approved; two honorary, twenty-one ringing (three of whom were elected on the occasion of peals), and seven probationers.

An application for the services of an Instructor at North Nibley was favourably received, and the officers were empowered to make the necessary arrangements.

Berkeley and Old Swindon were proposed for the next meeting, and though the latter seemed to be preferred by most of the members, it was eventually decided that the claims of the former to a visit from the Association must not be disregarded.

The Master, in thanking the meeting for the honour conferred upon him by his re-election, reminded the members that though he, with the Secretary and Treasurer, were ready to do everything which lay within their power to promote the interests of the Association, their efforts must prove to be comparatively useless unless they were heartily backed up in their work by the various Local Secretaries, and by each individual member of their Society.

The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for his kind reception of the Association, and for his most appropriate and useful address.

## NORTHWOOD CHURCH, NEAR BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

Messrs. Carr and Co., Bell Founders, Smethwick, have secured the contract to recast and rehang the bell (22 cwt.) at the above church.

## 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."

## WHO WAS THE COMPOSER?

SIR,—For some time I have observed that the practice seems to be growing of withholding all reference to the composition, or name of composer, in the announcements of peals rung which appear in the pages of your peal records; and it seems to me that the practice is one which will lead to inconvenience if it becomes more general, and certainly detracts from the value of those pages as a statistical record. It is more especially in the case of peals of Triples that this absence of reference to the composition has been observable; but it is not confined to them, as a reference to your last number will show. We find there no less than seven records in which no hint whatever is given as to the compositions performed, viz.: one of Grandsire Caters, two of Stedman Triples, one of Treble Bob Major, one of Bob Major, and two of Bob Triples. In most cases in which this defect in the record has been observable, the reputation of the conductor has been a sufficient guarantee that the compositions rung were sound. But it might soon become otherwise, if the practice of suppressing all reference to the composition were to increase; and this consideration must be my excuse for drawing attention to the matter.

H. EARLE BULWER.

## INACCURATE WEIGHT OF BELLS.

SIR,—A few weeks ago a letter appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" on the above subject by a practical man, and after dealing with the matter in the manner in which Mr. Lane did, one would have thought that such an absurd weight as 40 cwt. would not have been again recorded for the Oxford Cathedral tenor. Greatly to my surprise—and no doubt to many others as well—the same weight appeared again in your Saturday issue. I fail to see what benefit the Oxford Guild can derive from these mis-statements, or why the Exercise generally should be crammed in such a way! and why the Master allows these statements to appear uncontradicted, knowing as he must that they are not correct. I trust we shall have no more of such humbug regarding this tenor bell. I also noticed in the account of the opening of the bells at Wells Cathedral, the tenor was stated to be 57½ cwt, it should have been 56 cwt. according to Messrs. Taylor's list, a copy of which I have before me, and knowing that the bell is from their foundry, and only a few years since, there could be no difficulty in ascertaining her actual weight, it is only 1½ cwt. I must confess, but it is more than the weight of the bell. I have spoken plainly on this point, and I hope it may have the desired effect, and that no more letters will be wanting to awaken the Oxford Guild to the sense of duty of correctly reporting in the future.

FACTS.

ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

SIR,—Can anyone tell me through your columns whether the ringers who ring the bells at this church on ringing days are also the ringers at St. Lawrence Jewry.

ANOTHER ENQUIRER.

## ERITH TENOR.

SIR,—Will you kindly correct the statement of "Trinity Youth?" The tenor in the tower at Erith is 18 cwt. at least. Recently a new tongue was put in the bell by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and their employee then stated that the weight was from 18 to 18½ cwt.

FRED. J. CULLUM.

## THE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT DERBY.

SIR,—I saw in your last week's issue a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Derby by the Midland Counties Association, and conducted by J. W. Thompson; a foot note states that the calling of the peal will be found on page 543 of "THE BELL NEWS" for January 31st, 1891, and is now rung for the first time. If Mr. Thompson will look at "THE BELL NEWS" for August 15th, 1891, he will there find that the peal was first rung at Waldron by the Sussex Association, on Wednesday, August 5th, and conducted by

HERBERT RANN.

## THE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR AT HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

SIR,—The peal of Treble Bob Major rang at Helmingham on the 26th of December and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, January 2nd, should be 5088 and not 5040 as published. D. G. W.

A CARPENTER AND JOINER needs situation. Machine if necessary. Can ring Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble and Plain Bob methods.—A. J. RICHARDS 17, John Street, Plymouth.

## Obituary.

## GEORGE BRIGGS.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who died November 7th, 1891, aged 38 years. He was interred at Rawmarsh Cemetery on November 12th. Deceased joined the Rotherham Company in 1878, and the Yorkshire Association in 1879. He was a ringer of no mean order, and was greatly respected. He had rung a peal of Stedman Cinques, four of Stedman Caters, one of Stedman Triples, one of Treble Bob Royal, one of Treble Bob Major, one of Grandsire Triples, and a 5040 in five methods.

## JOSEPH WILLIAMS.

The above was a ringer at St. Giles' parish church, Wrexham, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the St. James's Society, London. He commenced his ringing career in the year 1880, and soon gained the admiration of the members of the Society. Being an apt pupil, he soon mastered Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman, of which he rung about fifteen peals. It was his ambition to become a great peal-ringer, but unfortunately, consumption having set in three years ago he was obliged to retire from the Exercise, and growing gradually weaker he passed away on December 21st, 1891, his age being 27. He was buried in the Borough Cemetery, his brother-ringers being present at the mournful ceremony, and afterwards rung over the grave a course of Grandsire Caters. The funeral was largely attended, the deceased being highly respected.

## THOMAS HILL.

During Christmas week there passed away at a ripe old age one of the best known ringers of Oxford—Mr. Thomas Hill, of Marston Street. It is now over fifty years ago that he first went into a tower in the city and handled a rope in a peal. He belonged to the fast becoming extinct class of parish ringers, and had done much before the Diocesan Association was thought of. He did much to extend the influence and augment the numbers of ringers. Ringing was deeply rooted in his heart, and when the present Society was inaugurated for its promotion he was the first to welcome it, and regarded it with warm feelings as the means for improving the peals heard in the city and district. It is needless to say he was a devout churchman, and until quite recently was, as the Rev. J. R. King said in his sermon on Sunday last, in spite of old age and infirmity, a regular attendant at the parish church of St. Peter-in-the-East. His death took place on December 24th, at the age of 79 years. Mr. Hill was for half a century a servant at Christ Church, but had enjoyed a pension for some seven or eight years. He was a competitor in the first Oxford Regatta of 1841, and took considerable interest in sports generally. The funeral took place in St. Peter's churchyard on Monday afternoon in the presence of a large circle of sympathising friends. Amongst those present was Canon Paget, Dean-designate of Christ Church. The Rev. J. R. King, the Vicar of St. Peter's, officiated, and at the close of the service, according to the deceased's wish, the handbells were rung over the grave in a plain course of Grandsire Caters. The members of the Oxford Society who took part were—J. Payne, 1-2; S. Houns-low, 3-4; C. Houns-low, 5-6; J. W. Washbrook, 7-8; A. Fox, 9-10. In the evening a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of St. Peter-in-the-East by the following: C. Fowler, 1; A. Dubber, 2; G. Watts, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; C. Houns-low, 5; A. Fox, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; A. Strange, 8.

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**Essex Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Romford, to-day, Saturday, January 16th. The tower of the parish church (8 bells), will be open all day. Tea at the national school at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stony Stanton, to-day, Saturday, January 16th. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*  
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**Lancashire Association of Change-Ringers.**—Fylde Branch.—The second quarterly meeting of this branch will be held in the parish church school, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, on January 23rd, 1892, at 6 p.m. Bells ready at 3 p.m. The Rev. W. G. Terry will preside. The secretary will be glad to see any member of the L.A.C.R. present at this meeting.

JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*  
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

**Waterloo Society.**—The annual dinner will take place at the "Rising Sun," York Road, Lambeth, on Saturday, 30th inst., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each, can be obtained of Mr. Geo. Wild, 9, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, and of the Hon. Sec. WALTER PARTINGTON.

42, York Road, S.E.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A committee and quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Dudley, on Saturday, January 23rd, 1892, at 5 p.m. prompt. The Rev. S. J. Marriott, M.A., Vicar of Netherton, will preside. The bells of St. Thomas's (10), will be open for ringing. All members' subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Near Dudley.

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The meetings for January are as follows:—Woolwich. St. Mary's, Tuesday 19th: practice 8 to 10 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 25th: practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, St. John's, Wednesday 27th: practice 8.15 to 9.30 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend the meetings. I shall be glad to receive subscriptions from those members who are in arrear.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*  
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

The tower of St. Margaret's, Lee, is closed for ringing, on account of the damage done by the late storms.

**Notice.**—The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society will hold their second quarterly meeting on the 18th inst., at 8.30 p.m., in the belfry of St. Phillip's church.

R. C. BOWKETT, *Hon. Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when the attendance of every member is requested. Chair to be taken at 8.45 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 30th, 1892, and the following towers will be open for ringing at 2 p.m., viz., Parish church (eight bells), S. Paul's (eight bells). An important committee meeting will be held in S. Margaret's schoolroom (near S. Paul's church) at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge to all members of the association, and will take place in the same schoolroom at 5.0 p.m. General meeting immediately afterwards. Members who intend being present, are requested to advise Mr. Arthur Wakley, 125, Victoria Crescent, Burton-on-Trent, on or before Wednesday, January 27th, without fail. The honorary secretary gives notice that he will propose a new rule in place of No. 9, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting.

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

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Notice.—Members are reminded that the subscription due under rules 7 and 12 is now payable, and should be paid forthwith. The secretary has also to draw attention to rule 7, and requests conductors of peals to comply with same, as the peals for 1891 will be shortly booked, and any peal not paid for will be rejected.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
96, Akerman Road, North Brixton, S.W.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—A meeting of the above will be held in the churchroom, Stoke, on Saturday next, January 23rd, at 4 p.m., at which all members are requested to attend.

Rev. R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*  
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## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By E. ANDREWS, JUN., Cambridge.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
1 2 3 5 4 7 6 9 8  
1 3 2 4 5 6 7 8 9

Starting changes

2 5 4 3 6 9th in, out at two, and s wrong.

5 3 4 2 6 8th in three  
3 2 4 5 6 8th in three  
4 5 2 3 6 8th in three s  
2 3 5 4 6 8th in three s  
5 4 3 2 6 8th in three s

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3 4 2 5 6 8th in three s  
2 3 4 5 6 7th in, out with s, and wrong.

This touch is in the inverted tittums throughout.

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By D. H. BURTON, Thirsk, Yorkshire.

1892.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1 3 2 5 4 7 6 } Two changes.  
1 3 2 4 5 6 7 }

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

Four times repeated; single for the last bob in the fifth part.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. DAVIES (Bristol). Mr. Howell has been communicated with direct.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1892.

THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER draws attention this week to a matter which we think of the utmost importance, viz.: the frequency of the absence of the composer's name among the records of peals. It may be that in most of these instances such omissions are the result of accident, or neglect ; we should hardly like to assume that they are actually intended for the purpose of creating the idea that the conductor of the peal is also its composer. Neither, we are sure, is such an assumption entertained for a moment by our reverend correspondent ; but hints, and those not of a vague character, have been heard from other quarters that there is an object in them—an unworthy object, we may add. However this may be, the letter to be found among this week's correspondence will not only draw attention to the matter, but, coming from such a gentleman as the Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Association, will have a good result.

While upon this subject, let us allude to another phase of it. Every one ambitious of composer's honors, naturally desires that his talents should be made known ; that the fact that he has composed a peal should be published. A most worthy ambition. But we are afraid that in many instances of late, especially where peals of Triples are concerned, the persons whose names are published as the composers would stand better with people who

know, had they refrained from claiming the peals as their compositions. There are numerous instances of the most flagrant piracy in Grandsire Triples, even. Look at the quantity of variations of what is known as a "Bob-and-Single" peal. Yet the "variators," as we may term them, have the effrontery to dub themselves "composers" in such instances. We venture to say that no alteration of the observation-bell, or the redistribution of singles in such peals, where they consist of six equal parts, confer the title of "composer" upon those who so vary them. Instances in other methods might also be mentioned. Some of these so-called compositions have at intervals been "blown-out," but they do not become unknown altogether. The periodical attention drawn to them, however, renders their appearance smaller by degrees, if not "beautifully" less.

### The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, January 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5742 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM T. ELLSON* .. .. Treble.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM R. SMITH† .. .. 3.	†HARRY KENTEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD .. .. 4.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal of Major. It was intended to ring Grandsire Caters, but meeting one short, the above peal was rung instead.

### The Provinces.

BROOKFIELD, GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. W. TOPPING .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. BRIERLEY .. .. 5.
JOHN BLAKELEY .. .. 2.	WM. JAKEMAN .. .. 6.
CHARLES BLAKELEY* .. .. 3.	*JOHN FOULDS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON* .. .. 4.	E. BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

C. Blakesley, Worthington, and Foulds were proposed members of the Association previous to starting. \*First peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 8, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. CULLUM .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 6.
FREDK. J. RING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 7.
HENRY GIBBS .. .. 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is a two-part composition, and is found on page 38 of Snowdon's Treble Bob.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Perry and Thurlow belong to Framsdén; the rest hail from Cretingham. The calling of this peal may be found in Snowdon, Part II., page 15. This is the first peal on the bells since the tenor has been rehung by H. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich.

KELSALE.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5316 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. DREW* .. .. Treble.	F. PAGE .. .. 4.
W. FISHER .. .. 2.	G. THOMPSON .. .. 6.
R. WELLS .. .. 3.	F. THOMPSON .. .. 7.
H. PHILLIPS† .. .. 4.	G. HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by W. DREW.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 9, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM G. GROVES* .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 6.
FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM J. SEVIER and Conducted by

WILLIAM BEDWELL.

\*First peal in the method.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM EASTER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM KINGS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM COOKE .. .. 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 6.
JAMES BAXTER .. .. 3.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM EVANS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by W. HAIGH.

This peal, a three-part one, which is now rung for the first time, contains the extent of the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th place at a course-end, and nine times each in 5th place, the second never in 6th place.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1891, in Four Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6144 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

H. REYNOLDS .. .. Treble.	H. B. PAYNE .. .. 5.
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F. SALMONS .. .. 3.	C. E. STEWART .. .. 7.
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Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, of Sheffield, and Conducted by S. W. STEWART.

This is the longest peal rung on the bells.

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

On Saturday, January 10, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM PELLING .. .. Treble.	THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 5.
JAMES GARMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
WALTER WADEY .. .. 3.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 7.
WILLIAM GROVES .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

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

This is the treble man's first attempt at Major, also first peal in the method by Messrs. Groves and Garman. Groves hails from Guildford.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM ATKINS* .. .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
HARRY J. WRIGHT .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 3.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. PATE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM OAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal away from the tenor.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Monday, January 11, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

JAMES HUNT .. .. Treble.	ROBERT HOLE .. .. 5.
THOMAS ELLIOTT .. .. 2.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 6.
ALBERT CHILCOTT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
JOHN PUGSLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN PAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES GRABHAM.

The above was arranged for A. Chilcott, who was on a visit to Dunster.

Date Touches.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FRIESTON (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, January 1st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 changes in thirteen methods, in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. Harrison, 1; S. F. Staffurth, 2; E. Clayton, 3; A. O. Barber (conductor), 4; J. Sharp, 5. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Thursday, December 31st, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Smith, jun., 1; W. Slater, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; T. Hindle, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker, sen. (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Composed by J. Aspinwall, of Liverpool.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, January 2nd, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. B. Dalton, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; W. Dawkes, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; J. Pardoe, 8. Composed by J. Carter. This touch appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of the above date.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 3rd, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. T. Miller, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; H. W.

Needham, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; C. W. Jackson (composer and conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. This touch contains the twenty-four 6-7's.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 3rd, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Kent Treble Major, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. Tenor 26½ mins. A. Spurr, 1; G. Marsden (composer), 2; G. Crawshaw (conductor), 3; W. Illingworth, 4; J. Buckley, 5; J. A. Idle, 6; W. Dixon, 7; D. Stephenson, 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLENT.—On Sunday, January 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of 1892 changes, in the following methods: 132 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Short, 3; H. Martin, 4; C. Boughton, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. The touch of Canterbury was composed by J. Barber. H. Martin hails from Belbroughton.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, December 31st, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; T. Newman, 6; P. Springham, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Composed by H. A. Wilde, of Sandiacre.

BURLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., in the following methods: 451 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Kent, and 720 Oxford. J. Atkinson, 1; A. Naylor, 2; R. Thomas, 3; A. Craven, 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; J. Logan, 6. J. Atkinson belongs to Burley; Messrs. Naylor, Thomas, Craven and Logan to Headingley; G. F. Pickles to Horbury.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 5th, at the parish church, John Carter's date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. R. G. Humphrey (longest touch), 1; F. Sanders, 2; H. P. Harman (conductor), 3; E. Dunn, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. Fright, 6; W. J. Smith, 7; W. James, 8. Rung on the occasion of a tablet being erected in the belfry, recording two peals rung during the last year.

DEWSBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 8 mins. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. G. Taylor, 1; W. Idle, 2; W. Ainsley, 3; H. Robinson, 4; I. Idle, 5; G. H. Hardy (conductor), 6; W. Byram, 7; C. Senior, 8.

MIRFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, January 3rd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 1 hr. 13 mins. W. Holmes (composer and conductor), 1; T. Crawshaw, 2; A. Holmes, 3; S. Peacock, 4; W. Peacock, 5; W. Barrowclough, 6; R. Ellis, 7; H. Hinchliffe, 8; B. Robinson, 9; J. Peacock, 10. Tenor 30 cwt.

PENARTH.—On Monday, December 28th, at St. Augustine's church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins., being part of sixteen 6-scores, called in ten different ways. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Hodge, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. Hallett, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; R. Percy, 6. Longest touch in the method by all, and is believed to be the longest touch on the bells.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, January 11th, at St. Laurence's church, Ellis Nuttall's date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. F. Hopgood, 1; J. Potter, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; A. Watmore, 5; W. J. Williams, 6; W. Newell, 7; W. Robins, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, December 16th, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Pagett, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. Salter, 3; W. Wakeman, 4; T. Bennett, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. Also 240 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Salter, 1; J. Pagett, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; T. Salter, 4; T. Bennett, 5; J. Crane, 6; J. Bennett, 7; W. Wakeman (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, December 20th, at St. Mary's church, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 37 mins. W. Wakeman, 1-2; T. Salter, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; W. H. Smith, 7-8.

CLENT.—On Thursday, December 24th, 720 Plain Bob, in 26 mins. W. Shillock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; G. Workman, 3; W. Short, 4; C. Boughton, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 28th, 360 Plain Bob. W. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; A. Short, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Barber, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Shillock, 3; J. Barber, 4; A. Day, 5; H. Field, 6. And on Friday, January 1st,

to ring in the new year, 720 Plain Bob. W. Shillock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; G. Workman, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. Huxley, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 132 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Shillock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Short, 3; C. Boughton, 4; T. Barber, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. For service in the afternoon, in an attempt for a date touch, 312 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 576 Kent Treble Bob. This was lost owing to being a little late in starting, as it could not be finished in time for service. H. Morris, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Short, 3; C. Boughton, 4; H. Martin, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. W. Lawrance hails from Wordsley; H. Morris from Hagley.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, November 10th, at St. John's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Preece, 1; B. Hill, 2; R. Horton, 3; W. Page, 4; T. Penny, 5; W. Bradford (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 19th, 720 in the same method. J. Morris, 1; W. Page (conductor), 2; B. Hill, 3; R. Horton, 4; T. Penny, 5; W. Bradford, 6. On Thursday, December 24th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Penny, 1; R. Horton, 2; E. Davis, 3; W. Bradford, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; S. Cotton, 6. On Saturday, December 26th, at St. Helen's church, 700 Grandsire Triples. C. Bull (first attempt at Triples), 1; S. Cotton, 2; W. Page, 3; H. Young, 4; R. G. Knowles, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6; W. Bradford, 7; T. Malim, 8. On handbells, 720 Grandsire Minor. L. Longney, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-6. On Thursday, December 31st, at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Penny, 1; E. Davis, 2; B. Hill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; R. Horton, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; W. Bradford, 6.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, December 30th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. F. Hill, 1; W. Micklewright, sen., 2; W. Micklewright, jun., 3; R. Round, 4; E. Hampton, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, it being the nineteenth anniversary of the death of Mrs. B. Skidmore, the donor of the bells.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—Recently, at the parish church, two 1115 of Grandsire Triples and a 168. Also a 336, on December 29th, these being the first touches by all except the two first named. W. Walmsley (conductor), W. Kenny, J. Kenny, J. and T. Minshall, J. Norbury, W. W. Steel, W. Gayes, F. Stonely, and A. Weston. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. The 336 was rung as a farewell touch to A. Weston, who is now in Exeter, where they wish him every success.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On New Year's Day, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. G. Dawson, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; W. T. Robson, 3; W. Sheraton (Chester-le-Street), 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, January 3rd, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). R. W. Langton, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. G. Dawson, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; W. Story (Newcastle-on-Tyne), 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (forty singles). R. W. Langton, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; H. G. Dawson, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, January 4th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Hudson, sen., 1; J. Field, 2; G. Lowden, 3; H. G. Dawson (first 720 of Treble Bob with a bob bell), 4; J. Naisby (non-member), 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, December 26th, the local company rang 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. Also 720 Duke of York with T. Bettison, 1; J. Severn, 2; C. Severn (conductor), 6; the rest as before. Also on Sunday, January 3rd, 720 Duke of York, with H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison, 3; the rest as before.

HARTHILL (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 20th, four of the Killamarsh company paid a visit to the above place, and with the assistance of two of the local company rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob. \*J. Billham, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; H. Turton, 4; W. Newbury, 5; C. Severn, 6. \*First 720.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—On Thursday, December 31st, at St. Laurence's church, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and ten singles). Composed by B. Francis, of Diss. T. Allibone, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Millington, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, November 9th, at St. George's church,

720 Grandsire Minor, being the first recorded in the method on the bells. W. Willson, 1; S. Cotton (conductor), 2; J. Cooper, 3; J. O. Lancashire, 4; S. Cooper, 5; J. Buttery, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. \*W. Willson, 1; S. Cooper, 2; G. Cleal, 3; S. Cotton, 4; J. Cooper, 5; J. Buttery (conductor), 6. \*First touch of Treble Bob.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 3rd, a 720 Bob Minor, (fourteen bobs and six singles). C. Tribe, 1; F. R. Rump (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. And on Thursday, December 10th, a 720 Violet Treble Bob. C. Tribe, 1; W. Selby, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee (first 720 in the method), 6. Also on Thursday, December 17th, a 720 Violet Treble Bob, 720 Woodbine, 720 Kent and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, this was rang on Selby's silent apparatus. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. And on Thursday, December 31st, a 720 Oxford Bob. F. R. Rump, 1; T. Ellis, 2; C. Tribe (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; W. Selby, 4; J. Lee, 6. This was rang to finish just before twelve o'clock, when the hour of twelve was tolled upon the tenor bell. A 720 Woodbine Treble was brought round with C. Tribe, 1; W. H. George (conductor), 3, the rest standing as before.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AYLSHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, December 29th, at St. Michael's church, 540 Bob Royal, in 22 mins. G. Neale, 1; J. Moy, 2; R. Stackwood, 3; W. Rought, 4; C. Clements, 5; J. M. Roberts, 6; A. Rought, 7; J. Moy, 8; G. Moy, 9; A. J. Neale (conductor), 10. Tenor 20 cwt.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—At the monthly meeting at St. James' church, on Monday, January 4th, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Kingman, 1; W. Simmonds, 2; H. W. Brown, 3; H. Wootton, 4; T. Gray, 5; J. Wootton (conductor), 6; J. Fussell, 7; G. Butler, 8. And 377 Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; H. W. Brown, 2; W. Lewis, 3; H. Wootton, 4; W. Wells, 5; Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, 6; F. Skuse (conductor), 7; G. Crisp, 8.

#### ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, December 13th, at St. Peter's church, for evening service, 672 of Grandsire Triples. C. F. Vickers, W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; J. Marsh, 4; J. Pardoe, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. Webb, 8. And on Monday, December 14th, a 504 of Bob Triples. C. F. Vickers, 1; F. Anslow, 2; W. Anslow, 3; C. Marsh, 4; J. Marsh, 5; R. Cartwright, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; T. Marsh, 8. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Roden, 1; W. Jukes, 2; W. Anslow, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; C. Marsh, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; J. E. Groves, 8. And on Wednesday, December 16th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Roden, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; J. Fowler, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves, 6; W. Pardoe (conductor), 7; C. F. Vickers, 8. Also 447 of Grandsire Triples. F. Anslow, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; J. Fowler, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; D. Langford, 8. On Saturday, December 19th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Triples came to grief after ringing into the 6th part in 1 hr. 37 mins. C. F. Vickers, 1; W. Jukes, 2; B. Dalton, 3; A. D. Bradburne, 4; B. Schofield, 5; S. Bunn, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Griffiths, 8. Also on Sunday, December 20th, after evening service, 1036 of Grandsire Triples. H. A. Hall, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; J. E. Groves (conductor), 4; J. Pardoe, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. Marsh, 8. And on Thursday, December 24th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples had to be brought round at half-way, in 1 hr. 24 mins. owing to one of the band being taken ill. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; W. Dawkes, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; H. A. Hall, 8. Several touches of Grandsire Caters have also been rang during the various practices. Tenor 22½ cwt.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, January 4th, at St. Denys church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. W. Townsend, 1; N. E. Snow (conductor), 2; H. T. Holderness, 3; J. Holmes, 4; J. Leach (Doncaster), 5; C. Gould, 6; J. E. Picker, 7; W. Beam, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FOLKESTONE.—On Tuesday, January 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. G. Millen, 1; F. Finn, 2; J. Fisher, 3; A. Moorcraft, 4; Rev. J. R. Vincent, 5; S. Barber (conductor), 6; F. Slingsby, 7; W. Newman, 8.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEVERLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, December 19th, an attempt was made Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which was unfortunately lost after reaching the half-way single in 1 hr. 30 mins. C. Priestman, 1; H. Ushaw, jun., 2; H. F. Ushaw, sen., 3; J. Young, 4; T. Neill, 5; G. E. Purdon, 6; H. H. Campey (conductor), 7; F. Campey, 8.

HULL (Yorks).—On Thursday, December 31st, at St. James' church, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. was rung for the midnight service. \*G. Marshall, 1; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 2; G. M. Brownrigg, 3; W. Southwick, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; H. Campey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; W. Marshall, 8. \*Longest touch.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On December 8th, at the residence of C. Prior, on handbells retained in hand, a 560 Grandsire Triples, taken from Reeves' ten-part. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8. And on December 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor and 300 Plain Bob Minor. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6. And on December 16th, a 1260 Grandsire Triples, composed by the editor of "THE BELL NEWS" with the twenty-four 6/7's. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8. Also on December 22nd, 720 of Grandsire Minor. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6. And on December 24th, a 448 Grandsire Triples. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 5-4; G. Prior, 5-6; F. W. Tharby, 7-8. Also on December 30th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8. All conducted by H. Prior.

BISHOPS STORTFORD.—On December 19th, at the residences of H. J. Tucker, on handbells retained in hand, a 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Tucker, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8. Composed by H. Johnson, and has all the different positions of 567. And 195 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Tucker (conductor), 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; G. Prior, 5-6; W. Prior, 7-8.

## THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Stafford).—On Sunday, January 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Bob Minor. C. Preston (first 720 with a bob bell), 1; W. Wheeler, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; J. Warren, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Thursday, December 17th, for practice, at the parish church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). W. Webb, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; W. H. Tubb, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, December 24th, at 11.30 p.m., a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. Burrows (conductor), 5; F. Carroway, 6. Also on Friday, December 25th, at 12.15 a.m., a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. And for morning service, a 360 of Plain Bob. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Sparks, 6. Also on Saturday, December 26th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; F. Sparks, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, standing as in the last 720. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks (conductor), 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Carroway, 5; J. Cornell, 6. And on Sunday, December 27th, for evening service, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). W. Tubb, 1; F. Sparks, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, December 31st, at 11.30 p.m., a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). W. Mulley, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, January 1st, at 12.30 a.m., a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Carroway, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. Also two 120's Grandsire Doubles. J. Cornell, 1; W. Burrows, 2; W. Russell, 3; F. Sparks, 4; F. Carroway, 5; W. H. Tubb, 6.

APPLETON (Berks).—Recently at the parish church 840 Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. T. Hill, of Oxford, who was much respected by the Appleton veterans. F. Tubb, 1; F. Barrett, 2; F. S. White, 3; G. Holifield, 4; H. Tubb, 5; F. White (conductor), 6; F. Bennett, 7; R. Bennett, 8.

ABINGDON (Berkshire).—On Christmas day, for evening service, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. F. Juggins, 1; J. Brown, 2; A. Burgess, 3; E. Aldworth, 4; H. Humfrey, 5; E. Humfrey, 6; H. G. Fruin, 7; W. Carter, 8. Composed by H. P. Harman, of Bromley, Kent, and conducted by H. G. Fruin.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Thursday, January 7th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch (1892 changes), of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 5 mins. †A. Holman, 1; J. Puppelt (conductor), 2; J. Robinson, 3; †H. R. Holman, 4; F. Sanders, 5. †Longest length. On Sunday, January 10th, for afternoon service, six-score of Grandsire Doubles. R. Botting, 1; G. Huggett, 2; J. Ansell, 3; J. Puppelt (conductor), 4; F. Sanders, 5. The first three ringers hail from Betchworth.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 3rd, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service, 575 Grandsire Caters. A. J. Plowman, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; T. King, 3; J. Plowman, 4; G. Welling, 5; C. Bance, 6; F. Holder, 7; J. Fayers, 8; J. Trappitt, 9; C. Gordon, 10. For evening service, 755 Grandsire Caters. J. Plowman, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. J. Plowman, 3; E. Matthews, 4; C. Bance, 5; T. King, 6; J. Harding, 7; J. Fayers, 8; C. Gordon, 9; J. Trappitt, 10. The above touches were rung on the occasion of the New Rector taking the services for the first time.

BEVERLEY (Yorks).—On Wednesday, December 30th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. Tenor 10½ cwt. C. Priestman, 1; H. Ushaw, jun., 2; H. F. Ushaw, sen., 3; J. Young, 4; W. Whitfield, 5; G. E. Purdon, 6; H. H. Campey (conductor), 7; F. Campey, 8.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, December 31st, at St. Michael's church, to ring the old year out, 504 Grandsire Triples; and to ring the new year in a 630 in the same method, both conducted by H. J. Tucker.

BRISTOL.—Recently, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled in memory of the late J. Salter. H. Schusler, 1; C. Derrick, 2; A. Parrish, 3; C. Tomkins, 4; H. Pring, 5; J. Hinton, 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; J. Richmond, 8. On Saturday, January 2nd, at the church of St. Mary Redcliffe, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Falser, 1; C. Derrick, 2; P. Crane, 3; F. Poreh, 4; H. Pring, 5; W. Emery, 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; J. Sheppard, 8. Rung muffled in memory of the late Archdeacon Norriss, who was interred that day.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Thursday, December 31st, after midnight service at the parish church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. H. Humphreys, 1; F. S. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. Fright, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

DARESBUURY (Cheshire).—On Friday, December 25th, for early service, the local company rang 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.; and for Divine Service at 10.30, 360 College Single. On Wednesday afternoon, December 30th, in honour of the marriage of Miss K. S. Whitley, second daughter of the Rev. Thomas Whitley, Vicar of Daresbury, to Mr. R. M. Hugh Jones, M.A., of Rhyl (son of the Rev. Hugh Jones, Chancellor of St. Asaph Cathedral), 720 College Single, in 26 mins., and 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins., T. Houghton, conductor. On Sunday, January 3rd, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor; and for afternoon service, 360 London Single. A. de Prez, 1; P. Johnson, 2; C. Hartley, 3; P. Hamblett (conductor), 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

EXETER.—On Sunday evening, December 27th, at St. Sidwell's church, for Divine Service, a touch of Grandsire Caters, 1250 changes, in 50 mins. \*W. Stocker, 1; W. Drake, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Davey, 5; F. Shepherd (conductor), 6; B. Mundy, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; W. Rewe, 10. \*Hails from Bournemouth, formerly belonged to the above society. On Sunday evening, January 10th, for Divine Service, a touch of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 1565 changes, was rung in 60 mins. H. Swift, 1; W. Drake, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; \*A. Searle, 5; F. Shepherd (conductor), 6; B. Mundy, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; W. Cornell, 10. \*Hails from Salisbury, formerly belonged to St. David's, Exeter.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, December 20th, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. C. Bown, 1; A. Devereux, 2; H. Payne (conductor), 3; E. Devereux, 4; C. Smith, 5; A. Attwood, 6. On Tuesday, December 28th, with the bells deeply muffled, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 29 mins. C. Bown, 1; E. Devereux (conductor), 2; F. Potter, 3; A. Wallis, 4; C. Smith, 5; A. Devereux, 6. On Saturday, January 2nd, a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. \*C. Weaver, 1; E. Devereux, 2; H. Payne, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; C. Bown, 5; A. Attwood, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Bown, 1; E. Devereux, 2; A. Attwood, 3; H. Payne, 4; \*A. Devereux, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, January 3rd, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Bob. \*E. Summers, 1; E. Devereux, 2; \*H. Payne, 3; A. Wallis, 4; L. Longley (conductor), 5; C. Bown, 6; and a 720 of College Single with A. Attwood in place of H. Payne. And for afternoon service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. \*A. Wallis, 1; E. Devereux, 2; A. Attwood, 3; H. Payne, 4; A. Devereux, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6. A 720 of Treble Bob came to grief through the third rope breaking after ringing 628 changes. After service a 720 of Court Bob. E. Summers, 1; L. Longney (conductor), 2; E. Devereux, 3; A. Wallis, 4; H. Payne, 5;



A. Attwood, 6. First Court Bob by all, and on the bells. \*First in the method.

LONDON.—On Thursday, December 24th, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, 1330 Grandsire Triples in 51 mins. Tenor 20 cwt. W. H. Coldman, 1; S. G. Davies, 2; W. Partington (conductor), 3; F. L. Davies, 4; J. H. Cassidy, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; H. L. Partington, 7; S. Long, 8.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 3rd, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; J. Fell (conductor), 5; G. Maries, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; J. Fell, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; R. Whiteside, 6. All the above, with the exception of Maries, are members of the Lancashire Association.

MERTHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, January 9th, five of the Buckland society paid a visit here, and rang at the parish church six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 27 mins. A. Holman, 1; J. Puplett (conductor), 2; J. Robinson, 3; H. R. Holman, 4; F. Sanders, 5. And three 6-scores. F. Sanders (conductor), 5. And two more 6-scores, H. Morley, 1. Tenor about 16 cwt.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Monday, December 28th, at St. Edmund's church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 30 mins. E. H. Haxley, 1; A. O. Stewart (conductor), 2; T. Ealy, 3; W. Roberts, 4; S. Hall, 5; G. Eades, 6; W. H. Wood, 7; E. R. Maule, 8. G. Eades hails from Wellingborough.

NORWICH.—On Friday, January 1st, at St. Peter Mancroft, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 55 mins. S. Smith, 1; A. Hubbard (composer and conductor), 2; P. Sadler, 3; J. Smith, 4; G. Howchin, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; F. Knights, jun., 7; J. Skinner, 8; G. Smith, 9; F. White, 10. Tenor 42 cwt.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 6th, 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Bassano, 1; H. Mason, 2; A. E. Bassano, 3; T. duction, 7; W. Priest, 8. And on Thursday, December 10th, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Priest, 1; O. Pearson, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, December 17th, 720 Oxford Bob. O. Pearson, 1; W. Priest, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Priest, 1; O. Pearson, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; T. H. Smith, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; H. Mason (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, December 22nd, 720 Grandsire. O. Pearson, 1; L. Walker, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; W. Priest, 4; \*C. W. Bassano, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. W. Priest, 1; C. W. Bassano (conductor), 2; T. H. Smith, 3; O. Pearson, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; R. Bird, 6. Also on Friday, Decem-

ber 25th, 720 Oxford Bob. O. Pearson, 1; W. Priest, 2; A. H. Bassano, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; H. Mason, 4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. L. Walker hails from Cradley.

PINCHBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, December 31st, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 29 mins., each called differently. G. Jarman, 1; F. Woods, 2; T. Ladd, 3; T. Fisher, 4; G. Ladd (conductor), 5. Tenor 20 cwt.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Saturday, January 2nd, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Stedman Triples. H. D. Adams, 1; S. Macey, 2; A. J. Callaway, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; A. W. Searle, 5; R. W. J. Gollop, 6; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 7; J. F. Stevens, 8.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, January 3rd, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Smart, 5; T. Searle, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; W. B. Hills, 8. Also 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Smart, 6; G. Gatland, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. And 1008 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Matthews, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 27th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. C. Souter, 1; G. Ponder, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; W. Souter, 4; J. Souter, 5; J. Wade, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; W. Welham, 8. W. Bedwell hails from Lewisham.

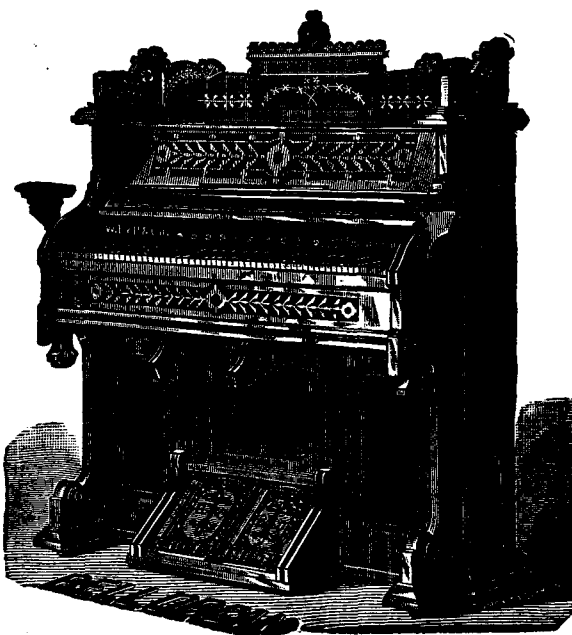
SHEFFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, December 20th, at the church of All Saints, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). A. Gledstone, 1; W. Hammond, 2; H. Bower, 3; C. Bower, 4; J. Rowley, 5; W. Smithson, 6; F. Willey (conductor), 7; W. Gardiner, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

WOKING (Surrey).—At the parish church of St. Peter, on Christmas morning, 1200 Grandsire Doubles, being ten 6-scores, each called differently. W. Watts, 1; L. F. Pope, 2; C. B. Ryde, 3; W. C. Ryde, 4; F. C. Ryde, 5; A. Saunders, 6. Longest touch of Doubles by Messrs. Watts and Pope. On Wednesday, December 30th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Minor. A. Saunders, 1; G. W. Furlonger, 2; L. F. Pope, 3; C. B. Ryde, 4; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 5; F. C. Ryde, 6. Longest touch of Minor by Messrs. Saunders and Pope, and longest touch with a bob bell by G. W. Furlonger. On Wednesday, January 6th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Saunders, 1; F. Arnold, 2; L. F. Pope, 3; C. B. Ryde, 4; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 5; F. C. Ryde, 6. Rung in 30 mins. Tenor 20½ cwt. First 720 of Minor by Messrs. Saunders and Pope. Also on the same evening, for practice, another 720 of Grandsire Minor, called differently, the ringers standing as before.

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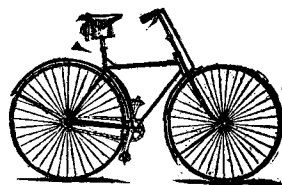
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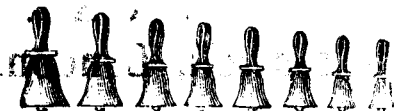
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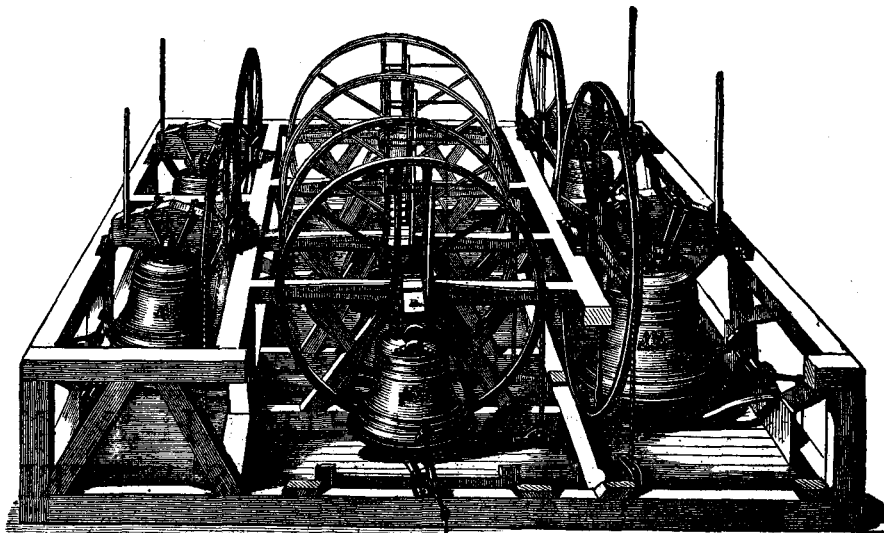
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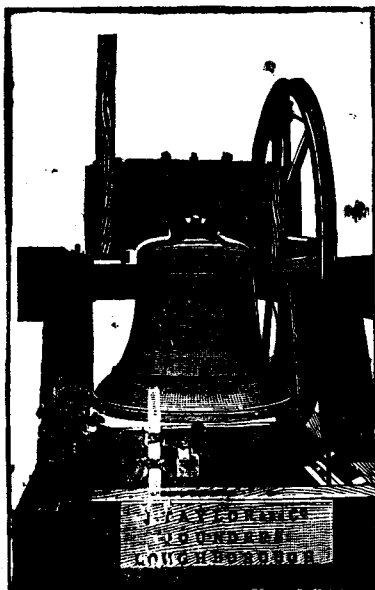
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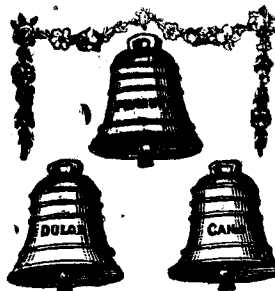
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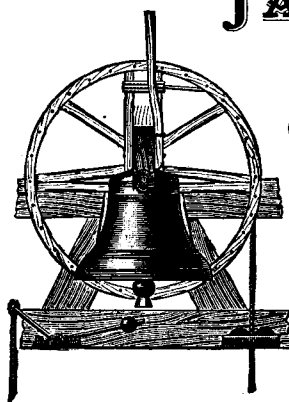
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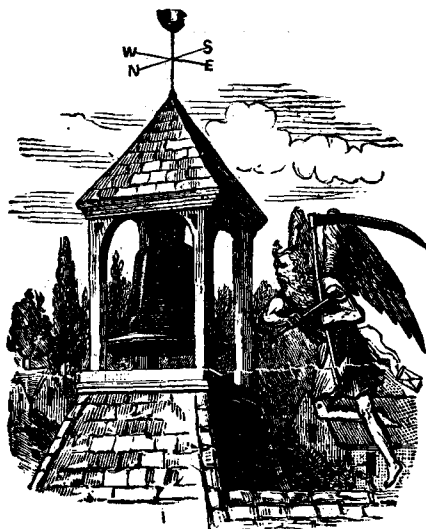
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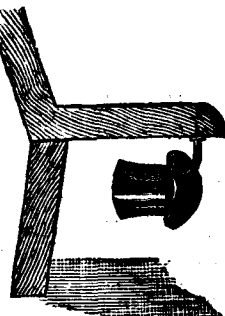
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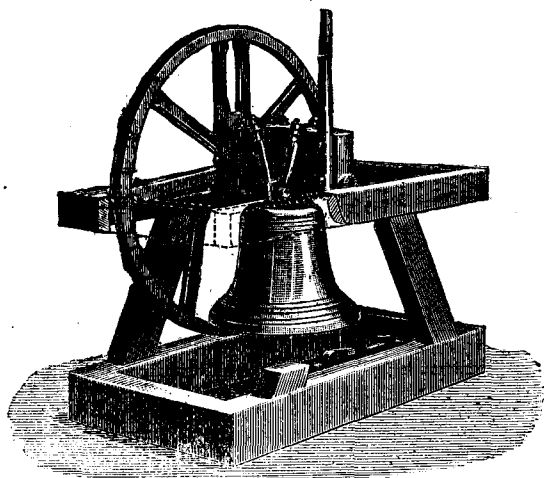
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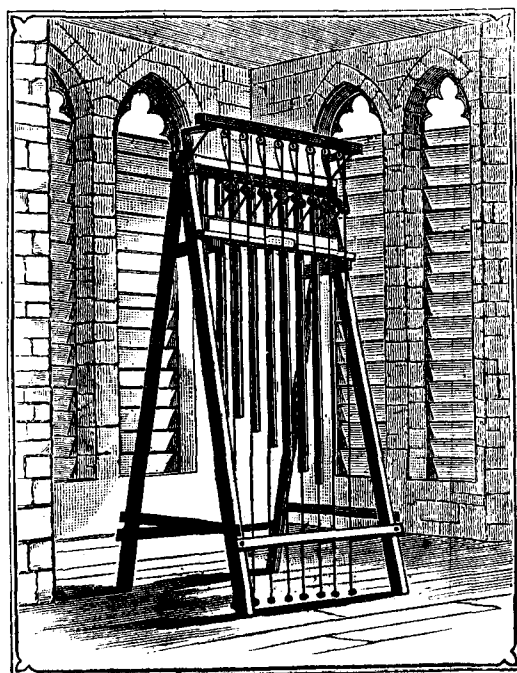
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## ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

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At the close of the repast the tables were cleared, and in proposing "The Queen and Royal Family" the Chairman touched upon the illness of the Duke of Clarence, and trusted that His Royal Highness would soon be restored to his usual health. These hopes have, however, unfortunately not been realised.

"The Bishops, Clergy, and Churchwardens" was proposed by Mr. Lowe, and responded to by the Chairman; and then the proceedings were enlivened by Mr. Buttery singing "A Father's Love."

The toast of "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces" was responded to by Mr. A. Millis, a volunteer and local crack shot of twenty-seven years' standing, and he told some amusing reminiscences of his camping days.

"The Visitors," coupled with the names of Messrs. Taylor and George, was proposed by Mr. Buttery. In replying, Mr. Taylor spoke of the St. Margaret's Society as being one of the oldest in the kingdom, and referred to the late Mr. Edward Biggs, who was conductor at St. Margaret's for upwards of fifty years, from whom he had partly received his instruction in the art, and of whom he had many pleasant recollections. Mr. George said he was always happy to be among the St. Margaret's ringers, for he knew of no society who made him more welcome.

The toast of the evening—"Success to the St. Margaret's Society," was proposed by the Vicar, who said that as in the past, so in the future he hoped the same harmonious feeling would exist between the ringers and the clergy, and that the ringers would always recollect that they were practical church-workers, and should consider themselves as such, and that while satisfying their love of ringing, their work might redound to the glory of God. In responding, Mr. Cooper said they had met there to celebrate the ringing of several peals last year. The first was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, the first ever rung in the borough of Leicester, and at the first attempt. The second was a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) on handbells, retained in hand, ably conducted by Mr. G. Cleal, who rang 5-6. The last was a peal of Grandsire Caters, a new composition, and rung for the first time by the St. Margaret's society on December 30th. In this peal Messrs. W. Willson and A. Martin made their debut. The last-named ringer, Mr. Martin, here sung "The Holy Friar," in a stentorian voice. A course of Grandsire Caters followed by S. Cooper, 1-2; J. Buttery, 3-4; G. Cleal, 5-6; S. Cotton, 7-8; J. Cooper, 9-10.

A few more songs by various members of the company, and a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their excellent catering, brought a capital reunion to a close.

## CROYDON, SURREY.

On Wednesday, January 6th, the ringers of the parish church, Croydon, had their annual dinner at the "Kings Arms" hotel, when about thirty ringers and friends sat down to dinner, including the Vicar, the Rev. G. C. Fisher, Alderman F. T. Edridge, Mayor, Churchwarden Mr. R. Flint, and Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Hon. Treasurer of the Society. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the cloth was removed, and the Mayor proposed the loyal toast, which was duly honoured. The toast of the evening, proposed by Cobet Anderson, Esq., was "Success to the Croydon Bell Ringers." Though no record had been kept, there was a society of men who rung the bells at the parish church in the year 1600.

After responding to this toast, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being sung by Messrs. Burt, Talbot Rummy, and others, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The party broke up at midnight, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—HULL BRANCH.

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Mr. Worsdale, in proposing "Success to the Hull Branch," said that he thought he never enjoyed himself better than he did in the company of the bellringers, and he hoped the branch would continue to prosper.

Mr. Stickney replied, pointing out the advantages which had resulted from the formation of the branch. Formerly it depended very much on convenience whether any member from Hull attended the meetings of the Yorkshire Association, while under the present system the branch sent a delegate to all meetings, paying the expenses out of its own funds.

Mr. W. Marshall gave "The Visitors," Mr. Kirby responding. The toasts were interspersed with songs, recitations and musical selections on the handbells, the following contributing: Miss Farnell, Messrs. Verity, Worsdale, Southwick, Brown, Reed, Jackson, Needham, Littlefield and H. Slingsby. Mr. Poskett presided at the piano.

Mr. Southwick proposed "The Health of the Host and Hostess," which was accorded musical honours.

Mr. Worsdale responded in a humorous speech on their behalf, the host being indisposed. The party then broke up, having succeeded in spending a very delightful evening.

## THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

The annual dinner of this Society was held at the headquarters, the "Black Lion," on Thursday evening, January 7th. Hostess Murnane placed an excellent repast upon the table, which was partaken of by sixteen members and friends. Mr. Washbrook, Master, presided, and amongst those present were Messrs. H. Cox (vice-chair), C. Hounslow, F. Williamson, W. Jeffrey, W. Finch, C. Hester, A. Fox, J. Howse, E. Hind, J. Fox, A. Dubber, P. Hind, etc. At the conclusion of the repast, The Chairman submitted the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were heartily pledged.

Mr. C. Hester next gave the "Oxford Society of Change Ringers," and coupled with it the name of Mr. C. Hounslow, hoping they might see him there for many years. The toast having been accorded musical honours,

Mr. Hounslow said he was glad to see a fair muster of the members present, especially the younger ones, and hoped to see more peals recorded by this Ancient Society during the year. He was sorry to say some of the older members were absent that evening through illness, and he hoped they would soon be able to get about again.

Mr. H. Cox then proposed the toast of "Absent Friends," after which several other toasts, including "the Master," "the Hostess," were suitably responded to. Several of the company sang some capital songs. Handbell performances, etc., were given, and the evening passed away in an exceedingly pleasant manner.

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**MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.**—The thirteenth Quarterly Meeting of this branch was held at Macclesfield on Saturday, January 16th, with very unfavourable weather, and was attended by twenty-seven members, one from Bollington, four from Prestbury, four from Poynton, six from Gawsorth, and twelve from Macclesfield. Another drawback to the pleasure of the members was that the bells were deeply muffled in consequence of the sudden death of the Duke of Clarence. It so happened that seven ringers from Gorton and Ashton were visiting Macclesfield on that day, and the Secretary made arrangements and took the spare rope, and they had the pleasure of ringing a good touch of Grandsire Triples. Also prior to a service at 4 o'clock 168 in the same method was rung by Macclesfield and Prestbury ringers.

At 4.30 a good meat tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, and the business meeting in the church vestry at 5.45. The president of the branch, the Rev. Canon Turner, vicar, occupied the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The rev. chairman, in opening the proceedings, gave all a hearty welcome to Macclesfield, and urged all the members to be thorough and consistent in all their doings, both as change-ringers and Church workers, and he said how pleased he was to see the change that had taken place in his own belfry in the way of belfry reform. He was also glad to see the branch and the whole Guild in a flourishing condition, and was sure that it had done good in his own deanery. It was also his painful duty to mention the death of the Duke of Clarence; and also of a member of the branch who was a well-wisher and a good worker of the Guild and change-ringing generally, in the person of Mr. Edward Matthews, an account of whose death appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" a short time ago.

It was proposed by the chairman and secretary and carried "That this branch deeply regrets the deaths of the Duke of Clarence and Mr. Matthews, and that it be entered on the minutes of the secretary's book." The next place of meeting was fixed to be held at Bollington on May 14th. Several other little matters were dealt with, and the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and a 720 Grandsire Minor by J. Snape (Poynton), 1; T. Bollington (Bollington), 2; W. Kenny, 3; T. Minshall (Macclesfield), 4; W. Henshall (Gawsorth), 5; W. Walmsley (Macclesfield, conductor), 6. This was rung on the back six, tenor 20 cwt. in E.

It is only fair to say that every member enjoyed themselves. These bells are in good order, and any brother-string would be made welcome by applying to W. Walmsley, Secretary and Treasurer of the branch, 9, Lees Street, Sutton, Macclesfield.

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A memorial tablet has been erected in St. Matthew's belfry to the late W. Hallsworth, who was a most able composer and conductor, and was tower-keeper at the above church for twenty years. The above tablet records a peal of Stedman Caters rung on the first anniversary of his death, in February 1891, by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The peal was his own composition, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" a week after it was rung. The loss to the local society, which was greatly felt by at decease, has been felt more so by the death of two of his most able companions during his ringing career, in the persons of J. Astbury, sen., and J. Westley. These two ringers died in November and December last respectively.

## DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

**CHOIR TREAT.**—Mr. J. Sharpe, churchwarden, recently gave the choirs and ringers of Wilby and Doddington a meat tea at the schoolroom, Doddington, about 150 being present. After tea, dancing, singing, and handbell ringing took place. An enjoyable time was spent, and at the close a cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe. Mr. Sharpe has the honour of being churchwarden both at Wilby and Doddington. Wilby bells are a peal of four, tenor 9 cwt., and Doddington are a peal of five, tenor 6 cwt.

## BEVERLEY, YORKS.—RINGERS' DINNER.

ON Wednesday, December 30th, the Minster ringers, with a few friends from St. Mary's tower and Holy Trinity, Hull, were entertained at dinner by Mr. Smelt, landlord of the Hall Garth inn. After dinner the loyal toasts were duly honoured, and Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed the health of the Minster and the St. Mary's branch of the Yorkshire Association, which was responded to by Mr. Roberts, who in a few words dealt with the subject of keeping together a good company of change-ringers, which is a very difficult thing to do in Beverley, on account of the members having to leave the town to look for work. He said that if the older hands would only put their shoulders to the wheel, they would soon have a very good company at both churches. He hoped that all differences would be put on one side, and the New Year began in harmony and goodwill. "The Town and Trade of Beverley" was proposed by Mr. Farnaby, and responded to by Mr. G. Witty. Mr. Farnaby made an amusing and characteristic speech on a very grave subject, which was received with applause and much laughter.

The Chairman (Mr. S. Leathley) next proposed the health of the host (Mr. R. Smelt). He remarked that the excellent repast which had that evening been enjoyed, was entirely due to the liberality and hospitable feeling of Mr. Smelt, and he could not help thinking that if our clergy and Church officers were more influenced by such liberal and practical Christian feeling, it would greatly assist the ringers in keeping their members together and lessen the difficulty of getting good ringers. He was sorry to find that in Beverley the ringers were looked down upon, or if not were very much neglected and left to their own resources. They were hard workers, and as far as he could see were as good Church workers as the choir or any other body in the Church. It would have been pleasant and encouraging if the clergy and wardens had been with them that night; he was quite sure they would not have been out of place at such a gathering of Church workers. The toast was received with cheers, and Mr. Smelt in suitable terms responded. "The Health of The Visitors" was given by Mr. T. Neill, and Mr. J. Dixey, of Hull, responded.

The chair was occupied by Mr. S. Leathley, of Beverley, and the vice-chair by Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull. Songs were sung by Messrs. Jackson, Moore, Thompson, and Leathley. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells, after which Mr. C. Jackson played the "Blue Bells of Scotland." A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, vice-chairman, and pianist, brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Before the dinner a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the Minster bells in 45 mins. W. Moore, 1; J. Smelt, 2; G. Witty, 3; C. Jackson (conductor), 4; W. Thompson, 5; T. Neill, 6; J. Dixey, 7; D. Roberts, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

## NEW CLOCK FOR ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

After much consideration of plans, the Dean and Chapter have just commissioned Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of Derby, the well-known clockmakers, to make a new clock to replace the old one in the south-west tower of the Cathedral. The old clock strikes on the old bell cast by Phelps, but the new one will strike upon Great Paul (which is 17 tons weight) with a hammer weighing 680 lbs. The quarter-chimes will be struck much the same as before, but provision will be made in the clock so that chimes on four bells may be added at a future time. The two dials, which are 16 ft. diameter, will be unaltered except that the central part will be arranged for illuminated at night. The clock movement will be a very large piece of machinery, designed by Lord Grimthorpe, and it is guaranteed by Messrs. Smith and Sons to keep time with great accuracy. There will be special precision apparatus whereby the first blow of the hours will fall within one second of Greenwich time, and the first blow of the three quarters will also strike with the same accuracy. Some idea of the great size of this clock may be formed when it is known that the hammer which strikes the bell is 680 lbs., while the hammer which strikes "Big Ben" is about 450 lbs.

## ST. MICHAEL'S, BASINGSTOKE.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**—The Annual Meeting of the ringers of this parish took place on Tuesday evening, January 12th, at the Old Angel cafe. The Chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, D.D., there being also present the Rev. J. W. Danbury and the Rev. J. Hawkesworth (Basingstoke), and the Rev. J. R. Vincent (Ely). At the conclusion of a meat tea the Vicar addressed a few words to the ringers, in which he expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them at a gathering of that sort. It was the first time he had had the opportunity of doing so, and he had been pleased to find, on his appointment to the living, that he had a fairly good band of ringers there. He had endeavoured to meet them at least once on a Sunday in the belfry and to assist them to commence their duties of the day by a short service suitable for the occasion. He would like to remind them that though the work allotted to the ringers was of one sort, to the choir of another, to the clergy of another, and so on, yet they were all engaged in one common work in the service of one Master, and the sole aim of each one, in whatever part of the work he happened to be engaged, should be to the honour and glory of God. He had been struck at all times with the orderly behaviour of the ringers in the belfry, and he had no doubt but what their attendance at the service afterwards (the church was a large one, and it was impossible for him to observe each individual person) was in accordance with that behaviour. While at all times he should be pleased to meet them as often as possible in the belfry, yet more particularly should he rejoice to meet them at the other end of the church, round the altar, holding Communion with their Maker, thus shewing that they were not only calling others by the voice of the bells, but by their example leading the way.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, when the following officers were elected: Captain, H. White; Sub-Captain, J. Ballard; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, J. R. Higgins; Committee, in addition to above, T. Curtis and F. Wilson. On its being decided to erect a tablet in the belfry recording two peals (one of Grandsire and one of Bob Triples) rung on August 14th, 1890, being the first peal ever rung in the tower by a local band, the Vicar very kindly offered to bear the expense of another tablet recording the peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) rung on the day of his induction, January 29th, 1891, which offer was at once accepted with marks of approbation. Two new members were elected, the Rev. J. W. Danbury and M. C. Best. A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded the Vicar for presiding, and for his liberal offer of a peal-board, and to the clergy for their attendance, the party breaking up at ten o'clock after a pleasant evening.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above was held on Saturday last, January 16th, at Romford. Owing to the sad death of the Duke of Clarence, the bells were rung half-muffled. The ringers were slow in coming together, and not much was done before 3 p.m. Some short touches of Bob Minor, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were then indulged in. Tea was provided at the National Schools at 5.30, when the Vicar, the Rev. F. Allen, presided, supported by the Association Secretary, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. Many regrets were expressed at the absence of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, whose heart was there, if not his bodily presence. The usual business meeting was held after tea, when several new ringing members were elected. The members present directed the Secretary to enter upon the minutes their great sympathy and sorrow with the Royal Family in their bereavement, and the melancholy pleasure with which they had been enabled as an Association to shew their respect by ringing in a muffled peal. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells, and to the Association Secretary. The belfry of Hornchurch had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Association, but time did not permit of its being visited.

**THE RINGERS' GUIDE TO THE CHURCH BELLS OF DEVON.** By C. PEARSON, M.A. Price One Shilling, or bound 1s. 6d. Postage Threepence.

**HOW TO LEARN CHANGE-RINGING WITHOUT AN INSTRUCTOR.**—By the same Author. Price Threepence; by post Fourpence, or six copies for 1s. 3d.—WILLIAM POLLARD AND CO., Printers, Exeter.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 527.)

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BOLNEY (Sussex).**—On Monday, December 7th, at the parish church, 727 Grandsire Triples, in 27 mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, senr. 2; W. Walder, 3; J. Prevett, 4; F. Scutt, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Scutt, 8. On Saturday, December 12th, 1638 of Grandsire Triples, in 58 mins. standing as above, with A. Parsons, 8. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham; conducted by G. Walder, jun. On Monday, December 21st, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins., in the same order. Conducted by G. Walder, jun.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—On Saturday, December 26th, six members from the parish church, Croydon, paid a visit to the above place and were met by two of the local men to attempt a peal on the back eight of the grand peal of ten, but after ringing 2 hrs. it suddenly came to grief owing to the breaking of the sixth rope. A. Arnold, 1; W. Webb (conductor), 2; R. Pearson, 3; W. Groves, 3; J. Strutt, 5; W. States, 6; W. Hill, 7; T. Verrall, 8.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Sunday, December 27th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service, a 720 College Single in 24½ mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And to ring the old year out and the new year in, a 720 Court Single in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 3rd, for afternoon service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and sixteen bobs), in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This company's summary for the year 1891, consists of 217 complete 720's, viz.:—Twenty-one of Cambridge Surprise, fifteen each of Violet Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, ten of College Exercise, nine each of College Single and London Scholars' Pleasure, eight each of New London Pleasure and Superlative Surprise, seven each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor, Yorkshire Court, Woodbine Treble Bob, and College Pleasure, six of Kent Treble Bob, five each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Stansted Double Bob, and Double Bob Minor, four each of Canterbury Pleasure, College Double Bob, Court Single, Victoria Treble Bob, London Treble Bob, and Killamarsh Treble Bob, three each of City Delight, Westminster Treble Bob and York Surprise, two each of Duke of York, Christmas Eve, Bocking Treble Bob, Stansted Delight, Burton Pleasure, Stansted New Bob, Imperial Treble Bob, Morning Star and Imperial reversed, one each of Stansted Court Bob, Double Canterbury (Pleasure and Burton Treble Bob. Of the foregoing eighty-four were conducted by W. Watts; seventy-five by I. Cavill; fifty-two by J. Luckey; one each by T. J. Watts and W. Cavill, and four by H. J. Tucker, of Bishop Stortford. It will be seen that the above 217 720's have been rang in forty different methods.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BUNWELL (Norfolk).**—Recently muffled peals were rung on the bells at St. Michael's church, as a token of respect to Miss Lorina Adela Maud Fellowes, who died at her mother's residence, Surry Street, Norwich, on Saturday, January 9th. After Divine Service, on Sunday, January 10th, a 720 of Bob Minor. The funeral took place at Honingham church yard, on Wednesday last, at two o'clock. At half-past two the ringers rang 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and at half-past seven in the evening a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, all with the bells deeply muffled. The following took part:—R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Hilling, 3; A. Dunnett, 4; G. Smith, jun. 5; J. Hinchley, 6. On Tuesday, January 10th, four of the Bunwell band, assisted by the local men of Tibenham, rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 360 of Plain Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to a brother-ringer, John Jackson, who was interred at Tibenham churchyard on January 7th. The following took part:—R. Hutton (conductor), G. Smith, sen., J. Hilling, A. Dunnett (Bunwell), E. Coleman, G. Manser, and G. Websdell (Tibenham).

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

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Tuesday, January 12th, at St. Martin's church, with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the Right Rev. Henry Philpott, D.D., the late Bishop of the diocese of Worcester, also Mr. Henry Johnson, 1301 Stedman Cinques in 1 hr. and 5 mins. W. Bryant, 1; J. Day, 2; T. Russam, 3; H. Bastable, 4; B. Witchell (conductor), 5; W. R. Small, 6; H. Johnson, 7; C. Stanbridge, 8; J. Astbury, 9; T. Miller, 10; T. Reynolds, 11; J. Johnson, 12. Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

## Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

## INFORMATION ANSWERED AND REQUIRED.

SIR,—In your valuable paper of a few weeks ago appeared a letter asking if the peal of Stedman Caters rang on the bells of Wells Cathedral was the first peal in any method on ten bells in the county of Somerset. I should have thought that the Rev. F. E. Robinson could have answered it, knowing that he conducted a peal of Stedman Caters, consisting of 5079 changes, at the opening of the bells of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, on June 25th, 1885, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 4th, 1885, with the following footnote: "This is the first peal of Caters rung in Somerset." Now I should like to ask the Rev. F. E. Robinson if this was a true peal, as I have heard rumours both in and out of the county that it was not; I should not have troubled the rev. gentleman with this question, but having lately been in conversation with a ringer who was in the tower during the time the peal was being rung, and who heard the conversation after the performance. And also the Oxford Guild not having placed a tablet, as they usually do, in the tower recording the peal. I think I am quite justified in asking this straight question, as it is quite time these rumours were cleared up. Just one item more, that is the weight of St. Mary's tenor, which the Oxford Guild published as 32 cwt.; but when I rang her in a date touch a few weeks ago, the steeple-keeper gave her weight at 29½ cwt.; so in the last six years she has been growing beautifully less.

W. W. THORNE.

## THE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of the 2nd inst. a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Loughborough, on December 22nd, and the footnote reads: "It is supposed to be the first time that this peal has been rung on tower bells in the county." But I see in the local paper, the *Loughborough Monitor*, the peal is recorded as "the peal, which is 'Holt's Original 1-part,' is now rung, etc." I should like to call the conductor's attention to the Midland Counties' report, 1888, page 80, No. 277 peal, where he will see that I called the peal at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on November 29th, 1888. I also see a handbell peal, which is recorded in the same issue of "THE BELL NEWS," as having been rung in 2 hrs. 2 mins. at Gloucester. Personally, I could hardly believe the whole peal could be rung to have anything like striking in such quick time. If it was, may I ask whether it is the quickest peal ever rung on handbells?

JOHN JAGGAR.

## REPLY TO MR. H. RANN.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. H. Rann re the peal of Grandsire Triples at Derby, I must apologise for troubling him on this matter, it being my mistake, and not Mr. Thompson's, as I unfortunately omitted from the footnote referred to the words "ten-part peal." But I think if my friend Mr. Rann had noticed the position of the conductor he would have asked the question of "which peal, the five or ten-part?" before making his claim, as the five-part is conducted from the 2nd. I hope this explanation will be satisfactory.

C. DRAPER.

## THE DATE TOUCH AT CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SIR,—I find that the date touch rung at Clent, on January 3rd, is wrong. I am sorry our young friend made the mistake in arranging it, as I expect he must have counted two 700s instead of two 720s. There is just forty changes too many; it ought to have been 72 of Canterbury Pleasure, instead of 132, as published.

H. MARTIN.

## ERITH TENOR.

SIR,—Mr. Cullum is entirely wrong concerning the weight of this tenor. I have a letter from the Whitechapel firm stating the weight to be as near as possible 15 cwt. Perhaps the employee did not know much about it.

F. G. NEWMAN.

## CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—Will you kindly correct the report published in this week's paper (No. 511). It should be The Middlesex Association, "Finchley," not "Hendon."

F. CARROWAY.

SIR,—Will you kindly correct the peal of Bob Major rung at Kelsale on January 9th. It should read "5376 changes," and not "5316" as stated.

G. THOMPSON.

## THE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR AT WHITTICK.

SIR,—The 5088 of Treble Bob Major rang at Whittick on December 26th is a composition of Mr. Henry Dains, of London.

A. R. ALDHAM.

## Obituary.

## JOHN HARLEY.

On the last day but one of the year 1891, there died at Wellingborough, aged 86, one of the oldest and best known church bell ringers in the district. For sixty-four years John Harley had been connected with Wellingborough belfry. During most of that period he rang the great bell and chimed the old fifth (the present seventh). He first entered the company in the year 1827, when George the IV. was King. The Rev. C. P. Vivian was then Vicar of Wellingborough, and the churchwardens for that year were Richard Tester and William Gill. Mr. Harley had a clear recollection of the Rev. Charles Pryce, the previous Vicar (who originated Wellingborough Church Sunday School in 1810). He thus lived to see five Vicars of Wellingborough. The old gentleman had been failing for some time past. A few years ago he was seized with a fit whilst in church, and a short time since he fell from dizziness, whilst chiming for evening service. He took his place in the belfry for the last time on Sunday, December 13th. On Saturday evening December 19th, he sat at home and listened with delight to the ringing, and again on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and complimented the ringers on their good striking, but ere the same bells sounded their muffled requiem for the departing year, the old tenor-man had breathed his last. His well-known figure will be missed in the belfry, in the church, and in the town. As a ringer, John Harley was pre-eminently punctual, reliable, and a good striker. Whether chiming for service quite recently, or ringing the tenor as cover for 6-scores of Grandsire, Antelope, or Gog Magog in days gone by, he always sounded his bell precise and true, for his pull was regular, and his ear, right up to the time of his last illness, keen to notice any discord or jangle. Although a ringer of the old school, Mr. Harley was never a bar to necessary changes or alterations. He accommodated himself with wonderful tact and good nature to new men and new ideas, and was as great a favourite with the young element in the belfry as he was with his older comrade of longer standing. By throwing his influence on the right side he helped as much as anybody in the improvements of late years. His heart was thoroughly in his work, for in addition to the pleasure he took in handling the rope, he had a regular old fashioned ringer's love for bell music, and was proud of Wellingborough bells (his own fine bell in particular), the chimes, and all appertaining to the church tower. He was a ringer whose recollections were mainly of the days of the old "ringing loft" with its low ceiling and whitewashed walls, of the days when the bells were hung in the old style, when frames and fittings were decayed and rotten, when whenever the "great bell" was raised it was necessary for someone to go up, whether by day or night, or turn the clapper, for it always went up wrong side. Then, colonies of jackdaws and pigeons inhabited the bell chambers, and built nests and hatched their young under the bells. In those times, too, the fifth of November and 29th of May were authorised ringing days. On the latter occasion, a large branch of oak being fixed over the west door in memory of the shelter the brave old oak gave to the Merry Monarch. The funeral took place at the cemetery on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. At 2.30 the ringers met at the belfry to chime the corpse to the grave, according to ancient custom. The seventh bell was first tolled 86 times, denoting deceased's age. The old six bells were then chimed in rounds for a short time, after which the tenor was tolled, followed by the chiming of the peal of six in several of the old tenor man's favourite changes, as the funeral cortege proceeded to the cemetery. Four of the oldest ringers (Messrs Craddock, Turnell, Charlton, and Ette), representing the belfry, helped to bear their old comrade to the grave. On the coffin was placed a neatly coiled rope, with crimson sallie, enclosing two hand-bells. The service was conducted in an impressive manner by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Wynter. A large concourse of people gathered at the Cemetery to witness the interment of this old townsman. From 6.30 to 8 p.m. muffled peals of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung on the six heaviest bells as a fitting token of respect to one who was the last of the old generation of six-bell ringers.

## HENRY WHEELER.

The above-named ringer, who immediately before his death resided at Weston Road, Gloucester, had been a ringer for the past fifty-seven years. He was born in Painswick, and was one of the old band of ten and twelve-bell ringers. He had rung many peals of Stedman and Treble Bob of 7000 and 8000. For some years he resided in London, and became a member of the Royal Cumberlan' Youths while there. He rung at almost every church in London, and peals in some of them of Stedman Cinques. The late J. Cox and H. Haley were very old friends of his, the latter once visiting him in Gloucester. He was a great admirer of this paper, and a local brother read the contents of each number to him. His age was 72. His funeral took place on the 18th instant.

## 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.

**Lancashire Association of Change-Ringers.**—Fylde Branch.—The second quarterly meeting of this branch will be held in the parish church school, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, to-day, Saturday, January 23rd, 1892, at 6 p.m. Bells ready at 3 p.m. The Rev. W. G. Terry will preside. The secretary will be glad to see any member of the L.A.C.R. present at this meeting.

JNO. FELL, Branch Sec.

21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

**Waterloo Society.**—The annual dinner will take place at the "Rising Sun," York Road, Lambeth, on Saturday, 30th inst., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each, can be obtained of Mr. Geo. Wild, 9, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, and of the Hon. Sec. WALTER PARTINGTON.

42, York Road, S.E.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A committee and quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Dudley, to-day, Saturday, January 23rd, 1892, at 5 p.m. prompt. The Rev. S. J. Marriott, M.A., Vicar of Nether-ton, will preside. The bells of St. Thomas's (10), will be open for ringing. All members' subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Near Dudley.

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The meetings for January are as follows:—Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 25th.; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, St. John's, Wednesday 27th.; practice 8.15 to 9.30 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend the meetings. I shall be glad to receive subscriptions from those members who are in arrear.

F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

The tower of St. Margaret's, Lee, is closed for ringing, on account of the damage done by the late storms.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when the attendance of every member is requested. Chair to be taken at 8.45 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 30th, 1892, and the following towers will be open for ringing at 2 p.m., viz., Parish church (eight bells), S. Paul's (eight bells). An important committee meeting will be held in S. Margaret's schoolroom (near S. Paul's church) at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge to all members of the association, and will take place in the same schoolroom at 5.0 p.m. General meeting immediately afterwards. Members who intend being present, are requested to advise Mr. Arthur Wakley, 125, Victoria Crescent, Burton-on-Trent, on or before Wednesday, January 27th, without fail. The honorary secretary gives notice that he will propose a new rule in place of No. 9, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

5, S. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—A meeting of the above will be held in the church-room, Stoke, to-day, Saturday, January 23rd, at 4 p.m., at which all members are requested to attend.

Rev. R. B. TONGE, } Hon. Secs.  
W. TWIGG, }

**The United Counties' Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Whitfield, near Glossop, on Saturday, February 6th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. Dinner at the "Crown" inn at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present at dinner must send in their names to Mr. Joseph Marsden, 13 Collier Street, Whitfield, near Glossop, on or before February 2nd. JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, Hon. Sec.

**Kent County Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woolwich on January 30th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Fare and a quarter will be granted on the production of the usual pass on S.E.R. If travelling L.C.D.R. please apply to me as their passes are not the same as the other lines. Contributions are now due.

W. A. COOKE, Sec. Rochester District.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Heywood, on Saturday, January 30th. Ringing from 2 p.m.

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

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—By kind permission of the Rev. J. H. D. Hill, Vicar, the monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Ardsley, on Saturday, January 30th. Tower open 2.30. For peal attempt. Business meeting 6.30.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

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The Tablet will be unveiled by the Rev. Arthur W. Jephson, Vicar of St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Saturday, February 6th, 1892, at 5 o'clock p.m.

\* \* We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

## PERMUTATION OR MENTAL CAMPANOLOGY.

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## 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 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By W. G. GROVES, Woolwich, Kent.

1892.

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## DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL

By J. T. HOLLIS, Wakefield.

1892.

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## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. B. FENTON, Lincoln.

1892.

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6 5 3 4 7 2 1

4 5 6 2 3 7 5

Four times repeated; contains ten 4-6's, ten 7-4's and ten 6-7's.

**FALSE TOUCH.**—The date date touch by Mr. Andrews, in last week's number, is false. That gentleman apologises for its appearance.

**CORRECTION.**—In the peal of Treble Bob Major, rung at Gillingham on January 9th. James Baker rang the third, not "James Baxter" as published in "THE BELL NEWS."



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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1892

JUST before the first forms of this journal went to press last week, the painful intelligence of the death of the heir-presumptive to the throne of these realms had convulsed the population of the whole Empire. The circumstances surrounding the decease of H.R.H. the DUKE OF CLARENCE were of that character which excited the sympathies of every one who heard of them. The brief illness, which imparted to the melancholy event such a dreadful suddenness; the exalted position of the prince as ruler (*in posse*) of Britain; and last, but not by any means least, the fact that the country were discussing his immediate marriage with a popular English princess, and that such intended union was the spontaneous outcome of legitimate affection; all these together have created as great an amount of compassion—perhaps greater—than any calamity of its kind which has befel the nation and Royal Family of England during the present century. While deploring the death of the Prince, the Empire, *en masse*, condole with his sorrowing relatives with the most heartfelt fervour. The young princess, to whom he was very near being united, has also the genuine sympathies of her countrymen and countrywomen in her deep affliction. Such a bereavement as she has experienced is not often heard of, and as long as she lives will not be forgotten. The affectionate regard which had arisen in the



hearts of the people for her since the news of the Royal betrothal was made known has heightened to such a degree through her bereavement that she will ever be referred to only with tenderness and pity.

As we write these lines, the sound of bells in mournful cadence denotes that "the last sad rites" have been performed. This, and the various reports we print from every part of the country, show that the ringing community are not behindhand in paying their tribute to the memory of the late Duke. The ringing of the muffled peal we hold to be more to the purpose than the tolling of a single bell. The former is generally the product of some time and trouble, and who will say that feelings of affectionate sympathy have not in this particular instance promoted their expenditure? In many instances we know this to be so. The buffs have been put on, and the ropes grasped, by those whose heart was in the work, and who never for one moment forgot the occasion, and the almost peremptory summons by the King of Terrors to him to whose affectionate memory they were paying their last solemn tribute.

The various references in the papers to the late Prince have not been always made in the best of taste. We have read that though he was amiable, his genius was not of a very high order. But, as a very respectable weekly contemporary happily puts it, his virtues were his failings. His modesty screened his real worth. "Had he been a harum-scarum young hero of the barracks, spending his time and money in painting the town red, wrenching off knockers, in debt all round, and in short, an exceedingly mellow blade, people, as is their wont, would have declared he was a naughty boy, but none the less a fine fellow. Because the Prince has been none of these, but a good son, a model subject, and an orderly citizen, he has incurred a certain amount of friendly contempt. Let it be known that a youth whom all his intimates called Eddie, with a significantly fond accent, and who is accepted by the loveliest and sweetest girl in the Royal circle as her only possible husband, was not a bad sort of a fellow. Let it be known that Prince Eddie was every inch a gentleman, a true Englishman, a gallant soldier, and one of the unostentatious sort of which are made the heroes who would walk as calmly up to the cannon's mouth as if they were going across the room to light a pipe. It is not the men who shouted and strutted that have made England; but the men who said nothing and did mighty acts. Of prince Eddie let it be said that he was a modest hero, whose qualities had not had opportunity."

This is the character of England's lost Prince. And such testimony has the adherence of all sensible people.

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 PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week will be published the portrait, with memoir, of Lance-Corporal LINDOFF, of the Royal Engineers, and member of the Kent County Association. The following Portrait will be that of Mr. HENRY SWAIN, of the Royal Cumberlands, London.

### The Metropolis.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven  $\frac{1}{2}$  Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWARD F. STRANGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE ENGLISH .. 5.
CHARLES A. BUTTON* .. 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 6.
THOMAS C. GROVE .. 3.	GEORGE B. LUCAS .. 7.
HENRY A. BARNETT .. 4.	WILLIAM MARTIN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by GEORGE B. LUCAS.

\*First peal in the method. This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled on the occasion of the funeral of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence.

### The Provinces.

HORLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HORLEY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 20, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE STAPLEHURST† .. Treble.	THOMAS SPARKS .. 5.
WILLIAM EDWARDS .. 2.	*ALBERT SONGHURST .. 6.
STEPHEN KENWARD .. 3.	JOHN TAYLOR .. 7.
FREDK. WICKENS .. 4.	EDWARD TAYLOR .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TAYLOR.

†First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell.

### QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1891 (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

T. HERBERT .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMITH .. 5.
W. H. FUSSELL .. .. 2.	R. LANE .. 6.
W. H. INGLESANT .. .. 3.	*A. JACQUES .. 7.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 4.	†JOHN KING .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, December 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

J. O. LANCASHIRE .. .. Treble.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 6.
W. H. FUSSELL .. .. 2.	*A. H. MATTHEWS .. 7.
J. SMITH .. .. 3.	W. E. CARTWRIGHT .. 8.
A. MILLIS .. .. 4.	A. R. ALDHAM .. 9.
S. SMITH .. .. 5.	R. LANE .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by R. LANE.

\*First peal in the method.

### CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 3, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEO. GRIFFITHS* .. .. Treble.	CHAS. PRICE .. 5.
THOS. BOARDMAN* .. .. 2.	*JOHN TOMLINSON .. 6.
HENRY DEW* .. .. 3.	ALFRED CROSS .. 7.
ALFRED GRIFFITHS* .. .. 4.	JAMES MOULTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

\*First peal. This is the first peal rung by the St. Mary's company unaided, and was rung on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Alfred Griffiths, of London, who is a member of the company.

## COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1891, in Three Hours,

At Christ Church,

## 5040 CHANGES OF GRANDSIRE MINOR;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS* .. Treble.	*FREDK. GEORGE HARTON .. 4.
ARCHIBALD E. JONES* .. 2.	WILLIAM PARDOE .. .. 5.
GEORGE JAMES FELLOWS* .. 3.	†BENJAMIN GOUGH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GOUGH.

The above 5040 was rung on the middle six. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. \*First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor. This is the first 5040 ever accomplished by a local band, and is the second rung on the bells, the one previous being a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at the opening in 1847.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 5.
JAMES JONES .. .. 2.	GEORGE WALKER .. .. 6.
ROBERT C. BOWKETT* .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PADDOCK* .. 4.	*CHARLES SPARKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal of Stedman. This is the second peal of Stedman on the bells.

## MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOE MORGAN* .. .. Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BRAMMER .. 3.	THOMAS THORPE .. .. 8.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 4.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. 9.
THOMAS G. DOWNS .. 5.	JAMES PARKINSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

The peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th twelve times right, and is now rung for the first time. John Carter hails from Birmingham. \*First peal, and belongs to St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester.

## BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE FREISTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## 5040 CHANGES OF DOUBLES;

Being 120 each of Antelope and Sunshine, and 480 of Chase, Old Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Dream, St. Dunstan, Lincolnshire Singles, London Doubles, Hudibras, and Grand-sire; each 120 in each method called differently.

Tenor about 14 cwt.

E. CLAYTON .. .. Treble.	A. O. BARBER .. .. 4.
S. F. STAFFURTH* .. 2.	JOHN SHARP .. .. 5.
W. LEGGOTT .. .. 3.	JAS. SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. O. BARBER.

\*First 5040. First 5040 on the bells.

## SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

W. BARRETT .. .. Treble.	G. SKEEF .. .. 5.
G. LADD .. .. 2.	R. JARVIS .. .. 6.
J. S. WRIGHT .. .. 3.	E. JARVIS .. .. 7.
J. R. MACKMAN .. .. 4.	J. PECK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. JARVIS.

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, January 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES .. Treble.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 5.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. 2.	ERNEST E. BEWICK .. 6.
FRANCIS E. HART .. 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	REV. HENRY L. JAMES .. Tenor.

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

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. This composition is a variation of the 5184 published in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 27th, 1887, and was rung on the birthday of Mrs. F. E. Hart, wife of the ringer of the 3rd.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT E. EDWARDS* .. Treble.	FREDERICK STILL .. .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 2.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 6.
RICHARD PELLING .. 3.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. CARD .. 4.	GEORGE TURLEY† .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE TURLEY.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major in the method as conductor. The above peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, who died that morning.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Port,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt.

W. JAMES HINTON .. Treble.	CHARLES TOMKINS .. 5.
CHARLES W. DERRICK* .. 2.	JOSEPH GOULD .. 6.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 3.	WILLIAM EMERY .. 7.
FRANCIS PRICE .. 4.	WILLIAM COLSTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. HINTON.

\*First peal. This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, and it is the first time this composition has been rang in Bristol.

## WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART.

GEORGE ASTON .. .. Treble.	JAMES ADAMS .. .. 5.
SYLVANUS DACE .. .. 2.	*SAMUEL ALLPORT .. 5.
JABEZ APPLEBY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM JOHNSON .. 7.
JOHN HARPER .. .. 4.	*GODFREY GOODCHILD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHNSON.

\*First peal. The bells were muffled as a token of respect for the late Duke of Clarence. This is the first peal by the St. Giles' society.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew Litchurch,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. SHARDLOW .. .. Treble.	T. ALTON .. .. 5.
C. HART .. .. 2.	C. DRAPER .. .. 6.
J. W. THOMPSON .. 3.	A. E. THOMPSON .. 7.
S. MASKREY .. .. 4.	*F. SIDLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by C. HART.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. This peal, a five-part one, appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 31st, page 543.

## BRADFELD, SHEFFIELD—YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

BENJAMIN BRAMALL .. .. Treble.	CHARLES FOX .. .. 4.
JONATHAN GILLOTT .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. UTLEY .. .. 5.
DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. BREARLEY.

Messrs. Fox and Bramall are the churchwardens, and the 5040 was rung on Mr. Fox's birthday, and is Mr. Bramall's first 5040 and first attempt; and the band congratulated them both on the double event.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
JAMES SEARLE .. .. 2.	*RICHARD W. HOATHER .. .. 6.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 3.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, and the Rev. H. McLeod Beccles, M.A., late Vicar of Heene-Worthing, and an honorary member of the above Association.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 16, 1892, 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 18 cwt.

HENRY GIBBS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 2.	*JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM* .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS* .. .. 4.	JOHN GARARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman. The bells were rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, January 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Conducted by BENJAMIN SUGDEN.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, January 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	*JOHN CRABTREE .. .. 5.
THOMAS JAKEMAN* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS WROE .. .. 3.	JOHN LEIGH .. .. 7.
HENRY HEAP .. .. 4.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by S. TAYLOR and Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

\*First peal in the method. The bells were muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT'S ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

JOHN JENNINGS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. .. 5.
EDWARD GOODREDS .. .. 2.	JAMES JONES .. .. 6.
ADAM HICKMAN HILL .. .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. .. 4.	HARRY MILLS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

The above is the first peal in the method rung upon the bells, it is also the first peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and tenor. The bells were muffled as a token of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence. The above is a six-part peal, and is now rung for the first time.

## CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 17, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb.

GEORGE GRIFFITHS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. 5.
THOMAS BOARDMAN .. .. 2.	JOHN TOMLINSON .. .. 6.
HENRY DEW .. .. 3.	JAMES MOULTON .. .. 7.
ALFRED CROSS .. .. 4.	LOUIS TREMLETT (age 15.) Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, also to a late brother-ringer, Joseph Williams, Wrexham, who expired on the 21st December, 1891, the intimation of which was received on Saturday last.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 18, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRANCIS LEES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES* .. .. 2.	JOHN SIMM .. .. 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY* .. .. 3.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	GEORGE DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Grandsire the conductor has called. The "Original" has been only called once in these northern dioceses, viz., at Gateshead some seventy years ago by a Metropolitan conductor. The bells were rung deeply muffled in memory of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence.

## GLOUCESTER.

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

On Monday, January 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 5.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. BEWICK .. .. 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. .. 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	REV. HENRY L. JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by REV. H. L. JAMES.

This peal was rung as a token of respect from the Society and City to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled during the time of the funeral of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence. It is the 100th peal on the bells.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RUSHOLME (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, January 14th, the ringers of St. James' church muffled the bells and rang a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins., composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. R. Purdie, 1; W. E. Ryder, 2; E. Borroughs, 3; R. Borroughs, 4; W. H. Idle, 5; F. Ryder, 6; T. B. Idle (conductor), 7; W. Gill, 8.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, January 1st, at Christ church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 13 mins. H. Cave, 1; W. Bentham, 2; C. Sharples, 3; J. Taylor, 4; W. Fairclough (conductor), 5; Peter H. Harvey, 6; W. J. Taylor, 7; H. J. Morley, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Major, 1822 changes, in 1 hr. and 13 mins. J. Prescott, 1; F. R. White, 2; A. Halton, 3; J. Sholicar (conductor), 4; J. Pilkington, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; J. Watts, 7; G. Prescott, 8. Composed by J. R. Pritchard of Liverpool.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Monday evening, January 11th, for practice, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; W. Walder, 3; J. Prevett, 4; F. Scutt, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, junr. (conductor), 7; A. Parsons, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and published in this journal of January 2nd.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 12th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, a date touch, 1892 changes, in three different methods, being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 452 Plain Bob. O. Sullivan, 1; E. Rayner, 2; J. Tulett, 3; J. Rayner, 4; J. Kidd, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH.—On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of Bob Major, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins., with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence. S. Whitworth, 1; S. Walker, 2; T. Wild, 3; J. Ensor, 4; J. Farmery, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; R. Whitworth, 7; T. Whitworth, 8. The above was arranged and conducted by T. Whitworth.

ABINGDON (Berkshire).—On Sunday, December 27th, for evening service at St. Helen's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 28 mins. J. Juggins, 1; John Brown, 2; G. Staniland, 3; H. Humfrey, 4; E. Humfrey, 5; T. Short, 6; H. Fruin, 7; A. Burgess, 8. Arranged and conducted by H. Fruin. It is to be regretted that the conductor injured himself so severely in this touch that it will be necessary for him to be under a doctor's care for some weeks.

BRAMLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, December 15th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1891 changes, being 720 Oxford, 720 Violet, and 451 New London Pleasure, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Turner, 1; J. W. T. Holgate, 2; H. Gaythorpe, 3; J. W. Chadwick, 4; J. Brown (conductor), 5; E. Redshaw, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. Longest touch by all except the conductor.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, January 10th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. T. Curtis, 1; F. Wilson, 2; J. Ballard, 3; Rev. J. R. Vincent (Ely), 4; \*C. Hansford, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; \*C. Best, 8. \*Longest length. This touch is the composition of John Carter, and it appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 2nd.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 17th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Henson, 1; F. French, 2; A. Underwood, 3; E. Snowden, 4; J. Blackman, 5; H. J. Castle, 6; E. Everson, 7; E. Everson, 8. Composed by W. Burton and conducted by H. J. Castle. This was rung by request of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Hunter Watts, with the bells deeply-muffled, as a mark of respect to H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 10, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1892 changes, with 7, 6, 8 covering. H. F. De Lisle (conductor), 1; J. Bloomfield, 2; W. Newman, 3; C. Waskett, 4; E. Scotcher, 5; H. Sewell, 6; W. H. De Lisle, 7; H. Brazier, 8. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for Mr. W. J. Francis, formerly organist and clerk of the church, who died on January 1st.

BIRSTALL (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, January 10th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1892 changes in 1 hr. 12 mins. G. Thornton, 1; W. Banham, 2; G. Brook, 3; D. Wilson, 4; W. Stainthorpe, 5; J. West, 6; J. Clayton, 7; W. H. Holmes, 8.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Friday, January 8th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham, containing the twenty-four 6-7's, Queens and Tittums, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 2nd. A. Grist, 1; J. Bristow, 2; T. Best, 3; J. G. Bennett, 4; E. T. Green, 5; G. Preston (conductor), 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belben, 8. Rung in honour of Mr. A. Grist, deputy captain of St. Peter's band being elected deputy Grand Master of the Poole district of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, which is a large district comprising forty lodges with 8000 members. The chief captain of the band is E. W. Rebbeck, Esq., Mayor of Bournemouth.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, in 1 hour 13 mins, a date touch (1892 changes), of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled in respect for the deceased Duke of Clarence. W. Emery, 1; H. F. De Lisle, 2; G. Green, 3; F. Radley, 4; R. Wood, 5; A. Edwards, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Binningham. Mr. De Lisle is from Galleywood; G. Green from Great Baddow; A. Edwards from Wifford; the rest belong to the local company.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, January 13th, at St. Giles' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 1; S. Dace, 2; S. Atkins, 3; J. Harper, 4; S. Allport, 5; J. Adams, 6; J. Appleby, 7; G. Goodchild, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 11th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; G. Lord, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. Bentley, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

MANCHESTER.—On Monday, January 18th, at the Cathedral, a 647 Grandsire Caters, with the bells muffled as a token of regret at the early death of Emma Downs, niece of the ringer of the 5th bell. W. Brown, 1; W. Smethurst, 2; W. Brammer, 3; J. Gratrix, 4; T. G. Downs, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. E. Turner, 7; T. Thorpe, 8; J. Eachus, 9; J. Parkinson, 10. Also touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE.—On Sunday, December 6th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Fuller, 1; M. Digby, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On December 10th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, December 20th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On December, 21st, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. M. Digby, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Ring, 3; F. Hayes, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Christmas Day, for eight o'clock celebration, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On December 26th, 720 College Single. A. Fuller, 1; L. Digweed, 1; F. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Fuller, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Martin, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On December 27th, for evening service. A. Fuller, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Harper, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On December 31st, for midnight service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Fuller, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—At the parish church on December 25th for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 27 mins. R. Cook, 1; A. Stace, 2; W. Hills, 3; S. Price, 4; E. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6. Also on December 30th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 27½ mins. Also on December 31st, to ring the old year out, 720 Bob Minor, (forty-two singles), in 26½ mins. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 26½ mins. R. Cook, 1; A. Stace, 2; W. Hills, 3; E. Young, 4; E. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—On Tuesday, January 5th, at the parish

church, a 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs ten singles). Composed by Mr. J. J. Parker. J. Butler, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; T. Allibone, 3; W. Hopkinson, 4; T. Day, 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**MAIDENHEAD (Berks).**—Recently, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Bob Minor by Messrs. Taylor, Bissley, G. Wilkins, J. W. Wilkins, Hoskins, and Richardson (conductor). Also 420 of Bob Triples, with the addition of F. Dentry and Gilding, conducted by A. Hoskins. On New Year's morn, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, conducted by J. W. Wilkins. For practice on Monday, January 4th, five 120's, successfully rung by F. Bissley, 1; A. Hoskins, 2; W. Ayres, 3; G. Wilkins, 4; J. W. Wilkins, 5; W. Brown, 6; being three of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob, conducted by the band in rotation.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**DUDLEY.**—On Saturday, January 2nd, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Dr. Cosens, vicar of the parish, but after ringing 3474 changes in 2 hrs. 16 mins. the treble rope slipped wheel. J. Fellows, 1; W. Micklewright sen., 2; B. Gough, 3; F. Fellows, 4; E. Fellows, jun., 5; J. Goodman, 6; W. Micklewright (composer and conductor), 7; S. Spittle, 8; J. Smith, 9; H. Sheppard, 10.

**NETHERTON (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, January 14th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. J. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round, 6. On Friday, January 15th, 720 College Single, in 26½ mins. J. Townsend, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. W. Prestidge, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; W. Micklewright (conductor), 6. The above were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, and the Right Rev. Dr. Phillpott, formerly Bishop of Worcester.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEDFORD.**—On Tuesday, December 1st, at St. Paul's church, the last 720 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Coleman, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; F. Keech, 5; F. Sharp (conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; I. Hills, 8. *Handbell-Ringing.*—On Tuesday, December 3rd, 672 Grandsire Triples, with all 5-7-6's and 5-6-7's. H. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; W. Hall, 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8. Also a 518 being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. H. Sharp, 1-2; W. Hall, 3-4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6; S. Constant, 7-8. On Sunday, December 6th, 408 Stedman Triples. S. Constant, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; E. Coleman, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; C. Pass, 8. A 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Cullip (first 504), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2;

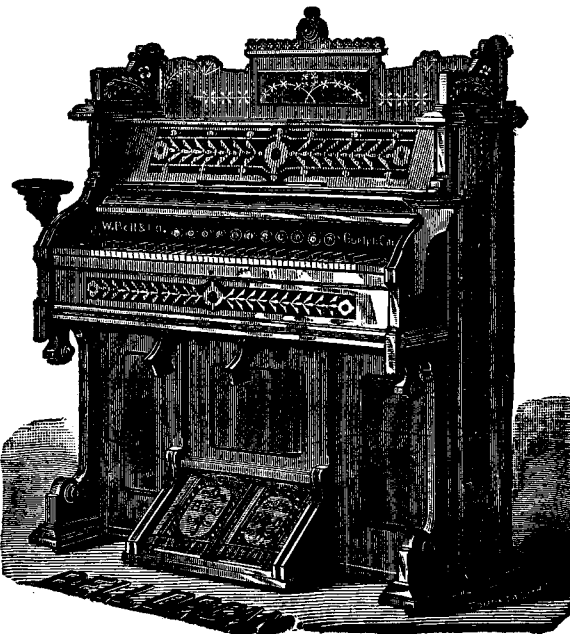
W. Shimmans, 3; P. Howard (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; E. Coleman, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. A 408 Stedman Triples. C. Johnstone, 1; P. Howard, 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; S. Constant, 6; F. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 16th, 504 Stedman Triples, composed by A. P. Heywood. E. Coleman, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. A 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Shimmans, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; S. Constant, 5; E. Coleman, 6; P. Howard, 7; I. Hills, 8. On Sunday, December 20th, a 503 Stedman Triples. F. Sharp, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 6; E. Coleman, 7; J. Spencer, 8. On Wednesday, December 24th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; S. Constant (conductor), 7; W. Shimmans, 8. On Thursday, December 31st, 420 Stedman Triples. E. Coleman, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; W. Hall (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 462 Grandsire. J. Spencer, 1; F. Sharp, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; E. Coleman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Sharp, 8. On Friday, January 1st, a 504 Stedman Triples. E. Coleman, 1; H. Sharp, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Sharp, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Pass, 8. On Sunday, January 3rd, a 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hall, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; E. Coleman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; S. Constant, 8. On Tuesday, January 5th, a 1008 Stedman Triples, by A. P. Heywood, Esq. E. Coleman, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. On Wednesday, December 9th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Shimmans, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; E. Coleman, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Sharp, 6. A 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. C. Johnstone, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; E. Coleman, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Sharp, 6. On Friday, December 25th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Constant, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 31st, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp, 6. A 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; E. Coleman, 3; S. Constant, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Sharp, 6. On Thursday, January 7th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; W. Hall, 5; E. Coleman (conductor), 6. A 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnstone, 1; I. Hills, 2; F. Smith, 3; H. Sharp, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

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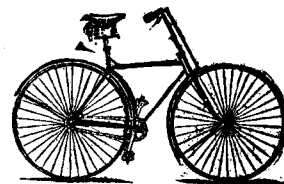
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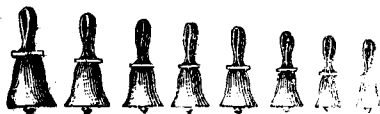
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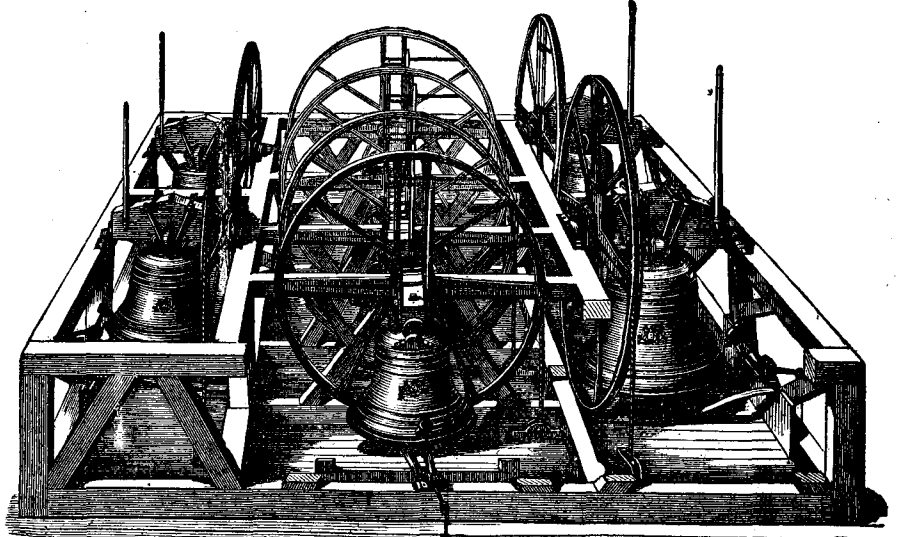
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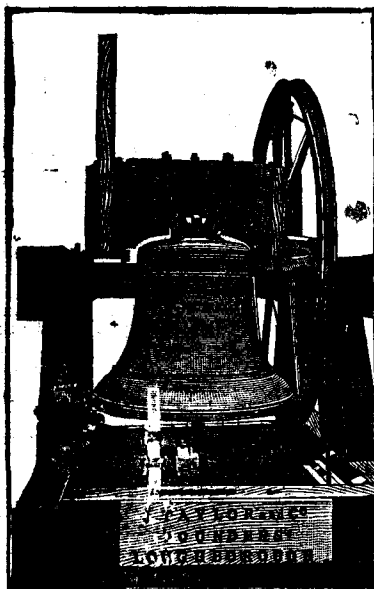
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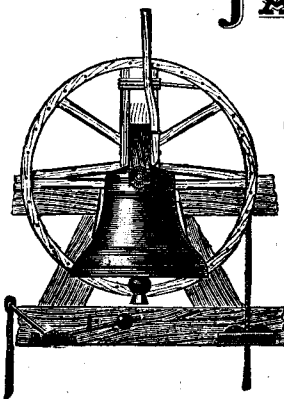
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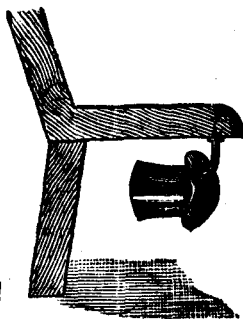
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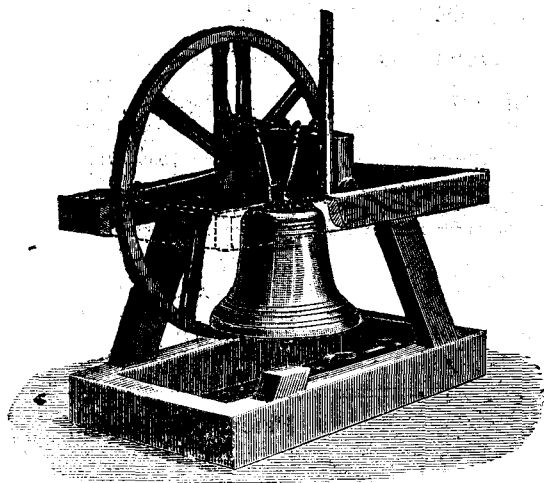
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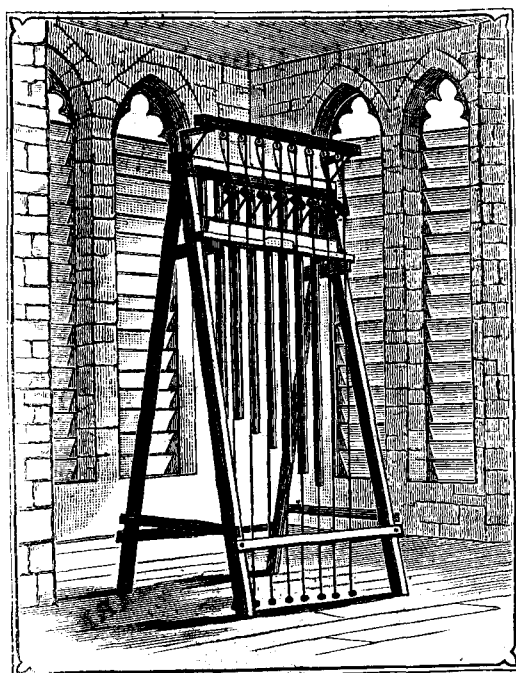
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The subject of pourtrayal in this week's number was born at Leiston, Suffolk, on the 19th of November, 1868. He commenced his ringing career in the month of October, 1884, under the tuition of Mr. John Button, the "father" of Leiston ringers. His first 720 was rung in the following April, and this was the first 720 by a Leiston band. In the following September he rang his first peal—a 5040 of Bob Major, conducted by his friend E. T. Shearing. He rang several other peals, principally Grandsire Triples, and on November 19th, 1886, he was successful in calling one of his own compositions at the first attempt. By this time he had got a good insight into all the standard methods, by visiting various towers in the county. On January 19th, 1887, a farewell peal was rung owing to his removal to Chatham to join the corps of Royal Engineers. At Chatham our friend found ringing at a very low ebb; a little Bob Minor at St. Margaret's church, Rochester, being the only ringing obtainable within a radius of ten miles. He at once put his heart into the work, and with the help of Mr. A. Haigh, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were soon accomplished. He was very soon removed to Aldershot, and while here the Farnham company came in for the benefit of his instruction, five of them soon ringing their first peal. On returning to Chatham, Mr. LINDOFF joined the newly-formed company at St. Mary's, Gillingham. Within two months a peal of Grandsire Triples was rang at this church, which he conducted. Since that time he has acted as Instructor to the Gillingham company, which is now undoubtedly one of the best eight-bell companies in Kent. His work, however, has not been confined to his own company, but has extended to various towers in the county, and he has to a great extent aided in placing the Kent County Association at the top of Mr. Attree's list.

Up to the present time the subject of our memoir has rung forty-seven peals, in the following methods: Six bells; Bob Triples and Major; Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters; Union Triples; Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major; Stedman Triples and Caters. Of these, twenty-six were conducted and twenty-four were composed by him. His longest length was 6000 of Bob Major at Leiston in December, 1889. He however took part in an attempt for Mr. T. Day's 16,608 at Leiston, and essayed to call 10,176 of Kent at Aylesford, in both of which attempts nearly 10,000 changes were rung. A large number of the peals rung by our friend were first peals by the Kent County Association, notably the peals of Grandsire Major at Aylesford, Oxford Major at Gillingham, and Stedman Caters at Leeds.

It may here be mentioned that it was mainly due to GABRIEL LINDOFF that Thurstans' five-part peal of Stedman Triples was brought to the notice of the Exercise, the circumstances of which are no doubt fresh in the minds of all. The discovery created a considerable amount of interest at the time, and was made the subject of an article in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 20th, 1890, by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

Mr. LINDOFF is a composer in various methods, and many of his peals have appeared in this paper. He is also a good conductor in every sense of the word, and one in whom a band may well repose confidence.

Notwithstanding his removal to the centre of so many eight bell towers, he has still a high regard for the Leiston bells and ringers, among whom he invariably spends his holiday, and where he is always cordially welcomed. He is a member of the College Youths, and the Kent, Norwich, and North Lincolnshire Associations.

We may conclude by remarking that he bids fair to take a very high position in the ringing world.

## WHICKHAM, DURHAM.

To celebrate the most successful season of ringing they have yet had, the Whickham branch of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association had a dinner and social evening at the "Crown" hotel in that village, on Friday, January 15th. The curate, the Rev. —. Parker, presided, A. D. Carr, Esq., taking the vice-chair. The visitors present were, Messrs. Holmes, Lindsey, Clapperton, and C. L. Routledge (honorary instructor to this branch), all of Newcastle. The dinner was an excellent one in every detail, as was testified to by the ample way every one did justice to it. The tables being cleared, the Chairman addressed the company on ringers' duties and privileges in the church, and complimented them on the improvement in their ringing of late. He proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," and touched feelingly on the terrible bereavement that had lately befallen the royal family and the nation generally in the death of Prince Albert Victor.

Mr. Geo. Stack, captain of the ringers, proposed "The Health of the Rector and Churchwardens," saying that though none of them were able to be with them that evening, they knew that they (the Rector, etc.) always gave them every support in their power. This was received with musical honours.

Mr. A. D. Carr, through whose efforts and influence the peal of six was put in Whickham tower, replied on behalf on his father (the Rector), hoping the day would not be far distant before they would have the other two bells to complete the octave, and promised a substantial donation, if the ringers would take up the work of getting other subscriptions in.

The Rev. Chairman then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Whickham Society of Ringers," which was also musically honoured.

On behalf of his fellow-ringers, Mr. R. Mordue thanked the company for the toast, and said the Society was now in a flourishing condition. Five of them, with Mr. Routledge's and his colleagues' assistance, had scored several 720s of Minor, and two or three more were making good progress, so that they hoped soon to be able to ring a 700 for every service, which would increase the service ringing to half-an-hour at least.

The vice-chairman proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and thanked them for the kindly interest they took in the Society and its progress. He trusted that every man would turn up at the practices in future.

Mr. C. L. Routledge, in replying, suggested that the authorities set aside a seat in church for the the ringers, so that on special occasions, such as harvest festivals, etc., they would not be crowded out. This would encourage them to attend all services too.

During the evening songs were interlarded with the speeches by Messrs. Clapperton, Mordue, Custance, Stark, Routledge, Barron, Easy, etc., Mr. W. Willis accompanying. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

## LEWISHAM, KENT.

Previous to ringing for the midnight service on New Year's Eve, the local ringers of St. Mary's church received an invitation from the Rev. Teignmouth Shore, one of the curates, to his house, where they found a capital supper awaiting them, to which ample justice was done. The handbells were afterwards brought out and a touch of Grandsire Triples indulged in, and after a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded to Mr. Shore, the party adjourned to the steeple, and rang touches of Grandsire Triples for the service, which the ringers attended. After the service the new year was rung in, and the ringers departed to their respective homes, after wishing each other a prosperous and happy new year, and much delighted with the treatment they had received, which came as a surprise to all.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the General Meeting of this Society, held at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on January 13th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year; Mr. G. Wild, Master (re-elected); Mr. Malim, Treasurer (re-elected); Mr. W. Perrin (Steward); Mr. James E. Davis, Secretary, 272, Southampton Street, Camberwell, S.E.



LANCE-CORPORAL GABRIEL LINDOFF.  
(ROYAL ENGINEERS).



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

The annual general meeting of this society was held at Wraybury on Saturday. The proceedings were inaugurated by two peals of Stedman Triples rung in Old Windsor and Wraybury towers, conducted by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, in which the Master of the Guild (Rev. F. E. Robinson) and the Vicar of Wraybury (Rev. J. H. Hindson) took part. In sympathy with the universal mourning for the Duke of Clarence, the bells, both during the peals and subsequent touches, were wholly or half-muffled. Evensong was sung at Wraybury at 2.30 p.m., at which there was a good attendance of members, and an excellent and thoughtful sermon was preached by the Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall (Vicar of Great Marlow), on Numbers xv., 2 and 10. After tea in the schools, the usual business meeting was held, under the presidency of the chairman of the branch (Rev. A. H. Drummond, Vicar of Boyn Hill). Six clerical and forty-one lay members were present, including the Master and Secretary of the general Guild (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Vicar of Dunsden). The Secretary and Treasurer having submitted their report and balance-sheet, which gave a favourable account of the progress of the branch during the past year, and which were duly adopted, the Chairman gave a short address. After expressing his pleasure at being again amongst them after absence from ill-health, he touched on the deaths of the Duke of Clarence, of the Rev. S. F. Marshall, who had been the inaugurator of an association which had subsequently developed into the present branch, and of Mr. H. Rogers, late of Boyn Hill belfry. He congratulated the branch on their progress, singling out the Hughenden ringers for especial commendation, and urged the interchange of visits for ringing between the various towers. He hoped that the reinforcement of the staff of instructors, including Messrs. J. W. Wilkins (Boyn Hill), W. E. Yates (Marlow), J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), and J. Evans (Hughenden), would lead to a further advance in proficiency and peals rung, of which 19 were placed to the credit of the branch during the past year. He was opposed to the issue of certificates of merit to towers, as bringing in an element of competition foreign to the position of ringers as church officers. He concluded by urging ringers to be scrupulous in keeping appointments in the belfry, and by welcoming the presence of the Master and Secretary of the general Guild. The branch officers and committee were unanimously re-elected, the Chairman, Rev. A. H. Drummond; Secretary, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse; Treasurer, A. H. Cocks, Esq.; and the foremen of the various towers forming the committee. Congratulations were also offered to the branch by the Master and Secretary of the general Guild. The latter stated that its numbers and excellence were unsurpassed in the whole society. The proceedings concluded with votes of thanks to the preacher and Vicar of Wraybury for the use of the church schools. Taking into consideration the prevalent sickness, the inclement weather, and the somewhat remote rendezvous, the meeting was most successful, both in attendance and ringing performances.

### RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Wednesday evening, January 13th, the members of the Bishops Stortford (St. Michael's) society, had their annual supper. The proceedings commenced by ringing at St. Michael's 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker (conductor), 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; G. Prior, 4; P. Springham, 5; T. Newman, 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Also 352 Bob Major. T. Newman, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; W. Prior, 5; F. W. Chapman, 6; P. Springham, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. This being over an adjournment was made to the residence of the Master, Mr. H. J. Tucker, where the company to the number of twenty-three, including a few friends, rang an excellent touch upon the knives and forks, "go" being called at 7.30, and the coming home course arriving at 8.15, after which the usual business was gone through. The remainder of the evening was spent in a very congenial manner. Handbell ringing (double-handed), and lapping were indulged in, and songs were sung by all the members present. The health of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Tucker being drank, the company separated at an early hour, everybody having thoroughly enjoyed themselves with the evening's proceedings.

### ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SOCIETY, GLOUCESTER.

On Thursday, January 7th, the members of this society paid a visit to Mr. D. J. Gough, Barbican Road, he having kindly invited them to spend a social evening with him. After doing justice to the many good things provided, the latter part of the evening was devoted to harmony, songs being rendered by Messrs. Pitt, Wilkins, Dawe, Hayward, and Austin, Mr. W. T. Bennett ably presiding at the piano. Shortly before twelve o'clock the company after singing "Auld Lang Syne" made a move for their respective homes after spending a most enjoyable evening. They desire through the medium of this paper to thank Mr. and Mrs. Gough for their kindness and attention.

On Thursday, January 14th, the annual supper was held in St. Michael's schoolroom, host Worgan having tempted the appetites of the members present with an excellent repast. Supper over, a short toast list was gone through, the first toast, "Church and Queen," proposed by the Master, Mr. C. Jones, was responded to by the Rev. H. James, president of the society; "Success to the St. Michael's Junior Society" proposed by the Rev. H. L. James; "The absent members" proposed by Mr. W. T. Bennett; "The Secretary" proposed by Mr. R. J. Wilkins; and "Our Host," proposed by the Rev. H. L. James, concluded the toast list. A short business meeting was next formed to elect a Treasurer in place of Mr. S. E. Romans, resigned. The Rev. H. L. James proposed Mr. W. T. Bennett, seconded by Mr. J. Austin, and carried. The election of six new members being confirmed, and also to elect a committeeman for the Diocesan Association. Mr. G. Brunsdon was proposed by A. Roberts, and seconded by E. E. Bewick, and carried unanimously. The business being concluded, the rest of the evening was devoted to harmony. A course of Grandsire Cinques was rang on the handbells. E. E. Bewick, 1-2; A. Roberts, 3-4; R. J. Wilkins, 5-6; F. E. Hart, 7-8; Rev. H. L. James, 9-10; J. Austin, 11-12. The singing of Mr. R. J. Wilkins with guitar accompaniment was one of the chief features of the evening. A stump speech in character by Mr. E. Hayward was highly diverting. Songs were also rendered by the Rev. H. L. James, and Messrs. Bewick, Pitt, Bennett, Dawe, and Hayward, accompanied by Mr. Wilkins on the violin. Midnight having been passed some considerable time, and "God save the Queen" having been tapped off on the handbells by the Rev. H. L. James, a move was made for home, one and all concluding that the fourth annual supper had been a decided success.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, January 2nd, which was well attended by members from Bedford, Woburn, Eversholt, and Milton Bryant. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon on the fine ring of eight at All Saints' church, and the tower of Linslade church was also open to the Association by the kind permission of the Rev. C. E. Dandridge. To him and to the Rev. T. W. Richards, the Vicar of Leighton, the members are much indebted for a very pleasant meeting, and also to Mr. George Green, and the ringers of both churches for having everything in readiness.

### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Hart-hill, on Saturday, January 16th. Owing to various causes there was but a small muster, the only belfries represented being those of Shireoaks, Anston, and Harthill. The ringing done during the afternoon comprised 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 720 Oxford and 360 Violet, by the following: S. Tomlinson, 1; J. Fitzjohn, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; B. Hall, 5; D. Russon, 6. Tenor 19 cwt. The bells were rung muffled on account of the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence. The next meeting of the Society takes place on Saturday, April 16th, at Anston.

### SELATTYN CHURCH, SALOP.

Messrs. Carr, bellfounders, Birmingham, have secured the contract for rehanging the peal of three bells at this church, and also of retuning the tenor bell, which has been out of tune for 200 years.

## NORTON CANES, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, January 19th, a supper was given by the rector (the Rev. H. W. Wood), and friends, to the choir, Sunday School teachers, and ringers. After doing justice to the good things provided, a pleasing duty was performed by the rector in presenting Mr. J. Rock, the conductor, with an easy chair as a token of respect from his brother-strings.

Mr. Rock thanked them in a few brief words, saying he only thought it a duty and it would be a pleasure to him to do what he could for them in the future.

After proposing a vote of thanks to the kind friends who had so kindly provided for them, songs were given by Mr. A. Rock (with banjo accompaniment), J. Rock, J. Stokes, W. Baker, tunes and changes on the handbells by the ringers, breaking up about midnight after spending a most pleasant evening.

Also on Thursday evening, January 21st, the ringers had their supper at the Fleur-de-Lis hotel, which was supplied by host Bird in a very satisfactory manner. After "go" had been called and justice had been done to the knife and fork business, Mr. W. Masfen was voted to the chair. He remarked that it was their first supper, but he earnestly hoped it would not be the last, as it would be a pleasure to him to do what he could for the ringers at Norton Canes.

Songs were then given by Messrs. Thornly, J. Rock, Hildich, A. Rock, and Stokes; also a stump speech by J. Hildich, and tunes and changes on the handbells, which brought a most pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

On Saturday last, the second quarterly meeting of this branch was held at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, when there were representatives from the belfries of Blackpool, Kirkham, Lytham (S. John's and S. Cuthbert's), and also the ringers from S. Anne's. The bells opened at 3 o'clock, and the ringing was kept up until about 6 o'clock, the members then adjourning to the schoolroom for the business meeting. The Vicar, Rev. W. G. Terry, in a brief speech, thanked the members present for the treat they had given them that afternoon. He was of opinion that bellringing was an exercise which was conducive to health, not only as regarded the body, but the mind also. He was glad to see that the Association impressed upon its members the great object of "doing all to the glory of God." He trusted that it would not be the last time when he would meet them at S. Anne's, and he would have great pleasure in becoming a life member of the Association. He then called upon the Branch Secretary (Mr. J. Fell, of Lytham) to make a few remarks.

Mr. Fell said the branch had only been in existence some six months, and their membership was rapidly increasing, and he believed it would even become more so in the immediate future.

A very interesting conversation followed, several members taking part therein. The Rev. W. Terry was elected a life member; an ordinary member was also elected. A hearty vote of thanks to the rev. chairman concluded the proceedings.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of this Association was held in the Church Room, Stoke, on Saturday last, the Bishop of Shrewsbury presiding. Upwards of thirty members were present from the following towers: Hanley, Stoke, Wolstanton, Longton, Uttoxeter, Leek, Bucknall, Norton, Horton, Kids Grove, Tunstall, Eccleshall, Keele and Checkley. A list of meetings for the ensuing year was drawn up and approved. Business being over, the members sat down to tea, which was kindly provided by the Bishop. A vote of thanks was given to his lordship for his kindness, and then the company adjourned to the tower, where several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The next meeting of the Association will be held at Wolstanton, on February 6th, at 4.0 p.m.

**LATE NOTICE.**—THE ELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Newmarket on Monday, February 8th. Ringing at All Saints' church, eight bells.

*Theological College, Ely.*

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

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CREWE BRANCH.**—The Annual Meeting of the above was held at Crewe on Saturday, January 23rd. A short service was held in Christ Church at 3 p.m., when the President of the branch, the Rev. G. J. Howson, M.A., gave an excellent address from Proverbs 18, verse 10: "The Lord is a strong tower."

After the service the meeting was held in the parish room, when the Rev. G. J. Howson was again elected President, and A. Wilson was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. After the meeting the members sat down to an excellent tea, to which all did ample justice. After tea they visited the tower and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples and Minor. It was also made the occasion of unveiling a peal-board which has been presented to the belfry by the vicar and churchwardens, recording the accomplishment of the first 5040 on the bells by local men. The vicar said that it was to him a very pleasant duty to unveil the peal-board, seeing that it was the first peal that had been rung on the bells.

Mr. Jackson (churchwarden) said that although he knew nothing of Grandsire Triples or other methods of bell-ringing, said that the fact that they had accomplished 5040 changes was sufficient to prove to him that the ringers were men who were made of sterling stuff, and that much might be expected from them. He said that he remembered the occasion very well, as he was in his garden, and he wondered when they were going to give over.

Mr. Knott (churchwarden) said that he wished the ringers every success, and that it gave them, the vicar and churchwardens, very great pleasure in presenting the peal-board to them.

## EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23rd, the Quarterly Meeting was held at Frieston. Members attended from Boston, Skirbeck, West Keal, Fishtoft, Willoughby, and Frieston. Ringing commenced at one o'clock, some Bob Doubles being rung by Rev. A. Gibson, 1; F. Staffurth, 2; E. Clayton, 3; A. Barber, 4; J. Sharp, 5. Also touches of Grandsire Doubles and London Doubles were rung by J. Butters, Rev. A. Gibson, F. Staffurth, J. Hand, E. Mason, Clark, Rylatt, and others. At 2.30 p.m. dinner was provided at the "Bull and Dog," presided over by the Rev. Canon Staffurth, vicar, supported by the Rev. A. Gibson, Messrs. Bringeman and Jackson, and twenty-four ringers and friends. After dinner the Vicar gave the Society a hearty welcome to Frieston. After alluding to the sad death of the Duke of Clarence, the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, and also spoke of the proposed amalgamated meeting of the Lincolnshire Associations, which met with hearty approval. Two honorary and two ringing members were proposed. At 4 p.m. a short service was held in the church, with an address by the Rev. W. Latham, Vicar of Fishtoft, who took his text from the 24th chapter of St. Luke. Ringing was kept up until 8 p.m. Tea was provided at the vicarage.

The Vicar entertained the ringers to supper on January 1st, it being his annual custom. After supper songs and handbell ringing was indulged in by S. F. Staffurth, W. Leggett, A. Barber, J. Sharp, Jos. Sharp and C. Clayton.

The death (at Ventnor) is announced of Dr. Alfred Carpenter, at the age of 67. The deceased gentleman was lecturer at St. Thomas's Hospital, and Vice-president of the British Medical Association. Perhaps upon sanitary matters and kindred subjects he was the greatest living authority. He was a native of Northamptonshire, but for many years resided at Croydon, where he took a prominent part in public affairs, and was a member of the Croydon County Council. By his decease the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and Dr. A. B. Carpenter, the latter the respected Hon. Sec. of the Surrey Association, lose their father.

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## THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 19th, some members of the above Society attended St. Mary's church, Woolwich, where a special service had been arranged by the Rector, the Rev. S. G. Scott, on the occasion of the unveiling of a marble tablet erected in the steeple of the church in memory of the late Henry Bright, who was for many years steeple-keeper. After a shortened form of evening service and the singing of Hymn 221 (A.M.)—"Let saints on earth in concert sing," the Rector gave a very appropriate address, in which he spoke very highly of the character of the deceased veteran, and described him as a "true and trusty old friend," and as one of those who are possessed of that "sterling old English fidelity" for which some men are so justly famed. After urging upon the ringers the necessity for attending the Church to which they invited others, and the singing of Hymn 438—"How bright those glorious spirits shine," a move was made to the steeple, where the Rector unveiled the tablet and dedicated it to the "Glory of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost." The singing of Hymn 427—"Who are these like stars appearing," brought a very bright service, which was attended by the choristers, to a close. The old pupils of the deceased veteran then rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, after which touches of Stedman Triples were indulged in, and everyone departed feeling that they had been present and assisted at a ceremony which was a fitting wind up to the career of a man who had made himself respected by all with whom he came into contact.

The tablet, which is a very beautiful piece of work, bears the following inscription:—

In Memoriam.  
Henry Bright;  
Born May 21st, 1809,  
Died February 8th, 1891.

This Tablet is erected by the Society of Trinity Youths, and several friends, in loving memory of the above-named ringer, for many years steeple-keeper at this church. He did much to further the Art of Change-Ringing, and died honored and beloved by all who knew him.

The Society most heartily thanks the Rector for his kind services on the above occasion.

## RIPON CATHEDRAL BELLS.

On Wednesday, January 20th, the bells of this Cathedral were rung deeply-muffled (except the tenor, which was muffled on one side before the service at 3 p.m.) commenced ringing at 1.45 p.m. twenty-nine pulls fore and back-stroke, and of the whole peal of ten in rounds, followed by the same number with the tenor alone very slowly, which continued alternately until the service commenced. After service, with the whole peal deeply-muffled, a touch of 480 Kent Treble Bob Major, with the tenor behind, was fairly struck. The full society could not attend from various obstructions, chiefly through some of the members' employers not granting them leave of absence, or else a touch of Treble Bob Royal would have been rung on this mournful occasion. The following took part in the ringing. J. Metcalf, 1; J. Baines, 2; W. Pick, 3; T. Clark (conductor), 4; A. H. Clark, 5; A. Ingleby, 6; H. Rumbold, 7; T. Metcalf, 8; W. Mattson, tenor behind. Tenor 21 cwt.

## HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The members of the Hanley Old Borough handbell ringers invited the Longton Victoria and the Burslem Borough handbell ringers to their second annual supper on Tuesday, January 19th, at the "Sea Lion" inn, Church Street. After supper the handbells were brought into use, the Burslem band opening with the "March of the Men of Harlech" in splendid style. Next came the Hanley Borough band with "Should Auld acquaintance be forgot." Songs were given by members of the Burslem and Hanley bands. Then followed a course of Grandsire Caters by the Longton Victoria band. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all. Both bands thank their Hanley friends for their kind invitation.

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## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, January 23rd, a Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held in St. Thomas' school-room, King-street, Dudley, where a good number of members attended from Coseley, Clent, Dudley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Lye, Stourbridge, Tipton, Wolverhampton, Wollaston, Worcester, etc. In the absence of the Rev. S. J. Marriott, vicar of Netherton, who was suffering from indisposition, his curate, the Rev. H. W. L. Ward, occupied the chair. The usual business of the Association was transacted, during which several new members were elected, and a Committee Meeting fixed to take place at Stourbridge on Saturday, March 12th. Votes of thanks were passed to the rev. chairman for presiding, and to the Rev. —. Williams for his presence amongst them. Both the rev. gentlemen in responding spoke highly of ringers and their duties as being part of the service of the Church to which they belonged. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rev. Dr. Cosens, vicar of Dudley, for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells. During the afternoon and evening touches of Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung upon the parish church bells. The Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich Court Bob Major are the first ever rung upon the bells in these methods. The members afterwards adjourned to the house of E. Fellows, "Bee Hive" inn, Stafford-street, where an enjoyable evening was spent with the handbells, etc.

## Obituary.

## FRANK ARNOLD.

With deep regret we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, who, after a long illness, passed peacefully away on the evening of Monday, January 11th, at the early age of 31 years. He was laid to rest on Monday, January 18th, in the quiet churchyard of Betchworth, not far from the tower where he had spent many a happy hour, and in which he had rung his first 720. He was borne to the grave by four of his brother-ringers, and followed by several others from Dorking and other places. He was a good change-ringer, and had taken part in several peals. He was a member of the Surrey Association and the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and had rung Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, Grandsire, etc. His genial face will be greatly missed at Betchworth and surrounding places, where he was always ready to lend a helping hand to forward change-ringing, which was grafted deeply in his heart. At the close of the service a deeply-muffled 720 of Bob Minor and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by members of the Betchworth, Dorking, Woking and Buckland Societies, as a last token of loving memory to one who had been one of the main stays of the Betchworth Society. May he rest in peace.

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## Notices.

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**Waterloo Society.**—The annual dinner will take place at the "Rising Sun," York Road, Lambeth, to-day, Saturday, 30th inst., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each, can be obtained of Mr. Geo. Wild, 9, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, and of the Hon. Sec.

WALTER PARTINGTON.  
42, York Road, S.E.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Burton-on-Trent, to-day, Saturday, January 30th, 1892, and the following towers will be open for ringing at 2 p.m., viz., Parish church (eight bells), S. Paul's (eight bells). An important committee meeting will be held in S. Margaret's schoolroom (near S. Paul's church) at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge to all members of the association, and will take place in the same schoolroom at 5.0 p.m. General meeting immediately afterwards. The honorary secretary gives notice that he will propose a new rule in place of No. 9, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting.

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

**The United Counties' Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Whitfield, near Glossop, on Saturday, February 6th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. Dinner at the "Crown" inn at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present at dinner must send in their names to Mr. Joseph Marsden, 13 Collier Street, Whitfield, near Glossop, on or before February 2nd. JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, Hon. Sec.

**Kent County Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woolwich to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Fare and a quarter will be granted on the production of the usual pass on S.E.R. Contributions are now due.  
W. A. COOKE, Sec. Rochester District.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Heywood, to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Ringing from 2 p.m.  
J. REDFORD, } Hon. Secs.  
A. E. WREAKS, }

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—By kind permission of the Rev. J. H. D. Hill, Vicar, the monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Ardsley, to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Tower open 2.30 for peal attempt. Business meeting 6.30.  
R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th, at Handsworth. Ringing from 2 p.m. Tea One Shilling per head.  
S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Birmingham St. Martin's Guild.**—The Johnson Anniversary Dinner will be held this year as usual, on Saturday, February 27th. Further particulars will be announced in next issue.  
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**Bath and Wells Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Yeovil, on Saturday the 13th February next. Further particulars later.  
RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch. — The usual monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, February 6th. The tower will be open at 4 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6 p.m.  
CHAS. R. STANLEY, Branch Sec.  
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Bristol District. The monthly meeting, for practice, will be held at S. Mary's, Redcliffe, on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 7.30 p.m., instead of at S. Nicholas.  
H. A. COCKEY, Master.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Narboro', on Saturday afternoon, February 6th.  
HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.  
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**Royal Cumberland Society.**—On Friday evening, February 5th, a Special Meeting of this Society will be held at the "Green Man," 54, St. Martin's Lane, to decide very important business. All members that can make it convenient are requested to attend.  
35, Haringay Road, A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.  
Hornsey.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's church, Bacup, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6 o'clock.  
J. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.

**All Saints Society, Fulham.**—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, February 6th. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4 p.m. Tea in churchroom at 6 p.m., at 9d. each. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers intending to be present at the tea should signify the same to the secretary, not later than Thursday, February 4th.  
J. GREEN, Sec.  
Fulham Palace.

**Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at St. James's, Bolton, near Bradford, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells at liberty all day; committee meeting at 4 o'clock; tea at 5 o'clock, and business meeting immediately after; all in St. James's Schools. The Local Hon. Sec. is Mr. George Titterton, 282, Green Row, Thornton Road, Bradford.  
BEN. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The Meetings for February are as follows:—Greenwich. St. Alphege, Tuesday 2nd; practice 7.30 to 9.0 p.m. Business Meeting in Vestry afterwards. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 22nd; practice 8.0 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a Quarterly Meeting at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, the 20th February, to which Members and Ringers will be heartily welcome. The Tower will be open from 3.30 to 10 p.m.  
40, Nutcroft Road, F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.  
Peckham.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—A meeting of this association will be held at Wolstanton, on Saturday next, February 6th, at 4 p.m. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to W. Miller, Orchard Street, Wolstanton, not later than Tuesday, February 2nd.  
W. TWIGG, 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 TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JAMES GEORGE, Rugby.

1892.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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

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

Four times repeated; Single instead of bob at last call in the fifth part.

### A DATE TOUCH OF UNION TRIPLES.

By JAMES GEORGE, Rugby.

1892.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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

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

Four times repeated. Single instead of bob at last call in the fifth part.

Mr. J. B. Fenton writes to substitute the following odd changes for those which appeared last week to his date touch:—

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

Mr. Charles Jackson, of Hull, writes to say both the date touches which appeared last week were false. We suppose Mr. Fenton's correction puts his right.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**INQUIRER.**—The bell is tolled by a rope attached to the clapper.

**ADDRESSES WANTED.**—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

\*\*\*We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1892

MISTAKES in nomenclature are hardly to be wondered at whenever the Art of Ringing is under consideration. It is highly necessary, however, that such errors should be as few as possible, and the greatest circumspection be exercised to prevent their continual recurrence. To mistakes arising solely from ignorance, some latitude will always be given, but it is the duty of every one when in the act of writing a report, of whatever importance, for publication, to spare no trouble in ascertaining the correctness, to the strict letter, of what they are writing, and using the utmost care to render it true and complete in every detail. Of late the instances have been too numerous in reports of peals where some very important particulars have been omitted: either the conductor's name, the time occupied in execution, or the name of the place where it was rung. These omissions are caused by want of care, probably through delaying the transmission of the report until the last minute allowed by the exigencies of publication.

Errors in nomenclature, however, have nothing to excuse their appearance, unless, as we have said, it is ignorance. But in what is about to be pointed out, this plea can hardly be accepted, because those immediately concerned are acquainted with the facts concerning what



they write upon. Many of the reports of peals of Stedman Triples profess to indicate what peal has been rung, but such information is often misleading. Thus we read of "Thurstans' Original" and "Thurstans' Composition," but no one except the conductor can accurately determine what peal is meant. "Thurstans' Original" we are also favored with now and then, but there is a great doubt indeed if the first peal composed by THURSTANS' has been rung when such a description as this appears. What is wanted in such matters is absolute correctness, and a description settled by competent authority which shall be understood. There is no need to invoke the Central Council for this purpose, and we shrink from laying down a law upon the subject. But if such members of the Exercise as Mr. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD or the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, or both of them were to determine how such peals are to be described in future, the reports would certainly be more reliable and uniform than now.

In another column will be found an account of a very interesting ceremony which has just taken place within the parish church of St. Mary, Woolwich,—the erection of a marble tablet to the memory of the late Mr. HENRY BRIGHT, who was for so many years steeplekeeper at that church, and for a long time identified with the ringing there. Mr. BRIGHT was a church official of the right sort, and it was a very happy suggestion which culminated in the ceremony alluded to. The address delivered on the occasion by the Vicar was no doubt listened to with the most rapt attention, and we should have liked to have perused it *in extenso*. He said that the deceased ringer to whom the tablet was erected was "a true and trusty old friend," and "one of those possessed of that sterling old English fidelity for which some men were so justly famed." This is excellent testimony to departed worth, and we cannot but hope that there are many others filling positions like that occupied in the Exercise by the late Mr. BRIGHT, who will, when their turn comes, be entitled to a similar eulogy. This hope is especially in force at the present time. When we hear of the bell-chamber being turned into a pigeon-loft; and those in power prohibiting ringing for no valid reason; the misplacing of ropes so that a company may be disappointed when they arrive; and other paltry displays of petty authority, we yearn for such men as the departed HENRY BRIGHT to be in power in the steeple. The Society of Trinity Youths—old pupils of the late veteran—have achieved a very wise thing in doing their best to keep green the memory of such a man, and we honor them for it.

The erection of these mementoes of the departed have in some quarters almost become unknown. There was a period when they were considered equally in importance almost with the erection of other records, and a quarter of a century ago such remembrances of the "illustrious dead" could be seen upon the wall of many a belfry, which is a peculiarly appropriate situation for an obituary record. Let us hope they will in the future be considered

a little more than they have been. The memory of the worthies who leave their mark behind them should be honoured by a more permanent tribute than a mere record in the peal-book, or the expression of well-worn platitudes in a press notice.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HUGH H. PETERS* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK RUMENS.. .. 5.
HAROLD N. DAVIES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER.. .. 6.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 4.	THOMAS CHANDLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

\*First peal; and rung at the first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence, whose funeral took place the same day.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES CAWLEY*.. .. Treble.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 5.
GEORGE SMITH* .. .. 2.	THOMAS TITCHENER.. .. 6.
JAMES PAGE.. .. 3.	ALBERT PITAM .. .. 7.
JAMES HANNINGTON .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

#### THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. Treble.	JOHN G. GREEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 2.	SAMUEL LUSCOMBE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND .. .. 3.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 8.
WILLIAM T. ELLSON.. .. 4.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. 9.
RICHARD W. HOATHER .. .. 5.	*ROBERT BURGESS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT, of Kingston-on-Thames, and

Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

The above peal is a short-course composition, and now rung for the first time; and rang as a memorial to the late Duke of Clarence.

### The Provinces.

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, January 14, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN HOWE.. .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence.



## ROSS.—THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 1). Tenor 25 cwt.

J. KINGS .. .. . Treble.	J. H. BUSSELL .. .. . 5.
J. WALL .. .. . 2.	J. CLARK .. .. . 6.
H. PRICE .. .. . 3.	A. BIRD .. .. . 7.
J. ATKINS .. .. . 4.	J. SYMES .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by J. G. WALL.

Rung with the bells muffled in loyal respect of the funeral of the Duke of Clarence.  
First peal by Messrs. Kings, Price, and Symes.

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

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

W. T. BILLINGHURST .. Treble.	J. HARDY .. .. . 5.
J. SMITH .. .. . 2.	E. W. CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
A. MATTHEWS .. .. . 3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 7.
H. W. ABBOTT .. .. . 4.	J. GRUNDY .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS F. STEVENS .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. 5.
HENRY D. ADAMS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 6.
ALFRED J. CALLAWAY .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by W. W. GIFFORD.

The above was rung with the bells muffled for H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence.

MELBOURNE, DERBY.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(THE MELBOURNE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
W. SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK HOLLINGWORTH .. Treble.	HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 5.
JOSEPH W. WARREN .. .. 2.	JOHN R. WOOD .. .. 6.
JOHN VICKERS .. .. . 3.	THOMAS HOLLINGWORTH .. 7.
GEORGE TUNNICLIFF .. .. 4.	JOHN HOUGH .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY HOLLINGWORTH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

## FARNHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED SMITH .. .. . Treble.	ALFRED WHITE .. .. . 5.
ALFRED J. LE CLERCQ .. 2.	SERG. BERTIE ROSE .. 6.
FRED A. BARNETT* .. .. 3.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 4.	GEORGE HENRY BARNETT Tenor.

Conducted by H. L. GARFATH.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells deeply muffled on the occasion of the funeral of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence.

## TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLTS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES SMITH .. .. . Treble.	JOHN DAY .. .. . 5.
CHARLES CHAPMAN* .. 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 6.
JOHNSON E. HERN .. .. 3.	J. MARTIN ROUTH, Esq. .. 7.
HARRY GOODGER .. .. . 4.	RICHARD HAINES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MARTIN ROUTH, Esq.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM WHIFFIN .. .. Treble.	ERNEST GADSDEN .. .. 5.
FRANK BIGGS .. .. . 2.	RALPH BIGGS .. .. . 6.
HARRY STRATFORD .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. . 7.
FRED BIGGS .. .. . 4.	*LEONARD HART .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

\*First peal. Messrs. Whiffin, Gadsden, and Hart belong to the High Wycombe voluntary ringers' band, the others are local. This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late Duke of Clarence.

## ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs. in Eb.

W. LIGGINS .. .. . Treble.	H. CANNER .. .. . 5.
E. W. BEADSMORE* .. 2.	J. H. DUNMORE .. .. 6.
T. JACQUES .. .. . 3.	W. CANNER .. .. . 7.
W. OWEN .. .. . 4.	G. THORNLEY .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CANNER.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

## BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.\*

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.  
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WALTER BRYANT* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MUNDY .. .. 7.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. . 2.	GEORGE W. BALDWIN .. 8.
JOB JOYNES .. .. . 3.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 9.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. . 4.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 10.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 5.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 11.
BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 6.	HENRY JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

In this peal which is now rung for the first time, the large bells are in the inverted titum position. It was rung with the bells half-muffled during the time of the funeral of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence. \*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Cinques.

## BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

Bocking Treble Bob, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise,  
Woodbine Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob,  
and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.

SAMUEL SARGENT* .. .. Treble.	HENRY HAMMOND .. .. 4.
FREDK. CALTHORPE .. .. 2.	FREDK. RUDKIN .. .. 5.
FRANCIS BUMPSTEAD .. 3.	†EZRA CARTER .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY HAMMOND.

\*First 5040. †First 5040 of Minor. This is the first 5040 on the bells. Carter hails from London; Sargent from Bocking; Bumpstead, Calthorpe, Hammond, and Rudkin from Braintree.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 22, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. J. H. HINDSON* .. Treble.	JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS .. 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
GEORGE STANBROOK .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 7.
WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 4.	J. GUTTRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

\*First peal. This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence.

## WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
GEORGE STANBROOK .. 2.	WALTER ERNEST YATES .. 6.
REV. J. H. HINDSON .. 3.	JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS .. 7.
REUBEN FLAXMAN .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

## MAIDSTONE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

THOMAS MANNERING.. .. Treble.	*GEORGE PAWLEY .. .. 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF (R.E.) .. 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. WOOLLEY* .. 3.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR C. WEST .. .. 4.	*ALFRED TAWNEY .. .. } Tenor.
	†W. KILLPATRICK .. .. }

Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

This is the first peal of Stedman ever rung in Maidstone. It was rung with the bells half-muffled as the last token of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence. It is also A. H. Woolley's fiftieth peal. Messrs. Lindoff and Haigh hail from Gillingham, Killpatrick from Boxley, the rest are local men. \*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

## WALDRON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT DAWES .. .. Treble.	†GEORGE EADE .. .. 5.
GEORGE ADES* .. .. 2.	ALBERT REED .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN HOBBS .. .. 3.	JOHN BEAL .. .. 7.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 4.	EDWARD UNSTEAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ADES.

†First peal. \*First peal as conductor. The above was rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, G. ADES. The band greatly regret that he is now leaving them for Barcombe, near Lewes, where they wish him every success.

## FAR HEADINGLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in F♯.

LEONARD STOKOE .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT THOMAS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 2.	†FREDERICK ROBINSON .. 6.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. 3.	†ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 7.
WILLIAM CHILD .. .. 4.	JOHN WHITAKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. BUCKLEY and Conducted by A. NAYLOR.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major. †First peal as conductor. Pratt belongs to Calverley, the rest to Headingley.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE TURLEY .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK STILL .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 2.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 6.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
RICHARD PELLING .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM J. SEVIER, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

First peal of Major by Mr. Huntley, who hails from Bushey, and was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, January 25, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

JAMES HARES .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LONG .. .. 7.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 3.	JAMES HALL .. .. 8.
REUBEN HALL .. .. 4.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. 9.
J. E. GROVES .. .. 5.	HENRY RODEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal has the bells in the inverted titum position, and was rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Six ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
HENRY FERGUSON* .. .. 2.	*JOHN SIMN .. .. 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY* .. 3.	*FRANCIS LEES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HOLMES* .. .. 4.	GEORGE DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS LEES.

\*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal rang in this method in the four northernmost counties.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HADDISCOE ST. MARY'S.—On Wednesday, December 30th, a date touch, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., in five different methods, viz., Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Grandsire, Violet, and St. Simon's. W. Cushion, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Spalding, 3; G. Gowing, 4; W. Prime (conductor), 5.

WOOLWICH (Kent)—On Sunday, January 17th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. W. Beaven (longest length), 1; H. Harman, 2; H. Hill, 3; C. Harvey (conductor), 4; H. Harvey, 5; A. J. Neale, 6; B. Sheldon, 7; G. Beaven, 8. Composed by D. H. Burton, of Thirsk, Yorkshire.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Saturday, January 2nd, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Shimmans, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; E. Coleman, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Hon. Sec.), 5; F. Sharp (conductor), 6. Tenor about 10 cwt.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, at the parish church, 1076

**Grandsire Triples in 36 mins.** J. Pickin, 1; J. Ollerhead, 2; F. Jones, 3; H. Bird, 4; T. Hughes, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6; G. Gittins, 7; R. Roberts, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering in 25 mins. J. Pickin, 1; J. Ollerhead, 2; F. Jones, 3; C. Gittins, 4; J. Dillon (conductor), 5; R. Roberts, 6; T. Hughes, 7; T. Woodward, 8. Rung with the bells muffled on account of the death of the Duke of Clarence.

**MACCLESFIELD.**—On Sunday, January 17th, after service, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled for the late Duke of Clarence. F. Stonely, 1; J. Minshull, 2; W. Kenny, 3; J. Kenny, 4; W. Walsley, 5; T. Minshull, 6; J. Norbury, 7; W. W. Steel, 8. Longest touch by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 5th. Tenor 20 cwt.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**ST. GEORGE'S (Bristol).**—On Sunday, January 10th, at the parish church, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Flamstead, for Divine Service in the evening several touches of Kent and Bob Minor, conducted by J. Hinton. And 720 Grandsire Minor. F. K. Howell, 1; C. H. Gordon, 2; J. Hinton, 3; H. T. Howell, 4; W. Emery, 5; C. H. Tomkins (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 11th, at St. Matthew's church, Kingsdown, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for practice. R. Channings (first quarter-peal), 1; C. Waters, 2; H. T. Howell (first quarter-peal), 3; J. Davies, 4; C. H. Gordon, 5; J. Hinton, 6; C. H. Tomkins (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; W. Colston, 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BRIGHTON.**—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Neves, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; G. Bleach, 3; H. Rann (conductor), 4; H. Boniface, 5; J. Fox, 6; F. Morris, 7; E. Butler, 8. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of January 9th, composed by the Editor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Duke of Clarence.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**RYDE (Isle of Wight).**—On Tuesday, December 22nd, at the parish church, the bells were rung in whole pulls of Grandsire Triples half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Dr. Harold Browne, late Bishop of Winchester. On New Year's Eve, for midnight service, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. The last five minutes of the year were marked by the tolling of the tenor bell, and 336 Grandsire Triples to ring the New Year in, the band standing as above. On Tuesday, January 5th, for practice, 570 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. On Sunday, January 17th, for morning and evening service, the bells were rung half-muffled in whole pulls of Grandsire Triples on account of the death of the Duke of Clarence.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**KIDDERMINSTER.**—On Wednesday, January 20th, 1792 Superlative Surprise in 1 hr. 15 mins. H. Williams, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. O. Bennett, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; T. R. Bennett, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Monday, December 28th, at St. John's church, an attempt for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, 2954 changes, in 1 hr. and 37 mins., a change-course bringing the bells to a stand. G. Campbell, 1; F. Lees, 2; W. Story, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; R. S. Story, 5; J. Simn, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; R. Welsh, 8. On Thursday, January 7th, a 672 Bob Major. G. Campbell, 1; F. Lees (conductor), 2; J. Clapperton, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; W. Holmes, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Ferguson, 7; R. Welsh, 8. On Monday, January 11th, a 742 Grandsire Triples. H. Ferguson, 1; F. Lees, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; W. Holmes, 4; W. Story, 5; J. Simn, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; G. Dixon, 8. On Saturday, January 16th, a muffled peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was attempted as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, but a mistake occurring, the bells were set after 1 hr. 55 mins. fine striking. W. Holmes, 1; R. S. Story, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; F. Charlton (Bp. Auckland), 4; W. Storey, 5; J. W. Shipp (Bp. Auckland), 6; T. T. Gofton, 7; F. Harrison (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 17th, a 504 Bob Triples, with the bells still muffled. F. Lees, 1; W. Holmes, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; H. Ferguson, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6; R. Welsh, 7; H. Pearson, 8. On Wednesday evening, January 20th, being the funeral day of the late Duke of Clarence, a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but after ringing 3800 in 2 hrs, the third rope broke much to the

chagrin of all concerned. C. L. Routledge, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; W. Holmes, 4; W. Story, 5; J. Simn, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; G. Dixon, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt. On Thursday, January 31st, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 24 mins. W. Holmes, 1; J. H. Clapperton, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; R. Welch, 6.

**WHICKHAM (Durham).**—On Saturday, January 9th, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). W. Custance, 1; W. Holmes, 3; H. Lindsey, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. And another 720 (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Custance, 1; T. Liddell (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; J. Nicholson, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; H. Lindsey (first 720 as conductor), 5; W. Holmes, 6. On Friday, January 15th, with the bells muffled, in memory of the late Duke of Clarence, another 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins. T. Liddell, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. Nicholson, 3; H. H. Lindsey, 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes, 6. The bells were again rung muffled on Sunday, January 17th, and a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 28 mins. C. L. Routledge, 1; T. Liddell, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. And another with (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Custance, 1; the rest as before. Tenor 8½ cwt.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Friday, January 15th, at St. John's church Deritend, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, as a token of respect for the late Bishop of Worcester, but after ringing to the half-way in 1 hr. 37 mins. the conductor finding there was a change-course called "stand." J. Jennings, 1; C. Sparks, 2; J. Jones (conductor), 3; A. Bradburn, 4; W. R. Paddock, 5; F. H. James, 6; G. Hitchman, 7; F. Mumford, 8. Tenor 13 cwt.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Tuesday, January 20th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately a change-course occurred, owing to the treble wanting to lead too soon after ringing 2184 changes, and the bells were called into rounds. R. G. Humphrey, 1; I. Emery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; T. Harford, 5; W. Fright, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. The bells were rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

**CUMNOR (Berks).**—On Sunday, January 17th, 720 College Single. H. Bennett (conductor), 1; J. Buckingham, 2; E. Hutt, 3; W. Cooper, 4; H. Tubb, 5; F. White, 6. A 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Hutt, 1; J. Buckingham, 2; F. White (conductor), 3; H. Tubb, 4; W. Lambourne, 5; H. Bennett, 6. These two touches was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. G. House, who was parish clerk for fifty years, and was also one of the ringers.

**CRADLEY (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday evening, January 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. A. Bloomer, 1; H. Grosvenor, 2; W. Woodhall, 3; H. Woodhall, 4; J. Marshall, 5; C. Beasley, 6; J. A. Meredith, 7; G. Dukes, 8. The above was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Worcester and the Duke of Clarence.

**FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).**—On Wednesday, January 20th, with the bells deeply muffled, 1292 Grandsire Doubles (the ten callings) in 45 mins., as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence. A. Crook, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; C. Clarke, 3; T. Collings, 4; J. Bovington, 5; E. Eldersfield, 6.

**IPSWICH (Suffolk).**—On Thursday, January 14th, the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang with the bells muffled touches of Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Grandsire Cinques, also the whole pull and stand, as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

**KNARESBOROUGH (Yorkshire).**—On Sunday, January 17th, at St. John's church, for morning service, with bells deeply muffled, a 672 of Grandsire Triples was rung as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. T. Ledgway, 1; M. Wood, 2; J. Hoy, 3; B. Pearson, 4; F. Thompson, 5; F. Smith, 6; W. Swires (conductor), 7; M. Styles, 8. For evening service, the same number of changes in the same method, the ringers as before with the exception of J. Hoy, 2; F. Smith, 3; G. Thompson, 6. Same conductor. On Wednesday, January 20th, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples. M. Wood, 1; J. Hoy, 2; G. Thompson, 3; B. Pearson, 4; F. Thompson, 5; F. Smith, 6; W. Swires (conductor), 7; M. Styles, 8. On Sunday, January 24th, with the bells half muffled, for evening service, an attempt was made to ring a 1190 in the same method, but after ringing 35 mins. through some misfortune it was lost. T. Ledgway, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Swires, 3; B. Pearson, 4; F. Thompson, 5; M. Wood, 6; J. Hoy (conductor), 7; M. Styles, 8.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).**—On Tuesday, January 19th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. G. Butler, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; R. Munn (first 720 as conductor, age 16), 3; B. Spinner, 4; P.-Sergt. Avis (first 720 in the method), 5; F. Hayes, 6.

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."

REPLY TO MR. W. W. THORNE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. W. W. Thorne's query as to the ringing at St. Mary's, Taunton, in June, 1885, I have to say that a conversation as to its merits did take place in the belfry after it was over, resulting in a diversity of opinion and action concerning it. The late Mr. Field, of Oxford, acting on his judgment, sent it to your paper as a peal; I, on the other hand, excluded it from the Report of the Oxford Guild for 1885, believing that it was no peal. For the same reason I made no reply when the question was recently asked as to the first peal of Caters in Somerset, not remembering the exact date of our visit to Taunton. The peal was undoubtedly false, inadmissible calling having to be resorted to in order to bring the bells round at the 5079th change. With the weight of the tenor there I am not concerned, never having made any assertion about it. F. E. ROBINSON,  
Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—It would be interesting and instructive to the Exercise in general if the composers of the two date touches of Grandsire Triples published in this week's "BELL NEWS" would kindly explain how the bells manage to run home so merrily, without the assistance of a single, after being put out of course by the two starting changes as given.

A. HUBBARD.

REPLY TO MR. JAGGAR.

SIR,—As ringer of 5-6 in the handbell peal in Gloucester on December 26th, 1891, I beg to inform Mr. Jaggar that the peal was rung as published in 2 hrs. 2 mins.—the first 504 in 10 mins. Of the remaining parts of the first half two were rung in 11 mins. each, one in 12 mins., and one in 13. In the second half each five hundred was rung in 13 mins., making the total time 2 hrs. 2 mins. As regards the striking I can do no less than call it very good, and the handstroke leads were kept open throughout. From my own experience I must say that quick ringing in any method, either in hand or on tower bells, is absolutely impossible unless the striking is good. The quickest peal on record is Holt's Original, in 1 hr. 59 mins., conducted by Mr. Washbrook. Before concluding I must add that the peal of Double Norwich at Newnham-on-Severn was a St. Michael's Junior peal—the Gloucester Society.

The School, Stamford.

HENRY L. JAMES.

SIR,—I see in your last issue a letter from Mr. J. Jaggar, in which

he refers to the peal of Grandsire Triples which I called at Gloucester on the 26th of last month. I should like to inform him that it is not the fastest peal rung in hand, as Mr. Washbrook called Holt's Original at Salisbury, in 1 hr. 59 mins., in which peal, I was informed by one who heard it, the striking was like a musical box throughout, and, indeed, if Mr. Jaggar had had any experience in handbell ringing, he would know that it is necessary to have a perfect beat, if the bells are to be rung at the pace necessary to obtain a peal in any time approaching to two hours. EDWARD B. JAMES.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Jaggar's enquiry and remarks re the above peal, contained in a letter which appeared in last week's issue, we beg to say the time as published is correct, furthermore the bob leads were all duly checked and pricked off as rung, and the part-ends timed, the striking being excellent throughout. We think Mr. Jaggar will find that a peal has been rung on handbells in a shorter time than the one in question, namely one by the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1 hr. 59 mins., conducted by Mr. Washbrook. W. T. BENNETT, } Referees.  
F. E. HART, }

THE DATE TOUCH AT CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SIR,—I saw in your last week's issue a letter concerning the date touch rung at Clent. I am very sorry I made such a mistake. I did not find it out until the following Tuesday, and I at once wrote off, but was too late to stop it being published. I think our friend Mr. Martin has made a mistake, as it wants 92 changes instead of 72 changes, as he stated. I should be very pleased if Mr. Martin would send me another date touch. I should also be glad to see an account of a date touch rung at Clent, but I think it is too much trouble for the Clent ringers, for if a band is got together they will just rise and fall the bells in peal and then say "Oh! we won't ring long to-night." I hope to see more ringing done there. JOHN BARBER.

The peal rung at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Wednesday, January 20th, makes W. Bedwell's sixtieth peal, made up as follows: Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 2, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples, 35, conducted 11; Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 2; Treble Bob Major, 9, conducted 1; Union Triples, 2, conducted 1; Canterbury Major, 7, conducted 1 (including a 6048 and 10,080).

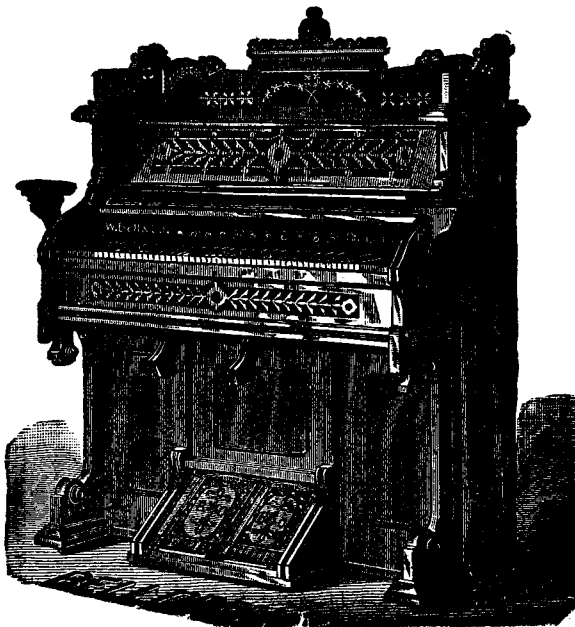
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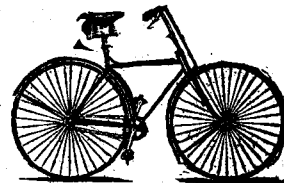
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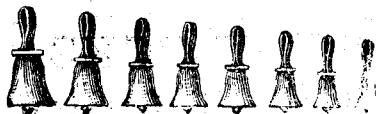
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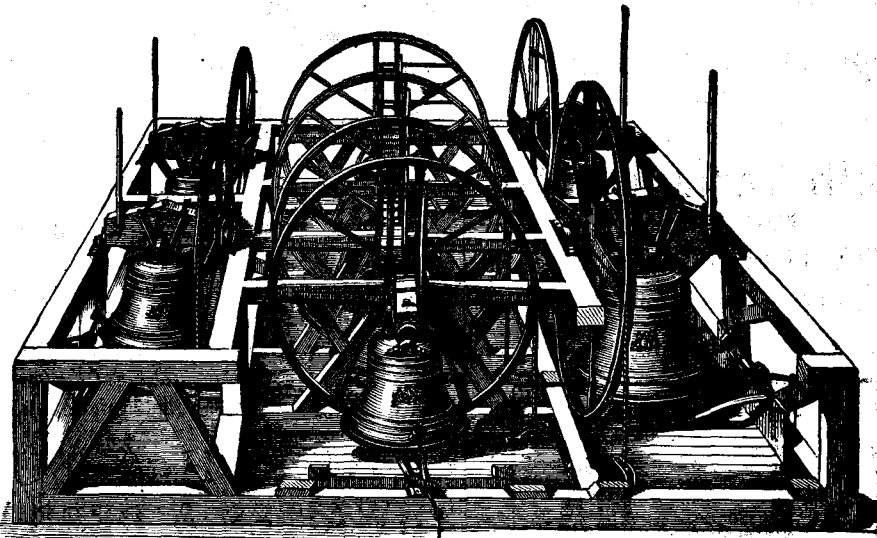
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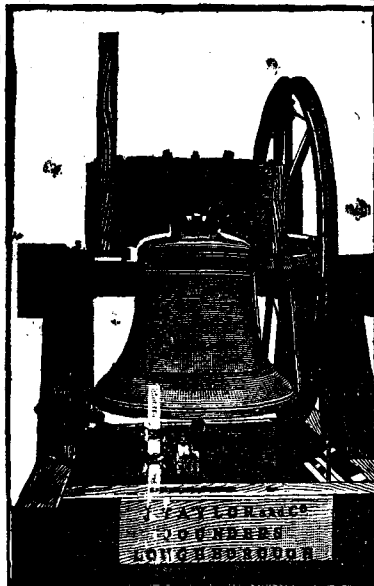
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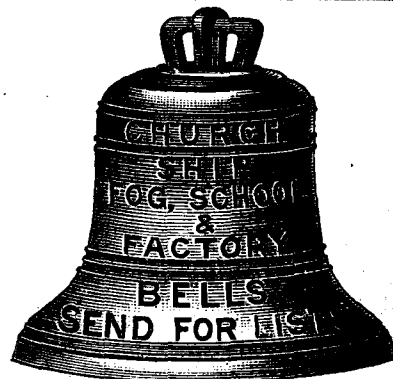
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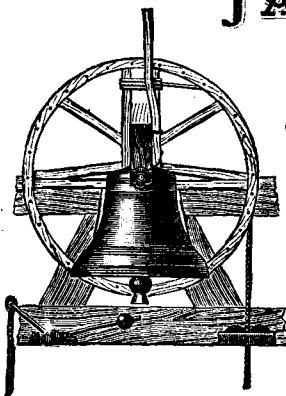
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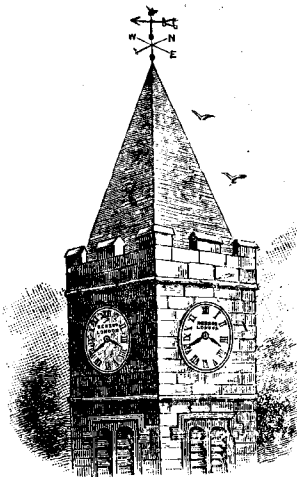
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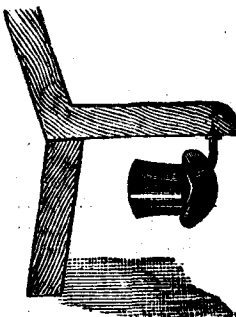
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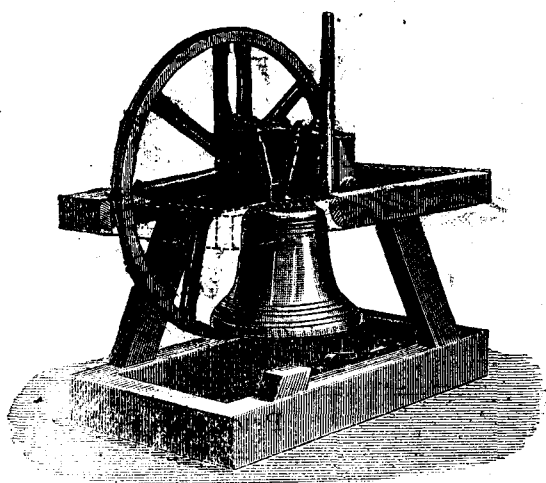
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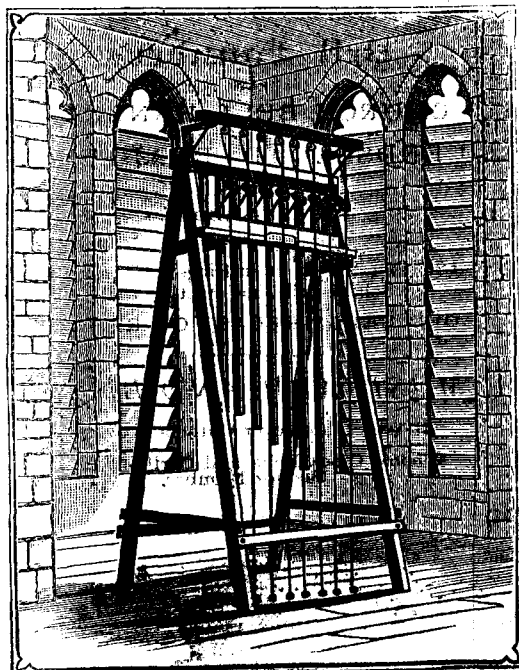
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## UNION, OXFORD BOB, AND COURT BOB TRIPLES.

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The first of the following peals is strictly speaking a three-part, but the idea was to have nine parts called as near alike as possible, and for the three hind bells not to be called before. In an ordinary three-part peal, there are eighteen shunting positions, but in peals of this kind there are thirty-six. By making free use of these shunting positions many interesting variations may be had. The peal need not contain more than six singles, in which case, nine shunting hobs (which are used to counteract the shunt caused by the singles) may be omitted.

2 3 4 5 6 7						5040.					
4 7 2 3 5 6	2					S 4 5 2 7 6 3	3	S 2 7 3 6 5 4	3		
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S 5 2 3 7 6 4	1					5 4 7 6 2 3	3	7 2 6 5 3 4	3		
6 3 5 7 4 2	3					7 3 5 4 6 2	2	6 4 7 2 5 3	2		
5 2 6 3 7 4	2					2 4 7 6 3 5	1	3 2 6 5 4 7	1		
4 3 5 7 2 6	1					6 4 2 7 3 5	5	5 2 3 6 4 7	5		
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7 2 4 5 6 3	5					2 4 6 3 7 5	2	3 2 5 4 6 7	2		
4 3 7 2 5 6	3					3 4 2 6 7 5	5	4 2 3 5 6 7	5		
2 3 4 7 5 6	5										

Twice repeated.

2 3 4 5 6 7						*5040.					
7 5 2 6 3 4	1					5 6 2 3 4 7	2				
5 3 7 4 2 6	4					3 6 5 2 4 7	5				
7 6 5 3 4 2	2					7 2 3 4 6 5	1				
3 6 7 5 4 2	5					4 2 7 3 6 5	5				
2 5 3 4 6 7	1					7 5 4 2 3 6	2				
4 5 2 3 6 7	5					5 3 7 6 4 2	4				
P. L. 4 7 5 2 3 6	2					P. L. 5 6 4 2 3 7	1				

The calling for each half-peal to be eight times repeated, with a bob at the end of the 3rd, 6th, 12th, and 15th parts, and Holt's bob-singles at the half-peal ends. This appears to be the only plan that will give a six-part peal in this method that will admit of Holt's singles for the half-peal ends, with 6-7 behind at all the part-ends, and with the calling strictly reversed in the second half. I give below the bob leads for the same kind of peal in Oxford and Court.

## OXFORD BOB AND COURT BOB.

2 3 4 5 6 7						5040.					
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4 5 6 7 2 3						3 4 6 2 5 7					
2 3 4 7 5 6						4 6 3 5 7 2					
7 3 2 4 5 6						5 6 4 3 7 2					
3 2 7 5 6 4						7 2 5 3 6 4					
5 2 3 7 6 4						4 3 7 2 5 6					
P. L. 5 7 2 4 3 6						P. L. 4 6 2 5 3 7					

\*First rung at Warnham, Sussex, November 7th, 1891, by the Sussex Association, conducted by Walter Charman. Also the peal Oxford Bob at Horsham, Sussex, on December 5th, 1891.

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## NEWINGTON, SURREY.

The tower of the parish church of Newington has just been completed. From the foundation it has cost 4,000l. Its height to the top of the pinnacles is 110ft. It is intended to be surmounted by a spire of nearly the same height as the tower. But the contract for the tower was 75 per cent. in excess of the architect's estimate. There is still a debt of 150l. upon the tower, and the difficulty of raising 1,500l. more for such an object is one which cannot at present be faced. Moreover, one of the principal landowners and several of the parishioners oppose the erection of the spire, on the grounds that the tower looks extremely well as it is, and that a spire is a costly thing to maintain in repair. It is desired now to complete the peal of bells. At present the tower contains the three survivors of a peal which belonged to the third or fourth of the parish churches of Newington which were erected in the churchyard in Newington Butts. The first of these is mentioned in Domesday Book. It is to be regretted that their successor, which was built in the Kennington Park-road, does not stand upon a site upon which a line of parish churches had stood dating from the early years of English history. To build the tower of one of these it is said that the missing bells were sold. Their sale provoked the sarcasm and censure of some contemporary local wit, who wrote the following doggerel upon the church wall:—

Pious parson, pious people,  
Sold the bells to build a steeple;  
A very fine trick of the Newington people  
To sell the bells to build the steeple.  
Sure the devil will have all the Newington people,  
The rector, and church without any steeple.

The pious parson of this condemnatory verse was the Rev. Samuel Horsley, who resigned the rectory in 1793, and eventually became the well-known Bishop of Asaph. A tower has been built at a cost which probably the writer on the wall never dreamt of, and it is to be hoped the peal will in due time be restored to its original completeness. Meanwhile the Newington people have at least made some sacrifices to atone for the "very fine trick" which, in the opinion of the versifier, exposed them to such serious spiritual danger. In a return recently made to the House of Lords it is stated that no less than £55,286 has been spent in the deanery since 1873 in church building and restoration, in sums exceeding £500—that is within the area which formed the parish of the "pious parson" of 1791. Of this amount £25,000 has been expended upon the parish church and the Mission church of St. Gabriel. The greater part of this sum was raised by the energy of the Archbishop of York, when he was rector of the parish. The rectory was the first preferment conferred upon Dr. MacLagan. Since he left the parish in 1876 he has never failed but once to preach annually in the church, and numbers, cherishing the memories and associations of his ministry among them, flock to hear him. On last Sunday evening he preached to a very large congregation, probably not less than 1,400, a sermon which was full of wholesome Church teaching, combined with practical and most persuasive exhortation. The Bishop of Rochester, who lives in the parish, was present, and blessed the people at the conclusion of the service.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

The Steyning branch of the Sussex County Association held their third Annual dinner at the "Railway Hotel" on Thursday, January 7th, when all the members, with one exception (John Smart, absent through illness) were present. The company, numbering thirty in all, sat down to an excellent repast, with the Vicar, Rev. A. Pridgeon, presiding, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. James Perryman.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given and responded to, the toast of the evening was proposed by Mr. Judges, who coupled with it the name of Mr. G. Gatland, Captain of the Steyning society, who very suitably responded.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to song, sentiment, and handbell ringing, by various members of the company, and at eleven o'clock the "National Anthem" closed what had been a very enjoyable evening.

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### THE ST. NICHOLAS' SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.—FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL DINNER.

The fifty-first annual dinner of the Brighton St. Nicholas society took place at "The Unicorn" hotel, on Thursday evening, January 21st. The chair was occupied by Mr. E. Tehbs.

In submitting the loyal and patriotic toasts, the Chairman made a sympathetic allusion to the death of the Duke of Clarence, remarking that they, as ringers, had performed a solemn duty in the various muffled peals which had been rung when his remains were laid to rest on the previous day.

Mr. H. Mason proposed "Success to the Sussex County Association." Mr. G. F. Attree, Hon. Sec., in responding, said that those present were well acquainted with the work of the Association, and knew the good it had done in Sussex. It had raised the status of the ringers, and let light into various dark places. It gave him great pleasure to announce that the county of Sussex was at the top of the tree as regarded peal-ringing for the year 1891, having beaten Kent by four peals. Mr. Attree then, in suitable terms, submitted the toast of the evening, viz.: "Success to the St. Nicholas' Society." In responding,

Mr. H. Boniface, Secretary, stated with pride that the Society had been in existence over ninety years, and that it was now as vigorous and flourishing as it ever had been, and its prospects were of the brightest possible character. They had infused a quantity of new blood into the Society during the past year, and the probationer members were making good progress in change-ringing. He then traced the history of the Society since its formation to the present time, and said it gave him great pleasure to announce that two new bells were shortly to be placed in the tower of their church, thus increasing the present ring of eight to ten. St. Nicholas would then be the only ten-bell tower in Sussex. The present ring was cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the year 1777, and consequently had been hanging 114 years. He thought it was quite time that they were rehung, and the tower made safe. He hoped the bells would be in working order by Easter.

The proceedings were very enthusiastic throughout, and were interspersed with songs, instrumental music, etc.

### VISIT TO SWANSEA.

On Saturday, January 23rd, six ringers from Llandaff and district—Messrs. Belcher, Clutterbuck, Lloyd, Combes, Biss, and Jones, paid a visit to Swansea, to have a pull upon the ring of eight at St. Mary's. The journey from Cardiff to Swansea was enlivened by the handbells, the following being rung: a course of Grandsire Triples. W. Comber, 1-2; E. Lloyd, 3-4; J. Belcher, 5-6; J. Clutterbuck, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters by W. Biss, J. Clutterbuck, C. Lloyd, W. Combes, S. Jones; the bells on this occasion being lapped. Arriving at Swansea, a move was at once made for St. Mary's church, where Mr. G. Smith, the genial instructor of the Swansea band and several of the members, were in attendance. Raising the bells in peal, 636 of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. Belcher (conductor), 1; W. Combes, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; R. Yeo, 5; J. Hoare, 6; C. Smith, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8. And a 980 in the same method by G. Searle, 1; C. Smith (conductor), 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; R. Yeo, 5; J. Hoare, 6; W. Combes, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8. And a 350. J. Clutterbuck, 1; C. Smith, 2; C. Lloyd (conductor), 3; W. Biss, 4; R. Yeo, 5; J. Hoare, 6; —, 7; G. Searle, 8. A few courses of Minor, and the bells were lowered in peal, and a course of Triples on the handbells brought the ringing to a close. The hour of departure arrived too quickly, but its call had to be obeyed, and bidding their Swansea friends goodbye, the Llandaff visitors terminated a most enjoyable day. They thank the Vicar and churchwardens for granting them permission to ring, but they hope that something will be done ere long to make the bells go a little easier than they do at present.

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### THE WARNHAM SOCIETY, SUSSEX.

A local paper has the following about our Warnham brethren:—"Few villages having limited populations shew such an active interest in the science of campanology as that taken in the little village of Warnham. The members of the local branch of the Sussex Association of change-ringers held their annual meeting this week, and it was shown that not only have some twenty peals been rung on the bells of their own parish church during the past twelve months, including one of 10,176 changes early in the year, but that members of the band have paid several visits to Horsham, where they took part in four peals, one of them being the longest ever rung on the bells of St. Mary's church; and also assisted in peals at Arundel, Crawley, Dorking, and Steyning. Horsham, although boasting of certainly one of the best-known of Sussex ringers, Mr. Burstow, who can probably point to a larger number of years' active interest in the art than the majority of those handling the bell ropes, has relied very much upon the assistance of Warnham exponents since the octave of bells was rehung, and Warnhamites are sure of a cordial reception in any belfry."

### A SALE.

Instances like the following we hope soon to hear the last of:—"On Wednesday week, at the City of London Auction Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, was put up for public auction by Messrs. Edwin Fox and Bousfield, the advowson with next presentation to the rectory of Milton Damerel-with-Cookbury, in the diocese of Exeter. The population of the parish is nearly 660, and the income of the incumbent £450 a year. The present holder of the living was said to be in his sixty-seventh year, and it was stated 'there was a capital, well-built rectory house, with conservatories, orchards, and all the requisites of a country gentleman's residence.' The auctioneer mentioned, says the *Western Morning News*, that he was selling by order of the trustees, whose duty it was to realise the property placed in their custody. It was noteworthy, however, that sales of this description were not so common now as they were a few years ago, when, for such a valuable and desirable investment as this, £3000 could easily be obtained. He did not expect to get so much as that on this occasion, but considered that, with a return of £450 per annum, it was really worth £2,000. He then invited biddings at £1,000 or even £500, and after some delay an offer of £500 was made by, it is understood, a clergyman in the body of the room. The biddings did not advance beyond £900, and the auctioneer said that the property could not be sold at that figure. It was bought in on behalf of the vendor for a sum of £1,000.—*Guardian*."

### HARTHILL, SHEFFIELD.

A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in this belfry on January 20th for the first time in the history of the parish by a party of native ringers. The five old bells were lately rehung and a new sixth bell, by Warner and Sons, added, and change-ringing is now diligently practised. The ropes were handled as follows: J. Bilham, 1; J. Guest, 2; W. E. Glossop, 3; T. Smith (conductor), 4; W. Newbury, 5; T. Laking, 6. Tenor 19 cwt. This being the day of the Duke of Clarence's funeral, the above was rung with muffled bells. Time 31 mins.

"THE RETORT COURTEOUS."—PETER LOMBARD, a writer in the *Church Times*, gives the following anecdote this week: "Very few retorts, I venture to say, have been more effectual than that of Canon—(tortures should not force me to divulge his name). He was having a friendly game of billiards at the Squire's, and one of his opponents was Wigsby, the barrister. The Canon lost a 'life' and took from his pocket a threepenny piece to pay for it, which he placed on the edge of the table. 'Oh,' said Wigsby, 'I see, Canon, you have had your finger in the plate!' The Canon drew himself up to his full height (a good six feet), and looking the man of law full in the face, said, 'I'm surprised that you, Mr. Wigsby, in the presence of this respectable company, have the audacity to recognise your own paltry contribution!'"

# THE GREAT BELL OF ST. PAUL'S.

[From the *Pall Mall Gazette*.]

Not the great bell, that is, not "Great Paul," but the hour bell in the clock-tower, tolled out the news to Londoners of the sad death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale yesterday from eleven until noon. "Did you pull the bell, Mr. Green?" I asked of the splendid old head-verger of the cathedral yesterday (writes a correspondent); "and was it 'Great Paul'?" "No, Sir, it was not 'Great Paul.' That bell has only been tolled once since it was hung in the south belfry, and that was on the occasion of the death of Canon Liddon. You remember him, Sir? Otherwise, we have never tolled the great bell, although it rings out a sonorous summons to our daily service at one o'clock."

"You remember many similar occasions, Mr. Green?"—Well, Sir, I have pulled the first stroke of every funeral knell since 1852, when the great Duke of Wellington died. It has always been the hour bell, and I have a great faith in tradition, and so it is the hour bell still. The last that we tolled this bell was when the late Dean Church died. I half expected a summons to start the tolling last night, but now it has come. The Lord Mayor sent us word through the Home Office. We always toll for an hour on the day of the death and on the occasion of the funeral.

"The weight? Great Paul is, I think, seventeen tons, and the hour-bell between five and seven tons. I remember the death of the Prince Consort very well. The news was received here some little while before midnight, and after the bell had done sounding the hour, I started the tolling, and this was kept on until the hammer was ready to strike the first hour of a less fateful day.

"We often see the poor Princess here, for she has a special liking for the choral celebration. We were expecting her quite shortly, but now— She had sent word also, that she would attend service on Christmas Eve, but I received a telegram later in the day saying she was obliged to remain away. This was at the time of the illness of Prince George, as you probably remember.

"It is customary to toll the Cathedral bell in the case of the deaths of those in direct succession to the throne, Sovereigns, Royal Consorts, the Primate, and the Bishop of the diocese." So, after all, it was not "Great Paul," and with this information I left the great Cathedral and the delightful presence of one who has held office there under four deans—Mansell, Milman, Church, and Gregory—and remembers the old indifferent days when seventeen was considered a good Easter communion, whereas now the number is probably nearer seven hundred.

## ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS', MARDEN, KENT.

This fine old peal of bells are very much in want of rehanging. They are inscribed as follows:—

Treble.—"At proper times my voice I will raise;

And sound to my subscribers praise.

Thos. Lester made me 1745."

2nd.—"Pack and Chapman of London fecit;

Mr. John Burr, Churchwarden 1775."

3rd.—"Lester and Pack of London fecit; 1758."

4th.—"Pack and Chapman of London fecit; 1777."

5th.—"Thos. Lester of London, cast me;

Geo. Osborne and James Packham, Churchwardens 1745."

Tenor.—"John Hedson made me 1693;

Edward Besbeech, Edward Garviss, Churchwardens."

The tenor has nine coins round the waist, and measures 45½ ins. in diameter, and reputed to weigh 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. in the key of E.

A four-light memorial window has been placed in the church of St. Cuthbert, Sessay, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, the gift of Mr. and the Misses Dawnay. It was executed at the Wimbledon Art College for Ladies.

# LECTURE ON BELLS.

The Rev. W. Iago, archaeological gold medalist and past president of the Royal Institution of Cornwall, Hon. Sec. for Cornwall of the Society of Antiquaries, London, etc., recently delivered a lecture on "Bells" at the Guildhall, Bodmin, on behalf of the funds of the Bodmin Literary Institution. Special reference was made to Lanhydrock bell, said to be the oldest remaining church bell, also to the lost bell of St. Petrock, the bells of Bodmin Priory (still in the town) and other bells in the West of England. The largest bells in the word were likewise described, and an account given of bells ancient and modern, including the great bell of Rangoon, phantom bells, etc. Many curious legends and enigmatical inscriptions were quoted, and the Burmese bell, just presented to Bodmin by the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, was exhibited by permission of the authorities. Some muffled ringing, for the Duke of Clarence's funeral, was performed by the Bodmin band of bell ringers.

## ANOTHER REMARKABLE TRIAL OF "SKILL!"

RINGING MATCH AT LANHYDROCK.—A ringing match on a peal of six bells took place at Lanhydrock on Tuesday, when eighteen sets competed. The following were the successful competitors:—1st prize, Egloshayle; 2nd, Lanlivery; 3rd, St. Neot; 4th, St. Veep Jubilees; 5th, St. Minver; 6th, St. Tudy; 7th, St. Mabyn; 8th, St. Columb; 9th, Lanivet; and 10th, Lanreath. The umpires were Messrs. Austin, St. Sampsons; Lean, St. Kew; Elford, St. Breward, whose awards gave general satisfaction. The sum of £20 was awarded in prizes. Cheers for Lord Robartes were given by the ringers before separating for his kindness in having rooms with good fires placed at their disposal. Clever people, these umpires!

## PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.

The restoration of Peterborough Cathedral, which has been in progress for the last ten years, is now rapidly approaching completion. The first set of stalls on the south side of the choir are now finished, and so much progress has now been made that service will be resumed beneath the lantern in a week or a fortnight. The altar will be placed as far back as the new pavement will permit, and the workmen will continue their work behind it. The new marble mosaic pavement, too, is nearly finished. The designers, Italian artists, are now engaged on the second elevation eastward. The development of the pattern, as it progresses, shows a fine conception of design and colouring.

## LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.

A large and representative meeting was held at Lichfield, on Wednesday week, presided over by the Earl of Dartmouth, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, to take steps to raise a fund of £20,000 for the restoration and repair of Lichfield Cathedral. An appeal, issued by the Dean and Chapter, stated that although £80,000 had been spent on the edifice within living memory, serious repairs required to be taken in hand at once if the fabric was to be maintained in safety and integrity. In the absence of the Dean, Dr. E. Bickersteth, who was prevented by illness from attending, the details of the work required to be done were explained by the Rev. Canon Lonsdale, the senior member of the chapter. Colonel T. J. Levett, late M.P. for the city, proposed a resolution approving of the scheme, and expressing a hope that the appeal of the Dean and Chapter would be liberally met throughout the diocese and elsewhere. Sir Reginald Hardy seconded the resolution, which was supported by the Bishop of Lichfield and Bishop Abraham, and was carried unanimously. Upwards of £1,000 was subscribed in the room.

Among the subscribers to the fund started by the rector, the Rev. J. R. Broughton, to restore the interesting little church of Oake, Somerset, are the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Dean of Wells, Archdeacon Denison, Canon Buckle, Bishop Hobhouse, the Master of Clare College, Cambridge, the President of the Royal Academy, Mr. Justice North, Lady Taunton, Lady Oglander, Lady Duncombe, and Mrs. Homes Court.



## Compositions.

We have received of late such a number of compositions for insertion, that to satisfy our friends, it is deemed necessary to devote an extra page this week to their publication.

## FOUR PEALS OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

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

5088.

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

Each of the above to be five times repeated; single midway and end. Each of them has the 5th and 6th twenty-four times right.

5088.

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

Five times repeated; single mid-way and end. This peal has the 5th and 6th eighteen times right and twelve times wrong.

5088.

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

Five times repeated. This peal has the 5th and 6th each fifteen times in 5ths place, and twelve times in 6ths place.

WANTED a Situation as Single-handed Gardener, or where help is given, by young man age 25. Eleven years' experience in the general routine.—J. Taylor, Farnfield, Horley, Surrey.

## A DATE TOUCH OF UNION TRIPLES.

By L. LONGNEY, Croome, Worcestershire.

1892.

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

Twice repeated, with bob instead of single. It contains twelve 6-7s.

## A DATE TOUCH OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. SYKES, Huddersfield.

1892.

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

Odd changes.

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

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR.

By C. H. MARTIN, Hendon.

5040.

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

The last seven courses four times repeated, with a single instead of a bob at home in the fourth course of the third and sixth parts. First rang at St. James' church, Clerkenwell, on Monday, September 21st, the single being called at the third and sixth part-ends. Conducted by William Short.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

6144.

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

This peal contains the 5th its extent in 5ths place, and the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6ths place. If the first course of the second part is called—

the second course-end is brought up, and the peal reduced to 5696. The peal then contains the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 5-6, without the 2nd being in 6ths place at a course-end.

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By C. JACKSON, Hull.

1892.

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

This part twice repeated. Contains all the 6-7's.

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## Notices.

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**The United Counties' Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Whitfield, near Glossop, to-day, Saturday, February 6th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. Dinner at the "Crown" inn at 6 p.m.

JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th, at Handsworth. Ringing from 2 p.m. Tea One Shilling per head.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-the-Hill, to-day, Saturday, February 6th. The tower will be open at 4 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6 p.m.

CHAS. R. STANLEY, *Branch Sec.*  
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Narbora, this afternoon, Saturday, February 6th.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*  
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6 o'clock.

J. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**All Saints' Society, Fulham.**—The annual general meeting will take place to-day, Saturday, February 6th. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4 p.m. Tea in churchroom at 6 p.m., at 9d. each. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers intending to be present at the tea should signify the same to the secretary, not later than Thursday, February 4th.

Fulham Palace. J. GREEN, *Sec.*

**Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at St. James's, Bolton, near Bradford, to-day, Saturday, February 6th. Bells at liberty all day; committee meeting at 4 o'clock; tea at 5 o'clock, and business meeting immediately after; all in St. James's Schools. The Local Hon. Sec. is Mr. George Titterton, 282, Green Row, Thornton Road, Bradford.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The Meetings for February are as follows:—Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 22nd; practice 8.0. to 9.30 p.m. There will be a Quarterly Meeting at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, the 20th February, to which Members and Ringers will be heartily welcome. The Tower will be open from 3.30 to 10 p.m.

40, Nutcroft Road, F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Peckham.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—A meeting of this association will be held at Wolstanton, to-day, Saturday, February 6th, at 4 p.m.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Yeovil, on Saturday, the 13th February. Service at 3 o'clock; meeting to follow.

RUPERT LEWIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**Birmingham St. Martin's Guild.**—The Johnson Anniversary Dinner will be held as usual, on Saturday, the 27th inst., at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham. Dinner tickets 3s. each; may be obtained on application to the undersigned on or before the 25th inst. Dinner will be served at 5.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A general meeting will be held at Wylam-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, February 24th.

L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
Earl's House, Durham.

**Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be at Warkton, near Kettering, on Saturday afternoon, February 13th.

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A District Meeting will be held at Dorking, on Monday, February 15th. The Steeple of St. Martin's will be open for ringing during the afternoon. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to send in their names to the Secretary as soon as possible.

R. C. M. HARVEY  
Portsea Vicarage. *Hon. Sec.*

**Surrey Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Kingston, on Monday, February 15th. Tea at Albany Hall, 6 p.m. followed by business meeting, at which all subscriptions should be paid. Members intending to be present should send notice to Mr. J. Wright, 4, Clematis Cottages, Arthur Road, Kingston Hill, not later than Friday, 12th inst. Tower open at 2 p.m.

EDWARD F. STRANGE,  
South Kensington Museum. *Hon. Asst. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's church, Swinton, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

**Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Hertford, on Saturday, 20th February. Further particulars next week.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held in St. Peter's Schools, Broad Marsh, on Monday next, February 8th, at 8 o'clock prompt. Business: Election of officers.

ALBERT LAMBERT, *Hon. Sec.*  
6, Osmaston Street, New Lenton.

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at Leeds, near Maidstone, on Saturday, the 13th instant. Tower opened from two o'clock. The Secretary will be glad to see any members of the Association at the meeting.

18, Kingsley Road, NEVILLE A. HOLT,  
Maidstone. *District Sec.*

**ADDRESSES WANTED.**—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

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### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, By WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, *Dudley.*

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 W 5 4 M H

6 4 3 5 2 - - -

4 5 3 6 2 - - -

3 4 5 6 2 - - -

2 5 4 6 3 - - -

4 2 5 6 3 - - -

5 2 3 6 4 - - -

3 2 4 6 5 - - -

5 4 2 6 3 - - -

2 4 3 6 5 - - -

5 3 4 6 2 - - -

4 3 2 6 5 - - -

2 3 5 6 4 - - -

5 4 2 3 6 - s -

2 5 4 3 6 - - -

4 3 2 5 6 - - -

2 4 3 5 6 - - -

5 2 3 4 6 - - -

4 5 3 2 6 - - -

3 2 4 5 6 - - -

5 3 4 2 6 - - -

4 2 5 3 6 - - -

3 4 5 2 6 - - -

2 3 5 4 6 - - -

Repeated.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-two times wrong and right. Rang at Tipton, December 19th; Conducted by its composer.

### ST. SAVIOUR'S FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Ipswich College Youths .. ..	0	10	0
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W. Burkin .. ..	0	2	6
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### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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R. W. PITT.—Apply to the publisher. We are afraid it is impossible to obtain the portrait you mention.

M. L. BAYNHAM.—Not yet.

MR. ELLIS NUTTALL.—We have a date touch of yours; kindly say if it is correct?

**INFORMATION WANTED.**—Would some reader of "THE BELL NEWS" kindly inform me what year the United Counties' Association held their last meeting at Northenden, Cheshire, I think Mr. Wilde was Secretary the same year.

Northwich, Dunkirk. WILLIAM FORSTER,

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1892

THE intelligence which almost day by day we receive through the medium of the public prints, denote too painfully that the country's death-rate is of an unusually abnormal character. The present period is not only one in which the hand of death has been rampant among distinguished personages, but all classes of society, literally from the throne to the poorest subject, have experienced its icy grasp. A fatal and insidious epidemic, more dangerous by reason of what may be termed its novelty than many of the well-known diseases which all humanity is heir to, has been raging not only within our own borders, but among continental nations also. It can hardly be said that its ravages has as yet received any effectual check from the science of medicine, though we are glad to say that at the time we are writing, a decrease in the number of deaths is apparent. This fact, while encouraging to the public at large, offers little or no consolation, unfortunately, to those who have suffered a bereavement of their friends or kindred. And these bereavements have been, in too many instances, of an extraordinary painful character. The young, the medium-aged, and the old, many of them in excellent health to all appearance, have suddenly been smitten by this dreadful scourge, to succumb at the end of a few

days. That poet who knew what he was writing when he penned the lines—

God moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform;

could, had he lived to our day, pointed to the dread influenza, with all its concomitants, as an apt illustration.

This subject is foreign somewhat to those usually dealt with in this column. Our readers will, we are sure, excuse the reference to the dreaded pneumonia or under whatever name it may be known. It has effected an entrance into our own immediate circle, and snatched the youngest of our kindred away, under circumstances which do not go far to assuage sorrow. A bright young life, whose course was admirably tended by loving hands, who may be forgiven if they cherished the thought that he might succeed one day in controlling the destinies of this journal, has been called away from this transitory world. Our readers will see no unfitness in this relation, we are sure. Nor will they withhold their sympathy for those who in this instance have had their pleasant hopes and anticipations so rudely dispelled. The greatest sufferers need and will beyond doubt receive in due time the consolation which invariably follows the chastenings of an all-wise Creator.

#### DEATH OF THE VICAR OF WALTHAMSTOW.

At a ripe old age—eighty-six—the Rev. Thomas Parry, M.A., vicar of Walthamstow for the long term of forty-one years, has departed this life. The deceased gentleman graduated at Wadham College, Oxford, taking his degree of B.A. in 1828, and that of M.A. in due course. He was ordained in 1829 by the Bishop of Hereford, and in the following year admitted to the priesthood by the Bishop of Worcester. For many years he was a prominent figure amid that part of Essex which embraces the large parish of Walthamstow and neighbouring districts, being the Chairman of the West Ham Board of Guardians for many years, an office which he filled with dignity and intelligence. He was a fine specimen of the old English gentleman, dignified in manner, yet with a conreous and kindly bearing to all. He was somewhat averse to any variation in Church ritual, though very far from being narrow in his views, and willingly agreed to any change in the order of Service, whenever the feelings of the congregation were ripe for such a change. Dwelling almost beneath the shadow of the tower of his church—St. Mary's—he never placed the least obstacle to ringing practice; and it is said of him that when some parishioners had complained of the bells, and inside shutters were affixed to the louvres of the bell-chamber to deaden the sound, he insisted that the louvres on the side of the tower nearest to the vicarage should be left open, as he always liked to hear the bells. His funeral took place on Thursday, amid manifestations of the most profound respect by a numerous assemblage of parishioners.

#### Death.

On Tuesday, February 2nd, to the intense grief of his parents, grandparents and other relatives, WALTER EDWARD, infant son of Mr. Harvie Martyn Reeves (one of the proprietors of this paper), and sole grandson of the Editor.

"Not lost, but gone before."

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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On Saturday, January 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

##### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. TUCKER† .. Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 6.
HENRY DAINS* .. .. 3.	*FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 7.
CHARLES MARTIN .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late CHARLES MIDDLETON and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in a Treble Bob method. This is the first true peal upon the bells in this method, and the first attempt at a peal with the new ropes.

#### The Provinces.

##### BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM HICKLEY .. .. Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 5.
THOMAS LINGARD .. .. 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
JOHN W. SWINFIELD .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 7.
GLAD. J. WINTER .. .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOS W. CHAPMAN.

This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung after the dedication of five new bells by the Bishop of Coventry.

##### STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

GEORGE SMART .. .. Treble.	WALTER B. HILLS .. .. 5.
JAMES WOOLGAR .. .. 2.	CHARLES TYLER .. .. 6.
JOHN SMART .. .. 3.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 7.
THOMAS SEARLE .. .. 4.	JAMES MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

##### TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

##### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD GOODREDS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 5.
ADAM H. HILL .. .. 2.	HARRY MILLS .. .. 6.
JAMES HALL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

This peal was rung on the 36th birthday of Adam H. Hill, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

##### ALDENHAM, HERTS.

##### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM ATKINS .. .. Treble.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 5.
GEORGE HUNT† .. .. 2.	HARRY J. WRIGHT .. .. 6.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 3.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 4.	†WILLIAM NORWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

†First peal, and elected a member before starting. †First peal with a bob bell.

# BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION (BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 26, 1892, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND.

## A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 4; SIX-PART PEAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES SPARKES* .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 5.
GEORGE WALKER* .. .. 2.	*FRANK H. JAMES .. .. 6.
JOHN JENNINGS .. .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. PADDOCK* .. .. 4.	JAMES JONES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the above Association, also the first in the method rung in Birmingham, and is now rung for the first time. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

# CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 28, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ in F.

PETER TYLER† .. .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN PAIN* .. .. 2.	GEORGE PACE .. .. 6.
JAMES PARKER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. 7.
JOHN PRIOR* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

†First peal of Major. \*First peal with a bob bell.

# BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM FRIGHT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HARFORD .. .. 5.
THOMAS DURLING .. .. 2.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 6.
EDWARD DUNN .. .. 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 7.
PERCY FRANK HARMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

# OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-THE-EAST.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM FINCH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 5.
CHARLES FOWLER .. .. 2.	ALFRED FOX .. .. 6.
ALBERT DUBBER .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY .. .. 4.	KERRY PAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

# LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM COLLISON* .. .. 6.
GEORGE PAICE* .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE† .. .. 7.
JAMES PARKER* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK WILLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the peal of Stedman on the bells. \*First peal of Stedman. †First with a bob bell. \*First peal, and a member of the local band. Messrs. Merritt and Williams hail from Brighton, the rest from Crawley.

# STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 30, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

SAMUEL PALMER* .. .. Treble.	*SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 5.
HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. .. 2.	WALTER WORTHINGTON .. .. 6.
SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 3.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, of Sheffield, and Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Messrs. Mottershall and A. Worthington. \*First peal in the method.

# HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER J. TRUSLER* .. Treble.	ALBERT REED .. .. 5.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 6.
PHILLIP ALLFREY .. .. 3.	ALFRED TURNER .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN HOBBS .. .. 4.	THOMAS H. BEAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES, of Gloucester, and Conducted by ALBERT REED.

\*First peal. Rann and Allfrey hail from Brighton; Reed and Hobbs from Waldrone; Beams from Seaford; the others from Southover, Lewes.

# SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 30, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' TWO-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

FREDERICK DICKENS .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBERTS .. .. 5.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 2.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 6.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 3.	JOHN ASTBURY .. .. 7.
ALFRED WOODCROFT* .. 4.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

\*First peal.

# OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1892, in Four Hours and Thirty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26½ cwt.

ARTHUR SPURR .. .. Treble.	GODFREY MARSDEN .. .. 5.
GEORGE CRAWSHAW .. .. 2.	WILSON ILLINGWORTH .. .. 6.
JOSEPH RUDDLESSEN .. .. 3.	JAMES A. IDLE .. .. 7.
WILLOUGHBY DIXON .. .. 4.	DAVID STEPHENSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD, sen., and Conducted by DAVID STEPHENSON.

This is the longest length ever rang on these bells. J. Ruddlesden hails from Earlsheaton; the rest are of the local company.

# BRISTOL.

## THE ANCIENT ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, February 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE STADON* .. Treble.	HENRY PORCH .. .. 6.
GEORGE DALTRY .. .. 2.	*JOSEPH GOULD .. .. 7.
GILBERT PEARCE* .. .. 3.	*HERBERT TUCKER .. .. 8.
ALFRED PEARCE* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PARSONS .. .. 9.
FRANK GOODING .. .. 5.	EDMUND DUCKHAM .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

\*First peal of Caters. This is the first peal on the bells, also the first peal of Caters by an entirely local band for many years.

BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS  
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, College Single,  
Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob,  
and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN†	.. Treble.	*STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN.	4.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN	.. 2.	*WILLIAM FLORY	.. 5.
HORACE BEDINFELD	.. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	.. Tenor.

Conducted by A. S. WIGHTMAN.

†First 5040 in any method. \*First 5050 with a bob bell in seven different methods.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a date touch, 1892 changes, in the following methods: 92 Plain Bob Minor, 360 Court Single, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 720 Oxford Bob, in 1 hr. 9 mins. \*G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; †W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. The 92 Bob Minor was composed by I. Cavill. \*Longest length. †Longest length with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Wednesday, January 20th, the local society rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins., with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of condolence to the Royal Family, and a last tribute of respect for the late Duke of Clarence. G. E. Sharpe, 1; J. F. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Haigh, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; S. Penney, 8. This is the first date touch on the bells; also the longest length on eight bells since 1868. Composed by H. D. Burton, of Thirsk, Yorks, and conducted by H. Haigh.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE  
ASSOCIATIONS.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, January 17th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. S. Palmer, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; S. Smedley, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; W. Worthington, 6; J. Harris, 7; H. Madin (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at Holy Trinity church, on the occasion of the funeral of the Duke of Clarence, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1892 changes, with the bells muffled, in 1 hr. 7 mins. T. Stockdale, 1; W. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; H. Needham, 4; D. Brown, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 31st, for midnight service at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes), in 1 hr. and 5 mins. C. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford (conductor), 2; C. Blackman, 3; G. Baker, 4; G. Balchin, 5; H. Haggett, 6; E. Ede, 7; A. Mills, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service at St. Giles' church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Johnson, 1; S. Dace, 2; J. Appleby, 3; J. Harper, 4; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; M. Kibble, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F#. The bells were muffled, as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

HALIFAX (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service at All Souls' church, with the bells deeply muffled, a date touch of 1892

Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 21 mins., was rung in memory the late H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence. H. Reynolds, 1; A. Stead, 2; F. Salmons, 3; A. F. Nichol, 4; H. B. Payne (composer and conductor), 5; J. Hampson, 6; C. E. Stewart, 7; S. W. Stewart, 8. Tenor 26 cwt.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Thursday, January 21st, at St. George's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Duke of Clarence. R. Taylor, 1; F. Rhodes, 2; J. Greaves, 3; J. Holden, 4; T. B. Dicken (conductor), 5; W. Bentley, 6; S. Wrigley, 7; H. Manns, 8.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. R. Faux, 1; W. Carte, 2; C. Daniel, 3; W. H. Godden, 4; T. Verry, 5; T. Westwood (composer and conductor), 6; W. Verry, 7; F. Workman, 8. W. Carte hails from Perry Barr; the rest belong to the local company. The bells were rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, January 14th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. J. Ballard, 1; T. Lingard, 2; J. W. Chapman, 3; G. J. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; A. Measures, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. H. Bell, 1; J. W. Roper, 2; G. Toplis, 3; J. Hunt, 4; D. Farthing, 5; G. Mee, 6; A. Knights, 7; J. Goodwin (conductor), 8. This was rung during the time of the funeral of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence. On Thursday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Clark, of Chesterfield, mother of G. H. Clark, Esq., one of the churchwardens of the parish church, who was interred on the above date. A. Savage, 1; A. Knights, 2; G. Toplis (conductor), 3; J. Hunt, 4; D. Farthing, 5; J. H. Bell, 6; G. Mee, 7; J. Goodwin, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRASSENDALE.—On Sunday evening, January 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Schofield, 1; J. Alexander, 2; T. Morris, 3; F. C. Newton, 4; J. Allen, 5; W. Weaver, 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Wednesday, January 20th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-two bobs and fourteen singles). T. Watson (conductor), 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; M. Caddy, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. Treagus, 1; C. Blackman, 2; \*D. Baker, 3; G. Baker, 4; G. Balchin, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6; H. Haggett, 7; A. Mills, 8. \*Longest touch with a bob bell. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service at the parish church, with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, 504 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. A. Dawes, 1; E. Jennings, 2; T. Ades, 3; J. Beal, 4; A. Reed (conductor), 5; J. Burgess, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; E. Unstead, 8. On Wednesday, January 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. with the bells half-muffled. A. Dawes, 1; J. Burgess, 2; B. Hobbs, 3; E. Jennings, 4; G. Ede, 5; A. Reed, 6; J. Beal (conductor), 7; E. Unstead, 8. \*First quarter-peal as conductor. On Sunday, January 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; T. Ades, 3; B. Hobbs, 4; G. Ades, 5; J. Beal, 6; A. Reed, 7; E. Unstead, 8.



## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Wednesday afternoon, January 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. J. Smith, jun., 1; W. Slater, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; T. Hindle, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Watson, 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH.—On Thursday, January 14th, at St. Leonard's church, with the bells half-muffled, the following touches of Grandsire Triples were rung: 350 and 210. On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, with the bells deeply-muffled, a 350 and 168. On Wednesday, January 20th, for evening service, with the bells deeply muffled, a 350, and after the service, 350 and 336. T. Overton, 1; H. Rogers, 2; J. Howard, 3; E. Hall, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. Overton, 6; J. E. Hall, 7; A. Fryer and C. Grainger, 8. The above touches were rung as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. These touches are the longest ever rung by a Bridgnorth band, and were all conducted by J. Overton.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On Saturday, January 23rd, for practice at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Radford, 1; \*H. J. Creed, 2; J. Burge, 3; \*G. E. Harbour, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Yendell, 1; †S. Radford, 2; J. Burge, 3; G. E. Harbour, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. †First 720 with a bob bell.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHFLEET.—On Saturday, January 16th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, 720 Plain Bob. G. Hayes, 1; F. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Harper and M. Digby, 6. On Thursday, January 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Hayes, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper and G. Hayes, 6. Conducted by W. Harper.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Friday, January 1st, after the watch-night service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 4th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Catton, 1; W. Clifford, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Brown, 5; J. Cheeseman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Harris, 3; F. Ring, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service in the evening, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 20th, after the usual whole pull and stand, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 24th, Kent Treble Bob. A. Fuller, 1; W. Clifford, 2; M. Digby (first in the method as conductor), 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin, 6. On Monday, January 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; M. Digby (first in the method as conductor), 3; W. Harper, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes, 6. On Sunday, January 31st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service in the evening at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. C. Payne, 1; A. E. Gasson, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; T. Mannering, 4; G. Pawley, 5; A. C. West, 6; A. Palmer (conductor), 7; A. Tawney and J. Constable, 8. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WEST HAM (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, January 23rd, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 22 mins., being the first half of Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 22 mins. W. Doran, 1-2; G. Pearl, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, December 19th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Right Rev. Harold Browne, late Bishop of Winchester, 2520 Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; A. Le Clercq, 2; F. Barnett, 3; H. Garfath (conductor), 4; J. Hawkes, 5; Sergt. Rose (5th Dragoon Guards), 6; A. White, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. On Thursday, January 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token

of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, but after ringing upwards of 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 17 mins., the 5th rope broke. A. Smith, 1; A. Le Clercq, 2; F. Barnett, 3; H. Garfath (conductor), 4; A. White, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; G. H. Barnett, 8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Monday, January 18th, with the bells muffled, 1344 Grandsire Triples, being the longest touch by all with the exception of the 3rd and 5th ringers. W. Gayes, 1; J. Minshull, 2; W. Kenny, 3; J. Kenny, 4; W. Walmsley (conductor), 5; T. Minshull, 6; J. Norbury, 7; W. W. Steel, 8.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 27th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Gowers, 1; G. Smith, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Brett, 4; R. Theobald, 5; A. Clarke (conductor), 6. After service 720 Plain Bob. A. Papworth, 1; G. Smith, 2; R. Gowers, 3; C. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; A. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Clarke (conductor), 1; S. Slater, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett, 6. On Tuesday, January 5th, 720 Plain Bob. R. Brett (conductor), 1; A. Clarke, 2; R. Gowers, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Theobald, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On Thursday, January 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Papworth, 1; A. Clarke, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Brett, 4; C. Clarke, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 24th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, containing all the positions of 5-6-7, in 47 mins. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; E. Pye, 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Nash, 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. Pye, 6; W. Pye, 7; S. James, 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, January 22nd, at the District Meeting of the Association, 503 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran, 1-2; H. De Lisle, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, January 7th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise in 24½ mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs) in 24 mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; I. Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Luckey, 1; T. J. Watts (first 120 in the method), 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill (conductor), 5; I. Hammond, 6. On Sunday, January 10th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Superlative Surprise, and the observation, in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This makes W. Cavill's 200th 720. For afternoon service, 720 College Exercise in 24 mins. I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 17th, for morning service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill (conductor), 5; G. Monk, 6. For afternoon service 720 College Single, in 25 mins. standing the same as in the 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and the bells were rung deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. G. Monk hails from Hertford. On Sunday, January 24th, for morning service, 300 Canterbury Pleasure (six bobs). G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; I. Cavill, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure (nine bobs), 3rd the observation, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; I. Cavill, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Sunday, November 29th, at the parish church, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; C. Tucker (conductor), 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. On Sunday, December 6th, a 720 of College Single. J. Nixon (first 720 in the method), 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles), W. Childs (Edgware), 1; C. H. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Nixon, 4; C. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; J. Nixon, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 16th, 720 of Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. Tucker, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; C. Crampton, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 27th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; B. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. 228 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; C. Tucker, 4; C. Crampton, 5; T. Card (Speldhurst), 6. On Thursday, December 31st, 720 Kent

Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). H. J. Martin, 1; C. Tucker, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. 720 Plain Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; C. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, January 3rd, 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). C. Tucker 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, November 30th, 723 Canterbury Pleasure. B. C. Pratchett (first 720 in the method double-handed), 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; C. Tucker, 5-6. On Friday, December 25th, 720 in the same method standing as before. On December 28th, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles). On Monday, January 11th, 560 Bob Major. C. Tucker, 1-2; B. C. Pratchett, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; H. J. Martin, 7-8. 336 in the same method, with F. Carroway, 3-4. 168 Grandsire Triples. On Saturday, December 15th, 672 Bob Major. C. Tucker, 1-2; F. Carroway, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; H. J. Martin, 7-8. A quarter-peal in the same method, 1344 changes, with B. C. Pratchett, 3-4, the others standing as before.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, January 11th, 720 Plain Bob S. G. Heasman, 1; C. Hills, 2; N. Tompkins, 3; T. Linfield, 4; F. Finch, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday January 18th, 720 Duke of York. H. Finch, 1; T. Parsons, 2; J. Hills, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; T. Parsons, 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. S. G. Heasman, 1; C. Hills, 2; N. Tompkins, 3; H. Finch, 4; — Finch, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. And 720 Violet. H. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. The bells were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. On Thursday, January 21st, 720 Woodbine. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 26th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original. R. G. Humphrey, 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; I. Emery, 4; G. Durling, 5; T. Harford, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; G. Simpson, 8.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Thursday, January 14th, the whole pull and stand, and five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells deeply muffled in memory of F. Arnold, of Betchworth, who was much respected by the members of this society. A. Holman, 1; J. Hewett, 2; J. Robinson, 3; H. R. Holman, 4; F. J. Sanders (conductor), 5.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Peter's church, with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect to the late

Duke of Clarence, the following touches were rung: in the afternoon, 360 Bob Minor. J. Nunn, 1; G. W. Rashbrook, 2; W. D. I. Damant, 3; W. Green (conductor), 4; W. W. Scott, 5; W. Avis, 6. In the evening, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. R. W. Stannard (conductor), 1; G. M. Rashbrook, 2; W. D. I. Damant, 3; W. Green, 4; L. G. Geeruaert, 5; W. Avis, 6. And another 720 in 28 mins. W. Green, 1; G. M. Rashbrook, 2; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 3; W. Avis, 4; L. G. Geeruaert, 5; W. Burch, 6. This company having only lately been formed, any one of our brother-ringers who may be this way we shall be glad to welcome them to have a pull with us (such as we are) any Tuesday evening at 7.45.

NORTHAMPTON.—Recently at St. Giles' church, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Laughton, 1; S. Hall, 2; T. Ealey (conductor), 3; A. O. Stewart, 4; E. Haxley, 5; J. Mackay, 6; W. H. Wood, 7; E. R. Maule, 8. Also a 504. W. Fruin, 1; W. H. Wood, 2; T. Ealey, 3; J. Mackay, 4; S. Hall, 5; E. H. Haxley, 6; A. O. Stewart (conductor), 7; W. Seabrook, 8. On Monday, January 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Laughlin, 1; S. Hall, 2; T. Ealey, 3; W. H. Wood, 4; J. Mackay, 5; E. H. Mackay, 6; A. O. Stewart (conductor), 7; E. R. Maule, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" and appeared in the issue of January 9th.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Mary's church, with the bells deeply-muffled in memory of the late Duke of Clarence, 720 Bob Minor. G. H. Ashworth, 1; G. E. Rollerson, 2; E. Nuttall, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. B. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. Ramsbottom, 6. J. B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot; the rest are local men.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, January 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (six bobs and ten singles). H. Symonds, 1; A. Symonds (composer and conductor), 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt in F#. Rung to celebrate the 34th birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

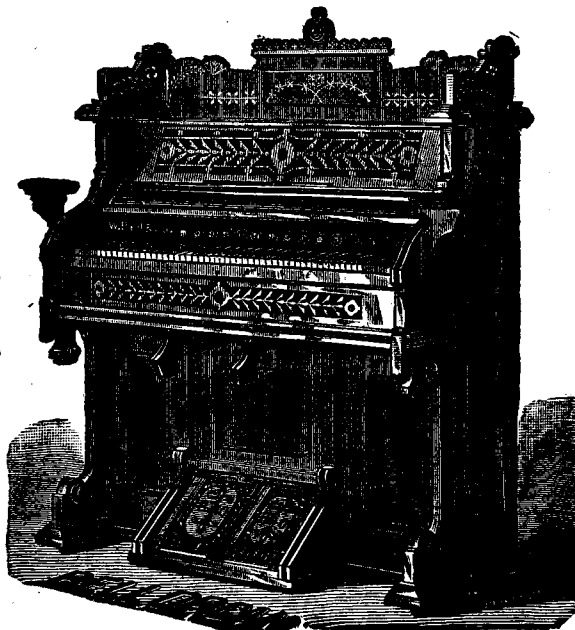
WOKING (Surrey).—On Monday, January 25th, at the parish church for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 30 mins. A. Saunders, 1; L. F. Pope, 2; F. Arnold, 3; C. B. Ryde, 4; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 5; F. C. Ryde, 6. Tenor 20½ cwt. First attempt in the method by Messrs. Saunders and Pope.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 24th, at St. Giles' church, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. J. Harper, 1; S. Pitt, 2; J. Appleby, 3; S. Dace, 4; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; G. Goodchild, 8. And 560 in the same method. J. Appleby, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 3; J. Harper, 4; S. Dace, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; G. Goodchild, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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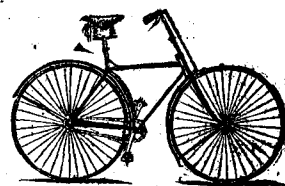
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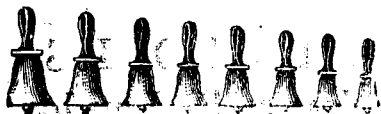
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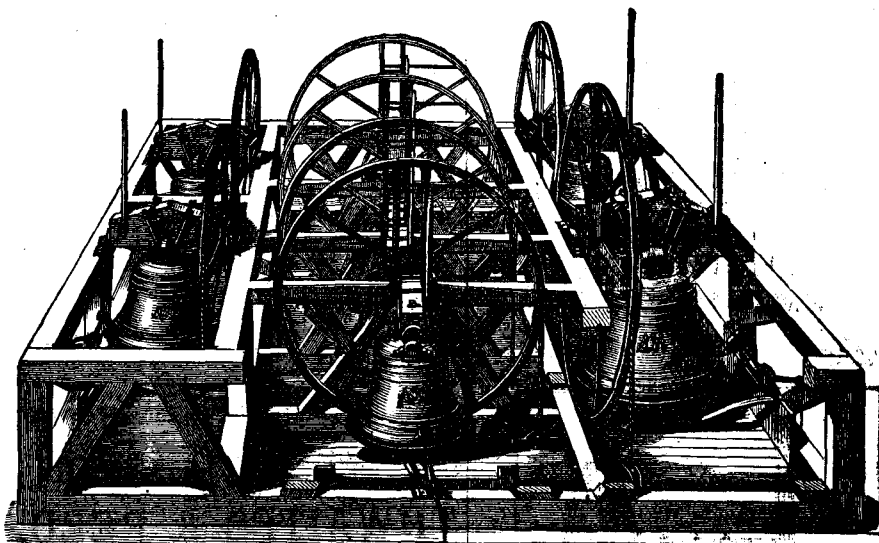
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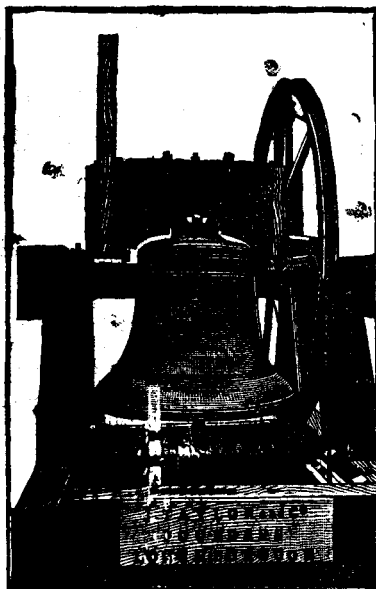
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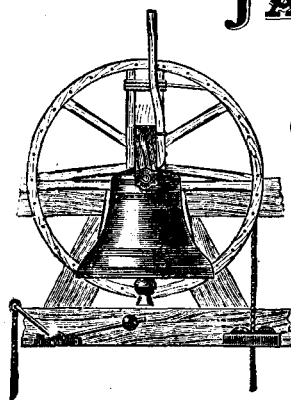
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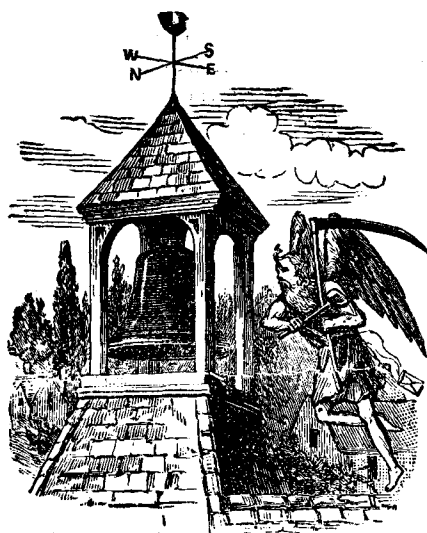
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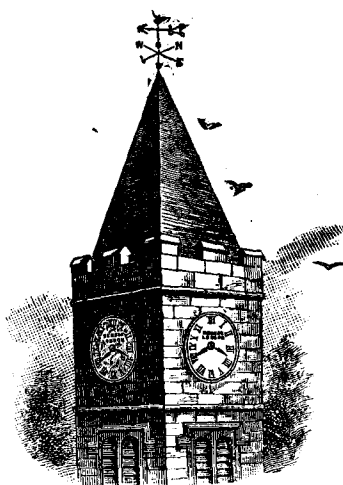


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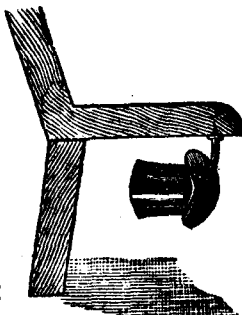
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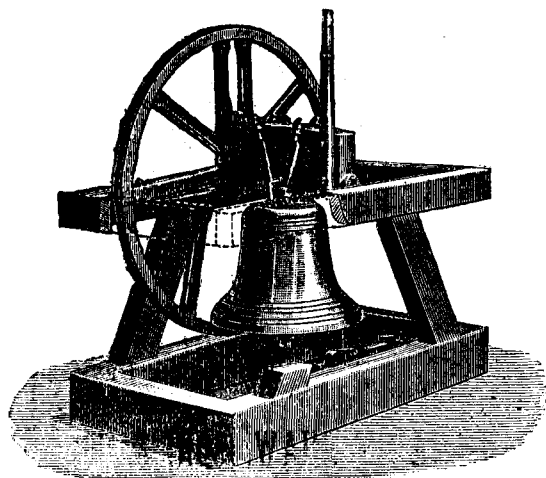


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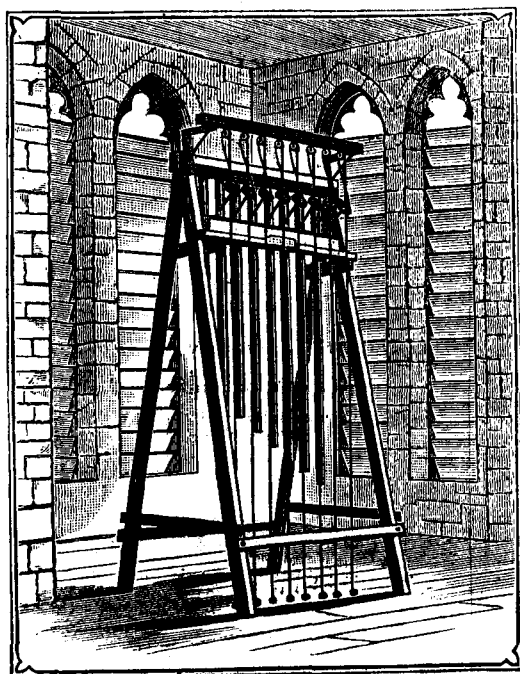
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A General Meeting of this Association was held at Bolton, near Bradford, on Saturday last, February 6th. The weather, which in the morning looked anything but favourable, fortunately turned out propitious, and during the afternoon about two hundred members and friends attended from Armley, Bradford, Bolton, Birstall, Bingley, Burnstall, Calverley, Dewsbury, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Guiseley, Halifax, Hales Hill, Harrogate, Hull, Keighley, Kirkburton, Knaresborough, Leeds, Lindley, Low Moor, Lightcliffe, Headingley, Liversedge, Otley, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Rawmarsh, Sheffield, Shipley, Tong, York, and other places. The head quarters for the day were at St. James's schools, Bolton Lane, where the local committee sat and regulated the proceedings. At four o'clock, the official committee of the Association held a meeting in the same school, at which there was a good attendance—only three committeemen being absent, all of them unavoidably so. Mr. W. Snowdon presided; and the minutes of the preceding committee-meeting having been read and passed, several new ringing members were proposed and admitted. The question of investment of funds was discussed at some length, when ultimately it was unanimously decided to withdraw £100 out of the sum in the hands of the Leeds building society, and place it with the previously-invested similar sums in the Leeds corporation, the president being empowered to make all necessary arrangements for the transfer. A suggestion in the way of admitting clergymen having a ring of five and upwards at their churches, as clerical honorary members, at an entrance fee of five shillings, to take part in the proceedings of the Association, and if elected, to hold official positions therein, was likewise considered, but owing to pressure of time, the discussion was adjourned till a future meeting of the committee. It should be added that the three newly-elected members of the committee—Messrs. Thomas Lockwood (Leeds), Geo. H. Hardy (Dewsbury), and William Gill (Keighley), took their seats for the first time, and were cordially welcomed by the president on behalf of the remainder of the officers and committee.

At five o'clock, the visitors partook of a substantial meat tea, which was served in the principal schoolroom, the large number attending necessitating two sittings down, during the first of which, courses of Triples and Major were rung upon a fine-toned peal of handbells kindly lent by Mr. James Angus.

After tea, the members adjourned to the infant schoolroom for the business meeting, Mr. Snowdon presiding, being accompanied on the platform by the Rev. C. H. King, Vicar of Bolton; Mr. W. H. Howard (York), senior vice-president; and Mr. T. Hattersley (Sheffield), steward. In the room also were Councillor Joseph Cowgill, Mr. Abner Green (churchwarden), Mr. George Bolland (Tong), junior vice-president; Mr. W. Stainthorpe (Birstall), treasurer; Mr. B. T. Copley (Bolton), hon. secretary; Mr. J. H. Hardcastle (Bradford), steward; Messrs. J. Broadley (Bradford), W. Abbishaw (Bothwell), W. Barraclough (Halifax), G. H. Hardy (Dewsbury), Mr. Tom Lockwood (Leeds), and Mr. W. Gill (Keighley), committeemen; and an assembly of members which crowded the room.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Snowdon briefly expressed his pleasure at the large gathering which had characterised their February general meeting; after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously adopted. The selection of place for the June meeting was next upon the agenda, whereupon Mr. James Hey proposed Knaresborough, giving a hearty welcome to the Association. Mr. H. Fevre gave a like cordial invitation to Doncaster. Upon putting the two places to the vote, it was found that a majority of those present were in favor of Knaresborough, at which place it was consequently decided to hold the next general meeting. The hearty thanks of the members were accorded to the Doncaster branch for their kind invitation, amid rounds of applause.

Mr. W. H. Howard proposed, and Mr. B. T. Copley seconded a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. H. King, and the wardens of St. James's for the use of the bells and schools, which was unanimously and heartily carried.

The Rev. C. H. King, on rising to respond, was most warmly greeted, and in the course of a highly interesting, and at times diverting speech, impressed upon ringers the importance of a due realisation of their true position as officers of the Church. He well remembered his young days in a quiet old parish in

Kent, where the bellringers were considered low characters, with no higher aspirations than their pipes and "nut brown" where-with to "whet their whistles;" and there was only too good cause for this estimation. Happily, ringers, like the times, had changed—with the former much for the better; and of his own ringers at Bolton he could speak highly, both of their conduct and the thoroughness with which they performed their duties. Regarding attendance at Divine Service, he was fully cognisant of the many difficulties under which a ringer laboured. It was not *always* expedient for him either in the cold months of winter, or the hot period of summer, to sit in church after ringing during the whole of the service and sermon, but they might contrive so as to take part in a portion of the service before returning home on the Sunday, and thus not only be reaping a blessing for themselves, but also setting a worthy example to others—to their children, and especially their boys, some of whom most likely would at no distant day be following their father's footsteps in the work of ringing. He most heartily welcomed the Yorkshire Association to Bolton, and assured them of an equally cordial greeting should they decide to visit Bolton again at any future time. The delivery of the rev. gentleman's speech was characterised throughout with cordial acceptance, and at its close greeted with quite an ovation.

On the proposition of Mr. Fevre, seconded by Mr. Hattersley, the Rev. C. J. Woodhouse, of Doncaster, was elected an honorary member.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Bolton branch for their hospitality, and to the ladies who had presided at tea, having been carried amid loud applause, and responded to by Mr. Copley, a similar compliment to the president concluded the proceedings.

During the afternoon the bells of St. James's were kept going by the visitors, as also in the evening were the bells of Bradford parish church. The only drawback to the ringing was the somewhat unsatisfactory go of the treble at St. James's, which was at the time undergoing repairs; and it is only common justice to Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co. to say that this certainly was no fault of theirs. The meeting altogether was of a most enjoyable nature, and considerably above the average of February meetings in its representative character, a result which cannot but be gratifying both to the Association and the branch which had charge of the arrangements.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The third Quarterly Meeting of this Association took place at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 30th, and was the most successful ever held at this centre. By the kindness of the Rev. C. F. Thornewill and the Rev. F. H. Beaven, the bells of St. Modwen's and Paul's churches were placed at the disposal of members from 2.0 p.m., and shortly after that time ringers began to arrive from Ashby, Beeston, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Lichfield, Loughborough, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Rugby, Sandiacre, Tamworth, and Tipton. Touches were rung in various methods at both churches before and after the meeting.

The usual committee-meeting was held in the parish-room, St. Paul's institute, and was well attended, the business being disposed of in a very expeditious manner. The compilation of the report for 1891 was left in the hands of the president, hon. treasurer, and hon. secretary, who promised to do their best to make it as interesting as heretofore. The committee also instructed the secretary to have the peals rung during the past year entered in the peal-book, together with the compositions.

Through the kindness of the Vicar of St. Paul's, the tea was held in St. Margaret's schoolroom, and for the first time in the history of the Association was provided free of charge to all members, and the local committee take this opportunity of thanking the following gentlemen for their generosity in giving trays, viz.: the Vicar of Burton-on-Trent (Rev. C. F. Thornewill), the Vicar of St. Paul's (Rev. F. H. Beaven), the Mayor of Burton (Councillor Wilkinson), Alderman Evershed, M.P., and E. F. Ellis, Esq. (churchwarden of St. Paul's); and also to the following ladies who so kindly presided at the trays, viz.: Mrs. Beaven, Miss Beaven, Mrs. Ellis, and Miss Evershed.

About seventy members were present at the general meeting which took place immediately after the tea, the president, A. P. Heywood, Esq., in the chair, and there were also present the Vicar of St. Paul's and Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., of Lough-

borough. Twenty-two members were duly proposed, seconded and elected, including 1 patron (the Bishop of Peterborough), 1 honorary (the Hon. and Rev. R. C. Adderley, Vicar of Chesterfield), 10 ringing and 10 life members. The president gave his address, stating that 22 peals had been rung during the quarter, and heartily congratulated the Leicester, Loughborough, and Nuneaton branches on their success in scoring peals. He also added that the Duffield Society had only rung two peals, which was disgraceful; but what about the celebrated company of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, who had not added a single peal to the excellent number rung, although he understood that it was not altogether the fault of the ringers? In conclusion, he moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the vicars of St. Paul's and St. Modw'n's churches, for the use of the bells that day, and also to the ladies who had so kindly given their services to make the tea and meeting a great success; he believed it was the first time that the latter had attended any meeting of the Association, but hoped now that a start had been made, ladies would be found at every future meeting of the society. This proposition was seconded by the Hon. Sec., and carried with acclamation.

The Vicar of St. Paul's replied, and in returning thanks for the ladies, said they were very pleased to receive an invitation to preside over the tea, and on any future occasion when the Association chose to select Burton-on-Trent as its place of meeting, their services would be at the disposal of the local committee. With regard to the remarks made by the president about his own ringers, he felt he must defend them by stating that in consequence of a severe epidemic of typhoid in the parish, he had been obliged to close the bells for peal-ringing, but now, thank God, he was pleased to say the cloud had passed away, and he felt quite sure that his noble band would now put their shoulders to the wheel, and once more head the list of methods rung by any band of the Association.

Mr. Maskrey (Derby) proposed, and the Hon. Sec. seconded, "That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the president and Mrs. Heywood for their kindness in inviting the members of the Society to a garden party at Duffield Bank last summer," which was heartily carried.

The Annual Meeting will take place at Nottingham on Easter Monday, and the Bishop of Southwell has kindly consented to address the members at a service to be held in St. Mary's church on that day. This being the tenth anniversary of the Association, the officers trust that each member will make a point of attending, and so make the church parade and meeting a thorough success. Full particulars will be published in "THE BELL NEWS" as early as possible.

#### A RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Monday, February 8th, the little village of Bletchingley, Surrey, was all alive, it being the day fixed for the marriage of Mr. J. Bashford, jun., (a well-known local ringer), to Miss Wilson, and also of his sister (Miss Bashford) to Mr. Charles E. Stevens. The ceremony over, the local ringers, wishing to shew their respect to their brother-string, made a start for Holt's ten-part, at 3.55, all going well until the welcome "that's all" arrived at 6.54, particulars of which will be found in peal column. The ringers were afterwards entertained by Mr. Bashford at the "Red Lion," all expressing their good wishes for his future welfare.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

MY DEAR SIR,—Just a line to let you know how we are progressing in the art of change-ringing in Sydney. I enclose a few extracts from our peal-book. On Christmas Eve three members of the Victorian Society (who are on a visit to Sydney) together with St. Mark's Society, met for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, at St Mark's, Darling Point. They stood as follows:—T. Joyner (St. Mark's), 1; W. Shenton (Victorian), 2; M. A. Noble (St. Mark's), 3; A. B. Joyner (St Mark's), 4; J. L. Murry (Victorian), 5; J. Beechey (Victorian), 6. "Go" was called at 8.15, and after some fine striking rounds came up at 8.43, thus completing the 720 in 28 mins. This is the first 720 of Minor ever rung by a combined (colonies) band, and was conducted by Mr. J. L. Murry of the Victorian Society.

For service on Christmas evening, a 216 of Grandsire Minor by W. Seghers, 1; W. Shenton, 2; B. Joyner, 3; J. Murry, 4; A. McCartney, 5; T. Joyner (conductor), 6. Also a 240 of Bob Minor by W. Shenton, 1; T. Joyner, 2; J. Beechey, 3; J. Murry, 4; A. McCartney, 5; B. Joyner (conductor) 6.

On Monday, December 28th, the Victorian Society, accompanied by members of St. Mark's (Sydney), visited Parramatta, where after a most enjoyable trip up the river, they found the bells of All Saints in good condition for a ring. Having obtained permission from the Churchwardens, the following stood for a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and were successful in bringing it round in 27 minutes:—W. Shenton (Victorian), 1; A. McCartney (St. Mark's), 2; J. Beechey (Victorian), 3; J. Waterman (St. Mark's, first 720 with a bob bell), 4; J. L. Murry (Victorian), 5; A. B. Joyner (St Mark's, first as conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. B. JOYNER,

Hon. Sec. St. Mark's Society, Sydney, N. S. W.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

YORK BRANCH.—On Tuesday, February 2nd, the members of this branch held their anniversary at Host Breed's, the "Lowther Hotel," where a capital spread awaited them, which was put on the table in a first class style, and thoroughly enjoyed by all, Mr. G. Breed, the President of the Society, in the chair. After the cloth was drawn, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the Dean and Chapter, the City Members, the Donors to the Feast, and others were submitted and responded to, not forgetting "Prosperity to the Yorkshire Association," "THE BELL NEWS," "Visitors," etc. Some good songs were sung by Messrs. Hodgson, A. Haigh, Fearnley, and others, and several courses of changes on the handbells enlivened the time till "Mr. Bruce's Act" told the time of departure, all having enjoyed the evening to the full.

Previous to the above evening's entertainment, the following twelve members attempted on the Minster bells, a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing five courses, by a change-course, when "stand" was called after two hours and forty-eight minutes' good ringing, being the longest length of Maximus ever rung on the bells since the opening in the year 1844. J. W. Cundall, 1; A. C. Fearnley, 2; T. Haigh, 3; J. Thompson, 4; F. Earnshaw, 5; R. Thompson, 6; W. H. Howard, 7; A. Haigh, 8; W. Morrell, 9; T. Hudson, 10; T. Dixon, 11; G. Breed (conductor), 12. Tenor 54 cwt. It is intended to renew the attempt as soon as an opportunity offers.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, EASTBOURNE.

The annual supper of this Guild given by the vicar to the ringers and choir was held on Tuesday, February 1st, when the vicar highly complimented the ringers on the efficient way in which they had carried out their duties in the past year. Mr. Harding, in responding, thanked the vicar for his kindness to them in supplying them with an excellent set of new ropes from Mr. Nicoll, of Bermondsey, also for the help financially which he had given them, and said, such kindness could not fail to help the older members in their efforts in the difficult task of keeping the society together, and entreated the younger members to push on and make the band as good as they possibly could, and not lag behind the neighbouring towers.

## Obituary.

## JOHN BEDDOWS.

The above-named ringer died on Thursday, January 14th, in his eighty-eighth year. The deceased was the last survivor of a band who rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Lichfield, on December 26th, 1837, he taking the tenor, which then went very badly, and very nearly brought his ringing career to an abrupt termination. With the exception of Mr. Beddows, the band hailed from St. Martin's, Birmingham, and stood as follows: J. Lates, 1; W. Andrews, 2; W. Deer, 3; J. James, 4; W. Chattell, 5; H. Johnson (conductor), 6; J. Walker, 7; J. Beddows, 8. Although he afterwards succeeded in mastering the intricacies of change-ringing, and rang till within a few years of his death, yet this appears to be the only 5000 he took part in. He was very fond of hearing the Cathedral bells rung, and on practice nights (after he became too infirm to walk) he used to have his chair brought into the garden so that he could listen to them. He had always a kind word for any one of the ringers whenever he met them, and was very pleased to congratulate them after hearing a well-struck touch.

## JAMES MORLEY.

On Saturday, January 30th, the remains of the above ringer were interred in Sudbury cemetery. The deceased had been in failing health for some years, through which he was obliged to give up ringing about ten years ago. He was one of the oldest ringers in the town. He only rang two peals, one of Bob Major, and one of Oxford Treble Bob, which were both rung at St. Gregory's church by the Sudbury company nearly thirty years ago. He rang the fourth in both peals. The majority of the Sudbury company were never regarded as having any enthusiasm for peal-ringing, one hour's ringing being thought quite sufficient at once, even by some of the members at the present time, outside assistance being required to accomplish a peal in the town. He was a fair handbell ringer, and was very fond of ringing 7-8 to touches of Stedman Triples. His last touch on handbells was rung on New Year's eve, when he rang the treble to some Double Norwich Major, remarking at the time that he knew nothing about the method. He was never a popular man with ringers, his presence in the ringing-chamber being more feared than respected, especially by young hands. The deceased was a silk weaver by trade. Muffled touches were rung at St. Peter's on the day of his funeral by Messrs. Sillitoe, Scott, Harper, Campin, Howell, sen., Cross, Bacon, Taylor Cornard, and Howell, jun. Deceased was seventy-four years of age.

## GEORGE HOBBS.

It is our painful duty to record the death of the above-named ringer, who for many years belonged to the Worcester society. During his life he followed agricultural pursuits, thereby necessitating his living some distance from the nearest ring of bells, but this did not prevent his punctual appearance in the belfry at the regular hour, unless ill-health prevented him. By his decease one of the Worcester societies lose a valued member, and the Editor of this journal an old friend and pupil. He had rang very few peals, though he was fairly proficient in the three standard methods; this was no doubt owing to the fact that peals rang by Worcester men have generally been few and far between. He died on January 9th, when some Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung at the church of St. John-in-Bedwardine, where he first learned to ring half-pull. On the day of his funeral the following rang at this church, with the bells muffled, a 720 of Bob Minor: T. Penny, 1; B. Hill, 2; W. Bradford, 3; R. Horton, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; E. Davis, 6. Though the deceased was hardly a man of brilliant parts so far as change-ringing was concerned, his proficiency therein was very respectable, and the great interest he took in the art, combined with his energy, willingness, and punctuality, fully atoned for any other shortcomings. Many more talented than George Hobbs will be less missed by those whom they leave behind than he will be by his surviving ringing brethren of the above-named city.

## WILLIAM HUNT.

This ringer, who has just departed this life, was also for many years a member of the Worcester company, but for a long time had been compelled to refrain from ringing owing to ill-health. For safety and precision in ringing he was one of the best ringers the "faithful city" could ever boast of, and was a contemporary of the late Mr. James Burford, and other distinguished ringers who at one period comprised the Worcester society. During his enforced retirement, his interest in the progress of the art never lessened for one moment, and he was always delighted to see a copy of this paper whenever he was able to obtain one. The necessity which caused him to give up ringing was a

source of deep regret, for there is no doubt that under happier circumstances he would have made for himself a name among the ringers of his native county. There was some unfortunate mal-administration in connection with his interment, the grave not being ready for the reception of his remains when the funeral cortege arrived at the cemetery, and the body had therefore to remain in the chapel while the grave was prepared. He was buried on the 23rd ult., but we are sorry to say that no account has reached us of any of the Worcester bells having been rung muffled in token of respect to one who in the prime of life was such an excellent ringer.

## WILLIAM PIPE.

This veteran ringer died at his residence at Theberton, Suffolk, on Monday, January 11th, in his ninety-second year. He was born at Theberton, where his father was parish clerk for twenty-five years. At the age of fifteen he learned to ring the church bells, and at the same time he joined the village choir. He soon showed considerable ability in the Art, and was a frequent visitor at the various towers in the neighbourhood, where his presence was always gladly welcomed. When in his eighty-fifth year he took part in ringing a date touch at Middleton, and in the summer of 1890 when in his ninetieth year, he joined the Leiston company in an outing, and took part in the ringing at each of the three towers visited. He succeeded his father as parish clerk in the year 1823, which he held until the time of his death, a probably unequalled period of holding office. On the completion of his fiftieth year of faithful service, during which time he was only absent from church on six occasions, he was presented by the parishioners with a handsome massive marble clock, bearing a suitable inscription. He was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association. At the funeral on Saturday, January 16th, some muffled touches were rung on the bells at Leiston and Saxmundham, as a last token of respect to one who was so universally beloved and esteemed. The bells of Theberton—a nearly new and and very pretty ring of five—are unringable, or they would also have been rung muffled on the occasion.

## 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."

## REPLY TO MR. HUBBARD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Hubbard's enquiry in this week's "BELL NEWS" concerning my date touch, I think that if Mr. Hubbard had examined it carefully he would have seen that the calling commences from rounds and not from the last odd change as is the general rule, my intention being to obtain the touch without a single; so he will see how the bells manage to run home so merrily. J. B. FENTON.

## FIRST PEALS.

SIR,—It may perhaps interest the readers of your valuable paper to know that 434 ringers rang their first peal during the year 1891. Of this number 111 rang the treble, 224 rang a bob bell, and 99 rang the tenor behind, while 64 ringers conducted a peal for the first time.

Deal.

G. DENNE.

## MR. JAGGAR'S REPLY.

SIR,—I am very much obliged to the gentleman who replied to my enquiry respecting the Gloucester handbell peal. I had really no idea that there had been a quicker peal rung. JOHN JAGGAR.

P.S.—I may say that the mistake re the Loughborough peal has been kindly acknowledged.

## THE RECENT PEAL AT COSELEY.

SIR,—May I call the attention of the Exercise to the fact that this peal is said to have been "rung on the middle six," which I presume means "on the middle six" of a ring of eight. In other words, not only was the key note never heard once, but the second bell (which gives the leading note of the scale) was heard in every change. In my opinion nothing is more calculated to make change-ringing thoroughly unpopular among the musical public than such performances. Let the conductor ask any competent organist for his opinion of music composed entirely of the six middle notes of an octave, with frequent repetitions of the top note of the six. I do not think the verdict on such a composition would be very favourable. A. B.

WANTED Thoroughly Good Set of Second-Hand Handbells. Must extend at least Four Octaves with tenor as low as G 25. State full particulars and lowest cash price to R. C. Brown, Teighmore, Gorey, Jersey.

## ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1891 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1891	Jan. to Nov.	Dec.	Total	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedn.	Total.	Position 1886	Position 1887	Position 1888	Position 1889	Position 1890
1 Sussex County Association...	68	19	87	25	15	3	22	4	4	14	87	9	1	2	1	3
2 Kent County Association...	76	6	82	7	28	4	34	1	—	9	82	10	13	15	13	2
3 Anc. Soc. of College Youths...	58	7	65	8	16	1	4	1	—	35	65	3	2	1	2	1
4 Oxford Diocesan Guild...	56	8	64	2	24	—	8	—	—	22	64	2	4	4	3	4
5 Yorkshire Association...	47	8	55	39	10	1	4	—	—	1	55	5	3	8	7	9
6 Midland Counties' Assn.	41	13	54	9	13	2	4	8	5	13	54	1	5	3	4	5
7 Royal Cumberland Youths...	47	3	50	8	14	4	7	1	—	6	46	19	10	5	5	6
8 Essex Association...	43	3	46	16	11	4	8	1	—	—	46	6	8	7	6	8
9 Norwich Diocesan Assn.	42	4	46	27	5	7	6	1	—	—	46	4	6	6	9	7
10 Lancashire Association...	29	4	33	4	18	2	7	—	—	2	33	21	11	10	11	10
11 Gloucester and Bristol Assn.	28	4	32	1	11	3	3	6	—	8	32	14	16	20	18	11
12 Winchester Diocesan Guild...	27	3	30	4	17	1	3	1	—	4	30	14	16	20	18	11
13 Society for Archdcny. Staffd.	23	4	27	—	12	1	6	—	—	8	27	18	14	13	12	18
14 Salisbury Diocesan Guild...	22	2	24	1	13	—	5	—	—	5	24	22	20	17	14	13
15 Hertford Association...	19	3	22	—	15	1	5	—	—	1	22	13	21	16	10	15
16 Surrey Association...	19	1	20	5	6	—	6	2	—	1	20	15	15	9	16	17
17 Middlesex Association...	18	2	20	2	5	6	6	1	—	—	20	—	—	—	30	20
18 Trinity Youths...	19	—	19	4	6	—	6	—	—	3	19	—	—	23	21	14
19 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn.	14	3	17	10	1	1	5	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	31
20 Worcester and Districts Assn.	12	4	16	—	2	4	1	2	—	7	16	28	17	14	8	19
21 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	11	—	11	1	4	—	1	1	—	4	11	—	18	24	20	21
22 United Counties' Association	10	1	11	3	5	—	1	—	—	2	11	8	12	11	17	16
23 Bath and Wells Association...	9	2	11	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	33	33	26
24 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	8	1	9	1	3	—	5	—	—	—	9	—	—	27	23	22
25 Bedfordshire Association...	5	1	6	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	6	27	19	29	28	29
26 North Lincolnshire Asso.	5	1	6	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	6	—	29	35	27	30
27 Liverpool Diocesan Guild...	4	1	5	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	23
28 St. James' Society, London...	5	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	5	7	7	18	19	25
29 Hereford Association...	5	—	5	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	32	36
30 Waterloo Society, London...	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	23	28	25	24
31 Devonshire Guild...	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	28
32 Old East Derbyshire Asso.	2	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	39
33 East Lincolnshire Assn.	2	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	32
34 Cambridge University Guild...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	34
35 Salop Association...	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	31	—	—	37
36 South Lincolnshire Asso.	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	40
37 Chester Diocesan Guild...	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	34	26	35
38 Stoke Archidiaconal Asso.	0	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Independent Societies	43	10	53	10	34	—	6	—	—	3	53	—	—	—	—	—
	827	119	946	190	327	50	167	46	10	156	946					
Less peals entd. under two Assns.	63	5	68	12	11	7	16	2	—	20	68					
Total	764	114	878	178	316	43	151	44	10	136	878					

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 5. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 40. Duffield Maximus, 1. Duffield Major, 2. Forward Royal, 1. Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 5; Caters, 28; Triples, 103. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 4; Royal, 10; Major, 138. Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 24. Violet Treble Bob Major, 1. Woobine Treble Bob Major, 1. Grandsire: Cinques, 2; Caters, 35; Triples, 269. Doubles (5040), 10. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 13; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 3; Union Triples, 15; Oxford Bob Triples, 15; Court Bob Triples, 2; Bob Royal, 4; Bob Major, 64; Bob Triples, 29; Darlaston Bob Triples, 4; in two or three methods on five bells, 2. On six bells: in seven methods, 24; in five methods, 3; in four methods, 2; in three methods 4; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 8. Total 878.

The 53 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 15, Worcestershire 9, Middlesex 6; Yorkshire 3, Cheshire 2, Leicestershire, 2, Monmouthshire 2, Somersetshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Shropshire, 2, Suffolk 2, Essex 1, Gloucestershire 1, Hertfordshire, 1, Lincolnshire, 1, Nottinghamshire, 1, and Staffordshire 1. Greatest number of changes in one peal 10,176. Number of peals containing over 10,000 changes, 2; over 8,000 changes, 1; over 6,000, 6; under 6,000 changes, 869.

The 269 peals of Grandsire Triples are made up as follows: Holt's Original 88, Holt's Ten-part and its variation 96, Holt's Six-part 3, Taylor's Bob and Single 27, Hollis's Five-part 11, Davies Five-part and Ten-part 9, Penning's One-part 1, other peals, 34. The 103 peals of Stedman Triples; Thurstan's Original, 51; Thurstan's One-part, 20, Brook's Variation, 12, Haley's Variation, 1, Heywood's, 2, Late's One-part, 1, Tebbs, 2. Other peals, 14.

The 178 Treble Bob Peals in the Kent Variation, 131, in the Oxford Variation, 21. In seven Treble Minor methods, 24. Other peals, 2. The time occupied in ringing the 878 peals was 2662 hours and 43 mins., or 110 days and nights. The average for each peal being 3 hr. and one minute.

Conductors of Four peals, and upwards: J. W. Washbrook, 44; G. Newson, 29; F. G. Newman, 28; G. Williams, 23; T. Card, 17; E. Barnett and H. White, 13; C. Clear, F. Knights and C. Sillitoe, 12; W. H. L. Buckingham, J. Carter, S. Reeves and W. S. Wise, 10; W. Jakeman, J. W. Taylor, jun. and S. Woods, 9; H. H. Chandler, A. P. Heywood and C. F. Winney, 8; W. Charman, W. H. Fussell, R. E. Grove, C. Jackson, Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. Shepherd, 7; A. R. Aldham, H. Brooker, E. Bennett, C. W. Clarke, J. H. Cheeseman, H. G. Rowe, W. Short, W. F. Thorn and J. Wilkins, 6; H. G. Adams, W. Bedwell, J. W. Driver, J. Evans, Rev. H. L. James, G. B. Lucas, G. Lindoff and E. Smith, 5; H. Bastable, E. E. Bewick, W. Barron, J. N. Chadwick, F. J. Cullum, T. W. Chapman, G. A. Card, A. Edwards, W. E. Garrard, J. Griffin, J. Motts, T. Newman, R. H. Newton, J. Pettitt, N. J. Pitstow, F. Pitstow, C. Tyler, C. Wells, H. Williams, D. G. Wightman, F. Wickens, and J. Waghorn, jun., 4. In addition to these there were 30 who conducted three peals, 54 who conducted two peals, and 156 who conducted one peal. Also 6 published without a conductor's name, making a total of 311 persons who acted as conductors during the year.

Peals rung on Church bells, 857; Peals on Handbells, 21. They were rung as follows:

January, 80.	March, 64.	May, 87.	July, 37.	September, 44.	November, 113.
February, 81.	April, 63.	June, 52.	August, 52.	October, 91.	December, 114.

Increase during the past twelve months on 1890, 179.

The following table shews the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS,"

1881. From January to December	156	1887. From January to December	646
1882. " " " "	244	1888. " " " "	759
1883. " " " "	330	1889. " " " "	797
1884. " " " "	419	1890. " " " "	699
1885. " " " "	500	1891. " " " "	878
1886. " " " "	556		



## 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.

## Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

—The quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, February 13th, at Handsworth. Ringing from 2 p.m. Tea One Shilling per head. S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Bath and Wells Association.—A district meeting will be held at Yeovil, to-day, Saturday, February 13th. Service at 3 o'clock; meeting to follow.

RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at Leeds, near Maidstone, to-day, Saturday, February 13th. Tower opened from two o'clock. The Secretary will be glad to see any members of the Association at the meeting.  
18, Kingsley Road, NEVILLE A. HOLT, District Sec.  
Maidstone.

The Society of Trinity Youths.—The Meetings for February are as follows:—Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 22nd; practice 8.0 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a Quarterly Meeting at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, the 20th February, to which Members and Ringers will be heartily welcome. The Tower will be open from 3.30 to 10 p.m.  
40, Nutcroft Road, F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.  
Pechham.

Birmingham St. Martin's Guild.—The Johnson Anniversary Dinner will be held as usual, on Saturday, the 27th inst., at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham. Dinner tickets 3s. each; may be obtained on application to the undersigned on or before the 25th inst. Dinner will be served at 5.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.—A quarterly meeting will be at Warkton, near Kettering, this Saturday afternoon, February 13th.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A District Meeting will be held at Dorking, on Monday, February 15th. The Steeple of S. Martin's will be open for ringing during the afternoon. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to send in their names to the Secretary as soon as possible. R. C. M. HARVEY  
Portsea Vicarage. Hon. Sec.

Surrey Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Kingston, on Monday, February 15th. Tea at Albany Hall, 6 p.m. followed by business meeting, at which all subscriptions should be paid. Tower open at 2 p.m.  
EDWARD F. STRANGE,  
South Kensington Museum. Hon. Asst. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's church, Swinton, to-day, Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hertford, Saturday, February 20th. The tower of St. Andrew's open from 3 p.m. Tea at the coffee tavern at 5 o'clock; business meeting to follow. Members intending to be

present, are requested to write to the undersigned before Wednesday, the 17th inst.

St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The members of the above will hold their annual meeting at the "Broad Face" hotel, on Monday the 15th. Dinner on table at 7 sharp. Tickets to non-members 2s. 6d. Any member of the Guild will receive a welcome. The St. Lawrence peal of ten will be open for ringing at 5.30. W. NEWELL, Capt. St. Lawrence, Reading.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, on Saturday, February 20th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock; meeting in belfry at 5.30, as it is intended to form a branch for Preston and district. All ringers are earnestly requested to attend.  
J. HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Chailey, on February 20th. Ringing from 12 noon. Service at 3 p.m. Meat tea at 4 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Tea tickets 1s. each, to be ordered of branch Secs. by 16th inst., or of  
T. HERVEY BEAMS, Hon. Divisional Sec.  
5, Clinton Place, Seaford.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Wylam-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, February 24th, when the bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of the ringers during the day. The committee will meet at the "Black Bull" at 12.30 p.m., and the dinner will be held at the same place at 1.30 p.m.  
L. NEWTON, Hon. Sec.

Earl's House, Durham.

Kent County Association.—Members are informed that the railway vouchers for reduced fares are now available at all stations on both S.E. and L.C.D. Ry's. The new certificates of membership (price 6d.), are now ready, and may be had on application to the Secretary. In writing members are requested to send their full name with date of election.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

Canterbury.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RANG AT WOLVERHAMPTON.—This peal was rung with the bells muffled for the late Colonel Gough and J. M. Shelton, Esq. First half has the tittums inverted, the latter half at handstroke position; and contains the 6th twenty-four times before the 9th; seven times behind the 7th, and twenty-four times behind the 8th; and is the first peal rung containing these qualities. It is upwards of 40 years since a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung upon the bells.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

\* \* \* We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

## PERMUTATION OR MENTAL CAMPANOLOGY.

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5056.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

This peal, in fourteen courses, has the 5th and 6th eighteen times in 5ths; the 4th and 6th the extent in 6ths; and the 5th twenty-two times without the 2nd in 6th place.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE  
TRIPLES.

By H. W. WILDE, Sandiacre, Derbyshire.  
1892.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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

starting  
changes.

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

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

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

Twice repeated.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1892.

ON another page will be found the yearly analysis of peals compiled by our friend Mr. GEORGE ATTREE, of Brighton, and we cannot help saying that each year it gets more exhaustive and entertaining. The information it contains will be perused with great interest, and the Exercise will no doubt feel grateful to the compiler for taking the trouble he has to set before it the statistics which the analysis contains: The number of peals rung year by year it would seem, keeps on increasing, and whatever opinion may be entertained with regard to peal-ringing, the fact is certain that it is becoming more popular than ever. The enemies of bells, on reading such statements as this analysis sets forth, would pretend to be horrified by the fact that in the year just gone eight hundred and seventy-eight peals had been rung within the "ringing island," each occupying on the average three hours in execution. And they are at liberty to pretend what they please. It would appear that whatever amount of opposition—from whatever quarter it comes—to bellringing is raised, the quantity of the peals rung, or their quality, is not decreased. The fact is, the science is becoming more and more, we are happy to say, patronised by the clergy. And this is plain by the accounts published week by week of the proceedings at ringers' meetings. Scarcely does a number of this journal appear without some mention of a ringing company or Associ-

ation being welcomed with open arms by the incumbent whose church is visited, and in many cases the most profuse hospitality is given by them to the visitors. The present number gives more than one instance. At the meeting of the Midland Counties' Association, not only the clergy welcome the ringers, but the Mayor of the town, churchwardens, M.P.'s. and others think proper to attend to show their appreciation of that art of which their guests are the exponents. Nor is the presence of the fair sex wanting to grace the festive board. What can the grumblers against ringing, and those who love to pose as pedants and cynics, say to this? That ladies and gentlemen of high birth and social position see no breach of the conveniences of society in doing so! Why they must be struck with amazement at such a spectacle. And in that condition we will let them remain.

Coming back to our subject, it will be noted that the Sussex County Association again heads the list with eighty-seven performances. We shall not attempt to enquire into the nature of the peals rung by this or any other Association. But we may mention that a proposal has been made that we should suggest to Mr. Attree that he should, if possible, give some indication more fully than at present concerning the nature of the peals rung. We really do not see how this is possible, unless another page, or even two, is taken up. We do our duty in mentioning the proposal, and that is all the reference to it we can make. The compiler is the last gentleman to object to any suggested improvement, and we can confidently leave the matter in his hands.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.**—The usual monthly meeting of the above was held at Walton church, on Saturday last, February 6th. There were members present from Liverpool in addition to the local company. The business meeting was held in the Schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. H. F. Tyrer, the curate of Walton. He briefly welcomed the Association to the church, in the name of the Vicar, who was unavoidably absent. The next meeting was fixed for March 5th, at Prescott. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. C. E. Wilson, for having everything in readiness. After the meeting the ringers ascended the tower, accompanied by the curate, for the purpose of unveiling a peal-board, recording a performance of 5040 changes in seven Minor methods. After a short prayer the board was unveiled, which in all respects is a splendid one. This is the second peal tablet unveiled in less than 12 months. Methods rung during the evening—Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLD BATTERSEA,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOMAS COMLEY .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. CHURCH .. .. 5.
GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 2.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. BULL .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR SWETMAN .. .. 7.
SANTLEY BAKER.. .. 4.	GEORGE CHESTERMAN ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

##### WOOLWICH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BEAVEN* ..Treble.	†RICHARD G. CARTER .. 5.
WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 2.	JAMES C. HARVEY .. .. 6.
JOHN E. BEAVEN† .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN J. SHELDON .. 7.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 4.	*JOHN EMERY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM GEORGE GROVE.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half muffled, on the anniversary of the death of the late Henry Bright. First peal by local men since 1860.

#### The Provinces.

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

On Tuesday, January 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in Eb.

JOHN KENTISH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. RICHARDSON .. 5.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 2.	WALTER E. POWERS .. .. 6.
JOHN SHEPHERD .. .. 3.	ARTHUR SHEPHERD .. .. 7.
HERBERT SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	HARRY THARBY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR SHEPHERD.

Rung as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

##### HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

##### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. W. TUCKER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

CHARLES W. TUCKER .. 1-2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5-6.
GEORGE NEWSON .. .. 3-4.	BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal on handbells by all the band, also the first peal on handbells by the Middlesex Association.

##### NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JOHN H. PAULSON .. .. Treble.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 5.
THOMAS LINGARD .. .. 2.	JAMES F. CLARKE .. .. 6.
JOSEPH H. PARSONS* .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	*ARTHUR MEASURES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES F. CLARKE.

First peal. J. George hails from Rugby.

##### WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

##### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

JAMES JONES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN DALTON* .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 8.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 4.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 9.
JOHN MARSH .. .. 5.	*AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal of Caters. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

## STAVELEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY MOTTERSHELL .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PRICE .. .. 2.	WALTER WORTHINGTON.. 6.
SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 3.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

W. Price hails from Eckington: it is also his first peal in the method.

## SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE (R.C.)

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES A. DIXON.. .. Treble.	HENRY WOODING .. .. 5.
HENRY WARD .. .. 2.	CHARLES A. FOX .. .. 6.
ROBERT HARRISON .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
SAM THOMAS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal, in fourteen courses, has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5ths, and the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths, with eleven of the twelve 8-6s, and is now rung for the first time.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. NICHOLSON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 2.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON.. .. 7.
ROBERT BORROWS* .. .. 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL WOODS and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

\*First peal of Treble Bob; hails from Middlesbro', Yorks. This was rung after going 1 hr. 40 mins., in the same peal, the usual general collapse, which ringers know well, bringing it to a standstill.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BATE* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM EASTER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM COOKE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 7.
PERCY TAFFS† .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM BAXTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal, and was rung with the large block out of course. The bells were muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Canon Burrows, of Rochester Cathedral; and the respected vergier of the above church—J. Morris.

## HENDON, MIDDLESEX.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor, Oxford Bob, College Single, 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 CHARLES H. MARTIN.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

(THE HANBURY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCH,

## FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY WEAVER.. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BUCKINGHAM .. 4.
GEORGE COLES .. .. 2.	ALFRED MOORE.. .. 5.
THOMAS FARMER.. .. 3.	HENRY TAYLOR.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS FARMER.

First 5040 on the bells.

## BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE BROWN .. .. Treble.	WALTER HAWKINS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 6.
FRANK LINTER .. .. 3.	THOMAS BONIFACE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MAYNE .. .. 4.	LUKE KILICK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURKIN.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE STEYNING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 9, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. 8.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JAMES WOOLGAR.. .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
JAMES MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	THOMAS SEARLE .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 3.	CHARLES TYLER .. .. 7.
CHARLES SMART .. .. 4.	JOHN SMART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and was rung to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. C. Smart and T. Searle, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

## Date Touches.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON (Somerset).—On Sunday, January 24th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1892 changes), as a farewell to Mr. J. Wotton, who we are sorry to lose from this part of the country, as he is one of our most energetic ringers. Mr. J. Wotton is leaving here for Bradford, Yorkshire. W. Simmonds, 1; A. Melhuish, 2; W. Davies, 3; G. Temple, 4; H. Wotton, 5; J. Wotton (conductor), 6; W. Lewis, 7; E. Cox, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Carter, of Birmingham.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TONG (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, February 7th, for afternoon service, at the parish church, a date touch of 720 changes each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 452 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Oddy, (Tong), 1; John Birch (Burnsall), 2; S. H. London (Saltaire), 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland, 5; F. Binks (Tong), 6. Conducted by W. Bolland, and completed in 1 hr. 6 mins.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

HOGHTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, January 15th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins., without any cover, and with the bells muffled. T. E. Farnworth, 1; J. Brown, 2; J. Vogwell, jun., 3; J. Harrison, 4; T. Calderbank, 5; J. Vogwell, sen., 6; J. Walker (composer and conductor), 7. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lbs. Rung as a mark of condolence to the Royal Family, and a last tribute of respect for the late Duke of Clarence. J. Walker hails from Blackburn.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Thursday, January 28th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 23 mins. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of January 16th. T. Pace, 1; A. Arnold, 2; W. Groves, 3; W. States (conductor), 4; E. Matthews, 5; T. Verrall, 6; W. Hill, 7; G. Rosier and W. Todd, 8.

Composed by H. Burton, of Thirsk, Yorks. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Webb, wife of one of the ringers, who was buried on that day.

**LIVERSEDGE (Yorkshire).**—On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a date touch of 1892 Violet Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Illingworth, 1; J. Knott, 2; J. W. Lang, 3; S. Goodall, 4; H. Brooke, 5; M. Ramsden, 6; L. Illingworth (composer and conductor), 7; W. Collings, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

**HINDLEY (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service at St. Stephen's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 11 mins., with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. A. Sykes, 1; A. Crosland, 2; G. Denbigh, 3; J. A. Royston, 4; G. T. Turner, 5; G. W. Schofield, 6; C. Craven, 7; F. Schofield (conductor), 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. This date touch, which is in two parts, is the composition of A. Sykes. First muffled date touch on the bells.

**STAVELEY (Derbyshire).**—On Saturday, January 23rd, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 11 mins. S. Palmer, 1; W. Price, 2; S. Smedley, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; W. Worthington, 6; J. Harris, 7; H. Madin (composer and conductor), 8. W. Price hails from Eekington.

**KENDAL (Westmoreland).**—On Wednesday, January 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Aad in the evening several touches of Grandsire. W. Harvey, 1; J. Boardley, 2; J. Thompson, 3; W. Tyson, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; A. Low, 6; J. Braithwaite (composer and conductor), 7; J. Salmon, 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Lady Olivia Taylour. After the evening ringing the ringers adjourned to the Commercial Hotel at the kind invitation of the Earl of Bective, where ample justice was done to an excellent repast, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**CANTERBURY.**—On Wednesday, January 20th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled in memory of the Duke of Clarence, but after ringing 2 hrs. the conductor called the bells into rounds owing to a change-course. C. Aiano, 1; J. H. Small, 2; W. Andrews, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; A. Andrews, 5; C. Luery, 6; H. G. Fairbrass, 7; R. Goodbourn, 8.

**DEAL (Kent).**—On Wednesday, January 30th, as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, the usual whole pull and stand, after which a 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) was rung with the bells half-muffled, in 25 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Onley, 3; H. Castle, 4; F. Capp, 5; S. E. Parker (conductor), 6.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).**—On January 14th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 52 mins. as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Worcester, Dr. Philpott. The touch was composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," and published in that paper on Saturday, January 9th. G. Hayward, 1; T. Albutt, 2; T. Bullock, 3; J. Mason, 4; G. Bourne, 5; O. James, 6; W. Rea (conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8. On Tuesday, January 19th, another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. with the bells half-muffled, as the last token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. G. Mason, 1; T. Bullock, 2; G. Bourne, 3; G. Hayward (composer), 4; H. Wilkes, 5; O. James, 6; J. Mason (conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8. H. Wilkes hails from Worcester, T. Bullock is formerly of Grimley, Worcestershire.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

**TAMWORTH.**—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Windridge, 1; J. Timms (conductor), 2; J. Pratt, 3; C. Chapman, 4; R. Brindley, 5; A. Everitt, 6; W. Chapman, 7; H. Chatterton, 8. Composed by the Editor of this paper, and published in the issue of January 9th. Rung with the bells muffled, in memory of the late Duke of Clarence.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BUNWELL (Norfolk).**—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, with the bells muffled, as a mark of

respect to the late Duke of Clarence. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; A. Dunnett, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hinchley, 6.

**IPSWICH (Suffolk).**—On Wednesday, January 20th, the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, rang with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, various touches during the day at the following churches, St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret and St. Clement.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service, in the evening at St. Michael and All Angels, a 720 Cambridge Surprise, with the bells deeply muffled as token of respect for the late Duke of Clarence. W. Hammond, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; C. Howard, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. On Wednesday, January 20th, before service in the evening, as a last tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 144 in the same method with the bells deeply muffled. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; C. Howard, 4; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 5; A. Hucksion, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

**WIDFORD (Essex).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday evening, a quar-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Rowland, 1-2; H. F. De Lisle, 3-4; A. Edwards, 5-6; G. Green (conductor), 7-8. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS," January 9th, composed by the Editor.

#### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**HENDON (Middlesex).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, January 28th, on handbells, an attempt for Holt's Original came to grief after ringing over 2000 changes. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; G. Newson (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; H. J. Martin, 7-8. On Friday, January 29th, several long touches were rung, B. C. Pratchett taking part in them. On Monday, February 1st, an attempt for Holt's Original came to grief after 4424 changes, in 2 hrs. 17 mins. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; G. Newson (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; B. C. Pratchett, 7-8.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**CROYDON (Surrey).**—On Sunday morning, January 31st, at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples, being the first half of a quarter-peal composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." H. Dudley, 1; W. Webb, 2; A. Arnold, 3; W. Groves, 4; T. Verrall, 5; W. States (conductor), 6; W. Hill, 7; H. Dudley, jun. and W. Todd, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Carpenter, father of the Hon. Secretary of this Association.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

**WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).**—The latter part of 1891 at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 each of Duke of York and Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Smith, 1; G. Salter, 2; H. Smith, 3; H. Salter, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. On handbells at the "House of Welcome" 720 Bob Minor. T. Salter, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6. On Sunday, January 31st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. On Tuesday, February 2nd, an attempt for a peal came to grief after ringing 2020 changes. On Sunday, February 2nd, the last part of the Rev. G. D. P. Davies' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 1050 changes, with four extra leads. W. Wakeman, 1-2; T. Salter, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; W. H. Smith, 7-8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**MIDHURST.**—On Wednesday, January 20th, in memory of the late Duke of Clarence, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply muffled. F. Rump, 1; T. Elliss, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; G. Batts (R.E.), 5; J. Lee, 6. Also the usual whole pull and stand. And 720 Kent Treble Bob, with C. Soane, 1; the rest as before.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).**—On Friday, January 15th, the local company rang for practice 1440 changes, being 360 each of the following: Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, in 51 mins. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 17th, 720 City Delight, with T. Bettison (conductor), 2; the rest as before, and this is his first 720 in the method as conductor.

**BEIGHTON (Derbyshire).**—Recently the Killamarsh company paid a visit to the above place and rang 720 College Pleasure and 240 City Delight. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the parish church, with the bells muffled in memory of the late Duke of Clarence, 720 Duke of York and 720 Violet, in 56 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Norman (conductor), 3; A. Badderley, 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the Abbey, the following muffled touches were rung on the occasion of the funeral of the Duke of Clarence. A 240, 360, and 480 of Bob Doubles. A. Newman, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Ellcomb, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; A. Newman, jun., 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8. A 252 Bob Triples. A. Newman, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Ellcomb, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole, 6; C. Tribe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. First touch of Triples by Messrs. White, G. Newman, and J. Walker. Another 252 by the same band.

ALTON (Hants).—On Thursday, January 28th, for practice at the parish church, a 336 Grandsire Triples. W. White, 1; C. Forder, 2; W. Withers, 3; Rev. F. Whyley, 4; A. Burgess, 5; E. Finden, 6; H. Withers (conductor), 7; F. Pink, 8. On February 8th, for practice, a 504 Grandsire Triples, being the longest touch by the local band. W. White, 1; W. May, 2; W. Withers, 3; H. Withers (conductor), 4; A. Burgess, 5; C. Forder, 6; E. Finden, 7; J. Goodale, 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—On January, 28th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. W. White, 1; C. Forder, 2; W. Withers, 3; H. Withers (conductor), 4; A. Burgess, 5; Rev. F. Whyley, 6; E. Finden, 7; Miss Whyley, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Thursday, December 31st, at the parish church on the back six, 720 Plain Bob. G. Green, 1; E. Bozyard, 2; F. Charlton, 3; E. Titt, 4; J. Pallister, 5; T. Bozyard (conductor), 6. To welcome in the New Year 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing as above with the exception of T. Bozyard, 5; J. Pallister (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 3rd, with the bells half-muffled for the late James Thompson, Esq., of Hurworth, the donor of the tenor bell, who was buried at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob, standing as above. On Monday, January 11th, 720 Plain Bob. On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service with the bells half-muffled for the late Duke of Clarence, 478 and 420 Bob Triples. G. Green, 1; W. Pallister, 2; E. Bozyard, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; T. Bozyard, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. On Wednesday, January 20th, with the bells muffled, 720 Plain Bob. On Monday, February 1st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. W. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; E. Bozyard, 3; J. Pallister, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—Recently, at the parish church, a 324 of Grandsire Caters. W. Ward, 1; J. Evans, 2; S. Goodchild, 3; Fred Biggs, 4; F. Biggs, 5; E. Gadsden, 6; R. Biggs, 7; W. Whiffin, 8; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 9; L. Hart, 10. A 336 Bob Major. E. Gadsden, 1; S. Goodchild, 2; F. Biggs, 3; J. Evans, 4; W. Whiffin, 5; R. Biggs, 6; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 7; Fred Biggs, 8. On Monday, February 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes). W. Whiffin, 1; Fred Biggs, 2; J. Evans, 3; A. Heady, 4; E. Gadsden, 5; R. Biggs, 6; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 7; L. Hart, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

#### THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Bedwell, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; F. Rumens, 3; H. Warnett, 4; \*T. Chandler, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; H. H. Peters, 8. Composed and conducted by J. Davis. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, December 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). G. Rogers, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick (conductor), 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, December 15th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Rogers, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Rogers, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, December 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). W. Rogers, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). W. Rogers, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; G. Voas, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Tuesday, December 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). W. Rogers, 1; S. Strong, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Sunday, January 10th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Rogers, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall,

6. On Sunday, January 31st, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and four singles, 6th observation). W. Rogers, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, January 4th, 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). W. Rogers, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Voas, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; J. Rogers, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6. Rung with the stay of the 2nd bell broken.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Tuesday, January 26th, for practice, 2464 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; E. W. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Sunday, January 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. E. W. Menday, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; H. Smith, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. 560 Bob Major. E. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman, 6; G. Essex, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; E. W. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; G. Essex, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. E. Menday, 1; H. Bridgeman, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. On Tuesday, February 2nd, 1008 Bob Major. E. Woodley, 1; H. Bridgeman, 2; G. Essex, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; T. Newman, 6; H. Smith, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 7th, a 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. A 560 in the same method. H. Bridgeman, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, January 12th, at St. Mary Redcliffe, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Palser, 1; C. Derriek, 2; P. Eames, 3; F. Porch, 4; H. Pring, 5; W. Emery, 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; G. Stallard, 8. Rung as a farewell touch to C. Derriek, who is leaving Bristol for St. Paul's Training College, Cheltenham.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Tuesday, January 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. J. Hardcastle, 1; S. Clark, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; J. H. Hardcastle, 4; J. Cotterell, 5; J. Broadley, 6; T. Pollitt (composer and conductor), 7; J. W. Cundall, 8.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Monday, January 25th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Major, taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of January 9th. W. Maxim, 1; W. Gridley, 2; R. Mingay, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Green, 6. On Sunday, January 31st, on the occasion of the birthday of the rector, the Rev. J. Foster, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Maxim, 1; W. Gridley, 2; R. Mingay, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Green, 6. For Divine Service in the morning, another 720, standing as before. In the afternoon a 720 (twenty-six singles) conducted by G. Green, and 216 by R. Mingay. For evening service, a 480 conducted by S. Evans. On Monday, February 1st, a 720 in the same method. W. Maxim, 1; S. Evans (conductor), 2; R. Inch, 3; J. Taylor (first 720), 4; G. Green, 5; R. Mingay, 6.

MINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 24th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence. R. Calland, 1; E. Brown, 2; J. Brown, 3; S. Tickle, 4; E. Prescott, 5; T. Tickle (conductor), 6; J. Lang, 7; William Brackledge, 8.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Wednesday evening, January 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Duke of Clarence, in 50 mins. W. Harvey, 1; W. Tyson, 2; R. Everson, 3; A. Low, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; W. Graham, 6; J. Braithwaite (composer and conductor), 7; J. Salmon, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. in E.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 17th, at St. Mary's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Wright, 1; J. Key, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Whitby, 5; C. Barrett, 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. The above was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, and also to the late J. Beddows, who died on the same day as H.R.H. Also on Wednesday, January 20th, at the Cathedral after the funeral service, 1344 Grandsire Triples. In the evening at St. Mary's church, 1260 in the same method, the band standing as above. Both these touches were rung with the bells half-muffled.

**PUDSEY (Yorkshire).**—On Sunday, February 7th, at St. Lawrence church, for evening service, 24 leads of Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Lanstaff, 1; S. Oddy, 2; S. H. London, 3; W. Bolland (conductor), 4; G. Bolland, 5; J. Birch, 6; J. Smith, 7; F. Binks, 8.

**RAMSGATE (Kent).**—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Lawrence church, Isle of Thanet, the St. Lawrence Society rang for the first time, with the bells deeply muffled, a plain-course of Grandsire Triples in 2 mins. 45 secs. on the occasion of the funeral of the late Duke of Clarence. This is the first time, since the bells were dedicated in May last, by the Kent County Association, that the local band have succeeded in ringing a touch without outside help, and they hope to record a better performance shortly. J. D. Larkin, 1; G. Ralph, sen., 2; G. H. Bowden, 3; J. B. Gibbs, 4; S. R. Port, 5; H. Wellard, 6; H. Marsh, 7; H. W. Saunders, 8. First time rang by all in the method except the ringer of the 3rd.

**ROCHDALE (Lancashire).**—On Monday evening, December 28th, at All Saints' church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Crossley, 2; R. Whittles, 3; E. Shepherd (first 720 as conductor), 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, January 3rd, for Divine Service, another 720, in 26 mins. E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; A. Crossley, 5; J. Holt, 6. On Sunday morning, January 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Holt, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley (conductor), 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Wednesday evening, January 20th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), was rung with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; R. Whittles (first 720 as conductor), 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Holt, 6.

**SHAROW (Yorks).**—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the tenors behind and with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. T. Clark (conductor), 1; J. Baines, 2; W. Pick, 3; A. H. Clark, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; H. Rumbold, 6; W. Matison, 7; A. Gibson, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples standing in the same order with the exception of F. Shepherd, 6; H. Rumbold, 7; W. Matison, 8.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service, at the parish church, a 504 Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Duke of Clarence. J. Smart, 1; C. Tyler, 2; J. Matthews, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. A 1008 of Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Smart, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8.

**SWANMORE (Hants).**—On Wednesday, December 2nd, 1891, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Millard, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; C. Apps, 3;

J. Osman, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 13th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob. H. Griffin, 1; J. Osman, 2; C. Apps, 3; A. Millard, 4; J. E. Warren, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Friday, December 25th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob. E. Jacobs, 1; J. Osman, 2; C. Apps, 3; W. Linter, 4; A. Millard, 5; J. E. Warren (conductor), 6. In the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; J. E. Warren, 2; C. Apps, 3; A. Millard, 4; J. Osman, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 27th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; J. E. Warren, 2; R. Linter, 3; A. Millard, 4; C. Apps, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 1st, 720 Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; J. Osman, 2; C. Apps, 3; J. E. Warren (conductor), 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter, 6. On Sunday, January 17th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; J. E. Warren, 2; J. Osman, 3; A. Millard, 4; W. Linter (conductor), 5; C. Apps, 6. On Wednesday, January 20th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. E. Jacobs, 1; J. E. Warren (conductor), 2; W. Linter, 3; A. Millard, 4; J. Osman, 5; C. Apps, 6. The last two 720s were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

**STREATHAM (Surrey).**—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Leonard's church, on the occasion of the funeral of the Duke of Clarence, the following ringing was done, with the bells deeply muffled: two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and after tolling the age of the deceased Prince, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Barrington, 1; D. Springall, 2; H. Hayes, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; S. Greenwood, 5; R. Blanchard (conductor), 6.

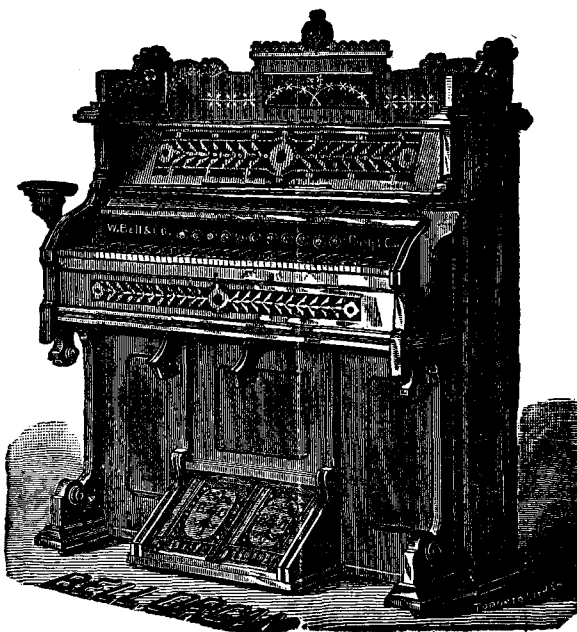
**WIGAN (LANCASHIRE).**—The bells at the parish Church were rung half-muffled every night after the Duke of Clarence died until he was buried, as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. On Friday, January 15th, 1000 Grandsire Triples. A. Shaw (conductor), 1; S. C. C. Turner, 2; J. E. Gummerson, 3; G. Turner, 4; J. F. Hall, 5; S. Hall, 6; R. Fisher and J. Barker, 7; J. Meadow and H. Meadow, 8. On Wednesday, after the memorial service in the church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 49 mins. T. Halliwell (conductor), 1; S. C. C. Turner, 2; J. E. Gummerson, 3; G. Turner, 4; J. F. Hall, 5; S. Hall, 6; R. Fisher and H. Meadow, 7; J. Barker and J. Meadow, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in C.

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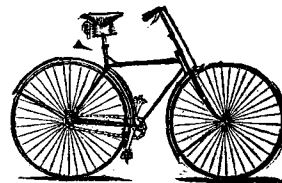
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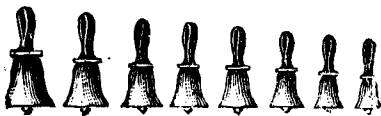
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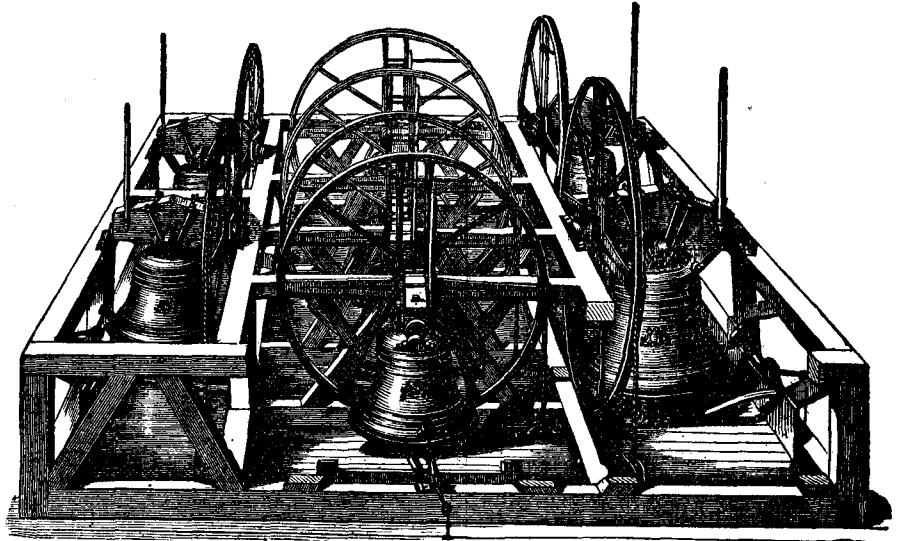
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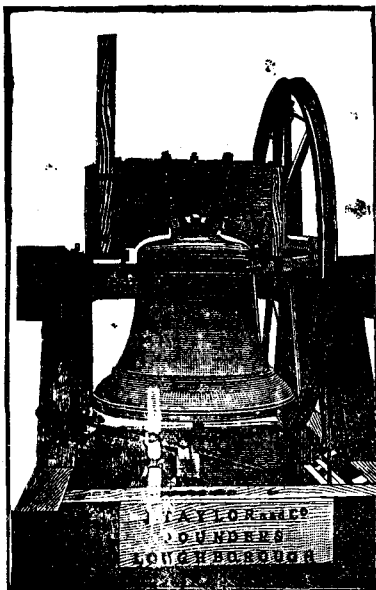
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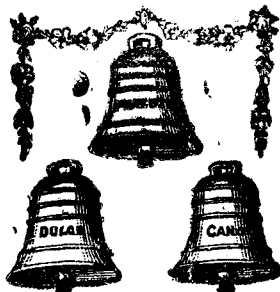
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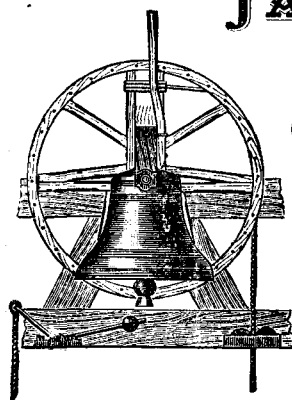
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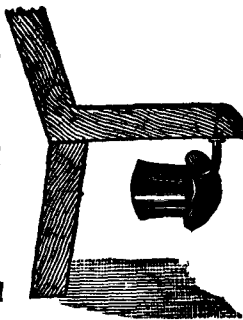
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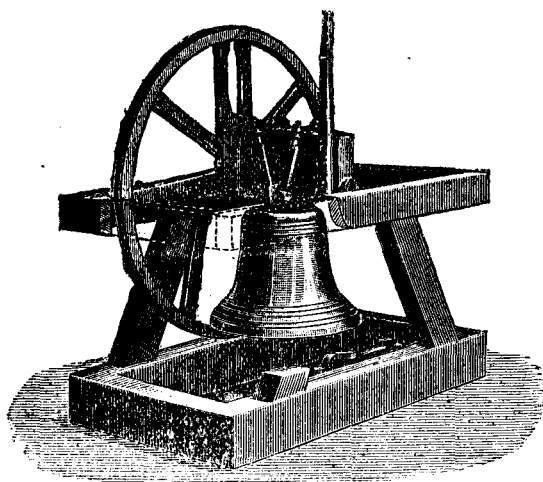
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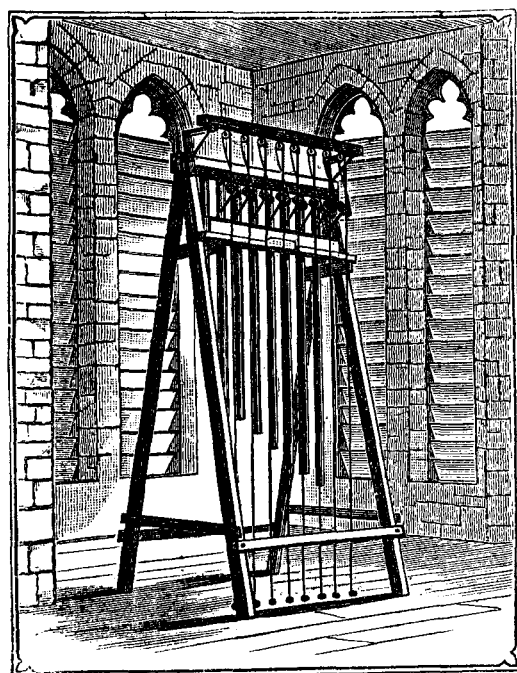
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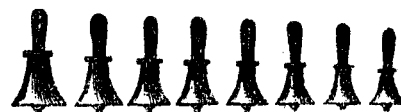
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## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held on Saturday, January 30th, at St. Michael and All Angels, East Ardsley, near Wakefield. The peal which was to have been attempted had to be abandoned, owing to the absence of ringers who had arranged to meet, and who thought it would be a fruitless attempt to ring the tenor, which went sluggish on previous occasions. But to the surprise of all present, a great improvement had taken place, and some good touches of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. An adjournment was made to the schools adjoining the church, where a substantial meat tea was partaken of by members and friends, kindly given by the vicar, the Rev. J. H. D. Hill.

After the tables were cleared a business meeting was held, the vice-president, Mr. W. Abbishaw, presiding; the president, Mr. J. Whitaker, being compelled to leave on business of his local company of Headingley. The following towers were represented: Rothwell, Wakefield, Calverley, Holbeck, Pudsey, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley, and Birstall. The place for the next meeting was decided to be held at Rothwell, and other business was then transacted. The vicar and his curate now being present, the chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman for his kind hospitality and use of the bells, etc., which was seconded by Mr. J. T. Hollis, of Wakefield, and carried unanimously. In response the vicar in a few words expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome the society to Ardsley, and he was sure such meeting was a step in the right direction. He had not the faintest idea there was such opportunities at these gatherings for such practice as had been held out to himself and his band of ringers that day, and he would be glad to become a member, with those of his ringers who wished to do so. He hoped his company might make progress in the Art, and soon qualify for the Yorkshire Association also.

The tower next came in for attention, when more touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, and Plain Bob Major were rung, this being the rev. gentleman's first course in the last-named method. This ended the first visit of the society to this rather interesting church and esteemed vicar. A few particulars may perhaps be found interesting to ringers and churchmen at large.

The church was rebuilt in 1881, and a spacious tower erected by collections made by the vicar, the Rev. J. H. D. Hill. The old tower contained one bell, and in December 1883 a ring of eight bells and chiming clock were erected. Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, made the clock, which strikes the quarters on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th, and strikes the hour on the tenor. It has four dials, two of which are illuminated. The bells are dedicated to the eight writers of the New Testament, and are from the firm of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, tenor 20 cwt. 2 qrs. The second bell was raised by the efforts of the Misses Hill, of Earls Court House, London. The fourth was presented by Mr. C. E. Daniel, son of the late vicar. The sixth was raised by the efforts of Mrs. Hill, wife of the vicar, and her little daughter Alice, aged eleven years. The other bells and the clock are the efforts of the vicar. The bells cost £720 17s. 6d., and the clock when completed will cost about £250. Each bell is inscribed with the name of the saint whose name it bears, and is also dedicated to a donor of £100 to the Church Building Fund. The inscriptions are beautifully clear, and the bells are generally considered to be full in tune, and in every way a good peal.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at Kingston on February 15th, the Rev. A. S. Young in the chair. A capital tea was provided at the Albany Hall to about thirty-six members, the smallness of the numbers being accounted for by the extreme inclemency of the weather. After the tea a considerable amount of business was transacted, including the election of twelve new members, and the announcement of the forthcoming resignation of the Hon. Sec., to whom a vote of condolence was also passed on the death of his father, the late Dr. Alfred Carpenter, an hon. member of the Association. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in several methods.

## THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE WILLIAM COPPAGE.

As announced in a previous issue of this paper, this tablet was unveiled on Saturday last, January 6th, by the vicar, the Rev. Arthur W. Jephson, M.A. Before the ceremony a 504 of Stedman Triples was rang by members of the Waterloo Society, the bells running round just after the vicar entered the tower. After a short collect he began by saying—We have met here with mingled feelings of sadness at the loss of our brother-ringer and steeplekeeper William Coppage, and satisfaction at placing this tablet to his memory. We could not let the memory of such a man die out; it was our duty to do as we have done in placing something that in future years we can look at with memories of the past. Everybody that knew him knew what a deep and kind interest he took in his duties as steeplekeeper, and such a man is more than an ordinary loss to the Waterloo Society. The vicar then, removing the Union Jack which covered the tablet, said: "I unveil this in memory of our dear old friend William Coppage." The tablet was then read by the master, Mr. Geo. W. Wild, which is inscribed as follows:

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This tablet was erected to the memory of Caleb William Coppage, who was for 22 years steeplekeeper of this church. Died June 2nd, 1891. Interred at Nunhead June 6th, 1891. On the same evening the following members rang with the bells half muffled a true peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) containing 5040 in 3 hrs. Performers:—William Baron, sen., treble; John W. Mansfield, 2; Stephen G. Davies, 3; George Wild, 4; Francis L. Davies, 5; Walter Partington, 6; William T. Cockerill, 7; Albert E. Church, tenor. Conducted by William Baron. The Rev. Arthur W. Jephson, M.A., vicar; A. Davis and T. S. Conisbee, churchwardens. The cost of this tablet was defrayed by his brother ringers and friends."

There is still about £1 needed to pay for fixing, etc., of which the vicar has kindly offered to pay half. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Rev. A. W. Jephson for meeting the company, another touch of Stedman Triples, in which he took part, brought the proceedings to a close.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting of the above was held at West Kirby on Saturday, January 30th. About sixty members were present from the following towers:—Birkenhead (St. Mary's), Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Liscard, Neston, Wallasey, West Kirby, and Woodchurch.

After partaking of tea the business of the evening took place, the Rev. J. F. Buckler, chairman of the branch, presiding. The secretary's report was a very encouraging one to the society, shewing an increase both in honorary and ringing members during the past year, and the financial position of the branch was shewn to be very satisfactory.

The Rev. J. F. Buckler resigned the office of chairman after holding that position for the last four years, from the time the branch was first organized. The Rev. Canon Blencowe, rector of West Kirby, was elected chairman, and F. R. T. Bolton was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the branch for the ensuing year.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the late chairman for the interest he had always shown in the society, and also to the secretary for his services during the past year. At the conclusion of the meeting a move was made to the parish church, when several touches were attempted, the only one worth recording being a 720 Grandsire Minor rung by members of the Bromborough, Bebington, Wallasey, and West Kirby towers.

## DEATH OF MR. JAMES DWIGHT.

We regret to hear, just on the eve of publication, of the death of Mr. James Dwight, for many years a prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London. We shall refer more fully to the sad event next week. A muffled peal will be rung by members of the above-named society this (Saturday) evening at the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London; the company afterwards adjourning to the usual place of meeting in St. Paul's Churchyard.



## CRANFIELD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

The fine old bells of the parish church have just been entirely re-hung and tuned. The bells have for some time been considered quite unsafe for ringing, and a committee was formed and a Secretary appointed to raise the necessary funds for the restoration. After a most successful canvass of the parish the amount was raised, the Secretary receiving several subscriptions from clergymen who have long since left the neighbourhood, but who still continue to take a lively interest in the parish. Some of the bells were much worn from constant use, but they have now all been re-tuned and fitted up with new clappers working upon universal joints of improved design, and all new and modern improved fittings. The bells are so large that there is no room in the chamber for a sixth. The dedication service took place on Wednesday evening last, and a company of ringers from Bedford kindly offered to come over and ring the opening peal. The visitors were Messrs. Hills, Frossell, and Hall, with the Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association (the Rev. W. W. Carew Baker, Rector of Milton Bryant), and Mr. Cyril Herbert (Woburn). The service was choral, and Miss Bliss presided at the organ in the absence through indisposition of Mr. Kemp. An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. K. H. Smith (Secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association), and a collection was taken to wipe off the small outstanding balance of the expenses. During the afternoon and evening the visitors rang several 6-scores of Grandsire, Bob, and Stedman Doubles. A correspondent writes: "It was pleasant to all within the parish to hear what sweet music could be produced by these grand old bells, and it is hoped that the result of the visitors' labours will stimulate the young men in the parish to cultivate the art of change-ringing, bearing in mind the words of beautiful hymn

Where'er the sweet church bell  
Peals over hill and dell  
May Jesus Christ be praised;  
O mark to what it sings,  
As joyously it rings,  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

And may our ringers always remember that bellringing is a science only to be compared with the most beautiful music, and that when they are so engaged they are cultivating a gift which at the same time is to them an amusement, which very much tends to the service and praise of Almighty God."

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at St. James' church, Whitfield, near Glossop, on Saturday, February 6th, when ringers attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Dinting, Glossop, Gorton, Hayfield, Hyde, Mossley, and Saddleworth. The meeting was held in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. for the adoption of the Annual Report, passing the accounts, and the appointment of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. J. Holden (Mossley), was re-elected President; Mr. J. Blakeley (Gorton) was re-elected Vice-President; Mr. J. Pye, sen. (Glossop) was re-elected Treasurer; and Mr. J. Radcliffe (Saddleworth) was re-elected Secretary; and a Committee of one member from from each tower in union; Messrs. D. Heap (Ashton-under-Lyne) and R. Woolley (Hyde) were re-elected Auditors. It was also decided to hold the next meeting and eight-bell cup competition at Gorton in May; also the September meeting and six-bell cup competition at Chapel-en-le-Frith, which place was also selected for the next Annual Meeting. Hyde was selected as headquarters for committee meetings for the next twelve months. Votes of thanks were passed to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom; also to the President for presiding, after which an adjournment was made to the "Crown" inn, where the rest of the evening was spent in a social and enjoyable manner.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday afternoon, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. W. Usher, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; C. Lowe, 3; A. Lloyd, 4; F. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Monk, 6. This is the first 720 ever rung on the bells by a local band. First 720 by Messrs. Usher, Lowe, and Monk. First 720 with a bob bell by Messrs. Woodcock and Lloyd; and first 720 by F. Smith as conductor. Tenor 20 cwt.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 14th, some members of the above journeyed to Lawton to try their skill upon the peal of six. The weather was damp at the outset, but it did not baffle any of the party in reaching their destination safely. The church was open in readiness for the visitors, who at once entered the belfry and set to action. Raising the bells in peal, they struck off with six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 26 mins., they then lowered the bells in peal. F. Johnson, 1; G. Liddons, 2; C. Ollier (conductor), 3; A. Archer, 4; R. Vickers, 5; J. Mason, 6. They wish to thank the beadle (Mr. John Birch) for his kindness in having everything in readiness for them. This is the first 720 by all except the conductor, the ringers not even having completed the same number in their own tower. Kidsgrove church is close by the Clough Hall Gardens, and any ringer would be cordially welcomed by applying to the leader, Mr. Joseph Mason, 40, Heathcote-road, Kidsgrove.

## FORMATION OF A NEW COMPANY AT EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

We are glad to hear that the ringers of St. Peter's, Bengeworth, Evesham, having attained a fair proficiency in the art of change-ringing, it has been thought advisable to form a properly recognized company. They met on Monday evening, February 8th, in the belfry, and adopted similar rules to other societies, and elected the following officers: Master, Geo. Cook; Vice-master, F. Cook; Secretary, A. H. Sharp; Treasurer, Geo. Williams. It was also decided to ask the Vicar to become president; and other business of a routine character was transacted.

Recently, by the above society, at the house of Mr. W. G. Arkell, on handbells, retained in hand, two courses of Grandsire Minor. H. Middleton, 1-2; F. Cook, 3-4; W. G. Arkell, 5-6; and two courses of Grandsire Triples. W. G. Arkell, 1-2; H. Middleton, 3-4; F. Cook, 5-6; A. H. Sharp, 7-8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Committee Meeting was held at the Church Club, Chester, on Saturday, February 13th, 1892. Present: The Archdeacon of Chester (Master) in the chair; Messrs. Wilcox, Dillon, and Strong (Wirral), Walmsley (Macclesfield), Wilson, Wright, Holding, and Thomas (Crewe), and H. A. Heywood (hon. sec.). The treasurer's statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £47 18s. 10d., and subscriptions were still due from the Bowdon and Stockport, Northwich, Runcorn, and Holmes Chapel branches for last year. A vote of sympathy was passed with the widow of the late Mr. Matthews, of Macclesfield. The Annual Festival will be held at Chester (D.V.) on Monday, August 1st.

## NOTICE OF A LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

Eight members of the Sussex County Association will attempt a long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 20,160 changes, at Warnham, to-day, Saturday, February 20th, starting at 6.30 a.m., all being well.

BELL FOUNDING OPERATIONS.—Messrs. Charles Carr, of the Woodlands Foundry, Smethwick, have just secured a merchant's order for export for three large bells, to chime the quarters and strike the hours by the clock, also to ring for service.

SHIREOAKS (Notts).—On Sunday, February 6th, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson 1; J. Fitchjohn, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; B. Hall, 5; F. Hargreaves (first 720), 6. For evening service, 720 in the same method, standing as above.

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## Ringers' Suppers.

PORTSEA.—On Thursday, February 11th, the members of St. Mary's Guild were entertained at supper by the vicar (the Rev. Canon Jacob). In the afternoon six members met at the church, and, on being joined by Messrs Whiting and Hill, from Fareham, a start was made for a peal, "Go" being called at 3.30, and at 6.27 the welcome call of "that's all" turned up, and the first peal on the bells was an accomplished fact, and the failures of previous occasions could now afford to be laughed at. The peal rung was a variation of Taylor's Bob-and-Single, in six parts, an account of which will be found in the proper place. At 8.30 there was a full muster at the vicarage, where all were heartily welcomed by the vicar, and after being congratulated by the rev. gentleman on attaining the peal, sat down to a splendid repast laid down in first-class style in the dining-room, and "go" was once more called, to which all readily responded. And although the conductor looked well after his work, there was more than one change course, viz.: from roast beef to mutton, and *vice versa*. But after a time all were satisfied, and grace having been said by the vicar, an adjournment was made to the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey's room, where, with a plentiful supply of cigars and tobacco, the remainder of the evening was enjoyably spent, songs being given by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Messrs. Gould, Nye, Symons, Simmonds, Matthews, &c. At 12 o'clock all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," and after a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar for his kindness in thus entertaining them, and the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," all dispersed to their homes, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The peal rung is not only the first on the bells, but the first in the borough of Portsmouth since 1745.

BOW (MIDDLESEX).—The St. Mary Stratford-le-Bow Society held their Annual Dinner and smoking concert at the "Bow Bells" Hotel on Thursday, January 14th, 1892. Several members, being laid up with influenza, were unable to attend. Mr. D. J. Sutton occupied the chair, and Mr. E. O. Powell the vice-chair. About twenty-four sat down and rang several courses with the knife and fork in a very satisfactory manner. After the cloth had been removed the Hon. Sec., Mr. Turner, read the minutes of the last meeting, and also the annual report, which appeared to be very satisfactory. He said the past year had not been marked by peal ringing, as most of the members preferred practising short touches in seven or eight methods, but financially the year had been a great success. The chairman, on rising to propose the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," said that, owing to the illness of the Duke of Clarence, it could not be drank in the usual way, but a vote of sympathy was carried instead. A pianoforte selection by Mr. Richards, and a song by the chairman being rendered, the toast of "The Bow Society" was proposed by Mr. Turner in eulogistic terms, this being very ably responded to by Mr. H. Springall, the Master. After some more songs, the chairman gave the toast of "The Press," to which Mr. S. Hayes responded in a very able speech, and, speaking very highly of "THE BELL NEWS," which he had known from its infancy. Songs were sung by Messrs. Sutton, O. Powell, Richards, Turner, Springall, Hayes, Bradley, Dallimore, Berwick, Gibbs, Torble, Dempsey, Lucas, and Deards, all being accompanied by Mr. E. Richards in a very efficient manner on the pianoforte. The chairman then proposed the toast of "The Host," which was drank with musical honours. Mr. Powell (the host), in a very neat little speech, thanked the company, and trusted they would be spared to meet again another year. The chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary's health were each drank with musical honours, and the company, after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem, brought one of the most enjoyable evenings to a close at 12.30.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, HULL.—The Annual Supper of the above society was held at the "Alexandra" Hotel, Kingston Street, on Thursday, February 11th, when a capital spread was put on the table by Host Aistrophe, to which members and friends to the number of thirty did full justice to. The chair was taken by the president of the society, the Rev. D. K. Moore, vicar, who was supported on his right by the Rev. B.

Radcliffe, vice-president, and on his left by C. Kelsey, Esq., churchwarden. The usual loyal toasts having been given by the chairman, the toast of "The Archbishop and Clergy of the Diocese" was given by Mr. Kelsey, and responded to by the Rev. B. Radcliffe. The next toast submitted was "Our Vicar and Churchwardens," ably given by Mr. Chaffer, and responded to by those gentlemen who, in their remarks, stated they should always try and make the belfry as comfortable for the ringers as they possibly could. "The Yorkshire Association" was given by Mr. Jackson, and responded to by Mr. Needham. "The St. James's Society" was given by Mr. Southwick, and replied to by Mr. Stickney. During the evening a course of Grandsire Caters, a double course of Grandsire Triples, and several tunes were rung on the handbells, and songs and recitations by several members of the company until 1 a.m.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Tuesday evening, February 2nd, the members of this society had their Annual Supper, provided by the captain of the band (Mr. John Latter). After supper the usual business was gone through, and the handbells were brought into use. Some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung in good style, followed by several tunes; and songs and duets by several of the band. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, DEANS GATE, GRIMSBY.—The fifth Annual Supper of this society was held at the "White Hart" Hotel on Monday evening, February 1st, when twenty-eight ringers and friends sat down to an excellent repast provided by Host Heyhoe. Mr. J. Hewson (churchwarden) occupied the chair, and Mr. C. R. S. Barton (ex-churchwarden) occupied the vice-chair. After the cloth had been removed "The Health of the Queen and Royal Family" was given, the chairman alluding to the sad loss they had sustained through the death of the Duke of Clarence. Various other toasts followed, including "The Bishop and Clergy," and "The Health of the North Lincolnshire Association," the chairman coupling with the latter toast that of "The Grimsby Ringers," to which Mr. David Seamer, the conductor, suitably responded. Songs were sung by the chairman, the vice-chairman, Mr. Seagrave (a visiting friend of the vice-chairman), Messrs. Barraclough, Heyhoe, Dawson, and Seamer. Mr. Redman officiated at the piano, and sang some of his most comic songs, which brought down the house. During the evening the ringers rang some Grandsire changers on the handbells, which was highly appreciated by the visitors. The time for departing (11 o'clock) arrived too quickly. The company parted, everyone having spent a most enjoyable evening. The ringers, one and all, thank the chairman and vice-chairman, and Mr. Goodwin, for their kindness in presiding and helping them in the manner they did.

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## Death.

On Saturday, February 13th, Mr. G. A. SEVIER, Watchmaker and Jeweller, of Gloucester, father of W. J. Sevier, now of Woolwich. The deceased was a tradesman of the above city for upwards of fifty years, and was the only remaining original member of the house of Sevier, of Bristol and Hasfield, merchants. He was 70 years of age.

## Birth.

On Tuesday, February 16th, at Oldland Vicarage, Gloucestershire, the wife of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, of a daughter.

WANTED a Situation as Single-handed Gardener, or where help is given, by a young man, age 25. Eleven years' experience in the general routine.—J. Taylor, Farnfield, Horley, Surrey.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—READING BRANCH.**

The Annual Meeting was held at the "Broad Face" Hotel, Reading, on Monday, February 15th, at 7 p.m., when forty-one members sat down to dinner, the chairman, Mr. J. Martin Routh, presiding, supported by the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, General Secretary of the Guild, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Branch Secretary; Mr. W. Newell occupying the vice-chair. All the officers of the Branch having been re-elected and other business duly disposed of, the Chairman proposed the toast of the evening—"Success to the Guild in general, and the Reading branch in particular," urging the importance of good fellowship and zeal for the common cause, reminding the younger members of the respect due from them to the older ones, and concluding with some practical remarks on bad and good striking.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said that he considered the Reading branch an ideal one, for there were no probationers, all were qualified change-ringers. Having read the report (not yet printed) he gave some very encouraging statistics as to the work of the Guild.

Mr. Newell, in rejoicing to see so many present, regretted the absence of the clergy and churchwardens of the four towers forming the branch, all of which had competent bands of their own.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge then gave some statistics concerning the branch, showing that the number of change-ringing members was fifty-five, or, with hon. members, sixty-five, an increase of four on last year. Twelve peals had been rung in the course of the year, including first peals by the branch of Bob Royal, Bob Triples, Steadman Triples, and Double Norwich. This was considered very satisfactory, as three out of the four towers were situated in the centre of the town, permission for a peal being very rarely obtainable, otherwise the number would have been largely increased. Peals had also been rung at Tilchurst by members of the branch.

"The health of Mr. Newell," the Nestor, or "Father of Change-Ringers in Reading" was then drunk with musical honours, Mr. Newell, replying that he was proud to have such a promising family gathered round him that evening.

Mr. F. Simmonds, sidesman at Caversham, having addressed a few words to the members present, the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, songs being contributed by Messrs. Newell, Sweetzer, A. E. Reeves, Menday, Routh, Evans, A. W. Reeves, Williams, and Newman, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge giving a Devonshire recitation. The National Anthem brought to a close a thoroughly successful and enjoyable meeting.

The tower of St. Lawrence was previously open to the members, when touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung, and also a course of Stedman Caters, the first by the branch.

**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

ESTABLISHED 1868.

The 24th Anniversary Dinner of this Society took place at the "Rising Sun," York Road, S.E., on Saturday, January 30th. The tower of St. John's, Waterloo Road, was open for ringing during the afternoon, and some good practice was secured by the junior members in the Grandsire and Stedman methods. The bells were kept going till about 6.30, when a move was made to form up for attack on the good things provided. In all thirty-two sat down to dinner, which was served up in excellent style, and was enjoyed by all present. Grace having been said by the Master, the first course was got through without a single hitch, and the last course was finished in about an hour and a quarter. Grace again being said, an adjournment for about 15 mins. was granted while the cloths were removed. The company, having reassembled in stronger numbers than ever, the programme for the evening was brought into operation by Mr. A. E. Church singing "The Paris Exhibition," which was received with loud applause. The master, Mr. Geo. Wild, then proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Royal family," and in a few words referred to the recent bereavement they had sustained. Messrs. Lovett, Meads, and Steventon then gave a splendid selection on the handbells, and a song followed by Mr. S. Long. Mr. Dobson caused roars of laughter by giving a recitation entitled "A Frenchman's Visit to London." The vice-chairman, Mr. W. J. Mansfield, then proposed the toast of

the evening, viz.: "The Waterloo Society and its Officers," in which he referred to the good work the society had done for young ringers since its existence. After a piccolo solo by Mr. Geo. Flude, the Master rose to reply to the toast. He referred to the great losses the society had sustained during the year by the deaths of several of its prominent members, and last of all their beloved steeplekeeper, who died on June 6th, 1891, regretted by every member of the society. After comparing the income and the number of new members made during the past few years, he found that since 1889 the society had been steadily going up the hill, and although there had not been many peals rang, the few, which amounted to about eighteen, have been either someone's first peal, with the treble or a bob bell, or as conductor, which he thought more creditable than ringing a lot of peals without any object. The other officers returning thanks in a similar form, Mr. A. T. Edwards sang "Knocked 'em in the Old Kent Road," and Mr. W. Partington followed on with "Anchored." The Master then proposed the toast of "The Vicar and Churchwardens," and said how thankful they all ought to be in having a vicar a change-ringer who takes such an interest in everything connected with the belfry. Messrs. Lovett and Co. gave some more selections on the handbells, and a course of Caters by Messrs. F. Davies, S. Davies, G. Wild, D. Lovett, and W. Partington, and songs from Messrs. Edwards and Binks. The toast of "The Visitors" was then given by Mr. Lovett, to which Mr. Crispin suitably responded. A recitation from Mr. Innman and songs by Messrs. Partington, "Binks," and Young brought one of the most successful evenings on record by this society to a close with "Auld Lang Syne."

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**

On Wednesday, February 10th, the Abbey ringers of the above place celebrated their first Annual Meeting since forming themselves in a branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers. Invitations had been sent out to a number of their brother ringers, and the following kindly accepted the invitation: The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Hon. Sec. of the Winchester Guild, Portsea; Mr. J. Hewitt, Gosport; Mr. J. Staples, Havant; Messrs. J. Whiting, C. Privett, and G. Graffham, Fareham; Messrs. W. H. George and T. Groves, of Eastleigh; and Messrs. H. White, T. Curtis, F. Wilson, and Ballard, from Basingstoke. The Salisbury, Lockerley, and Mottisfont bands had been invited, but were unable to attend. Ringing commenced on the Abbey bells about 3 o'clock, which were kept merrily going until 5.30. At 6 o'clock an adjournment was made to the "Market Inn," where a meat tea was provided, to which about thirty sat down. The vicar, the Rev. E. L. Berthon, presided at the tea, and was supported by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Portsea; Rev. —. Allen, Romsey; G. T. W. Mortimer, Esq., churchwarden; Mr. J. Allsop, vestry clerk; and Mr. T. Iremonger, sexton. Tea over, the vicar, in a brief speech, gave the visitors a hearty welcome to Romsey, and expressed his great pleasure at the great improvement of his ringers and ringing since Mr. C. Tribe had come amongst them. Mr. Mortimer also gave the local ringers a few words of hope regarding the rehang of the bells, which we hope will take place at no distant date, as they are sadly out of order at present. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey then thanked the local ringers on behalf of himself and brother ringers for their kind invitation and liberal hospitality, and said they had one and all thoroughly enjoyed their visit. The tower bells were again set rolling to the time of Plain Bob and Stedman Triples till 9 o'clock, then a parting glass with the locals, and all left Romsey by the 9.34 train for their respective destinations. The following touches were brought round during the afternoon, the full account of which will appear in their proper place: 336 Grandsire Triples, 504, 252 and 504 Bob Triples, and a 504 of Stedman Triples. The following officers are elected for the Romsey branch for the ensuing year: Mr. A. Newman, sub-captain and steeplekeeper; Mr. Hogarth, treasurer; and Mr. R. White, secretary.

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## Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

MR. FENTON'S DATE TOUCH.

SIR,—It scarcely requires the "careful examination" which Mr. Fenton suggests, to discover that the calling of his date touch commences from rounds, while the touch itself commences from two changes which are of a totally different nature, not only from rounds, but from any other changes throughout the touch, as far as the information we have up to now, enables us to judge. It was to ascertain what manipulation was resorted to, by which the use of a single was dispensed with, that I asked for the information, which up to now is not forthcoming. It is of course a simple matter to dispense with a single if the bells are manipulated at the sweet will of the composer whenever required, and bobs also might be deemed superfluous under similar circumstances, but the method would no longer be Grandsire; and whenever such a departure from the "general rule," as Mr. Fenton puts it, takes place, the particulars of such departure should be given when the touch is published.

A. HUBBARD.

THE RECENT PEAL AT COSELEY.

SIR,—I see that in last week's paper someone having the signature "A.B." has brought the above notice to the attention of the Exercise. It is true the peal was rung on the middle six of a ring of eight (not at all a musical peal); the reason being that the tenor (20 cwt.), supposed to be in the key of F, is far from being at its proper note; and when there is a crack in a bell about six inches in length, as our tenor has got, if it were rung it would sound more like a boiler being riveted. How would the inhabitants where "A.B." rings at (if he calls himself a ringer) like to hear that kind of music? We have also tried to ring a 720 on the front six, but the treble is not in proper ringing order, and as the ringers wanted to shew their respect to the late Duke of Clarence, the tenor nor treble was going to be attempted. I was asked to ring it on the middle six by a prominent local ringer, one who perhaps knows more about bells and bellringing than "A.B." If he wants to shew his appreciation as a ringer, instead of finding fault, perhaps he will send to me or the Vicar, a donation towards putting the bells into proper ringing order, then perhaps we may be able to have a peal of Triples or Major, and have all the music attached. If "A.B." corresponds again without his full signature, I shall not answer it; if he is ashamed of his name being in print, he can have any other necessary information by applying to the conductor.

Coseley, Staffordshire.

B. GOUGH.

[Part of our correspondent's letter is omitted on account of the personalities it contains. We consider the letter of "A.B." perfectly reasonable and courteous. We regret that Mr. Gough has replied to it in such an unfriendly manner.—Ed.]

MR. ATTREE'S ANALYSIS.

SIR,—In scanning Mr. Attree's most interesting and exhaustive analysis for 1891, I find an omission, which, by kindly publishing this letter, you will rectify, and at the same time give "honor to whom honor is due." The name of Mr. Fredk. Harrison, of Jarroon-on-Tyne, who called five peals last year, does not appear amongst those who conducted not less than four peals.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

JAMES BARHAM'S (OF LEEDS, KENT), BOOK.

SIR,—The above account appeared in *Church Bells* about seventeen years ago, and I think it would be a very interesting article to publish in our valuable paper "THE BELL NEWS." But the particulars were very scanty, and only gave the full account of a few of the last peals that James Barham assisted in ringing. Perhaps some brother-ringer could give a fuller description of the peals than was given in *Church Bells*. I often wonder whether the Leeds Youths rung the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Headcorn, Kent, in 1769, which appeared in the *Chronology of Ringing* in "THE BELL NEWS" a few years ago. I trust some one of the Exercise can give a more complete account by this time.

Headcorn, Kent.

PHILIP HODGKIN.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Being a member of the Worcestershire Association, I saw in the Annual Report the times of practice at churches in union. I saw St. Leonard's (Clent) practice on Mondays at 7.30, and staying a short distance from Clent for a week, I thought I should like to have a pull with our Clent friends. Being at the church at 7.30 until 8 o'clock, and no one turned up, I began to make enquiries, and some young man told me that they only rung about five or six times a year, and that is only on Christmas or Easter Sunday, or such times as that,

and he told me also that there are seven or eight young ones learning, but they cannot get any one to teach them. I see in the Report that there is sixteen members at Clent; I think they ought to pick a band out of that to ring; and they ought to erase it out of the Report, and not cause men to walk a long distance, and then nobody turn up. I think these things want looking into a bit.

A BELL HAULER.

## Obituary.

GEORGE HARTNUP.

The above-named ringer died on Thursday, February 4th, in his 25th year, under very sad circumstances. The deceased was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and had rang two peals of Grandsire Triples. He was also a member of the Bow and Stepney local societies, and was much respected. He was buried on the 11th inst. at Bow Cemetery, and several of his brother-ringers and a number of friends attended the funeral. On the same evening, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, the usual whole pull and stand and a short touch with the bells deeply-muffled, was rung.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 574.)

GREAT MALVERN (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, January 25th, for practice at the Priory Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Burston, jun., 1; F. Lane, 2; C. Layton, 3; F. Jelf, 4; E. Sprague, 5; H. T. Knowles, 6; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 7; D. Greening, 8. This quarter-peal is the composition of the Editor, and contains the twenty-four 6-7s all the right way. It is the longest length by the local band on the bells.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Thursday, January 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), composed by W. Buxton, Ashover, Derbyshire. E. Andrews, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, February 6th, at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Fayers (conductor), 1; B. A. Heather, 2; E. Bayley, 3; D. Burtenshaw, 4; R. Reynolds, 4; A. A. Lambert, 6. The above was rang with the bells muffled as a mark of respect for Mr. J. J. Bidgood, for many years vergers and scripture reader at the above church, who was buried that day.

KEELE (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, February 3rd, for practice, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. Staines, 1; J. Staines, 2; P. Taylor, 3; H. Bailey (conductor), 4; G. Taylor, 5; J. Oakley, 6. Change-ringing being a new departure at the above place (but thoroughly enjoyed) we trust before long to have some better performances to record.—[We hope so.—Ed.]

LLANDAFF (Glamorganshire).—On Monday, February 2nd, at the Cathedral, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Belcher (conductor), 1; C. Lloyd, 2; W. Biss, 3; A. White, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Longest touch with a bob bell by J. Clutterbuck and J. Harris.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 31st, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor, with the tenor covering, in 25 mins. W. Green, 1; W. Bird, 3; W. Priest, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; H. Mason (conductor), 6; R. Bird, 7; O. Pearson, 8.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, January 20th, muffled touches were rung at St. Peter's church by the local company, as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. Also at All Saints' church on the following Sunday, and half-muffled touches on the Sunday for the services at St. Peter's church.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Wednesday, January 20th, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. F. Gilbey, 1; C. Herbert, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; W. E. Turney, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; W. Phillimore, 6. On Saturday, January 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. C. Herbert, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; M. Lane, 3; W. E. Turney, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. A plain course of Bob Triples. C. Wild, 1; W. Chibnall, 2; E. Herbert, 3; C. Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. E. Turney, 6; Cyril Herbert, 7; W. Phillimore, 8. On handbells, 720 Bob Minor. H. Gregory (first 720), 1; E. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 3-4; C. Herbert, 5-6. Also 224 Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; C. Wild, 7-8. Also 300 Bob Minor. H. Gregory, 1; W. Phillimore, 2; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 3; C. Herbert, 4; C. Wild, 5; F. Gilby, 6. And 336 Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; C. Wild, 7-8.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1892.

For many weeks past a desire has been expressed in this paper for the names and addresses of ringers. This has not been gratified to the extent wished. It may have occurred to some of our readers that the request for such information was too much of an inquisitorial character, and that we ought not to ask for it unless ample reasons are forthcoming. These reasons, which we hope will be considered satisfactory, are now given.

Among the numerous questions put to us week after week, requests for the whereabouts of various ringers is not the least by far. We are always happy in imparting any information in our possession to those who ask for it; but our memory is not tenacious enough to remember, if we could ever know, where all of our ringing brethren may be found when wanted. We have therefore caused a large book to be prepared, to be used as a register for names and addresses of ringers. This book is indexed so that when its folios are to be consulted we can with readiness drop upon the information required. To make this register trustworthy and complete, all changes of address should be noted as they occur; and every ringer who desires to keep in touch with the Exercise at large should consent to have his name and residence inscribed therein. The register is open for any one of our visiting friends who may at any time wish to consult it.

We hope this arrangement will commend itself to our

readers; and that those who have not yet thought proper to respond to our invitation may do so as soon as convenient. The value of such a register ought we think, to be apparent to all, and there seems no earthly reason why any one should withhold the intelligence we ask for. We may here announce that with next week's number will be issued the portrait of Mr. HENRY SWAIN, of the Royal Cumberland Youths, London.

### The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

JOHN G. GREEN.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD .. 5.
WILLIAM T. MEATON* .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
SAMUEL LUSCOMBE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.. 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 4.	HARRY KENTEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

### The Provinces.

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THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER, AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Treble.	JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. .. 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 7.
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PORTSEA, HANTS.

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On Thursday, February 11, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

EDWIN BARNETT.. .. Treble.	ROBT. WILKINS.. .. 5.
THOMAS SAXBY .. .. 2.	JOHN GARARD .. .. 6.
FREDK. J. RING .. .. 3.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. 7.
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JOHN E. SCOTT*.. .. 2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN.. .. 7.
ROBERT C. BOWKETT* .. 3.	JOHN T. PERRY .. .. 8.
GEORGE WALKER .. .. 4.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 9.
JAMES JONES .. .. 5.	*FRANK MUMFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th twelve times right; and is now rung for the first time. \*First peal of Caters.

WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,

Each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

HARRY CRANE (aged 16) .. Treble.	JAMES HARVEY .. .. 5.
JOHN YOND .. .. 2.	EDWARD LOCK .. .. 6.
SAMUEL BUTCHERS .. .. 3.	JOHN WINDSOR .. .. 7.
CHARLES WINSTONE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WINDSOR.

First 5040 by all except Winstone and Harvey. Rung at the first attempt. It is the first 5040 ever known to have been rung by a local company. Rung with 4-6-8 covering.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED TARBUN .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM NEWMAN* .. .. 2.	GEORGE GREEN .. .. 6.
HIRZEL F. DE LISLE, Esq. 3.	WILLIAM J. PIPER .. .. 7.
ALFRED RICHEL .. .. 4.	HENRY DAWSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

\*First peal.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, LIVERPOOL.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. Treble.	EDWIN BOOTH .. .. 5.
CHARLES WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 6.
JOHN BROWN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BOOTH .. .. 7.
JAMES BOOTH* .. .. 4.	ROBERT WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by WILLIAM BOOTH.

\*First peal in the method, also by the conductor. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rev. T. H. D. Cochrane, M.A., Vicar, for the use of the bells; also Mr. Roberts, clerk, for having everything ready and in good going order.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

JOHN HARPER .. .. Treble.	CHARLES MARSH .. .. 5.
STEPHEN PITT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. 6.
JAMES PARDOE* .. .. 3.	JAMES ADAMS .. .. 7.
SILVANUS DACE .. .. 4.	GODFREY GOODCHILD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. JOHNSON.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Pardoe and Marsh hail from Wolverhampton; the rest are of the local company. This is the quickest peal on the bells.



## SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. GOODMAN .. .. .	Treble.	S. BUNN .. .. .	5.
W. MILLS .. .. .	2.	R. SCHOFIELD .. .. .	6.
B. JOHNSON .. .. .	3.	J. DEVENPORT .. .. .	7.
D. BRUCE .. .. .	4.	J. SCREEN, JUN. .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by R. SCHOFIELD.

## HULL, YORKSHIRE,—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

G. MARSHALL* .. .. .	Treble.	J. W. STICKNEY .. .. .	5.
C. JACKSON .. .. .	2.	J. DIXEY .. .. .	6.
J. HIGHFIELD .. .. .	3.	D. BROWN .. .. .	7.
T. STOCKDALE .. .. .	4.	J. DALE .. .. .	Tenor.
		W. MARSHALL .. .. .	

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

\*First peal. This is T. Stockdale's fiftieth peal.

## SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL WINTERBOTTOM ..Treble.	JOSEPH WOOD .. .. .	5.
JOHN HOLDEN .. .. .	JAMES RADCLIFFE .. .. .	6.
JOHN J. BRIERLEY .. .. .	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. .. .	7.
JAMES H. SHAW .. .. .	JOHN T. DICKEN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by the late JAMES PLATT of Saddleworth, and Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

A note to the above peal will be found on another page.

## FAVERSHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY WALLACE .. .. .	Treble.	CHARLES L. GRAHAM .. .. .	5.
ALBERT BIGGS .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM WOOD .. .. .	6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. .	3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. .. .	7.
CHARLES COUCHMAN .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM G. LUCAS .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

## HEADCORN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS .. .. .	Treble.	*JAMES SHARP .. .. .	5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. .. .	2.	*GEORGE NEVE .. .. .	6.
JOHN BARTLETT* .. .. .	3.	A. EDGAR NUNN .. .. .	7.
ALFRED HINDS* .. .. .	4.	HARRY HOLDSTOCK .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. NUNN.

\*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

## Date Touches.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Friday, February 12th, at the church of St. Martin's in-the-Fields, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. Rogers, 1; C. T. Hopkins, 2; W. Baron, sen., 3; B. Foskett, 4;

H. Swain, 5; P. Howard, 6; E. Edridge, 7; E. F. Cole, 8; F. J. Pitts, 9; W. F. Meads, 10. Composed by J. Rogers and conducted by F. J. Pitts.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH.—On Sunday, February 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins., was rung for evening service. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Pickup, 3; G. Lord, 4; 4; T. Lord, 5; H. Walls, 6; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 7; J. T. Wright, 8. T. Lord and J. Pickup hail from Bacup; G. Lord from Church; the rest belong to the local company.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 31st, at the Abbey church of St. Margaret, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins., composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; E. Pye, 2; A. Deards, 3; R. Pye, 4; E. Lucas, 5; F. Norris, 6; A. Whight, 7; C. Dean, 8. The Messrs. Pye hail from Little Heath; Perkins from Romford; the rest belong to the local company.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 19 mins. \*A. Deards, 1; \*J. Bradley, 2; \*W. Dallimore, 3; S. Hayes, 4; W. Doran, 5; G. Pearl, 6; H. Springall (conductor), 7; H. Torble, 8. Arranged by J. H. Bradley. \*Longest touch in the method. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

## BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, February 8th, at St. Philip's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 16 mins. Tenor 29 cwt. J. Payne, 1; W. R. Paddock, 2; R. C. Bowkett, 3; G. Walker, 4; J. Jones, 5; C. Sparkes, 6; G. Hitchman, 7; F. H. James, 8; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 9; F. Mumford, 10. This touch contains the 6th at home throughout with 7-8-9 in the three positions.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ALLHALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, January 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. H. Barnett, 1; C. A. Button, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; T. C. Grove, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; W. R. Gibson, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8.

## THE ELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

NEWMARKET.—On Saturday, January 30th, at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor in 24½ mins. T. Taylor, 1; T. Wiseman, 2; W. Meacham, 3; T. Keeler, 4; P. Pinder, 5; W. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. by the same band. Tenor 14 cwt. For Divine Service in the evening 720 in the same method was rung by the above company in 24 mins. First 720 by T. Wiseman. T. Taylor and Wiseman are each 17 years of age; Keeler and Pinder are 18 years of age, and are promising young members.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, January 30th, at the parish church, eight members of the above attempted Harrison's 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing upwards of 9400 changes, in 5 hrs. 30 mins., stand was called, owing to one of the band being too unwell to proceed any further. T. Mannering, 1; A. C. West, 2; A. Palmer, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; E. Barnett, 5; F. French, 6; W. Haigh, 7; G. Lindoff (conductor), 8.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, January 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 23 mins. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 14th, with the bells deeply muffled, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Cornell, 1; W. Burrows, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; W. Russell, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Wednesday evening, January 20th, for Divine Service, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, and 120 Grandsire Doubles, and 600 Plain Bob. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Tubb, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service with the bells half-muffled, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Burrows, 2; F. Carroway, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F.

Sparks (conductor), 6. The above was rung as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

STAMFORD.—On Monday, February 8th, at St. Martin's church, 120 Bob Doubles. F. Dennison, 1; C. Collison, 2; C. Harper, 3; T. Betts, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; W. Ringham, 6. Also another 120, with A. Cooke, 6; the rest as before. Tenor 15 cwt. These are the first 6-scores by all except the conductor, also the first by the society, which was founded on October 30th, 1891.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 31st, at the parish church, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. Smith, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

#### ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Monday, January 4th, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. F. Anslow, 1; W. Jukes, 2; B. Dalton (conductor), 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; J. Pardoe, 6. 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Jukes, 1; F. Anslow, 2; B. Dalton, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; W. Jukes, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 6th, 839 of Grandsire Triples. W. Jasper, 1; F. Anslow, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; C. March, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8. On Wednesday, January 20th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, but it came to grief, in 2 hrs. and 20 mins. through some one forgetting to lead. H. Boden, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. March, 3; J. March, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; J. Webb, 8. On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, a 503 of Grandsire Triples. J. Jukes, 1; C. March, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; A. Griffiths, 4; W. Jukes, 5; A. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8. On Sunday, January 31st, for morning service, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. W. Jukes, 1; C. March, 2; J. March, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. A 1036 of Grandsire Triples. W. Jukes, 1; W. March, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; W. Cooper (conductor), 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; J. March, 8. For evening service, a 503 of Grandsire Triples. W. Jukes, 1; W. Cooper (conductor), 2; C. March, 3; A. Griffiths, 4; J. March, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; F. Jones, 8. Three courses of Grandsire Major. H. A. Hall, 1; W. Jukes, 2; W. Cooper, 3; C. March, 4; J. March, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. E. Groves, 8. Tenor 22½ cwt.

TETTENHALL.—On Wednesday, January 20th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. C. Clarke, 1; C. Bessage, 2; T. Rowe, 3; B. Dalton (conductor), 4; W. M. Richards, 5; W. H. Weaver, 6. A 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. \*W. Jasper, 1; \*C. Bessage, 2; \*T. Rowe, 3; W. Jukes, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; J. Pardoe, 6. A 360 in the same method. W. Jukes, 1; C. Bessage, 2; B. Dalton (conductor), 3; J. Pardoe, 4; W. Jasper, 5; J. E. Groves, 6. The above was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. \*First 720 of Minor and rang at the first attempt. Tenor 13 cwt.

PENN.—On Sunday, January 31st, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; W. Cooper, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. A 360 in the same method. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; A. Griffiths, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; H. Roden, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores. Tenor 10½ cwt.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. T. Baker, 1; H. Springall (conductor), 2; S. Hayes, 3; W. Dallimore, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; R. Turner, 7; C. Dempsey, 8. Composed by J. Barrett, of Stepney, and contains fourteen 4-6s, fourteen 7-4s, and fourteen 6-7s.

WESTMINSTER.—On Sunday evening, February 7th, at St. Stephen's church, eight members of the St. Stephen's Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Carter, 1; F. Ingerfield, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; T. R. Bell, 4; E. Duff, 5; J. Willshire (conductor), 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; F. Pates, 8. Composed by the Editor, and published in the issue of January 16th, 1892.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday morning, February 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3;

J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Bob, with J. Warren, 5; the rest as before. First 720 of Oxford by C. Preston. First 720 with a bob bell by W. Wheeldon.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Thursday, February 4th, at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Wilkins (first 720), 1; J. Burge, 2; T. Doble, 3; G. Yendall (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; T. W. Radford, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. J. Burge, 1; S. Radford, 2; T. W. Radford, 3; G. E. Harbour, 4; J. Maddock, 5; G. Knight, 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY.—On Saturday, February 6th, in honour of the marriage of one of the local band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Longhurst, 6; J. Taylor, 7; A. Sparks, 8.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, January 25th, 720 Plain Bob. N. Tompkins, 1; H. Finch, 2; F. Finch, 3; C. Hills, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 28th, 720 College Exercise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 1st, 720 College Pleasure. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 4th, an attempt was made for a 5040 in seven different methods, but after ringing 3120 changes it came to grief owing to a change-course, and "stand" was called after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins., being 720 each of the following: College Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Violet, and 240 Duke of York. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Parsons, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, February 6th, six members of the St. Bridget's company assisted by the St. Mary's-on-the-Hill band rang short touches of Plain Bob with the queens and tittums, and other ringing, occupying 35 mins., being the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Joseph Smith, a brother-ringer. W. Kendall, 1; A. Dodd, 2; F. Chesworth, 3; L. Schofield, 4; R. Humphreys, 5; E. F. Fletcher (conductor), 6. Tenor 23 cwt. Longest length by five of the band. All the above wish Mr. and Mrs. Smith every success and happiness in their new sphere of life.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, January 28th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a 720 Double Court Bob in 24½ mins. G. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This was rung in honour of G. Jordan's seventeenth birthday. On Sunday, January 31st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24½ mins. (5th the observation). W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 4th, the local company rang for practice, a 720 Worcester Surprise (nine bobs) in 26 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. A 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. Composed by Rev. C. W. Bassano, Old Hill. G. Jordan, 1; G. Gray, 2; I. Hammond, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 720 Superlative Surprise (nine bobs, 3rd the observation), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 7th, for afternoon service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise (nine bobs) in 23 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; \*T. J. Watts (conductor), 5; W. Watts, 6. \*First 720 in the method as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, February 6th, on handbells retained in hand, two 120's Grandsire Doubles. T. J. Watts, 1-2; W. Watts (conductor), 3-4; W. Cavill, 5-6. These are the first 120's by all double-handed.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRITH (Kent).—On Friday, January 29th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs. 35 mins., it was unfortunately lost through the gas being turned off in the church. C. Wilkins, 1; G. Conyard, 2; H. Gibbs, 3; J. Davis, 4; F. J. Cullum, 5; J. Garard, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; J. H. Cheesman, 8.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 7th, at the church of St. Mary

Abbotts, Kensington, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), in 50 mins. \*F. Davis, 1; \*W. Jones, 2; R. W. Hoather, 3; \*— Griffiths, 4; J. C. Truss, 5; \*R. E. Dawe, 6; W. Baron, jun., 7; F. J. Pitts (composer and conductor), 8; W. Baron, 9; G. Chesterman, 10. \*First quarter-peal on ten bells. R. E. Dawe hails from Lewes, and had not rung on ten bells before.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, January 30th, 720 Grand-sire Minor. J. Picken, 1; R. Voas, 2; H. Bird, 3; J. Strong, 4; J. Wood, 5; J. Cliffe, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; J. Pownall, 8. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Wednesday, February 10th, at the Abbey, 335 Grandsire Triples. F. Wilson, 1; T. Curtiss, 2; J. Staples, 3; J. Hewitt, 4; J. Ballard, 5; H. White, 6; J. Whiting (conductor), 7; C. Tribe, 8. A 504 Bob Triples. J. Hewitt, 1; T. Curtiss, 2; J. Staples, 3; J. Elcomb, 4; H. White (conductor), 5; C. Tribe, 6; J. Whiting, 7; A. Newman, 8. Another 504 Bob Triples. H. White, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Elcomb, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; C. Tribe, 6; J. Whiting, 7; J. Walker, 8. 252 Bob Triples. F. Wilson, 1; C. Tribe, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; H. White, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George, 7; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 8. A 504 Stedman Triples. G. Grafham, 1; C. Privett, 2; H. White, 3; W. H. George, 4; T. Groves, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. Whiting (conductor), 7; T. Cole and J. Walker, 8. A plain course of Stedman with J. Hewitt, 2; J. Staples, 3; A. Newman, 8. First touch of Bob Triples by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, and longest length of Triples by Messrs. R. White, Newman, Elcomb, A. Newman, and Walker, who are all local men.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, February 13th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Fletcher (first 720), 1; T. Cope, 2; G. Oldham, 3; T. D. Thompson, 4; W. Hexter (conductor), 5; S. Wesley, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F. This was rung as a mark of respect to Mr. J. Bonsall, one of the local ringers, who was married on Thursday, February 11th. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles and Stedman Doubles. A. Freeman, H. Fletcher, T. Cope, W. Hexter, G. Oldham, S. Wesley, T. Thompson, and H. W. Wilde. H. Fletcher hails from Ilkeston, Geo. Oldham from Beeston, S. Wesley from Lenton, and T. Cope and W. Hexter from Long Eaton.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Saturday, January 30th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Herbert, 1; H. Checkley, 2; C. Wild, 3; C. Herbert, 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; Cyril Herbert, 6. On Saturday, February 13th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). W. Phillimore, 1; C. Wild (first 720), 2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. T. Fowles, 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; C. Beaman, (conductor), 6. W. Pardoe hails from Coseley.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, January 25th, at St. Phillip's church, an attempt was made for a peal of 5057 Grandsire Caters, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, but after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins. it came to grief. J. Jennings, 1; J. E. Scott, 2; R. C. Bowkett, 3; G. Walker, 4; J. Jones, 5; C. Sparkes, 6; G. Hitchman, 7; F. H. James, 8; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 9; F. Mumford, 10. Tenor 29 cwt.

BOUGHTON NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, February 7th, for a Confirmation Service, held by the Bishop of Dover, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). A. Smith, 1; F. T. Harris, 2; H. Foreman, 3; W. Hope, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; W. Foreman, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; W. G. Lucas, 8; 6th and 8th covering. 252 Bob Triples. A. Smith, 1; H. Foreman, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; W. Hope, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; R. Castle, 6; F. T. Harris (conductor), 7; W. Foreman, 8. On Tuesday, February 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. H. Wallis, 1; A. Biggs, 2; E. E. Foreman, 3; C. Couchman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; W. Foreman, 8.

BURLEY, LEEDS (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford. S. Wood, 1; \*C. Hird, 2; \*S. Brook, 3; G. H. Hoyle (conductor), 4; J. W. Atkinson, 5; J. Hey, 6. \*First 720 in the method with a bob bell.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, February 8th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; R. Jefferies (conductor), 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchen, 5; T. Smith, 6.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, February 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Durling, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; G. Durling, 3; G. French, 4; J. Emery, 5; T. Harford (first quarter-peal as conductor), 6; W. J. Smith, 7; T. Phillips, 8. Composed by H. P. Harman.

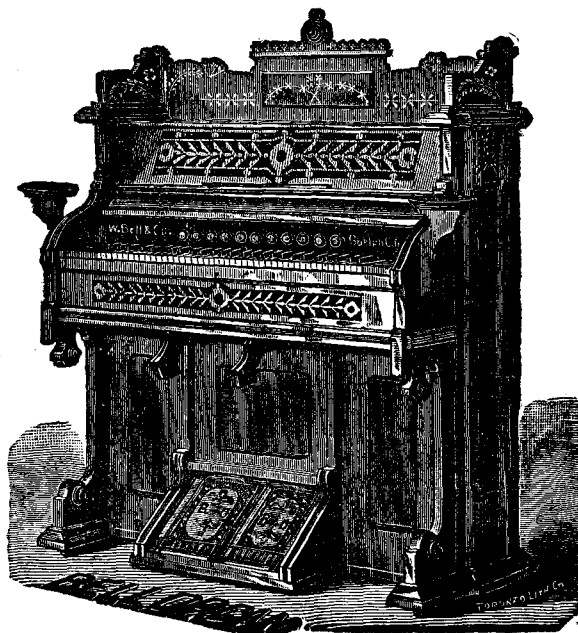
EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—Recently at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. W. Harding; also another quarter-peal conducted by W. J. Fisher. At Christ Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." And 252 Stedman Triples, 420 Bob Triples, two 504's of Grandsire Triples, and a plain course of Treble Bob. F. W. Harding, A. Baker, G. Howse, J. Sharp, T. Smith, J. Honisett, F. Dyer, W. Fisher, C. Tewes, and J. Osborn. The Grandsire was conducted by A. Baker, the Stedman and Bob Triples by F. W. Harding.

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The Society of Trinity Youths.—The Meetings for February are as follows:—Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 22nd; practice 8.0 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a Quarterly Meeting at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, the 20th February, to which Members and Ringers will be heartily welcome. The Tower will be open from 3.30 to 10 p.m.  
40, Nutcroft Road, F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.  
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Birmingham St. Martin's Guild.—The Johnson Anniversary Dinner will be held as usual, on Saturday, the 27th inst., at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham. Dinner tickets 3s. each; may be obtained on application to the undersigned on or before the 25th inst. Dinner will be served at 5.30 p.m.  
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hertford, to-day, Saturday, February 20th. The tower of St. Andrew's open from 3 p.m. Tea at the coffee tavern at 5 o'clock; business meeting to follow.  
St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association, — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, to-day, Saturday, February 20th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock; meeting in belfry at 5.30, as it is intended to form a branch for Preston and district. All ringers are earnestly requested to attend.  
J. HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

Sussex County Association. — Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Chailey, to-day, Saturday, February 20th. Ringing from 12 noon. Service at 3 p.m. Meat tea at 4 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Tea tickets 1s. each.  
T. HERVEY BEAMS, Hon. Divisional Sec.  
5, Clinton Place, Seaford.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Wylam-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, February 24th, when the bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of the ringers during the day. The committee will meet at the "Black Bull" at 12.30 p.m., and the dinner will be held at the same place at 1.30 p.m.  
L. NEWTON, Hon. Sec.  
Earl's House, Durham.

Kent County Association.—Members are informed that the railway vouchers for reduced fares are now available at all stations on both S.E. and L.C.D. Ry's. The new certificates of membership (price 6d.), are now ready, and may be had on application to the Secretary. In writing members are requested to send their full name with date of election.  
FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.  
Canterbury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The usual monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell, on Saturday, February 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Nominations of officers for the ensuing year due at this meeting.  
43, Low Moor Side, R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
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Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.  
Rev. W. T. BULPIT } Hon.  
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Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Milnrow church, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. The vicar will provide tea for those members who send in to me not later than Wednesday, February 24th. Tea in Schools at 4.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.  
42, Tweedale Street, FRANK BIRTWISTLE.  
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Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this Society will be held at Tottenham, on Saturday, February 27th, when the balance sheet for the past year and the annual reports will be presented. Ringing at 4 o'clock.  
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Making and cutting white marble tablet to instructions .. ..	6 0 0
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This tablet was unveiled by the Rev. Arthur W. Jephson, on Saturday, February 6th, 1892, particulars of which will be found on another page.  
GEO. W. WILD,  
February 9th, 1892.

FALSE TOUCH.—The date touch of 1892 changes of Union Triples, by Mr. Longney, of Croome, Worcester, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 6th, is false.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

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34265	-	32546 - -
32564	-	25346 - -
25364	-	53246 - -
53264	-	42356 - -
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First rung (muffled) at St. Michael's, Gloucester, January 18th, 1892. Conducted by its composer.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT SADDLEWORTH.—This was the first peal rung by S. Winterbottom, whom the band congratulated upon his achievement, and wished him success, as he is leaving Saddleworth for Wales. It was also rung in honour of the birthday of James Radcliffe, and the band wished him many happy returns. The treble ringer has been away from Saddleworth over twenty years, and having been in his native parish again a few months, he was anxious to ring a peal. He is fifty-three years of age. The ringers and friends to the number of about twenty were entertained by Mr. Winterbottom after the peal to a first rate supper at the "Church Inn," and the evening was made up of songs, courses on handbells, &c.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. P. HARMAN.—Next week; we are quite full of such matters, and issue them in order.

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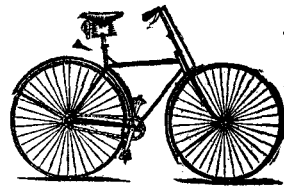
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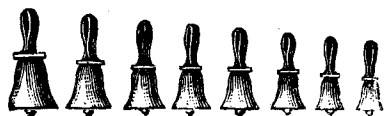
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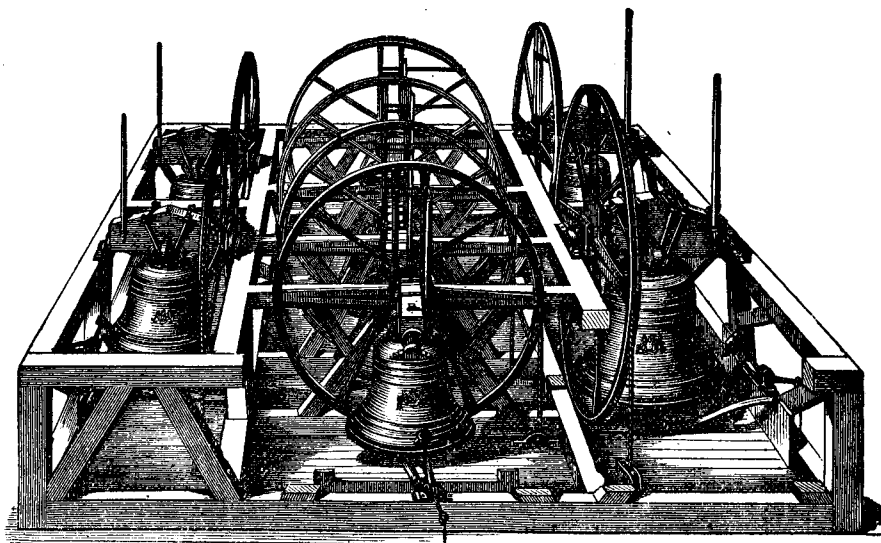
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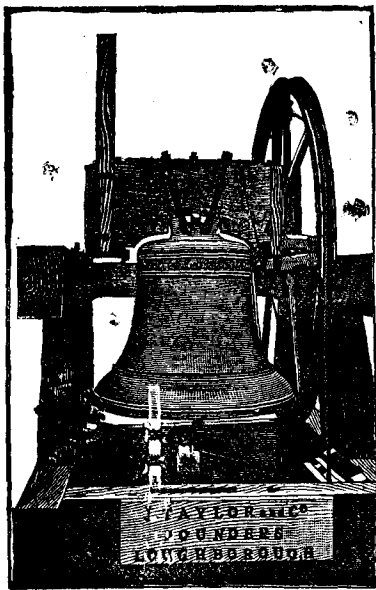
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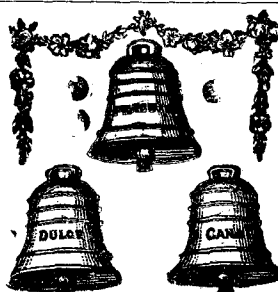
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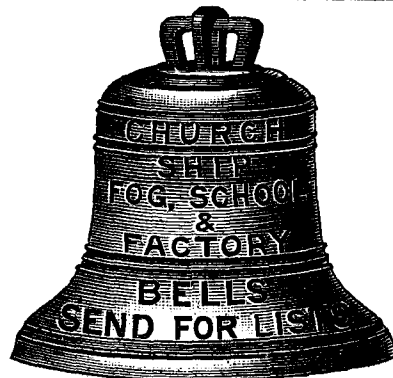
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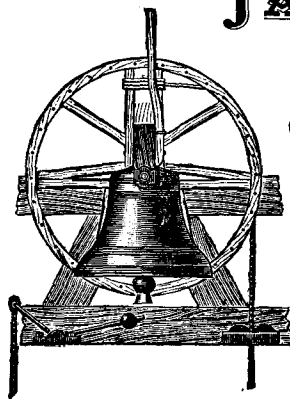
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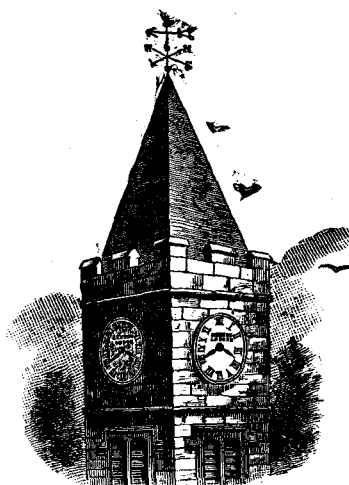
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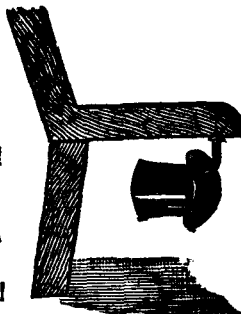
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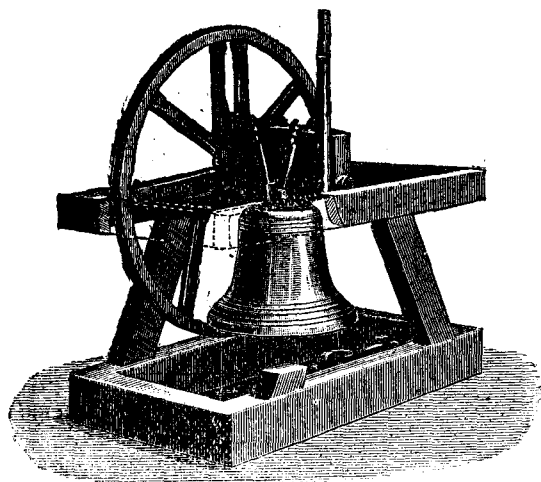
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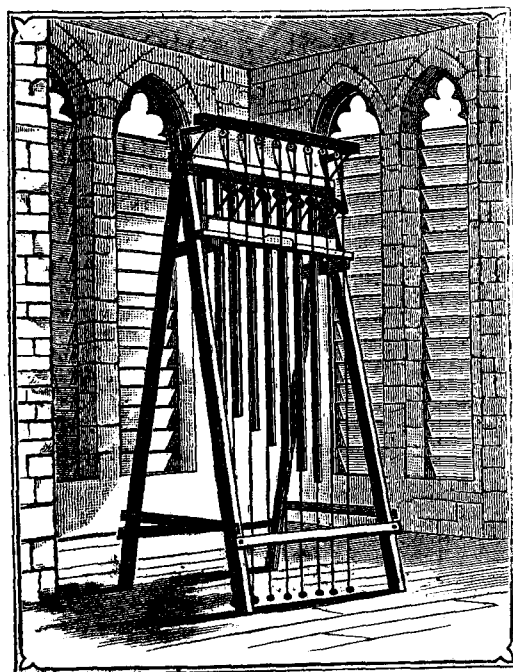
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## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The usual quarterly meeting of this Society took place at Handsworth on Saturday, February 13th. About fifty ringers attended, and the gathering was in every way a success. Various touches were rung during the afternoon, and at 5 o'clock a short service was held in the church. This was well attended by the ringers, and there were happily few absentees. There never surely ought to be any absentees at such services. The vicar of a parish often provides them, at the request of the Society, at some inconvenience to himself, and all right and proper feeling should prompt the members of the Society to be present. The Rector of Handsworth, the Rev. R. Hodgson, gave a forcible and suitable address, prefacing his remarks by expressing his pleasure at welcoming to Handsworth (to which benefice he has just been appointed) many of his old friends among the ringers.

After the service the usual Committee meeting was held in the vestry, at which a good deal of business was done, as no less than thirty-six candidates were elected as honorary and ringing members. Among the former were the Revs. G. H. Sharpe, Vicar of Perry Parr; M. C. Crofton and W. Solby, Vicar and Curate of Christ Church, West Bromwich; J. E. H. Blake, Curate of Tamworth; and J. C. Bocking, Curate of St. Martin, Tipton. Among the ringing members were seven of the band from Norton Canes.

After the Committee meeting the ringers sat down to an excellent tea, which had been arranged for by Mr. Samuel Reeves, one of the Secretaries. The Rev. D. Jones, Secretary and Treasurer, presided. It is intended to take steps to shew the Society's appreciation of the many services rendered by the late Secretary, the Rev. J. R. Keble, who has lately left the Diocese, having been appointed Vicar of Bishopsthorpe, York. It was largely owing to his exertions that the Society was formed some nine years ago, and ever since then he has acted as Secretary, and done all he could to advance the best interests of the members.

The thanks of those attending the meeting are due to the Rector of Handsworth for his cordial welcome, for so kindly providing a service, and for his able address; and it would be most ungrateful not to thank most warmly Mrs. Warren, the wife of the churchwarden. The secretary had the greatest difficulty in arranging for the tea, and without Mrs. Warren's kind help it would have been impossible to provide what is generally, perhaps, not the least attractive feature of a ringing meeting. The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, April 23rd, at Brierley Hill.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting, since the county has been divided into three divisions, was held at Chailey (6 bells) in the Eastern Division, on Saturday, February 20th, when representatives from Angmering, Brighton (St. Nicholas), Chailey, Lewes, Lindfield, and Seaford attended. Ringing commenced soon after noon, and was continued till 3 o'clock, when a special service was held, conducted by the Rev. F. R. Hepburn, rector, assisted by the Rev. — Farr, curate. The former read the prayers, while a short, but pithy address, was given by the latter, who based his remarks on the 4th chapter of Nehemiah, 10th and 20th verses, in which he advised his hearers to be like the writer of the text—not disappointed by the opposition offered to the work they had undertaken. Hymns 215 and 223 were sung, Mr. Buckell kindly presiding at the organ.

Service over, another quarter of an hour's ringing was indulged in, and then an adjournment was made to the "Five Bells," where host Dank had provided a capital meat tea. Grace having been said by the rector, who very kindly took the chair, "go" was called, and a good plain course was rung with knives and forks, and thanks to the attention of the waiters, very little dodging was required, and less calls. This method, in which everyone seemed proficient, having been brought round safely, the cloth was removed, and the business of the meeting transacted. This was of a very meagre character, the election of three new members, and the fixing of Southover (Lewes) as the next place of meeting for the Eastern Division, being the most important. A vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman for the service, and to the churchwardens for the use of

the bells, terminated the business. The tower was again visited, where ringing was indulged in until the time for departure arrived. The meeting was rather small, but doubtless the inclemency of the weather prevented many from attending. The divisional secretary begs to remind the different branches that subscriptions are now due, and trusts they will be forwarded as early as possible; also that, when reply postcards are sent out, the branch secretaries will in future return them without fail so to cause less inconvenience and expense.

## RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the above Society took place at Warkton, near Kettering, on Saturday, February 13th. Warkton bells are a musical peal of five, tenor 9 cwt. They are dated as follows:—Treble 1887, second 1718, third 1761, fourth 1887, tenor 1638. The tenor is one of the many old bells in the Midlands made by Watts of Leicester. The new treble and fourth were cast by Taylor of Loughborough, in jubilee year, and are a capital "splice." They at the same time re-hung the bells in a most satisfactory manner. After a good turn at the ropes the ringers (twenty-five of whom were present, from Raunds, Kettering, Earls Barton, Wellingborough, and Warkton) sat down to a meat tea in the schoolroom, kindly provided by the rector, the Rev. T. L. Bridges. At the close hearty votes of thanks were passed to the rector for the use of the bells, and for the hospitable manner in which he had entertained the Association.

A business meeting was afterwards held. In the absence of the vice-president, the Rev. A. S. Lindsay (through illness), Mr. E. J. Dennes presided. All the local ringers, also Mr. Archer of Weekley, gave in their names to be proposed as members at the next annual meeting. Much regret was expressed that their respected hon. secretary, the Rev. Hugh Bryan, had left the district. It was the general opinion that the Rev. A. S. Lindsay should be asked to fill the vacancy.

Some excellent handbell music was given by the Raunds company, after which, most of the ringers journeyed to Kettering, where, in the commodious and well-appointed ringing room of that noted Northamptonshire Tower, they rang various touches on the recently re-hung and re-tuned peal of eight bells, tenor 24 cwt. in D.

## THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A meeting was held at the Vicarage on Thursday, February 11th, for the purpose of forming a second company of ringers in this parish. The Vicar, the Rev. H. B. Hodgson, presided. There was a very good attendance, and the following members of the stated company were also present, who kindly promised to instruct the new beginners: Messrs. C. Eddington (Captain), T. Alsop, steeplekeeper, and F. K. Howell. It was unanimously decided that the company be called "The Thornbury Amateur Company of Change-Ringers," and after drawing up and passing some rules suitable for the working of the company, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. H. B. Hodgson, President; Mr. W. E. B. Walton, Vice-president; Mr. R. Eddington, Captain; Mr. F. H. Burchell, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer; and Mr. T. Alsop, steeplekeeper.

Mr. F. K. Howell spoke of the necessity of regular attendance at the practices, and stated that all the members should make it a point to attend and always endeavour to their utmost to be in time, as nothing would be more annoying to the other members than to have to wait for one of their number who happened to be late.

The Vicar said that he wished the company every success, and he had no doubt they would succeed if they only made up their minds to persevere.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

## WALSHAW, NEAR BURY, LANCASHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected in the Jesse Haworth Memorial Church here by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It strikes the hours, and shews time on two 6-ft. dials, which are illuminated at night. Messrs. Booth and Chadwick, of Manchester, were the Architects.

## MR. HENRY SWAIN, OF LONDON.

(Vide Portrait.)

The gentleman whose profile is published this week, is a native of the famous (to ringers) town of Painswick, in Gloucestershire, where he was born in the year 1840. The mention of Painswick is apt to bring to the mind vivid recollections of the Estcourt family, one of which—William Estcourt—was, a few decades since, an acknowledged power in the ringing world. It has been said that the Painswick people are either stonemasons or iron-moulders, and the celebrated William Estcourt was of the former, as is also the subject of this sketch. Tradition says that Mr. Estcourt was wont to get his apprentices round him in the workshop or yard, and illustrate to them by a piece of chalk on a huge lump of stone, the intricacies of that method known as "Stedman," and when the reasoning facilities of the young hopefuls appeared sluggish, he frequently called to his aid an implement of his craft, to wit, the "straight-edge," to stimulate them to the standard required. Our friend SWAIN, however, we may suppose, experienced a milder form of tutelage, for his master in the art was the late Mr. James Savory, one of a ringing family not less celebrated than the Estcourts. Mr. Savory was the conductor of the 12,312 of Grandsire Caters, and his son William rang the tenor in the longest peal of Treble Bob Maximus ever performed, viz.: 10,224 changes, at Painswick, composed and conducted by the above-named W. Estcourt.

At the period we are referring to Painswick possessed a good company, of whom sixteen were perfect at Stedman Cinques. Among such a band progress to the intelligent pupil was rapid, and accordingly HENRY SWAIN was soon able to score his first peal—Stedman Triples—which was rung in company with his friend, Mr. F. Musty (now of Cheltenham), and conducted by another of his friends—the late Robert Burt, a very promising young ringer, too soon cut off by the hand of death. Soon after this peal was rung, the exigencies of business compelled Mr. SWAIN to leave Painswick, and journeying to Worcester he found employment—not the only one of the same trade among Painswick ringers who have found employment in the "faithful city." But though he had rung Stedman on any number of bells while in his native village, he did not at first make such a show as might have been expected among the Worcester ringers, for having never hardly heard of such methods as Grandsire or Treble Bob, he could only ring the treble in a touch with them unless those assembled were enough for Stedman, a condition somewhat infrequent at that time. But a thorough knowledge of Stedman is enough to take a ringer through almost any other method, and he was not long before he could ring Treble Bob, Grandsire, or anything else, his first touch in the latter method being, as he says himself, rung in company with the Editor of this paper.

Time elapses, and the next we hear of HENRY SWAIN is among the Birmingham St. Martin's Society, with whom he rang his first peal of Stedman Caters, conducted by the late Mr. Johnson. In 1863 he arrived in London, where he has been located ever since. He joined the Cumberlands soon after his arrival, his first peal with them being at St. James's, Clerkenwell. In all he has rung ninety-three peals, and this score would, in all probability, have been more than doubled had his health, never very robust, permitted. The following is a list of his performances:—

Grandsire Caters ...	...	...	...	...	15
" Triples ...	...	...	...	...	15
" Cinques...	...	...	...	...	3
Stedman Triples ...	...	...	...	...	6
" Caters ...	...	...	...	...	14
" Cinques...	...	...	...	...	12
Treble Bob Major ...	...	...	...	...	11
" Royal ...	...	...	...	...	10
" Maximus ...	...	...	...	...	3
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	...	...	...	...	4

His longest peal was 8096 of Grandsire Caters at St.

Margaret's, Westminster. He was in two long attempts at Fulham, one for Grandsire Caters, which came to an end after ringing 7 hrs. and 30 mins., and the other—Stedman Caters—failed after 6 hrs. and 30 mins. In neither of these instances, and, it may be added, nor in any other, has a collapse been owing to HENRY SWAIN, for he is as safe a ringer as ever took hold of a rope, and there is a quiet steadiness about him which many we know would do well to imitate.

He is also a member of the St. James's and Waterloo Societies, and the Yorkshire and Essex Associations.

## THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

A Meeting of the above named guild was held at Pinchbeck, near Spalding, on Saturday, February 20th, and was well attended by the members and their friends. Previous to the meeting a service was held in the parish church, the prayers being read by the Rev. W. Disney, clerical secretary to the guild, and a short address by the Rev. F. F. Mayet, vice-president. The rev. gentleman took for his text, 1 Cor. x. 31:—"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Having spoken a few words to the ringers on their work in calling the people to church by the voice of the bells, he quoted some rare inscriptions on the bells of the Fen churches, the greater part of which were in Latin. This part of the address was exceedingly good, and was listened to with marked attention. After service an adjournment was made to the "Bull Inn," where an excellent dinner awaited the ringers. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the toast of "Church and Queen" was given by the Rev. F. F. Wayet, who feelingly alluded to the lamented death of Prince Eddie. The business meeting followed the dinner, about thirty members attending. It was proposed that instead of spending money to send a representative to the Central Council, two instructors be employed to teach probationers. The Secretary stated that already one company had been receiving instruction at the hands of Mr. G. Skeef, of Spalding. No doubt others would follow, and thus increase the numbers of the guild. A few minor matters were quickly disposed of, and the members then returned to church, to listen to an organ recital, given by Mr. H. Thew, of King's Lynn, on a new organ which the Rev. F. F. Wayet had been instrumental in obtaining for his well kept church. The bells, which have recently been re-hung by the Loughborough firm, were set going by the new bands (Moulton), to the tune of Grandsire Doubles. Pinchbeck, with its lovely church and hard-working parish priest, had to be left reluctantly by the ringers who had come from Lynn and other distances, for Spalding. Here they made a short stay at the church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, and some Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob were rung. A hearty shake of the hand with the Spalding friends and a good night, concluded a day's outing, which was successful in every point.

The *Record* states that a new proposal for the increase of the Episcopate is being mooted in the north. The diocese of Manchester and Carlisle stand, it is said, in urgent need of relief. The dense population of the one and the extended area and physical character of the other are given as reasons why a re-arrangement of their borders so as to create a new diocese is needed. It is accordingly suggested that a compact and workable diocese should be formed out of these two, with the addition, perhaps, of a slice from Ripon. Lancaster, which has a noble and capacious parish church, is suggested as the see town, although it would be overshadowed in size by both Preston and Barrow. The formation of such a diocese would relieve Carlisle of about ninety of its 294 benefices, and Manchester of 101 of its 504. The new diocese itself would contain 210 benefices.

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## NEW CARILLON AT THE INSTITUTE, WISBECH.

A new clock and carillon has just been erected in the tower of the above institute by the firm of Sainsbury Brothers, of Walthamstow, London. The following particulars of this interesting piece of mechanism have been supplied to us:—

The clock is on the horizontal or lathe bed principle. The striking part is the same as that which was used before. The going-part of the clock is all entirely new, and it has Graham's dead-beat escapement, with heavy, compensated pendulum, which has been made on quite a new plan with five zinc tubes running down inside the whole length of the rod, one within the other, the pendulum weighing over 1 cwt., is 6 feet long beating  $1\frac{1}{4}$  seconds of time and maintaining power to keep the clock going during winding. The clock drives three dials, 4ft. 6in. in diameter. The hands are driven by bevel wheels and connecting rods, which again drives another nest of three bevel wheels placed in the centre of the room, and branching off to each of the dials. A gas wheel is also connected with the clock, and turns on and off the gas at any given time automatically, as the length of the days increase and decrease. The three external dials are regulated by a small dial on the clock, and are all moved simultaneously. The small one has engraved on it, "James Dann, Clock Maker, Wisbech." The length of the pendulum is 6ft., beating  $1\frac{1}{4}$  seconds of time. The clock is driven by weights running over pulleys vary from 5in. to 14in. in diameter. The total length of the steel lines is 250ft., and the carillons machine 130. The clock goes eight days, and the machine is wound daily. The weight of the hammers vary from 4½lbs. to 20lbs, lifting 26 levers on the 13 bells, and driven by a weight of 8½ cwt. The carillon machine has been entirely re-constructed by Mr. H. Sainsbury, of the firm of Sainsbury, Bros., Walthamstow, who has erected carrillons and large public clocks all over the country and on the continent; he also constructed the large mechanical figure-clock in Cheapside for Sir John Bennett. The new bells, four in number, were cast by the old established firm of Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, and are dated 1891. The largest bell, which is the hour bell, is 2ft. 7in. in diameter, and produces the note G. in the bass. The complete peal is now in that key, instead of, as formerly, the key of C. The carillons play the same tunes as before on the four barrels, two barrels playing seven tunes each and two of them six tunes each—thirteen secular tunes and fourteen sacred. A tune is played every two hours, the machine in the meantime also striking the Westminster quarters, the same as are struck by Big Ben at the Houses of Parliament. The following tunes are played in succession:—No. 1 barrel (secular): 1, "Rule Britannia"; 2, "Auld Aule Lang Syne"; 3, Home Sweet Home"; 4, "Blue Bells of Scotland"; 5, "March of the Men of Harlech"; 6, "The harp that once"; 7, "Tom Bowling."—No. 2 barrel (sacred): 1, "Christmas Hymn"; 2, "Adestes Fideles"; 3, "Easter Hymn"; 4, "Sicilian Mariners"; 5, Haydn's "Hymn to the Emperor"; 6, "Hanover"; 7, "Hark, Hark, my Soul."—No. 3 barrel (secular): 1, "Chiming Bells of Long Ago"; 2, "Ring the Bell, Watchman"; 3, "God bless the Prince of Wales"; 4, "The Last Rose of Summer"; 5, "Caller Herrin"; 6, "God Save the Queen"; 7, Change-ringing on eight bells.—No. 4 barrel (sacred): 1, "O, God, our help in ages past" (S.P.C.K.); 2, Maidstone, "Pleasant are Thy Courts above"; 3, "Oh, rest in the Lord" (Elijah); 4, "Abide with me" (S.P.C.K.); 5, "The world is very evil" (A.M.); 6, "Jerusalem the Golden" (A.M.). One set of tunes is played one week, and the other set the next, so that the whole tunes are played through in a fortnight; a fresh tune every two hours each day, and again at night, thus completing the tunes on each barrel once in the twelve hours.

On Thursday, a bronze tablet, which has been placed in St. Lawrence Church, Norwich, in memory of Miss Glover, joint foundress of the tonic sol-fa system, was unveiled by Archdeacon Perowne. Miss Glover's father was rector of St. Lawrence, and her earliest work in simplifying music teaching was carried on in connection with the congregation.

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## TESTIMONIAL.

On Thursday, February 18th, a few friends met at the "Red Lion" inn, Bletchingley, Surrey, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Mr. John Burkin, sen., of Nutfield. The present consisted of a handsome marble timepiece, upon which a brass plate was affixed, having the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. John Burkin, sen., by the Bletchingley, Nutfield, and Reigate Church Bellringers, February, 1892."

Mr. J. Bashford, sen., in making the presentation on behalf of the subscribers (about thirty) said that whenever Mr. Burkin was among them he was always ready, with a kindly word and helping hand, to assist in any movement for the benefit of those interested in bellringing, particularly those under his instruction. It showed that there was something above the ordinary in Mr. Bashford to have retained the affection and goodwill of those who were formerly under his teaching as well as those who have known him for the past fifty years, and who regard him as the "father" of ringers in this neighbourhood. Mr. Bashford concluded by saying that he felt it an honour to present the gift to such an old, well-tried, and respected friend.

In accepting the gift Mr. Burkin said he was not accustomed to speechmaking, and therefore could hardly find words in which to thank them for such a valuable and useful present. Whenever he looked upon it, it would bring to his mind the many happy hours he had spent among them. When by the hand of Providence he was taken from them, he hoped their gift to him that day would be treasured by his son William, who he desired should possess it after him, he hoped for many years.

The remarks of Mr. Burkin were very favourably received by the company, who were pleased with the idea that Mr. William Burkin would inherit the gift ultimately.

The pleasant proceedings closed with the general expression of good wishes for the health of Mr. Burkin, which has not been the best of late.

## NEW MEMORIAL CLOCK.

A new memorial clock, striking the hours on the large bell, and showing the time upon two external dials 5 ft. each in diameter, has been erected at the parish church, Scalby, near Scarborough, by Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of Guildford Street, Leeds, from the designs and plans of Lord Grimthorpe, and from instructions received from J. E. Ellis, Esq., J.P., M.P., Wrea Head, Scalby, near Scarborough.

## THE LATE DR. PHILPOTT'S WILL.

The late Bishop Philpott left personalty of the value of £60,857. The main portion is left in trust to pay the income thereof to Mrs. Philpott for her life. On her death a legacy of £10,000. will accrue to the Church Pastoral Aid Society and a like sum to the Church Missionary Society; £12,000. to Archdeacon Maddison, of Richards Castle, Salop £6,000 to the Rev. William Pitcairn Alexander Campbell, of Fladbury, Worcestershire; and £2,000. to the Rev. William Henry Philpott, of Forest Vicarage, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

## THE APPLETON SOCIETY.

The Seventy-Fourth Anniversary of this society will be held on the 4th of March. A peal will be attempted at 10.0 a.m. Ringers wishing to take part in the peal will please send their names to Mr. F. White. Dinner at 4.0 p.m.

A correspondent of the *Guardian* says that the governors of St. Dunstan's school at Catford have suddenly deprived the Vicar of Lewisham of two Sunday curates by prohibiting the masters of the school from taking part in any church service, or appearing in church in surplice. It is to be charitably supposed there are ample reasons for taking this step, or else it seems an high-handed proceeding. How the interests of the school could possibly suffer does not appear.

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## THE LATE MR. JAMES DWIGHT.

Gone from us, but not forgotten,  
Never shall his memory fade.

A deeply muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, was rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, at the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, on Saturday last, the 20th February, 1892, to the memory of the late Mr. James Dwight, an old and esteemed member of the Society. The meeting-time was 7.0 p.m., and by that hour a goodly number of members were present, viz.:—Messrs. W. D. Smith (Master), J. Pettit (Treasurer), R. T. Woodley (Secretary), G. J. Smith (Senior Steward), and Messrs. J. R. Haworth, M. A. Wood, G. Muskett, R. Jameson, E. Horrex, J. M. Hayes, C. F. Winny, R. French, G. T. McLaughlin, F. E. Dawe, G. and R. Mash, J. W. Rowbotham, S. E. Joyce, G. Dorrington, E. Wallage, C. H. Jessop, and Howard, and Mr. W. H. Dwight, brother to deceased, and several friends, members of other Societies.

The muffled peal was rung by J. Pettit (conductor), 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; R. Jameson, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; R. French, 6; G. Muskett, 7; G. T. McLaughlin, 8; E. Horrex, 9; W. D. Smith, 10; F. E. Dawe, 11; J. M. Hayes, tenor.

Two courses of Stedman Cinques were afterwards rung by the same band with the exception that J. W. Rowbotham, and S. E. Joyce rung the 2nd and 7th respectively.

After the ringing the members and friends adjourned to the meeting house in St. Paul's churchyard, and upon the Master taking the chair, Mr. G. Mash proposed, and Mr. M. A. Wood seconded, that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow and family of the deceased, expressive of the esteem in which he had been held. This was carried *nem. con.* Mr. W. H. Dwight thanked the company for their expression of sympathy in very suitable terms.

Though departed his memory will be held dear to many of the members of this Society, especially those who had taken part in the evening's proceedings.

## A RINGER'S WEDDING.

At St. George's church, Leicester, on Thursday last, February 18th, William Willson, a local change-ringer, was married to Miss Ada Taylor, also of Leicester. After the ceremony, the bells were soon set ringing in Grandsire Minor and Doubles by fellow-ringers, who gladly turned up to help at such an interesting event. The following ringers took part; Messrs. Millis, Lancashire, Buttery, Cooper, J. Cooper, Walker, Martin, and others. On the following evening the newly-married pair, Mr. and Mrs. Willson, entertained the ringers to supper, and a very enjoyable time was spent, songs being rendered by Messrs. Cotton, Buttery, and others. "The Health and Happiness of the Bride and Bridegroom" was proposed by Mr. J. Buttery (who has a *penchant* for the wassail bowl, etc.), and drank with applause. Before leaving, a course of Grandsire Caters. J. O. Lancashire, 1-2; A. Millis, 3-4; S. Cotton, 5-6; J. Needham, 7-8; W. Willson, 9-10.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A district meeting was held on Monday, February 15th, at Dorking. The Committee meeting (fixed for 2 o'clock) was held in the tower at St. Martin's, the chief subject of discussion being the proposal to raise a subscription in the Guild in aid of the fund now being raised to increase the peal at the Winchester Cathedral from eight to ten, and if possible to twelve bells. The Rev. F. T. Madge, the Rev. H. A. Spyers, and the Hon. Sec. were appointed as a committee to give effect in the best way to the expressed wish of the members to co-operate in the scheme. A considerable number of new members were also elected. The following bands were represented at the meeting: Alton, Basingstoke, Capel, Dorking, Fareham, Farnham, Gosport, Guildford, Havant, Hawley, Leatherhead, and Portsea, besides some of the unattached members. Touches were brought round in the following methods, of which particulars are given elsewhere: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Plain Bob Major. Our best thanks are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper for making most excellent arrangements for the tea, to which it is superfluous to say full justice was done.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday evening, the 17th instant, the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, together with a few friends from other towers in Lincoln, inaugurated what is hoped to be an annual dinner. The company, numbering fourteen, with Mr. Hodson in the chair and Mr. Hoyes in the vice-chair, sat down to an excellent repast, provided by the respected hostess of the Crown Hotel, Brayford, to which ample justice was done. After the table was cleared the loyal toasts were submitted, also that of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." Mr. H. Hoyes proposed "Success to the North Lincolnshire Association."

Mr. J. W. Watson (Hon. Sec.), in responding, said the Association was making steady progress. The clergy in the district were beginning to realise its useful work in raising the standard of ringing and ringers. He (Mr. Watson) impressed upon those present to bear in mind that the work of the Association could not be done by its officers alone, but to make it a success every member should try to assist in bringing the object of the Association to the notice of all those connected with the belfry.

At this stage, Mr. Watson, on behalf of the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, presented to Mr. S. Chester a silver mounted briar pipe and cigar-holder, as a token of the company's respect for him, and for the efficient way he had carried out his duties as Secretary to the company. Mr. Chester, in responding, said he hardly knew what to say, as he was taken by surprise in having presented to him such a useful article as a recognition of his services. He always tried his best to carry out his duties of Secretary in a proper manner, and could only thank them very much for the way in which his services were appreciated.

Mr. Hoyes, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the St. Peter-at-Arches Society," coupled with the name of Mr. C. Wells as conductor, said: It was with great pleasure he had noticed the steady progress the Society had made during the past year. He believed that a few years ago peal ringing in Lincoln was quite out of the question; in fact, as regards the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, it was assumed that over a century had elapsed since the last peal was rung previous to the one rung in April, 1890. During the past year the company had rung six peals, a very creditable performance, considering that the majority of the members were young beginners. He wished the Society every success, and hoped it would uphold the character it had gained, always helping in view the duties they had to do, in carrying out their work, both as ringers and churchmen. Mr. Wells suitably responded. The other toasts submitted were "The Visitors," "The Trade of Lincoln," and "the Hostess."

The toasts were interspersed with songs, recitations, and touches on the handbells, the following contributing: Messrs. Clifton (with guitar accompaniment), Hoyes, Doughty, Woodthorp, Stiles, Hodson, Harris, Walker, and Dawson. The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — ATTEMPTS FOR LONG PEAL AT WARMHAM.

On Saturday, February 20th, eight members of the above attempted the long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, but after ringing 3 hrs., a change-course occurred, and the conductor called "stand." T. Hogsflesh, 1; W. Charman, 2; T. Andrews, 3; J. Parker, 4; F. Rice, 5; W. Short, 6; H. Cook, 7; H. H. Chandler (conductor). 8. And after having some light refreshment, the band made another attempt, this time proving unsuccessful after 2½ hrs. good ringing. The last time "go" was called just before midday. Great credit is due to Mr. H. Cook, he not having done any ringing for two years before the attempt for this peal. The band wish to thank him for his kindness in taking the vacant rope, after being disappointed by one member of the band. It also happens to be the same member who disappointed the conductor at the last moment when they started for 13,440 in March, 1889. The band will attempt this peal again at some future date.

WANTED A Situation as Single-handed Gardener, or where help is given, by a young man, age 25. Eleven years' experience in the general routine.—J. Taylor, Farnfield, Horley, Surrey.

## 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. FENTON'S DATE TOUCH.

SIR,—I see Mr. Hubbard is not yet satisfied with the information given concerning my date touch. I don't see why the touch ceases to be Grandsire for the sake of two changes, which, as Mr. Hubbard says, are totally different, not only from rounds, but from any other changes throughout the touch. I simply meant for the two changes given to be rung and then go off in the ordinary way, viz., 2135476. This should be sufficient to show what I meant by going off from rounds. I will also say that by the use of singles the touch could not be brought round from the last odd change.

J. B. FENTON.

THE RECENT PEAL AT COSELEY.

SIR,—I am sorry that Mr. Gough has been annoyed by my letter, and I am glad that you omitted any personalities it may have contained, as I am sure that Mr. Gough, on considering the matter, will see that personal recrimination was not called for. I said that a peal rung on the middle six of a ring of eight was "calculated to make change-ringing thoroughly unpopular among the musical public." That is still my opinion. Mr. Gough says the treble at Coseley is not in proper ringing order; and the tenor so badly cracked that "if it were rung it would sound more like a boiler being riveted." I never heard a boiler being riveted. I never heard a boiler being riveted, but I daresay the noise is not pleasant. Mr. Gough asks how the inhabitants where I live "would like to hear that kind of music." I answer that they would not like to hear it at all, nor do I think they would have to hear it for long. At Coseley, it appears that a peal on the front six is impossible, and that a peal on the back six would be intolerable; so be it. But if I am right in saying that a peal on the middle six is objectionable, was it right to ring a peal at all under the circumstances? Is it ever right to ring a peal upon bells which render a well-struck and musical performance impossible? Mr. Gough says, however, that he "was asked to ring the peal on the middle six by a prominent local ringer." Unless this person had had some sort of musical training, I do not think his opinion would have much weight with the musical public to whom I referred. It may very well be that the "prominent local ringer" is a great authority on matters specially within a ringer's province, but is he an equally good authority as a musician? I thoroughly sympathise with Mr. Gough in his desire to ring a peal under adverse conditions, but let us not forget that while six men are ringing, six hundred may be listening. Care and attention in learning a method, quickness in rope-sight, accuracy in conducting; these are very good, and no peal can be rung properly without them, but the object of change-ringing is not to develop these powers. The end and aim of all bellringing ought to be the production of pleasing and musical sounds; and therefore a peal on bells which cannot produce those sounds ought not, in my humble opinion, to be attempted. I pass over the matters of a purely personal nature in Mr. Gough's letter, because I feel sure that by the time he sees this he will see that they ought never to have been written. If I am ever in the neighbourhood of Coseley I shall certainly pay the belfry a visit, and shall no doubt receive a courteous welcome from all the ringers there, including Mr. Gough, although I still sign myself

A. B.

SIR,—I quite expected that your sensible correspondent "A. B." would get an abusive answer to his letter in your issue of the 13th instant. That is, I regret to say, too common a manner of argument on the part of many ringers either in the belfry or in your columns. Ringers of to-day, as a body, have much less regard for music than the much-abused round ringers and Churchyard Bob men, whom in many cases they have superseded. If bellringing is to retain its popularity with the inhabitants of our towns and villages in years to come, there must be much more regard paid to harmony and music, or to put it in another way, there must be less ambition for quantity and more for quality. Many a peal or touch that looks well in "THE BELL NEWS," has (owing to bad ringing and careless striking) been anything but a musical treat to those who were obliged to listen to the ringing thereof. The general public are, as a rule, utterly ignorant of the science of change-ringing, and are in many cases totally unaware of its real value and beauty, for the simple reason that they never hear it at its best. What they do listen to, in many instances, they consider far inferior to good plain rounds or set changes, judging it simply by results, viz., by the way in which one irritates and the other pleases the sensitive musical ear. Please understand, sir, I am not running down change-ringing, I am simply asking for some of a better quality than the common article rattled out with many a clip and jangle from our towers and spires. To too many campanologists of

the day ropesight is everything, and ear nothing. Only a few days since I watched one of the most conceited, self-satisfied, bragging sort of ringers that I know having a pull in a touch of Triples. He clipped and knocked against pretty well every bell that he came near, utterly neglecting to listen, or in any way attempt to make the striking good. Speaking from a musician's point of view, it is certainly a mistake to ring either the front six or the middle six of a ring of eight. The Coscley men seem to have no choice; they should have explained that when the notice of peal was sent to you. Ringers must remember that even our board school children are now taught harmony and music, and much that has passed muster in the past will not do so in the future.

A LOVER OF BELLS.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

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HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Friday, February 12th, being the 25th birthday of Mr. J. Beach, six members of the local company attempted a 5040 (seven 720s of Bob Minor), but after ringing 4920 changes in 3 hrs. 20 mins., "stand" was called, owing to the bells being rather mixed up. After lowering the bells, the ringers went to a suitable place where refreshments were in store for them, provided by Mr. Beach, and having wished him many happy returns of the day and success to the next attempt, they reached their homes shortly before midnight, having spent a jolly evening. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Lambert, 5; J. Beach, 6.

KINGSWOOD (Surrey).—On Saturday, February 16th, on the fine-tuned bells of St. Andrew's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. A. Holman, 1; G. Huggett, 2; J. Puplett, 3; J. Ansell, 4; F. J. Sanders, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. Four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Holman, 1; C. Webber, 2; J. Ansell, 3; H. R. Holman, 4; J. Puplett (conductor), 5; G. Barnes, 6. A 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. A. Holman, 1; C. Webber (first 720), 2; G. Huggett, 3; J. Ansell, 4; R. Arnold (conductor), 5; F. J. Sanders, 6. A 120 Bob Minor. W. Wood, 1; C. Webber, 2; F. J. Sanders, 3; J. Ansell, 4; R. Arnold, 5; J. Puplett, 6. Three 6-scores of Grandsire. C. Webber, 1; J. Puplett, 2; H. R. Holman, 3; W. Street, 4; R. Arnold, 5; G. Barnes, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. W. Wood belongs to the local company; the brothers Holman, and Puplett and Sanders from Buckland; the rest hail from Betchworth.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, for Divine Service at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, a 486 Grandsire Caters. T. Hammond, 1; R. Williams, 2; J. Moore, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Brown, 5; W. Williams, 6; E. Booth, 7; J. Booth, 8; J. Martin (conductor), 9; W. Booth, 10. Tenor 25 cwt.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Saturday, February 13th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 of Stedman Triples. W. W. Gifford, 1; S. Macey, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; A. W. Searle, 5; C. H. Watts, 6; T. Blackburn (conductor), 7; S. Ames, 8.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, February 18th, at St. John's church, a 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. J. Battson (first in the method), 1; H. P. Harman, 2; G. Wickens, 3; T. Chandler, 4; W. Smith, 5; G. Durling (first in the method as conductor), 6.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, February 18th, for practice at St. Peter Mancroft, 1008 of Bob Major. C. E. Barrett (first 1008), 1; B. Tungate, 2; R. Richards (first 1008), 3; S. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; E. Francis (composer and conductor), 6; F. H. Knights, jun., 7; F. Knights, sen., 8. The above was rung on the back eight. Tenor 41 cwt.

WEYBREAD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, February 2nd, at the parish church, six members of the Brockdish company rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. E. Hines, 1; F. Barkway, 2; C. Gillman, 3; E. Calver (conductor), 4; H. Hines, 5; H. Smith, 6. Several other touches of Oxford, and of College Exercise were also rung, in which T. Filby, of Wingfield, took part. Tenor 9 cwt. After lowering the bells the ringers were kindly invited by the Rev. H. S. Oriel to refreshment at the Vicarage.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 7th, after Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. Pilgrim, 1; J. Kimberley (first 720), 2; H. Scarlett (conductor), 3; W. Smith, 4; J. Marks, 5; G. Cornell, 6.

WOKING (Surrey).—On Wednesday, February 11th, at the parish church of St. Peter, for practice, a 720 Oxford Single Minor. A. Saunders, 1; L. F. Pope, 2; F. Arnold, 3; C. B. Ryde, 4; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 5; F. C. Ryde, 6. Rung in 34 mins. Tenor 20½ cwt. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Saunders and Pope.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1892.

THE objections made in a recent letter to the "manufacture" of date touches in cases where the method dealt with has to undergo a process of mutilation, are quite in accord with our views upon such a subject. MR. A. HUBBARD, who knew what he was writing about when he penned the letter which appeared last week, spoke truly when he intimated that the method would no longer be Grandsire when the bells were manipulated in a manner which the rule of the method did not allow. There is no contesting this assertion. All "methods" contain certain laws, which must not be broken or varied in the slightest degree if such methods are not to be violated. A touch of Grandsire is Grandsire no longer if the treble is allowed to perform anything else but a plain hunt, with two blows in front and two behind. And similar observations are applicable to any other method.

It is somewhat remarkable that little or no protest has been made against these deviations which week after week appear. Almost everything connected with the art of change-ringing should bear the stamp of truth and genuineness, and yet in the case under consideration we see a most fragrant example of departure from what is genuine. The evil seems to grow apace, and no one can tell where it is to stop. Where can the line be drawn ? If violations of a method are to be allowed in order that an exact number of changes may be obtained, the

process surely need not be confined to one plan. Why not have the method "exploited" in the middle of the touch, as well as at either end? There would be variety, to say the least, in such a departure.

It has always been held, and with reason, that the production of a touch or peal having a particular number of changes reflects some credit upon the composer. Especially is this so when the bells are kept, as far as possible, in the orthodox musical positions. But when artificial means are adopted to the same end, this credit becomes greatly lessened, if not exploded altogether. And many composers whose names are well known are doubtless of this belief, because we never find them descending to the process of mutilation in order to produce a date touch. When this particular number is required they take care to select some method by which the number of changes may be obtained without any deviation from the strict rule of the method, or they abstain altogether from attempting it. Most of us are not behindhand in ridiculing some of the processes adopted by call-change-ringers when performing what has come to be known as Churchyard Bob, and the vagaries of the individual who "conducts" on such occasions. But the spectacle of a practised half-pull ringer instructing the members of his company, just before pulling the bells off, how they are to effect a mutilation of an old standard method, in order to secure the doubtful advantage of saying that they have rung a number of changes corresponding to the date of the year, is certainly one not worthy of admiration. We recollect the late Mr. HALEY animadverting more than once on these spurious date touches, and they were not so common in his time as they are now.

Very likely our strictures on these violations of methods will not effect any alteration. They will go on in all probability just the same as ever. We are aware that two or three able men among our more immediate acquaintance lend their intelligence to such productions, but that is no reason why we should not condemn the principle. To mutilate a method is bad, we say, and ought to be discouraged. By such a practice the domain of the intelligent composer suffers trespass, and productions of no worth can easily be foisted upon the ringing community. If a date touch cannot be obtained by natural means, it is better to abandon the idea of ringing one. There is no magic in such a number, though many appear to make it their fetish. A quarter-peal is plenty long enough for practice.

### The Metropolis.

#### FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE FINCHLEY SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN THREE DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS.

Being Two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, Two 720's of Oxford Bob Minor, and Three 720's of Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM J. RUSSELL .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEBB* .. 4.
JOHN A. CORNELL* .. 2.	WILLIAM BURROWS* .. 5.
FRANK L. SPARKS .. 3.	FRANCIS CARROWAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS CARROWAY.

\*First 5040, and first 5050 by local men.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITTAM .. 6.
THOMAS TITCHENER .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. 7.
HENRY SWAIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LAMB .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This peal (A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Original), was rung in honour of the 63rd birthday of W. Lamb, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells on this and many other occasions; great credit is due to steeplekeeper Lamb for the excellent go of the bells.

### The Provinces.

#### GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 17, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JO. WM. TOPPING .. Treble.	WM. TOPPING .. 5.
NO. FEARNHEAD .. 2.	JAMES JONES .. 6.
NO. BLAKELEY .. 3.	JOHN HARRISON .. 7.
WM. JAKEMAN .. 4.	WM. SEDDON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. JAKEMAN.

†First peal with a bob bell. \*First peal. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

#### CONSETT, DURHAM.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Wednesday, February 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. 5.
HENRY FERGUSON .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY .. 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. 7.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE. This is the first peal on these bells, which were augmented to eight at Whitsuntide, 1891. This peal is a new composition, published in this paper on Saturday, the 13th instant, and is now rung for the first time. See note on another page.

#### MITCHAM.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 17, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

A variation of Holt's Original containing 115 calls.

JOHN HARDING .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEBB .. 5.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 2.	WILLIAM STATES .. 6.
EDWARD MATTHEWS .. 3.	WILLIAM HILL .. 7.
WILLIAM GROVES .. 4.	THOMAS VERRALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by Dr. A. B. CARPENTER.

#### FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, and was first rang on December 13th, 1879, at St. Mary's Lambeth, conducted by the late John Cox. Perry and Thurlow belong to Framsdan; D. G. Wightman to Brandeston; the rest to Creetingham.

## READING, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Thursday, February 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY COFFEE* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR H. EVANS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK SWEETZER .. 2.	ALBERT E. REEVES .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. REEVES* .. 3.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 7.
CECIL E. FOXELL .. .. 4.	*CHARLES HINE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. REEVES.

\*First peal.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 18, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

THOMAS MANNERING.. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. 5.
ARTHUR C. WEST .. .. 2.	GEORGE PAWLEY .. .. 6.
WALTER POPE .. .. 3.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 7.
REV. FRED. J. O. HELMORE 4.	ALFRED TAWNEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

## BRADFORD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL,

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

J. HARDCASTLE, JUN. .. Treble.	D. E. RIMMER* .. .. 6.
S. CLARK .. .. 2.	J. COTTERELL .. .. 7.
R. HILL .. .. 3.	J. BROADLEY .. .. 8.
H. RAISTRICK .. .. 4.	WM. GILL .. .. 9.
J. RIMMER* .. .. 5.	J. F. MALLABY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS POLLITT and Conducted by J. HARDCASTLE.

\*First peal of Royal, and J. Rimmer's first in the method. Messrs. Rimmer and Hill hail from Southport, Gill from Keighley, the rest from Bradford.

## WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

(THE ST. BENEDICT'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs. in G.

GEORGE LITTLE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED TIPTON .. .. 5.
FRANK ANSLOW .. .. 2.	HENRY DEANS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ANSLOW .. .. 3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
GEORGE ASHLEY* .. .. 4.	GEORGE DEANS .. .. Tenor.

No conductor mentioned.

\*First peal. This is the first peal of Triples by all except 6th and 7th, and is the first rung by the local band, the first in the method, and the second upon the bells.

## ELSTREE, HERTS.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HENRY JAMES MARTIN .. Treble.	FRANCIS CARROWAY .. 4.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT 2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5.
CHARLES W. TUCKER .. 3.	CHARLES CRAMPTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

First 5040 on the bells. All but F. Carroway hail from Hendon, and he belongs to Finchley. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells on this occasion.

## MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER, ROCHDALE AND ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD'S,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

G. LONGDEN .. .. Treble.	SAM. BOOTH .. .. 5.
G. HOYLE .. .. 2.	F. BIRTWISTLE .. .. 6.
ED. B. SHAW .. .. 3.	SAM. WOOD .. .. 7.
JNO. SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	JNO. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\*First peal on the bells of Treble Bob. Messrs. Longden, Wood and Booth hail from Ashton, Birtwistle from Rochdale, Shepherd from Bacup, Shaw from Oldham, Harrison from Heywood.

## REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

RALPH ARNOLD* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM ARGENT .. .. 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	*EDGAR KENWARD .. .. 7.
EDWARD MOSES .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR MOSELEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman. This is the second peal of Stedman on the bells, the first being rung by the College Youths in the year 1850. Williams and Merritt hail from Brighton; Colburn from Guildford; the rest are local men.

## HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

H. REYNOLDS .. .. Treble.	†H. B. PAYNE .. .. 5.
A. STEAD .. .. 2.	J. HAMPSON .. .. 6.
F. SALMONS .. .. 3.	C. E. STEWART .. .. 7.
G. H. C. COPPING* .. 4.	S. W. STEWART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late J. BARKER of Liversedge, and

Conducted by H. B. PAYNE.

\*First association peal. †First peal as conductor. This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of J. S. Ambler, a member of the local band.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1892, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. KNIGHTS, 15, HEIGHAM STREET

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

## SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR;

Called three different ways.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON* .. Treble.	FREDK. KNIGHTS .. 3-4.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 2.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS .. 5-6.

Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

Umpire—Mr. JOHN SMITH.

\*First 5040.

## GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

HERBERT BRAZIER .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WASKETT .. .. 5.
GEORGE GREEN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 6.
ALFRED RICHEL .. .. 3.	*HIRZEL F. DE LISLE .. 7.
WILLIAM J. PIPER .. .. 4.	CHARLES HAWKES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. F. DE LISLE.

\*First peal as conductor.



## HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE T. MILLER* .. Treble.	*DAVID W. BROWN .. .. 5.
JOHN WM. STICKNEY* .. .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 6.
JAMES HIGHFIELD* .. .. 3.	JAMES DIXEY .. .. 7.
TOM STOCKDALE .. .. 4.	*JOHN WM. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of A. S. Wilson, Esq. \*First peal of Stedman.

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BROWN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MANSFIELD .. .. 5.
HENRY FORD .. .. 2.	FRANK KNIGHT .. .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	CHARLES LYES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BROWN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM TOWNSEND .. Tenor.

No Conductor mentioned.

John Austin hails from Gloucester, the rest belong to the local band, and is the first peal by all except John Austin and Thomas Brown.

## Date Touches.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Saturday, February 13th, at the parish church, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1892 changes). J. Searle, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Smart, 3; H. Rann, 4; W. B. Hill, 5; \*F. Morris, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; A. Reid, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood. \*Longest length in the method. Searle from Burgess Hill; Rann and Morris from Brighton; A. Reid from Waldren.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, February 9th, at St. Margaret's church, being the birthday of Mr. J. Buttery, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 19 mins.; the ringers wishing him many returns. G. Burrows, 1; \*J. O. Lancashire, 2; S. Cooper, 3; \*W. Wilison, 4; W. P. Cooper, 5; G. Cleal (composer and conductor), 6; J. S. Needham, 7; A. Millis, 8; S. Cotton, 9; W. Challenor, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. \*Longest touch in the method with a bob bell.

## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, February 9th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Plain Bob Major (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; G. Barraclough, 5; W. Baines, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; A. Haste, 8. Composed by H. W. Needham, of Hull. G. Barraclough hails from Leeds; all the others belong to the local company.

BINGLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, February 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 16 mins. J. Perfect, 1; J. Speight, 2; T. B. Kendall, 3; H. E. Anderson, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Walker, 6; F. Aaron, 7; T. W. Green (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. Longest touch by the treble ringer, who is only seventeen years of age. T. B. Kendall hails from Shipley.

KIRKBYTON (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, February 14th, at St. John's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. D. Copley, 1; H. Kay, 2; R. Hill, 3; J. Pickering, 4; J. Copley, 5; H. Pickering, 6; H. Shaw, 7; W. Metcalfe (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 13½ cwt. Rung on the occasion of the Lord Bishop of Wakefield preaching at the church.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Saturday, February 13th, at St. Mary's, a date touch of Bob Major (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 8½ mins. W. Smith, 1; W. Mynard, 2; E. Norman, 3; C. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. E. Turney, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8. Arranged by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker. Tenor 13 cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Bradford).—On Sunday, February 14th, for evening Service at St. James's church, 2184 Bob Triples (twenty-six courses), in 1 hr. 16 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. E. Howe, 2; B. T. Copley (conductor), 3; G. Titterton, 4; H. Good, 5; J. Mawson, 6; S. Palframan, 7; C. Barker, 8. Rung on the 26th birthday of John Joyce, steeplekeeper, to whom the ringers wish many happy returns.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 14th, for Divine worship, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. C. Wilkins, 1; W. Axtell, 2; G. Cook, 3; E. Barnett, 4; A. Peill, 5; R. Wilkins, 6; H. Gibbs (conductor), 7; W. Saxby, 8. It was Mr. Peill's first quarter-peal of Stedman; also Mr. Gibbs' first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—On Tuesday, January 5th, for practice at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and ten singles). J. Butler, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; T. Allibone, 3; W. Hopkinson, 4; T. Day, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. On Tuesday, January 12th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). J. Butler, 1; T. Allibone, 2; W. Butler, 3; T. Millington, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Bob Minor; in the evening, for service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and eight bobs), with bells half muffled, for the Duke of Clarence. W. Butler, 1; T. Day, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Millington (composer and conductor), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. On Wednesday, January 20th, with bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, three 720s Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 23 mins. (first 720: thirty bobs and six singles; second: fourteen singles and eight bobs; third: fourteen singles and four bobs); the ringers standing as on January 17th. J. Tarlton (conductor). Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WESTMINSTER.—On Sunday evening, February 14th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Stephen, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (leaving the second out, and tenor moving), in 29 mins. W. Carter, 1; A. G. Ellis, 2; T. R. Bell, 3; E. Duff, 4; H. S. Ellis, 5; J. Willshire (first as conductor), 6; F. Pates, 8. First 720 by W. Carter and A. G. Ellis.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, January 10th, 408 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Johnstone, 2; E. Coleman, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; H. Sharp, 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. A 504. H. Sharp, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; F. Smith, 3; S. Constant, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; F. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Shimmans, 8. A 336. S. Constant, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; E. Coleman, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Johnstone, 8. On Sunday, January 17th, with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Shimmans, 1; F. Keech, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Johnstone, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; E. Coleman, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. On Wednesday, January 15th, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and the whole pull and stand (twenty-eight times). On Sunday, January 24th, a 504 Stedman Triples. C. Johnstone, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Hall, 3; P. Howard, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. A 252, 216, and 252 in same method. On Monday, January 25th, it being St. Paul's Day, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, January 31st, a 408 Stedman Triples. F. Keech, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; P. Howard, 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And two 216s in the same method; 224 Kent Major; and 168 of Grandsire Triples. On Thursday, February 4th, a 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; H. Sharp, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. A 112 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. Johnstone, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; E. Coleman, 6; H. Sharp, 7; I. Hills, 8. Another course. F. Keech, 1; C. Johnstone, 2. These are the first courses in the method by this company. A 168 Stedman Triples. W. Shimmans (conductor), 4. On Sunday, February 5th, a 504 Stedman Triples, by A. P. Heywood. P. Howard, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; S. Constant, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Pass, 8. A course of Double Norwich Court Bob. C. Johnstone, 1; P. Howard, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; H. Sharp, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8; and 209 Grandsire Triples. On Thursday, February 9th,

a 420 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Shemmans, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. On Saturday, February 13th, on hand-bells, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). F. Smith, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; H. Sharp, 5-6. On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Mary's, with the bells muffled, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. Shimmans, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Johnstone, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp, 6. On Thursday, January 28th, for practice, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; H. Sharp, 2; C. Johnstone (first 720 method inside), 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Hall, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 2nd, a 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). W. Hall, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. Chasty (Eynesbury, Hunts), 6. And 120 Stedman Triples. On Thursday, February 11th, a 720 Double Count Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). C. Pass, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone (first 720 method inside), 3; W. Shimmans (first 720 method inside), 4; S. J. Cullip, 6; I. Hills, 6.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON.—On Monday evening, February 22nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. J. Pye, 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Banister, 3; W. Sumner (conductor), 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ascroft, 6; W. Walton, 7; T. Dalton, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

GREAT WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, February 13th, by kind permission, the following 720s were rung; 720 Grandsire Minor, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, and 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Challenor, 1; A. Millis, 2; J. O. Lancashire, 3; J. S. Needham, 4; W. Miller, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Millis, 1; J. O. Lancashire, 2; J. S. Needham, 3; S. Cotton, 4; S. Cooper, 5; J. Buttery, 6.

#### THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 31st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 45 mins. H. A. Barnett, 1; C. A. Button, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; T. C. Grove, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; W. R. Gibson, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8. On Sunday, February 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1296 changes) in 48 mins. T. C. Grove, 1; C. A. Button, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; W. R. Gibson, 6; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 7; W. P. English, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—At St. John's church, on Thursday, January 28th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Campbell, 1; J. H. Clapperton, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; W. Holmes, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5;

R. Welsh (first 720 of Treble Bob), 6. And on Monday, March 1st, a 2400 Stedman Triples in an attempt for a peal. C. L. Routledge, 1; R. S. Story, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; W. Holmes, 4; W. Story, 5; J. Simn, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; G. Dixon, 8. And on the same evening a 504 in same method. F. Lee, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7.

GATESHEAD.—On Thursday night, February 11th, the members of St. John's Guild, Newcastle, visited St. Mary's church, and rang a 518 Grandsire Triples (first part of Holt's 10-part peal). J. Simn, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; F. Lees, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; W. Holmes, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; J. Alderson, 8. As the authorities will not allow the tenor to be raised, she was "clocked" in this touch. Tenor 15 cwt. This is the first change-ringing on the bells for over twelve years.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MONNEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, February 17th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. W. Flory, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. G. Archer, 5; J. Tarrant, 6. A 720, with E. W. Brook and S. W. Martin; both conducted by W. Flory. Tenor 6 cwt. No ringing here during Lent.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—On Saturday evening, February 20th, for practice, a 420 of Grandsire Triples, rang after an unsuccessful attempt at a quarter-peal, and 1008. On Sunday, February 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Lawrence, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; G. C. Iles, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; E. Bishop (conductor), 5; H. B. Slack, 6; J. H. Shepherd, 7; T. Robinson, 8. This is the first quarter-peal accomplished by a local band, and was rang at the second attempt.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHOVER (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, February 16th, a 720 Bob Minor, composed by T. Millington, of Claycross (containing twenty-two singles and two bobs), in 28 mins. J. H. Beardow, 1; T. Beardow, 2; G. Beardow, 3; W. Buxton (conductor), 4; T. Hopkinson, 5; W. Hopkinson, 6.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 7th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. J. Sanders, 1; G. Huggett, 2; J. Puplett, 3; J. Ansell, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

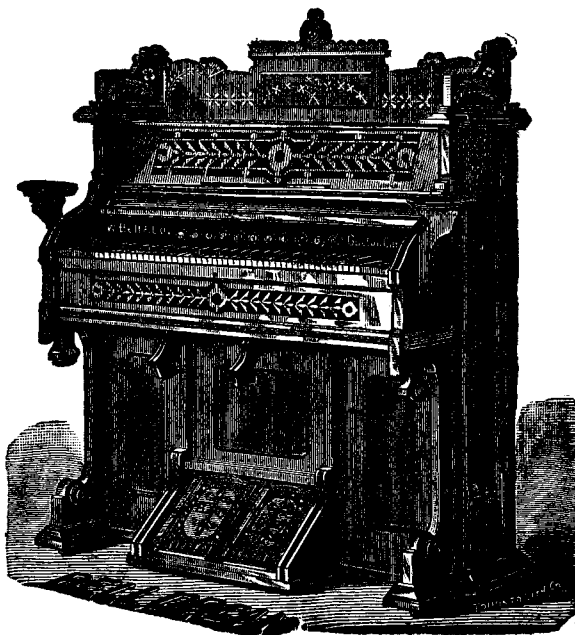
DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, February 11th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. \*D. Bailey, 1; \*W. Charlesworth, 2; H. Norman, 3; J. Derbyshire, 4; W. Taylor, 5; E. R. Hallows (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt. in G. \*First 720.

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Birmingham St. Martin's Guild.—The Johnson Anniversary Dinner will be held as usual, to-day, Saturday, the 27th inst., at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham. Dinner tickets 3s. each. Dinner will be served at 5.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth. *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Members are informed that the railway vouchers for reduced fares are now available at all stations on both S.E. and L.C.D. Ry's. The new certificates of membership (price 6d.), are now ready, and may be had on application to the Secretary. In writing members are requested to send their full name with date of election.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The usual monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell, to-day, Saturday, February 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Nominations of officers for the ensuing year due at this meeting.

43, Low Moor Side, R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Holbeck.

The Society of Trinity Youths.—The Meetings for March are as follows:—Greenwich, St. Alphage, Tuesday, 1st. Practice 7.30 to 9.0 p.m. Business Meeting in Vestry afterwards. Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday, 15th. Practice 8 to 10 p.m. Lewis- ham, St. Mary's, Monday, 28th. Practice 8.0 to 9.30 p.m. F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*  
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk, to-day, Saturday, February 27th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM,

Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Milnrow church, to-day, Saturday, February 27th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea in Schools at 4.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. FRANK BIRTWISTLE.  
42, Tweedale Street, Rochdale.

Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this Society will be held at Tottenham, to-day, Saturday, February 27th. Ringing at 4 o'clock.  
10, Grayling Road, PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
Stoke Newington.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Bucknall, on Saturday next, March 5th. Bells at 4.0 p.m. Tea 6t 6.30 p.m. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice not later than Thursday, March 3rd.  
97, High Street, W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bucknall.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Prescott parish church (eight bells), on Saturday, March 5th. The tower will be open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meet- ing in the schoolroom at 6 p.m.

CHAS. P. STANLEY, *Local Branch, Sec.*  
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Sax- mundham District.—The eighth quarterly meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, March 12th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 o'clock; business meeting at 6.30. All members and friends cordially welcome.

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

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Associa- tion.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meet- ing for practice will be held at S. Nicholas on Tuesday, March 1st.

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All compositions sent for insertion must be accom- panied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

### A QUARTER PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By HERBERT P. HARMAN, Bromley, Kent.

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

Twice repeated.

Contains Queens, Whittingtons, and Tittums.

### A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By W. G. GROVE, Woolwich, Kent.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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

two odd changes.

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

the starting charges.

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

Four times repeated.

This is the same date touch which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 23rd, shewing the starting changes after the two odd changes.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

### A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. B. FENTON, Lincoln.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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

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

Four times repeated; single for the last bob in the fifth part. Contains eleven 4-6s, nine 7-4s, and nine 6-7s. To be substituted for the touch published on January 23rd.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT CONSETT, DURHAM.—The warmest thanks of the company who rung this peal is tendered, through the medium of this paper, to the Rev. F. Steggal, Vicar of the parish, for the use of the bells on that occasion, and for kindly allowing them to be rung through the evening service; also to the local ringers for their hearty reception, and for having the bells in such capital order for peal-ringing. The fine tone of these bells and regular striking gave full effect to the beautiful qualities of Mr. York Green's composition. Through the kindness of the North-Eastern Railway Company the band was allowed to return to Newcastle by an otherwise empty train at 11.50, the ordinary train service not fitting it.

Mr. Millington (Clay Cross), writes: "I find in last week's number that I have made a mis- take in the second 720 at the second call, which should read 43265, not 43246."

If Rev. H. L. James will look at the number of our paper for May 2nd, 1891, he will find that the peal of Double Norwich rung at Glou- cester (and published in last week's issue), was published in that number as the composi- tion of G. LINDOFF.

H. G. S. wishes to know the nearest tower to Scarborough where change-ringing is practised, and the name and address of the Master or Secretary of such Society.

We are informed by several correspondents that the 720s published last week by Mr. N. Spindlow, are not original.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

VIATOR.—We think so, there is a very strong opinion shown.

OMEGA.—Mark Lemon and Chas. Dickens.

\*.\*We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

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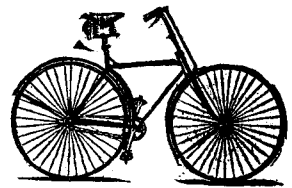
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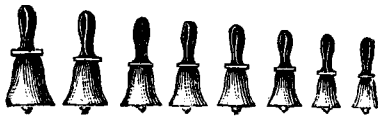
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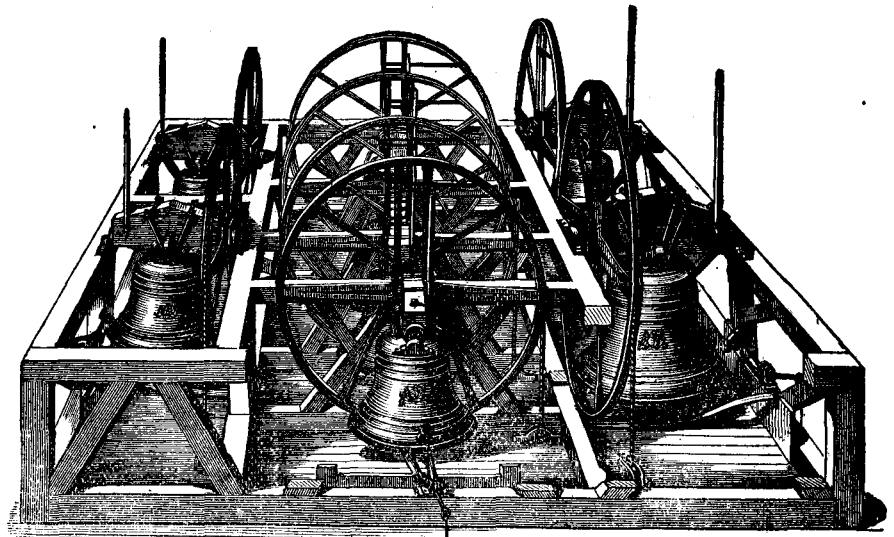
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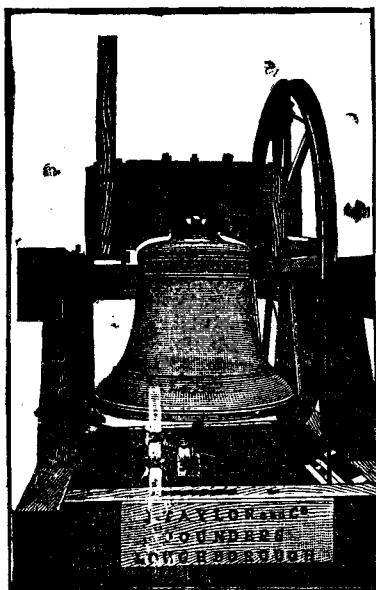
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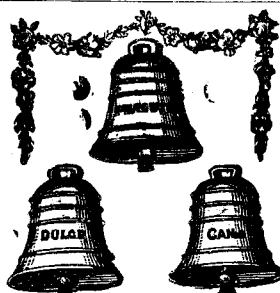
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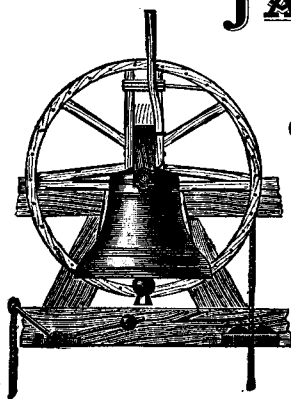
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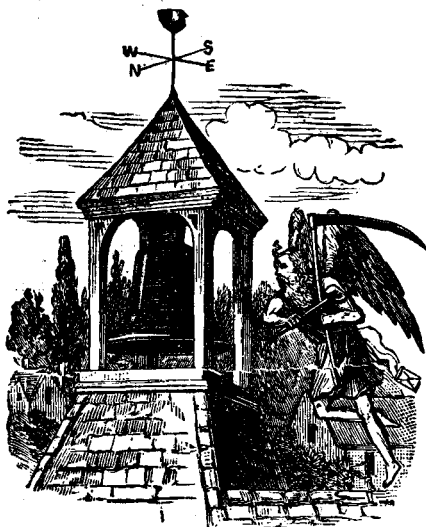
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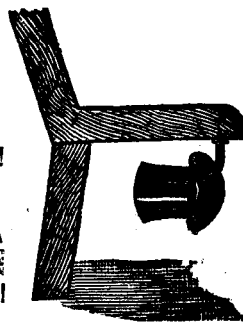
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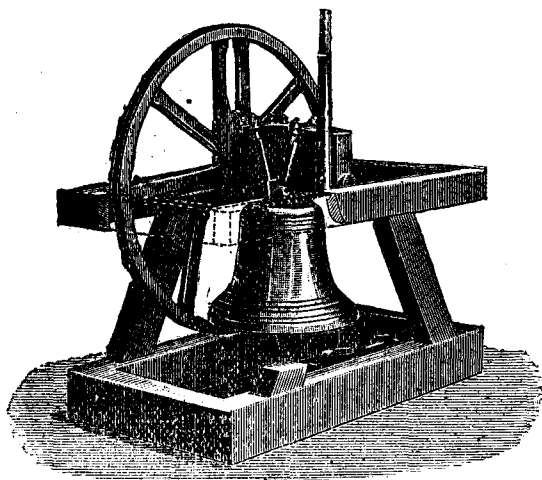
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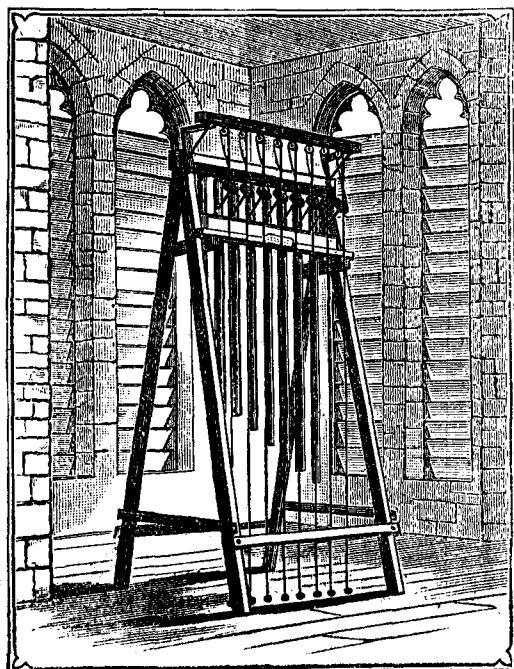
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## THE JOHNSON ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

According to advertisement in our columns, the above festival was held under the auspices of the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, on Saturday, the 27th ult. The gathering was fully up to the average of previous years, both for number and character of representation.

Although ringing at St. Martin's on Saturday afternoon is not very generally appreciated by the shopkeepers of High Street and the Bull Ring, this occasion has come to be regarded as the one allowable exception, and from 3.30 till nearly 6 o'clock the bells were heard at intervals in touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques, the ringing being closed by a most excellent "fall."

At 6 o'clock precisely a company, amounting to the very respectable number of forty-four, were seated to a substantial dinner, served at the "Tamworth Arms," when the solemn business of refreshing the inner man was somewhat relieved by an excellent selection of piano music, continued throughout the evening, and rendered by a lady (Mrs. Painter, wife of Detective-Inspector Painter), who kindly volunteered her services. Besides all the prominent local members of the St. Martin's Guild, there were visitors from Wolverhampton, Walsall, Tipton, Tewkesbury, Hatton, and King's Norton, so that the gathering might certainly be considered fairly representative of the district.

At the close of the repast the chairman, A. P. Heywood, Esq. President of the Central Council and of the Midland Counties' Association, who was supported by the presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild (Mr. John Day), the Vicar of Hatton (Rev. H. C. Courtney), W. Jones, Esq. (Churchwarden of St. Martin's), and J. S. Pritchett, Esq. (barrister-at-law), opened the more formal proceedings by the toast of "The Queen," referring to the recent sad bereavement in the royal family as one of those episodes in the history of our gracious Sovereign which served to evoke the sympathy of all her subjects, and still further cement the good feeling already existing between them. "Church and State" then followed, and in replying to the same,

The Rev. H. C. Courtney (Vicar of Hatton) incidentally mentioned the great assistance he had experienced in his parish work, not only in his interviews with the ringers, but with all other classes among his parishioners since he had made a practice of taking a rope in all the ringing for services and practice at his church.

In giving "Success to the St. Martin's Guild" Mr. J. S. Pritchett stated that he had been pleased at the opportunity afforded him within the last two years of again joining their ranks. From his own experience he was firmly persuaded of the advantages to be gained from the physical and mental training afforded by the science of change-ringing. In a stirring allusion to the glorious ringers and composers of the past who had so identified the name of the St. Martin's society with their own achievements, he exhorted his hearers who were members of the St. Martin's Guild to keep up by every effort in their power the glorious reputation handed down to them. He was proud to see connected with the Guild representatives of the names of Day and Johnson; and concluded by giving "The Health of Mr. John Day," the Guild's presiding Ringing Master.

At this stage of the proceedings Messrs. Russam, Kent, Miller, Bastable, Witchell, and Johnson attempted by request a touch of Stedman Cinques in hand, but although some very beautiful ringing resulted, a hitch took place which caused the conductor to call "stand" without bringing the bells round. It was explained that the ringers were out of practice in Cinques, not having had the opportunity to practise together for the past sixteen months.

Mr. Day then suitably responded to the toast of "The St. Martin's Guild," when

The Chairman gave "The late Henry Johnson: may his memory be ever with us." This, as befitting the occasion, was received and responded to with great earnestness.

In giving "The Visitors," Mr. Day referred to his old friend Mr. Fowler, who was present, and expressed the satisfaction it gave others as well as himself to see Mr. Fowler with them and apparently in good health.

The Hon. Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, as Secretary to the Johnson Memorial Committee, then took the opportunity to publish the final statement as to the national memorial erected to the late Mr. Henry Johnson. The last list of subscriptions acknowledged in this paper, in October, 1890, when

the list was virtually closed, amounted to 22l. 5s. 6d., which sum was further made up to 22l. 12s. by the addition of one or two stray subscriptions accepted afterwards by the Committee. The sum of 23l. 10s. being necessary to carry out the scheme decided upon, one of the members of the Committee, who did not wish his name mentioned, graciously came forward and subscribed the required balance of 18s. There were no expenses incurred by the Committee, and this sum of 23l. 10s. was expended in erecting a substantial grey Scotch granite headstone and Yorkshire stone curb, laid in concrete, in the churchyard at Aston, almost beneath the shadow of the tower with which Mr. Johnson had a life-long association. This headstone bears the following inscription:—

THIS STONE IS ERECTED  
BY  
THE RINGERS OF ENGLAND  
IN GRATEFUL MEMORY  
OF

HENRY JOHNSON,

TO WHOSE ABILITY AND PERSEVERANCE THE  
ART OF CHANGE-RINGING IS WIDELY INDEBTED.

BORN AT LICHFIELD,  
FEB. 28, 1809.

DIED AT ASTON,  
JAN. 7, 1890.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."—Eccles. ix. 10.

The mason was Mr. John Roddis, of Lichfield Road, whose account was 22l. 10s. The fee to be paid to the late Vicar of Aston, the Rev. W. Elliot, M.A., for permission to erect this in the churchyard should have been 2l. 7s., but was generously reduced by him to 1l.

Many of the letters sent with the subscriptions, being from prominent ringers and containing grateful allusions to the late Mr. Johnson's life-long work, the Secretary and Treasurer to the fund thought it proper to hand over such letters, together with their receipts for the headstone, etc., to his son, Mr. Henry Johnson, in whose possession they now are. The Secretary believed that every one who saw the memorial would endorse the opinion expressed by local ringers, that it was a sound and substantial one, and that the money subscribed had been spent to advantage. A wish had been expressed by some friends that they might possess a photograph of the memorial, and in connection with this Mr. Henry Johnson wished it known that he was having one taken, copies of which he intended circulating among his ringing friends. Should anyone not eventually be in receipt of a copy desire one, he could procure it on application to Mr. Johnson or the Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the nominal cost—say, 6d., but the date when these will be ready will hereafter be made known.

After this explanation the pianist rendered a pleasing selection called "Cathedral Bells."

The Chairman's health was proposed by Mr. W. R. Small, who referred to Mr. Heywood's valuable services to ringers and their science, and incidentally to the lack of interest taken by the clergy in their ringers in the past, and the improvement which has recently taken place in the character and status of ringers; was enthusiastically responded to with musical honours. In reply, Mr. Heywood made what was undoubtedly the speech of the evening. After paying a graceful tribute to the kindness which he always experienced from the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild and Birmingham ringers generally, he referred to the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council at Easter, which is to be held in Birmingham, and reminded his Birmingham hearers that not only did the scheme for the Central Council emanate from one of these anniversary dinners at Birmingham, but that Birmingham was also the first provincial town honoured with the duty of entertaining it. He again explained his views as to the necessity of such an organisation for ringers, and as an instance of what it might be expected to accomplish, mentioned the steps already taken to bring before the Church Congress, to be held this year at Folkestone, the present status of ringers and ringing. In referring to the neglected condition of ringers in the past, and the disgraceful scenes which had taken place in belfries, he could not too strongly emphasise the fact that the first steps towards reform had been taken by the ringers themselves. Although there were now very many instances, like that of the Vicar of Hatton's, where the ringers were duly recognised and took their position as church workers, such cases were by no means general. He mentioned, as one question which ringers would shortly have to consider, and his Birmingham

friends probably as much as anyone, the growing objection to peal-ringing in busy towns. For the information of his hearers he cited what had been, in his own experience, done at Loughborough, where exceedingly long lancet windows in the tower had rendered the bells almost unbearable in the vicinity. These had now been bricked right up to the lancet heads, with the result that conversation could be carried on by anyone just outside the church with comfort while ringing was proceeding, while at the same time the sound, in his opinion, could be heard with greater clearness at a distance.

Mr. Thomas then gave "The Churchwardens of Birmingham and Aston," coupled with the name of Mr. Jones (Churchwarden of St. Martin's), to whose worth as peculiarly the ringers' friend, he was able to testify from his experience while Secretary of the St. Martin's Society.

Mr. Jones, in responding, expressed the pleasure it always gave him to attend these anniversary dinners. He disclaimed for the Clergy at St. Martin's and his co-warden any ground for a charge of neglect of interest in their ringers and ringing. He had listened with great interest to the remarks of the Chairman as to obviating what he knew was at times an objectionable noise in the neighbourhood of their tower, and hoped that it might afford him the means of avoiding many complaints in the future.

Mr. Wittchell then sang with great feeling the well-worn but ever welcome "Tom Bowling." Other songs and handbell ringing followed, and a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their excellent catering, and to the pianiste for volunteering her services having been duly honoured, the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

#### MARRIAGE OF THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

The marriage of the Rev. Charles Douglas Percy Davies, M.A., eldest son of the late Rev. Canon Davies, formerly vicar of Tewkesbury, with Miss Jessie Frances Mudge, elder daughter of the late Mr. J. W. Mudge, deputy-inspector general of hospitals, Madras Army, and step-daughter of Mrs. Mudge, Middleham, Ringmer, was solemnised on Thursday, February 11th, at the parish church, Ringmer, Sussex. The bridegroom, as is well known, was for a considerable period curate of Ringmer, while Miss Mudge has been prominently connected with the various parochial institutions, and has endeared herself to all classes in the parish. Small wonder, then, that the event should have been eagerly anticipated for some time, and that a large and truly representative congregation should have assembled to witness the interesting ceremony and wish the happy pair "God speed" in their new career.

The church had been very tastefully decorated for the occasion, while numerous flags were displayed along the route. The bride arrived at the church punctually at two o'clock, and was conducted to the altar by Captain Mitchell, R.N., being afterwards given away by Mrs. Mudge. The bridegroom was accompanied by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, of Caversham, who acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Archdeacon of Lewes, who was assisted by the Rev. F. B. Gribbell, vicar of Ringmer. Instead of the usual homily the Archdeacon read an address by Dr. Pusey out of Bishop Walsham How's Pastor in Parochia. The service was fully choral, the hymns selected being "Come, gracious spirit, heavenly Dove," "O, perfect love, all human thought transcending," and "Now thank we all our God." Mr. A. Paris presided at the organ and played an appropriate selection of music before and after the service, in addition to Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" as the bridal party proceeded down the aisle at the close of the ceremony. On leaving the church the path of the bride and bridegroom was strewn with flowers by the school children and others, and the bells rang out a merry peal in honour of the joyful event.

The bride was charmingly attired in a petticoat of ivory satin, draped with old Irish lace, the gift of Mrs. Mudge; the bodice and train being of rich corded silk, the train, lined with satin and edged with deep ruche of the same silk sewn with pearls, falling from the shoulders. She also wore a veil of old lace, with small wreath of myrtle, jessamine and orange blossom and pearl ornaments, and carried a bouquet of choice white flowers. There were five bridesmaids, Miss Warren, Miss Jennings Bramly, Miss Eva Mitchell, Miss Katie Gordon (cousins of the bride), and Miss Jessie Lucas (her god-child). Four were dressed

in blue-grey cloth costumes, waistcoats and sleeves of silk to match, black lace straw hats, with plumes of pink feathers, and bouquets of pink tulips tied with pink ribbons, the gift of the bridegroom, who also presented them with the prayer-books they carried. Miss Jessie Lucas, who carried the bride's train, wore a soft white silk smock, with large felt hat trimmed to match. Mrs. Mudge wore a dress of black satin brocade draped with white Brussels lace, bonnet to match, with white feathers, and carried a bouquet, the gift of the bride.

After the ceremony Mrs. Mudge held an "At Home," which was very numerous attended, the following being the list of invited guests, most of whom were present:—

Captain and Mrs. Clayton Mitchell and the Misses Mitchell, Major and Mrs. Laurence Gordon and the Misses Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rougemont and party, Mrs. Jennings Bramly, Miss Jennings Bramly, Mrs. Sandham Warren, Miss Warren, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Danniell, Miss F. A. Danniell, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Johnstone, Mrs. James Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Davies, Miss Davies, Mr. Alex. Davies, the Misses Davies, Mr. and the Misses Christopher Douglas, Dr. and Miss Douglas, Col. and Mrs. Goslin, Capt. Guy L. Jennings Bramly, Capt. and Mrs. Foot, Miss Pringle Douglas, Sir Galbraith and Lady Logan, the Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. Sutton, Rev. Prebendary and Mrs. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Christie, Sir William and Lady Grantham, Rev. R. I. and Mrs. Salmon, Col. and Mrs. Noblett, Col. and Mrs. Drysdale, Mrs. Maryon Wilson, Mrs. and the Misses Fanshawe, Sir James and Lady Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Charrington, Mr. and Mrs. Currey, Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Sir Alfred and Lady Hughes, the Hon. Miss Monson, Capt. and Mrs. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey de Putron, Mr. and Mrs. Legge, Mrs. and Miss Hearn, Rev. W. E. and Miss Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Rigden, Rev. F. Coleridge, Rev. F. A. H. du Boulay, Capt. and Mrs. C. Rosdew Burn, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Curteis, Mr. and Mr. Ormonde Crosse, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Quekett, Rev. J. and Mrs. Baghot de la Bere, Rev. P. P. Mason, Rev. F. Mrs. and the Misses Gribbell, Mrs. John Page, Mr. and the Misses Porter, Mrs. and Miss Chapman, Miss Colton, Mrs. and Miss J. G. Martin, Mrs. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Phillott, Rev. W. and Mrs. Saltren Willett, Rev. John Egerton, Rev. Canon Wigram, Rev. Prebendary and Mrs. Webb, Mrs. and Miss Cocking, Mr. Leonard Proctor, Capt. and Mrs. Norton Cartwright, Mrs. and the Misses Cartwright, Rev. and Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. and Miss Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Verrell, Rev. A. J. and Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. and Miss Williamson, Mr. W. Williamson, Miss Rickman, Rev. and Mrs. Custance, Miss Berkeley, Miss Mitchell, Rev. G. P. and Mrs. de Putron, Mr. Henry Mackay, Mr. Seymour Branfoot, Rev. and Mrs. Walters, Rev. J. and Mrs. Clutterbuck, the Misses Wilde, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. G. de St. Croix, Major and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. and the Misses de St. Croix, Rev. A. and Mrs. Warde, Mrs. Yates, Rev. A. and Mrs. Harbord, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Powell, Rev. H. A. and Mrs. Cockey.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a large number of handsome presents, which included the following:—

From Sunday-school teachers and scholars and Girls' Friendly Society, Ringmer Branch (of which Miss Mudge was first working associate): Pair of handsome silver-backed hair brushes, hand mirror and tortoiseshell comb.  
From the mothers attending the Mothers' Meeting: pretty China biscuit box, with plated cover and handle, flower vase and breakfast file.  
From about 100 friends and parishioners of Ringmer: Handsome Chippendale tea tray and bronze candlestick.  
From members of the Middleham Night School and Lads' Bible Class: Silver-plated flat candlestick and grape scissors.  
From employees of Messrs. Berry and Bussey: Silver bread fork; and over 120 other presents from private friends.

During the afternoon the Rev. C. D. P. and Mrs. Davies started for their honeymoon, the bride's travelling dress being of dark-blue cloth with vest and cuffs of tan-coloured cloth, braided with gold, blue velvet mink bonnet and long coat trimmed with sable fur.

Previous to the wedding the intimation was received that Miss Mudge desired to convey her warmest and most sincere thanks to all her friends in Ringmer who have so generously contributed to the beautiful gifts which were sent to her on the eve of her marriage. To all the givers her grateful thanks are given, and she cannot forbear to say how deeply touched she is by the loving thought which shows how truly her affection for Ringmer and its inhabitants has been returned. From the Sunday-school teachers and scholars, from the Mothers' Meeting, from the Lads' Bible Class and Night School, and from many others of the parishioners gifts have been received, beautiful in themselves, and which she will treasure all her life as a remembrance of happy years spent amongst them all.

In the evening the ringers and choir were entertained at dinner in the new parish room.

## THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

**ANNUAL DINNER.**—On Saturday, February 27th, the above society held their annual dinner at the "Victoria Mansions Restaurant," Victoria Street, Westminster. In the absence of the President of the Society the Vicar—the Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair—presided, with Canon Brown on his right, and the Rev. S. Swires on the left. Dinner being served up at 7.30, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The cloth being removed, the chairman proposed the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," referring to the sad death of the late Duke of Clarence, and how deeply Princess May must feel it on that day—considering that they were to have been united in matrimony on that very day. Then followed a song by Mr. H. R. Newton, "They all love Jack." Canon Brown then gave the toast of the St. Stephen's Society, giving an amusing account of bells and bell-ringers that he had heard of. Mr. T. R. Bell responded, giving a few details of the doings of the Society during the past year. Rev. S. Swires then sang "Yeomen's Wedding Day." The toast of "the Visitors" was next proposed by Mr. S. J. Reed, and responded to by Mr. Bell, sen. Among the visitors present, were Mr. C. Tidman, Mr. Bell, sen., and H. Bell, jun. A song properly rendered by A. G. Ellis, "Those Girls at the end of the Street," followed, and then two well-struck courses of Stedman Triples by Messrs. Winny, Newton, McLaughlin and Hayes. Other songs followed by Messrs. Lamb, H. Bell, H. S. Ellis, W. Goss, S. J. Reed, H. R. Newton, O. Tidman, &c. The songs sang being "The Friar of Orders Grey," "Come Lasses and Lads," "What Cher," "True Blue," "Sailing," "Mavourneen," "A Coster's Courtship," &c., harmony and pleasant conversation gradually bringing the evening to a close. Auld Lang Syne being sung, "That's all" was called at 11.30, everybody agreeing it was one of the most enjoyable evenings spent by the Society. Mr. J. Cox presided at the piano, and Messrs. H. S. Ellis and T. R. Bell acted as stewards in a very efficient manner.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — BLACKBURN BRANCH.

On Saturday last, February 27th, a very successful meeting of the above branch was held at the parish church, Preston. The belfry was open at three o'clock, and during the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, and an excellent 720 of College Single was rung. At 5.30 the business meeting was held in the ringing-chamber, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., of Manchester, President of the Association, presiding, supported by the Rev. E. Perry, curate of the parish church, Preston, Mr. Joel Redford, of Bolton, Hon. Sec. of the Association, Mr. John Walker, of Blackburn, President of the Blackburn Branch, and Mr. James Horrocks, Hon. Sec. to the Blackburn Branch.

The chairman gave an eloquent address on the advantages of the Association, which was supported by the Rev. E. Perry and other gentlemen. It was unanimously decided to form a branch for Preston and district, to be called the Preston Branch. The Rev. E. Perry was elected President of the new branch; W. J. Maudsley, Hon. Sec.; J. Mather, Assist. Sec. The new branch will include the following belfries: Preston parish and St. Marks, Croston, Leyland parish and St. James, Standish, Penwortham, Broughton, Goosenargh, Chipping, Pilchester, Higher Walton, Walton-le-Dale, Horwich, Blackrod, Eccleston, Churchtown and Hoghton.

**BETCHWORTH (Surrey).**—On Sunday, February 21st, at St. Michael's church for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. Botting, 1; G. Huggett, 2; W. Judd, 3; J. Ansell, 4; R. Arnold 5; J. Puplett (first 720 as conductor), 6.

**CLENT (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, February 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 26 mins. T. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; W. Short, 4; W. Huxley, 5; S. Barber (conductor), 6.

**SWANSEA.**—On Friday, January 29th, for practice, 630 Grandsire Triples. E. Searl, 1; \*F. Curtis, 2; J. Hore, 3; G. Searl, 4; D. Yeo, 5; \*W. Rees, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; W. Lewes, 8. On Monday, February 15th, 504 in the same method \*W. West, 1; F. Curtis, 2; D. Yeo, 3; G. Searl, 4; \*L. N. Smith, 5; W. Rees, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; \*W. Green 8; and a 168. W. Green, 7. \*Longest touch in any method. Tenor 15 cwt.

## Ringers' Outing.

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — WELSHPOOL BRANCH.**—On Thursday, February 25th, by the kind invitation of the Rev. J. E. Hill (late Vicar of Welshpool), the Welshpool ringers journeyed to Montford. Leaving Welshpool at 9.0 a.m., Yockleton station was reached at 9.30, and after a walk of five miles, we arrived at Montford about 11 o'clock, the tower of which contains a new peal of six bells, tenor 12 cwt., by J. Taylor & Co., the hanging of which is a masterpiece of the bellhangers' art, and which were placed there through the instrumentality of the late Earl of Powis and the present vicar. The bells were raised in peal, and after ringing Grandsire Doubles for about an hour, a 216 of Grandsire Minor was rung, which is the first upon the bells. C. F. Tallis, 1; Rev. T. Hughes, 2; E. Thomas, 3; W. Jones, 4; T. Barnes, 5; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 6. At one o'clock the ringers were kindly entertained to dinner at the vicarage, after which we walked to Bicton (six bells), where half-a-dozen 6-scores were quickly rung, and the journey to Shrewsbury commenced at 4 o'clock. Arriving at St. Alkmunds at 5.15 we were met by Mr. G. Byolin, the sexton, and being short of an inside man for Grandsire Triples, he kindly consented to make up the band, when a 504 was rung. C. F. Tallis, 1; G. Byolin, 2; E. Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. On the completion of this touch Mr. T. Price, sexton of St. Mary's, arrived at the tower, and a 336 of Grandsire Triples was rung. F. Hughes, 1; G. Byolin, 2; E. Thomas, 3; T. Price, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. At 6.30 tea was partaken of at Mr. Plimmer's restaurant, and at 7.15 we visited the tower of St. Mary's, and after several unsuccessful attempts to bring a touch home by the Welshpool band, a 168 of Grandsire Triples was rung with the assistance of Mr. Price and Mr. Byolin, which concluded a very enjoyable day, the return home being made by the 8.17 p.m. train from Shrewsbury. We wish to thank the Rev. J. E. Hill, through the columns of this paper for his kind hospitality, also the other vicars for granting us the use of the bells.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**DEAL BRANCH.**—On Thursday, February 18th, the ringers of this branch of the above Association, with a few friends, sat down to their annual dinner, at the "Liverpool Arms," provided by the host, Mr. G. Burton, the room being tastefully decorated by Mr. Parker. 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." The handbells were hung across the ceiling and various other mottoes around the room. Mr. S. E. Parker occupied the chair, and Mr. H. Denne the vice-chair.

The Chairman opened the proceedings with a song, and the vice-chairman followed with another, which were both well received. "The Health of the Visitors" having been proposed by the chairman, Mr. Crind responded.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of Captain Coleman," said it was a treat to be in the belfry to ring now, and he hoped that the donor of the bells would live long to hear them.

"The Health of the Host" having been drank, the rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and songs, and was brought to a close by the ringers playing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEIGHTON (Derbyshire).**—On Saturday, February 18th, the Killmarsh company paid a visit to the above place and rang 2520 in the following methods: 360 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 33 mins. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (longest length as conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6.

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## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

On Sunday afternoon, February 14th, at the parish church of St. Mary, a memorial service was held in connection with the dedication of a marble memorial tablet, placed in the ringing-chamber through the liberality of Mr. James Andrews, monumental mason, Church Street, Eastbourne, to the memory of the late Mr. H. P. Bennett, the first instructor of change-ringing in the town, who was accidentally killed on August 12th, 1891, at the Eastbourne goods station of the L.B.S.C. Railway, while in the execution of his duty as goods sidesman. The tablet is fixed on the west wall of the tower, and bears the following inscription, cut within the lines of a full-sized section of the bell deceased rung his first peal of 5040 changes upon, which also was his first 5040 as conductor:—

"In lasting remembrance of our first teacher and conductor of change-ringing, Harry Packham Bennett, of Cuckfield, Sussex, who was accidentally killed at Eastbourne goods station, L.B. and S.C. Railway, while in the execution of his duty, August 12th, 1891, in his 61st year. Interred in the Ocklynge Cemetery, where a stone is erected to his memory by the ringers of Eastbourne."

The service was well-attended by ringers of the county, all the Eastbourne towers being fully represented, with others from Cuckfield, Brighton, Waldron, etc.; also G. Homewood, Esq., churchwarden, Mr. T. N. Dean, Station Superintendent, Mr. Stoner, Goods Superintendent at Eastbourne Station, Mr. C. Wilkins, Mr. L. Huggett, Mr. W. Greenfield, Mr. Hounsell, Mr. H. Bennett, son of deceased, Mr. W., Mr. A., and Mr. P. Bennett, brothers, etc. The Vicar of Eastbourne, the Rev. H. Bickersteth Otley, conducted the service, which included a short but most impressive address. A stone erected in the Ocklynge Cemetery by the ringers of Eastbourne was also executed by Mr. James Andrews, and has a bell in the centre of top stone.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at Hertford on Saturday, February 20th. The attendance of members was rather meagre, owing doubtless to the severe weather. The following were present: Messrs. E. P. Debenham (Secretary) and G. Cartmel, St. Albans; J. Waghorn, sen., Tottenham; A. Shepherd, H. Shepherd, J. Hollingsworth, W. J. Richardson, and J. Kentish, Hatfield; J. Dennis, and W. R. Dennis, Knebworth; and F. George and S. Knight, Hertford. It will be seen by the foregoing list that the Hertford College Youths contributed two out of a strong band, which is rather disappointing to anyone responsible for the working of an Association, especially when support had been promised.

Tea was served in the "Old Cross" coffee tavern, following which the business meeting was held, the Secretary in the chair. The minutes were read and confirmed. Messrs. J. Waghorn, sen., Tottenham, and J. Crabb, Hunsdon, were elected members. On the proposition of Mr. J. Dennis, the annual meeting was fixed to be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, at which all ringers, whether Association members or not, will be heartily welcomed. A vote of sympathy on the loss of All Saints' church and bells, was also passed. A vote of thanks to Canon Wigram, for the use of the bells, also to the Secretaries, was carried. The ringers then adjourned to St. Andrew's belfry. It should be mentioned that Canon Wigram was away from home, and wrote apologising for absence from the meeting.

**FINCHLEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, January 31st, at the parish church for evening service, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 19 mins. W. Russell, 1; Webb, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Tubb, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; F. Sparks, 6. After service 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 22 mins. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; C. Martin, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. W. Tucker (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 18th, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Cornell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; C. Martin, 4; C. Tucker, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

**WANTED.**—FARMING-MAN, to take charge of four cows and cart, horse; married preferred; must be thoroughly experienced both with cattle and horses, and in rick, thatching, and fencing. Change-ringer.—Apply to A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., Duffield Bank, near Derby.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The February meeting of this Association was held at Wylam on Wednesday, February 24th, when only twelve or thirteen members attended. This meeting has generally, if not invariably, been held on a Monday, but with a view to make the meeting more accessible to the country members, many of whom have a half-holiday on Wednesdays, that day was fixed upon. The feeling amongst those present was to the effect that the departure from the regular rule had proved to be illjudged. Ringing began about mid-day with a 720 Kent Treble Bob, by L. Newton, 1; T. Hudson, 2; J. Wheldon, 3; T. Hudson, jun., 4; R. S. Story (conductor), 5; F. Lees, 6. A committee meeting was then held, after which a first-class dinner was sat down to at the "Black Bull" inn. After this an adjournment was made to the tower, when a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung. J. Wheldon, 1; T. Hudson, 2; L. Newton, 3; T. Hudson, 4; F. Lees, 5; R. S. Story (conductor), 6. Tenor 22 cwt. Some Doubles were then rung with several of the Whickham men, when they gave satisfactory evidence of their advancement in the science. The company were then shown through the conservatories of Mrs. Clayton by the head gardener, who is one of the local ringers, and certainly the beauties that were seen reflect every credit upon his management. It should not be omitted to state that a vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed and carried at the meeting, for the use of the bells.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Committee Meeting of the above was held at the College Hall, Hereford, in the last week in February, when the following members were present: Rev. A. C. Lee, Lugwardine (in the chair), Rev. H. Sturges, Bodenham; Rev. C. Wilton, Foy; W. Hebb, Esq., Treasurer; Mr. J. Davies (Cathedral); Mr. J. Davies (All Saints); and John G. Buchanan, Hon. Sec.

The Treasurer stated that he had a balance of £6 19s. 7d. at the bank to the credit of the Guild, and in passing the accounts for the year, the committee expressed their satisfaction that the Guild was no longer in debt.

Taking into consideration the resolutions passed at a meeting held during the Diocesan Conference at Ludlow in October last, it was resolved not to engage another instructor for the present, in the place of Mr. W. H. Fussell, who had resigned, until there was a balance in hand to justify another engagement, but the Committee hoped that enough money would come in this year to enable them to arrange for an autumn course. The committee recommended the continued appointment of the Rev. G. M. Custance as Master, W. Hebb, Esq., as Treasurer, and John G. Buchanan as Hon. Sec., and gave them a vote of thanks for their good offices in the past. They also recommended that the Rev. J. P. Cranstoun, Ludlow; Mr. R. J. Twiner, Lugwardine; Mr. T. J. Bratton, Welshpool; and Mr. J. Jones, St. Peter's, Hereford, be added to the Committee. It was decided that the Annual Festival be held this year, if possible, during the week commencing June 21st. The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**ROCHDALE BRANCH.**—A meeting of this branch was held at St. James's church, Milnrow, on Saturday last, February 27th. About thirty members were present from Milnrow, Oldham, Rochdale and Heywood. Ringing commenced with a 504 of Grandsire Triples, the Vicar, who is a life member, ringing the tenor. More Grandsire and a touch of Bob Minor having been rung, a move was made to the school, where a scholars' tea was being held, and the Vicar kindly invited the ringers as well. After tea a move was made to the belfry again, and good touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major was rung. The meeting was then held, and four new members were elected from Milnrow and Newhey. Oldham parish church was selected for the next meeting, on March 26th. A hearty vote of thanks was given the Vicar for his kindness in giving the members a tea, and also to the chairman. Eight members next paid a visit to Newhey church, and rang a touch of Bob Major, and also nearly a 1000 of Grandsire Triples in 28 mins.

**FOR SALE.** A Splendid peal of Handbells, 52 in number, in good order. By Blews of Birmingham. Chromatic Scale, from G 25 to G 64; Cushions, Stand, and Music complete. The cost when new was about £30. Good reason for selling. No reasonable offer refused.—WALTER REA, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove.



## THE CHURCH BELLS OF WARWICKSHIRE.

At a meeting of the Archæological Section of the Birmingham and Midland Institute the other evening, the Rev. H. T. Tilley read an interesting paper on "Church Bells of Warwickshire." He described at the outset the difficulties besetting a bellhunter, stating that the subject of campanology was in itself such a peculiar and special one that only those who had made it a study were able to elucidate the many problems the inscriptions revealed. He ascended his first Warwickshire tower in 1873, and since then he had constantly been at work up to the present time. In 1878 he read a short paper before that society in Birmingham on the subject of Warwickshire Bells, and he then dealt with 120 churches. In the fourteen years which had elapsed he had visited 95 of the remaining churches, leaving only nine still to be done, and of these, with one exception, he knew something. There were in this county no old cities quite like Worcester or Bristol. Even Coventry, famed for its churches, had only one with any ancient bells. No other town in Warwickshire had any at all, with the exception of the little town of Atherstone. In the 95 towers which he had visited since his last lecture there were only sixteen ancient bells—a very small percentage indeed—while in the 120 towers dealt with in his previous paper there were as many as 40 early bells. The towers had couplets which remained, and out of the 95 churches visited there were only 13 which had any old bells. Old bells were found at Ipsley, Milverton, Great Packington, Horsley, Wolston, Whitchurch, Stoke, Lillington, Leek, Wootton, Offchurch, etc. It would be noticed that this list did not include many of the better-known Warwickshire churches. The most remarkable bells were very frequently found at the less interesting churches. In his list of churches where old bells remained, Great Packington was included amongst them. He had visited nearly every old church in Warwickshire, and the great majority of those in Worcestershire, and hundreds in other counties in England, and he prided himself generally on being able to distinguish the parish church, but he confessed to passing close to the church of Great Packington without knowing what the building was. Not that he did not see it, but he had no idea that it could be anything more than the stable or outbuildings belonging to the hall. After discovering that the structure was a church, he underwent many difficulties in reaching the belfry, but at length was rewarded by finding the most interesting peal of bells in Warwickshire. After the ancient bell in Halford it certainly carried the palm for antiquity in the county. The little bell at Packington came almost, if not quite, next in importance. To elucidate the age of the bells was a work of no little difficulty, for for some reason or another the ancient bells very rarely bore any date. In a long list of counties, where the bells had already been described, there was not a single early-dated bell. Indeed, the early-dated bells which were known to exist might almost be reckoned upon one's finger. The districts round Leamington were the most prolific, while the northern and southern parts had scarcely a single church with bells that could be assigned to an earlier date than 1500. The lecturer then proceeded to discuss the inscriptions that he had been able to collect during his bell-hunting expedition, and the exhibition of the curious diagrams afforded considerable interest. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. H. T. Tilley at the close of the reading of the paper.

## 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 YEARS' ANALYSIS OF PEALS.

SIR,—I quite agree with Mr. C. L. Routledge's proposal in your issue of February 20th, and it is for the purpose of giving honour to whom honour is due, that at the end of each year I give the names of all those who have conducted four peals and upwards. Mr. Harrison's name would have appeared in its proper place had a little more care been taken in sending the accounts for publication; the omission will I think be easily understood when it is known that this conductor's name was published in March and April as "Fred Harrison," in June as "F. J. Harrison," in August as "Frederick J. Harrison," and in September as "F. Harrison." In my analysis F. Harrison is credited

with three peals, and F. J. Harrison with two. While upon this point I might mention that Mr. J. Parker's name was also omitted through one of his peals being inserted as conducted by J. Barber. There are two other matters I should like to refer to, namely, (1) The unnecessary delay which often takes place before peals are published in "THE BELL NEWS." A recent example of this can be found on page 523, where peals rung on the 20th and 30th of December, 1891, were published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 23rd, 1892. I mention this case as it necessitated no less than forty-four alterations in my analysis after it had been sent for publication. (2) The increasing number of cases during the past year of peals being published without a conductor's name, during which period no less than six peals were so published. With regard to your suggestion "that I should give some indication more fully than at present concerning the nature of the peals rung," I shall be only too pleased to carry out any practical suggestion that can be made for making my monthly and yearly return of additional use and interest to your readers. The only idea that suggests itself to me whereby the order of our Associations can be ascertained in the quality of methods rung as well as their order in number of peals scored, is by the adoption of a scale of points per ringer, such as has been found to work well in awarding the Sussex County Challenge Bell.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

Brighton.

## AN EXCHANGE SALE COLUMN.

SIR,—Many newspapers, especially those published for some particular class, have for the use of their readers, a part, say a column, devoted for the purpose of exchanging and selling small articles of all sorts. Now I think this would be a good thing if we could have it in our own journal. A small charge would have to be made for every insertion. I think if the readers of the paper were to patronise such column, it would give a fair return, Sir. May be if it was well patronised we might soon get an enlargement of the paper.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

## CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—The peal of Grandsire Triples rang at Willenhall, Staffrdshire, on the 13th inst., and which appeared in your last issue and was conducted by W. Johnson, was a bob-and-single peal, and not Holt's six-part as published. I cannot conceive what benefit it is to the conductor to ring one peal and publish another.

101 Shepherd Street, Wolverhampton.

JAMES E. GROVES.

SIR,—The two 720's published by Mr. N. Spindlow in your issue of February 20th, the second is true but the first is false. The backstroke 45362 of the second single in the second part repeats at the handstroke 45362 of the second bob in the fourth part.

R. POTTER.

## JAMES BARHAM'S (OF LEEDS, KENT) BOOK.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Hodgkin's enquiry in last week's "BELL NEWS" as to whether the Leeds Youths rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Headcorn, Kent, in 1766 (not 1769), I beg to send you the record of the above peal taken from my copy of the above book, the same that I lent to our late friend Mr. Snowdon when he wrote a description in *Church Bells*, vol. vii. of the book. "No. 41. Friday, December 26th, 1766, was rung at Headcorn, 5184 changes of Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 26 minutes; very fine striking, and the first trial by the following, viz.:—William Tilly, treble; Richard Masters, 2; Stephen Bayley, 3; Edward Mason, 4; John Sweetlove, 5; Edward Cook, 6; James Barham, 7; Thomas Lacy, tenor." There is no conductor's name mentioned, but I suppose that Jas. Barham conducted the peal. If Mr. Hodgkin wishes to know more about the book I shall be pleased to supply him with it. The copy that I have by me I made in 1871 from the copy of the late Mr. John Naunton, of Ipswich. Mr. Naunton lent me his copy, which I believe is not now in existence, as I have heard that it was destroyed by a person at Hadleigh to do away with it, not knowing that I had made a copy.

Glensford, Suffolk.

SAMUEL SLATER.

SIR,—In the belfry of All Saints' church, Maidstone, there is a list of 111 peals rang by James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, dating from 1744 to 1813. With reference to the Headcorn peal the following two entries appear. "No. 59. December 26th, 1766, 5184 Oxford Treble Bob, 3 hours, 26 minutes—Headcorn. No. 60. April 30th, 1769, 5184 Oxford Treble Bob, 3 hrs. 22 minutes—Headcorn."

G. P.

DEWSBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, February 21st, for Divine Service, a mixed company rang a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (2528 changes), in 1 hr. 30 mins. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. J. Garforth, 1; H. Chapman (of the Manchester Cathedral company,) 2; W. Ainley, 3; J. A. Idle, 4; G. H. Hardy (conductor), 5; H. Dronfield (of Pendleton, near Manchester), 6; W. Byram, 7; G. Taylor, 8.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1892

THE JOHNSON Anniversary just held at Birmingham, must be regarded as a success, especially when the intentions of its promoters, to wit, that of keeping fresh the memory of the late HENRY JOHNSON, is understood. The perusal of the report of proceedings, given on another page, is apt to engender feelings of regret that such methods of perpetuating departed worth have been so few and far between. If many of our great ringers had achieved such successes in other pursuits as they did in the art of change-ringing, they would not have been so readily forgotten as they have been, if the erection of substantial memorials are any criterion. We are firmly of belief that such a man as the late Mr. HALEY was infinitely more clever, more intelligent, more of a gentleman, and in all probability a better citizen, than the greatest jockey who ever won the "Derby." But the last resting-place of such a worthy member of "our illustrious dead" (so aptly described by our old friend Mr. G. DORRINGTON) as the late chief of the Ancient Society of College Youths, remains without anything like a public recognition of his abilities, and under the conditions of a London interment, may now be difficult of discovery. We think that the members of the Society above-named should do something towards recognition of the virtues of their departed members who were prominent figures while living. They

have just lost a most worthy member, JAMES DWIGHT, at the ripe old age of seventy-six—who was one of the most famous heavy-bell ringers of the present century; a man of intelligence and skill. Can we do anything to incite them to raise a memorial to such a worthy man? There is the example before them of the action taken by the Birmingham gentlemen. Will Londoners be content to be behind them? Let us hope not.

We would like to call attention to a small advertisement to be found at the bottom of first column of the preceding page, of the publication of a peal of Grandsire Caters, the full extent of the bells. Of course, the composition is only a curiosity, but one which a great many would like to see. The author, Mr. JAMES HEWETT, was well-known in London years ago as a prominent member of the Cumberland, and a great handbell ringer. We recollect him in the year 1867 in a touch of Stedman Caters at St. Bride's, when the Squire of Benington was present. Mr. Hewett is advanced in years, and though we hold no special warrant for saying as much, we believe that a good sale of the copies of this peal would be a boon to the old gentleman in the evening of his life.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, February 25, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 6.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
HENRY SWAIN .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

This peal, now rung for the first time, contains sixty short and two long courses.

### The Provinces.

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

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

WILLIAM ORME .. .. Treble.	JAMES HICKLIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	JOHN WALKER .. .. 6.
RICHARD W. LOGIE .. .. 3.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 7.
LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 4.	JOHN CARVILL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

This peal, Holt's Original, reversed by J. Carter, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 12th, 1891, was rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Alice Jackson, second daughter of H. Hoskins Jackson, Esq., of Moat Bank, Burton-on-Trent, with Mr. Chas. Overton Atkinson, of Sydenham, London.

#### NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 25, 1892 in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S SIX-PART.

HARRY PAULSON .. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 2.	JAMES F. CLARKE .. .. 6.
THOMAS LINGARD .. .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES F. CLARKE.

James George hails from Rugby.

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 25, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH* .. .. Treble.	†GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 5.
JOHN CARTER* .. .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 3.	*FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by WM. WAKLEY.

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

#### DARTFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 26, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN BLACKMAN .. .. Treble.	FREDK. HAYES .. .. 5.
FREDK. J. RING .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. HAYES .. .. 3.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HARPER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Blackman, Ring, G. Hayes and F. Hayes. This peal contains the full combination of the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 5-6, and the 2nd and never there.

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 6.
JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	JOHN WALKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

#### CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.) *see p 602*

On Saturday, February 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

HARRY SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 6.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 3.	HARRY SMITH .. .. 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK and Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

#### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Perry and Thurlow hail from Framsdon; D. G. Wightman from Brandeston; the rest from Cretingham. This peal has the 6th her extent at home at nine course-ends, and has the 5th the extent at five course-ends, and is now rung for the first time.

## BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS.. ..Treble.	EDWARD LUCAS.. .. 5.
ERNEST PYE* .. .. 2.	FREDERICK NORRIS .. .. 6.
ALBERT DEARDS† .. .. 3.	ALFRED WHIGHT .. .. 7.
GEORGE PYE .. .. 4.	CHARLES DEAN.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by A. J. PERKINS.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the second is fifteen years of age, and great credit is due to him for the able manner in which he rung his bell through the peal.

## SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. HARDCASTLE, JUN. ..Treble.	W. R. SANDIFORTH* .. 5.
T. B. KENDALL .. .. 2.	J. F. MALLABY.. .. 6.
H. E. ANDERSON* .. .. 3.	F. AARON .. .. 7.
J. COTTERELL .. .. 4.	WM. GILL .. ..Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by J. HARDCASTLE.

\*First peal. Messrs. Hardcastle, Cotterell, and Mallaby hail from Bradford Anderson from Bingley; Gill from Keighley; the rest from Shipley.

## STALEYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, February 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN POWNALL .. ..Treble.	SAMUEL HILL .. .. 5.
ALLEN MARSDEN .. .. 2.	JOHN HARRISON.. .. 6.
HUGH SHAW .. .. 3.	JOHN LEIGH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. 4.	MATTHEW FAITHORPE ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN,

Messrs. Jakeman, Harrison, and Leigh hail from Ashton-under-Lyne.

## BRADFIELD, SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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GEORGE MERRYMAN .. .. 3.	ARTHUR BREARLEY ..Tenor.

Conducted by A. BREARLEY.

Rung to celebrate the conductor's thirty-ninth birthday, and it is his 49th peal. It is probably the first time 5040 in seven "Pleasures" methods has ever been rung.

## TWERTON, SOMERSETSHIRE,

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

J. SMITH FLOWERS ..Treble.	H. W. BROWN .. .. 5.
A. MELHUISH .. .. 2.	H. WOTTON .. .. 6.
W. DAVIS .. .. 3.	C. BELL .. .. 7.
W. LEWIS* .. .. 4.	G. TEMPLE.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by H. WOTTON.

\*First peal. This peal was rung in honour of the 51st birthday of J. Smith Flowers, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, February 27, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 32 cwt.

ALBERT E. DURRANT ..Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON.. .. 5.
ROBERT HAWES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 28, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (NO. II.)

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK DENCH* ..Treble.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. RICE.. .. 2.	GEORGE PAGE .. .. 6.
WALTER WADEY .. .. 3.	ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. 4.	PETER TYLER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal. This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. Rice (one of the local band), to Miss Budgen, the ringers wishing them every happiness.

## PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 29, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS* ..Treble.	WILLIAM RYLAND .. .. 5.
HENRY GARDNER .. .. 2.	JEREMIAH WAGER .. .. 6.
GEORGE POPE† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 7.
CHARLES WEST .. .. 4.	*THOMAS IRELAND ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HALE.

H. G. Gardner hails from Gloucester. \*First peal. †First peal of Triples. H. Scrivens and T. Ireland were elected members before starting. Rung as a farewell peal to William Hale, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

## NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Monday, February 29, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR;

Each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ..Treble.	FREDK. KNIGHTS .. .. 4.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 5.
SAMUEL MOORE .. .. 3.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS..Tenor.

Composed by E. FRANCIS, of Norwich, and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

First 5040 on tower bells by the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 3rd.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN HOWE.. ..Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY .. .. 5.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 2.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 6.
SAMUEL JOHNSON .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN .. .. 7.
HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY ..Tenor.

Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by W. WAKLEY.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place.

## BRADFORD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE .. .. Treble.	JAS. COTTERELL .. .. 5.
SIDNEY CLARK .. .. 2.	JOSH. BROADLEY .. .. 6.
HARRY RAISTRICK .. .. 3.	THOS. POLLITT .. .. 7.
J. H. HARDCASTLE .. .. 4.	JOHN F. MALLABY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BUCKLEY and Conducted by JOHN F. MALLABY.

## CROYDON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ALFRED ARNOLD .. .. Treble.	JOHN HARDING .. .. 5.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STATES .. .. 6.
EDWARD MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	*THOMAS VERRALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WEBB .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HILL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by  
DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

This is a five-part peal, and is given on page 70 of the 1876 edition of "Hubbard's Elements." \*First peal of Major.

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PAAT. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BROWN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MANSFIELD .. .. 5.
HENRY FORD .. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR HARRIS* .. .. 3.	CHARLES LYES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BROWN .. .. 4.	*EDWIN HEYWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank Knight, a member of the local company.

## Date Touches.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTED (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, January 27th, at the parish church of St. Swithin, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 6 mins. E. E. Davis, 1; W. T. Bennett, 2; E. E. Bewick (conductor), 3; F. E. Hart, 4; A. E. Pegler, 5; A. Dudge (longest length), 6. The above was rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Monday, February 22nd, at the residence of Mr. W. Sharby, on handbells retained in hand, a date touch (1892 changes), in 45 mins., viz.: ten 6-scores and 92 changes of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, and five 6-scores of Antelope. G. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; F. W. Tharby, 5-6. Also a 6-score each in the following methods, viz.: Dream, St. Dunstons, Hudibras, Old Doubles, and Canterbury.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, February 23rd, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 13 mins. G. Mason, 1; G. Bourne, 2; O. James, 3; G. Hayward, 4; G. Morris, 5; T. Bullock, 6; J. Mason (composer and conductor), 7; J. Phillips, 8. Mr. Phillips is a native of Newport.

WOOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 16th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. G. Hislop, 1; J. Roberts, 2; H. Ball, 3; P. Leather, 4; R. Leather, 5; H. Tyldes, 6; T. Kay (conductor), 7; J. Edwards, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 20th, at the parish church, four of the local band and four from St. Giles' Society, Willenhall, rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples at the first attempt, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Lloyd, 1; G. Aston, 2; J. Bate, 3; J. Harper, 4; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 5; T. Foster, 6; S. Atkins, 7; J. Adams, 1. Tenor 24 cwt. in E. flat.

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## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Sunday, January 31st, for morning service at the parish church, 200 Grandsire Doubles. F. Jones (Edgware), 1; A. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; F. Kirby, 6. For evening service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt (conductor), 3; C. H. Martin, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. Crampton, jun., 6. On Sunday, February 7th, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles and four bobs). W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Burrows, 1; F. Sparks, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. A. Martin (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 22nd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band; also the first in the method on the bells. Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, February 19th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. H. J. Martin (first 720 in the method double-handed), 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; F. Carroway, 5-6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, February 11th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, six of the local company rang for practice 720 Double Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins., the bobs being made with the treble up behind. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. A 720 York Surprise (nine bobs) in 26 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, February 14th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Double Oxford Bob. W. Cavill (conductor), 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill, 6. For afternoon service, 720 Double Oxford Bob (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 24 mins. W. Cavill (first 720 in the method as conductor), 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (composer), 6. And on Thursday, February 18th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24 mins., 4th the observation. I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 21st, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins., 4th the observation. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 New London Pleasure, in 23½ mins. I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6; 5th being the observation. Tenor 13 cwt. Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, February 9th, on handbells retained in hand, 120 Grandsire Doubles. And Tuesday, February 16th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. J. Watts, 1-2; W. Watts (conductor), 3-4. W. Cavill, 5-6.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Wednesday, February 10th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. R. J. Dawe (conductor) 1; G. Pettitt, 3; C. W. Sandles, 4; W. J. Trusler, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; A. L. Langridge, 7; A. Urry, 8. On Friday, February 12th (on handbells), 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Pettitt, 1; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 2; W. J. Trusler, 3; C. Stehelin, 4; A. S. Langridge, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; G. Turner, 7; A. Urry, 8. On Sunday, February 14th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Pettitt, 1; C. W. Sandles, 2; W. J. Trusler, 3; A. S. Langridge, 4; R. J. Dawe, 5; A. J. Turner (composer and conductor), 6; A. Urry, 7. It was intended to start for a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, but the tenor stay broke just before starting. On Wednesday, February 17th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. Emery, 1; G. Pettitt, 2; G. Turner, 3; C. Stehelin, 4; C. W. Sandles, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 7; A. Urry, 8. Rung on middle six. On Friday, February 19th (on handbells), 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). G. Pettitt, 1; G. Turner, 2; C. Stehelin, 3; C. W. Sandles, 4; A. G. Turner, 5; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 16th, at St. George's church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes) in 1 hr. 33 mins. J. Boardman (conductor), 1; W. Rushton, 2; R. Webster, 3; H. Moss, 4; W. Sykes, 5; G. Moss, 6; W. Tebay, 7; J. Makin, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, February 21st, for morning service at the church of St. James's, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; H. J. Creed, 2; J. Burge, 3; R. Crossman, 4; W. Thorne (first 720), 5; T. W. Radford, 6. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Maddock, 1; S. Radford, 2; J. Burge, 3; R.

Crossman, 4; W. Thorne, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6. This 720 contains thirty-four singles and twenty-six bobs; was composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, February 20th, eight members of the above association attempted to ring a peal of Bob Major on the bells of St. Barnabas' church, but after ringing over 2000 changes, it was found that a change-course had occurred, so "stand" was called. R. S. Mann, 1; R. Williams, 2; C. Williams, 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; W. James, 5; H. Coley, 6; T. Hammond, 7; J. Martin (conductor), 8. Tenor 24½ cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

DEAL (Kent).—On Monday, February 15th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 25 mins. S. Mackett, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Potter, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. E. Potter hails from Dover.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Friday, February 19th, an attempt was made for G. Newson's peal of 5006 Stedman Caters, but after about 1 hr.'s good ringing it came to grief through the breaking of the tenor rope. G. Paveley, 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 2; T. Mannering, 3; W. Pope, 4; A. C. West, 5; A. H. Woolley, 5; E. Pope, 7; F. J. French, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; W. Hadlow, 10. Touches in the same method were also rung standing as before.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MIDDLESBROUGH. — On Sunday, February 21st, at St. Hilda's church, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. M. Bradley, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; A. Macfarlane, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; J. W. Passman (first 720 as conductor), 5; R. Burrows, 6.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORKING (Surrey).—Recently, at the parish church, 335 Grandsire Triples. J. Harper, 1; W. Grove, 2; C. J. Peters, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; F. Saunders, 5; W. Bulpett, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. Butler, 8. A 224 Bob Major. C. J. Peters, 1; J. Staples, 2; F. Bennett, 3; W. Bulpett, 4; F. Saunders, 5; W. Grove, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; A. White (conductor), 8. A 447 Grandsire Triples. J. Harper, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; H. Withers, 3; G. Hawkins (first touch of Triples), 4; F. Saunders, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; D. Jordan, 8. A 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, J. Staples, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; T. A. Colburn, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; F. Bennett, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; H. White, 8. A 504 Stedman Triples. G. Williams (conductor), 1; J. Hewitt, 2; F. Bennett, 3; T. H. Colburn, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; S. Brooker, 6; H. White, 7; G. H. Barnett, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Saturday, February 20th, at the Abbey church of St. Mary, a quarter peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins., on the occasion of the 79th birthday of the Vicar, the Rev.

E. L. Berthon, J. Elcombe, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; C. Tribe, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 7; J. Walker and G. Saint, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. First quarter-peal by all except C. Tribe.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM.—On Sunday, February 21st, at St. John's church, Mr. T. Millington's 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs), in 25½ mins. R. Cookson, 1; A. E. Wilson, 2; C. Kerr, 3; B. Taylor, 4; J. Salthouse, 5; J. Fell (conductor), 6. A 6-score Grandsire Doubles. A. C. Wilson, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; J. Fell, 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. Kerr (conductor), 5; R. Cookson, 6.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

GARSTON.—On Sunday, February 21st, for Divine Service, six members of the above association rang a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four singles and twenty-six bobs), in 25 mins. J. Schofield (first 720 as conductor), 1; T. Morris, 2; J. Alexander, 3; C. Newton, 4; J. Allen, 5; W. Weaver, 6. Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington.

#### THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SPILSBY.—On Thursday, January 21st, at St. James's church for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Towle, 1; A. Simms, 2; T. Ladds, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Monday, February 8th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles). A. Simms, 1; \*T. Ladds, 2; G. Ladds, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. \*First 720 Bob Minor. A 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Hicks, 1; A. Simms, 2; G. Ladds, 3; F. Haw, 4; T. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 22nd, 720 Yorkshire Court Minor. A. Simms, 1; T. Ladds, 2; F. Hicks, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. Seagrave, 5; J. Haw (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, and supposed to be the first on the bells.

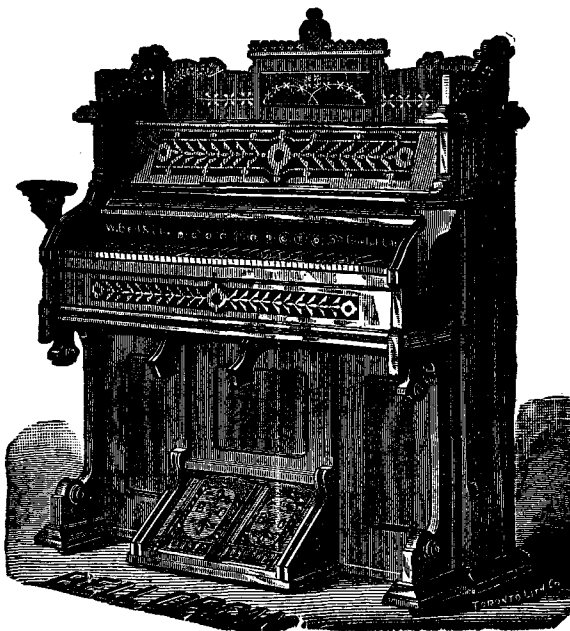
#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—Recently, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. W. Taylor, 1; H. Gilding, 2; J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor), 3; F. Bissley, 4; F. Dentry, 5; G. Wilkins, 6; A. Hoskins, 7; J. Todd, 8. On Saturday, February 20th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but failed after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. Rev. R. P. Newhouse, 1; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 2; G. Wilkins, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; F. Bissley, 5; A. Garraway, 6; A. Hoskins, 7; H. Gilding, 8. On Monday, February 22nd, for practice, several 120s Stedman Doubles. Messrs. Taylor, G. Wilkins, J. W. Wilkins, Bissley, Dentry, and Ayres. A. touch of Oxford Bob Triples, being the first part of Mr. J. Parker's 6-part peal; the band as above, with the addition of H. Neighbour and W. Brown, this being their longest touch in the method.

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**Kent County Association.**—Members are informed that the railway vouchers for reduced fares are now available at all stations on both S.E. and L.C.D. Ry's. The new certificates of membership (price 6d.), are now ready, and may be had on application to the Secretary. In writing members are requested to send their full name with date of election.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Canterbury.

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The Meetings for March are as follows:—Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday, 15th. Practice 8 to 10 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 28th. Practice 8.0 to 9.30 p.m.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.** The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Bucknall, to-day, Saturday, March 5th. Bells at 4.0 p.m. Tea at 6.30 p.m.

97, High Street, W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bucknall.

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Prescott parish church (eight bells), to-day, Saturday, March 5th. The tower will be open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 6 p.m.

CHAS. P. STANLEY, *Local Branch, Sec.*  
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The eighth quarterly meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, March 12th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 o'clock; business meeting at 6.30. All members and friends cordially welcome.

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

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A committee meeting of this association will be held in the Chantry, St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, March 10th, at 5 p.m. prompt. The Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar, has kindly consented to preside. The tower will be open for ringing. Business—to fix time of annual meeting, etc.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

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## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By HARRY MILLS, *Tipton.*

5088.

23456	I	M	H		I	M	H
23645	-	-	-	53426	-	S	-
62345	-	-	-	45326	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	42536	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	54236	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	25436	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	23546	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	52346	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	35246	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	34526	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	32456	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	43256	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	24356	-	-	-

The whole repeated. In this peal the 5th and 6th have their extent in 6th place.

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By C. H. MARTIN, *Hendon.*

5280.

23456	W	I	H
54326	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-

Five times repeated, with single instead of bob at the third and sixth part-ends. Adding bobs at I and M in the sixth course of any one part, cuts away two courses and reduces the peal to 5040 changes. First rang at Southgate, Middlesex, on December 14th, 1891. Conducted by William Short.

## A QUARTER PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By A. W. TUBB, *Wycombe.*

234567	
752634	I
237546	3
S 352674	5
463752	I
274563	I
572346	5
245763	3
S 472356	5
634572	I
256734	I
263547	part-end.

Twice repeated; has the 2nd the sixty leads in the hunt, 467 in nine different positions, and 567 in nine different positions.

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By JOHN MASON, *Stoke Prior, Worcestershire.*

3 2 4 5 7 6 two odd  
2 3 5 4 5 7 changes.

4 6 2 3 7 5 3  
3 6 4 5 2 7 5  
5 6 3 7 4 2 5  
7 6 5 2 3 4 5  
5 3 7 6 4 2 3  
6 3 5 2 7 4 5  
6 2 3 4 5 7 part-end.

Four times repeated.

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. WRIGHTSON, *Thirsk, Yorkshire.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
1 3 2 5 4 6 7 two changes.  
1 2 3 4 5 7 6

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

Four times repeated; contains seventeen 6-7s, fifteen 4-6s, and eleven 4-7s.

## A 1/4-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

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

Five times repeated; single midway and end. Has eight 7-4's, eight 4-6's, and eight 6-7's.

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The peal rung at Quedgeley, and published in last week's "BELL NEWS," was conducted by John Austin.

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S G.—About 13 years ago.

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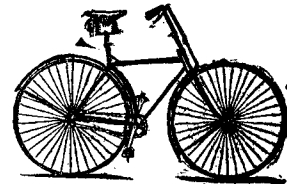
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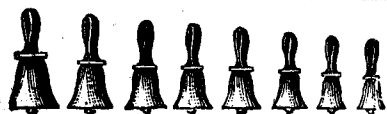
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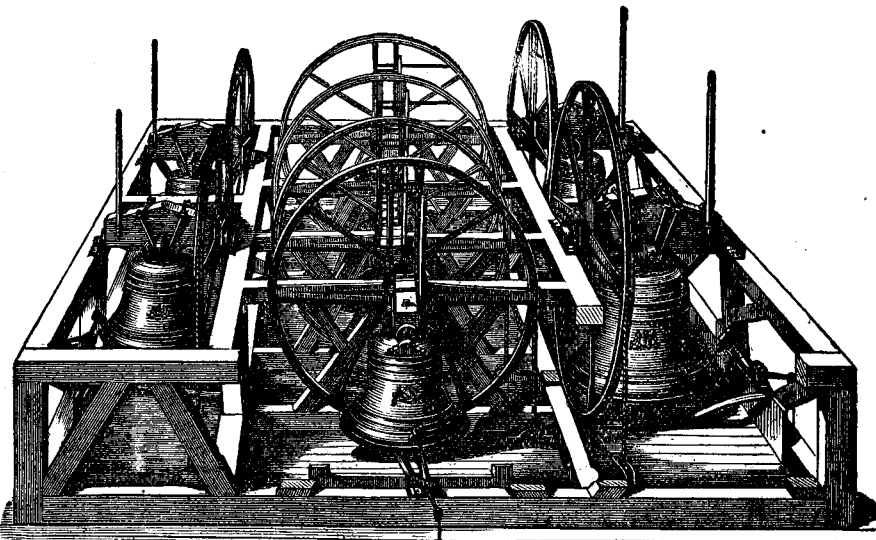
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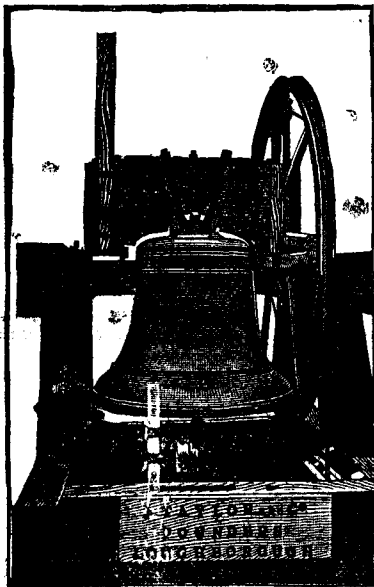
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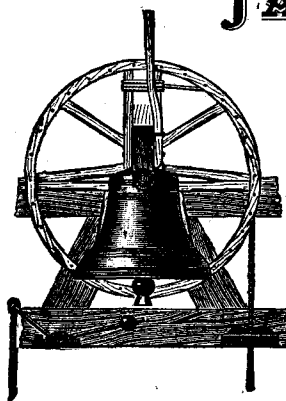
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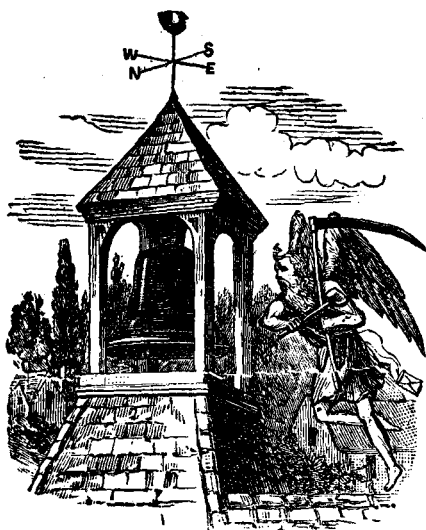
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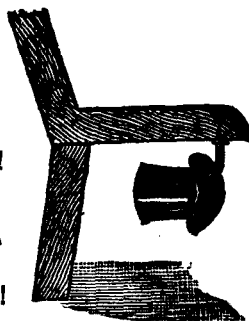
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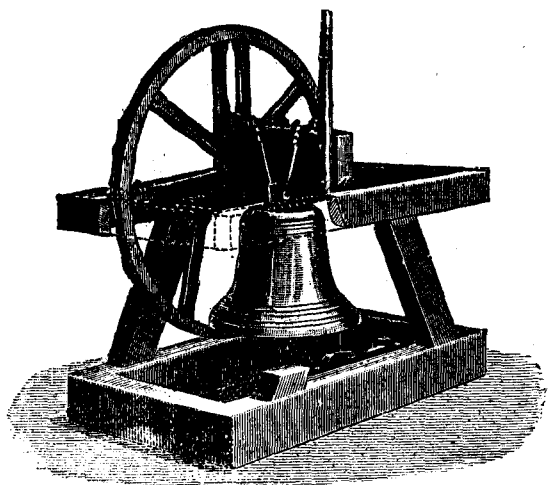
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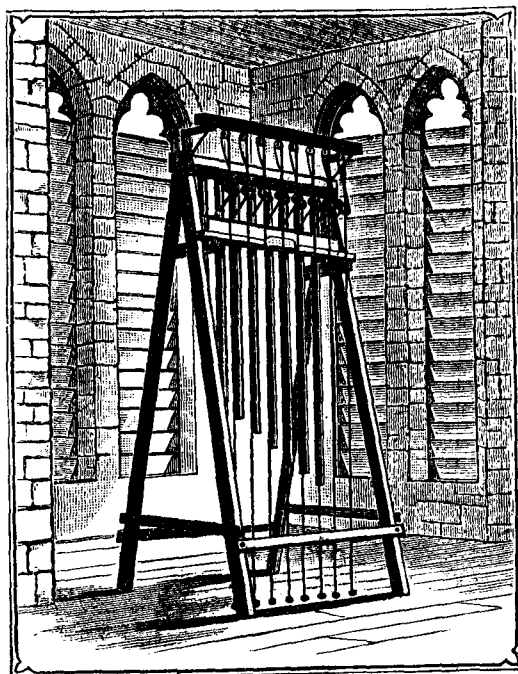
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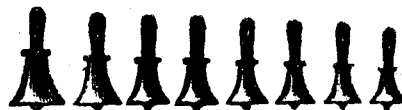
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at "the Colonnade" Hotel, New Street, Birmingham, at 1 p.m., on Easter Tuesday, April 19th. All subjects proposed for discussion must be notified in writing, signed by two members of the Council, not later than March 19th.

It is requested that the Secretaries of all ringing Societies returning Representatives to the Council, who have not already forwarded the fee of 2s. 6d. per Representative for the present year, will at once remit the amount.

Where there has been any change in the Secretaryship or Representation of any Society, or in address, it is most important that such alteration be at once notified.

The Secretary of any Society claiming an increase in Representation must forward the name and address of such additional Representative, together with a note of the total number of members on the books, without delay.

Circumstances having arisen which make it impossible for the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Francis Dawe, to devote the necessary time to the affairs of the Council, he has tendered his resignation. Nominations for the office, according to Rule VII., must be sent in before March 19th.

All communications upon Council business to be addressed to

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## WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

**SUPPER TO CHOIRS AND RINGERS.**—This popular annual gathering of church workers and officials took place at the Drill Hall on the evening of Shrove Tuesday. There were present the Rev. R. W. Wynter (Vicar), Messrs. Parker and Askham (Churchwardens), the Revs. Tute, Isherwood, and Beasley, and a considerable number of sidesmen. Eighty in all sat down to the excellent hot supper provided. Several of the sidesmen and choirmen having come direct from a volunteer drill, their smart uniforms, combined with the tastefully decorated hall, gave a bright and cheerful aspect to the affair.

In proposing the toast of "The Parish Church Ringers and Chimers," Mr. J. T. Smith (sidesman) spoke of the value the church authorities and parishioners generally (Nonconformists as well as Churchfolk) put upon their services, which was evidenced by the way in which all sects and denominations readily contributed to anything in connection with the bells. He thought that the ringers, as town officials, had carried out the customary mournful observances of passing bell, minute bell, muffled peals, etc., in connection with the recent sad death of the Duke of Clarence, in a very creditable manner, and had thereby well expressed the feelings of the inhabitants at that time of national bereavement. Everything connected with belfry and bells appeared to him to be characterised by method and punctuality. He concluded with an expression of regret at the death of their veteran ringer, John Harley. The toast was received with musical honours.

Mr. E. J. Dennes (belfry sidesman), in responding, stated that it was a pleasure to them to know that their services were appreciated. Personally he was very much obliged to the various departments of the belfry (ringers and probationers)—Mr. Turnell, steeplekeeper, Mr. Weston, keeper of clock and chimes, and Mr. Pell, the sexton, for so well attending to their respective duties, and for working so harmoniously together. It was very necessary it should be so in a town church. He was grateful for their ready and hearty response to his efforts to make Wellingborough belfry a credit to the town. One thing that pleased him in connection with their ringers was the attention they always paid to the chiming for Sunday and other services, which he considered to be a church bellringer's first and most important duty, whether it was the custom to ring for service or chime. Referring to the recent re-hanging of the two largest bells and other necessary repairs, Mr. Dennes thanked the ringers for contributing so liberally towards the cost, also for the trouble they took in collecting subscriptions from the parish-

ioners, whom he also begged to thank for their kind donations. The two valuable old bells in question had hung in their tower for over 250 years, and he thought it only right that everything should be done to keep them in safety and good order. They were now rung with much less exertion, they sounded better, and worked with very little vibration of frame and tower. He was extremely obliged to all present for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and desired to acknowledge the kindness and consideration belfry matters always received at the hands of the Vicar and churchwardens.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of this Association was held at Tottenham, on Saturday, February 27th, when about fifteen members were present. Ringing commenced soon after 5 o'clock, when touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung. The business commenced with the minutes of the past meeting being passed as read. The Secretary, Mr. Percy Howard, then called the attention of the meeting to the fact that the Treasurer, Mr. J. Waghorn, jun., was not present. He informed the meeting that Mr. Waghorn had sent him the balance-sheet, and that he (the Secretary) had written to the Treasurer informing him of the meeting and requesting him to be there. The meeting was much annoyed at the absence of the Treasurer, as no question on the balance-sheet could be raised. It was thereupon proposed by Mr. F. A. Milne, seconded by Mr. Tucker, "that the Secretary should have an interview with the Treasurer, and on his failing to give a satisfactory explanation of his absence, the Secretary should call a committee meeting to consider what was to be done." This motion was carried by the meeting. It was resolved that the next meeting of this Society should be held at Hampstead, if possible, on the third Saturday in April. It was also resolved that the representative's expenses on the Central Council should be paid by the Treasurer. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Tottenham for the use of the bells.

## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, LEICESTER.

This well-known church, which was struck by lightning on August 1st, 1846, and subsequently damaged by a gale, is about to be repaired internally at the tower end. Before the new chancel was built, the organ-loft occupied the room of the present belfry. The belfry was formerly about 20-ft. higher in the tower, but was lowered to its present level for a purpose extremely mysterious. Whereas the old site was roomy, well-lighted, and tolerably comfortable, the place now is dark, and bitterly cold in the winter. This may be understood when the door-way (minus a door) is cut from the side of the stone steps, and as no other doors or curtains exist, the air is decidedly fresh and breezy. There are six bells, tenor 12 cwt., which are sadly in want of re-hanging and attention. The work about to be commenced is the erection of an elaborate screen for the front inside of the tower-end, and will cost about £200 or £300. If the bells could be augmented to a peal of eight, it would be a blessing to the parishioners, the church, and the ringers, who, we believe, enjoy the Minor (in more senses than one) ringing they now get. But if this could not be, the belfry could be placed in its former position for a paltry sum, and we hear that the patrons of the art of change-ringing would gladly subscribe for this purpose. Not only this, but the parish is one of the best in the town, and the clergy are popular. We trust some improvement will be made.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LIVERPOOL BRANCH.**—The usual monthly meeting was held on Saturday last, March 5th, at Prescott parish church. There was only a small number of ringers present, in addition to the local company, Grassendale, Garston, and Liverpool only being represented. There was no business of great importance transacted during the meeting. Warrington (six bells), was settled as the next meeting-place, on April 2nd. Grandsire Triples was the only method rung during the evening.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEAFORD BRANCH.—On Sunday afternoon, March 6th, seven members of the above branch had a pleasant drive to Alfriston, to have a ring on the peal of six, tenor  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in B flat. The church, which on account of its size has been called the "Cathedral of the South Downs," is a large cruciform building with a central tower and spire. Instead, however, of having a ringing chamber, the ropes extend to the centre of the church. On the arrival of the party, the local ringers, who were already ringing call-changes, handed over the ropes to the visitors, who lost no time in setting them going to the tune of Grandsire Doubles. A 360 and 840 were brought round, the local ringers watching with intense interest the difference between scientific ringing and their own way of doing it. On the completion of the above two touches the Vicar very kindly invited all to tea at the vicarage, and needless to say the offer was unanimously accepted. A comfortable party of fifteen were then soon seated around the Vicar's table, doing full justice to the plentiful repast before them. Tea over, a pleasant smoke and chat for half-an-hour brought on the time for ringing for evening service. At the wish of the local ringers this was again undertaken by the Seaford band; who accomplished what was undoubtedly the best piece of striking of all, viz.: 960 Grandsire Doubles. All stayed to service, after which another short touch was rang, and the bells then lowered. Before leaving, however, the Vicar again provided them with refreshments, and the party then left for home, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Seaford ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to tender their heartiest thanks to the Rev. F. W. Beynon, for his very liberal hospitality, and to the churchwardens for the use of the bells. The ringers taking part were Messrs. Banks, Beams, Coleman, Cross, Griffiths, J. C. Morling, and J. Morling.

## ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Ashby-de-la-Zouch parish church Society and their friends, on Monday, February 29th. A meeting was held at 6.30 p.m., followed by a dinner in the large room of the "Royal" hotel. Canon Denton, Vicar, and President of the Society, occupied the chair, and Mr. Churchwarden Matthews the vice-chair. Mr. Percival Heywood, President, and Mr. J. Griffin, Hon. Sec. of the Midland Counties' Association, and the Rev. C. Pratt were also present, and amongst the company were Mr. T. W. Davenport and Mr. Sturgess, sidesmen of the parish church, Mr. Jaggar, Burton-on-Trent, Mr. Jas. Hopkin, Leamington, and Messrs. Liggins, Dunmore, Howe, W. Canner, H. Canner, Jacques, Owen, Hitchcock, Curtis, Hutton, Beadsmore, Cutter, Thornley, and T. Heafield. In the course of the evening several toasts were proposed, and Canon Denton, in proposing "The Health of the Vice-chairman," mentioned the fact that it was that gentleman's eightieth birthday. All the party joined in heartily wishing him many happy returns, and hoped he would be able to honour them with his presence on many more festive occasions.

Mr. Matthews responded in feeling terms, thanking all for their good wishes, and stated his interest in the Church and its workers was just as lively as when he was first appointed churchwarden, something like three years ago.

The party then broke up, having enjoyed a most agreeable evening.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE (Salop).—Special services were held at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, February 28th, when the offertories were given, by permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, to the band of ringers in connection with the church. There was a good congregation in the morning, when a practical and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Owen, Vicar of Christ Church, Wellington. In the evening the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Lindsay, Rector of Berrington, when the choir gave a capital rendering of the anthem, "Hear me when I call." The church at this service was filled to overflowing, the offertories amounting to between £13 and £14, showing that their services are appreciated.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The February quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Broughton on Saturday, February 27th, the vicar kindly placing the bells at the disposal of the members. Ringers attended from Blackrod, Broughton, Chorley, Goosenargh, St. Andrew's and St. James Leyland, Preston, Penwortham, and Standish. During the afternoon and evening several 720's of Bob Minor were rung. At 5.30 the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where the business meeting was held. Mr. James Banister, vice-president, in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, and nine new members elected, it was unanimously agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Whit Saturday at Chorley. A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom brought the meeting to a close.

## RINGERS' SUPPER.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Penzance, together with some other guests, were entertained at supper by Mr. J. Symons at the Western Hotel on Friday, February 19th. A very pleasant evening was spent, and a sumptuous repast enjoyed by all present, Mr. Symons occupying the chair, and the Rev. A. B. Berry the vice-chair. After supper some vocal and instrumental music was indulged in, together with touches on the handbells. A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Symons for his assiduous help in the belfry, and for his kind hospitality; and sincere wishes were expressed for the continued prosperity of the St. Mary's band of change-ringers.

## THORNE PARISH CHURCH, NEAR DONCASTER.

Messrs. Shaw and Co., of Bradford, have secured the order to augment the present five bells in the above church into a full octave of eight bells, and to rehang the old bells with all new fittings; also a massive iron girder bell frame for the whole peal of eight bells. The Hon. Sec. to the Bell Committee is Edward Donkin, Esq.

CAMPANOLOGY IN SWANSEA.—We are pleased to see that the local campanologists are making rapid progress in the art of change-ringing. On Sunday last they succeeded in getting through with a couple of good touches of Grandsire Triples. In the morning ringing for service, they went through with a touch of 500; and in the afternoon, there being a children's service in connection with the Church Pastoral Aid Society, they went in for a quarter-peal, and succeeded in getting through with 1260 changes, there being fairly good striking. This is the first time that so many changes have been recorded by a local band in Wales; although, a few months ago, at Landaff, there was a peal of 5040 changes scored, but that was by a band of ringers from Gloucester. The names of the ringers in the order they stood were:—E. Serle, 1; F. Curtis, 2; J. Houre, 3; G. Serle, 4; R. Yeo, 5; W. Rees, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; H. West, 8. We must congratulate the Swansea Guild on the satisfactory progress they are making, thanks to the tuition of Mr. C. Smith. We hope shortly to be able to record a peal of 5040 changes by these ringers.—*Local paper.*

WIGAN (Lancs).—On Thursday, March 3rd, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. J. Meadow (conductor), 1; S. C. C. Turner, 2; J. E. Gummerson, 3; J. Barker, 4; J. F. Hall, 5; S. Hall, 6; E. Bentham and W. Major, 7; A. Shaw and H. Meadow, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in C. This is the first time J. Meadow has conducted a quarter-peal.

WOKING (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 23rd, at the parish church of St. Peter, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 30 mins. A. Saunders, 1; L. F. Pope, 2; F. Arnold, 3; C. B. Ryde, 4; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 5; F. C. Ryde, 6. Tenor 20½ cwt. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Saunders and Pope.

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## WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

On Tuesday week the complete peal of eight bells at Winchester Cathedral was rung after a lapse of many months, owing to the cracking of the old tenor and rehanging of the remainder. A number of members of the Winchester Guild assembled in the tower, and under the direction of Mr. C. H. Barnett, of Farnham, rang in capital style 336, 447, and two 504's of Grandsire Triples, also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins. The new tenor, says *The Hampshire Chronicle*, is a good splice, and a credit to the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the peal being one of the grandest in the county, and the bells mellow and musical. The rehanging of the remainder has also been most satisfactorily done, there being only a few faults to remedy, which could only be found out on trial. Archdeacon Haigh invited the ringers to luncheon during an interval, and thanked them on behalf of the Dean and Chapter for their visit. The addition of the two proposed new treble bells in the tower will doubtless be a great improvement, and these being erected it only remains for those in the city interested in ringing to take the lead, and, difficult though it may appear, make the cathedral town what it should be—viz., one of the centres of change-ringing in the diocese.

## THE RIPON AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Society, at their last meeting held in the Cathedral belfry, Ripon (February 23rd last), agreed that their next meeting should be held in St. Mary's church belfry, Harrogate, on Saturday, March 5th, when members from Ripon, Sharow, Boroughbridge, and Harrogate assembled soon after 4 p.m. They raised the bells in peal and rung touches of Bob Major during the evening. The following touches were rung: 336 changes by T. H. Dickenson (Harrogate), 1; J. King (Boroughbridge), 2; T. Clark (Sharow), 3; A. Atkinson (Harrogate), 4; R. Watson (Boroughbridge), 5; W. Turner (Harrogate), 6; W. Pick (Sharow), 7; H. Rumbold (Ripon), 8. After the last touch was completed 1008 changes were rung, in 37 mins., by T. H. Dickenson (Harrogate), 1; W. Turner (Harrogate), 2; T. Clark (Sharow), 3; H. Brown (Harrogate), 4; R. Watson (Boroughbridge), 5; A. Atkinson (Harrogate), 6; W. Pick (Sharow), 7; H. Rumbold (Ripon), 8. Tenor 13 cwt. A committee meeting was then held, when five members were elected, and other business transacted, Sharow church being selected for the next meeting to be held on Saturday next. "That's all" was called at 9 p.m., everybody present agreeing that one of the most enjoyable evenings had been spent by the Association, and feeling sure that such meetings would greatly improve the art of change-ringing, and promote a more sociable feeling among the members. Conductor, T. Clark, Hon. Sec. of the Society.

**HANDBELL MUSIC.**—It will be seen that our old friend Mr. WILLIAM GORDON, of Stockport, advertises a new selection of music, compiled in proper form for the use of tune-players on handbells. Mr. Gordon may naturally be considered as the greatest authority we have in such matters. To our knowledge he has been engaged in the production of handbell music for the last twelve years, and his business announcements have appeared in our paper ever since its commencement. We hope his constant endeavours to cater for the entertainment of his patrons are being continually rewarded by increased sales of his music sheets. Those who are about to commence tune-playing on handbells cannot do better than communicate with the Stockport establishment, from which they will receive the best counsel and advice how to proceed. It should not be forgotten that Mr. Gordon is a practical half-pull ringer, and an expert composer, and we remember with pleasure the hours spent with him before and after ringing a peal which he conducted. Mr. Gordon's advertisement will be found on the second page of this paper.

**CLENT (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, February 25th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Barber, 1; C. Boughton, 2; G. Workman, 3; W. Shillock, 4; W. Huxley, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 6th, at the residence of T. Barber, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. W. Barber, 1-2; P. Howard, 3-4; W. Short, 5-6; F. Barber, 7-8. For evening service at the church, an attempt for a 720 of Plain Bob, but the conductor called "stand" after ringing 300, owing to a change-course.

## A VARIATION OF HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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This last four calls same as the Original.

## 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."

## BELFRY REFORM.

SIR,—There seems to be a very general impression that belfry reform is a subject that simply concerns ringers. It would be well if rectors, vicars, churchwardens, and church authorities generally could be made to grasp the fact that their share of duty in the matter is not by any means a small one. If you want a good crew you must have a good, well-fitted vessel. It is no use preaching that "the belfry is a part of the church" and the bells "consecrated instruments of sacred music" when the former is used as a coalhole and general receptacle for brushes, brooms, and "many other articles too numerous to mention" as the auctioneers say, and the latter are allowed to get into a state of filth and neglect that is a disgrace to all connected therewith. If the belfry is a part of the church, then it is the duty of church authorities to keep it as clean and tidy as they do the rest of the sacred building. If the bells are instruments of sacred music then treat them as such, don't let the owls and the jackdaws be the only parishioners who visit them and take an interest in their welfare.

GRANDSIRE.

## THE PEAL AT WILLENHALL.

DEAR SIR,—In answering Mr. J. E. Groves I am much obliged to him. I will explain all if possible. This peal is of long standing, and is Bennett's six-part peal on the three-lead plan with 170 bobs and 68 singles. It was an oversight. It was rang in 2 hrs. 55 mins. not in 2 hrs. 49 mins.

W. JOHNSON.

## CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Double Norwich rang at Caversham on February 27th, and which appeared in your last issue, the time should have been 3 hrs. 49 mins., instead of 3 hrs. 39 mins.

H. SIMMONDS,

Steeplekeeper.

"PERMUTATION; OR MENTAL CAMPANOLOGY."—(By W. Bennett, Condovery, Shrewsbury.)—This is the title of a small brochure recently printed, and published at a trifling sum. It purports to be "a New Method of Instruction in the art of Bell Ringing," though the permutations and the work of the methods dealt with are made interesting without bells of any kind. In fact, the latter part of the title—"Mental Campanology"—seems very appropriate, and the book will doubtless find its way among ringing circles. There is a colored diagram representing the first lead of Bob Doubles, and the "mental" work is assisted by small counters for the use of each player. Ringing is thus made a species of scientific game, as it were. We forbear analysing this little book, because our readers can obtain copies so easily, and at a small cost. If such a publication tends to make ringing more popular, why we must be thankful for its appearance. And we think it will have this effect. Intending purchasers will see the advertisement on the notice page.

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Bell! thou soundest merrily  
When the bridal party  
To the church doth hie.

Bell! thou soundest mournfully;  
Teltest thou the bitter  
Parting hath gone by.

The bells of the Cathedral of St. Nicholas, Newcastle, once sounded musically, apparently, for Bourne, in his History, says: "They are very large ones; have a bold and noble sound, and yet an exceedingly sweet and harmonious one." Ninety-nine people out of every hundred dispute that now. It is commonly known that for long the bells of St. Nicholas have rung, boldly enough, perhaps, but neither sweetly nor harmoniously. Indeed, on one occasion a lecturer, strange to Newcastle, was extolling the musical virtues of the bell to a Lit. and Phil. audience when the cathedral clock struck nine. At the first sound the lecturer bowed his head, put his fingers to his ears, and when the striking finished, convulsed his audience by saying, "But, ladies and gentlemen, not a bell like that." And we have heard of another curious story of the effect of this particular clock-striking bell. There had been a fall of an inch or two of snow, but the air had cleared, and under the brilliant, crystalline stars not a sound could be heard. Every footfall and every cab wheel was muffled. It was the time when no chimes preceded the announcement of the hour. In the dead silence after midnight a man was passing under the steeple when the clock struck one, and the sound, so sudden and awful, sent him full length on the ground. For the veracity of this story we do not vouch, but it and others that are told illustrate the general idea prevalent among the public that the bells are not everything that could be desired. But the best proof, if proof were needed, of this fact is that a new peal of bells are about to be hung in the historic belfry. Already preparations are being made to get the old ones out, and this will be a work of more than ordinary difficulty, as they cannot be lowered directly from the campanile to the ground on account of a fine groined roof which intervenes. Therefore, they will be taken out of the south window on to the roof of the porch and thence to the ground in St. Nicholas' Square. The bells up to the present have numbered nine, although at the time of the remark of Bourne, quoted above, they only numbered eight. From several historical records of Old Newcastle we get the following facts:—

Down to the beginning of the eighteenth century the church possessed only five bells. The first is dedicated to the patron saint of the church, and, as deciphered by Mr. John Ventress, and afterwards translated from the Latin, bears, in rhyme, the following words: "Bearing modulations to all, I am Nicholas, rejoicing." The second bell is dedicated to the Virgin, and has the following inscription: "O Divine Mother, Mary the Virgin, hear me." On the third bell there is an inscription which apparently reads—"Campana vocor Micaelis dulcis sisto melis." The fourth bell was called the common or great bell, because it was tolled to convene the burgesses, and used for other municipal business. It was also known as the thief and riever bell, from its being rung at the commencement of the annual fairs to indicate that thieves, cattle rieurs, and banished persons generally might enter the town to trade without fear of arrest. In times when public holidays were not so common as they are now it proclaimed every Shrove Tuesday at noonday a half-holiday, and it still rings on that day, though the half-holiday is no longer kept. This bell has been recast at least three times. On the last occasion, in 1745, it bears the names of Cuthbert Smith and William Rowell, Mayor and sheriff in that year, and of the founders, Lester and Pack—a Colchester firm. The fifth bell bears the arms of the town and a curious inscription which is supposed to read: "When caught to this height you see when this tower it was built." The date upon the bell is 1658.

To these five the Corporation in 1717 added other three, completing the octave. Above one of the latter, in solitary grandeur, has hung for over half a century the ninth bell, the largest in the steeple. It is known as the "Major," from its donor, Major George Anderson, who by his will left £500 "to obtain a large bell for striking the hours at St. Nicholas." The bell was pur-

chased and hoisted into its place on the 10th of December, 1833. It was cast by Messrs. Hawks, Crawshaw and Sons, the famous engineering firm at Gateshead. The diameter of "the Major" across the mouth is 6 ft. 5 ins.; its length from top to bottom is 4 ft. 10 ins.; its thickness in the thickest part 4½ ins.; and it weighs 3 tons 12 cwt. The belfry of the church contains the machinery of the clock and four large mural tablets of wood commemorating as many achievements of the ringers. One of these achievements, as set forth on the tablet, reads as follows:

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, October 25, 1809. Isaac Cookson, jun., Esq., Mayor; R. H. Williamson, Esq., Recorder; Job Bulman, Esq., Sheriff.

## JUBILEE.

On this day was rung in St. Nicholas' steeple 5040 of Holt's grandsire triples by the Union Society of this town in three hours and twenty minutes, being the only peal rung in England in commemoration of His Majesty, George III., entering into the fiftieth year of his reign over a free and loyal people. Tenor, 36 cwt.

The tablets seem to be an official announcement of "the beating of the record" in respect to this performance. The third tablet, dated Easter Monday, 1842, shows that this same peal was rung "in the unprecedentedly short time of two hours fifty-nine minutes. And, again, the other tablet, dated December, 1848, states that the peal was rung "in the unrivalled time of two hours fifty-five minutes." Without a wooden tablet, what is the improvement on this after the lapse of nearly another half-century?

Reference to the bells is made in the following riddle preserved in Gray's Chorographia, said to have been made by rare old Ben Jonson, the poet:—

My altitude high, my body four square,  
My foot in the grave, my head in the air,  
My eyes in my sides, five tongues in my womb,  
Thirteen heads upon my body, four images alone;  
I can direct you where the wind doth stay,  
And I tune God's precepts twice a day;  
I am seen where I am not, I am heard where I is not,  
Tell me now what I am, and see that you miss not.

And all those historic old bells are to go. All, at any rate, except three. These belong to a pre-Reformation era, and are probably being kept principally on account of their antiquity. But they will be put to use, nevertheless. Henceforth these ancient servants, which in days of yore have doubtless often "summoned the friar to his midnight cell," will chime the meeting hour to the free citizens of Newcastle. Eleven new bells will take the place of the old, and these, which are now being cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, will in all likelihood be fixed by the end of May next. They are expected to be a very fine peal. If they are half as serviceable as their predecessors they will—as hinted in the poetic superscription to this article—many a time and oft be rung merrily and mournfully to the bridal ceremony or the funeral requiem, before a remote generation finds it necessary to replace them with the improvements of a later age.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20th, the members of the Staveley branch of this Association held their first anniversary at host Mr. W. Crofts, "The Elm Tree" inn, where a capital spread awaited them, which was put on the table in a first-class style, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. After the cloth was drawn, H. Madin, secretary of the society, was voted to the chair. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts and others were submitted and responded to, not forgetting the prosperity of the above associations, "THE BELL NEWS," Visitors, &c. Some good courses of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Major, and Caters, and also tune-ringing on the handbells, enlivened the company. The health of the host was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Crofts in replying, said the manner in which they had drank his health gave him great pleasure, and he hoped it would not be the last of such meetings, as he would always do his best for the good and welfare of the society. The time of departure at length drew near, all having enjoyed a pleasant evening.

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## Obituary.

## FREDERICK WRIGHT.

This young ringer, of Eye, Suffolk, peacefully passed away on February 27th, aged twenty-five, leaving a young wife and an infant son. He began to ring about the year 1884, and learnt the six methods practised in a year. He rang four peals in 1886, two peals of Oxford, and one of Grandsire at Eye, and one of Oxford at Diss. He was a carpenter by trade; in 1887 he removed to Stonham, and later on to Ipswich, when he partly gave up ringing, spending his evenings in self-improvement and study, but coming home for the holidays was always one for the early morning peal and for the services with the Eye company. When a lad he was in the church choir; later, in the Rifle Volunteers Corps Band. At the Sunday morning service the Vicar, the Rev. D. Campbell, feelingly alluded to the death of him who had been a member of the choir and of our company of ringers, stating that he died perfectly resigned to his Heavenly Father's will, and quite content to leave his dear wife and sorrowing relatives. He was interred on Friday, March 4th, in Eye Cemetery, followed by relatives and friends, and a goodly number of members of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, some being ringers. In the evening his old friends rang some muffled touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, followed by the usual whole pull and stand. Robert Rump, Esq., of "The Beeches," kindly found a new set of muffles for the sorrowful occasion.

## JESSE HOLT.

The funeral of the above ringer, late of the parish church, Mirfield, Yorks, took place on Monday, March 7th, at the church, and was attended by many ringing friends from Batley, Birstal, Dewsbury, Huddersfield, Holmfirth, and Lindley, who also rang a muffled touch for the occasion. The deceased had been a ringer for above sixty-two years, and was the oldest ringer living of the old company who about twenty years ago had assisted in winning forty-three prizes, viz., eighteen firsts, twelve seconds, nine thirds, and three fourths, upon six and eight bells. He also assisted in ringing the first 5000 changes of Kent Treble Royal at St. Mary's church, Mirfield, when he was seventy years of age, and assisted in ringing the first seven peals at St. Paul's church, Mirfield, in his seventy-ninth year. He was the last who witnessed the performance of seven peals being rung at Batley in 1867 without the bobs being called, and not a word spoken from the beginning to the end, which performance has not been excelled up to the present. His last performance was four years ago, when he was assisting to ring a date touch. He was much respected by a large circle of friends. He died on Friday, February 26th, and was interred on Monday, February 29th, at Mirfield parish church, at the age of eighty-six. May he rest in peace.

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			Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman.									
			Major.	In seven Minor methods.	Caters.	Triples.	In 1, 2, or 3 methods.	In 4, 5, 6 or 7 methods.	Major.	Triples.	On 5 bells.	Duffield Major.	Dble. Norwich C.B.M.	Cambridge S. Major.	Cinques,	Triples.	Value in points as per Sched- ule given below.	Position in 1891.
1	Midland Counties' Assn.	10	8	3	4	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	168	6
2	Kent County Association	8	7	5	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	148	2
3	Sussex County Association	7	7	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	136	1
4	Yorkshire Association	7	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	104	5
5	Oxford Diocesan Guild	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	136	4
6	Worcester and Districts Assn.	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	20
7	Anc. Soc. of College Youths	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	76	3
8	Society for Archdcny. Staffd.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	13
9	Norwich Diocesan Assn.	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	9
10	Hertford Association	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	15
11	Trinity Youths	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	18
12	Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn.	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	19
13	Gloucester and Bristol Asscn.	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	8
14	Royal Cumberland Youths	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	11
15	Essex Association	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	7
16	St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	21
17	Chester Diocesan Guild	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	37
18	Lancashire Association	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10
19	Winchester Diocesan Guild	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	12
20	Middlesex Association	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	17
21	United Counties' Association	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	22
22	Bath and Wells Association	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	23
23	All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	24
24	Hereford Association	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	29
25	Old East Derbyshire Asso.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	32
26	East Lincolnshire Assn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	33
27	Birmingham Amal. Asso.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	—
	Independent Societies	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	—
		87	15	2	3	26	1	3	8	6	1	1	3	1	1	16		
Less peals entd. under two Assns.		8	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1		
Total		79	12	1	3	25	1	3	8	4	1	1	3	1	1	15		

The 12 peals in plain methods comprised; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2, Bob Major, 6, Bob Triples, 1, Darlaston Bob Triples, 2, and Oxford Bob Triples, 1. The four peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties;—Lancashire, 1; Middlesex, 1; Staffordshire, 1; and Wiltshire, 1.

Decrease on the corresponding month of 1891.—One.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1892.

ON another page will be found the preliminary advertisement of the next Central Council Meeting. From it we hear, among other things, that the Secretary, Mr. F. E. DAWE, (through continued illness we believe), finds it necessary to retire from the office, and everyone, especially those who are acquainted with that gentleman, will regret the existence of the causes which have led to his retirement.

The first duties of the Council therefore will be, when it meets at Birmingham on Easter Tuesday next, to elect another Secretary, and the President, in the advertisement already referred to, invites nominations for that office. In connection with such nominations we hope it will not be considered improper if we hazard a suggestion. The candidates for the post last year were no doubt eminently qualified for the efficient performance of the duties appertaining to the office; this is especially true of that gentleman who was unsuccessful when the votes were counted; but we venture, with all due respect, to suggest whether it would not be best to elect one of the Clergy, who are on the Council, to the office. That any of these gentlemen would be approved of by the Council goes without saying, and the election of a Clerical Secretary would add to the importance of the Council among many people, especially those who look upon ringers and



ringing from a most unfavourable point of view. As we strongly desire the co-operation of all Churchmen in our behalf, perhaps the suggestion will be thought worthy of consideration.

An instance last year occurred where the Honorary Secretary of a Guild expressed himself, after the meeting of the Council had been held in London, as totally unaware of the fact. This certainly was not owing to want of publication of the meeting, for it had had plenty of advertisement. It is to be hoped the announcements which from time to time may appear will be taken note of, and that if possible every representative may be in his place at the day and hour appointed.

For some time past the pen of our well-known and valued contributor, "Free Lance," has been idle so far as our pages are concerned, and several of our readers appear to have been somewhat concerned at his silence. We may assure them that our friend has by no means severed his relationship with "THE BELL NEWS," for such a disconnection would be as painful to him as it would be to ourselves and those who enjoy his crisp jottings. He has not been in the best of health of late, and has had more than his ordinary share of business to attend to. Seeing that we have been at no loss for matter he has taken advantage of the respite afforded him. Perhaps we may hear more of him next week.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE PACE .. .. Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 6.
JOHN PARKER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 7.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

Messrs. Pace and Parker hail from Crawley, Sussex, and were elected members of the Cumberland Society in the tower previous to starting for the peal.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. Treble.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TANNER .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 7.
RICHARD FRENCH .. .. 3.	EDWIN HORREX .. .. 8.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 4.	FRANCIS E. DAWE .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	JOHN M. HAYES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by J. M. HAYES.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled in loving memory of Mr. James Dwight, late of this parish

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 25, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

ERNEST T. EDRIDGE .. Treble.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.* .. 6.
CHARLES E. MALIM .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BARON, JUN. .. 7.
HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. CHURCH .. .. 8.
RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS .. .. 9.
ALFRED GRIFFITHS* .. .. 5.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and Conducted by FREDERICK J. PITTS.

\*First peal on ten bells. †First peal as conductor. This was rung as a farewell peal to W. Baron, jun., who is shortly leaving England for South America. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for his permission, also Mr. Ward, steeplekeeper, for having everything ready.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN Treble.	*FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 7.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 8.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. 9.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

\*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of E. H. Adams, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX .. .. Treble.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 5.
JAMES PETTIT .. .. 2.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 6.
SYDNEY E. ROMANS .. .. 3.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 7.
YORK GREEN .. .. 4.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

This peal was rung on the conductor's twenty-ninth birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This composition, now rung for the first time, is a one-part peal, and has the 4th the extent in 6ths place, the 5th the extent right, and the 6th the extent wrong and right.

### The Provinces.

#### BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 1, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDMUND HEWITT .. .. Treble.	PETER NUTTALL .. .. 5.
JAMES HEATHCOTE .. .. 2.	JAMES CALDERBANK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HULME .. .. 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. 7.
ROBERT FIDDIES .. .. 4.	*JOHN MAKIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

\*First peal. Nuttall belongs to the parish church; Makin to St. George's; the rest to The Saviour's.

#### CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS SAXBY* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM AXTELL* .. .. 2.	*ROBERT WILKINS .. .. 6.
HENRY GIBBS .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM SAXBY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

The above peal was Parker's variation of Washbrook's four-part, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" for January 4th, 1890, and is now rung for the first time. The above is an entirely local band, and this is the first peal of Stedman with a local band rung by the above Association. It was rung at the fourth attempt, the other three attempts being lost through a change-course. \*First peal of Stedman.

#### STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PRICE .. .. 2.	HERBERT MADIN .. .. 6.
JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. 3.	ROBERT HARRISON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal, in two parts, has the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th their extent in 5ths place, and the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th place, and is now rung for the first time.

**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 4.
FREDK. CULLUM .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 4.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This is a two-part peal, taken from Snowdon's *Treble Bob*, page 41. J. E. Davis hails from Camberwell, and was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal, and this is his first peal in the method.

**EASTBOURNE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN ROLLISON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM AVANN .. .. 5.
THOMAS WILLOUGHBY .. .. 2.	JOSEPH LEWIS* .. .. 6.
CHARLES HARFFEY .. .. 3.	THOMAS LEWIS .. .. 7.
EDWARD WILLOUGHBY .. .. 4.	JAMES OSBORNE† .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WILLOUGHBY.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Thomas Hart, who was up to his death a member of St. Mary's society, the Sussex County Association, and the Royal Cumberland Youths. He died on Friday, February 26th, deeply lamented by a large circle of friends. †First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell.

**EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.***On Saturday, March 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qrs.

JOHN WHITAKER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FIRTH .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 2.	THOMAS ORMOND .. .. 6.
EBENEZER ANDREWS .. .. 3.	JOHN T. HOLLIS .. .. 7.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. 4.	ROBERT BINNS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by J. T. HOLLIS.

C. Pratt hails from Calverley; Whitaker and Craven from Headingley; Binns from Leeds; the rest from Wakefield. This is the first peal on the bells.

**YORK.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 5, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES, CLIFTON,

**5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:***Being a 720 each of the following:*

College Single, Yorkshire Court, Grandsire Minor, Duke of York, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

H. HORNER .. .. Treble.	F. T. EARNSHAW .. .. 4.
T. HODGSON .. .. 2.	A. C. FEARNLEY .. .. 5.
A. HAIGH .. .. 3.	JAS. THOMPSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAS. THOMPSON.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

**NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.***On Monday, March 7, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 41 cwt.

PHILIP SADLER .. .. Treble.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS .. .. 5.
ROBERT STACKWOOD .. .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 6.
EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. 3.	JAMES SKINNER .. .. 7.
GEORGE MOY .. .. 4.	FREDK. KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by FREDK. KNIGHTS.

Rung upon the back eight, and it is the first peal of Kent rung upon them. The above was arranged as a wedding peal to Fredk. H. Knights, but meeting one short, that gentleman had to take a rope. Messrs. Moy and Stackwood hail from Aylsham

**Date Touches.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

BOUGHTON NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, February 28th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Wallis, 1; A. Biggs, 2; E. E. Foreman, 3; H. Foreman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; H. Wood, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; W. Foreman, 8.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

LONDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, February 24th, at the church of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. C. Kennedy, 1; J. Bonny, 2; E. Wallage, 3; H. Springall (conductor), 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; S. Joyce, 7; J. Scoles, 8. Composed by J. Barrett, of Stepney, and contains Queen's, Tittums, and Whittingtons, twelve 7-4s, eighteen 4-6s, and eighteen 6-7s.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, February 25th, at the church of St. Michael, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Rickett, 1; G. Prior, 2; H. Prior, 3; A. Tucker, 4; P. Springham, 5; T. Newman, 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; J. Sampford, 8. The above touch was composed and conducted by A. Tucker, and contains twelve 7-4s, twelve 4-6s, and twelve 6-7s.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—NEWCHURCH BRANCH.**

NEWCHURCH.—On Sunday evening, February 28th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 4; W. Taylor, 5; H. Watts, 6; G. Lord, 7; J. T. Wright, 8.

MINCHINHAMPTON (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, March 1st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Boulton, sen. (conductor), 1; J. Boulton, jun., 2; G. F. Cook, 3; A. Window, 4; A. F. Cook, 5; J. Hawkes, 6. Messrs. Cook and Hawkes hail from Chalford, the rest belong to the local company.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 27th, 1892, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins., composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield. J. Gratrix, 1; F. Rhodes, 2; J. Holden, 3; S. Cooper (conductor), 4; A. W. Holden, 5; W. Ingham, 6; S. Wrigley, 7; T. B. Dicken, 8.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Monday evening, February 22nd, for practice, at the parish church, Mr. Fenton's improved date touch of Grandsire Triples (1192 changes), in 1 hr. 16 mins. H. Scriven, 1; G. Pope, 2; D. Marment, 3; C. West, 4; W. Ryland, 5; J. Wager, 6; W. Hale (conductor), 7; T. Ireland, 8.

THIRSK (Yorks).—On Thursday, February 11th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1892 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. W. Long, 1; J. Wrightson (composer and conductor), 2; J. Neesam, 3; D. Burton, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; R. Boddy, 7; H. Wright, 8. On Thursday, February 18th, a date touch in the same method (1892 changes), in 1 hr. and 6 mins. J. Wrightson, 1; J. Neesam, 2; J. W. Long, 3; the rest as above. Composed by A. P. Heywood, and conducted by R. Boddy.

**Miscellaneous.****THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, February 14th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, 608 Bob Major. J. S. Harris, 1; W. H. Hodson, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; C. Wells (conductor), 4; S. Woodthorp (longest touch of Major), 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Chester, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. On Saturday, February 13th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Sympton, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. G. Hurst, 1; W. Stiles, 2; H. Hoyes, 3; C. Wells (conductor), 4; S. Woodthorp, 5; G. Doughty, 6; F. Rose, 7; F. Stewart, 8.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

Bow (Middlesex).—On February 18th, at the church of St. Mary, the bells were rang deeply muffled in loving memory of Mr. George Hartnup, a member of the local band. After the usual whole pull and stand, a 720 of Grandsire Triples. T. Baker, H. Springall, E. Lucas, J. Green, E. Hall, S. Hayes, R. Turner, and J. Sutton. On the same evening after the usual whole pull and stand, a 504 of Grandsire

Triples was rang to the loving memory of James Dwight, a much respected member of the above society. H. Springall, A. Deards, E. Lucas, J. Bradley, E. Hall, S. Hayes, R. Turner and T. Baker.

**STEPNEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, March 6th, after evening service, at the church of St Dunstan, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand and a 378 of Grandsire Caters was rang in loving memory of James Dwight, many years a local ringer at this church. G. Tanner, W. Tanner, E. Richards, W. Smith, E. Relton, E. Hall, S. Parmenter, G. Smith, J. Barrett, H. Springall and W. Jones.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**READING (Berks).**—On Monday, February 22nd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Osborne, 1; F. Hopgood (conductor), 2; C. Giles, 3; A. Watmore, 4; A. Evans, 5; H. Blissett, 6; J. Swain, 7; J. Maskell, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**SWANSCOMBE (Kent).**—On Monday, February 1st, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. M. Digby, 1; W. Clifford, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. And on February 8th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob. H. Catton, 1; A. Fuller, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On February 15th, a 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Harper, 6. First in the method by G. Hayes, and first by G. Martin as conductor. On Sunday, February 28th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Harper, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On February, 28th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob. H. Catton, 1; F. Ring, 2; G. Hayes, 3; L. Digweed, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Thursday, February 25th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, six of the local company rang for practice 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 24 mins.; composed by the late Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 720 Yorkshire Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins., 3rd the observation. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 28th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob, in 23½ mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Bocking Treble Bob, in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 3rd, for practice, 720 Worcester Surprise, in 25 mins. I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. A 720 Court Single, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Cavill, 3; I. Hammond, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. A 120 London Surprise. I. Hammond, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill, 6. On Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and ten singles), in 24 mins.; composed by J. F. Penning, of Saffron Walden. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 New London Pleasure (twenty-one bobs), in 24½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday, February 21st, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. T. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; G. Roughton, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Nash, 5; W. Watson, 6.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Saturday, February 27th, at the parish church, 720 London Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; W. Hammond (first in the method), 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore (Bocking), 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; F. Calthorpe, 5; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. C. Hammond, 6.

**HARLOW (Essex).**—On Sunday, March 6th, at the church of St. Mary, for morning service, the local company rang 504 of Bob Triples, and in the evening 504 in the same method. E. Parish, 1; H. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; H. Jermy, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 7; A. Bass, 8. On Tuesday for practice, 672 Bob Major. E. Parish, 1; F. Perrin, 2; H. Perrin, jun., 3; G. Dent, 4; C. French, 5; R. Tabor, 6; T. Ellis, 7; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**HALESWORTH (Suffolk).**—On Monday, February 29th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in

48 mins. F. Lambert, 1; E. Easter, 2; J. Larter, 3; J. Howard, 4; H. Birch, 5; G. Tovell, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; R. Jarmy (conductor), 8.

**KENNINGHALL.**—On Tuesday, March 1st, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. P. K. Blofield, of Quidenham. H. Ringer, 1; H. Eagling, 2; W. Oxer, 3; W. Ringer, 4; Rev. R. W. Pitt, 5; J. Mordey (conductor), 6. One of the last acts of Mr. Blofield's life was to welcome to his house the ringers who met for practice at Quidenham church on on Wednesday evening, February 24th.

**MONNEWDEN (Suffolk).**—On Wednesday, January 6th, two 720s Oxford Treble Bob, rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Pulham. E. W. Brook, 1; J. Tarrant, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. G. Archer, 5; W. Flory (conductor), 6. After ringing the ringers adjourned to the parish room to partake of refreshment, and a most enjoyable evening was spent with handbell ringing, bagatelle, etc. On Wednesday, January 30th, as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, the flag was floated half-mast high from the tower, and 28 4-bell peals (or Singles) were rung with the bells deeply muffled. E. W. Brook, R. H. Hayward, W. G. Archer, J. Tarrant. The other ringers were all too ill with influenza to take part.

#### THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

**EXETER.**—On Sunday evening, February 28th, for Divine Service at St. Sidwell's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. W. Carnell, 1; W. Drake, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Davey, 5; F. Shepherd, 6; B. Mundy, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; W. Rewe, 10.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**OLD BATTERSEA.**—On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church in the morning, 1694 Grandsire Triples, in 57 mins., being the first part of Holt's original. T. Conley, 1; H. A. Hopkins (conductor), 2; W. G. Bull, 3; S. Baker, 4; W. Baron, jun., 5; J. C. Truss, jun., 6; H. Swain, 7; W. Ambrose, 8.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**GLOUCESTER.**—On Thursday, February 18th, 308 Grandsire Triples. — Dawe, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; F. Brunsdon, 3; H. Gardner, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; J. Austin (conductor), 6; G. Brunsdon, 7; E. Davis, 8. Also 280 Grandsire Triples. E. Heywood, 1; H. Gardner, 2; C. Jones, 3; F. E. Hart (conductor), 4; H. Mitchell, 5; J. Austin, 6; J. Wilkins, 7; E. Davis, 8. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the father of Mr. W. J. Sevier, a member of the St. Michael's Juniors.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BUSHEY.**—On Thursday, February 18th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. C. E. Keyser, churchwarden, on the death of his father, Mr. Charles Keyser, of "The Warren," Stanmore. After ringing 2092 changes a change-course occurred, and the bells were called round. W. Atkins, 1; G. Hunt, 2; G. Gibbard, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 6; H. G. Rowe, 7; W. Oakley, 8. On Monday, February 29th, a Leap Year peal was attempted, which failed after ringing 1500 changes. T. Waller, instead of H. G. Rowe, rang 7th. On Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Atkins, 1; G. Hunt, 2; A. J. Pate, 3; F. Edwards, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; W. Oakley, 6; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 7; A. Maynard, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

**HEADINGLEY.**—On Tuesday, March 1st, at St. Michael's church, for practice, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. W. Wood, 1; A. Craven, 2; J. Logan, 3; W. Baines, 4; A. Naylor (conductor), 5; A. Haste, 6. First touch in the method by the 1st, 4th, and 6th men. On Sunday morning, March 6th, for Divine Service, 960 Canterbury Pleasure Major, in 36 mins. A. Naylor, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Craven, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; R. Binns, 7; A. Haste (first touch of Major as conductor), 8. On Sunday evening of the same date, 944 Canterbury Pleasure, in 33 mins. A. Naylor, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; R. Binns, 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Baines, 6; D. York, 7; A. Haste (conductor), 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.**—On Friday, March 4th, at St. Hilda's church, eight members of the above association attempted to ring a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 3340 changes in 1 hr. 56 mins. (good steady striking), the attempt failed through a change-course taking place. J. J. Nicholson, 1; J. Passman, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; R. Burrows, 4; E. Edwardson, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; A. McFarlane, 7;

J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 8. The above is the longest length of Major on the bells.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH.**—On Sunday morning, March 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). R. W. Langton, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; W. T. Robson (conductor), 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. For children's service in the afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. G. Dawson, 1; W. T. Robson (first 720 of Oxford), 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; C. L. Routledge (Newcastle, conductor), 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. For evening service, 360 Kent Treble Bob.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Tuesday, March 1st, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. Huxley (first quarter-peal away from the tenor), 1; R. G. Humphrey (longest touch with a bob bell), 2; W. Smith (first quarter-peal), 3; F. S. Sanders, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. Fright, 6; H. P. Harman (composer and conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

**BUSHLEY (Worcestershire).**—On Monday evening, March 7th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. A. Bloxham, 1; A. Nichols, 2; C. Jones, 3; J. Wathen, 4; R. H. Witherington, 5; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 6.

**CHIPPING NORTON.**—On Monday, February 22nd, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Gibbs, 1; J. Hodgkins, 2; F. J. Barlow, 3; A. Joyner, 4; R. H. Burden (conductor), 5; G. Bull, 6. This is the first ten 6-scores ever known to have been rang by a local band.

**FULMER (Bucks).**—On Saturday evening, March 5th, the Farnham ringers visited this place to have a ring with the local company, and rang six 120s Grandsire Doubles, in 24 mins. A. Crook, 1; J. Parker, 2; G. Basden, 3; J. J. Parker (conductor), 4; C. Clark, 5; E. Elderfield, 6. Also another 6-score. R. Bavington, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; G. Basden, 3; A. Jordan, 4; C. Clarke, 5; C. Jeffries, 6. J. Elderfield and H. Dunkin also rang touches.

**GODSTONE (Surrey).**—On Saturday, February 27th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, being the first in the method on the bells. J. Cooper, 1; J. Skinner, 2; W. Burkin, 3; T. Boniface, 4; G. Bourne, 5; W. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob by the same band, with W. Burkin (conductor). And 720 Plain Bob with T. Leeson, 2; conducted by W. Hawkins.

**GORING.**—On Tuesday, March 1st, at the parish church, 720 in four different methods, being 180 each of College Single, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, and Yorkshire Court, being the first 720 by all the band in four bands. J. Carter, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; J. Wedge, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; J. Bower, 5; G. Willson (conductor), 6.

**OLD HILL (Staffordshire).**—On Thursday, February 14th, 720 Double Oxford. A. Short, 1; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 2; T. H. Smith, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Mason, 5; R. Bird, 6. On Sunday evening, February 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob. O. Pearson, 1; W. Priest, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. A. Short, 1; W. Priest, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; O. Pearson, 4; W. Short, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 25th, 720 Double Oxford. O. Pearson, 1; H. Mason, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; W. Short, 4; W. Bird, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Friday, February 12th, on handbells, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Short, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; W. Short, 3-4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 5-6. On Tuesday, February 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. A. Short, 1; T. H. Smith, 2; W. Short, 3-4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Thursday, February 11th, at St. Giles's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., the last three parts of Biddlestone's twelve-part. J. Laughlin, 1; S. Hall, 2; T. Ealey, (conductor), 3; F. Harris, 4; E. H. Haxley, 5; J. Mackay, 6; W. H. Wood, 7; A. O. Stewart, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. These fine-toned bells are now condemned as unsafe.

**SALISBURY.**—On Saturday, February 27th, at St. Martin's church, 2520 Grandsire Triples. W. C. Dawe, 1; S. Macey, 2; F. Stevens, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; A. W. Searle, 5; C. H. Watts, 6; W. W. Gifford, (conductor), 7; S. Ames, 8.

**STREATLEY (Berks).**—On Thursday, February 25th, a visit was made to this church, and by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. Henham, the Goring ringers rang, after one or two attempts, owing to one of the bells casting the rope from the wheel, 720 of Oxford Bob and 180 Bob Minor, being the first 720 in the method on the bells. A touch of College Singles was lost when near the finish. J. Alexander, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; J. Wedge, 3; J. Bower, 4; W. Aldridge, 5; G. Wilson (conductor), 6.

**SHEFFIELD (Hants).**—On Monday, February 15th, the Swanmore ringers paid a visit to the above place, and rang a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor and 360 Canterbury Pleasure on the new peal of six. E. Jacobs, 1; J. Osman, 2; C. Apps, 3; A. Millard, 4; H. Griffin, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells.

**THIRSK (Yorks).**—On Sunday evening, February 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Wrightson, 1; J. W. Long, 2; J. Neesam, 3; D. Burton, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam (conductor), 6; R. Boddy, 7; H. Wright, 8. On Thursday, February 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Neesam, 1; J. W. Long, 2; J. Wrightson, 3; the rest as above. Conducted by D. Burton. On Sunday, February 28th, a quarter-peal in 43 mins. J. Neesam, 1; J. Wrightson, 2; J. W. Long, 3; the rest as before. Conducted by G. Wright.

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**Kent County Association.**—Members are informed that the railway vouchers for reduced fares are now available at all stations on both S.E. and L.C.D. Ry's. The new certificates of membership (price 6d.), are now ready, and may be had on application to the Secretary. In writing members are requested to send their full name with date of election.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The Meetings for March are as follows:—Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday, 15th. Practice 8 to 10 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 28th. Practice 8.0 to 9.30 p.m.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Saxmundham District.—The eighth quarterly meeting will be held at Leiston this day, Saturday, March 12th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 o'clock; business meeting at 6.30. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*  
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**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A committee meeting of this association will be held in the Chantry, St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, March 19th, at 5 p.m. prompt. The Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar, has kindly consented to preside. The tower will be open for ringing. Business—to fix time of annual meeting, etc.

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Rawtenstall.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Whitefield, to-day, Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Meeting at 7.0 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will take place at Nuneaton on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open 3.30.

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2 3 4 5 6 7

5 3 2 4 6 7 5

4 3 5 2 6 7 5

7 2 4 6 3 5 1

2 3 7 5 4 6 4

Five times repeated; single midway and end.  
Has eight 7-4's, eight 4-6's, and eight 6-7's.

## A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By ALFRED TUCKER, *Bishops Stortford, Herts.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1 3 2 5 4 7 6

1 3 2 4 5 6 7

single.

7 5 3 6 2 4 1

3 2 7 5 4 6 3

2 7 3 5 4 6 4

7 3 2 5 4 6 4

6 5 7 4 3 2 1

3 2 6 7 4 5 2

4 5 3 6 7 2 2

3 7 4 5 2 6 3

6 5 3 2 7 4 1

5 3 6 2 7 4 4

3 6 5 2 7 4 4

4 2 3 7 6 5 1

2 3 4 7 6 5 4

5 7 2 6 3 4 1

3 4 5 2 6 7 2

4 5 3 2 6 7 4

5 3 4 2 6 7 4

Twice repeated; single instead of the last bob. Contains twelve 7-4's, twelve 4-6's, and twelve 6-7's.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By ROBERT FISHER, *Wigan.*

6720.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 W M H

2 3 5 7 4 8 6 1

4 5 2 3 6 7 8 1

2 4 5 3 6 7 8 1

5 2 4 3 6 7 8 1

5 2 3 7 4 8 6 1

6 4 3 5 8 2 7 1

6 4 5 2 3 7 8 1

5 6 4 2 3 7 8 1

4 5 6 2 3 7 8 1

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5280.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

5 2 3 6 4 - - -

3 6 5 2 4 - - -

5 3 6 2 4 - - -

6 5 3 2 4 - - -

3 2 6 5 4 - - -

6 3 2 5 4 - - -

2 5 6 3 4 - - -

6 2 5 3 4 - - -

5 6 2 3 4 - - -

3 5 2 6 4 - - -

2 6 3 5 4 - - -

5 2 4 3 6 - 2 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - - -

5 4 3 2 6 - - -

3 5 4 2 6 - - -

4 2 3 5 6 - - -

3 4 2 5 6 - - -

2 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.

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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**JAMES MUNN.**—We know of no instance whatever; but there is no reason why the custom should not obtain. But it would require care, for in some instances gross excesses would be apt to creep in.

**MR. MEAD.**—Will you kindly put your question again?

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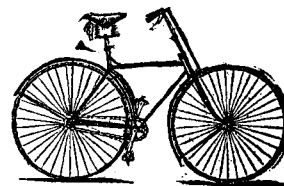
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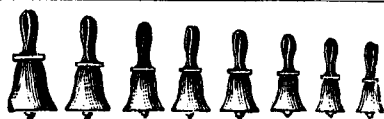
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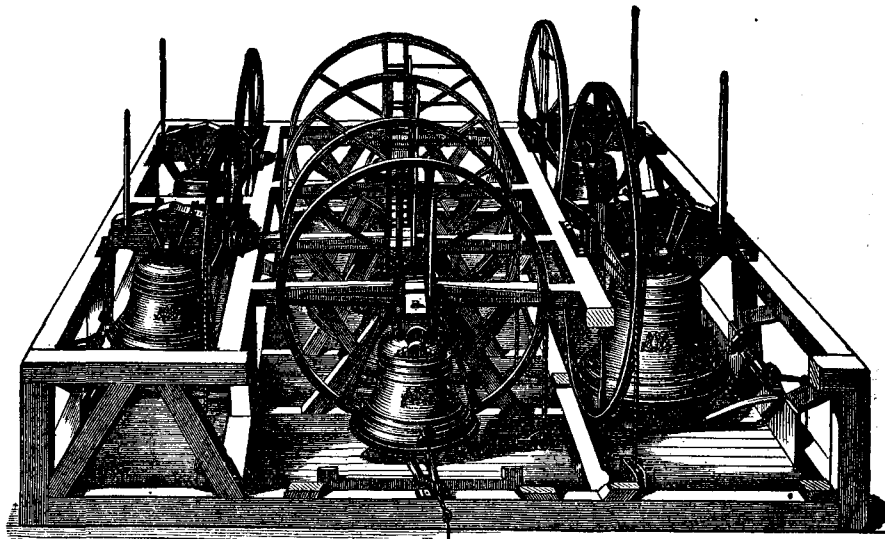
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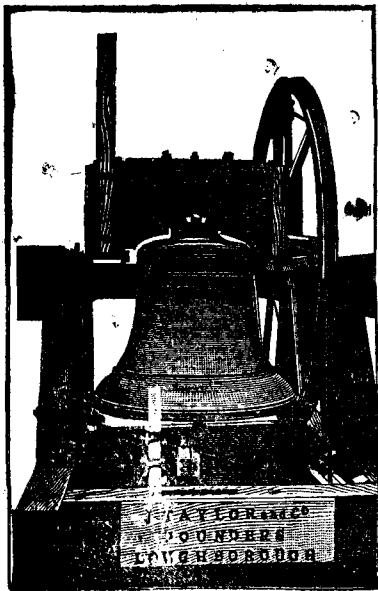
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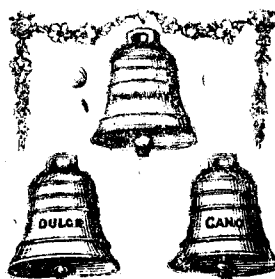
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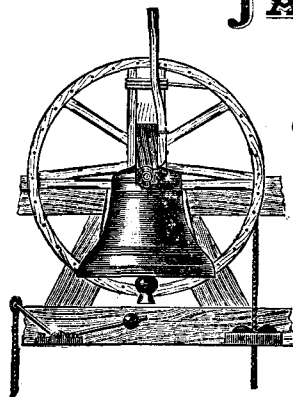
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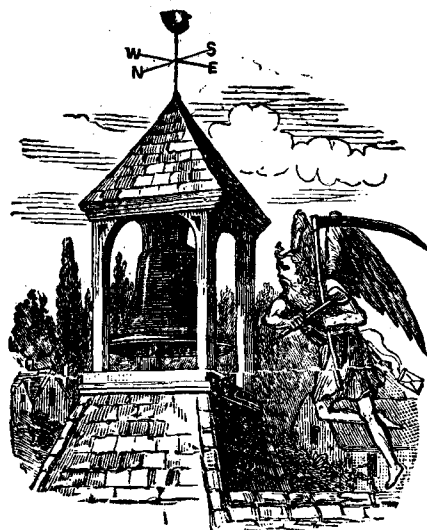
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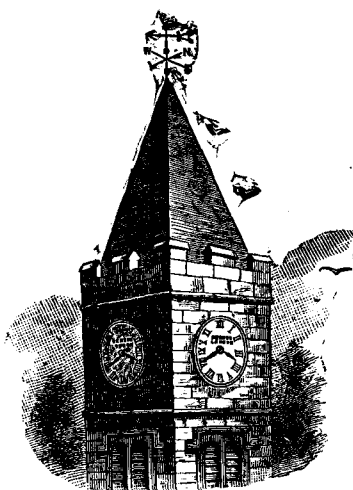
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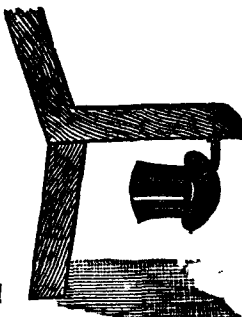
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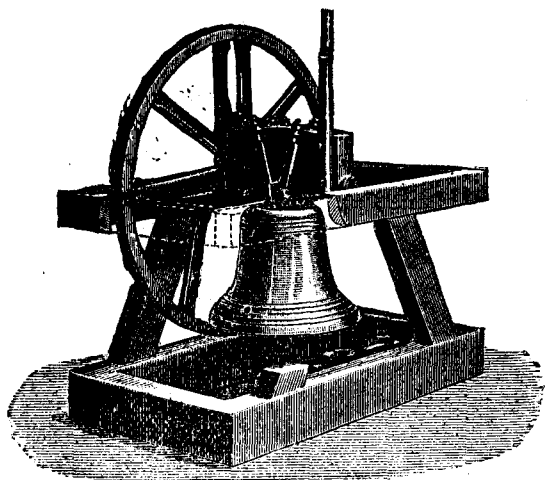
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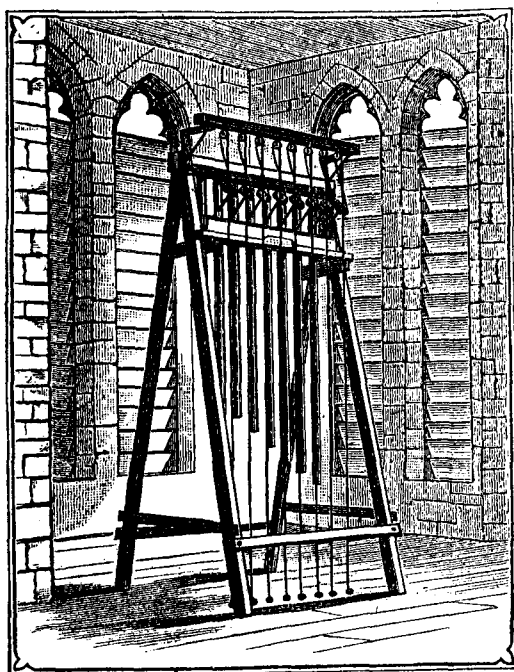
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It is requested that the Secretaries of all ringing Societies returning Representatives to the Council, who have not already forwarded the fee of 2s. 6d. per Representative for the present year, will at once remit the amount.

Where there has been any change in the Secretaryship or Representation of any Society, or in address, it is most important that such alteration be at once notified.

The Secretary of any Society claiming an increase in Representation must forward the name and address of such additional Representative, together with a note of the total number of members on the books, without delay.

Circumstances having arisen which make it impossible for the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Francis Dawe, to devote the necessary time to the affairs of the Council, he has tendered his resignation. Nominations for the office, according to Rule VII., must be sent in before March 19th.

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## ST. NICOLAS, GUILDFORD, SURREY.

The Guild of ringers of this church had been unable (owing to serious illness near the church) to ring at all from the middle of October, 1891, to the end of January, 1892. Therefore at their annual meeting it was resolved to procure a dumb apparatus for practice, and £3 was subscribed on the spot by the ringers themselves. With the help of friends they were soon in a position to give an order to Mr. Selby, of Midhurst, who supplied the apparatus for eight bells. The work of fixing the same was entrusted to Mr. T. H. Colburn, one of the ringers, who has adjusted the machinery with such accuracy that a slight falseness of striking in one of the bells is actually reproduced. The hammers are made to operate upon a fine peal of handbells, largest size in C. The Rector (Rev. W. S. Sanders, Rural Dean), with Mr. F. W. J. Rees, churchwarden and foreman of the ringers, was present when the apparatus was opened (on Monday evening, March 14th), with a melodious touch of Grandsire Triples. This was followed by a touch on the handbells in the same method. F. W. J. Rees, 1-2; W. Grove, 3-4; F. Bennett (conductor), 5-6; J. J. Jones, 7-8. Before leaving the belfry the Rector kindly invited the ringers to a supper at the Rectory at Eastertide.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Meeting of this Guild was held at Ormskirk, on Saturday, February 27th, members being present from Aughton, Southport, Upholland, and Wigan, besides the local company. During the afternoon several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, after which the Rev. Mr. Varley (in the absence of the vicar) in a few well-chosen words unveiled a handsome tablet recording two peals of Grandsire Triples, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, and a date touch of Grandsire Major, recently rung on the bells of the church. The tablet is a most striking one, both in design and workmanship, and was greatly admired by the ringers present: it does the maker (one of the local ringers) very great credit. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which Mr. J. Martin presided; the business being of the usual routine character. One honorary and one performing member were elected; and the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

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## THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday evening, the 8th instant, several members of this society met at the church of St. Mary, Old Battersea, and inspected the peal tablet just erected in the ringing-room to record the first performance of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the bells, and which took place on October 27th, 1891. The tablet gives the utmost satisfaction; and after it had been viewed and commented on, ringing commenced with a touch of Grandsire Triples, in which Messrs. Wells and Stanley took part. Then a touch of Double Norwich, followed by a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Major, brought this part of the proceedings to a close.

The company then repaired to the Union Hotel, where they were joined by Messrs. Swain, Mansfield, Porter, and Orchard. Dinner had here been laid for fifteen guests, who were kept busily employed during the period between grace before and after meat. Mr. E. J. Wells presided during this portion of the proceedings.

The cloth having been removed, Mr. H. S. Thomas was unanimously called to the chair. Mr. Porter officiated at the piano, and accompanied the songs given by Messrs. Orchard, Baker, Hopkins, Foskett, Titchener, and Pittam.

The Chairman gave the toast of the evening—"The Health of the Rev. E. L. Wise," who had rendered sixteen years' devoted service as curate in the parish, but who left Battersea about the time that the peal of Double Norwich was rung. The fact was (said the Chairman) the peal had been arranged for the purpose of commemorating the rev. gentleman's long connection with the church, and he had not only defrayed the cost of the tablet, but the repast they had just partaken of, so well served by host Collings, was largely due to the rev. gentleman's kindness.

Messrs. Newson, Jacob, Titchener, and Hopkins then rang several touches of Triples on handbells. Mr. W. Ambrose rendered the party good service both in the tower and at the supper-table. Thanks to the chairman for his action in the matter concluded the proceedings.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**DISTRICT MEETING AT LEISTON.**—The eighth quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham district of the above Association was held at the above place on Saturday, March 12th, at which all the towers in union with two exceptions were represented, twenty-three members being present. Ringing commenced at 3.30 with a touch of Bob Major, which was followed by various touches in the same, and the Treble Bob methods, at intervals until nine o'clock. The business meeting was held at 6.30, presided over by Mr. Albert J. Lincoln, when one honorary member and one probationer were enrolled. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and letters were read from several members expressing their regret at being unable to attend in consequence of sickness, and wishing every success to the meeting. It was reported that one peal only had been rung in the district since the last meeting, viz., at Kelsale. A resolution was passed to hold the next meeting at Rendham on June 18th, and that the Secretary should apply for the use of the bells at the adjoining tower of Sweffling only upon the occasion. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the rector of Leiston, the Rev. B. W. Raven, for his kindness in granting the use of the bells; to the chairman for presiding, and to the secretary for past services, which brought to a close a very successful meeting.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY.**—The above branch was formed at a Meeting held on February 24th, at the Judges' Room at the Town Hall, Chipping Norton, the Rural Dean in the chair.

The Rev. W. E. D. Carter (Rural Dean), was elected chairman of the branch, and the Rev. C. S. Rowland (Chipping Norton), Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. A start was then made with five honorary members, twenty-two ringing and probationary members. Two towers are at present in union, and others have promised to join the branch, but have not sent in their list of members. It was resolved to hold the first meeting of the branch at Leafield in Easter week.

## ST. STEPHEN'S RINGERS, BRISTOL.

There is nothing to show when, where, or under what circumstances "The Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers" was first established. That it is the oldest of all the existing guilds or societies of Bristol is a matter beyond doubt. It is also clear that it existed in, and probably long before, the time of good Queen Bess, as the virgin queen has always been greatly honoured in the traditions of the society. The annual meeting is held upon the anniversary of her birth, November 17th; and that, upon the occasion of her visit to Bristol, she was so charmed by the tintinabulatory efforts of the society that she promised to grant it a charter, is a matter as firmly established as anything can be established by tradition.

The earliest documentary evidence possessed by the society is a copy of certain "ordinances," dated 1620, which the members bound themselves to observe. The wording is very quaint, and the penalties for infringement of rules quaint still. Some of the provisions tend to show that from its earliest days the society was to a certain extent of a convivial nature. We print here some of the most characteristic clauses of the ordinances:—

*Imprimis.*—For the choosing of every Master you shall put three honest men into the Election, and he that hath most voices to pass on on his side shall be Master of the Company of Ringers for the year ensuing.

*Item.*—You shall have four quarter days every year (that is to say), the 1st, Saint Stephen the Martyr; the 2nd, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the 3rd, Saint John the Baptist; and the 4th, Saint Michael the Archangel.

*Item.*—Upon every one of the said quarter days every one of the Freemen of the Said Company shall pay to the Master for the time being, for his quarteridge, one penny. And if he doth or shall deny or neglect to pay the same he shall pay, for such his offence, three pence; one penny thereof to the Sexton and the other two pence to the company.

*Item.*—There shall be none made free of the said Company unless he gives the Company a breakfast, or pay the sum of three shillings and fourpence in money.

*Item.*—If any one of the Company, after the time that he shall come into the Church to ring, shall curse and swear, or make any noise or disturbance, either in scoffing or unseemly jesting, that the party so offending shall pay for his offence three pence, to be divided as aforesaid.

*Item.*—If any one of the Company, after the time that he shall come into the Church to ring, shall be so saucy as to take the rope to ring before the Master for the time being, and the eldest of the said Company who have been Masters shall be settled where they please to ring, the party so offending shall pay, for such his offence, two pence; one penny thereof to the Sexton and the other penny to the Company.

*Item.*—If any of the said company shall take a rope out of his fellow's hand when the bells (are) doing well, and do make a fault to fly off or come too near, he shall pay for his offence one penny to the Company.

*Item.*—It is agreed that every one that shall be chosen Master of the said Company, shall spend, of his own proper money, the sum of two shillings towards a breakfast, and the rest of the Company to pay the rest of the reckoning.

*Item.*—If any one of the said Company shall be so rude as to run into the belfry before he do kneel down and pray, as every Christian ought to do, he shall pay, for the first offence, sixpence, and for the second he shall be cast out of the Company.

It will be seen from the above that the society was originally one of bell-ringers pure and simple; but sometime after the date of these ordinances its nature must have entirely changed, and at least from 1732, from which date the record of its meetings has been kept, has been composed of much the same constituents as at present—gentlemen to whom campanology is a mystery, but who are fond of good fellowship and pleasant gatherings.

For some 150 years subsequent to the above-mentioned date the society seems to have had no object save that of meeting once a year, dining mainly, and observing certain old customs which are even now religiously adhered to. Among these may be mentioned a kind of procession which takes place during the annual gathering. A number of the members conduct round the room a person dressed to represent a Spanish Don—a custom which probably is some relic of the Spanish Armada.

The ordinances, or—as they are improperly called—the charter, is then read with mock solemnity.

A curious topical version of the old song "The golden days of good Queen Bess" is also sung, each verse being allotted to a different member or honoured visitor, who, unless he wishes to incur certain penalties, must sing. We transcribe the song in full:—

## THE GOLDEN DAYS OF GOOD QUEEN BESS.

To my muse give attention, and deem it not a mystery,  
If we jumble together music, poetry and history,  
The times for to display in the days of good Queen Bess, sir,  
Whose name and royal memory posterity may bless, sir,  
Oh! the golden days of good Queen Bess!  
Merry be the memory of good Queen Bess!

Then we laugh'd at the bugbears of Dons and their Armadas  
With their gunpowder puffs and most blustering bravadoes:  
For we know how to manage both the musket and the bow, sir,  
And could bring down a Spaniard just as easy as a crow, sir.

Then our streets were unpav'd and our houses were all thatched, sir,  
Our windows were all laticed and our doors were only latch'd, sir,  
Yet so few were the folks who would plunder or would rob, sir,  
That the hangman was starving for the want of a job, sir.

Then our ladies with large ruffs tied round about their necks fast,  
Would gobble up a pound of beefsteaks so fat for breakfast.  
While a snugly quill'd up coif their sweet noddles just did fit, sir,  
And truss'd they were up tight as rabbits for the spit, sir.

Then jerkins of doublets, and yellow worsted hose, sir,  
With a huge pair of whiskers, formed the dress of all our beaux, sir,  
Strong beer they did prefer to claret, port, or hock, sir,  
And no poultry they priz'd like the wing of an ox, sir.

Good neighbourhood then was plenty too as beef, sir,  
And the poor from the rich never wanted kind relief, sir,  
While merry went the mill clack, the shuttle, and the plough, sir,  
And honest men could live by the sweat of their brow, sir.

Then the folks every Sunday went twice at least to church, sir,  
And never left the parson or his sermon in the lurch, sir,  
For they judged that the Sabbath was for people to be good in, sir,  
And thought it Sabbath breaking if they dined without a pudding, sir.

Then football and wrestling, and pitching of the bar, sir,  
Were preferr'd to a flute, a fiddle, or guitar, sir,  
And for jaunting and junketting the favourite regale, sir,  
When a walk to Mother Day's, there to feast on cakes and ale, sir.

To greet a royal visit paid to Bristol's loyal town, sir,  
St. Stephen's sons with cheerful peal, their various cares did drown, sir,  
When good Queen Bess a code of laws to give did condescend, sir,  
Which in her royal belle-ship's name we'll manfully defend, sir.

Bristol maids, aye, and widows, too, by royal decree, sir,  
From that time made their spouses of this ancient city free, sir,  
With privilege beside, which they all inherit still, sir,  
Of hanging out their smikets white to dry on Brandon Hill, sir.

Then our great men were good, and our good men were great, sir,  
And the props of the nation were the pillars of the state, sir,  
For the Sovereign and the subjects both one interest supported,  
And our powerful alliance by all powers then was courted.

Thus renowned they lived all the days of their lives, sir,  
Bright examples of glory to those who survive, sir,  
May we, their descendants, pursue the same good way, sir,  
And Victoria, like Queen Bess, have her golden days, sir;  
And may a longer reign of glory and success,  
Make her name eclipse the name of good Queen Bess.

Oh! the golden days of good Queen Bess,  
Merry be the memory of good Queen Bess.

In 1874 a feeling grew up amongst the members that a society so closely allied to one of the finest churches in Bristol needed more than the fact of its antiquity and its pleasant annual dinner in order to justify its existence. The Rector (Rev. Field Wayet) suggested that it should take for its object the restoration of the grand old church. His proposal was cordially received, and since then the society has devoted itself to restoring and beautifying its parish church. Since 1874, by the exertion of its members, £2,000 has been collected and expended on St. Stephen's Church.

The cumbrous mahogany Corinthian reredos was removed and replaced by one of stone, designed by C. T. Hansom, F.S.A.

The great east window was entirely renovated, the stained glass being by Hardman. New carved oak choir stalls were substituted for the old mahogany structures. The chancel was hand-



somely tiled, and marble altar steps laid down. During the year 1884 the restoration of the baptistry was completed, and a handsome font has been placed there. The work of restoration undertaken by the society is by no means finished (see "THE BELL NEWS," vol. ix. page 595), its object being to make St. Stephen's Church second in beauty only to St. Mary Redcliff. The treasurer to the Restoration Committee is the Rector.

The first master of this ancient society whose name has been recorded was Stephen Bangle, in 1732.

The chair since that date and the present has been filled by many gentlemen whose names are also well-known in connection with the commerce of Bristol. There is a small fund (£50) in connection with the society. This was bequeathed in various sums, at various times, by persons who wished a knell to be rung on a certain day. The treasurer was F. T. Fargus, Esq.

### 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 WILLENHALL PEAL.

SIR,—In Mr. Johnson's letter of last week he says it was an oversight in publishing Holt's six-part peal, but says the peal rang was Bennett's six-part, with 170 bobs and sixty-eight singles, on the three-lead plan. Sir, I have not yet seen a peal of Grandsire Triples on the three-lead plan with 238 calls, and have no doubt the majority of the Exercise will agree with me when I ask Mr. Johnson to publish the above peal. Sir, your correspondent concludes by saying that the peal was rang in 2 hrs. 55 mins. not in 2 hrs. 49 mins. If he refers to "THE BELL NEWS" he will find that it was published as having been rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins., and in my letter I did not pretend to dispute it. Will he explain all if possible.

JAMES E. GROVES.

#### BELFRY REFORM.

SIR,—On looking through your issue for last week, I saw a very interesting account under the above heading, in which was placed before the public the state of "belfries" at the present time. It seems almost impossible for one to believe that there can be such places left which have not come to light, and which therefore have not been rooted out. But too true is the fact, as I know at the present time where there is a belfry which has no glass in the windows, but simply rough shutters full of holes. In one of the windows may be seen a small stove, with the chimney leading outside. This stove is not used for warming the belfry as might be supposed, but to heat spiced beer on New Year's Eve, and as far as I can gather is never used except on that occasion. The rain soaks right down through the tower, and the ringers who only indulge in "Churchyard Bob" (as might be expected) perform their duties with coats and hats on. The conductor of this mode of ringing, if I may use the term, stands up in one corner, smoking the very worst tobacco that can be bought, and calls out the order of the bells in a very inaudible voice. Of course as can be expected, the ropes, five in number, are in a very bad state, no sallies worth speaking of, and full of splices and knots. The ringers have lately asked the churchwardens to get new ropes, this they refuse on the ground that the church cannot meet the expense, and also that they do not care if the bells ring for service or not. As regards the smoking in the belfry, they say they cannot see any harm in it as the belfry is upstairs, and that the people in the church could not possibly smell it down there, besides that the tower is not consecrated, and therefore not part of the Church.

Old Hunstanton, Norfolk.

ROBERT CHICHESTER.

#### A CATALOGUE OF BOOKS ON BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

SIR,—At the forthcoming Meeting of the Central Council, a resolution will be brought forward to the effect that "it is expedient to publish a bibliography or catalogue of books relating to bells and bell-ringing;" and with a view to drawing the attention of ringers, and especially their representatives on the Council, to a subject which may be new to many of them, I propose to give a slight outline of the proposal; and by so doing to save the valuable time which would otherwise be wasted in preliminary explanation, and also to afford those concerned an opportunity of being prepared with suggestions, criticism or advice. It will probably seem at first sight as if such a catalogue would be very small, the exponents of change-ringing not having until recently, devoted much attention to the literature of their craft; and it undoubtedly is the fact that the section relating to the

production of changes, although larger than many people would imagine, will be quite dwarfed by the proportions of that dealing with the antiquarian side of the matter. The relative importance of the list of technical treatises on bell-founding, etc., I cannot estimate, having very little material yet to hand of this nature. The subject thus readily divides itself into three main classes, viz.:—books, or references to books on (1) the manufacture, (2) the art and history, and (3) the use of bells. The first and last sections will need no further sub-division, but the second will absolutely require it; and if the resolution is carried, I shall be prepared to submit to the Committee a detailed scheme for a clear and useful classification on lines which have already stood the test of experience in other subjects. The next question will be the collection of material. It is, of course, out of the question to expect that a first edition will nearly exhaust the subject—with the constant additions which antiquarians, especially in France and Germany, are now making to its literature, that would be humanly impossible. But it is considered that a valuable nucleus may be formed, which, in the course of years, might be easily brought almost to perfection. By way of making a beginning, I may say that I have already at my disposal considerably over 100 titles; and that these are literally growing daily, as the important classification of books now being carried out in the National Art Library, brings more and more matter to the surface. With the help of other gentlemen interested, it should not be difficult to go to press at an early date with say 250 titles—which would mean an octavo pamphlet of about twenty pages. The utility of such a work scarcely, I think, needs demonstration; and I am convinced that it would, with judicious "placing," pay its out-of-pocket expenses. So far as the labour is concerned, I most willingly offer my services in collating the material and seeing it through the press; and, if I may venture to do so without undue egotism, I will add that my present position in the National Art Library gives me facilities for undertaking a work of this nature, which are probably possessed by few others. That however will be for the Council to decide; my object in bringing the matter forward being to suggest to it a ready means of taking at once a dignified and worthy position in the art world by the production under its auspices of a new and much wanted work.

National Art Library,  
South Kensington Museum.

EDWARD F. STRANGE.

#### ALFRISTON BELLS.

SIR,—Reading the account of the visit of the Seaford ringers to Alfriston, in your last issue, reminded me that the third bell in the low tower of that fine old Sussex church is cracked across the shoulder. I wonder that the authorities have not had it re-cast ere this. It sadly mars the music of the peal. Perhaps the present energetic and popular Rector might be induced to take the matter in hand. The dates of the bells are as follows: treble, 1819; second, 1628; third, 1811; fourth, 1587; fifth, 1698; tenor (not dated) is evidently a very old bell. I have heard my grandfather (the late Mr. Samuel Jenner, of Hailsham) who was a well-known Sussex ringer in the early part of this century, say that one of Alfriston bells (I think the second) was purchased from the church of the neighbouring village of Berwick. Previous to that Alfriston bells were only a peal of five.

E. J. DENNES.

THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.—On another page we give a summary of the Reports presented to the Forty-third Annual Meeting of this Company. The publication of these wonderful statements has become by far the most remarkable annual occurrence of the Insurance world. The report carries us up to the end of the year 1891, and as that is also the concluding year of the quinquennium the Directors and Actuaries, with unparalleled and characteristic promptitude, publish their report for the five years ending on the 31st December, 1891, and with an interesting supplementary pamphlet giving, in an easily intelligible form, details of the vast investments of the Company. The position of the Prudential, as disclosed by these statements and accounts, is one of such enormous influence and importance that it becomes no exaggeration to say that the publication of the accounts and valuation returns is an event of national interest. And when we consider what enormous numbers of all classes have a stake in the company we may safely say that as a public institution it has no parallel.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, February 28th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. W. Tharby, 1; G. Prior, 2; J. Dellow, 3; C. Prior, 4; W. White, 5; H. Prior, 6. And 720 in the same method with C. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 4; the rest as before. On Saturday, March 5th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. \*M. Milting, 1; C. Prior, 2; J. Dellow, 3; G. Prior, 4; W. White, 5; H. Prior, 6. \*First 720. All the above were conducted by H. Prior. Messrs. Prior and Tharby hail from Stansted; the rest are of the local band.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

Many things have happened since my last contribution to our paper; some of them being occurrences which I cannot allude to now, so long is it after the time of their happening. What I write about is topics that are "current," i.e. subjects of the period, and if I were to go back for matter I should very likely be told by some of my keen readers that Her late Majesty Queen Anne was defunct; or that that phlegmatic nation known as Dutchmen had descended upon and seized the low countries. No, my "topics" shall be up to date.

The first thing that attracts attention in the number for last Saturday is the announcement of the next meeting of the Central Council at Birmingham. The secretary has resigned. In his leader the Editor "believes" such resignation is through ill-health. That's a bad job; the illness I mean. But strange to say in the same paper I find that Mr. Dawe has just rung the 9th in a peal of Treble Bob Royal, of which the tenor is given as 32 cwt.! This don't look like illness, so that I can only suppose the chief of this paper has been misinformed, if so, there are no "causes to regret"—*re* illness.

The proposal for a clerical Secretary to the Council has my warm approval. But some of those gentlemen whom I would like to see elected have their hands full with other duties. A reference to the Norwich, Essex, Bedford and other Associations will show this. But I like the idea muchly, as "Free Lance" would say; and there is no difficulty in carrying it out if the C.C. pleases.

The Middlesex Association meeting on the 27th ult. was hardly a success, anyone would think. The company met one short, for the Treasurer was *non est*, and the meeting took care to let him know it. "The meeting was much annoyed," we are told, "at his absence." I have not the pleasure of an intimacy with this gentleman—the Treasurer—but the idea has arisen within me that he may suffer from absence of mind, or temporary aberration, and have thought that instead of an association meeting being on that day, a peal was on instead. Should that have been so, his absence may be accounted for by the conviction that his being away would be no drawback, for those who met could leave his bell out and proceed without it. This is how they have "managed these things" at Tottenham before now, have they not? No, offence, Mr. Treasurer; I rather sympathise with you in the pertinacity hewn to make you understand the indignation of the meeting at your non-appearance. I should suppose your office carries an excellent salary with it, and many perquisites.

I think I have heard before of the ringers of Coalbrookdale, how their position was recognised and their services appreciated, so that I was not surprised to read in last week's paper that at the service on Sunday, the 28th ultimo, the proceeds (I hope that is not an improper or irreverent word in this case) amounting to between 13*l.* and 14*l.*, were given to them. Such instances as this are few and far, very far, apart; nor can we expect them to be frequent. But a due recognition of the ringer's office does not require a money offering always. A little appreciation of the ringer above the grave-digger or sexton; an endeavour to make his surroundings pleasant, and the removal of useless and obsolete restrictions to periodical practice; these are modes of recognition of ringers' services which are equal to

an offertory for them. But granted all this, then they should be paid for work done. We don't tell our organists they ought to play on Sunday for nothing because they are allowed to practice on the organ every night in the week.

What a pleasant, convivial, comfortable, happy set of persons must be the ringers of St. Mary's, Penzance. The worthy Dr. Symons, of that town, is a distinguished member of the company of ringers there, and it is his pleasure to periodically invite his ringing brethren to a sumptuous repast. Dr. Symons, more power to you; and may we read more frequently of the doings of the Penzance Company at the rope's-end. There is a lot of work to be done in your county before change-ringing becomes thoroughly established. The West country prize-rings—I mean the pulley-hauley matches, where Cowtail Bob is rung—are not yet extinct. A newspaper, rejoicing in the title of *The Cornishman*, has been addressed to me, care of the Editor, in which I find the following paragraph:—

"PRIZE RINGING AT LANLIVERY.—It was decided at a meeting held last week to hold a prize-ringing match at Lanlivery on May 11 (during feast week) on the recently restored and enlarged peal of eight bells."

Here is a chance for the worthy M.D. and his colleagues. Perhaps the Vicar (Rev. Francis Kendall) could be easily approached upon this matter, with a view to putting a stop to such a useless exhibition.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—The annual gathering of this band took place at the Queen's Head hotel on Tuesday evening, February 23rd, and proved a great success, Mrs. Felvate, the hostess providing a first-class repast. The Rev. H. K. Warrant occupied the chair, and Mr. Churchwarden Wells the vice-chair. After the usual loyal toasts the Chairman proposed "The Health of the Bishop of Rochester," expressing a hope that the people of Farnham would soon know more of the Bishop than they did at present.

Mr. G. H. Barnett, captain of the local ringers, gave the next toast, viz. "The Rector and Curates," and the Chairman responded.

In giving the toasts of "The Churchwardens," Mr. Barnett referred in feeling terms to the recent death of Mr. E. Wyatt, the rector's warden, and spoke of his kindness and great services to the church.

Mr. Wells in reply, also alluded to the death of his valued colleague, saying that he was very much missed.

The other toasts included "Captain Barnett and the bell-ringers" and "The Hostess." Enjoyable harmony was subsequently indulged in, and the ringers gave a few touches on the handbells.

On Tuesday, March 1st, the members of the Farnham band, with the Rev. A. du B. Hill, Rev. H. A. Spyers, and Mr. H. White, visited Winchester Cathedral to test the bells, which have lately been rehung, and a new tenor (30 cwt.) added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The following touches were rung: 336 of Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; A. Le Clercq, 2; H. White, 3; H. L. Garfath, 4; G. H. Barnett (conductor), 5; C. Fry, 6; A. White, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; H. L. Garfath, 2; A. Le Clercq, 3; A. White, 4; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 5; C. Fry, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. 447 Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; H. White (conductor), 2; A. Le Clercq, 3; H. L. Garfath, 4; Rev. A. du B. Hill, 5; G. H. Barnett, 6; A. White, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; H. Barnett, 2; A. Le Clercq, 3; Rev. A. du B. Hill, 4; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 5; H. White, 6; A. White, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. And a 504. A. Smith, 1; H. L. Garfath, 2; A. Le Clercq, 3; G. H. Barnett, 4; Rev. A. du B. Hill, 5; C. Fry, 6; H. White, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. H. White hails from Basingstoke; Rev. H. A. Spyers from Purbrook; Rev. A. du Boulay Hill from Downton, Wilts.; the others belong to Farnham.

## 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.

**Kent County Association.**—Members are informed that the railway vouchers for reduced fares are now available at all stations on both S.E. and L.C.D. Ry's. The new certificates of membership (price 6d.), are now ready, and may be had on application to the Secretary. In writing members are requested to send their full name with date of election.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury.

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The Meetings for March are as follows:—  
Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 28th. Practice 8.0 to 9.30 p.m. F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*  
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A committee meeting of this association will be held in the Chantry, St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, to-day, Saturday, March 19th, at 5 p.m. prompt. The Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar, has kindly consented to preside. The tower will be open for ringing. Business—to fix time of annual meeting, etc.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will take place at Nuneaton, to-day, Saturday, March 19th. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*  
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

**St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—Members of this Guild and visitors are requested to note that the tower of Aston parish church will not be open for ringing during the present Lent Season.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next District Meeting will be held at Arundel, on Saturday, March 26th. Tower open 2 p.m. Special Service at 4 p.m. Tea followed by Meeting for business at 5 p.m. Members are requested to inform the Secretaries of their Branch if they intend being present.

J. W. G. LODER COTHE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—By kind permission of the Vicar, the Tower of St. James, Bermondsey, will be open for ringing from 8 to 9.30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday in each month, commencing Thursday, 24th March. Members and Ringers are cordially invited.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next Meeting at Oldham Parish Church, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in Schools at 5 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be at (head-quarters) Leeds, on Saturday, March 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business Meeting at the "Old Royal Oak," Kirkgate, 4.30 p.m. Election of Officers for ensuing year; Balance Sheet, &c.; when all Members are particularly requested to attend. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Important Notice.—Members of this Society are requested to attend the next Meeting at St. Saviour's, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 8.45 p.m., prompt. Subjects:—"re Central Council, and other important Business."

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
96, Akerman Road,  
North Brixton, S.W.

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next Meeting of the Guild will be held at Bootle, on Saturday, March 26th, Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }

## Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a teach or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By YORK GREEN, *London.*

5080.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

5 2 3 6 4 2 2 2

6 5 3 2 4 1

2 4 5 3 6 1 2 2

4 3 2 6 5 2 2

3 4 5 6 2 2

3 2 4 6 5 2 1

3 4 6 2 5 1 2

4 3 5 2 6 2 2

2 5 3 4 6 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 1 2

This peal has the 6th eighteen times wrong at four course-ends, and her extant right.

First rung at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Saturday, March 5th, 1892, by the Ancient Society of College Youths, with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late distinguished ringer, Mr. James Dwight. Conducted by John Murray Hayes.

### A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By SAM. ATKINS, *Willenhall.*

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673542 2 675243 2 763245 2

576234 5 276354 5 267534 5

275463 5 372465 5 562473 5

472356 5 473526 5 465327 5

374625 5 574632 5 734265 1

253467 2 235467 2S 347265 4

672345 2 762543 2S 235647 1

376524 5 567324 5 632754 5

573462 5 365472 5 546273 2

475236 5 463257 5 675432 3

274653 5 264735 5 246375 1

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### A NEW METHOD.—"WORLINGWORTH DELIGHT."

By F. CLAYTON, *Worlingworth, Suffolk.*

214365 645231 561324

241635 654321 516234

426153 563412 152643

462513 653142 156234

Plain bobs and singles, and called like Plain Bob.

### A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By F. HOPGOOD, *Reading, Berks.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Odd changes.

2 1 3 5 4 7 6

7 5 2 6 3 4 1

2 3 7 5 4 6 3

3 7 2 5 4 6 4

6 5 3 4 7 2 1

5 3 6 4 7 2 4

4 3 5 2 6 7 5

3 5 4 2 6 7 4

2 5 3 7 4 6 5

Four times repeated. Contains twelve 4-6s, twelve 6-7s, seven 7-4s. Each part-end is a lead-end of the plain course, and in the plain course order.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.**—This is the first peal of Major rung on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. It is William Willson's first peal in the method; and is the longest peal rung by a band chiefly of Leicester men since 1777. A. R. Aldham hails from Barwell; and J. H. Swinfield from Earl Shilton. It is now rung for the first time, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 19th, 1891; has the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place; the 4th and 6th also their extent in 5th's.

Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, writes:—"The number of the peal of Bob Major published by me in your issue for March 12th, is 5024, not 5280 as given. The bob at H should also be omitted in the twenty-first course of the peal. Kindly make this correction in your next issue."

Mr. Robert Fisher, of Wigan, writes:—"I thank you for inserting my peal in your last issue, but you have stated it as five times repeated instead of nine times repeated; will you kindly correct it."

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1892.

ONE of the chief objections to ringing in thickly-populated neighbourhoods is, as is well-known, the noise emanating from the bell-chamber when the bells are in full swing. Many suggestions have been made to minimise this drawback, but they are of little use in preventing complaints about the noise of bells, and we fear nothing but total silence will avail in many quarters unless at stated intervals. We may talk about improved louvres, but no invention of this kind has ever given satisfaction to the denizens of a crowded thoroughfare, nor in our opinion can anything in that direction be made to yield contentment.

What then, our readers will say, can be done? Why a silent apparatus must be adopted. It may be true that some of these contrivances have given very little satisfaction, being so apt to get out of order, but we are assured by those competent to know, that the requisite article has at last been discovered. This latest invention is the product of a change-ringer, a member of the Sussex Association, Mr. W. SELBY, of Midhurst, in that County. A reference to our reports of meetings in this number will show the efficacy of this invention, as it is regarded at least by a skilled band of ringers.

We recommend the adoption of this invention with

great hopefulness. There is no doubt, from what has been said recently, that the question of ringing in closely populated neighbourhoods will have to be met; and therefore the advent of such a mechanism as the one alluded to will be a great assistance in solving such a question, if, as we hear, it is found to answer all the purposes required. We shall hear more of it, perhaps, by and by.

### The Provinces.

#### GARGRAVE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 29, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK HORSMAN* .. .. Treble.	†HARRY BIRTWISTLE.. .. 5.
WILLIAM TOWNSON* .. .. 2.	HERBERT HORSMAN.. .. 6.
JOHN E. FISHWICK* .. .. 3.	CRISTOPHER LANGSTROTH .. 7.
WILLIAM GARNETT .. .. 4.	JOHN MCKELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. BIRTWISTLE.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

#### MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1892, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL BOOTH.. .. 5.
G. E. TURNER .. .. 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN EACHUS .. .. 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 7.
THOMAS WILD .. .. 4.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

\*First peal of Major.

#### MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS WILD .. .. 6.
WALTER BROWN* .. .. 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH RIDYARD* .. .. 3.	HERBERT DRONSFIELD .. 8.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 9.
FRED DERBYSHIRE .. .. 5.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

\*First peal of Royal.

#### STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE STANSTED BRANCH)

On Thursday, March 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

#### 5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

Superlative Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM CAVILL .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GRAY .. .. 4.
WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 5.
JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 3.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

This is W. Cavill's first 5040 in all Treble Bob methods, also T. J. Watts' first 5040 with a bob bell in all Treble Bob methods; and Isaac Cavill's first 5040 as conductor in all Treble Bob methods. This makes T. J. Watts' 400th 720.

#### NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY J. PAULSON .. .. Treble.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 5.
JOSEPH PARSONS.. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD, SEN. .. 7.
GLADSTONE WINTER.. .. 4.	ARTHUR MEASURES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

Rung as a farewell peal to J. Parsons, who is leaving Nuneaton. J. George hails from Rugby.

#### SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.

ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. Treble.	R. J. DAWE .. .. 5.
P. ALLFREY.. .. 2.	B. HOBBS .. .. 6.
F. BAKER .. .. 3.	E. C. MERRITT.. .. 7.
H. RANN .. .. 4.	T. H. BEAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by H. RANN.

This is a six-part peal, and it contains twenty-six singles. The calling appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," April 28th, 1888, and it is now rung for the first time. It was also a bachelors' peal. Messrs. Allfrey, Baker, Merritt and Rann belong to Brighton; Dawe and Langridge to Lewes; Hobbs to Waldron; and Beams to the local band.

#### BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. 5.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 2.	GEORGE CLEAL.. .. 6.
JOHN H. SWINFIELD .. 3.	ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 7.
SAMUEL COTTON.. .. 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ALFRED MILLIS.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

#### FAR HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

L. STOKOE .. .. Treble.	R. THOMAS .. .. 5.
A. CRAVEN .. .. 2.	A. NAYLOR.. .. 6.
F. G. ROBINSON* .. .. 3.	FRED. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
W. CHILD .. .. 4.	J. WHITAKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HALEY and Conducted by J. WHITAKER.

\*First peal.

#### TONBRIDGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1892, in Three Hours and one Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE H. STONESTREET* Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
THOMAS CARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE RABBITT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD,

\*First peal. C. Chapman, who hails from Cowden, was elected a member previous to starting for the peal. Messrs. Stonestreet and Rabbitt belong to the local band, the rest hail from Speldhurst.

**BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN KING* .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK SCUTT .. .. 5.
JAMES SEARLE .. .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 6.
WARDEN WALDER .. .. 3.	GEORGE WALDER, JUN. .. 7.
CHARLES SMART† .. .. 4.	ALFRED PARSONS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SEARLE.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. Messrs. Smart and Gatland hail from Steyning; Searle from Burgess Hill; the rest belong to the local band.

**KINGSTON, SURREY.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, March 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 33 cwt.

ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Treble.	ALBERT PITAM .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. .. 2.	EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 7.
THOMAS TITCHENER .. .. 3.	JAMES TRAPPITT .. .. 8.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 4.	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 9.
GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 5.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is supposed to be the first peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 12, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 6).

Tenor 24 cwt.

RICHARD DALE .. .. Treble.	JAMES GARMAN .. .. 5.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. .. 2.	HENRY BURSTOW .. .. 6.
GEORGE FLINT* .. .. 3.	WALTER CHARMAN .. .. 7.
JACOB BROWN .. .. 4.	ERNEST WALLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. WALTER CHARMAN.

\*Flint's first peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Charman, Garman and Hogsflesh hail from Warnham; the rest are local men.

**WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT ST. MARY'S OLD TOWER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. in Gb.

CHARLES HERBERT* .. .. Treble.	CYRIL HERBERT .. .. 5.
CHARLES JOHNSTONE .. .. 2.	*FREDK. SHARP .. .. 6.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 7.
W. SHIMMANS† .. .. 4.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal. This peal contains the 6th the extent at home at nine course-ends. The Messrs. Herbert hail from Woburn; the rest from Bedford.

**PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.***On Sunday, March 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES JUKES .. .. Treble.	ROBERT SCHOFIELD .. .. 5.
WALTER JUKES .. .. 2.	CHARLES F. VICKERS .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
CHARLES MARSH .. .. 4.	HENRY RODEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal was rung on the conductor's twenty-fourth birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Also on the occasion of Hospital Sunday. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and the local band for having everything in readiness.

**TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Monday, March 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

HENRY HIPKISS .. .. Treble.	JAMES HALL .. .. 5.
ADAM H. HILL* .. .. 2.	EDWARD GOODREDS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 3.	HARRY MILLS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 4.	WILLIAM GOULD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ADAM H. HILL.

\*First peal as conductor. Messrs. Hipkiss and Hall hail from West Bromwich; Micklewright from Dudley; Gould from Oldbury; the rest belong to the local company.

**BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.***On Tuesday, March 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN* .. .. Treble.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 6.
THOMAS MILLER* .. .. 2.	*JOHN ASTBURY .. .. 7.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. 3.	JOSEPH LAWTON .. .. 8.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. .. 4.	HENRY JOHNSON .. .. 9.
WILLIAM MUNDY .. .. 5.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JOHN ASTBURY.

\*First peal of Royal.

**Date Touches.****THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 29th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Sholicar (composer), 1; A. Halton, 2; F. R. White, 3; J. Pilkington, 4; P. Harvey, 5; J. Watts, 6; G. Prescott (conductor), 7; R. Coombes, 8.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, March 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Plain Bob Major, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. R. T. Hibbert, 1; E. J. Menday, 2; J. Tarrant (Reading), 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; T. Newman, 6; G. Essex, 7; E. W. Menday, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and conducted by E. W. Menday.

**Miscellaneous.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

BLAKENALL (Stafford).—On Thursday, March, 3rd, five of the ringers of St. James', Norton Canes, paid a visit to Blakenall church, and rang twelve hundred Grandsire Doubles. A. Rock, 1; W. E. Gibbs, 2; C. Daw, 3; W. Thornley, 4; J. Rock (conductor), 5.

WOMBURN (Staffs).—On Saturday, March 5th, 1892, an attempt was made to ring Hubbard's five-part peal of Bob Triples, in honour of the 83rd birthday of the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Heale), but after ringing 1900 a change-course occurred and the conductor called stand. W. Jasper (Wolverhampton), 1; F. Anslow, 2; W. Anslow, 3; G. Deans, 4; A. Tipton, 5; B. Gough (Coseley), 6; B. Dalton (Tettenhall), 7; R. Cartwright (conductor), 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs. The peal rang at Womburn and published on February 27th, was conducted by Rowland Cartwright.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

ERITH (Kent).—On Saturday, February 27th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Darlaston Bob Triples, F. Cullum (conductor), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's). F. Cullum, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; W. Axtell, 3; J. H. Cheesman, 4; G. Conyard, 5; J. Garard, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; G. Cullum, 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman by J. Garard.

DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 28th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. S. Mockett, 1; E. Potter, 2; H. Castle, 3; G.



Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. This is the first 720 rung on the bells for Divine Service. E. Potter belongs to Dover; the rest hail from Deal.

**SPELDHURST (Kent).**—On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine Service, 1536 of Bob Major. A. Edwards, 1; J. Baker, 2; R. Pelling, 3; G. Turley, 4; G. Card, 5; J. Maynard, 6; C. Chapman, 7; T. Card (conductor), 8. On Monday, March 7th, for practice, with the assistance of Messrs. Latter, Mankelow, Perkins, Brooker, and Groombridge, from Tunbridge Wells, the following touches were brought round: 672 Bob Major, 84 Stedman Triples, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, 336 Grandsire Triples, 288 Canterbury Pleasure Major, and 210 Oxford Bob Triples.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**TAUNTON (Somerset).**—On Sunday evening, March 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. C. H. Wilkins, 1; G. E. Harbour, 2; J. Maddock, 3; T. W. Radford, 4; G. Yendall, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. Doble (conductor), 7; W. Thorne, 8. First quarter-peal by all except the 4th and 7th men. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BRIDGNORTH.**—On Friday, February 5th, at St. Leonard's church, two touches of Grandsire Triples—350 and 336. T. Overton, 1; W. H. Warren, 2; J. Howard, 3; E. Hall, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. Overton, 6; J. E. Hall, 7; A. Fryer, 8. On Sunday, February 7th, for morning service, 168 Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; C. Grainger, 2; J. Howard, 3; E. Hall, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. Overton, 6; J. E. Hall, 7; A. Fryer, 8. For evening service, 350 and 210 in the same method. All the above were rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a tribute of respect to R. C. Smith, Esq., who was a sidesman at St. Leonard's church, and an honorary member of this Guild. On Sunday, February 14th, for evening service, a 350 and 210 of Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; W. H. Warren, 2; J. Howard, 3; E. Hall, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. Overton, 6; J. E. Hall, 7; A. Fryer, 8. On Sunday, February 28th, for evening service, 350 in the same method, conducted by J. Overton.

**COALBROOKDALE (Salop).**—On Tuesday, February 23rd, at Holy Trinity church, for practice, 1008 Bob Triples. On Friday, February 26th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 46 mins. \*J. Hughes, 1; \*J. Day, 2; \*J. Wale, 3; A. Wale, 4; \*S. Hughes, 5; †W. Price, 6; W. Morgan (conductor), 7; \*R. Jones, 8. \*Longest touch. †Longest touch with a bobbell.

**WELSHPOOL.**—On Monday, February 29th, for practice at St. Mary's Church, 1554 of Grandsire Triples, being the first three parts of Holt's ten-part, running round from the part-end. W. Maddox, 1; Rev. T. Hughes, 2; E. Thomas, 3; C. Challinor, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. Longest length by the second and fourth men. On Saturday, March 5th, the local band made their first attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's ten-part, but after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. the conductor called "stand" owing to a change-course in the last course of the first half. F. Hughes, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E. Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEVERLEY (Yorks).**—On Saturday, February 27th, at the Minster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Marshall, 1; H. H. Campey, 1; G. E. Purdon, 3; F. Osgerby, 4; W. Thompson, 5; J. Witty, 6; D. Roberts (conductor), 7; G. Hare, 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

#### THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

**LAMBETH (Surrey).**—On Monday, March 7th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 45 mins. W. T. Cockerill, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; Frank M. Butler (first quarter in the method), 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 7; E. A. Young (first quarter-peal), 8.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**EAST RETFORD.**—On Sunday evening, February 28th, the local company rung 540 Grandsire Caters, for Divine Service, in 23 mins. F. Warburton, 1; \*J. W. King, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; \*G. E. Sharpe, 5; W. Foster, 6; W. Skelton (conductor), 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. Joynes, 9; S. Penny, 10. On Sunday, March 6th, 336 Grandsire Triples, in 15 mins. F. Warburton, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; W. Foster, 4; J. F. Haigh (conductor), 5; H. Haigh, 6; J. Joynes, 7; H. Woolterton (first touch), 8. \*Longest touch with a bob bell.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).**—On Sunday afternoon, February 28th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Edwards, 1; J. Fisher,

2; W. Fisher, 3; H. Druce, 4; W. Watts, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, March 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. A. Edwards, 1; W. Fisher, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; H. Druce, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Fisher (conductor), 6. Composed by J. H. Fisher, of Caversham, and is now rung for the first time.

**HUGHENDEN (Bucks).**—On Saturday, February 27th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3460 changes, in 1 hr. 55 mins., it was lost through a change-course. J. C. Truss, sen., 1; F. Biggs, 2; R. Biggs, 3; F. G. Biggs, 4; W. Whiffin, 5; J. Evans, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; A. W. Truss, 8. Also on Saturday, March 5th, being the occasion of the erection of two peal tablets, one recording a peal of Double Norwich, and the other a peal of Stedman Triples, a touch of 1260 changes was rung in 43 mins. W. Whiffin, 1; F. G. Biggs, 2; R. Biggs, 3; F. Biggs, 4; W. E. Yates (conductor), 5; J. C. Truss, sen., 6; S. Goodchild, 7; A. W. Truss, 8. A. W. Truss, J. C. Truss, sen., and W. E. Yates belong to Marlow; W. Whiffin to High Wycombe; the rest to Hughenden.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**ANGMERING (Sussex).**—On Monday, February 15th, 720 of Plain Bob. S. G. Heasman, 1; G. A. Brooks, 2; C. Hills, 3; H. Finch, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. S. G. Heasman, 1; H. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; C. Hills, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Linfield, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, February 17th, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. S. G. Heasman, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Parsons, 3; H. Finch, 4; T. Linfield (conductor), 5; J. Hills, 6. Also on Sunday, February 21st, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Linfield, 3; C. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob. N. Tompkins, 1; C. Hills, 2; H. Finch, 3; T. Parsons, 4; F. Finch, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, February 25th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; H. Evans (Goring), 2; F. Finch, 3; T. Parsons, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; H. Evans (Goring), 3; J. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

**AUGHTON (Lancashire).**—On Friday, March 11th, for practice at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples in 18 mins. J. Taylor (conductor), 1; W. Fairclough, 2; J. Eastham, 3; J. Leatherbarrow, 4; R. Foster, 5; C. Sharples, 6; W. Bentham, 7; W. J. Taylor, 8. A 336 Bob Major in 15 mins. J. Eastham, 1; J. Taylor, 2; C. Sharples, 3; R. Foster, 4; W. Fairclough (conductor), 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; J. Watts, 7; W. Bentham, 8.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**CROYDON.**—On Monday, March 7th, for practice at St. Peter's church, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. T. Page, 1; A. E. Collins, 2; W. Sadler, 3; C. Kitchen, 4; G. Burt, 5; H. Brooker (conductor), 6. Also several touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major. First 720 of Bob Minor by all except W. Sadler.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).**—On Monday, February 29th, at the Priory church, for practice, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal (250 changes), in 1 hr. 37 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Hinton, 2; F. King, 3; S. Best, 4; T. Best, 5; G. Vey, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8. Longest touch by all the band except the conductor. On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 350 by the same band; for the evening service, 504, with E. Waters at the treble.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Tuesday, February 2nd, for practice, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. W. Patton, 1; W. Bell (first in the method), 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; J. Baxter, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 7th, for morning service, 720 College Single. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Baxter, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; —, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 9th, for practice, 720 Yorkshire Court. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 14th, for morning service, 720 Yorkshire Court. R. Moncaster, 1; W. Bell, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; F. A. Teasdale, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 16th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. S. Taylor, 1; W. Bell, 2; R. Mack (Catterick, Yorks.,

first 720), 3; W. D. Lister, 4; J. Baxter, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. Another 720 was attempted with two more of the Catterick ringers, which however came to grief through the 5th rope breaking. On Sunday, February 21st, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; J. Baxter, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; H. S. Taylor, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 23rd, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob. W. Patton, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; J. Baxter, 5; H. S. Taylor (first as conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 28th, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford Bob. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. Rung as a farewell peal for the conductor, who is leaving for York. Tenor 10 cwt.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET.**—On Tuesday, March 1st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), G. A. Ward (first 720), 1; W. Brown, 2; W. Sheraton, 3; J. Huntley, 4; A. Mears, 5; J. Swinburn (conductor), 6.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Thursday, February 25th, at St. John's church, 1120 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 43 mins. G. Campbell, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. Moffitt (late of South Shields), 3; J. Clapperton, 4; H. Ferguson, 5; J. Crawford (South Shields), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; F. Lees, 8. And on Sunday, February 28th, for evening service, 288 Kent and 336 Bob Major. J. R. Wheldon (South Shields), 3. On Monday, February 29th, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob Minor. H. Lindsey, 1; W. Holmes, 2; R. S. Story, 3; F. Lees, 4; W. Story, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. And a 504 of Grand-sire Triples. On Thursday, March 3rd, over 1008 of Shipway's five-part peal of Bob Major, H. Ferguson (conductor), 7. And on Monday, March 7th, 420 Stedman Triples. F. Lees, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; W. Story, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; R. S. Story, 5; J. Simn, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; W. Holmes, 8. And several courses of Double Norwich. *Handbell Ringing.*—In St. John's belfry, February 22nd, a 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. S. Story, 1-2; C. L. Routledge, 3-4; F. Lees (conductor), 5-6. And a 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs) in Morpeth Watch Tower, on February 27th. R. C. Hudson, 1-2; C. L. Routledge, 3-4; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 5-6. At St. George's Jesmond, on Tuesday, March 1st, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). E. Hesketh, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; T. Hesketh, 3; A. H. Hillier, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; F. Lees, 6. Also two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. Rev. —. Heelas, 1; J. Potts, 3. Tenor 17 cwt.

**WHICKHAM (Durham).**—On Saturday, February 20th, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). H. H. Lindsey (conductor), 1; F. Liddell, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6. And on Saturday, March 5th, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). C. L. Routledge, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; J. Harbottle, 3; R. Mordue, 4; J. Nicholson, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**WORLINGWORTH.**—On Saturday, December 26th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. D. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5; W. G. Crickmer, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Clayton, 1; H. Creasey, 2; D. Collins, 3; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), the rest as before. On Sunday, December 27th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. R. Ruth, 1; H. Creasey, 2; E. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; F. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. Composed by H. Burstow and conducted by E. Clayton. The above 720 contains thirty bobs and thirty singles. On Wednesday, January 20th, on the occasion of the Duke of Clarence's funeral, with the bells deeply muffled, 720 Bob Minor, 360 Double Court, and 720 Canterbury Pleasure. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. On Thursday, January 31st, 720 College Single. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6. On Friday, February 5th, 720 Double Oxford Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 720 College Single. D. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton (conductor), 5; W. G. Crickmer, 6. On Sunday, February 14th, 720 Double Court Bob. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; E. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; W. Crickmer, 5; D. Collins, 6. On Wednesday, February 24th, 720 Double Bob Minor. H. J. Creasey, 1; D. Collins, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; W. Crickmer (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, also on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. On Sunday, February 28th, 720 Worlingworth Delight. R. Collins, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Clayton, 3; S. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, and first on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt.

**CANNOCK (Staffordshire).**—Recently, at St. Luke's church, the local company rang their first 720 of Minor, being also the first on the bells to the present company's knowledge. The 720 was taken from "Troyte," and contains thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, and was rung in 26 mins. J. Benton, 1; G. Benton, 2; T. Benton, 3; W. Till, 4; J. Martin, 5; W. Devey (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).**—On Sunday, February 21st, at All Saints' church, for evening service, 504 Grand-sire Triples, in 18 mins. C. Siggs, 1; E. Baber, 2; A. Piper, 3; H. Davey, 4; F. W. Harding, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 7; W. Tilehurst, 8.

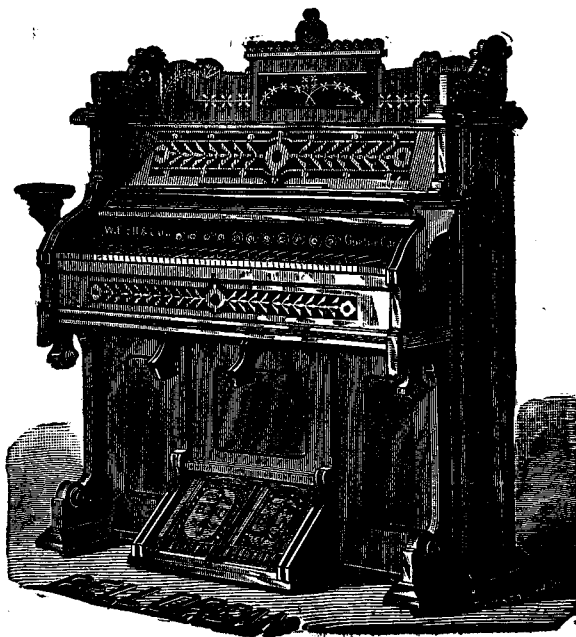
**EVERSHOLT (Beds).**—On Tuesday, March 1st, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. Chas. Herbert, 1; C. Wild, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; \*W. Phillimore, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor), 5; F. Major, 6. \*First 6-score with a bob bell. Also two 6-scores. \*W. Jones, 1; C. Wild, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor), 5; F. Major, 6. Tenor 17 cwt. \*First 6-score.

**WOBURN (Beds).**—On Saturday, March 12th, on handbells, 600 Bob Minor. \*E. Negus, 1; E. Herbert, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6. \*First touch of Bob Minor.

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## Summary of the Reports presented at the Forty-third Annual Meeting held on 3rd March, 1892.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Policies issued during the year was 58,118, assuring the sum of £5,932,493, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £355,980.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,442,746, being an increase of £280,997 over the year 1890. The increase in the Premium receipts for the Quinquennium 1887-91 was £1,045,806, giving an average annual increase of £209,161.

The Claims of the year amounted to 387,106. The number of Deaths was 2,784. **INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £3,688,338, being an increase of £170,413. The increase in the Premium receipts for the quinquennium 1887-91 was £777,043, giving an average annual increase of £155,408.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,647,300. The number of Deaths was 183,927.

The total number of Policies in force was 9,617,484; the average duration is six years and three quarters.

The total Assets of the Company, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £14,623,627, being an increase of £2,043,757 over those of 1890.

The Directors have again prepared a supplement to the Report, showing in detail how the assets of the Company are invested.

The Balance Sheet has been again submitted to the independent professional audit of Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths and Co., whose certificate is appended to the accounts.

## SUMMARY OF THE QUINQUENNIAL REPORT.

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1891.

The Directors have much pleasure in submitting their Report, and that of the Actuaries of the Company, upon the valuation of the Company's Assets and Liabilities, which has just been completed.

As on previous occasions, the processes and results of the valuation have been submitted to Mr. A. H. Bailey, and his report is also attached.

During the Five years now under review the Assets of the Company have grown from £6,811,954 to £14,623,627, being an increase of £7,811,673.

The annual premium income of both Branches combined, at the beginning of the Quinquennium was £3,472,911, and at the end £5,386,990, being an increase of £1,914,079.

The valuation of the Ordinary Branch has been made upon the same principles as those of the preceding Quinquennium, namely, a net premium valuation on the Institute of Actuaries' (H.M.) Table of Mortality for the life risks, and Mr. Finlaison's Government Annuity Table 1884 for the annuities, the rate of interest in both cases being 3 per cent.

The valuation of the Industrial Branch has also been made on the basis of a net premium valuation at 3 per cent interest, the Table of Mortality being Dr. Farr's "English Life Table," No. 3.

At the beginning of the Quinquennium a revision of the Tables of Assurance was made considerably in favour of those of the assured who keep their policies in force for five years. These increased benefits have been made retrospective, and, as will be seen from the Actuaries' Reports, a corresponding increase has been made in the necessary reserves.

Extract from Mr. A. H. BAILEY'S Report.

The time having arrived at which another valuation is required to be made of the liabilities of your Company, I inspected, during the progress of this immense work, the various processes that had to be adopted for the purpose, and the results have been submitted to me for examination.

On the 31st December, 1891, the total number of assurances in force was 9,880,103, besides 1,557 grants of annuities. By the last Census it was ascertained that the total number of persons living on the 5th April, 1891, in the United Kingdom was 37,740,283: so that, after making allowance for the cases in which two or more

Policies have been granted upon the same life, it appears that the lives of about one-fourth of the population of Great Britain and Ireland are assured by your Company. The numbers have increased by more than 37 per cent. during the Quinquennium now under review.

The funds that have been accumulated to meet these liabilities amount to £14,087,303, exclusive of the Proprietors' capital.

The principles upon which the liabilities have been estimated are those now generally adopted by well-conducted Assurance Companies. The basis of valuation has my full concurrence, and having been set out in the Actuaries' Reports, together with the results in the case of each Branch, need not here be repeated.

Extract from the Reports of Messrs. T. C. DEWEY, W. HUGHES, and F. SCHOOLING, the Actuaries of the Company.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of Life Policies in force at December 31st, 1891, was 262,619, assuring with bonus, £28,570,567, and producing a gross annual premium income of £1,487,344.

The results of the Valuation are as follows:—

Life Assurance Fund on the 31st December, 1891	£5,505,095
Reserve for Life Assurance Policies, including reserve for immediate payment of claims	£3,983,469
Reserve for Annuities	502,241
<b>Net Liability</b>	<b>4,485,710</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£1,019,385</b>

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The number of Policies in existence at 31st December last was 9,617,484, and the amount assured £933,90,879. The weekly premiums receivable in respect of these Policies amounted to £74,993 per week, or £3,899,646 per annum.

The above number includes 246,152 free or paid-up Policies granted in lieu of discontinued assurances, on which no premiums are payable.

The average duration of all the Policies now in existence is about six and three-quarter years and when the large amount of new business introduced in recent years is considered, this is strong evidence of the success of the means which have been adopted to promote the stability of the business.

The results of the Valuation are as follows:—

Life Assurance Fund on 31st December, 1891	£8,582,207
Net Liability for Life Assurance Policies, including reserve for immediate payment of claims	7,776,712
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£805,495</b>

Of this net liability upwards of £800,000 is in respect of free Policies granted in lieu of discontinued assurances, and to provide for the increased benefits conferred on Industrial Policy holders during the Quinquennium.

It is worthy of remark that in the two Branches together there are 233,358 Policies assuring amounts of from £50 to £100 each, producing an Annual Premium Income of upwards of One Million Pounds, and of these 54,777 are with weekly Premiums, 44,645 quarterly, 21,000 half-yearly, and 112,926 with annual premiums. When it is considered that every proposer for an amount of £50 and upwards has the option presented to him of paying the premiums in any of these methods, it is remarkable how many deliberately choose the weekly premiums, thus affording a strong illustration of the adaptability of Industrial Assurance to the wants of the public.

With a view to secure accuracy, two independent Valuations were made in both Branches. The Valuation of Ten Million Policies, divided into a very large number of groups and classes, has employed the energies of a staff of about 700 for many months. The arithmetical processes alone have involved an immense amount of labour, and would have been almost impossible of accomplishment without the aid of the Arithmometer, no less than fifty of these instruments having been employed.

## General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1891.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	...	500,000	0	0	British Government Securities (Consols)	...	1,420,159	9	9
Ordinary Branch Funds	...	5,505,095	11	8	Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stock	...	1,915,388	18	5
Industrial Branch Fund	...	8,582,207	16	9	Loans on Municipal and other Rates	...	3,492,099	0	1
Claims under Life Policies admitted	...	36,324	1	9	Freehold Ground Rents, and Scotch Feu Duties	...	2,119,643	1	5
					Mortgages	...	1,912,365	14	3
					Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	...	320,785	8	0
					Bank Stock	...	167,337	0	1
					Freehold and Leasehold Property	...	872,967	13	2
					Indian and Colonial Government Securities	...	754,377	13	1
					Reversions	...	139,454	16	0
					Railway and other Shares	...	451,765	8	6
					Loans on the Company's Policies	...	119,021	15	2
					Loans upon Personal Security	...	707	10	0
					Outstanding Premiums	...	359,396	9	0
					Cash in hands of Superintendents, and Agents' Balances	...	48,923	14	5
					Outstanding Interest, and Rents	...	126,534	12	3
					Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand...	...	402,699	6	7
							£14,623,627	10	2

THOS. C. DEWEY, } Managers.  
WILLIAM HUGHES, }

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, 1891, 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, 1891.

17th February 1892.

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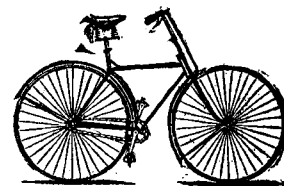
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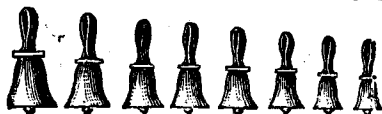
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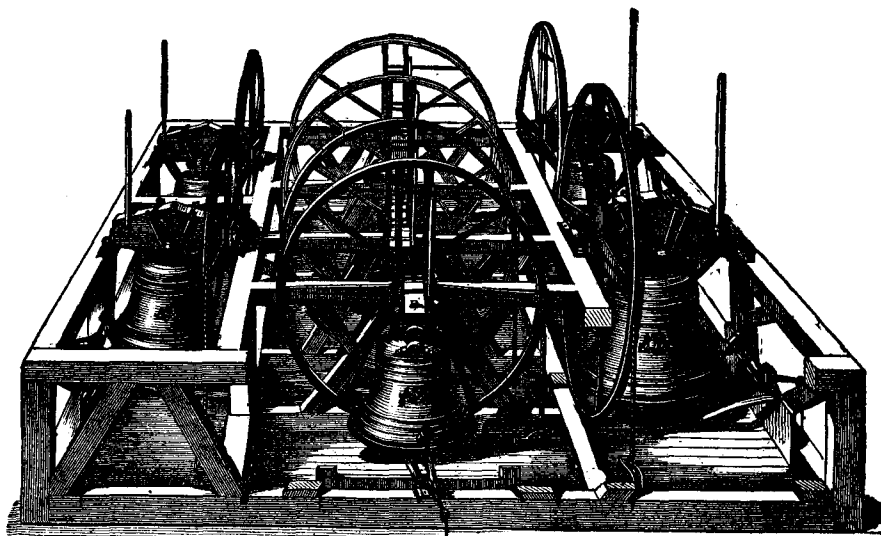
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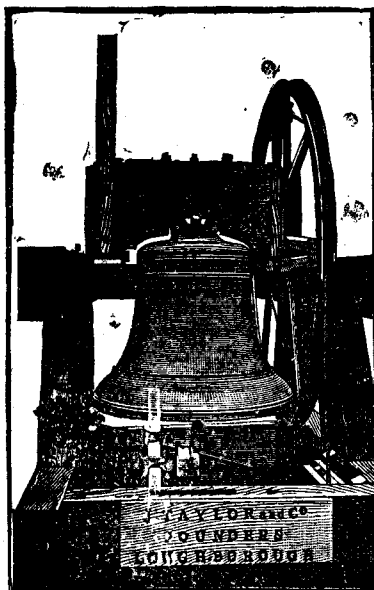
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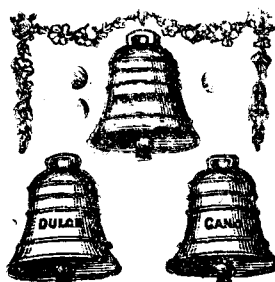
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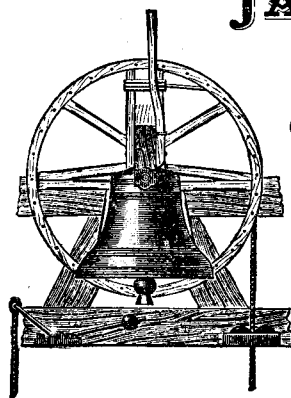
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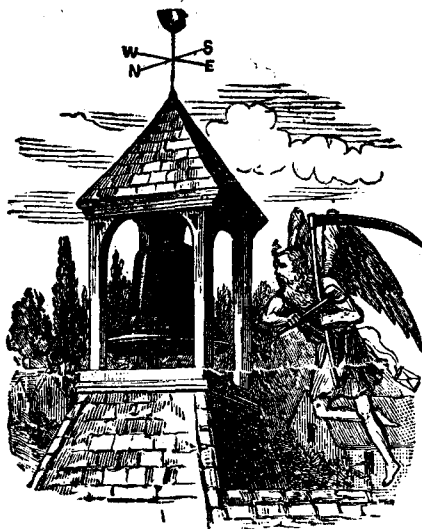
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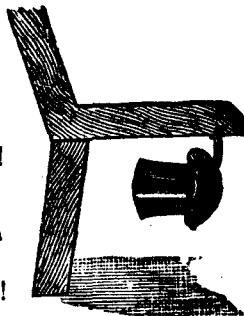
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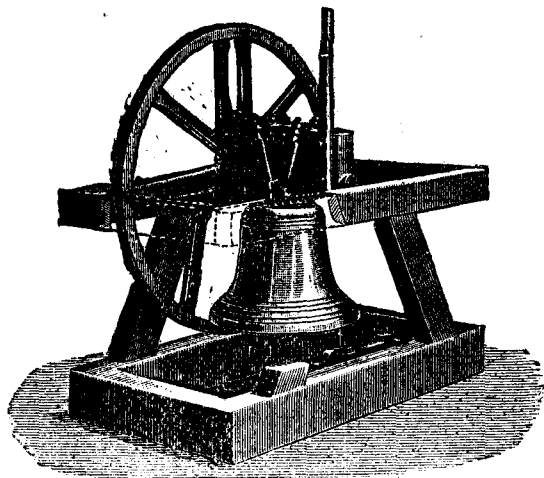
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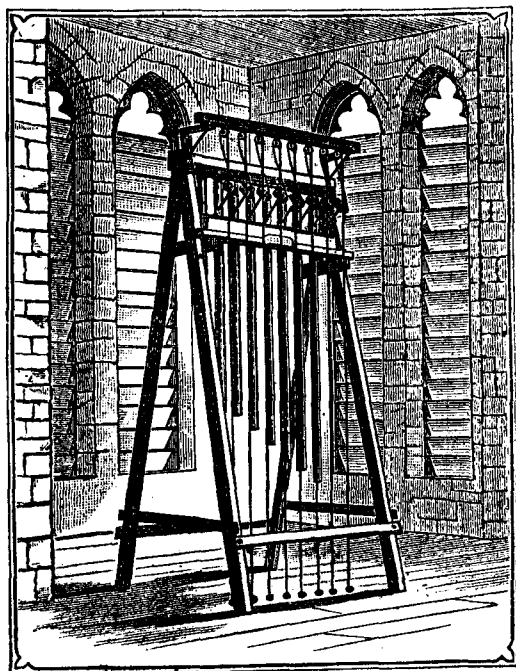
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ON Saturday, March 19th, a Committee Meeting of this Association was held at Kidderminster, the Rev. S. Phillips, vicar, presiding. On the minutes of the last meeting being read, it was mentioned that the meeting was fixed to take place at Stourbridge on March 12th, but owing to the absence of the vicar, the Rev. H. Sherrard, through ill-health, and the recent death of his son, the meeting at Stourbridge had to be postponed. The Rev. S. Phillips being communicated with, he kindly placed the chantry, tower and bells at the disposal of the members, and promised to preside.

The minutes being confirmed, a vote of condolence with the Rev. H. Sherrard in his severe trial was passed.

The Annual Report submitted by the Secretary with a few alterations was passed, as was also the Auditor's report, which was presented by Mr. W. R. Small. A long discussion followed upon fixing the place for holding the Annual Meeting. It was pointed out very strongly that the reception given at Worcester to the members attending the Annual Meeting was very unsatisfactory and discouraging, and it was thought most desirable to have a change; Kidderminster being proposed as the place and Easter Monday the day, an amendment that Kidderminster be the place and Saturday, May 7th the day; also another amendment that Worcester be the place and Easter Monday the day, were both lost, and the original motion carried. The resolution proposed at the last Annual Meeting by the Rev. W. R. Carr, vicar of St. John's, Worcester—"That it be an instruction to the Committee to arrange that the Annual Meeting be held on a Saturday afternoon instead of Easter Monday," was therefore not accepted, it being stated that the bells at Worcester, the "faithful city," were not available for ringing on a Saturday afternoon. An instruction was here given to the Hon. Sec. that he write to the members who have ceased paying their subscriptions, asking the reasons they have for so doing, and to report to the Annual Meeting on Easter Monday the result of such enquiries, in order that steps may be taken to remove the cause if any exist. A vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman for presiding, for the use of the chantry, tower and bells, brought the meeting to a close. During the afternoon and evening the tower bells were kept going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, by mixed companies.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch was held at Newchurch on Saturday, March 12th. Ringing began in the afternoon, when a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. At 5.15 a move was made to the schoolroom where a well attended meeting was held, members being present from Newchurch, Blackburn, Heywood, Church, Ramsbottom, Bacup, and Rawtenstall. The minutes of the last meeting being passed as read, the Rev. P. B. Eddrup, B.A., curate, and J. W. Ormerod were elected members of the Association. Helmsore was fixed as the place of the next meeting. A vote of thanks was then passed to the rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom. The rector, the Rev. H. Bury, who presided, in responding said he heartily welcomed all ringers to his tower. He then invited all present down in the lower schoolroom to a free tea which he had provided for them. After ample justice had been done, the tower was again visited, and touches of Bob Major, Bob Minor, and Grandsire Triples were rung.

## NEW CLOCK FOR HURWORTH-ON-TEES.

The Hurworth-on-Tees Church Committee, near Darlington, have placed the order for a new Cambridge quarter-clock in the hands of Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Leeds, Yorks, which will shew the time upon two external dials. Messrs. Potts and Sons are also making a new clock for Coniscliffe church, near Darlington; Wollaton church, near Nottingham; and other large clocks, and have finished a large illuminated striking clock with a 15 cwt. bell at the Courts of Justice, York, for the Lord Mayor and Corporation of York, from instructions of the architect, H. A. Matear, Esq., Liverpool, and which was started on Saturday, March 19th.

# RIPON AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at St. John's church, Sharow, on Saturday, March 19th. About twenty members were present from Harrogate, Boroughbridge, Ripon, and Sharow. Ringing commenced about 5.30 p.m. with eighty changes of Bob Major, containing a bob every treble lead, as a preliminary to the next and more important part of the evening's performance, a date touch of Bob Major, 1892 changes, composed by the Hon. Sec. for the occasion, but sorry to say, it was not accomplished, although several attempts were made; the last and most successful attempt after ringing nearly 45 mins., and having accomplished twenty-nine courses (about 1200 changes), it came to grief, to the disappointment of all present. More touches of Bob Major were rung. The meeting was then held. Harrogate (St. Mary's) was selected for the next meeting, on March 26th, in hopes that the above date touch will be rung.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Hon. Sec. for his kind hospitality in providing a substantial tea for all the members present.

## NORTHAMPTON.

It is consoling to learn that at last the peal of eight bells at the church of St. Giles, Northampton, has been officially condemned. These bells have been condemned by the men who have had to pull them for many years past. Much credit is due to the local ringers for sticking to their work so long under such disheartening conditions. Now that this fine peal is to be attended to, it is to be hoped that the Northampton church authorities generally will follow suit, and that we may soon hear of the other bells in the town being renovated by competent persons. The peal of eight at St. Peter's were last rehung (by Rudhall) in 1734; All Saints (by the Whitechapel Foundry) in 1782; St. Giles' (by Arnold) in 1783, so it is about time they all went through the process once more. Putting aside the new ring of eight at St. Edmund's, there is not a peal in Northampton the present state of which is not a disgrace to the respective church authorities and parishioners.

## ST. MARY'S, WYCLIFFE, YORKSHIRE.

An appeal has been issued with the approval of the Bishop of Ripon on behalf of the restoration of St. Mary's, Wycliffe, North Yorkshire. The chancel contains brasses of the Wycliffe Family, bearing date 1584, 1587, 1606, 1611, and including one to Roger de Wyclif, Lord of the Manor, and Katherine, his wife, and another with kneeling effigy to Ralph, only son of William Wycliffe. The church is an ancient stone building, of about the thirteenth century, and many sculptured fragments are built into the outer walls, the relics apparently of a still more ancient edifice. The east window has been completely destroyed, and is now only a temporary wooden one, only occupying part of the space for the original glass window; the rest is built up with brick, and is very unsightly. The original roof has either fallen or been pulled down, which accounts for the destruction of the stained glass in the lower parts of the windows, as only one whole panel remains. The vestry is quite unsuited for the purpose, and runs with water during the winter. A portion of the chancel wall is bulging out, and needs rebuilding, mortar crumbling away between the stones in many places. The tracery of the old windows is fast wearing away, and if not arrested in time will shortly disappear altogether. The church inside presents a cold, desolate, nay, dilapidated, appearance. The parish is a small and very poor one. The complete restoration would take about £1200, of which the rector has £100 in hand, and a friend has offered another £100 provided the remainder is raised. A committee has been formed, and the work will be entrusted to Mr. J. Hodgson Fowler.

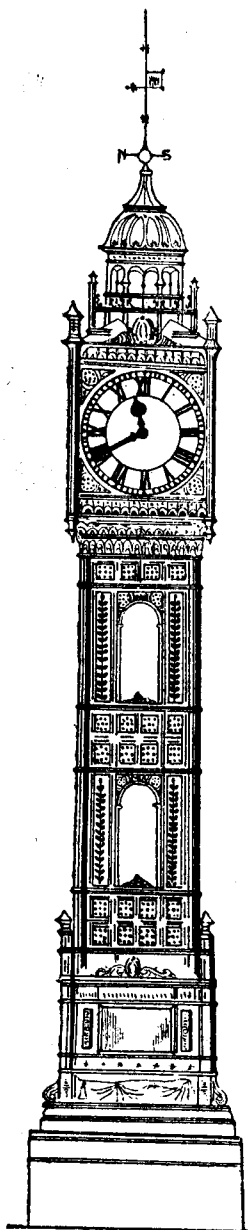
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## OPENING OF A CLOCK TOWER AT VICTORIA STATION, LONDON.

This tower (a view of which is annexed) is the first of the kind which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, have attempted. Every particle has been especially designed and cast by them

from wooden patterns, on which their carvers have been engaged on and off for many months. The extreme height is 25ft., the measurement at base 4ft. 6in. square, weight 5 tons. The edifice is cast in sections, screwed and bolted together for convenience of transit and erection after leaving the factory. The whole has been painted four coats in three shades of green, and the pinnacles and ornaments well picked out in gold, especially round the dials and spandrels. We may mention that the makers, anticipating public approval of the design, have taken the precaution of registering the same. The clock movement is placed in the base of the tower, the motion being conveyed to the dials above by means of a connecting rod. There are four dials each 2ft. 6 in. diameter, made of copper figures and glazed with opal glass for illumination. In the front side of the tower a thick plate glass panel has been inserted by which the clock may be seen in working order, and registering the minutes and seconds as they come round. We believe this is the first instance of a tower clock showing a "seconds" hand, and by which a watch may be compared. The clock contains the "gravity" escapement, compensated pendulum, the same as "Big Ben," and also several later inventions and improvements in horology. One of these is a purely automatic gas apparatus for lighting up the gas behind the dials at sunset, and lowering it at sunrise. This is worked by the clock itself all the year round according to the seasons, without any periodical manipulations whatever by the caretaker, as is the case with other gas arrangements. This was first introduced by the makers in their Manchester Town Hall clock, and later into that at the Royal Courts of Justice, and has been found a great boon to the attendant as well as economy in the consumption of gas. The clock is driven by weights amounting altogether to a quarter of a ton, and is constructed to go a week with one winding; and as the makers, in view of the importance of



the site and close proximity to two great railway termini, (where the loss of even a second may be fraught at times with great consequence) have spared neither time nor expense to produce as perfect a timekeeper as modern ingenuity and appliance can suggest, it is confidently believed that this will prove a credit to all concerned, and a great boon to the neighbourhood.

On the day of the opening above mentioned a sumptuous champagne luncheon was provided for the visitors, which was graced by the presence of the Mayor and other gentlemen of Croydon. Mr. Johnston (of the firm of Gillett and Johnston, makers of the tower and clock) occupied the chair, and the Mayor of Croydon the vice-chair. Representatives of most of the metropolitan papers were present, and a special correspondent of "THE BELL NEWS."

The Chairman proposed "The Queen and Royal Family" in

a very appropriate speech, which was responded to with acclamation.

The Mayor of Croydon proposed "The firm of Gillett and Johnston," remarking that among the industries of Croydon that firm was a shining example worthy of imitation. Mr. Johnston in the course of his reply gave the toast of "The Press," which was responded to by Mr. Thompson, of *The Times*. The interesting proceedings soon after terminated.

## BELLS AND BELLS.

BY THE REV. JAMES FOSTER.

We are familiar with the sound of the church bells. England would be poorer without them. Though none of us exactly admire the jangle when several peals are ringing against each other, yet we all have a secret liking for the bells. Church bells were once believed to disperse storms and pestilence, drive away devils and extinguish fire. In 1852 the Bishop of Malta ordered the bells to be rung for an hour to "lay a gale of wind." The "Passing Bell," rung still in most country places, was supposed to scare away evil spirits from the dying. The Koran teaches that bells hang on the trees of Paradise, and are set in motion by wind from the Throne of God as often as the Blessed wish for music. That is all superstition; but this we claim, that the golden bells of love are hung in Paradise, and are set in motion by the heavenly gales. It is certain that love's golden bells give music to the Blessed always, and will indeed scare away all evil things. If we have never tried their power let us do so, and we shall find that love bells are the mightiest power in God's universe. It is by God's own mighty love that He is destroying all evil. As the High Priest in his robes of office moved about in the holy place, the golden bells upon the hem of his robe rang out sweet music; and wherever the Spirit of Christ (our Great High Priest) goes there is Divine music.

The peals of bells speak to us of Christian joy, for they ring out merrily at births and weddings, on glad days and Holy days. The Christian life is the most joyous possible, and that joy is

## THE JOY OF SERVICE.

By service we do not mean going to church, listening to sermons, singing, and praying. Such things are right enough, but they are often substituted for service. To serve God is to do His will. Going about doing good is Divine Service. The joy of our Lord Himself was to woo and win His Bride, to prove His love by the sacrifice of Himself, and so to make atonement for sin. His joy is to love sinners into loving Himself, as Beecher said.

There is a real relationship between Christmas bells and wedding bells. While the Christmas bells tell us of Christ coming to save sinners by laying down His life for them, they also remind us of the glorious consummation when He shall come as the Great Bridegroom to receive His Bride home for evermore.

The Sabbath bells tell us of Sabbath joys. That day was never intended for toilsome pleasure seeking, but for restful service and worship. It is intended as a day of rest both of body and soul, and is a foretaste of the joys of Heaven. Heaven means the joy of Divine worship and service. Rejoice in the Lord therefore while the Sabbath bells are ringing.

Again the little bell in the railway signal box tells us that the train is coming. Its call is

"BE READY!"

If you have not your ticket, get it at once. If your luggage is not labelled, get that done. If on the wrong side, get over to the right as speedily as possible. We are all travellers at different stations along the line of life. As we must go to one terminus or the other, we all want to go home. The signal bell may be another's death. Perhaps it is your own sickness, or old age creeping on. Anyhow we all know the train is coming and is signalled. Be ready! "Prepare to meet thy God!" Your ticket is paid for. The price of it was the precious blood of Christ. Accept free grace, and yours is a free pass to the terminus. As to your luggage, you need not trouble yourself with any, for everything is provided at the other end. If you happen to be on the down platform Christ signals "Let us go

over to the other side," and He will take you across to the up platform. If on the right side then when the train comes up it will take you "right home," yes, "right home," as a dear soul now in glory said to me at the last. The bright light of heaven's terminus will shine out as you get nearer the celestial city.

Again, the fire bells call for help to stop the fierce destruction of property and life, and the bells planted on sunken rocks at sea ring out their warning tone over the wild waters. You all remember the legend of the pirate who, to spite the Abbot of Aberbrothok, cut away the warning bell from Inchcape Rock, and a year later, coming home with a ship laden with plunder, was caught in a fog, wished he could hear the warning bell, but he himself had cut it free; and now his case was hopeless, for the vessel struck, and the pirate went down with his spoils to the bottom of the sea. Heed ye the warning that rings out, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." "He that believeth not shall be condemned." O, listen to the warning and "Escape for thy life." "Turn ye! turn ye! for why will ye die?"

Again, men have factory bells to call the workpeople to service. The kingdom of heaven is

#### A GREAT WORKSHOP.

I daresay the workers always remember their wages and the time to rest. But they don't forget that they must work for the same. Salvation by works? Is that what we are thinking about? Oh, no, not at all! The workman does not claim a right to be employed by any firm, but he solicits employment as a free favour; so we come to Christ asking Him "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" after He has, by His grace fitted us to serve by converting us to Himself. Christ has bought us and set us free; then He calls us into His great workshop to worship Him. The bell that rings in this case says, "Go into My vineyard and work." Rewards are promised to cheer and encourage us, but good work is necessary for all that. How can God truthfully say to any idler, "Well done, good and faithful servant"? He can only say that to those who have been faithful workers.

There are some wonderfully

#### BIG BELLS IN THE WORLD,

but they are never rung. An attempt was made to put the great bell of Moscow to some use, but it fell and cracked. These big bells are only good to be looked at. Some people in our churches are too big in their own estimation to work at all. They want a larger tower to ring in than was ever built yet. They ought to be warning bells, or call bells, or useful in some other way, but they are all too big to be of any use at all.

You have heard the story of the idle Christian who dreamt he was in a beautiful temple. He looked around and an angel came up to him to show him the glory of the place. Suddenly the man caught sight of a hole near the top of the wall and wondered that the beauty of the temple should be spoilt for the want of a stone, when the angel told him that it was his work to fill up the gap, and rebuked him for having left the work undone. Let us each do our little part and the whole temple will be complete. You and I are but little bells; better thus and ring out to a purpose than to be big bells lying idle.

Again, I know a fine old church tower on the coast of North Devon that had a defective peal when we listened to it, for one bell was cracked and another was in the abbey near at hand. Now what was done to the cracked bell do you think? Was it patched? No. Was it rivetted? No. What then? Why it was melted and recast, to be sure! Dear friend, the Church is incomplete without you, but you are

#### SPIRITUALLY CRACKED.

You give forth no sweet music for Christ. You may be hung on to the garment of our Great High Priest; you may be said to belong to the Church; yet you give forth no sweet music to the world. Your voice never sings the troubled soul to rest in the sweet sleep of peace; your words have never brought salvation to a wicked sinner; you have never called any wanderer back to God. What then? Why, you must be melted by contrition and repentance for your past selfish, sinful life. "You must needs be born again"—Christ says so. The fact is, you want to be made over again. Repent, and God will make you a new creature in Christ Jesus.

But there was another missing bell in that peal. It was

#### IN ITS WRONG PLACE.

So are some of you. On Sunday afternoons asleep on the sofa, instead of teaching in the Sabbath School; at home reading your magazine, because you can get more good, you say, for yourself in that way: forgetting that the Christian lives not unto himself, but to the glory of God. Live for the comfort and joy of others, and you will thereby find your own. Seek only your own, and you certainly lose it. Then how sweet the tinkle of the bell on the forest hills as the bell-wether leads the sheep to other feeding places!

Such is the right place of the Christian. Christians are meant to be

#### LEADERS OF MEN.

Many souls are lost in the forest of perplexity and spiritual darkness, seeking music to satisfy the longing of their hearts, but the clanging of the bells of the sects and their theological discussions distract them. They long for the golden bells of love, but the sects give them the clang of their wooden bells of rationalism, their iron bells of stern doctrines, their tin bells of Ritualism. No wonder so many miss their way.

A writer in the *Quiver* tells a story of a bell founder who wandered all over Europe in search of his lost peal of bells. At last he sailed up the Shannon, and floating on the air from the tower of Limerick Cathedral came the tones familiar and beautiful beyond all earthly music to him. Sinking on the deck of the ship, he died with excess of rapture in his daughter's arms, saying that all the wish of his life had been gratified.

Cannot we all rise above the clamour of divisions and just live to lead souls to Christ? Let us ring out our

#### LITTLE GOLDEN BELLS OF LOVE,

and so lead the Lord's wandering sheep up the hillsides to greater heights. Perchance they will catch the far-away sound of the golden bells of heaven, and thus each one will say, "All the wish of my life has been fulfilled."

The bells of gold suspended in Heaven ring out their love tones first as one bell:—Come! come! come! for the Spirit says Come! and the Hearer says Come! Then they ring out a triple chime:—"Come-to-Me! Come-to-Me! Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And lastly, the whole peal of eight bells of gold rings out its full compass, saying:—"Who-so-ever-will-let-him-come!" "Who-soever will let him come and drink of the water of life freely."

O listen to the chimes of Christ's loving invitation now, and then when He shall come to receive His bride to Himself your voice will join in the great song of victory, as the bells of gold and harps of gold shall fill Heaven with their music of joy for evermore.

#### RICKMANSWORTH.—THE HERTS. ASSOCIATION.

ON Monday, March 14th, at the parish church, eight members of this Association started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about twenty minutes "stand" was called as it was found that the "go" of the bells would not permit of completing the peal. It is a great pity that this fine-toned ring should lay idle for want of attention, and it is also surprising to find the bells in this state, considering they were rehung at a great cost not more than two years ago.

BELCHAMP WALTER (Essex).—On Sunday, March 6th, after Divine Service in the evening, 1680 of Bob Major was rung in 1 hr. S. Slater, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; A. Papworth, 4; G. Smith, 5; F. Hawkins, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; R. Brett, 8. Conducted by S. Slater. Messrs. Papworth, Smith, and Brett belong to Stanstead; Messrs. Howell to Sudbury; Slater to Glemsford; and the brothers Hawkins belong to the local company. This is the longest touch by F. Hawkins; and the longest touch on the bells since the second has been recast. The old bell was a very bad one, and not in proportion to the others, and it was decided last Easter to raise subscriptions towards defraying the cost of having it recast. Mr. N. Hawkins, who is a great lover of bells, kindly undertook to collect subscriptions, and with the proceeds of two or three concerts given in the schoolroom, enough money was realised. The bell was sent to Messrs. Warner and Son, London, who added 135 lbs. of new metal to it. The result was very satisfactory; and now they are as nice a peal as can be found for a good many miles.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The chapter in last week's paper about the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's ringers, Bristol, will have interested many of my fellow-readers of "THE BELL NEWS." The "ordinances" are, some of them, quaint, but for all that not the less to be admired and adopted even in the present day. Item No. 5 particularly impressed me as being an exceedingly good regulation indeed. Its object was evidently to teach young men in the Exercise to know their place, in other words, "to order themselves lowly and reverently towards their betters;" a grand old injunction, which had it always been obeyed, many of us would be much happier than we are. Item the last of these ordinances goes to show that the Ancient men of St. Stephen's were good Christians, and that with them there were no complaints about non-attendance at Church. The ballad entitled "The Golden Days of Good Queen Bess," though very amusing, is hardly the sort of thing we should now expect to hear at any of our festivities. We incline more to those ditties which are composed in "the praise of good ringing," or which make special mention of some renowned peal, such as—

"The famous peal of Stedman Cinques  
The College Youths did ring."

which I had the pleasure of hearing the late Mr. Dwight trolly forth on one occasion. Or to quote another—

"Those bells of Lambeth, how they did quiver  
As we all went journeying up the river."

Sometimes however, the ballad proceeds from a more classical source, as for instance the beautiful words of Father Prout, with the adaptable refrain:—

"Those bells of Shandon, they sound so grand on  
The splendid waters of the river Lea."

I think I have quoted this correctly. The Editor tells me of a song composed in honor of a peal rung at All Saints' church in his native city in the year 1825, of which the last line of the chorus was—

"The Youths of All Saints will still bear the name."

The word "name" had to rhyme, on this occasion, with "dream;" but that did not matter because in the local *patois* the latter word was pronounced "drame." I should like to see published a collection of all these ringers' ballads. There must be plenty to be had, both ancient and modern. But would such a publication pay?

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Coming back to the St. Stephen's Society of Bristol, there is one matter I should like to know in connection therewith. The same information has been asked for before by others, but no answer has yet been vouchsafed. One can't help thinking that some of the funds enjoyed by this society ought to find its way into a channel for the benefit of those who are ringers in fact. Ringers and ringing must originally have had something more to do with this institution than now, else why the name and style of the society. Many I am sure will incline to the opinion that the actual ringers of St. Stephen's church in Bristol are being shut out from benefits which in some shape or other they ought to receive. In the absence of any clear historical record of the foundation of this society, I confess to a slight belief this way. I should like to know if that "ordinance" is still in force which allows any one on the payment of the sum of three-and-fourpence, to become *free* of the society. Because if it is the ringers of Bristol can easily join and take part in all benefits.

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Curiosity—and something more—will be aroused on reading the letter signed "Robert Chichester." What a pity the correspondent did not point out clearly the church where such

a state of things is alleged to exist. Surely it can't be at Hunstanton, from which the letter is said to have been written, for the Hon. Sec. of the Norwich Association is in close proximity, and nothing of that kind would be likely to escape his notice. I only hope Mr. Robert Chichester has before this sent a copy of our paper containing his letter to the incumbent of the parish, and to the Archdeacon and Bishop of the diocese. If not, let me ask him to do so at once; with the space on which the letter appears marked round in deep, very deep, black ink.

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The proposals of Mr. Strange, if they can be carried out effectually, will result in additional interest being given to that science of which the readers of this paper are professors. Though I do not fully grasp what this gentleman is going to do, yet I welcome any action taken which way eventuate in making ringing better known and appreciated. Of this scheme we shall hear more anon.

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The peal records still show very little signs of abatement, though we are well within the Lenten season. What remonstrances we used to hear upon the question of ringing peals in Lent. Yet the rebuke was perfectly justifiable from the point of view of those making it. And where the objection still exists we should be content to respect it, and thus wisely abstain from creating an offence. In this as in many other matters it should never be forgotten that our position is one of mere sufferance, and if we do wrong in the eyes of the Rector or Vicar, as the case may be, he has the power to make our position in the belfry untenable. But such displays of power as this is not often, and we are thankful for it.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## 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."

## CORRECTION AND APOLOGY.

SIR,—The date touch of Union Triples composed by me and which appeared in your issue of February 6th, will be true if commenced with the following changes, viz., 1235476, 1324567. Apologising for the mistake and my delay in not rectifying it. LIONEL LONGNEY.  
Croome, Worcestershire.

## A LENTEN CONFESSION.

SIR,—The present season being the proper one for penitential acts, I write to acknowledge my error in the matter of ringing at St. Mary's, Taunton, in June 1885. Having sufficient reason for denying it a place as a peal in our Guild Report, I ought also to have disowned it when it appeared in your paper under that description. This however, I failed to do, and for this neglect of duty I now express my regret, and inasmuch as it is very salutary to be reminded of one's faults and to confess them openly, I thank Mr. W. W. Thorne for being instrumental in bringing this matter to light. F. E. ROBINSON.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal rang at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, should have been published as rung by the Yorkshire Association and the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. J. LOGAN.

## THE WILLENHALL PEAL.

SIR,—It must put Mr. J. E. Groves about over this peal. Mr. Groves can have this peal by paying St. Giles' company a visit. To explain all will be by ringing the same over again, but we shall not call it Vicars's, nor yet shall we ring it in 2 hrs. 49 mins. as was rang at Wolverhampton on December 28th, 1891. W. JOHNSON.

FOR SALE, A Splendid peal of Handbells, 52 in number, in good order. By Blew of Birmingham. Chromatic Scale, from G 25 to G 04; Cushions, Stand, and Music complete. The cost when new was about £30. Good reason for selling. No reasonable offer refused.—WALTER REA, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove.



## 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.

**Kent County Association.**—Members are informed that the railway vouchers for reduced fares are now available at all stations on both S.E. and L.C.D. Ry's. The new certificates of membership (price 6d.), are now ready, and may be had on application to the Secretary. In writing members are requested to send their full name with date of election.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury.

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—The Meetings for March are as follows:—Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 28th. Practice 8.0 to 9.30 p.m. F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*  
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

**Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next District Meeting will be held at Arundel, to-day, Saturday, March 26th. Tower open 2 p.m. Special Service at 4 p.m. Tea followed by Meeting for business at 5 p.m. Members are requested to inform the Secretaries of their Branch if they intend being present.  
J. W. G. LODER COTHES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Society of Trinity Youths.**—By kind permission of the Vicar, the Tower of St. James, Bermondsey, will be open for ringing from 8 to 9.30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday in each month, commencing Thursday, 24th March. Members and Ringers are cordially invited.  
F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next Meeting at Oldham Parish Church, to-day, Saturday, March 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in Schools at 5 p.m.  
F. BIRTWISTLE, *Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be at (head-quarters) Leeds, to-day, Saturday, March 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business Meeting at the "Old Royal Oak," Kirkgate, 4.30 p.m. Election of Officers for ensuing year; Balance Sheet, &c.; when all Members are particularly requested to attend.  
R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next Meeting of the Guild will be held at Bootle, to-day, Saturday, March 26th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }

**St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, on Tuesday, April 12th. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.  
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Huddersworth.

**Royal Cumberland Society.**—Members of this Society are particularly requested to attend the next Meeting at St. Martin's Lane, on Friday, April 1st, to decide very important business.  
A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
35, Haringay Road, Hornsey.

**Essex Association.**—There will be a District Meeting of the above on Easter Monday, at Stansted and Farnham. The towers of both will be open all day. Tea and Business Meet-

ing will be held at Stansted at 4.45. Members intending to be present should give notice of the stations they proceed from to the Association Secretary not later than Palm Sunday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE.  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly Meeting of this Association will be held at Longton, on Saturday next, April 2nd. There will also be a meeting at Kingsley, on the same day.  
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*  
97, High Street, Bucknall.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly Meeting of the above will be held at Warrington parish church (six bells) on Saturday, April 2nd, 1892. Bells will be ready at 4 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom, at 6 p.m.  
CHAS. R. STANLEY.  
Local Branch Secretary.

## 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 GRANDSIRE CATER.

By E. ANDREWS, JUN., Cambridge.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 9 8  
1 3 2 4 5 6 7 8 9

4 3 2 5 6 7th in and out with s. and wrong  
2 5 3 4 6 8th in 3 s  
3 4 5 2 6 8th in 3 s  
4 2 5 3 6 8th in 3  
2 3 5 4 6 8th in 3

5 4 3 2 6 8th in 3 s  
3 2 4 5 6 8th in 3 s  
4 5 2 3 6 8th in 3 s  
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3 2 5 4 6 8th in 3 s  
5 4 2 3 6 8th in 3 s  
2 3 4 5 6 8th in 3 s  
3 5 4 2 6 8th in 3  
5 2 4 3 6 8th in 3

2 3 4 5 6 8th in and out at 2 and wrong s.

This touch is in the inverted tittums throughout.

## A DATE TOUCH OF UNION TRIPLES.

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

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

Twice repeated, a common single for the last bob, and these two changes: 1235476—1234567.

## A DATE TOUCH OF BOB TRIPLES.

By H. W. BROWN, Bath.

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

3 1 2 5 4 7 6  
P.C. 4ths w. h.  
5 3 4 2 6 7 s - -  
4 5 3 2 6 7 - -  
4 3 5 2 6 7 s -  
5 4 3 2 6 7 - -  
3 5 4 2 6 7 - -  
3 4 5 2 6 7 s -

Three times repeated.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**LIEUTENANT.**—The word is not at all applicable in our estimation; "company" or "society" is best.

**JASON.**—We regret that the knowledge we possess is not sufficient for the purpose. When you are in London, go to the British Museum.

**OPTICIAN.**—Never heard of such a thing; you should consult a professional man.

Mr. J. Wathen, of Tewkesbury, writes:—"The date touch of Grandsire Triples by Sam. Atkins, Willenball, published in 'THE BELL NEWS' of last week, is false. See the first change and the hand-stroke change at the first single 1234576 repeat.

**ADDRESS WANTED.**—Will Mr. H. G. Fruin kindly send his address to the Secretary of the St. James's Society, 8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, or to F. G. Newman, 28, Wingfield Road, Walthamstow.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1892.

THE Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild has made the *amende honorable* with respect to a performance which he conducted at the church of St. Mary, Taunton, so far back as the year 1885. We gather that a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted at that church at the period mentioned, which was afterwards reported in the usual place in this paper as having been rung, and described in a footnote as being the first "peal" of Caters ever rung in the county of Somerset. When the peal was rang on the ten bells at Wells Cathedral last year, a correspondent asked if it was the first peal of Caters in the county, adding that he had heard a rumour that the Taunton performance was a "wrong" one. The REV. F. E. ROBINSON explained in a letter at the time that the Taunton peal was undoubtedly false, and for that reason he excluded its publication from the report of the Oxford Guild. In this he acted just as we should have expected him to do, though it is to be regretted that he did not at the same time carry it a little farther, and make a similar disclaimer in this journal.

But this week the worthy Master dons his penitential garments, and makes a full confession of his backsliding. He tells us what he left undone which he ought to have done, and expresses his regret with all the fervour of a devout penitent, openly and without reserve, in such a manner that absolution, free from any inconvenient or

painful condition, cannot any longer be withheld. And therefore, without a "pang," we will again receive him into the bosom of the Exercise, demanding no further purgation whatever.

The matter has however its serious aspect. With all the respect we entertain for the worthy Master, it will hardly be denied that had not pointed questions been put regarding this Taunton performance, the actual truth would never have leaked out, even though it was not allowed a place in the Oxford report. The circumstance only shows what care ought to be taken by peal-ringers to secure a true and faultless record of what they do; and at the same time it accentuates the necessity for watchful people to be for ever on the alert in order to prevent public recognition of a performance unworthy of the title of "peal."

THE report of proceedings at a recent meeting of the Worcestershire Association, held in the town of Kidderminster, affords very little grounds for hope in the minds of those who are anxious to see change-ringing and its adjuncts flourishing in the Cathedral city. At the meeting in question it was pointed out very strongly that the reception given at Worcester to the members of the Association attending the last annual meeting there, was "very unsatisfactory and discouraging." Therefore it is not surprising that another place in the county has been selected for holding the next annual meeting.

We are not behind the scenes sufficiently to know whose fault it is that in a city containing several good rings of bells, the centre of the Diocese, and once a famed headquarters of ringing, a reception both unsatisfactory and discouraging was given to the members of a thriving county ringing Association. Could we attach the blame to any one individual we should not shrink from so doing. There seems to be a variety of causes at work in the "faithful city" which prevents any kind of progress, as the word is now understood. Many of the ringers are quite lukewarm in the matter of ringing except when occasions of emolument are near. And the clergy, with one or two exceptions, appear to be apathetic upon questions affecting bells and bell ringers.

There is no necessity to disguise the fact that the allegation made against the old city is a matter of regret to the Editor of this journal. For years he has interested himself in the movements of the ringers there, and more than once co-operated with them in order to obtain any improvement they desired; but there seems to be very little encouragement for such co-operation. That unity is greatly lacking among the Worcester ringers is notorious; and there does not seem among them a mind sufficiently capable of making a good honest attempt to remove the stumbling-blocks to unity which exist. Could not one of the popular local clergy be approached who would for the love of the thing take up the whole question of ringing throughout the city, and disregarding the paltry distinctions of this Society or that, endeavour, by means of the co-operation of the Dean and Chapter, and the Rectors of the various

churches, to formulate a constitution for a new Society which should embrace all ringers in the city who were worthy of the name? We appeal to one of them to take this into consideration. The name of one of the Minor Canons of the Cathedral has been mentioned to us as being the most likely to move in the way we have suggested. If he could be brought to attempt such a re-organisation it would be better for all, and we should never hear again that the county Association had been 'discouraged on its visit to the "faithful city."

### The Provinces.

#### ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

PARKER'S VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CONYARD .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK CULLUM .. 5.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 2.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. REEVE .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	JOHN GARARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

It was arranged for a peal of Major, but one of the band not being able to come Mr. J. Garard kindly obliged at the last minute by coming to ring the tenor for a peal of Stedman.

#### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

T. JAKEMAN .. .. Treble.	J. CRABTREE .. .. 5.
F. JAKEMAN .. .. 2.	W. JAKEMAN .. .. 6.
J. GRATRIX .. .. 3.	W. INGHAM .. .. 7.
T. WROE .. .. 4.	J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

Gratrix hails from Manchester, and Ingham from O'dham; Messrs. T. Wroe and F. Jackman were proposed as members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

#### DARTFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. REEVES .. .. 2.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. 6.
MARCELLUS J. DIGBY .. .. 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. HAYES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HARPER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

This is a one-part peal, and is taken from Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, page 73.

#### SPELDHURST, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1892, in Six Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 11,200 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BAKER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 5.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LATTE .. .. 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 3.	*CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

\*First peal of Major. The above is the longest length by all the band, and on the bells; also the longest length by the Association, and was rung at the first attempt. Afterwards the band were congratulated by a large number of the inhabitants upon the excellent striking throughout.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

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

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE PACE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 6.
ROBERT JORDAN .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This peal was rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday; his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. All the band except Mr. Goddard (of Salisbury) are members of the Sussex County Association.

## HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qrs.

A. NAYLOR .. .. Treble.	*J. LOGAN .. .. 5.
W. WOOD* .. .. 2.	*W. BARNES .. .. 6.
T. FINT* .. .. 3.	J. WHITAKER .. .. 7.
A. CRAVEN .. .. 4.	*A. HASTE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by A. NAYLOR.

\*First peal; first peal in the method by the above associations, first peal on the bells. J. Whitaker hails from Far Headingley; the rest belong to the local company.

## LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 5.
AMOR AMBROSE .. .. 2.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR J. PAPWORTH .. 3.	ALBERT J. CLARKE .. .. 7.
SAMUEL SLATER .. .. 4.	ROBERT BRETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

This peal is in three parts; and has the 6th alternately wrong and right throughout. It was taken from "THE BELL NEWS," vol. 6, page 341. It was rung on the 55th birthday of Mr. A. Ambrose, and his brother-strings beg to wish him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. Sillitoe and Howell are from Sudbury; Slater from Glemsford; Ambrose from Melford; the rest belong to Stanstead, Suffolk.

## LINDLEY, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.

On Saturday, March 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF VIOLET MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE THORNTON .. .. Treble.	HENRY BROOKE .. .. 5.
JAMES KNOTT .. .. 2.	MOSLEY RAMSDEN .. .. 6.
JOHN WILSON LANG .. .. 3.	LUKE ILLINGWORTH .. .. 7.
SIDNEY GOODALL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by LUKE ILLINGWORTH.

Mr. Thornton hails from Birstal; the rest from Liversedge, Yorkshire.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED PALMER .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. 5.
WALTER POPE* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 6.
THOMAS MANNERING* .. 3.	*EDGAR POPE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM EASTER .. .. 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

\*First peal in the method. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 3rd only one course-end in 6th's place; the 2nd never there. The figures will be found on page 615, vol ix., of this paper.

## WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, March 19, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs.

WILLIAM JASPER* .. .. Treble.	ALFRED TIPTON .. .. 5.
FRANK ANSLOW .. .. 2.	†JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ANSLOW .. .. 3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
ROBERT SCHOFIELD† .. 4.	HENRY RODEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

\*First peal. †First peal of Bob Triples.

## LEEDS, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE PAWLEY .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY .. 6.
WALTER POPE* .. .. 2.	*CHARLES WATERMAN .. 7.
ROBERT EDWARDS† .. 3.	ALFRED PALMER .. .. 8.
WILLIAM E. POPE .. .. 4.	EDGAR POPE .. .. 9.
CALEB PAYNE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM HADLOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

\*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Grandsire Caters.

## ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 21, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER .. .. Treble.	FRED DERBYSHIRE .. .. 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 2.	HERBERT DRONSFIELD .. 6.
JAMES BARRATT .. .. 3.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. 7.
HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by D. WOODS, of Ipswich, and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

This peal is taken from Snowdon's *Treatise of Treble Bob*, part ii, page 87, and was rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Oliver Heywood, Esq., of Eccles Old Road, who was highly respected, and was interred the same day at St. John's Church, Pendlebury.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 2.	*ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY .. .. 3.	FRANCIS LEES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 4.	GEORGE DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. Taylor belongs to Loughborough, Leicestershire; the rest are local men.

## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. REEVE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK CULLUM .. 5.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 3.	HENRY GIBBS .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This is a two-part peal with the 6th eighteen times wrong, and her extent right, without the 2nd ever being in 6th's place at a course-end. It is the first peal in the method on the bells; also the first in the method by the above Association; and the first in the method by all the band except the conductor.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

G. CONYARD .. .. .Treble.	E. E. HUNTLEY .. .. .5.
W. J. REEVE .. .. .2.	R. WILKINS .. .. .6.
C. WILKINS .. .. .3.	F. J. CULLUM .. .. .7.
E. BARNETT .. .. .4.	H. GIBBS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.

The above peal was arranged for E. E. Huntley, who hails from Bushey.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

T. JAKEMAN .. .. .Treble.	J. CRABTREE .. .. .5.
F. JAKEMAN .. .. .2.	W. JAKEMAN .. .. .6.
J. HYSLOP .. .. .3.	J. HARRISON .. .. .7.
J. H. BRIERLEY .. .. .4.	E. BROWN .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by W. J. SEVIER and Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

This is the first time this composition has been rung.

## MORPETH, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1892, in Three Hours Two and ½ Minutes,

AT THE OLD WATCH TOWER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ..Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. .5.
FRANCIS LEES .. .. .2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. .6.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. .3.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. .7.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. .4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON ..Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD and Conducted by  
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

This is the first peal on these bells, which have been in the tower since 1706. A peal has never been recorded so far north in England before. Mr. Taylor hails from Loughborough, Leicestershire.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24lbs.

THOMAS SEARLE .. .. .Treble.	JOHN SMART .. .. .5.
JAMES MATTHEWS .. .. .2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. .6.
CHARLES SMART .. .. .3.	GEORGE SMART .. .. .7.
JAMES WOOLGAR .. .. .4.	REV. ARTHUR PRIDGON ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

This peal is Mr. A. P. Heywood's variation of Thurstans', and was rung on the birthday of J. Matthews, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## Date Touches.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Thursday, March 17th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. A. Deards, 1; \*G. Pearl, 2; Y. Green, 3; \*J. Bradley, 4; \*E. Lucas, 5; \*W. Dallimore, 6; H. Springall (conductor), 7; S. Hayes, 8; G. Freeman, 9; H. Randall, 10. Composed by J. Bradley. \*Longest touch in the method.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, March 14th, at the residence of Mr. Williams, on handbells retained in hand, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 50 mins. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; T. Blackburn, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; A. P. Goddard, 7-8. Tenor 15 size in C. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. This is the first date touch of Triples ever rung in which a lady has taken part, and was rung without the slightest hitch.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, March 13th, for Divine Service at St. Thomas' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. Tenor 18½ cwt. T. Harrison, 1; S. Taylor, 2; J. Taylor (conductor), 3; T. Greenwood, 4; \*A. Butterworth, 5; J. Shaw, 6; L. Hampson, 7; J. T. Prince, 8. \*Longest touch with a bob bell. Composed by J. Mason, of Stoke Prior, Worcestershire.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 13th, before Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS" and composed by J. George, of Rugby. G. Goodchild (longest touch with the treble), 1; J. Appleby, 2; W. Johnson (conductor), 3; J. Harper, 4; S. Dace, 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Adams, 7; N. Kibble, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, March 10th, at St. Michael's church, 1008 Oxford Bob Triples, in 38 mins., containing all the different positions of 5-6-7. T. Newman, 1; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 2; H. Prior, 3; A. Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, March 13th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 London Surprise and 360 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; F. L. Bumstead, 2; W. Hammond, 3; \*C. H. Howard, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor) 6. On Wednesday, March 16th, on the occasion of the Lord Bishop of St. Albans holding his first confirmation at this church, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, and Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. L. Bumstead, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. For practice on Saturday, March 19th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service in the morning 720 New London Pleasure (twenty-one bobs), and 204 Bob Minor; and for evening service 720 Cambridge Surprise and 240 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. L. Bumstead, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. \*First in the method.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks).—On Saturday, March 12th, at St. Andrew's church, having met one short for a peal, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (twelve bobs). W. Clarke, 1; W. Doughty, 2; C. Langstroth, 3; W. D. Hillary, 4; W. Billows, 5; J. McKell, 6. Messrs. Doughty, Hillary, and Billows hail from Skipton; the rest are of the local company. On Sunday evening, March 13th, for Divine Service, 864 Bob Major, followed by a plain course of Double Norwich Court. F. Horsman, 1; W. Townsend, 2; W. Clarke, 3; J. Wane, 4; J. E. Fishwick, 5; H. Birtwistle, 6; C. Langstroth, 7; J. McKell, 8.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

RAWTENSTALL.—On Thursday, March 10th, for Confirmation Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. B. Taylor, 1; G. E. Rollerson, 2; W. Haworth, 3; J. Rollerson, 4; E. Nuttall (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6; J. Ramsbottom, 7; J. Kershaw, 8. Taylor hails from Waterfoot; Kershaw from Newchurch; the rest are local men.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 12th, 672 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; G. Wilson, 4; W. Drew, 5; F. Page, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. The above formed part of the ringing that took place by the members assembled at the quarterly district meeting of the Association held at Leiston on the above date.

## THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 44 mins. H. A. Barnett, 1; T. C. Grove, 2; C. A. Button, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; W. R. Gibson, 6; J. Waghorn, jun., 7; W. Martin, 8.

## THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Monday, March 14th, at the church of St. Clement Danes, the usual whole pull and stand was rung in memory of the late Mr. J. Dwight, a prominent member and past Master of the society. C. F. Winny (conductor), 1; E. Carter, 2; E. H. Adams,

3; F. J. Perrin, 4; J. Coombe, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; W. Fright, 7; H. P. Harman, 8; W. E. Garrard, 9; G. T. McLaughlin, 10. After which two courses of Stedman Caters and a touch of Grandsire Caters in which Messrs. Newman, Church, and Butler, Young, and others took part, conducted by C. F. Winny.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH.**—On Monday, March 14th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. G. Dawson, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; Rev. G. D. Scott (first 720), 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6.

**TANFIELD (Durham).**—On Saturday, March 12th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Oxford Bob in 26 mins. F. Lowe, 1; H. Tyson, 2; \*W. Holmas, 3; T. Brewis, 4; W. Brewis, 5; †F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. \*First in the method with a bob bell and hails from Newcastle-on-Tyne. †Hails from Jarrow.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

**HENDON (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, February 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 College Single. B. C. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Wednesday, February 24th, 720 Double Court Bob. C. Crampton, 1; \*H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; \*F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. On Sunday, February 28th, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. H. Martin, 6. On Thursday, March 3rd, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; C. Crampton, 6. The above 720 was rung as a farewell to the Rev. Noel Platt, curate-in-charge of Hendon and rector of Great Parndon, Essex. A date touch was started for but was lost through the breaking of the second rope. The reverend gentleman has left Hendon to live in the rectory at Great Parndon. The ringers wish him and Mrs. Platt every happiness in their new home. On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 in the same method. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; G. Newson, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. After evening service 720 Double Oxford Bob. C. Crampton, 1; G. Newson, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. A 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. \*B. C. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; \*G. Newson, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. Tenor 16½ cwt. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, March 4th, 672 Bob Major. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; F. Carroway, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; H. J. Martin, 7-8. On Saturday, March 5th, 384 in the same method. On Friday, March 11th, 896 in the same method, standing as before.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**EAST RETFORD.**—On Tuesday, March 8th, the local company rang for practice a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. F. Warburton, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; \*H. Woolterton, 8. On Tuesday, March 15th, for practice a 504 of Grandsire Caters in 22 mins. \*J. Swannack, 1; J. W. King, 2; J. F. Haigh, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; W. Forster, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joyes (conductor), 9; S. Penny, 10. A 378 of Grandsire Triples. \*J. Swannack, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; H. Haigh (conductor), 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joyes, 7; H. Woolterton, 8. \*Longest lengths by J. Swannack and H. Woolterton.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**ULCOMBE (Kent).**—On Saturday, March 12th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Earll (conductor), 1; A. Knight, 2; J. H. Fermor, 3; H. Hollands, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; T. Russell, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. First 720 on the bells by the above Association.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

**BROMLEY (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, March 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1008 Bob Major in 40 mins. F. S. Sanders, 1; T. Durling, 2; J. Emery, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. Fright, 6; E. Dunn, 7; H. P. Harman (conductor), 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. Longest length in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th bells. This is supposed to be the longest touch of Major on the bells for over twenty years.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**RYDE (Isle of Wight).**—On Thursday, March 10th, at the parish church, for practice on the silent apparatus, 504 Grandsire Triples.

S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. Rung as a farewell touch to H. Jennings who is leaving Ryde for Dorking, Surrey. The band greatly regret that he is leaving them, and they all wish him every success.

**PORTSEA (Hants).**—On Sunday, January 17th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday, January 24th, 672 of Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday, February 7th, a 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; J. Matthews, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. A 672 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; H. Stubbington, 3; C. Simmonds, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; J. Matthews, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Saturday, March 5th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandshire Triples. J. Symons, 1; W. Cornish, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye, 7; J. Gould, 8. A 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Tuesday, March 8th, for practice, 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Harper, 1; J. Staples, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Shirley, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 6; G. Instril, 7; W. Irish, 8. A 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Symons, 1; J. Staples, 2; H. Stubbington, 3; H. Shirley, 4; G. Instril, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; W. Irish, 8. A 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On Sunday, March 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. For Divine Service in the evening 504 of Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; R. Harman, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 6; A. E. Nye, 7; J. Gould, 8.

**ROMSEY (Hants).**—On Wednesday, February 24th, at the Abbey church of SS. Mary and Ethelfleda, for practice, 504 Bob Triples. A. Newman, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 2; J. Elcombe, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole, 6; C. Tribe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. On Tuesday, March 15th, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. A. Newman, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; T. Cole, 5; C. Tribe (conductor), 6; G. Saint, 8. This is the first 720 on tower bells by all except C. Tribe.

**LOCKERLEY (Hants).**—On Monday, March 14th, at the church of St. John the Divine, six 6-scores of Bob Doubles. G. Rogers, 1; Rev. S. F. Bourdillon, 2; S. Wilkins, 3; T. Cole, 4; J. Elcombe (conductor), 5; H. A. Crees, 6. This is the first 120 by all except T. Cole and J. Elcombe, who are from Romsey.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BRIGHTON (Sussex).**—On Monday, March 1st, at the parish church, a 672 of London Surprise Major. J. Jay, 1; J. R. Reilly, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. A. King, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; G. Williams, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. On Thursday, March 10th, a 448 of the same method by the same band. On Sunday, March 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 504 of Stedman Triples. — Hart, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; H. Weston, 3; A. Rann, 4; T. Blackburn (Salisbury), 5; A. P. Goddard (Salisbury), 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; D. Ross, 8. For Divine Service in the evening, a 672 of Cambridge Surprise Major. J. Jay, 1; A. P. Goddard, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; G. A. King, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; G. F. Attree, 8. On Tuesday, March 15th, 1120 of London Surprise Major, in 40 mins. T. Blackburn, 1; J. R. Reilly, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. A. King, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; G. Williams, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8.

**MIDHURST (Sussex).**—On Thursday, February 25th, for practice, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. C. Soane, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. First in the method by all and first on the bells. This was rang on Selby's silent apparatus owing to illness near the church. On Sunday evening, March 20th, for Divine Service, 180 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; W. Selby, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. Also 180 Kent Treble Bob with F. R. Rump, 1; the rest as before. First touch with a bob bell by C. Soane.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CAVERSHAM (Oxon).**—On Sunday, February 14th, 896 Bob Major,



E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; T. Newman, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; J. Hands, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. A 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; T. Newman, 5; H. Simmonds, 6; G. Essex, 7; H. Smith, 8. A 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; A. W. Pike, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; H. Smith, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 21st, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 28th, 672 Bob Major. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; H. Smith, 4; G. Essex, 5; T. Newman, 6; H. Simmonds, 7; A. W. Pike (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 13th, 560 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; R. J. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor) 8.

**ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH** (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, March 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; W. Liggins, 3; J. H. Dunmore, 4; W. Owen, 5; A. Hitchcock, 6; W. Canner (conductor), 7; G. Thornley, 8. This quarter-peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lady Egidia Sophia Frederica Christina Rawdon Hastings, daughter of Lord Donington and Edith (in her own right) Countess of Loudoun, and sister to the late Duchess of Norfolk, who died at Pau, France, 7th March, 1892, aged 21 years, and was buried at St. Luke's Church, Castle Donington, 11th March. Lord Donington is lord of the manor, and patron of the living of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

**BEVERLEY** (Yorks).—On Thursday, March 17th, at St. Mary's church on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Hill, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. F. Ushaw, sen., 1; W. Whitfield, 2; H. Ushaw, jun., 3; J. Youney, 4; C. Priestman, 5; G. E. Pardon, 6; H. H. Campey (conductor), 7; F. Campey, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. Tenor 19½ cwt.

**BLACKHILL** (Durham).—On Sunday evening, March 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, six-6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently in 30 mins. J. McPhillips, 1; J. T. Dobson, 2; \*P. Walls, 3; \*J. Walls, 4; A. Nichols (conductor), 5; F. King, 6. Tenor 22 cwt. \*First 720.

**BOLTON, BRADFORD** (Yorks).—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service at St. James's, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 47 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. E. Howe, 2; J. Mawson, 3; B. T. Copley, 4; H. Good, 5; W. Titterton, 6; G. Titterton (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; W. Joyce (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung to commemorate the birthday of W. Joyce, with best wishes of all the band.

**BRISTOL**.—On Tuesday, March 1st, at the church of St. Mary Red-

cliffe, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a mark of respect for the lady of Sir George Edwards. W. Dowling, 1; H. Pring, 2; P. Came, 2; H. Price, 4; J. Hinton, 5; W. Emery, 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; D. Palser and J. Shepherd, 8. On Wednesday, March 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. A. Sykes, only son of the late Daniel Sykes, of this city, who died at Cairo on February 2nd, and was interred this day at Almondsbury, near Bristol.

**CARDIFF**.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, March 20th, at the house of Mr. W. Coombes, Darran-street, Cathays, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins., composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" and appeared in the issue of January 9th. H. G. White, 1; W. Coombes, 2; W. Biss, 3; E. Nelmes, 4; J. Harris, 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7-8. This is the first quarter-peal on handbells by the above, and the longest length by local men.

**HORBURY** (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 7th, 720 Violet and 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Saturday, February 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), with G. Horner, 2; the rest as above. On Sunday, February 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), standing as above. On Sunday, February 28th, 720 Duke of York and 720 New London Pleasure. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Thursday, March 10th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and four bobs). Composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross. E. Andrews, 1; the rest as above.

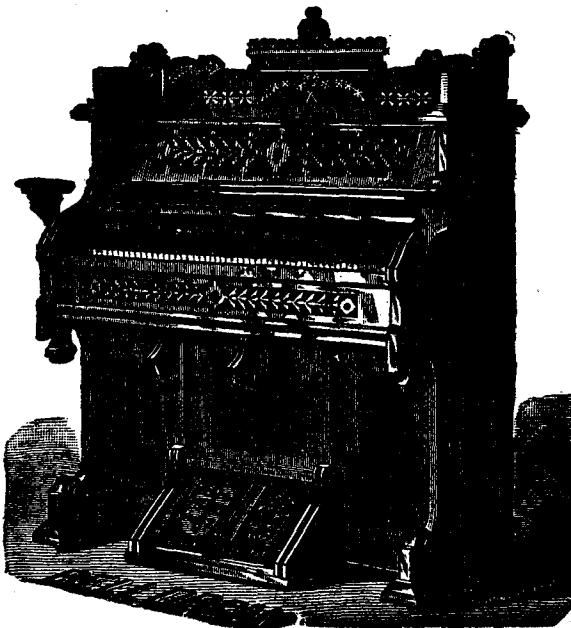
**LONDON**.—On Sunday morning, March 13th, for Divine Service at the church of All Saints, Fulham, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal, 1260 changes, in 49 mins. J. G. Green, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; G. Woodiss, 3; W. T. Elson, 4; W. Meaton, 5; W. R. Smith, 6; E. F. Cole, 7; J. Nicholls, 8; E. H. Adams, 9; J. W. Driver (conductor), 10.

**MANCHESTER**.—On Sunday, March 13th, at St. John's church, Deansgate, for Divine Service in the evening, 350 Grandsire Triples. R. Atherton, 1; W. Brammer, 2; W. Brown, 3; J. Miller, 4; J. Morgan, 5; C. Frost, 6; A. Wolstenholme, 7; A. Diamond, 8. A 168 with R. Atherton, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Morgan, 3; T. Scragg, 4; J. Miller, 5; W. Brammer, 6; A. Wolstenholme, 7; A. Diamond, 8. On Tuesday evening, March 15th, for practice, and on the occasion of bidding farewell to F. G. Cawton, who has been a probationer of the company for the past six months, and is now leaving Manchester for his home at Grantham, Lincolnshire, a 546 of Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell touch. J. Atherton, 1; W. Brammer, 2; J. Morgan, 3; W. Brown, 4; J. Miller, 5; C. Frost, 6; A. Wolstenholme, 7; F. G. Cawton, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Conducted by W. Brown. A longer touch would have been attempted on Tuesday but for the bells going so badly at the heavy end. They have not gone well since they were rebung about twelve months ago.

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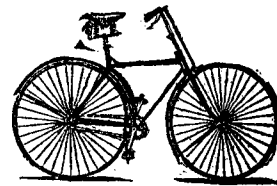
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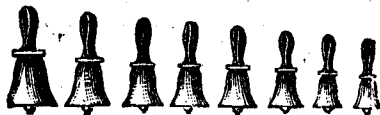
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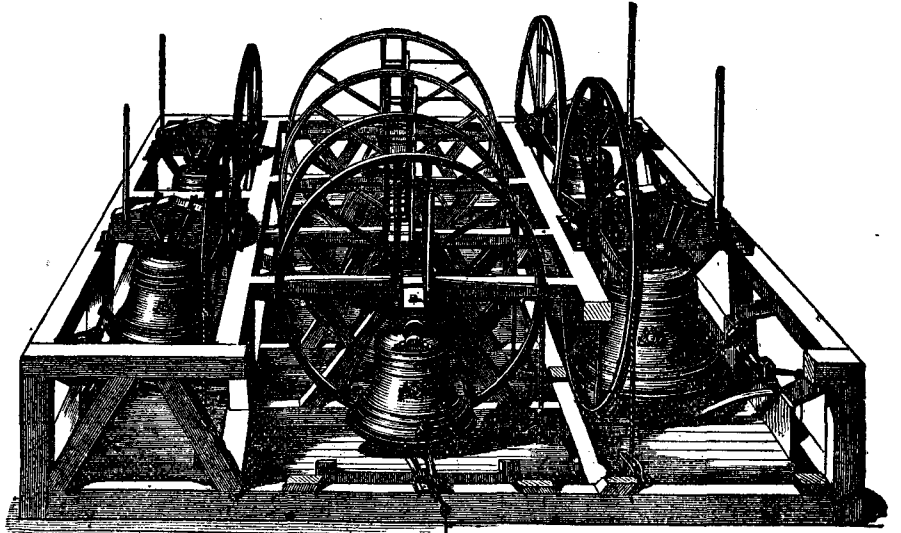
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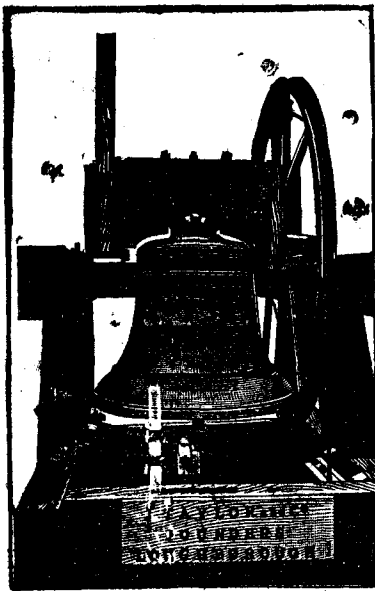
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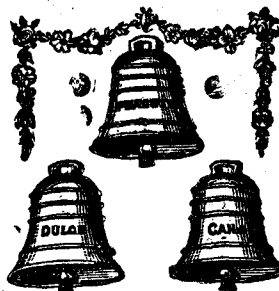
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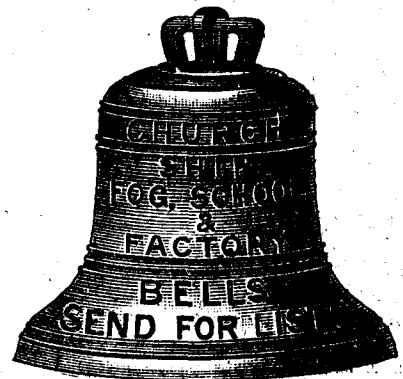
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